

Ariyasaccana dassanam, to discern the noble-truths; 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

Kuwaiti PM to pay goodwill visit to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — At the invitation of General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, His Highness Sheik Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait, will pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future. — 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.



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence pays homage to Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Twantay.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects all-round renovation of Twantay Shwehsandaw Pagoda

YANGON, 2 Aug—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence visited the historical Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Twantay this morning and inspected all-round renovation tasks.

First, he arrived at Baungdawgyoke Pagoda in

Twantay by car at 7 am. He offered water, lights and incense sticks to the Buddha Image at Sulamani Pagoda. At Baungdawgyoke Monastery, Lt-Gen Myint Swe paid homage and offered Waso robes to the presiding Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. Next,

he paid homage to Laymyathna Pagoda and fulfilled the needs for renovation of the pagoda.

On arrival at Mahabawdhi Pagoda, he offered flowers, water, lights and incense sticks and paid (See page 8)

Weather Forecast for (3-8-2008)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area:
Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring area:
Some rain.

Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring area:
Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Management Committee for Industrial Zones in Yangon Division holds coord meeting

YANGON, 2 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the coordination meeting of the manage-

ment committee for industrial zones in Yangon Division held at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters on Konmyinthta,

here, this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said that the meeting of management commit-

tee for industrial zones in Yangon Division was aimed at fulfilling the requirements of (See page 9)

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 3 August, 2008

Wider IT application leads to use of advanced technologies

Today, Information Technology is advancing in leaps and bounds. Myanmar is, therefore, under the pressure from the world's IT advancements to work hard to be able to catch up with the changes in IT.

IT is applied very widely in various sectors inclusive of economic, social and education sectors of human society, thereby attracting the attention of the youth. It is required of young people to try to be knowledgeable about IT in pursuing it.

In response to the growing population of young IT enthusiasts, the Myanmar Computer Professionals Association conducted talks about IT at the Myanmar Info-Tech Building in Hline Township, Yangon, with the aim of improving Information Technology of the youth.

Computer professionals should give IT talks on a broader scale at the seminars and workshops to enhance the youth's innovations and knowledge of IT.

There will be a constant steam of fruitful results if Myanmar computer professionals organize courses widely for enabling the youth not only to be good at IT but also to earn their living through IT.

The youth of the nation will be able to stay in touch with IT in various sectors at the international level if more and more young people come to take interest in and apply IT due to the measures to make information technologies well-known among the youth.

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

Sports Ministry holds work coordination meeting



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses work coordination meeting of Sports Ministry.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — Ministry of Sports held a work coordination meeting at the ministry here today. Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura

Aye Myint addressed the meeting. At the meeting, the director-general of the Sports and Physical Education Department reported to the minister on tasks of state/division Physical

E d u c a t i o n Departments. Officials of Institutes of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon), (Mandalay) reported on training conducted by the institutes. The meeting ended

with the concluding remarks by the minister. After the meeting, the minister presented prizes to outstanding schoolchildren of the employees of the departments in states and divisions.—MNA

Work Proficiency Course of Internal Revenue Dept concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug— The concluding ceremony of Work Proficiency Course No. 34 for staff officers of Internal Revenue Department was held at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue here this morning, attended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-

Gen Hla Tun. The minister gave a speech, saying that work proficiency courses have been conducted constantly for the staff of the ministry to become qualified personnel, and stressed the need for the staff to educate and organize the people to

pay tax willingly. Next, the minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and completion certificates through staff officer of Pyin Oo Lwin Township Internal Revenue Department U Win Maung. The 4-week course on

policies, laws and bylaws, regulations and pcedures on finance and revenue, international tax collecting procedures and seminars on tax management was attended by 63 staff officers of township Internal Revenue Departments. MNA



Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin cuts the ribbon to open new school building of No 3 BEPPS. YCDC

Post-Primary and High Schools in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township get new buildings

YANGON, 2 Aug—New buildings of No. 3 Basic Education Post-Primary School and No. 2 Basic Education High School were opened at the schools in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township yesterday.

The new buildings were donated by Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association.

CEC member of the USDA (Yangon Division in-charge) Chairman of

Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Secretary of Yangon Division USDA U Aye Myint and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Hla Kyi formally opened the new building of No. 3 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Ward 93 of the township. The one-storey building is 120 feet long and 30 feet wide. The mayor spoke on the occasion and handed

over related documents to Director of No. 3 Basic Education Department U San Aung. CEC member of the USDA also handed over 200 sets of desks for BEHS No. 2 to Headmaster U Aung Myint and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Hla Myint.

School heads presented 2,050 USDA membership applications to the mayor. Education Officer of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township U Ba Yi thanked the donors.—MNA



A Singapore Airlines Airbus A380 is seen here taking off from Changi International Airport in Singapore. The Airbus superjumbo, the world's biggest passenger aircraft, Saturday began special flights to Beijing to meet higher demand ahead of the Olympic Games.—INTERNET

India-Pakistan unease hangs heavy over South Asia summit

COLOMBO, 2 Aug — A worsening of relations between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan hangs heavy over a summit of South Asian leaders beginning on Saturday, where discussions on terrorism will precede negotiations on trade and food security.

Leaders of the eight-nation South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) are set to sign four agreements, including one on legal cooperation to combat terrorism.

The two-day summit will also frame a declaration on food security for a region which is home to a fifth of humanity.

Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, the Maldives, Bangladesh and Afghanistan make up the rest of SAARC, formed

23 years ago to boost economic growth in one of the world's poorest regions — an agenda held back by old rivalries among members.

SAARC summits have

often failed to rise above the squabbles of India and Pakistan, mainly over the disputed Kashmir region, hurting progress on issues central to the bloc.

Internet



Rescue workers try to save the life of a beached northern bottlenose whale on mudflats in Langstone Harbour, off Hayling Island, southern England, on 1 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Hamas arrests Abbas representatives in Gaza

GAZA, 2 Aug — Hamas security forces arrested Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's top Fatah representatives in the Gaza Strip on Friday, ratcheting up tensions between the rival factions.

The arrests came one day after Abbas ordered his Fatah-dominated security services to release all pro-Hamas activists in the occupied West Bank. Twenty were released late on Friday but dozens more remained in custody, a senior security source said.

Hamas security men detained Ibrahim Abu an-Naja and Zakaria al-Agha, who were appointed by Abbas to oversee Fatah in the Gaza Strip after Hamas Islamists

seized control a year ago, Fatah officials said. Hamas forces also arrested three local governors appointed by Abbas, whose West Bank-based government is backed by the United States and other Western powers.

Sami Abu Zuhri, a Hamas spokesman, said the arrests in the Gaza Strip were meant to put pressure on Abbas's security forces to release Hamas activists detained in the occupied West Bank.

He accused Abbas's forces of trying to "liquidate" Hamas and described the Gaza arrests as "temporary and limited." —Internet

Japan warned of possible nuclear leak from US sub

TOKYO, 2 Aug — The US Navy has warned that a nuclear submarine may have had radioactive leaks during recent port calls in Japan's south, the country's Foreign Ministry said Saturday.

Japan's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that it was informed by the US Navy that a small amount of radiation might have leaked from the nuclear-powered *USS Houston* as it traveled around the Pacific.

The news could cause a stir in Japan, where both the US military presence and its nuclear subs are controversial.

The *Houston* made calls in March and April in the southern Japanese naval ports of Sasebo and

Okinawa.

The ministry said leaked radioactive cooling water was detected during routine maintenance on the *Houston* in Hawaii in June and it was believed to have posed no threat to humans or the

environment.

Sasebo city official Akihiro Yoshida said the government monitoring during the submarine's port calls showed no abnormal increase of radioactivity in the area's waters.—Internet

McCain chides Obama over school vouchers

ORLANDO, 2 Aug — John McCain, the father of private school students, criticized Democratic rival Barack Obama on Friday for choosing private over public school for his kids.

The difference, according to the Arizona Republican, is that he — not Obama — favors vouchers that give parents more school choices.

"Everybody should have the same choice Cindy and I and Sen.

Obama did," McCain told the National Urban League, an influential black organization that Obama will address on Saturday.

McCain listed a variety of changes in education policies that he contended would improve a flawed system — from school choice to more local control and direct public support to parents for tutoring. In each case, he said Obama came up short.

Internet

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,127

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — As of Friday, 1 Aug, 2008, at least 4,127 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 3,362 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The *AP* count is two fewer than the Defense Department's tally, last updated on Friday 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



Journalists enter the so-called 'Honecker Bunker' is pictured in Prenzlau some 50 kilometers north of the German capital Berlin, on 1 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET



Beacon Ambulance, Kingsford Public Safety Officers and volunteer firefighters at the entrance to the East Kingsford Train bridge in Kingsford, Mich, where at least four people were shot on Thursday evening, 31 July, 2008. —INTERNET

290 Mexicans die crossing US border in 2008

MEXICO CITY, 2 Aug — A total of 290 Mexicans have died trying to cross the border into the United States in the first half of 2008, according to a lawmaker in Mexico’s Chamber of Deputies.

The number compared to 520 Mexicans who died in the whole of 2007 as they sought to cross the Mexico-US border, said Edmundo Ramirez

Martinez, secretary of the committee on population, border and immigration affairs.

“There is an increase in deaths of Mexicans on the northern border,” he said, adding it was a trend over six years.

With about 325,000 people trying to emigrate to US territory each year, “every minute a Mexican abandons his community

and every minute a family disintegrates,” he said.

The opposition lawmaker did not say what were the causes of death for the illegal immigrants but human rights groups and media reports say most victims die from heat exposure in desolate desert terrain, drowning and accidents from train-hopping.

Internet

Small Florida bank is 8th US failure this year

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — Bank regulators closed a small Florida-based bank on Friday, the eighth US bank to fail this year under pressure from a weak economy and a credit crisis precipitated by falling home prices.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp said First Priority Bank had \$259 million in assets and \$227 million in deposits and its failure will cost the federal fund that insures deposits an estimated \$72 million.

SunTrust Banks Inc (STI.N) has agreed to assume the insured deposits of First Priority, whose six branches will reopen Monday as branches of SunTrust Bank.

Customers can access their money over the weekend by check, teller machine or debit card, the

FDIC said.

It is the first bank to fail in Florida since Guaranty National Bank of Tallahassee failed in March 2004, according to the FDIC, which blamed the failure on exposure to the real estate market, predominantly in the construction lending area.

Florida is among several states whose

housing markets have seen the sharpest declines.

The biggest bank failure by far this year is IndyMac (IDMC.PK), seized on 11 July with \$32 billion in assets and \$19 billion in deposits as of March, and the third-largest bank insolvency in US history.

Internet



Wis manhunt nabs suspect in deadly river ambush

NIAGARA, 2 Aug — A gunman suspected of opening fire on a group of young swimmers gathered along a riverbank was arrested Friday after he emerged from woods near the scene where three teenagers were slain and a fourth person was wounded.

Scott J Johnson, 38, was dressed in camouflage when deputies confronted him following an all-night manhunt. He dropped his assault rifle as officers approached.

“We believe he was in the woods and near our officers, who were also in the woods all night,” said Jerry Sauve, chief’s deputy sheriff in Marinette County. Nine young adults had gathered at a railroad bridge to go swimming in the Menominee River when the gunman appeared on Thursday afternoon and opened fire, authorities said. Investigators have not determined a motive. The sheriff said there was no communication between

the gunman and his victims. Johnson, who was from the nearby town of Iron Mountain, Mich., was being held in jail to await an initial court appearance. He had not been formally charged, and the jail did not know whether he had an attorney.

A judge in Michigan’s Dickinson County on Friday ordered Johnson to stay away from a 24-year-old Kingsford, Mich, woman.

Internet



A general view shows the Tiananmen Gate under the blue sky in Beijing on 1 Aug, 2008. Olympics Games organisers could breathe easier on Friday after showers and a brisk breeze cleared haze that had blanketed China’s capital, raising fears of risks to athletes’ health.--INTERNET

Filthy Iraqi drinking water raises cholera fears

BAGHDAD, 2 Aug — Just months after Americans repaired a sewage treatment plant in southern Baghdad, armed group attacked the facility and killed the manager. Looters took care of the rest. Nearly three years later, the plant remains an abandoned shell. Raw sewage is still flowing

freely through giant pipes into the Tigris River, ending up in some of the capital’s drinking water. And those pipes are hardly the only source of contamination.

Many residents only have to sniff the tap water to know something is not right. “I fear giving it to my children directly unless I boil it,” said Enam Mohammed Ali, a 36-year-old mother of four in the New Baghdad district in the eastern part of the city. The water crisis began as a symptom of the problems that plagued reconstruction efforts in the early years of the war.

Extremists attacked infrastructure projects, including electricity stations and sewage plants, to undermine support for the US and its Iraqi allies. Law and order broke down, with looters stealing pipes, power lines and other equipment.

But now, the recent decline in violence is raising hopes that the government can focus on repairing critical public services crippled by war and neglect. Perhaps the most complex: trying to control what goes into waterways and what comes out of Baghdad taps.—Internet

Investigators search the sence of a home where a body of a woman was found in freezer , on 29 July, 2008 in Mobile, Ala. Police believe a body found in a small-time evangelist’s home freezer is his wife and a mother of eight, and arrested him on a murder as he preached at a south Alabama church.

INTERNET



Photo taken on 29 July, 2008 shows an Olympic Five-Ring logo consisting of cole flowers and sutra streamers on the Zhuo'er Mountains in Babao township of Qilian county, northwest China's Qinghai Province. Local people plant cole and crop in the pattern of an Olympic Five-Ring logo to express their best wishes to the upcoming Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.—XINHUA

China becomes physics powerhouse

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — There can be little doubt that China is finding its place as one of the world's physics power houses judged by the astonishing increase in papers written by scientists in China, said *Physics World*, an international monthly magazine, in a report published on Friday.

Nanoscience, quantum computing and high-temperature superconductivity are three of the cutting-edge areas of physics that have seen particularly large increases.

Published journal articles in nanoscience, for example, with at least one co-author based in China, have seen a 10-fold increase since the beginning of the millennium, rising to more than 10,500 in 2007, according to the report.

China has already overtaken the United Kingdom and Germany in the number of physics papers published and is beginning to nip at the heels of the United States. If China's output continues to increase at its current pace, the country will be publishing more articles in physics — and indeed all of science — than the United States by 2012, said *Physics World*.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Regular flights to link SW China tourist city with Kuala Lumpur

GUILIN, 2 Aug — A regular flight linking Guilin, a tourist city in southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, will be launched next month, according to the Guilin Liangjiang International Airport.

The maiden flight will be kicked off on 3 September, and tickets will be sold at the Thailand-based Air Asia website, with lowest price about 200 yuan (about 28.6 US dollars).

The flight, with Airbus 320 as its carrier, will take off every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The Guilin-Kuala Lumpur flight started five years before as chartered flight with no set timetable. The direct flight, managed by Air Asia, is the fourth international flight of Guilin, next to that linking Bangkok, Seoul, and Osaka.

Xinhua

Iran accuses US of having double standards on nuclear energy

VIENNA, 2 Aug — Iranian Ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Ali-Asghar Soltanieh accused the United States on Friday of double standards over the issue of nuclear energy.

Soltanieh said in a press release that the United States, on the one hand, banned Iran's peaceful nuclear program, while on the other hand, did nuclear trading with India, which did not sign the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

The double standards of the United States was worthy of serious concern, said Soltanieh, adding the policy has been and is undermining the credibility, integrity and universality of the NPT.

Iran believed the United States had ulterior motives in the nuclear cooperation agreement with India, he said.

The United States was trying to create a precedent for its Middle East ally Israel, who did not sign the NPT either, he added.

The IAEA's 35-member board of governors approved an inspection agreement with India on Friday afternoon, which is key to finalizing a US-India nuclear cooperation agreement. —*Xinhua*



A giant bronze sculpture of Gui, a round-mouthed food vessel with four loop handles in ancient China, is unveiled as a new landmark at Gui street, the famous food and beverage street, near Dongzhimen overpass in Beijing, capital of China, on July 31, 2008.—XINHUA

Crude prices rise on renewed concerns about Middle East

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — Crude prices traded higher on Friday after Israel raised new concerns about Iran's nuclear program.

Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Shaul Mofaz, a hawkish former defense minister, said that Iran's nuclear program was poised to make a "major breakthrough" and that his country must be "prepared for every option." US government data showed employers cut 51,000 jobs in July against an expected loss of 72,000. Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index fell slightly from June's reading, but came in better than economists expected. —*Xinhua*

China opens Beijing-Tianjin railway one week ahead of Olympics

BEIJING, 2 Aug — Two official ceremonies were held respectively in Beijing and Olympic co-host city Tianjin on Friday to mark the opening of the Beijing-Tianjin Intercity Railway, a week before the Games begin.

Vice Premier Zhang Dejiang, BOCOG president and Beijing Party chief Liu Qi, Tianjin Party chief Zhang Gaoli and Railways Minister Liu Zhijun attended the ceremony at the cavernous new Beijing South Railway Station.

Zhang said the Beijing-Tianjin Intercity Railway Company should provide clean, safe, convenient and first-class travel for the Games and beyond.

"The opening of the Beijing-Tianjin Intercity Railway is another milestone in

China's history of railway development," Zhang said.

Zhang and other senior officials boarded the first train which left at 10:40 am for Tianjin. Within minutes, it accelerated to over 300 km per hour, pulling into Tianjin Railway Station at 11:10 am on schedule.

In Tianjin, the first train left at 10:42 am after an opening ceremony, and, 30 minutes later, arrived at Beijing South Railway Station.

The railway is the world's fastest with passenger trains running at an operational speed of 350 km per hour, according to the Ministry of Railways (MOR), which claims high-speed trains in Japan and Spain run at 320 km per hour, and those in France and Germany at 300 km per hour.

Xinhua



The first intercity train between Beijing and Tianjin departs from Beijing South Railway Station for Tianjin, Beijing, capital of China, on 1 Aug, 2008. The intercity rail line between Beijing and Tianjin is a high-speed rail. The new train service would cut the 120-km journey from the current 70 minutes to about 30 minutes. — XINHUA

US admits more Iraqi refugees in July

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug —The United States admitted more than 2,300 Iraqi refugees into the country last month and this has been the highest in recent months, the State Department said on Friday.

According to the State Department, 2,352 Iraqi refugees were allowed in the United States in July, as 1,721 Iraqi refugees arrived in June.

Altogether, the United States has admitted 8,815

Iraqi refugees to the United States in the budget year that will end on Sept. 30. The United States plans to take in a total of 12,000 Iraqi refugees this budget year.

The United States has been under criticism for taking too few Iraqi refugees. It is reported that the United States only took in 202 Iraqi refugees last year.

The UNHCR estimates that up to 2 million Iraqis have moved to neighbouring countries, mainly Syria and Jordan, before and since the 2003 Iraq war and 1.7 million Iraqis are internally displaced because of the rising sectarian violence.

Internet

Air plane with 197 passengers makes emergency landing in Portugal

LISBON, 2 Aug — An airplane with 197 people aboard coming from London made an emergency landing on Friday in the International airport of Faro (Algrave), south of Portugal, with no people injured, official sources said.

Civil Defence officials confirmed the emergency situation of the airplane which requested the entrance to the airport of el Faro near 11:00 local time.

The airplane had problems with an engine.

The mishap generated a level one (out of four) alert at the airport.

None of the passengers or members of the crew was injured. —Internet



Men walk through flooded streets during heavy monsoon rain in Multan, Pakistan on 1 Aug, 2008. Weather forecasts predict some parts of the country to receive more than average rainfall due to the monsoon. According to meteorological analysis, monsoon currents from the Arabian Sea are still reaching northern parts of the country.—INTERNET

Malawi distributes one million free nets to fight malaria

MANGOCHI, (Malawi) 2 Aug —Malawi, one of Africa's poorest nations, launched a nationwide anti-malaria campaign on Friday by distributing one million free nets to children aged under five and pregnant mothers.

"Malaria is still the leading cause of morbidity and mortality," Health Minister Khumbo Kachali said at the launch in the southern lakeside district of Mangochi.

"In 2007, we recorded about four million malaria cases in our health facilities and about 7,000 deaths due to malaria."

Up to 20 percent of the total number of patients admitted to hospital — including HIV-AIDS and tuberculosis (TB) sufferers — die of malaria each year.

Mosquito net coverage in pregnant women and children is currently estimated at 65 percent, from six percent in 2000, Kachali said.

Including the new nets, about 6.3 million dollars (4,000 euros) worth of nets have been handed out for free in Malawi since 2003.

Internet

Leading Indian state bank sets up branch in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 1 Aug — The Union Bank of India, one of the largest state-owned banks in India, inaugurated its first full-fledged branch in Hong Kong on Friday, which the company said was due to growing trade between China and India.

"Sino-Indian relations have been strengthened in recent years. To finance the rapidly growing trade between the two economies, Hong Kong is the natural choice," MV Nair, the bank's chairman and managing director, said at the ceremony.

Hong Kong has state-of-the-art infrastructure and well-developed financial market with the presence of the world's leading players, he added.

Internet



Rescuers sift through debris of a boarding school in Taskent in Turkey's Konya Province. The religious boarding school for girls collapsed after a suspected gas explosion, killing 17 girls and injuring at least 27 others, local media reported recently, citing rescue authorities.—INTERNET

Beijing to hold 2nd rehearsal for Olympics opening ceremony

BEIJING, 2 Aug — The second full dress rehearsal of the Beijing Olympics opening ceremony will be held in the National Stadium on Saturday night, as previously scheduled.

Different from the first rehearsal, ceremony organizers will put in a few shows, starting from 6 pm, before the opening ceremony performances kick off at 8 pm, according to the official website of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

Due to the new arrangement, public areas of the Beijing Olympic Park and the National Stadium, or better known as the Bird's Nest for its unique structure of interwoven steel beams, will be open at 4 pm, two hours earlier than during

the first rehearsal.

Tonight's rehearsal will also be featured with fireworks late into the night, which is expected to cheer up the weekend audiences.

Spectators who will be

waiting outside the stadium to watch the fireworks are advised to stay further way, for a better view and to ease the traffic burden near the stadium.

Internet

Nigeria loses 220,000 bpd crude to militant attacks

LAGOS, 1 Aug — At least 220,000 barrels per day (bpd) of crude production in Nigeria is shut in because of militant attacks, Royal Dutch Shell said on Thursday, according to a report by Channels TV news on Friday.

Jeroen Van Der Veer, Shell Chief Executive Officer, said on Thursday the loss includes 42,000 barrels following a pipeline attack on 28 July.

In the second quarter of the year, 195,000 barrels a day of production was halted, the same volume as the first quarter, he was quoted as saying.

Shell declared force majeure on bonny light crude deliveries in July, August and September following the sabotage, for which the militant group MEND has claimed responsibility. Force majeure is a legal clause allowing producers to miss contracted deliveries because of circumstances beyond their control. —Internet



A soldier searches a house during a raid in the town of Khan Bani Saad, north of Baghdad on 1 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Support Mothers to Breastfeed!

Aye Phyu

As the world celebrate the 2008 World Breastfeeding Week (August 1-7), the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) calls for increased support for mothers striving to achieve the gold standard of infant feeding: to breastfeed their babies exclusively for the first six months, and to continue breastfeeding together with feeding other complementary foods, up to two years and beyond.

One of their messages runs:
Support a mother to Provide
A golden start for her Child!
With breastfeeding, Everyone Wins!

WABA is a global network of individuals and organizations who believe breastfeeding is the right of all children and mothers and who dedicate themselves to protect, promote and support this right.

WABA initiated World Breastfeeding Week that has been observed throughout the world since 1992. Every year a theme is selected and World Breastfeeding Week advocacy materials are prepared and disseminated with an aim to serve to stimulate actions among various bodies for their own World Breastfeeding Week activities in their areas.

Goal-4 of the Millennium Development Goals aims at reducing under-5 child mortality by two-thirds by 2015. To achieve this goal, breastfeeding should be promoted in all communities since it ranks among the most effective interventions for improving child survival and health. Mothers and families need to be encouraged and supported to breastfeed.

The benefits of breastfeeding during the critical first two years in a child's life are indisputable, starting from the very first moments after childbirth and lasting for many years after breastfeeding ends. Breastmilk, unique in its composition and function with no equal commercial formula up till now, provides ideal nutrition for infant's healthy growth and development and protects them against acute and chronic diseases. In fact breastfeeding offers a range of benefits for mothers, too. It helps mothers with recovery from pregnancy and childbirth and provides lifelong health advantages along with fellyings of attachment with her child. Besides, breastfeeding offers society not only improved health of children and mothers but also economic and environmental benefits.

World Breastfeeding Week aims to spread information globally about the importance of breastfeeding for maternal and child health, pulling together efforts to generate public awareness and support for breastfeeding. As improving breastfeeding practices could reduce infant and child illness and death more than any other health strategy, WABA, since its formation, has been focusing on breastfeeding and the promotion, protection and support therefor. This is evident in the themes selected each year for the Special Week.

The following are the previous World Breastfeeding Week themes:

- 1992 Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative
- 1993 Mother Friendly Workplace Initiative

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World Breastfeeding Week
(1-8-2008 to 7-8-2008)

Mother Support: Going for the Gold!

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- 1994 Protecting Infant Health: Making the Code Work
- 1995 Breastfeeding: Empowering Women
- 1996 Breastfeeding: A Community Responsibility
- 1997 Breastfeeding: Nature's Way
- 1998 Breastfeeding: The Best Investment
- 1999 Breastfeeding: Education for life
- 2000 Breastfeeding: It's Your Right!
- 2001 Breastfeeding in the Information Age
- 2002 Breastfeeding: Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies
- 2003 Breastfeeding in a Globalised World For Peace and Justice
- 2004 Exclusive Breastfeeding: The Gold Standard Safe, Sound, Sustainable
- 2005 Breastfeeding and Family Foods: Loving & Healthy
- 2006 Code Watch: 25 Years of Protecting Breastfeeding
- 2007 Breastfeeding: The 1st Hour Save One Million Babies!

This year -2008 Mother Support: Going for the Gold!

This year's theme emphasizes more on the support for mothers to breastfeed their babies, highlighting the various sources of support, either professional or lay ones. The Circles of support, WABA pointed out, are: Family and Social Network, Healthcare, Workplace and Em-ployment, Government / Legislation and Response to Crisis or Emergency and all other surrounding women around.

Myanmar has been actively participating in the activities to mark the World Breastfeeding Week like other countries. In January 1993, our government formulated a national project for Systematic Breastfeeding and efforts have been consistently made in promotion of the practice throughout the country. In line with the World Breastfeeding Week theme of 1992, The “Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative” (BFHI) was also undertaken to support mothers in making the best feeding choices, free of commercial interests. Up to 2007, more than (400) hospitals have been recognized under this scheme.

In addition, to disseminate knowledge about systematic breastfeeding, various media and social network have been utilized. Health care workers are

POEM:

Systematic Breastfeeding - Let's All Support

- * Child mortality
To drop by two-thirds according to MDGs
A goal not that far-fetched nor that simple
But one for which all adults should feel responsible
- * Awareness raising for reproductive health
Correct information and health - facts to get spread
Men as partners in maternal health
Everything that'd make pregnant mothers healthy and gain strength
- * Once the newborn arrives
Breastfeeding's a simple way to save its life
With crucial nutrients to provide
And to foster its healthy growth outright
- * Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months
Boosts up infants' immune system pretty fast
Protecting them from respiratory infections
And the special bond to their moms being strengthened
- * Breastfeeding practices
Part of our culture but not an end in itself
Should be encouraged by all in the community
As a means to an end—for a drop in child mortality

Aye Phyu

also trained to enable women to succeed with breastfeeding. Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, together with other voluntary organizations has been greatly contributing in the promotion, protection and support for systematic breastfeeding in the country.

The support has to go on! Concerted and consistent effort is, at all times, required to support each woman in breastfeeding by creating an environment for her to breastfeed her child.



Lt-Gen Myint Swe donates Waso robes to Abbot Bhaddanta Panñavamsa of Twantay Baungdawgyoke Monastery.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects all-round...

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homage to the pagoda. He also paid obeisance to the Buddha image kept in Gandhakutitaik.
Afterwards, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and officials, Lt-Gen Myint Swe went to the ancient historical Shwehsandaw Pagoda. He offered flowers, water, lights and incensed sticks

and paid homage to the Buddha Image at the northern stairways. He also paid homage to Aungdatpaungsu Buddha image at the upper reliquary. Atop the pagoda, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party viewed the refitting of the Htidaw that had been a little tilted due to the storm. They then inspected progress in all-round renovation of the pagoda. Member of the pagoda board of trustees U Myint Soe reported on

the damage to the Htidaw, stupas, stairways and religious edifices due to the storm and renovation work. Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions. The chairman of Twantay Township PDC reported on establishment of a new town. The chairman of Yangon South District PDC gave a supplementary report.
Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions and left Twantay. MNA

UMFCCI opens Applied Accountancy and Management Course

YANGON, 2 Aug — The Applied Accountancy and Management Course No. 30, organized by the Educational Working Committee of UMFCCI, was opened at UMFCCI Training Centre on Bo Sun Pat Street in Pabedan Township this morning.
Chairman of Educational Working Committee General Secretary of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing delivered an address.
Secretary of the Committee U Tun Aung explained subjects of the course. Altogether 67 trainees are attending the three-month course. MNA



Congregation led by Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw.—ENERGY

Energy Minister offers Waso robes to monks in Kungyangon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug —Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended a ceremony to offer Waso robes to 1077 members of Sangha of 137 monasteries in Kungyangon Township held at Dhammikaryon monastery in the town-

ship on 28 June.
First, the minister and congregation received the Five Precepts from Vice-Chairman of Kungyangon Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Javanatikkha of the monastery. 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

Construction Ministry holds Waso robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 2 Aug — Under the patronage of Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and wife Daw Myint Myint Ko, staff of the Ministry of Construction offered Waso robes at Dhammayon of the Ministry here yesterday.
It was attended by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen

Myint Thein, departmental heads, officials and staff families.
First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Siddhiya of Shwethuwun Monastery and members of Sangha recited parittas.
Afterwards, the min-

ister, the deputy minister and departmental heads offered Waso robes to the members of Sangha. Lecturer Sayadaw Ganthavacaka Bhaddanta Indobhasa of Kyargu Dhamma Beikman Monastery delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.
Next, *alms food* was offered to the members of the Sangha.—MNA

Ayeyawady Division TREC meets

YANGON, 2 Aug—Ayeyawady Division Traffic Rule Enforcement Committee held its work coordination meeting at Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council office on 24 July.
At the meeting, Chairman of the Division TREC, Deputy Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye gave a speech. Those present also participated in the discussions.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe addresses meeting of Industrial Zones Management Committee.—MNA



Management Committee for Industrial Zones in ...

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entrepreneurs from industrial zones. The State's economy is based on the agriculture sector. At present, the agriculture sector is being realized by changing conventional farming to mechanized farming. Indeed, the industrial sector plays a pivotal role in establishment of the industrialized nation, he added.

He continued to say that thanks to concerted efforts of the government, entrepreneurs, the people

and the Tatmadaw, remarkable progress has been achieved in reconstruction tasks at the storm-hit areas. Arrangements are being made for supplying of power to industrial entrepreneurs of Yangon Division to carry out production at full capacity, he said.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint explained assistance being provided for

development of industrial sector in Yangon Division.

Chairmen and officials of industrial zone management committees in Yangon Division reported on their respective sectors.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and officials attended to the needs.

Later, the meeting ended with concluding remarks of Lt-Gen Myint Swe. Also present at the meeting were Joint-Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Soe, departmental heads and guests.

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Ministry of Immigration and Population meets

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Immigration and Population was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here this morning with an address by Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Saw Lwin.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein reported on work being carried out sector-wise.

After that, Direc-

tor-General of Immigration and National Registration Department U Maung Maung Than reported on work carried out for scrutinizing and issuing of national citizenship cards and Director-General of Population Department U Maung Myint on collecting of population and census.

Later, heads of state and division the departments and heads of special

district the departments reported on measures taken and future tasks.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

Next, the minister spoke of the need for officials concerned to make concerted efforts for timely completion of the tasks.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA

1,500 baskets of paddy strain seeds donated

YANGON, 2 Aug — Wellwishers make donations for storm victims daily.

This morning, Chairman Mr Bantoon Jirawattanakoon and wife Mrs Saijit Jirawattanakoon and party of Chiangmai Thanathon Co Ltd presented 1,500 baskets of paddy strain seeds worth K 25 million and 100 tents to the Cash and Kind Accepting and Supervisory Committee at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and officials accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin making a speech at work coordination meeting.—MNA

Medical providers make field trips to transit, rear camps in storm-hit regions

YANGON, 2 Aug — Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Health, transit camps and rear camps have been opened to provide medical health care to the storm victims in Ayeyawady Division.

Specialists and members of medical field trip units are assigned at transit camps in Bogale, Labutta, Mawla myinegyun,

Hainggyikyun, Pyapon and Dedaye People's Hospitals. Medical treatments are being provided to a total of 157 outpatients and 51 inpatients at Bogale Township People's Hospital, 105 outpatients and 77 inpatients at Labutta Township People's Hospital, 42 inpatients at Mawla myinegyun Township People's Hospital, 31 outpatients and 14 inpatients

at Hainggyikyun township People's Hospital, 142 outpatients and 97 inpatients at Pyapon Township People's Hospital and 21 outpatients and 34 inpatients at Dedaye Township People's Hospital.

Similarly, a total of 84 inpatients are having medical treatment at Myaungmya District People's Hospital, 60 outpatients and 32 inpatients at

Myanmar Dental Association to give talks

YANGON, 2 Aug — Under the CDE Programme and with the assistance of 3Q Dental International Company Ltd, a talk on endodontics sponsored by Myanmar Dental Association will be held at the Ball Room of Traders Hotel here on 11 August.

Member of the association may attend the talk. For more information, please contact Dr Maung Maung Oo (Tel 37953 or 709120). —MNA

Wakema People's Hospital, and 23 outpatients and 93 inpatients at Maubin Hospital (200-bed).

So far, a total of 990

outpatients and 656 inpatients have received medical treatment at forward, transit and rear camps.

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Yangon Division PDC offers Waso robes

YANGON, 2 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing attended the Waso robe offering ceremony of Yangon Division PDC at Ale Tawya Monastery in Bahan Township, here, this morning.

The commander,

wife and party received the Five Precepts from Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ghandamalabhivamsa of the monastery.

Next, the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha recited the parittas and the commander, wife and officials offered Waso robes and provisions to members of the Sangha.

A layperson of board of trustees of the monastery accepted K 1 million donated by Yangon Division PDC and K 100,000 by Office of Yangon Division Police Command.

Afterwards, the commander, wife and congregation received the sermon administered by the Sayadaw and shared the merits gained.

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Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife donate robes and alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe accepts cash donation from Religious Affairs Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presenting the donation on behalf of Ven Shi Fazhao of Golden Monastery in Singapore.—MNA

Cash donation for reconstruction of monasteries, houses in storm-hit regions

YANGON, 2 Aug — On behalf of Ven Shi Fazhao of Golden Monastery in Singapore, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presented K 33 million for the construction of 55 houses in Lay villages in Dedaye Township to Chairman of financial sub-committee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue

Col Hla Thein Swe at the Ministry of Religious Affairs (Branch), here, this afternoon.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted K 10 million for construction of monastery in Kyatshar village in Mawlamyinekyun Township donated by Nayaka Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Taikkha of Association for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana in Mandalay and K 2 million for construction of border areas and hilly region missionary training school donated by U Maung Maung Tun and Daw Win Yi (Maung Maung Tun Electronic).—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepts cash donation from wellwishers.—MNA

Rail Transportation Minister inspects construction of houses in Dedaye Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min who is undertaking rehabilitation works, based in Dedaye Township, Ayeyawady Division, inspected 50-houses being constructed by Farmer Phoyarzar Co Ltd, donated by Ministry of Rail Transportation in Dedaye on 28 July. The construction in-charges reported on the works being carried out. After hearing the reports, the

minister fulfilled the needs and cordially greeted families who are accommodated at new houses.

The minister inspected construction of Yonegyi Basic Education Primary School in Yonegyi ward, Dedaye Township, donated by Ministry of Rail Transportation. And the minister viewed learning of students and fulfilled the needs.

At Layeingon village in Dedaye

Township, the minister inspected post-BEPS and inspected learning of students.

On arrival at Township People's Hospital, the minister inspected construction of wards and staff quarters donated by the Ministry of Rail Transportation. The minister heard reports presented by construction in-charge and medical superintendent and fulfilled the needs.—MNA

MMPA observes annual celebration

YANGON, 2 Aug—Annual celebration of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon for 2008 and the 3rd prize-presentation ceremony for outstanding students was organized at MMPA on Wingaba Street in Bahan Township, here this afternoon.

Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise attended and addressed the ceremony.

MMPA Chairman U Myint Thein Pe also spoke on the occasion and Secretary Malikha Soe Htaik Aung submitted reports on MMPA for 2007-2008.

After that, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint and responsible persons presented prizes to the offspring, who passed matriculation

examination for 2007-2008 academic year with flying colours.

The managing director and personnel presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers,

who made cash donation to the funds for the ceremony.

Next, an outstanding student expressed thanks.

MNA



MMPA Vice-Chairperson-1 Daw Myint Khaing presents prize to an outstanding student.—MNA

Community efforts to prevent outbreak of DHF

Article & Photos:

Aung Than

(Mingala Taungnyunt)

Dengue hemorrhagic fever is a disease caused by mosquito bite. It is necessary to make arrangements for taking preventive measures against mosquito bite.

On 27 July, the news crew of the Myanmar Alin Daily covered the news on putting of insecticide namely Abate or temephos into the water for killing larvae at all the houses in the whole Thabyegon Ward of Mingala Taungnyunt Township as part of prevention of dengue hemorrhagic fever.

Under the arrangements of the Health Department of Yangon Division, the Township Health Department organized the DHF preventive measures. The Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council, the Head of Township Health Department, the township medical officer and health staff, the chairperson and members of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of Women's Affairs Organization, responsible persons and members of Township Union Solidarity and



"Township Health Department is realizing five tasks for prevention against DHF."

**Dr Ohnmar Myint,
Township Medical
Officer, Mingala
Taungnyunt
Township**

Development Association, workers of Township Development Affairs Committee, members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society gathered at the centre.

At the same time, the preventive measures against DHF were taken with added momentum in six townships, namely, Mingala Tanugnyunt, Dawbon, Dagon Myothit (East), Dagon Myothit (South), Thingangyun and North Okkalapa townships.

With regard to the reason to expedite anti-DHF drive, the news crew of the Myanmar Alin Daily had an interview with Township Medical Officer Dr Ohnmar Myint.

She explained that the DHF is a fever caused by the bite of *Aedes aegypti* mosquito species that is a vector for dengue hemorrhagic fever. Out of 44 townships in Yangon Division (except Cocogyun Township), Mingala Taungnyunt Township stood 20th position in occurring DHF. The township set up with 20 wards is home to 122,315 people. Among them, there are 41,213 children under 15. In the

organizations and local people simultaneously put Abate insecticide into the water of barrels, pots and tanks of all the houses including high-rise buildings. In the preventive measures, the plan is under way to spend about K 3.2 million in using 16 drums of Abate insecticide containing 25 kilograms each.

She also clarified that the Health Department realizes five tasks by taking preventive



Members of social organizations and voluntary groups actively taking part in the task to put Abate insecticide into water of houses in Thabyegon Ward.

township, DHF breaks out in 34 children in 2008 and 47 children in 2007. Indeed, DHF is dangerous not only for under-15 children but also for adults. It can occur all the year round in addition to the rainy season.

There are over 3,000 buildings in Thabyegon Ward including flats, houses, guest houses, restaurants and schools. In the community movement, the volunteers in 47 groups comprising health staff, members of social

measures against outbreak of DHF, by holding talks designed to disseminate health knowledge and by putting larvae-eating fish into water tanks on every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. In addition, the department fumigates at 30 basic education schools, pre-primary schools and nurseries on Saturdays and Sundays (school holidays), in cooperation with USDA members and workers of Development Affairs Committee. Moreover, the Township Health Supervisory Committee

holds the meeting on every Thursday to give instructions on prevention against DHF in the ward. Furthermore, the township authorities reviewed progress of work once every two weeks. She said she firmly believed that concerted efforts of the local people and voluntary groups would prevent the DHF to a high degree.

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Responsible persons and members of social organizations putting insecticide into water barrels.

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Colombian police detain
man accused of involvement
in killing seven people

BOGOTA, 2 Aug — Colombian police said on Friday that they have captured a demobilized paramilitary accused of involved in the killing of seven people in the department of Cordoba in northern Colombia.

Cordoba Police commander, colonel Oscar Atehortua, said that Agustin Velasquez alias "Camucho" or "El Pibe" had been part of the criminal gang of "Don Mario" and was the author of many killings in the municipality of Puerto Libertador.

On 20 July, armed men entered the municipality and killed a family inside a house, according to investigation, and later they killed two other people at a place nearby.

Atehortua said that the killings were related to clashes between drug traffickers.—Internet

Settlement will reduce carcinogens
in potato chips

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug — Four food manufacturers have agreed to reduce levels of a cancer-causing chemical in their potato chips and French fries in a settlement with the state of California.

The California attorney general's office announced the deals Friday with Heinz, Frito-Lay, Kettle Foods and Lance Inc.

The lawsuits were filed under a state law that requires companies to post warnings about carcinogens in their products.

The attorney general's office sued the manu-

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Car industry gloom
descends on GM,
BMW, Nissan

FRANKFURT/DETROIT, 2 Aug — The meltdown in the global car industry claimed more victims on Friday as General Motors lost another \$15.5 billion, BMW warned on profits and Nissan earnings missed expectations by a wide margin.

General Motor Corp's (GM.N) quarterly loss — the third largest in its 100-year history — came as its North American sales fell 20 percent and plunging prices for SUVs prompted deep charges for its auto finance business.

The No 1 US automaker also burned through \$3.6 billion in cash in the quarter, refocusing investor attention on whether GM can complete a rushed restructuring before its cash and available credit runs down.

Germany's BMW AG (BMWG.DE), the world's biggest premium car-

maker, said it would miss its 2008 targets after a 44 percent plunge in quarterly pretax profit.

Internet

Two die in Pa warehouse
shooting

BRISTOL (Pa.), 2 Aug — A worker recently fired for absenteeism showed up outside a book warehouse in suburban Philadelphia on Friday, fatally shooting a veteran employee and a temp before being arrested, authorities and the company said.

The victims worked for Simon & Schuster" distribution center in Bristol, company spokesman Adam Rothberg said. The shooting happened around 3:30 pm during a shift change at the warehouse, which employs 125 full-time workers, Rothberg said.

The gunman was identified as Robert Diamond, 32, of Bristol Borough, Bucks County District Attorney Michelle Henry said. He surrendered at the scene without a fight, authorities said.

Diamond told authorities he drove around for an hour before arriving at the warehouse and shooting Angel Guadalupe, whom he did not know, as the temporary worker was leaving the site, Henry said.

Guadalupe, 46, fell out of his SUV and collapsed on the ground, at which point Diamond stood over him and kept firing, he told police.

He then spotted forklift operator Reginald Woodson, 52, of Willingboro, NJ, running toward the building and started firing, Henry said. Woodson, a 20-year employee and father of four, was shot in the back, she said.

Rothberg said the man who was arrested began working at the plant in 2002 and was fired in April for absenteeism.

Internet



Law enforcement investigators look at a late-model SUV with the driver's side window shattered in Bristol Borough of Philadelphia, on 1 Aug, 2008.

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Internet

NASA now looking for life's building blocks on Mars

HOUSTON, 2 Aug — NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander may have found water ice on the red planet, but it still has a lot of work left to do to answer the question that has been on scientists' minds for decades: Has Mars ever been capable of harboring life?

Phoenix scientists announced yesterday that the mission finally confirmed the presence of subsurface water ice in the north polar regions of Mars — first detected by NASA's Mars Odyssey orbiter in 2002 — about two months after touching down on the Martian surface on 25 May.

The lander is now analyzing the ice to see if it was ever a liquid and if it contains organic materials, the building blocks of life.

The ice, collected from below the surface at the lander's site in the Martian

arctic, could have acted like a freezer, protecting any organics that may have formed there.

"We have an environment where organics could be preserved," said mission scientist William Boynton of the University of Arizona.

The detection of organics on Mars would not necessarily mean there is life. It would just mean that carbon and other molecules that make up life as we know it were present.

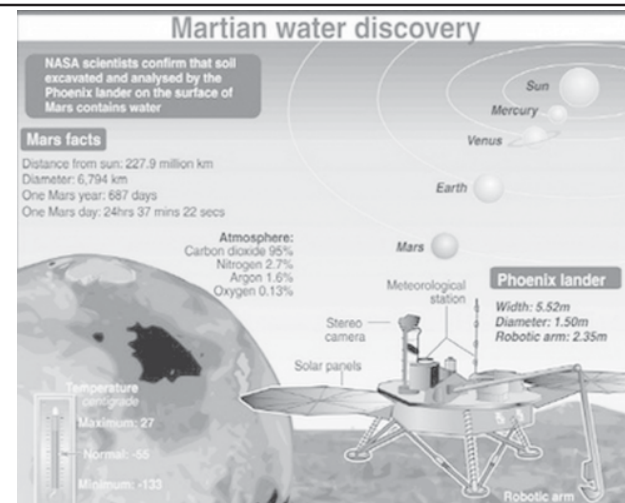
"Organics would be the home run or the grand slam of the mission," said Bruce Jakosky, a geologist at the University of Colorado who is not affiliated with the mission. However, if they don't find organics, "that doesn't mean that there wasn't life on Mars," Jakosky said. Other missions, planned and unplanned, will keep the search alive.—*Internet*

Suicides up sharply in English prisons

LONDON, 2 Aug — Suicides in English prisons rose by over 15 per cent last year, but overall the national suicides rate is its lowest-ever, the Department of Health said on Friday.

While 82 prisoners look their own lives between 2007 and 2008, the overall suicide rate in England was 8.3 deaths per 100,000 people for the three year period of 2004-2006, compared with the previous three-year average of 8.5.

Britain's prison population is over 80,000 close to total capacity with many held in police cells.—*MNA/Reuters*



Graphic on the discovery of water on Mars. NASA scientists have said that the Phoenix lander exploring Mars has confirmed water on the planet after analysis of a soil sample from the Red planet's surface.

INTERNET



Surgeons in a file photo. German doctors have succeeded in transplanting two complete arms onto a 54-year old man in what their hospital said was the world's first operation of this kind.—INTERNET

German patient well after transplant of two arms

MUNICH (Germany), 2 Aug — German doctors have succeeded in transplanting two complete arms onto a 54-year old man in what their hospital said was the world's first operation of this kind.

During 15 hours of surgery, a team of 40 medics attached the arms to a farmer who lost both his arms in an accident six years ago.

The patient was well, the hospital said on

Friday.

"Before the operation, we had to describe to him that he would have to deal with the fact he'd have somebody else's hands," said Edgar Biemer from the hospital in the southern city of Munich, where the operation took place last week. "When he woke up he looked at his hands and (went): 'Very good'," Biemer, one of the doctors in charge of the operation, told Reuters television.

Biemer said that so far, only transplants of lower arms had taken place. One of the main difficulties for full-arm transplants was finding donors.

"Already, the number of donors willing to donate their internal organs is declining," he said. "On top of that), it is more acceptable for people to have a relative's kidneys taken out, than for them to have an entire leg, hand or their face cut off."

In 2005, French doctors performed the world's first partial face transplant on a 38-year old woman, who had her nose, cheeks, mouth, lips and chin replaced by donor tissue after they were torn off by her dog.

Internet

TB treatment inadequate in some "hot zones"

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — In certain "hot zones" where multidrug-resistant tuberculosis is prevalent, patients treated with standard TB drugs have high rates of failure and relapse, new research indicates.

In countries where "drug sensitivity testing" is not performed routinely, the current standard anti-TB drug regimens "may be contributing to worsening drug resistance levels," a multinational research team warns in a report published on Friday.

Dr Dick Menzies, from McGill University in Montreal, and colleagues analyzed the association between drug resistance

and treatment outcome in 103 countries, which were selected because their multidrug-resistant TB prevalences were known and because they had each reported on outcomes for more than 250 cases treated with standard treatment regimens in 2003 and/or 2004.

The researchers calculated that every 1 percent increase in the initial prevalence of multidrug-resistant TB was associated with a 0.3 percent increase in treatment failure among new cases, a 1.1 percent increase in failure among retreatment cases, and a 1 percent increase in relapse.—*Internet*

South Korea rejects disgraced clone scientist's license

SEOUL, 2 Aug — The South Korean government on Friday barred disgraced scientist Hwang Woo-suk from resuming his research into cloned human embryonic stem cells.

Hwang has been on trial for more than two years on charges of breaking the law on research ethics and for misusing 2.8 billion won (\$2.8 million) in state funds and private donations.

He was once hailed as a national hero for bringing the country to the forefront of work on cloning and stem cell research aimed at finding cures for illnesses that current medicine cannot adequately treat.

"The decision took into account the chief

researcher's past dismissal from Seoul National University for manipulating research papers in 2005 and ethical questions in procuring

human eggs and his indictment for illegally trading in human eggs," the Health Ministry said in a statement.

Internet



Circus Oz performers jump together as Michael Ling (R) cracks his whip during a photocall on Calton Hill in Edinburgh for their Edinburgh Fringe Festival shows on 1 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Turkey Mediterranean fires destroy 4,000 hectares

ISTANBUL, 2 Aug— Turkish fire fighters, backed by aircraft, are trying to contain fires that have engulfed 4,000 hectares (9,885 acres) of woodland in the Mediterranean Province of Antalya, an official told the state *Anatolian* news agency.

Broadcaster CNN Turk, said on Friday the flames had reached the ancient Greek theatre in Aspendos, in side near Antalya’s popular tourist destinations. Antalya Province has some of the richest remains of Greek civilization in Turkey.

Authorities said five

Billows of flame swept through a forest in south Turkey’s Antalya Province, on 1 Aug, 2008. XINHUA

villages in the region had been evacuated as the flames, spurred on by heavy winds, neared residential areas. No one had been reported killed. “We’re working at full capacity to put out what has become Antalya’s biggest and most damaging fire in history,” said Antalya Forest Directorate spokesman Aydogan Turedi.

“Right now a large piece of land is under heavy smoke. We think about 4,000 hectares have been affected,” he said.

Helicopters and aircraft were being used to put out the blaze by heavy winds and excessive heat were making it difficult to get the flames under control.

Television images showed houses destroyed and families running away from flames as they engulfed a village. “The fire spread really quickly and there was nothing that could be done about it. Now the whole village is burning.” A distraught man told CNN Turk.

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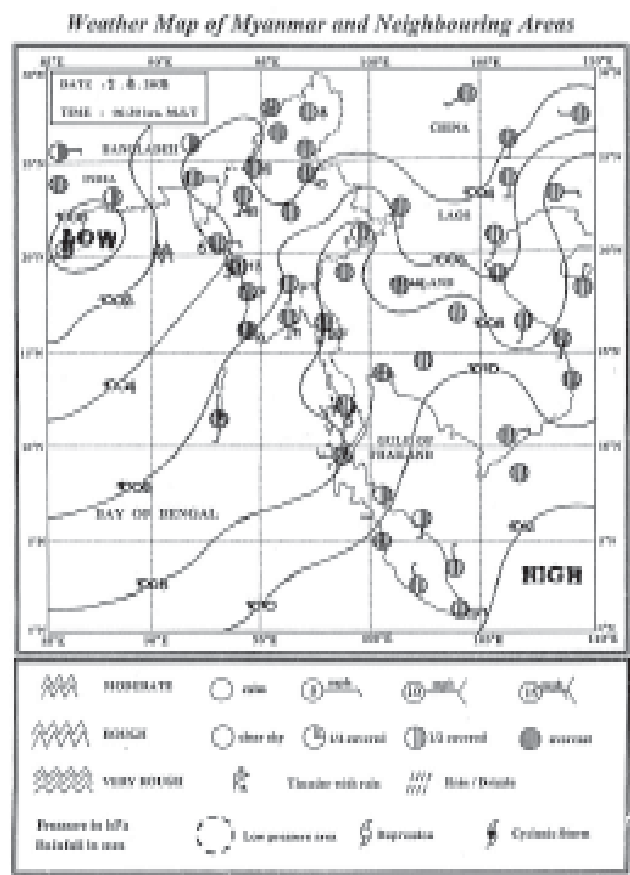


Roadside bomb kills AU peacekeeper in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, 2 Aug — An African Union peacekeeper was killed and unknown number of others were wounded Friday after a remote controlled roadside bomb exploded near a military truck of the AU force in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, witnesses and local media reports said.

Officials of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) confirmed that one of the peacekeepers from Uganda was killed in the blast, Simba Radio in Mogadishu said.

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Saturday, 2 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State and isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bilin (3.45) inches, Thaton (2.84) inches, Minkin and Kanbula (2.16) inches each, Hpa-an (1.89) inches, Dawei and Kalaywa (1.85) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 1-8-2008 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 2-8-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-8-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 1-8-2008 was (2.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-8-2008 was (0.75) inch at Mingaladon, (0.56) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.06) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (63.31) inches at Mingaladon, (72.68) inches at Kaba-Aye and (88.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (08:30) hours MST on 2-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 3-8-2008: Rain will be in scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread 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: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-8-2008: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Magnitude 6.1 aftershock jolts S-W China

CHENGDU, 2 Aug— A fresh aftershock measuring 6.1 on the Richter Scale hit southwest China’s Sichuan Province at 4:33 pm on Friday, leaving 231 people injured, four seriously, according to the latest figure of the local government.

The tremor occurred in the juncture of Pingwu and Beichuan counties in Mianyang City. In Pingwu County, 130,000 people were affected, 540 houses destroyed and 2,450 others damaged, Meng Xiancai, vice head of the county’s publicity department, said. The injured had been hospitalized.

The tremor also caused severe landslides from Pingwu County to Nanba Township, the eastern route to the Jiuzhaigou-Huanglong scenic spots in the northern part of Sichuan, with the heaviest fallen rock exceeding dozens of tons.

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Sunday, 3 August
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဝရိတရားတော်
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
7:50 am
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:00 am
6. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထားကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

- 8:15 am
7. Musical programme
8:30 am
8. International news
8:45 am
9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
11:00 am
1. Martial song
11:10 am
2. Musical programme
11:20 am
3. Round up of the week’s International news
11:35 am
4. ထက်မြတ်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
12:00 noon
5. Myanmar Movie: “ဆန်ရေ” (ညွန့်ဝင်း၊ လွင်မိုး၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခိုင်၊ စမ်းစမ်းအေး၊ ခိုင်နှင်းဝေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုးထွန်း)

- 1:50 pm
6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)ဇွဲမင်္ဂလာ
2:10 pm
7. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
2:20 pm
8. Musical programme
2:30 pm
9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
2:45 pm
10. International News
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. Song and dance of national races
4:20 pm
3. Musical Programme
4:30 pm
4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
4:40 pm
5. Song to uphold national spirit

- 4:50 pm
6. Musical Programme
5:05 pm
7. Sing and enjoy
6:00 pm
8. Evening news
6:30 pm
9. Weather report
6:35 pm
10. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
6:45 pm
11. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ
7:00 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးရဲ့ချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
8:00 pm
13. News
14. International news
15. Weather report
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး” (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

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 too strong for Sri Lanka

YANGON, 2 Aug — Myanmar won their second game in the AFC Challenge Cup '08 in Hyderabad, India, with a 3-1 scoreline at the expense of Sri Lanka who are now almost out of the competition.

Call it a match of two halves. While the first was boring with just a single shot on goal, the second was an action packed one where none could take their eyes off the field. Sri Lanka had good possession at the start of the game but could not threaten Myanmar. The

ASEAN nation's left back Khin Maung Lwin kept troubling the Lankan backline but with no end result.

Myo Min Tun's freekick in the 19th minute was cleared for a corner by Sri Lankan custodian Viraj Asanka.

Yan Paing had a chance when Viraj Asanka was off his line but the Myanmar striker took time and his final attempt was warded off by the defenders. Soe Myat Min did well to control a lofted ball into the box but his resultant

shot was above the bar. Sri Lanka could create just a single chance in the first 45 when Chamira's freekick when straight into the hands of Myanmar custodian Aung Aung Oo after Jayasuriya missed the heading opportunity. Any touch on the ball would have surely given the lead to the island nation.

Just a minute into the second half, Myo Min Tun won the ball against Bandara and his cross was guided into the net by a Soe Myat Min diving header.

Four minutes later,

Sri Lanka level scores through a Kasun Jayasuriya header who received a Chathura cross from the right. Goalkeeper Aung Aung Oo could not collect the ball cleanly and the linesman rightly awarded the goal.

Sri Lankan custodian Viraj Asanka punched the goalwards bound power strike from midfielder Zaw Htet Aung to avoid the danger. The next minute, the duo of Chathura and Jayasuriya combine again as the former's cross is headed wide by the short Sri Lankan front man.

Chathura continued to cause problems to the Myanmar backline as his cross to an unmarked Izzadeen who final shot was wide. Soe Myat Min could have put his side once again but his shot hit the top of the crossbar. Yaza Win Thein's ball into the box was slotted into the net past goalkeeper Viraj Asanka by the Myanmar number nine Yan Paing.

Substitute Si Thu Win inserted the final nail in the coffin in the 84th minute.—Internet



Myo Min Tun of Myanmar against Sri Lanka at AFC Challenge Cup at Hyderabad, India, on 2 August, 2008.—INTERNET

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Teachers, parents to take part in school sanitation tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug —According to the 2008-09 academic year calendar, a period from 11 to 15 August has been designated as School Sanitation Week.

Teachers of all basic education schools across the nation are urged to carry out five school health tasks and to provide requirements of each student in order to meet the standards of weight and height in cooperation with the parents.

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