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Prime Minister General Thein Sein to attend opening ceremony of Beijing Olympic Games

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will be visiting the People's Republic of China to attend the opening ceremony of Beijing Olympic Games to be held in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, in the near future.—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash and kind donation ceremonies at monasteries in North Okkalapa, Shwepyitha townships



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and donors receive the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at rice and provisions offering ceremony.— MNA

YANGON, 3 Aug — Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated provisions and cash to the funds of 18 monasteries and three nunneries in North Okkalapa Township this afternoon.

At ceremony held at Dhammamedini Pariyatti Sarhintaik in North Okkalapa Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence offered robes and alms to Thiri Mandaing Natmauk Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silasara.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command

Brig-Gen Win Myint, the vice-mayor, senior military officers and wellwishers donated provisions to members of the Sangha.

Three senior military officers, on behalf of the Tatmadaw families, presented rice, edible oil, salt, medicine and gram to Sayadaws and nuns.

The commander offered provisions donated by Yangon Division PDC to the Sayadaw.

At the donation ceremony, Lt-Gen Tin Oo-wife Daw Khin Than Nwe and family donated K 300,000, Tatmadaw families K 120,000, Yangon Division PDC K 120,000 and others. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and senior military officers accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Cmdr Myint Swe of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command supplicated on the purpose of the donations. Today's donations to monasteries and nunneries were 143 bags of rice, 90 viss of edible oil, 907 viss of iodized salt, 181 viss of gram, 182 tubes of toothpaste, 7,536 bottles of traditional medicine, 1,000 packets of chilli powder and K 14,011,500.

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

To offer provisions to seven monasteries and one nunnery in Shwepyitha Township, a similar ceremony was held at Shwepyitha Pariyatti Monastery in Ward 6/10 of Shwepyitha Township at 4.30 pm today.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence donated robes and provisions to Shwemyowin Zigon Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kusala.

The commander, senior military officers and officials presented offertories to members of the Sangha. Three senior military officers, on behalf of the Tatmadaw families, presented rice, edible oil, salt, medicine and gram to Sayadaws and nuns.

The Commander handed alms donated by Yangon Division PDC to the Sayadaw.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the vice-mayor and senior military officers accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Lt-Col Win Maung Thein of Mingaladon Airbase supplicated on the purpose of the donation ceremony. Today's donations to monasteries and nunnery were 209 bags of rice, 53 viss of edible oil, 535 viss of iodized salt, 107 bags of gram, 100 tubes of toothpaste, 864 tubes of Lasar brand toothpaste, 210 bottles of traditional medicine, 1,000 packets of chilli powder and K 10,318,000.— MNA

Weather Forecast for (4-8-2008)

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 or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is (80%).

PERSPECTIVES

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Produce quality goods for development of industrial sector

The government has been making endeavours for development of the State-owned and private-owned industries which play an important role in progress of the industrial sector for national development. With the establishment of industrial regions and zones the length and breadth of the country and opening of factories and workshops, import-substitute goods production services have improved considerably.

The industrialists on their part have to make concerted efforts for an increase in production and promotion of export items and reduction of import items, which contribute towards national economic growth.

The State-owned industries have established factories and workshops that are capable of producing personal goods, household goods, medicines and foodstuffs. As the government has introduced high-tech industries, there are bright prospects in production in the industrial sector.

Iron works have gradually improved with the establishment of industrial zones in various parts of the country for development of private industries. The government has also provided necessary assistance on high technology in modern iron foundries.

Emphasis is being laid on both improvement of quality and increase of quantity in production of machine parts and personal goods.

New production methods have developed and there are job opportunities for local people due to the establishment of the factories that produce modern equipment and import-substitute goods.

Thus collaborative efforts are to be made for production of marketable and quality goods for the progress of the entire industrial sector including the State-owned industries and private industrial zones.

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

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Julius Georg Luy as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Julius Georg Luy was born in Rheinhausen on 20 July 1953. He served in the military from 1972 to 1973. He received a Degree in Law from the University of Cologne in 1979. From 1979 to 1981, he served as Assistant Professor at the University of Augsburg and Cologne. He joined the German Foreign Service in 1981 and since then he had served in various capacities at German Foreign Ministry and also at German Embassies in Thailand, Lebanon, Belgium, and the Russian Federation from 1983 to 1998. From 1998 to 2004, he served as the German Ambassador in Haiti. From 2001 to 2004, he served as Ambassador for Environmental and Biopolitical Issues at the German Foreign Office. Since 2004 to date, he has been serving as Minister and Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy in New Delhi.

MNA

Commander looks into cotton plantations in Sagaing Township

YANGON, 3 Aug — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe on 28 July inspected the thriving two acres of long staple cotton plantation of farmer U Soe Win at Plot No 628/64 in Ohntaw village-tract, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division.

In his inspection tour, the commander heard a report presented by an official on progress in cultivation of cotton in 2008-2009 and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the commander cordially greeted cotton growers and fulfilled their requirements.— MNA

U Zaw Zaw Naing, Chairman of All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ), and party donate Waso robes to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha of State Pariyatti Sasana University in Kaba-Aye Hill. The 4th Waso robes offering ceremony was held at the Sasana University on 27 July.—NLM

22.94 tons of supplies of WFP arrives

YANGON, 3 Aug — International community continues sending donations to storm-hit areas.

Today, a total of supply items weighing 22.94 tons donated by Thailand-based World Food Programme (WFP) arrived at Yangon International Airport.

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Coordination meeting of PBANRDA Ministry continues

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — The Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs continued the second day meeting at the ministry here yesterday.

Township executive officers and Directors of State/Division DACs reported on development tasks and construction of urban and rural roads and bridges.

The deputy minister gave instructions on supply of potable water.

The director-general and officials discussed

implementation of water supply for urban and rural areas. This morning, Minister Col Thein Nyunt attended to the needs and gave concluding remarks, saying that State/Division and township level DACs are to supervise construction of district-to-district roads, urban and rural roads and bridges, supply of water and maintenance of development tasks. He stressed the need to strive for beautifying and development tasks of urban and rural regions.

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt speaking at coordination meeting of Ministry of PBANRDA.— PBANRDA

Ahmadinejad says Iran won't give up nuclear rights

TEHERAN, 3 Aug — Iran will not give up “a single iota of its nuclear rights,” the country's president said Saturday, rebuffing an informal deadline to stop expanding uranium enrichment or face more sanctions.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made the remarks during discussions with Syrian President Bashar Assad, who arrived in Teheran Saturday for a two-day visit, the Iranian president's official Web site said.

Assad is in Teheran to discuss Iran's controversial uranium enrichment following a request from French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Teheran was given an informal two-week deadline, set 19 July by the UN Security Council's five permanent members plus Germany, to stop expanding uranium enrichment — at



Syrian President Bashar Assad and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

least temporarily — in exchange for their commitment to stop seeking new UN sanctions. Ahmadinejad's stance signaled both a failure of Assad's mission and a rejection of the deadline, although his comments indicated he was not ruling out international talks on Iran's nuclear programme.—*Internet*



Residents stand on the wreckage of their burned house after a fire that engulfed woodlands in the coastal tourism province of Antalya, Turkey on 2 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

Engine test for Falcon 9 rocket

TEXAS, 3 Aug-- A key milestone has been reached in the development of the rocket that may soon be flying cargo and astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS).

The SpaceX company has conducted a test-firing

of its Falcon 9 vehicle.

The demonstration in Texas meets a target laid down by the US space agency (NASA) which has given SpaceX some "seed" funding.

NASA hopes the Falcon 9 can help fill the mission

gap that will exist while it develops a successor to the shuttle. That successor — known as Ares/Orion — is not expected to be flying before 2015, leaving a five-year break from shuttle retirement in 2010 during which the Americans would be reliant on international partners for all their ISS transportation needs.

It is anticipated that the Falcon 9 will make its maiden flight in the coming months — certainly by the first quarter of 2009. Initially, it will just loft satellites, including the British-built-and-operated Hylas broadband and TV spacecraft.—*Internet*



NASA has set targets SpaceX must meet to stay in the COTS programme.—INTERNET

Car bomb kills 12 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 Aug — A parked car packed with explosives exploded in a Sunni neighbourhood in northern Baghdad on Sunday, killing 12 people and wounding another 22, Iraqi authorities said.

The bomb detonated near a building of private health clinics in Adhamiya, a neighbourhood that was once a stronghold for Sunni religious radicals. The perpetrators appear to have been trying to kill civilians, as there had been no police convoy or American patrol in the area at the time.

The area where the bomb exploded, called al-Maghreb Street, is a busy commercial district, filled with restaurants and stores, a cultural centre where conferences are held, and two hospitals.

It was the first large bomb in the area since December, 2006, when a car bomb killed 26.—*Internet*

At least 15 people killed, scores injured in bomb explosion in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, 3 Aug — At least 15 people, including 13 women cleaners and two men, were killed and more than 40 others wounded on Sunday after a roadside bomb exploded at a street in the north of the Somali capital Mogadishu, witnesses and hospital sources said.

Health officials at Mogadishu's main Medina hospital said that they were inundated with injured people, adding that nearly 22 have so far been brought to the hospital.

The huge explosion occurred in the Somali government quarter in the north of Mogadishu in the early hours of the morning and the explosion could be heard around the restive coastal capital. —*Internet*

UK accused over greenhouse gases

LONDON, 3 Aug — Britain's CO2 emissions are increasing, contrary to government claims, according to two new reports.

They show that instead of falling since the 1990s, as ministers claim, Britain's greenhouse gas emissions have been growing in line with the economy. The Government does not count emissions from shipping, aviation or imported goods in its internationally-agreed system for carbon accounts.

But two reports from the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), based at the University of York, say that if these key drivers of emissions are counted, Britain's carbon emissions are rising.

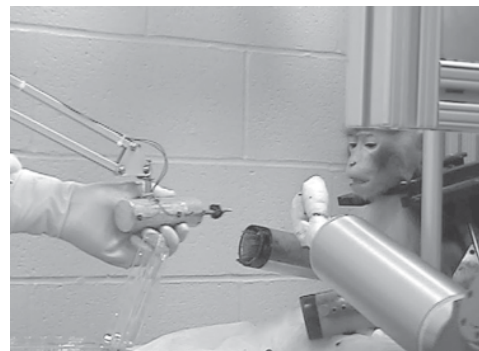
—*Internet*

Chimpanzees used for medical testing 'show signs of torture'

EDINBURGH, 3 Aug — Chimpanzees subjected to medical experiments suffer similar psychiatric symptoms to those shown by tortured humans, according to a study to be released next week.

An assessment of the behaviour of 116 chimpanzees who have been involved in animal research found that 95 per cent display at least one of the distinctive patterns of behaviour that people show when suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The findings, which will be made public at an international primate conference in Edinburgh on Monday,



Chimps show symptoms of post-traumatic stress.—INTERNET

will be used to press for a Europe-wide ban on the use of great apes in medical research.—*Internet*



Hamas militants patrol the streets after Hamas gunmen circled a neighbourhood in Gaza City to arrest members of the Helles clan in Gaza on 2 Aug, 2008. Three Hamas policemen and a member of a pro-Fatah clan were killed on Saturday in the Gaza Strip, medics said, in violence that could complicate Arab-backed efforts to reconcile rival Palestinian factions.—INTERNET

Premier Wen Jiabao visits three senior intellectuals



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R) visits Qian Xuesen, a renowned scientist and founder of China's space technology at Qian's home in Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Aug, 2008.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 3 Aug—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Saturday paid visits to three best-known senior intellectuals living in Beijing, honouring his own promise to call on these over-90-year elders once every year.

The three were linguist Ji Xianlin, founder of

China's space industry Qian Xuesen, and "China's Madame Curie" He Zehui, who is the widow of China's Father of A-bomb Qian Sanqiang (1913-92).

Ji, a former deputy president of the prestigious Beijing University, is known for his translation

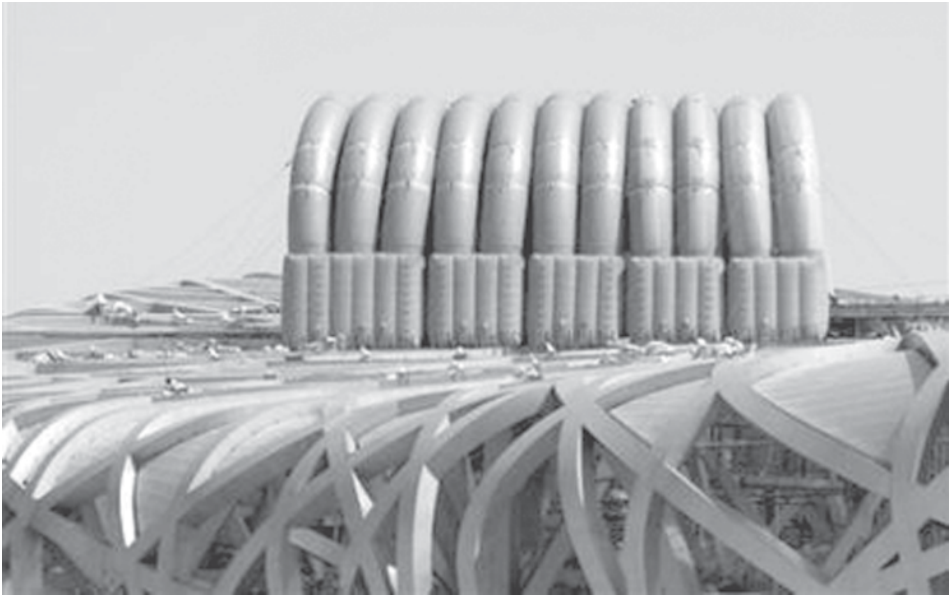
works and fruitful study on Sanscrit and other ancient Indian languages, speaks good English and German, and can read French and Russian.

Afterwards, Wen visited Qian at his residence.

Being a geological expert himself, Wen had supported Qian for his strategic proposals on the development of sand industry, mathematics, and chemical industry. Wen even organized some experts to assist Qian in research projects.

Madame He, now 94, received Wen at her simple home in Beijing's Zhongguancun—"China's Silicon Valley".

He, one of the oldest woman nuclear physicists in China, had collaborated with her husband to discover ternary fission and quaternary fission in the uranous nucleus. *Xinhua*



Workers prepare for a rehearsal of the opening ceremony for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games next to an inflatable structure at the roof of the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, on 2 Aug, 2008.—XINHUA

Beijing hotels well prepared for Olympic guests, tourists

BEIJING, 3 Aug. — A Beijing Olympic official said here Saturday that the city's accommodation is ready to receive guests and tourists during the Games.

Xiang Ping, deputy director of the Games Services Department of

the Beijing Organizing Committee of the 29th Olympic Games (BOCOG), told journalists that 17,000 athletes and delegation officials will live in the Olympic Village, and about 35,000 accredited people, such as officials, sponsors and media staff will stay in the contracted hotels and media villages.

Among the 119 hotels which have signed contracts with the BOCOG, 42 are five-star hotels with 12,800 rooms, 44 four-star hotels with

about 10,000 rooms, and 33 three-star hotels or lower with about 6,000 rooms.

"There are indeed many sports big-shots choosing accommodation places themselves. For instance, the Inter-Continental Hotel signed a contract with the United States Olympic Committee at an earlier time for serving as the accommodation for the Dream8 team," said Xiang at a press conference held in the Main Press Centre. *Xinhua*



Paratroopers march with Russian National flag and the flag of the Russian Airborne Forces celebrating Paratroopers' Day at the Red Square in Moscow, Russia, on 2 Aug, 2008. Paratroopers are an elite unit of the Russian Army, and everyone in the country recognizes their blue berets.—XINHUA

13 detained for allegedly involving in bomb attacks in Thai South

BANGKOK, 3 Aug — Thirteen suspects were detained on Sunday in connection with the seven bomb attacks in Thailand's southern Songkhla Province one day before, which injured three, local media reported.

The 13 suspects detained for further interrogation were teenagers from three deep south provinces, local news network *The Nation* said.

The Army's spokesman Akra Thiprote was quoted as saying that four bomb attacks on Saturday night rocked Songkhla's Muang district, slightly injuring three. While in Hat Yai district, three bomb attacks took place, but no one was injured. Initial investigation showed that they were small bombs.

The spokesman asked local people to stay update with the information from the authorities and asked them to report to the authorities if they had information. *Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

40 people killed in road accident in India

NEW DELHI, 3 Aug — Forty people were killed in a road accident Saturday night in Indian northeast state Bihar, according to the *Press Trust of India* on Sunday.

The tragedy occurred when a truck with 50 farm labourers were travelling fell off the road. The farmers were returning to their homes after sowing paddy at nearby village.

The driver lost control of the vehicle which was also loaded with food grain sacks and then the truck turned over and plummeted into a river, local police said.

Thirty-five people died on the spot and some others are in serious condition in a nearby hospital, said the police. — *Xinhua*

Three Hamas policemen, one child killed in Gaza violence

GAZA, 3 Aug — Three Hamas policemen and one child were killed and 60 others wounded on Saturday in clashes between Hamas police forces and a pro-rival Fatah movement clan in Gaza City, a Hamas

spokesman said.

Khaled Radi, spokesman of the Hamas-ruled ministry of health told reporters that three policemen of Hamas and a little boy were killed and 60 wounded, six of them are in serious conditions.

Radi expressed his regret for the clashes in Gaza City, adding that he calls on the security forces to allow ambulances to evacuate casualties from the area that most of them are children and women who are not involved in the clashes. *Xinhua*



Locals wave flags during the Olympic torch relay in Tianjin municipality on 2 Aug, 2008. XINHUA



Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa, right, addresses the inaugural session of the 15th SAARC Summit in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 2 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

15th SAARC summit closes in Colombo

COLOMBO, 3 Aug — The two-day 15th SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) summit closed Sunday afternoon in Sri Lanka's capital Colombo after adopting the Colombo Declaration.

Four agreements, including the setting up of SAARC Development Funds and mutual assistance in criminal matters were signed by the

eight SAARC members in the closing session held here on Sunday afternoon.

The two-day 15th SAARC summit opened Saturday in Colombo with the attending of leader from eight member countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The main issues discussed at the summit were poverty alleviation,

food security, energy crisis, terrorism and climate change.

Internet

Bomb at bridge kills nine in Pakistan's Swat Valley

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 3 Aug — A bomb exploded at a bridge on Saturday, killing at least nine security forces in a valley where Pakistani troops are battling militants, police said.

Police officer Bashir Khan said the remote-controlled bomb hit a vehicle traveling from police headquarters in Mingora, the main town in the troubled Swat valley, as it carried money to pay the salaries of the staff in the nearby town of Kabal.

Khan said the bomb was planted at a bridge between the two towns.

Senior police officer Khalid Nasim said the attack killed six police and three paramilitary troops. He said four others were wounded.—Internet

A Pakistani volunteer helps an injured victim of bomb blast onto stretcher upon his arrival at local hospital in Saidu Sharif in the Swat valley in northern Pakistan on 2 Aug, 2008. A bomb exploded at a bridge on Saturday, killing at least nine security forces in a valley where Pakistani troops are battling Islamic militants, police said.
INTERNET



The building's janitor said he was glad he had not had the chimney swept. Internet

3G network all set for Games in Shanghai

BEIJING, 3 Aug — Shanghai's third-generation, or 3G, mobile phone network now covers 98 percent of the downtown area. This means residents in Shanghai will have access to high-speed data services, such as mobile television, in time for Friday's opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games.

Yesterday, China Mobile's Shanghai branch began offering short-term TD-SCDMA (time division-synchronous code division multiple access) handset-rental services for foreigners and visitors from other cities.

Visitors can rent the service by presenting a passport or identity card and pay 10 yuan per day for a TD-SCDMA phone. —Internet

Wedding carnage in Afghan blast

KABUL, 3 Aug — An explosion has ripped through a bus carrying a wedding party in Afghanistan, killing at least 10 people, reports say.

Both the bride and the groom were among those

killed by the blast, which also injured at least six other people. A provincial police chief said, "enemies of Afghanistan" were responsible for the deaths. Mutiullah Khan also said that children were thought to be among the dead.

However, other reports from police chiefs in the Spin Boldak region suggested that 13 people were killed. Wedding parties have been frequently caught up in the conflict in Afghanistan.—Internet



A map showing an explosion occurs.
INTERNET

US girl survives 14-storey fall

LONDON, 3 Aug — A 12-year-old girl who fell 14 floors down a chimney in her apartment block in New York was saved by a pile of soot at the bottom.

Grace Bergere suffered no internal injuries when she landed in 2ft (60cm) of soot in the basement furnace of the building in the West Village area.

She had taken a visiting cousin up to the rooftop to admire the view of the Hudson River.

He father described her survival as an "absolute miracle".

The building's janitor said he was glad he had not had the chimney swept. Internet

Nine climbers feared dead in avalanche on K-2

ISLAMABAD (Pakistan), 3 Aug — A Pakistani tour operator says nine

climbers are feared to have died in an avalanche after scaling the world's

second-highest mountain, K-2.

Nazir Sabir says 22 climbers, mostly foreigners, reached K-2's summit on Saturday but an ice avalanche struck them during their descent.

He says nine of the mountaineers are feared to have died and three others are missing. His Alpine Club of Pakistan organized a Serbian expedition on the mountain.

Sabir says a Serbian climber is among the nine feared dead.—Internet



Many regard K2 the most deadly mountain to climb.—INTERNET

140 killed in India temple stampede

NEW DELHI, 3 Aug — At least 140 people, were killed on Sunday when pilgrims stampeded at a mountaintop Hindu temple in northern India, police said.

The devotees were attending a nine-day religious festival at the Naina Devi Temple in the Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh state, said Bilaspur de-

puty police chief CP Verma.

"As per our information 30 children and 38 women have been killed," he said, adding that more than 40 others were wounded.

Verma said the stampede was triggered when too many pilgrims tried to squeeze into a small area.

However, state police Chief SR Mardi said it was

caused when a railing on the path leading up the mountain collapsed.

Verma said rescue workers used a cable car at the temple to help evacuate the injured from the mountain top.

Bilaspur is about 155 miles (250 kilometres) northeast of Indian capital, New Delhi.

Internet



Qantas aborts Manila flight after hydraulic leak

MELBOURNE, 3 Aug— A Qantas flight bound for the Philippines was forced to turn back to Sydney on Saturday after the pilot discovered a hydraulic fluid leak, just eight days after a major emergency involving another of the carrier’s aircraft.

The Boeing 767-300 carrying 200 passengers from Sydney returned

without incident, a Qantas spokeswoman said.

“There was no safety issue at any time,” spokeswoman Melissa Thompson said.

The passengers aboard the aborted flight bound for the Philippines are being put on another plane which leaves Sydney at 1730 (0730 GMT).

The plane had to make an emergency

descent from 29,000 feet to 10,000 feet before landing safely in Manila.

Last Friday, a Qantas Boeing 747-400 flying from Hong Kong to Melbourne lost cabin pressure after a hole the size of a mini-van appeared in its fuselage following a blast believed to have been caused by an exploding oxygen canister. .

MNA/Reuters



A Qantas 767 was forced to return to Sydney shortly after take off on Saturday when the pilot detected a hydraulic leak in the wing, the airline said, denying reports the jet made an emergency landing.

INTERNET

Two French hostages released in Afghanistan

PARIS, 3 Aug — An aid group said on Saturday that two French humanitarian aid workers kidnapped in Afghanistan last month have been released.

The Paris-based Action Against Hunger said in a statement that the two hostages are "apparently healthy" and will be sent back to France soon.

No further details of the release were given. There are reports saying that the release was done without payment of ransom.

The two aid workers were taken by unidentified gunmen in the Afghan province of Day Kundi on July 18.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy

expressed his relief at the release.

France currently has about 1,500 troops in Afghanistan. More soldiers were pledged by the French leader to help the country to maintain peace. —Internet

Two US soldiers charged with murder in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Aug — Two US soldiers were charged Saturday with the murder of an Iraqi detainee.

The coalition command in Iraq charged Staff Sgt Hal M. Warner and 1st Lt Michael C Behenna with premeditated murder, assault, making a false official statement and obstruction of justice, according to a statement Saturday from the Multi-National Division.

The charges stemmed from a criminal investigation into the death of Ali Mansur Mohamed, a detainee initially believed to have been released by coalition forces in May, the statement said, without elaborating on the case.

Officials believe Mohamed was killed on or around 16 May. —Internet



An Iraqi girl eyes a US Army soldier in a village near Muqdadiyah, about 90 kilometres (60 miles) north of Baghdad in Iraq’s volatile Diyala Province on 2 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET



Students from Nutan Girl’s College take part in a martial arts training demonstration on campus in the central Indian city of Bhopal on 2 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET

Obama says would consider limited offshore drilling

ORLANDO, (Florida), 3 Aug — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said on Friday he would back limited offshore drilling as part of a broader energy package that attempted to bring down gas prices and reduce US dependence on foreign oil.

Obama dropped his blanket opposition to any expansion of offshore

drilling and signaled support for a bipartisan compromise in Congress aimed at breaking a deadlock on energy that includes limited drilling.

“My interest is in making sure we’ve got the kind of comprehensive energy policy that can bring down gas prices,” Obama said in an interview with *The Palm Beach Post* during a tour

of Florida.

“If, in order to get that passed, we have to compromise in terms of a careful, well thought-out drilling strategy that was carefully circumscribed to avoid significant environmental damage—I don’t want to be so rigid that we can’t get something done,” Obama told the newspaper.

MNA/Reuters

US HIV rate ‘higher than thought’

WASHINGTON, 3 Aug— The number of Americans infected with the HIV virus each year is much higher than current government estimates, US health officials have said.

The Centres for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said 56,000 people had become infected with the virus that causes AIDS in 2006.

That is substantially more than the earlier annual estimate of 40,000.

However, the CDC said the rise was due to improved detection methods, rather than an increase in infections.

For the first time, new blood tests can tell how recently an HIV infection occurred, allowing researchers to pinpoint the year it happened.

The increase is also thought to be due to new statistical methods.

The CDC's Richard Wolitski said the 2006 incidence estimate "reveals that the epidemic is, and has been, worse than previously estimated".

The group added that the annual number of new infections was never as low as 40,000, and that it has been roughly stable since the late 1990s.

The CDC described the findings as a "wake-up call that the US HIV/AIDS epidemic is far from over".

Internet

Sibinthayaryay Bank Ltd holds meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—The Sibinthayaryay Bank Ltd of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs held the Annual General Meeting at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, yesterday with an address

by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

Secretary of Board of Directors U Khin Latt read the annual reports presented by Board of Directors to the meeting

and Chairman of Auditors Committee U Win Aung read the auditing report.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

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World Breastfeeding Week

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

Mother Support: Going for the Gold!

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Medicine, clothing, foodstuff and household items presented to storm survivors

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug— Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 28 July attended a ceremony to donate four wheel chairs by well-wishers at the Kungyangon Township People's Hospital.

Dr U Htay Lwin of National TB Control

Division and officials accepted four wheel chairs donated by Pakistan-Myanmar Friendship Association and medicines donated by U Myo Zaw Tun and Daw Wutyi Htway of Yangon.

Next, the minister comforted the warded patients and inspected

reconstruction of the hospital.

On arrival at the southern ward of the township he looked into progress in construction of houses by Asia World Co for storm survivors and heard a report presented by an official on progress of construction and work

to be carried out.

Afterwards, the minister attended the ceremony to present foodstuff and clothes to local people by Malaysia-based SBM Co and Asia World Co held at the rehabilitation central control camp.

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POEM:

The Best Times for a Breast-fed Baby

- * From an embryo to a fetus
Inside a world completely dark
For about nine months I stayed
While, with a rhythmic chant, time ticked away
- * Nowhere could I roam
When, with a sudden 'boom'
Crashed was my tiny cosy room
And I was thrown into a strange world soon
- * Silhouettes of all shapes
Clad mostly in long drapes
Not a single one could I gape
Far away, I wanted only to escape
- * Everything's extremely bright
The whole world full of light
Gripped with so much fright
I shut my eyes pretty tight
- * Stripped off warmth and security
In no time, feeling cold and hungry
I greatly yearned for anything
To bring those back to my feelings
- * Then, I was handed onto someone
Who clasped me in her arms
Fed me from her bosom
For sure, kept me secured and warm
- * Mornings and evenings rush in and go
Nights and days I quickly came to know
Over time I started to grow
With bits of memories well in store
- * For me, the breastfeeding times are the best
The most memorable and the happiest
My secured feelings, warmest and coziest
Through all the tender cuddling and caresses
With the person of whom I'm fondest
Aye Phyu

Deputy Minister inspects installation of new power grid



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint inspects installation of new power grid near Kazintaw Village in Pantanaw Township.— EP NO. 2

YANGON, 2 Aug – Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Brig-Gen Win Myint together with departmental officials

inspected the installation of tension tower T-147 at 230/KV (Hlinethaya-Athok) power grid near Kazintaw village in

Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Division, and condition of the Ayeyawady River bank yesterday.

Officials reported on progress in installation tasks. The deputy minister then fulfilled the requirements. — MNA



UMFCCI General Secretary Chairman of Education Affairs Working Committee U Sein Win Hlaing addresses opening of Applied Accounting and Management Course at UMFCCI Training Centre in Pabedan Township on 2 August. (News reported)

UMFCCI

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



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donations from wellwishers. (News on Page 1)— MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends opening of Sangha hospital ward, launches electricity supply tasks in Kayan



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence unveils signboard of power supply at Kwanmoedain Model Village in Kayan Township.— MNA

YANGON, 3 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended an opening ceremony of Monai Sangha hospital ward, a ceremony to launch electricity supply tasks to Kwanmoedain Model Village, a ceremony to donate Monai Sangha hospital ward and a collective Waso robe offering ceremony in Kayan Township, this morning.

First, Monai Sangha hospital ward was opened in the compound of Kayan Township Hospital. Also present on the occasion were Kayan Township In-Charge CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and

Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, officials, members of social organizations and townselders. The minister,

Deputy Director-General of the Health Department Dr Win Myint and donor U Myo Myo formally opened the ward.

Next, the ceremony to hand over the hospital ward took place. The minister made a speech and expressed thanks to the

donor family. Donor U Myo Myo explained the purpose of the donation. U Myo Myo presented the documents related to the

building to Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint. The Sangha hospital ward (See page 9)



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Director-General Dr Win Myint and donor U Myo Myo open Monai Sangha hospital ward at Kayan Township Hospital.— MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends opening of Sangha hospital ...

(from page 8)

was built at a cost of K 18 million and the construction cost was contributed by U Myo Myo and Daw Myint Myint Aye (Monai textile shop in Mandalay Yadanabon Market).

The ceremony to launch electricity supply tasks in Kunmoedain Model Village was held in front of Masoeyein Monastery. Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the signboard to launch the task. About 100 households in the village are enjoying electricity now.

Then, the ceremony to donate Monai Sangha hospital ward and the collective Waso robes offering ceremony were held at Kwanmoedain Masoeyein Monastery. The Kwanmoedain Masoeyein Monastery Presiding Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts to Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the congregation.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered Waso robes to the Sayadaw. Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and donor family members offered Waso robes to members of the Sangha. The chairman of Kayan Township PDC presented a certificate of honour to the Kwanmoedain Sayadaw for his assistance to the construction of the hospital ward. After that, a lunch was offered to members of the Sangha.

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Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein addresses work coordination meeting of the ministry. —EDUCATION

Ministry of Education holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug— The Ministry of Education held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the ministry here on 1 August. Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein attended the meeting and made a speech on the occasion.

Next, the state and division education officers reported on measures taken for boosting the pass rate of matriculation exam and going through the schools and work to be

carried out. And the minister gave a supplementary report.

After that, rectors and pro-rectors of universities reported on academic and management matters and future tasks, and the first day session of the meeting ended.

The second day session of the meeting continued yesterday morning.

Directors-General and chairmen of departments and boards

under the ministry reported on work carried out and future tasks to the minister.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min reported on measures taken in the basic education sector and Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt on work carried out in the higher education sector.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

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The wise outstrips the intoxicated

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

Dhammapada-29

F & R Minister attends Waso robe offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug— Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun yesterday morning attended the Waso robe offering ceremony held at the Pylone Chantha Shwetanzar Kyaungtaik in Taungzin Village,

Kyaukpadaung Township.

The congregation led by the minister received the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw of the Kyaungtaik Bhaddanta Kosiya.

Next, members of the Sangha recited Paritta.

After that, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win and heads of departments presented Waso robes and

offertories to members of the Sangha.

Later, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kosiya delivered a sermon and those present on the occasion shared merits gained.

On arrival at the office of Myanma Small Loans Enterprise in Kyaukpadaung, the minister heard a report on functions of the enterprise during the fiscal year and future tasks and gave

necessary instructions.

At the Township Revenue Department Office, he heard a report on collecting of tax, and gave instructions on systematic collection of tax.

Next, the minister proceeded to Chaingywa Monastery in the township and presented Waso robes and offertories to the Presiding Sayadaw.

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Waso robe offering ceremony of Hindu families in progress.—NLM

Hindu families offer Waso robes to members of the Sangha

YANGON, 3 Aug— Thanantana Dhammapalaka (Hindu) Organization held the Waso robe offering ceremony at Mogok Refectory on Kaba Hill, here, this morning.

First, “soon” was offered to 15 members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and members of the Sangha

from State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon).

Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Manitasiribhivamsa administered the Five Precepts.

Hindu girls recited Mangala Sutta. Secretary of Mangala Dhamma

Yeiktha U Soe Mya supplicated on the religious and cultural matters.

Executives of the organization and well-wishers offered Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaw.

After the ceremony, U TK Paul and party sang the Dhamma songs.

NLM

Mon State USDA, Red Cross, Auxiliary Fire Brigade's volunteers honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Members of Mon State Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross Society and Auxiliary Fire Brigade who participated in the rehabilitation works in Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions were honoured on 15 July in Mon State.

The ceremony was held at the office of Mon State Peace and Development Council on 15 July. First, Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win delivered an address. After that, the commander presented

certificates of honour and 406 uniforms to leaders of the voluntary groups. Next, U Myo Nyunt, executive of Mon State USDA, recounted their experiences and spoke works of thanks. Altogether 406 volunteers took part in the reconstruction tasks in Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions.—MNA



Donors of My Suboo Funds Club offer Waso robes to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha at Satubommika Maha Thatipahtan Monastery. They also presented exercise books and stationery to novices of the monastic education school in Bahan Township on 2 August.—NLM



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife donate Waso robes to a Sayadaw.—SPORTS

Sports Minister offers Waso robes to members of Sangha

YANGON, 3 Aug—Under the patronage of Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife Daw Aye Aye, the 12th Waso robe offering ceremony of staff families of the ministry was held at Dekkhinayon Monastery at Laydauntkan Street in Thingangyun Township here this morning. It was attended by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife Daw Aye Aye, departmental heads and staff families.

The congregation received the Nine Precepts from the Sayadaw of the monastery. The members of the Sangha recited partitas, and the minister and wife and the departmental heads offered Waso robes to the members of Sangha. They offered soon to the members of Sangha.

At the Ruby Hall of the National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna), the minister met Myanmar athletes who will take part in the 29th Olympic Games to be held from 8 to 24 August in Beijing, the People's

Republic of China. Leader of Myanmar athletes U Naw Taung reported on the preparations for the Beijing Olympic Games and Assistant Leader U Khin Maung Lwin on measures taken in connection with the organizing committee of the games. Next, other sports federations reported on preparations for the Olympic games to the minister. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

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GMS's seventh information superhighway implementation group meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—The GMS Information Superhighway Implementation Group Meeting No. 7 participated by communication high-ranking officials from Myanmar, Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, Laos,

Thailand and Vietnam was held at Shwe Nan Taw Hotel here on 30 July. Director-General U Tin Htwe of Directorate of Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs delivered

an opening speech on the occasion. The meeting dealt with matters on progress in construction of transborder fibre links that can send broadband information among six countries in Mekong region, future tasks and

fruitful results to be enjoyed by people in the region upon completion of the fibre links. Under the GMS Information Superhighway Implementation Project, the transborder fibre link between Myanmar and the PRC was opened on 12 March 2008, and Bandwidth Capacity 10 Gb (STM-64) can now be used on the link and 2.5 Gb (STM-16) on its micro link.

The transborder fibre link between Myanmar and Thailand can now be used through Tachilek and Meisei. And the Myawady-Maesok link will soon be opened.

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Director-General U Tin Htwe speaks at GMS information superhighway implementation group meeting No. 7.
CPT

STI, SIMM to offer scholarship awards

YANGON, 3 Aug—STI Education in collaboration with Singapore Institute of Materials Management (SIMM) will be offering scholarship awards worth Singapore \$ 0.1 million to outstanding Myanmar students.

SIMM, Edith Cowan University in Australia and International School of Design and Technology are jointly offering Design courses in Singapore, which in fact are very much in demand in job markets all over the world.

ECU, a state-owned university, has been delivering 300 academic disciplines including three categories of design subjects: Communication, Interior/Exterior and Multimedia design.

With a view to provide human resource development in Myanmar, STI Education will be selecting most talented and promising 20 students to have the privilege of 50 per cent off tuition fees as scholarship. Not later than 20 August, those interested matriculates may contact and apply to No-377, Upper Shwelontha Street, Pabedan Township and Room-7, Building-4, Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Campus, Yangon, (Tel: 250056, 700273, 507048/46, 507152/51).—MNA

Health care journey of house surgeons to Kyaiklat

Article: Win Myint (Insein)

I was pleased with the news in the 9-7-2008 issue of Myanma Alin Daily on the statement of UNICEF dated 7 July which said that relief and rehabilitation efforts are making progress in Cyclone Nargis-hit regions in Myanmar.

The statement said that an ASEAN-led Post-Nargis Joint Assessment Team that surveyed cyclone-hit areas of Myanmar issued preliminary findings late last month indicating that an expected wave of post-cyclone deaths and disease had not occurred. That is why it is obvious that the Ministry of Health has been focusing on health care services and treatment to storm survivors.

After the storm that severely hit Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions on 2 and 3 May, under the supervision of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee, the Health Subcommittee has been carrying out emergency health care and treatments for the storm victims.

Health staffs of storm-hit districts, townships and villages were performing emergency health care services. In addition, medical personnel of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Defence, medical practitioners of NGOs, floating hospitals, medical teams of entrepreneurs, private medical personnel, members of Red Cross and Fire Brigades, members of health care and relief teams and medical teams from abroad have been undertaking health care services for the victims up to now. Therefore, the announcement of the UNICEF stating that there was no outbreak of infectious and epidemic diseases in



Local people under health care services at BEPS of Asugyi Village in Kyaiklat Township.

storm-hit areas of Myanmar rebutted the lies of foreign broadcasting stations.

House surgeons of Yangon University of Medicine-1 and Yangon University of Medicine-2 participated in the health care services. From 1 June to 27 July, they went on four trips to Kungyangon, Twantay, Kawhmu and Kyauktan townships of Yangon Division and Kyaiklat, Maubin, Wakema and Myaungmya townships of Ayeyawady Division to provide health care services to the victims.

A 10-member house surgeon team led by Assistant Lecturer Dr Min Lawigoon of Yangon

University of Medicine-2 went for the first time to Kyaiklat from 1 to 15 June. Under the supervision of Township Health Department Head Dr Myint Oo, they cooperated with in-charge of Kyaiklat Township Infectious Disease Control Dr Thura Maung, in-charge of HIV/AIDS Control Dr Khin Maung Yin, in-charge of Leprosy Control Dr Nyunt Sein to conduct their works. Moreover, Dr Thura Maung gave lectures on preventive measures against infectious diseases that might break out in the aftermath of the natural disaster



House surgeons giving medical check-up to patients in Kalatyat Village of Kyaiklat Township.

to the house surgeons.

In addition to providing health care services in Kyaiklat Township, the house surgeons gave talks on health knowledge and matters related to diarrhoea, dysentery, dengue hemorrhagic fever and other infectious diseases to the local people.

On 5 June, they opened a temporary clinic at the Dhammayon in Kalatyat Village and gave health care to 150 storm survivors of Kalatyat Village and its surrounding villages. On 7 June, they left for Asukyo Village by boat. On arrival at the village, they viewed use of fly-proof latrines, systematic keeping of water pots and sanitation of the village. After that, they gave talks on health knowledge. Due to the health knowledge and custom of drinking plain tea, there was no patient with diarrhoea and dysentery diseases among the villagers.

At the temporary clinic in Asugyi Village BEPS, the house surgeons provided medical treatments to 160 storm victims. Most patients were suffering from common diseases such as cold, minor cuts and injuries and hypertension only.

On their way back to Kyaiklat, they gave



Group photo shows house surgeons of Yangon University of Medicine-2.

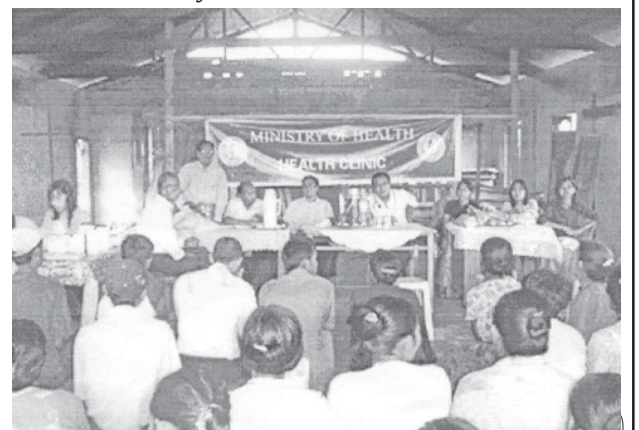
treatment to 60 storm victims at the monastery of Nyaungchaung Village and held health educative talks. They arrived back Kyaiklat at 6 pm. Despite being tired, they were pleased with their efforts in undertaking health care for the victims.

On 9 June, they made field trips to Kyonmange and Kyonmint villages by boat and provided health care to 30 victims. Moreover, they performed health care tasks till 15 June by opening temporary clinics in Kalatyat and Hsuganan villages and wards of Kyaiklat.

Altogether 61 house surgeons from Yangon University of Medicine-1 went on a trip for the first time to Yangon Division and 41 house surgeons from YUM-2 to Ayeyawady Division townships from 1 to 15 June. For the second time, 41 house surgeons from YUM-2 made a trip to Yangon Division townships and 58 from YUM-1 to Yangon Division townships from 15 June to 1 July. For the third trip, 59 house surgeons from YUM-1 went to Yangon Division and 40 from YUM-2 to Ayeyawady Division from 1 to 13 July. Moreover, a total of 24 house surgeons from YUM-2 toured Yangon Division and 31 from YUM-1 Ayeyawady Division from 13 to 27 July.

The house surgeons from two medical universities were pleased with health care provided to the storm victims with goodwill and compassion.

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House surgeons giving talks on health knowledge in Kalatyat Village of Kyaiklat Township.

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Culture not conflict urged in India-Pakistan row

COLOMBO, 3 Aug — Trade and cultural similarities are the best ways to improve relations between uneasy neighbours Pakistan and India, Pakistan's Foreign Minister said on Friday.

India blames Pakistan for a ceasefire breach in disputed Kashmir and accuses its spy agency of involvement in last month's bomb attack on the Indian Embassy in Kabul, in which two senior diplomats were among 58 people killed.

It also says Islamabad is not doing enough to curb anti-Indian groups on Pakistan soil, putting their four-year-old peace

process "under stress".

"If the Berlin Wall can fall so can these troubles that we have that are keeping us apart," Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi said on the sidelines of a summit of South Asian leaders in the Sri Lankan capital, Colombo.

"I think trade will build new bridges, which are so important between us. I say we have been looking at divergences, look at the convergences we have, look at the language, culture, dress," he said at a seminar with Indian counterpart Pranab Mukherjee.

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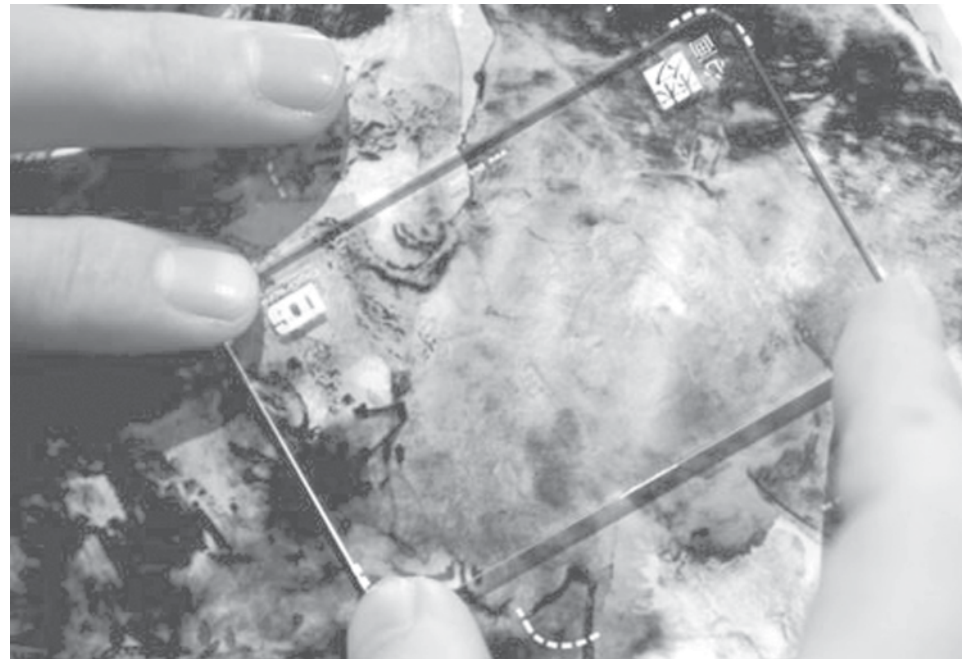


Photo taken on 1 Aug, 2008 shows the hidden image through an optical lens on a drawing during the "Dream Mind Paintings" exhibition at the Capital Museum in Beijing. Artist Tian Donghui combines the digital hidden image technology with his unique painting skills to allow people to enjoy hidden images through optical lens.—XINHUA

CPN-M decides to lead next government

KATHMANDU, 3 Aug — The central committee meeting of the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (CPN-M) on Friday decided to form the new government under its leadership.

The two-day meeting concluding on Friday took the official decision to lead

the next government, local TV channel Kantipur reported. Earlier, the CPN-M once stated that it would not join the government putting forth different preconditions following its candidates defeated in the presidential polls later in July. The meeting held at party central office in

Buddhanagar in Nepali capital Kathmandu concluded to form the government based on majority if agreement is not reached with political parties to form a government based on national consensus, Kantipur reported.

Xinhua

Brazil launches ambitious fund for Amazon forest

RIO DE JANEIRO/BRASILIA, 3 Aug — Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva launched an international fund on Friday to finance conservation and sustainable development in the Amazon as deforestation rates rise.

The fund will support

forest conservation, scientific research and sustainable development projects, such as rubber tapping, forestry management or developing drugs from plants. "We are conscious of what the Amazon represents for the world," Lula said during an inauguration

ceremony in Rio de Janeiro.

"It's better for the country's image to do things right, so we can walk in international forums with our heads high," Lula said.

The government hopes to raise one billion US dollars within one year and as much as 21 billion US dollars by 2021, according to Brazil's National Development Bank (BNDES), which will manage the fund. It is open to companies, countries and non-governmental organizations. —MNA/Reuters

US military says it keeps 21,000 detainees in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Aug — The US military said on Saturday that roughly 21,000 Iraqi detainees are in its custody at two US-run prisons in Iraq, despite releasing more than 10,000 other detainees so far in 2008.

A military statement revealed that the US troops currently hold a total of around 21,000 detainees, some 17,000 of them at Camp Bucca near Basra, and about 3,000 others at Camp Cropper in Baghdad.

The total number also included a dozen women, over 300 juveniles, about 200 foreigners and about 200 detainees over the age of 60, the statement said.

The statement also said that more than 10,000 detainees have been released from the US-run prisons in Iraq this year "since implementation of programmes designed to better prepare detainees for reintegration into society and to reduce recidivism".

The US troops are authorized by UN Security Council Resolution 1790 and the Geneva Convention to detain anyone "necessary for imperative reasons of security", the statement said. "There is a detainee review process in place, which judges security risk, so that at any point in that process, detainees can be retained or released," it added.

Xinhua

Pakistani Taleban denies Zawahri dead or wounded

ISLAMABAD, 3 Aug — A Pakistani Taleban spokesman denied on Saturday a US media report that al-Qaeda number two, Ayman al Zawahri, might have been killed or wounded in a US missile strike in Pakistan's border region last Monday.

"Zawahri has been killed by them several times. But

once again this claim is wrong. This is baseless," Maulvi Omar told Reuters by telephone from an undisclosed location.

The whereabouts of Zawahri and al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden have not been known to their enemies since US-led

forces waged a campaign to hunt them down in Afghanistan following the al-Qaeda attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. Both are believed to be hiding somewhere in the border region between Pakistan and Afghanistan.

MNA/Reuters

Eight Colombian miners dead in methane explosion

BOGOTA, 3 Aug — A methane gas explosion killed eight miners and wounded two on Friday in an illegally operated coal mine in central Colombia, authorities said.

The explosion happened in a mine in Cundinamarca Province that the government shut down in 2004, Plinio Bustamante, director of Mining Services at the Colombian Institute of Geology and Mining, told Reuters.

"The mine generated two explosions that resulted in eight miners being killed," said Bustamante.

It was the worst accident of its kind this year in the Andean country, where thousands of impoverished people work in improvised mines subject to landslides, gas explosions and other hazards.

MNA/Reuters

Hamas releases ten senior Fatah leaders

RAMALLAH, 3 Aug — Hamas Interior Ministry on Saturday released ten senior Fatah leaders it arrested in Gaza Strip in response to the detentions of a number of Hamas people by pro-Fatah security forces in West Bank.

In a statement sent to media, Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said the release "followed Egyptian and local mediations." The spokesman also called on the West Bank security forces, loyal to president Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah, to free about 200 Hamas people they detained recently. On Friday, Abbas ordered the release of Hamas leaders and supporters who were arrested, but Abu Zuhri said only four were freed. "We call on every side to put pressure on Ramallah authority to stop the political detentions and free the political prisoners," said Abu Zuhri.

Among the detainees released by Hamas today was Ibrahim Abu al-Najja, a senior Fatah political leader. However, Zakareya al-Agha, Fatah representative in Gaza and a member of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), is still held. — Xinhua



The Atlantic Giant pumpkin grown by Frank and Tina Finders, of Arcadia Lakes, SC, set a new state record at the official weigh-in at 897 pounds on 1 Aug, 2008, at the State Farmers Market in Columbia, SC.—INTERNET

US becomes top producer of wind power

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug — The United States has become the world's leading wind power producer and is expected to see rapid growth in places like Texas, the Great Plains and California, according to figures released on Saturday. The US wind industry now tops Germany in terms of how much energy is being produced from wind, the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) said.

Germany still has more installed capacity — 22,000 megawatts vs 17,000 in the United States at the end of 2007. But the average wind speed is stronger in the United States, which means more energy is being generated, the group said. This year, Germany will add only about 1,600 megawatts of wind energy, while the United States will add more than 6,000 megawatts, said Randy Swisher, executive director of the association.

"The numbers

themselves are not what matters," Swisher said. "What matters is that the wind industry around the world recognizes that the US is the largest market."

That's important because many of the world's leading wind companies are not US companies, and they will need to move manufacturing jobs here as the US wind industry grows, Swisher said. His group says 4,000 wind-related manufacturing jobs have been added in the United States since 2007. Currently, wind provides about one percent of U.S. electricity.

The Californian Pacific Gas & Electric has been using wind power for decades, and has been aggressive in adding new contracts for wind energy in the past four years as it strives to meet California's renewable energy goal of 20 percent by 2010.

Internet

US soldier arrested in S Korea for alleged robbery

SEOUL, 3 Aug — A US soldier was arrested by South Korean police on Saturday for allegedly robbing money at a convenience store in Pyeongtak, 65 km south of Seoul, South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported.

South Korean police officers arrested the US soldier, whose full name wasn't disclosed, for the alleged robbery at the store at about 2:00 a.m. local time (0500 GMT), the report said.

The U.S. soldier, who is stationed at a major US Army base called Camp Humphreys, was accused of robbing some 270,000 won (about 266 US dollars) after threatening a clerk at the convenience store with a knife, Yonhap said.

Internet

Study offers hope for baldness

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug — US researchers have pinpointed a molecule that triggers hair follicle growth in mice, a treatment that one day could mean some shaggy dos, or at least a few more strands, for humans who have experienced hair loss, a new study shows.

The molecule acts like an operator, transferring messages, or proteins, between the outer and inner layers of skin, an exchange that ultimately drives hair formation, researchers at the Stanford University said in the study, published on Saturday in the issue of the *Journal of Genes and Development*.

Unlike existing products that slow hair loss, researchers hope the laminin-511 could



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potentially regenerate the actual follicles that grow hair. "Loss of hair is not going to kill anybody," said Dr Peter Marinkovich, the study's senior

decades.

Gathering at Kingsnorth in Kent for the 9 August protest, the Camp for Climate Action group said their plans to set up a site for the week-long demonstration were disrupted by a police raid on

author and an associate professor at Stanford University's School of Medicine. "At the same time, for some people, hair loss can be a really traumatic thing, especially for women."

He hopes the treatment eventually could help patients who suffer from alopecia, a disorder that can cause hair loss in patches, or speed up hair growth for chemotherapy patients.

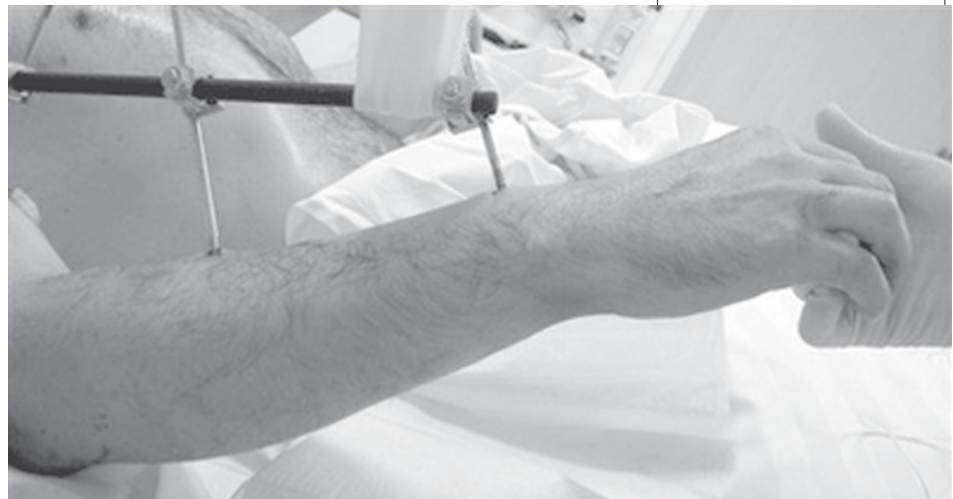
Evidence suggests laminin-511 could lead to more than fuller heads of hair: Researchers believe the molecule might have the ability to regenerate other developing tissues, like limbs or even organs; but further tests are necessary to understand exactly how that process works — Internet

Thursday by up to 100 officers.

"They seized equipment essential to the health and safety of the site," 29-year-old post-graduate environmental studies student Alex Harvey told Reuters.

"They took away water pipes for the provision of fresh water and materials essential for sanitation and they even took away children's crayons and a board game. "It's political policing — it's not the role of the police to disrupt and delay a peaceful protest that is designed to tackle the most important issue we face today." — Internet

In this undated photo, provided by the Munich hospital Klinikum Rechts der Isar shows the new arm of a farmer who lost his both arms in an accident six years ago. The man has been successfully fitted with two new limbs on 25 July, 2008 in the first complete double arm transplant, his surgeons said on 1 Aug, 2008 in Munich.—INTERNET



"Hygiene hypothesis" may be tied to bowel disease

NEW YORK, 3 Aug — Children who grow up in a spic-and-span home may have a higher risk of developing inflammatory bowel disease, a study suggests.

Inflammatory bowel disease, or IBD, refers to a group of conditions marked by chronic inflammation in the intestines, leading to symptoms like abdominal pain and diarrhoea. It's thought that the conditions arise from an immune system overreaction that injures the body's own intestinal tissue.

In the new study, published in the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*, researchers looked at whether the so-called "hygiene hypothesis" might be involved in young people's risk of developing IBD.

The hygiene hypothesis was first advanced in the late 1980s as one explanation for the rise in allergic diseases in developed nations. — MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Magpies close on Coloccini



Fabricio Coloccini
LONDON, 3 Aug — Newcastle United have confirmed talks to sign Fabricio Coloccini are at an 'advanced stage'. Reports in Spain have claimed that the Magpies have already agreed a deal to bring in the Deportivo La Coruna defender. Coloccini is looking to leave Depor and had threatened to invoke Article 17 in Fifa's regulations in order to walk out on the Galician club. The comments from the Argentina international's agent came after Depor had rejected an initial offer from the Magpies, believed to be in the region of £9.5million.—Internet

Trezeguet goal gives Juventus win over Arsenal

LONDON, 3 Aug — A first-half David Trezeguet goal gave Juventus a 1-0 victory over hosts Arsenal in the pre-season Emirates Cup tournament in London on Saturday. French forward Trezeguet struck from an offside-looking position after 38 minutes, stretching out a leg to deflect Vincenzo Iaquinta's free kick past Arsenal goalkeeper Lukasz Fabianski. Real Madrid defeated Hamburg SV 2-1 earlier in the day thanks to a late goal from teenager Daniel Parejo. — MNA/Reuters



Finland's Ford Focus driver Mikko Hirvonen takes a corner during special stage 17 of Rally Finland in Jyväskylä, Finland on 2 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Hodgson hopeful on Johnson



Andy Johnson
LONDON, 3 Aug — Fulham boss Roy Hodgson remains hopeful the club will be able to conclude a deal to sign Andy Johnson. A fee was agreed with Everton for Johnson, although The Cottagers are renegotiating the terms of payment due to an old knee injury. Hodgson has confirmed talks with The Toffees remain ongoing, but he has not spoken with Fulham officials to ascertain the latest situation. "I think the situation is still ongoing. The transfer negotiations are still going on as far as I know," Hodgson told Sky Sports News.—Internet



Liverpool's Steven Gerrard (C) fends off Rangers Kyle Lafferty as team mate Dirk Kuyt (R) looks on during their pre-season friendly soccer match at Ibrox stadium in Glasgow, Scotland, on 2 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Christie Kerr of the US
watches her tee shot on the fourth hole during the third round of the Women's British Open golf tournament at Sunningdale, south-east England on 2 Aug, 2008. INTERNET



Italy coach Lippi backs Man Utd over Ronaldo

ROME, 3 Aug — Italy coach Marcello Lippi has backed Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson's determination to block Cristiano Ronaldo's desired move to Real Madrid. "The 100 million (euros offered) by Real is astonishing. But not everything can be bought," Lippi said in an interview in Saturday's La Gazzetta dello Sport. "I think it's right that a player is not authorized to have the last word always. "Ferguson is stubborn. I think Ronaldo will stay at Manchester. It's the right decision from a technical point of view. "However, Portugal's result at the European championships shows that not even Ronaldo can win a big tournament on his own." Lippi reiterated his admiration for Ronaldo's Manchester United team mate, England striker Wayne Rooney. — MNA/Reuters

Hughes in no rush City boss happy to bide time on signings

LONDON, 3 Aug — Mark Hughes has confirmed there are no imminent deals to strengthen his Manchester City squad. Former Blackburn boss Hughes has already been busy during his time at Eastlands following the arrivals of Jo and Tal Ben Haim. Speaking after City's 2-2 draw with Stockport County on Saturday, Hughes confirmed if the right player becomes available then he would be happy to get out owner Thaksin Shinawatra's chequebook. "There's still time," he



Mark Hughes
told Sky Sports News. "We've got a whole month until the window closes so it's important we take our time and pick the right guys to come in and supplement the quality that I already have.—Internet



Manchester United's Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, right, shakes hands with manager Sir Alex Ferguson before his testimonial soccer match against Espanyol at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, on 2 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

IOC feels media heat on Internet restrictions

BEIJING, 3 Aug — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Saturday faced mounting questions over Internet censorship, days before the Beijing Games, despite earlier pledges that its use would be unfettered. While China has allowed access to some websites that were blocked earlier in the week, many sites still remain inaccessible to reporters covering the Beijing Olympics that start on 8 August. On Friday the IOC had said the issue had been resolved. "We would like to see the greatest degree of openness," IOC communications director Giselle Davies told reporters. "There has been no change in the IOC's position. The IOC would like to see open access," she said in response to several questions regarding the IOC's determination to push through what it had promised. Real Madrid's Julio Baptista, left, competes with Hamburg's Colin Benjamin during their Emirates Cup soccer match at Emirates Stadium in London, on 2 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET



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Cattle raiders kill at least 30 in Kenya attack

NAIROBI, 3 Aug— Livestock rustlers have killed at least 30 people in Kenya's remote Turkana region where clashes over scarce pasture and water resources often flare, a local leader said on Saturday.

Heavily armed raiders from the Pokot community attacked the Turkana, about 300 kilometres (185 miles) north of the capital Nairobi, and made away with at least 700 animals, area legislator Josaphat Nanok told *Reuters*.

"The place where the killing happened is very remote and can only be accessed by aircraft. So far the police have not even been to the scene to get the facts on the

ground," Nanok told *Reuters* of the attack on Tuesday night.

Cattle rustling is common among pastoral communities living in the sparsely populated north and northeastern parts of Kenya which has hostile terrain that is difficult for security personnel to patrol.

Competition for scarce resources such as water and pasture land has fuelled the attacks. — *MNA/Reuters*

103 killed in military operation in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 3 Aug— 103 people, including 58 militants and 12 security troops, have been killed in the ongoing military operation in northwestern Pakistan's Swat Valley, local media reported on Saturday.

The casualties also include about 30 civilians, *Daily Times* newspaper said. The Pakistan security forces launched the major offensive in Swat valley on Tuesday after local Taleban kidnapped 25 police and paramilitary soldiers from a police station. Three civilians and five militants were killed in shelling in the Swat Valley when pounding the Taleban hideouts. The NWFP government on Friday decided that the security forces would continue their operation in Swat valley till peace was restored in the area.

MNA/Xinhua

Bomb scare causes LAX terminal to be evacuated

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug— One of the busiest terminals at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) was evacuated on Saturday due to bomb scare, authorities said.

A warning was

issued after an X-ray machine showed one bag had a "dense mass with wires attached to it," according to the Los Angeles Police Department's (LAPD's) Bomb Squad.

But the suspicious item turned out to be a book and computer cables, said the bomb squad.

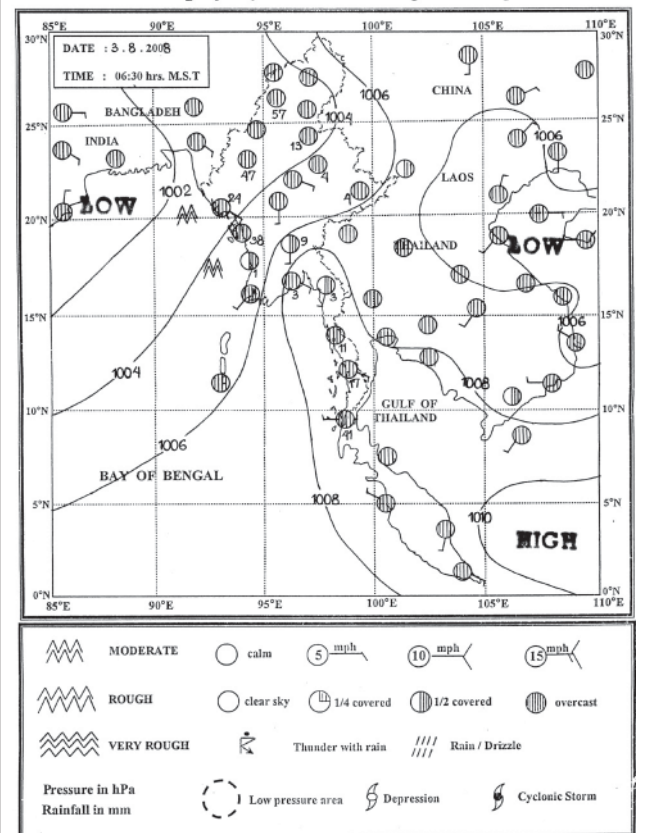
The suspicious item was found by federal Transportation Safety Administration inspectors, prompting a partial evacuation at Terminal One, said Sgt Jim Holcomb of the Los Angeles World Airport Police.

Internet



In this photo released by MTV Asia, dance group Jabawockeez perform during the MTV Asia Awards 2008 in Genting Highlands, outside Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 2 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 3 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Kachin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy fall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inch, Kalay (3.36) inches, Hkamti (2.24) inches, Kyaukpadaung (2.21) inches, Kalewa (2.05) inches and Dawei (1.62) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-8-2008 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 3-8-2008 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-8-2008 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 2-8-2008 was (2.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-8-2008 was (0.23) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.64) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (63.54) inches at Mingaladon, (72.80) inches at Kaba-Aye and (89.02) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (17:00) hours MST on 2-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 4-8-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States and widespread the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-8-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-8-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 4 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:00 am

6. Dance variety

8:10 am

7. “ချစ်လွန်းလို့”
(ဖိုးဖြူခင်စိုးပိုင်၊ မျိုးမျိုးစိုင်
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

8:20 am

8. Musical programme

8:30 am

9. International news

8:40 am

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:15 pm

3. Song of national races

4:20 pm

4. Musical programme

(The Radio Myanmar

Modern Music

Troupe)

4:30 pm

5. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး

4:40 pm

6. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm

7. “တောမြိုင်စွန်းမှလွမ်းမျက်ရည်”
(ရဲအောင်၊ လူမုန်း၊ သူလူစံ၊
မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ထူးသား၊ ကမ္ဘာရှား၊
ဝမ်းပုံကြီး)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချီစိုးမိုး)

5:10 pm

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm

9. “ကျွမ်းတိုင်းမကြမ်းနဲ့”
(လွမ်းထက်၊ သတ္တိ၊
ဖြိုးမောင်မောင်၊ သဇင်၊
နန်းစုရတီစိုး၊ စုချစ်ဇော်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်လူထက်)

5:30 pm

10. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:50 pm

14. “အားမာန်ပြည့်စုံ၊ ဖြိုး
ရှင်သန်နေသောတရုတ်ပြည်”

7:05 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“မာယာများနှင့်လှည့်ကွက်”
(အပိုင်း-၁၇)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး
ကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့”
(အပိုင်း-၁၇)

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

Industry-2 Minister, Labour Minister meet officials of overseas employment agencies

YANGON, 3 Aug—Chairman of Supervisory Committee for Overseas Employment Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi met with officials of the overseas employment agencies at the meeting hall of the Social Security Board here today.

At the meeting, Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Minister U Aung Kyi urged the officials of the agencies to run their business in accordance with overseas laws, rules and regulations in order to create more employment opportunities. The officials reported to the ministers on their respective tasks and the ministers fulfilled the requirements.

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Cash and kind donated for storm victims

YANGON, 3 Aug—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, Deputy Minister

Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and officials accepted K 3 million for construction of five houses in storm-hit area donated by U Kyaw Myint and Daw Khin Ma Ma Moe (No. 41, Khema Street, Sangyoung Township) at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township here this afternoon.

At the warehouse of Relief and Resettlement Department on Kyaik-waing Pagoda Road, Mayangon Township, the minister and officials accepted four 45KV generators and five 2KV generators worth K 35.5 million donated by Mr Bhairaja Panday of UNHCR and wife.

Then the minister and officials presented certificates of honour to them.

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INSIDE

Health care journey of house surgeons to Kyaiklat

The house surgeons from two medical universities were pleased with health care provided to the storm victims with goodwill and compassion.



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepts nine generators worth K 35.5 million donated by Mr Bhairaja Panday of UNHCR and wife.— MNA