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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

Quality of life of people can be promoted through raising health and education standards in different parts of the Union

Special Refresher Course No. 65 for basic education teachers opens



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course No. 65 for basic education teachers.—MNA

YANGON, 4 Aug — The opening of Special Refresher Course No. 65 for basic education teachers was held at Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered a speech.

Also present were Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Minister for

Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the deputy ministers, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, heads of departments, the rector of CICS (Phaunggyi), the pro-rector, heads of departments, course instructors and trainee teachers.

On behalf of the Secretary-1, Minister Dr Chan Nyein said the government acknowledges capabilities of science and technology and the role of intellectuals and intelligentsia. It has been making endeavours for national development

with the participation of the national intellectuals and intelligentsia through the national development projects.

He said the present government took up State duties when the country was in the position of instability and in general deterioration. It not only rebuilt the national unity creating a peaceful environment in the country but also built infrastructures such as roads, bridges and dams, the main necessities for national development with the help of the experts in the country.

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As the global situation as well as Myanmar's situation calls for technological advancement both in skill and qualification, it is necessary to tap natural resources and to produce human resources through the education sector.

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Enhance socio-economic status of rural people

The national development projects cover the tasks for development of border areas and national races.

The government is making all-out efforts for development of rural regions where the majority of the people reside while striving for development of urban regions that are mainly based upon rural regions.

In that regard, it is engaged in extended building of roads and bridges that are infrastructures for rural development. Meanwhile, it is making relentless efforts for supply of irrigation water.

The Development Affairs Department constructed 32,018 miles of urban and rural roads from 1988 to April 2008. In the past, there were only about 5,000 miles of urban and rural roads, but now miles of new roads contribute much towards smooth and secure transport between urban and rural areas.

Thanks to concerted efforts of the government and the people, altogether 8,029 villages out of 8,042 in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, where water is scarce, are now being fully supplied with drinking water.

The development of rural regions contributes largely to development of urban regions. And we firmly believe that the concerted efforts of the government, well-wishers and local people will surely help develop the various sectors including transport sector, thereby enhancing the socio-economic status of rural people.



Chairperson of Aungmyaythazan Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association presents stationery and school uniforms to school children in the township who cannot afford to buy ones.—MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Yangon Division women's soccer lifts trophy in 13th Inter-State/Division Women's Soccer tournament

YANGON, 4 Aug—Yangon Division women's soccer team lifted trophy in the 13th Inter-State/Division Women's Soccer tournament winning over Mandalay Division in the final match held in Aung San Stadium yesterday evening.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and officials concerned, President of Central Work Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and executives and fans.

Best player award



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presents championship shield to Yangon Division Women's football team.—MNA

went to Khin Mar Lin of Mandalay Division. Cash awards went to fourth placed Shan State (South), third placed Ayeyawady

and runners-up Mandalay. Next, prizes were awarded to best situational players. Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presented

championship shield, duplicated shield and K 100,000 to champion Yangon women's team.

MNA

Concordia International Co Ltd opens new sales center and office

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Concordia International Co Ltd opened its new sales centre and office at Building No. 144 of Thiri Yadana Shopping Complex, here this morning.

It was attended by officials of Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee, entrepreneurs of Construction Company and Hotels and guests. First, those present viewed

items on display at the new office and officials replied to the queries raised by those present.

Coloured copiers with the logo of Fuji Xerox, colour and laser printers, scanners, black and white copiers, fax machines, projectors, electronic copyboards, equipment for health and hospital, nutritious powder, construction materials, Japan-made Geodetic

Total Station, differential GPSs, digital theodolites, digital level, auto level, GPS with Garmin logo, digital scales and civil construction and environment related items are on display.

For further information, please contact the company office (Tel- 067-420819) and the opening ceremony continues tomorrow.

MNA

Flood News

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—According to the observation at 11:30 hr MST today, the water level of Thanlwin river at Hpa-an is (779) cm and it has exceeded by 29 cm (about 1 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (2) days.

MNA



Guests view article displayed at the opening ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw sales centre of Concordia International Co Ltd.—MNA



US congressman opposes House resolution on China

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug—US Republican congressman Ron Paul of Texas described the recent resolution by the House of Representatives on China's human rights situation as "ill-conceived" and "hypocritical" and he urged the US legislature to deal with human rights abuses in US or those created abroad by US foreign policies.

"I rise in opposition to this resolution, which is yet

another meaningless but provocative condemnation of China. It is this kind of jingoism that has led to such a low opinion of the United States abroad," Paul, who had run for US president as a Republican candidate earlier, said in a statement posted on the official website of the House.

"We are not debating a bill to close Guantanamo, where abuses have been documented. We are not debating a bill to withdraw

from Iraq, where scores of innocents have been killed, injured, and abused due to our unprovoked attack on that country. We are not debating a bill to reverse the odious FISA bill passed recently which will result in extreme abuses of Americans by gutting the Fourth Amendment," he said in the statement made before the House voted to adopt the anti-China resolution on 30 July.

Internet



Outside the Nest : Performers wait outside the National Stadium, also known as the "Bird's Nest", during rehearsals for the 2008 Olympic Games opening ceremony in Beijing.

INTERNET



Incident involving radioactive material at IAEA Safeguards Laboratory

VIENNA, 4 Aug—Pressure buildup in a small sealed sample bottle in a storage safe resulted in plutonium contamination

of a storage room at about 02:30 Sunday at the IAEA's Safeguards Analytical Laboratory in Seibersdorf, but no radioactivity released to environment.

All indications are that there was no release of radioactivity to the environment. Further monitoring around the laboratory will be undertaken. No one was

working in the laboratory at the time, according to the IAEA Press releases on Sunday.

The Laboratory's safety system detected plutonium contamination in the storage room where the safe was located and in two other rooms - subsequently confirmed by a team of IAEA radiation protection experts.—Internet

Russian children perform traditional Russian dance during the opening ceremony of Russia Day at a children's care centre in Vladivostok on 3 Aug, 2008.—XINHUA

US military death toll rises to 4,129

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug—As of Sunday, 3 Aug, 2008, at least 4,129 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 the same as the Defence Department's tally, last updated 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

Ten people killed in fire in Bangladesh's capital

DHAKA, 4 Aug—Ten people were killed and 15 others were injured in a fire accident in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka early Monday morning, fire brigade said.

A fire official on duty said the fire started from a chemical shop which is in the ground floor of a 7-story building after Sunday midnight.

It took one and half hours for the fire brigade to extinguish the fire.

The official said the fire went up to the fourth floor of the building and many residents who live in the building rushed out of their homes and caused stampede.

"Some people were injured during the stampede," he said.

The reason of the fire is not known yet. An investigation is underway.—Internet

Police station raided in west China's Xinjiang, terrorist plot suspected

URUMQI, 4 Aug—Terrorist plot was suspected in the violent attack targeting border police in China's westernmost city of Kashi, which left at least 16 policemen killed and 16 others injured Monday.

The attack occurred in the front of the Yiquan Hotel, which is nearly 200 metres away from the Kashi border armed police division, Xinhua correspondent reported from Kashi.

The reporter said the police investigation found that two attackers drove a tip lorry to hit a team of policemen who were jogging to pass the hotel in a regular morning exercise at about 8:00 am.

The suspects then got off the lorry to throw explosive and hack the policemen with knives, after the vehicle veered to knock on a roadside wire pole, said the Kashi police.

No civilians were hurt in the attack so far. The police said the two attackers had been arrested, and one got a leg injury in the raid.—Xinhua



An Israeli soldier guards blindfolded Palestinian men, who fled to Israel from Gaza, at a military base near Kibbutz Nahal-Oz, just outside the Gaza Strip on 3 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET

Faulty landing gear forces UA flight back to Beijing airport shortly after take-off

BEIJING, 4 Aug—The UA888 flight of the United Airlines (UA) returned to Beijing Capital Airport after hovering about two hours in the sky, due to landing gear problem. No casualties were reported.

The flight took off at 12 am and landed again on the airport at 14:10 pm. The cabin crew found the problem about one hour after the take-off and soon informed the 281 passengers on board.

The UA arranged another aircraft to fly to San Francisco at 5:20 pm after loading all passengers and baggage. United Airlines (UA) of the United States launched the daily direct flight between Beijing to San Francisco in 2004.—Internet

China’s futures trading volume up 76% in July

BEIJING, 4 Aug— China’s futures market witnessed a rapid growth in trade volume in July, led by an active trade in farm products such as sugar, soybeans, and aluminum.

Trade volume hit 6.45 trillion yuan (948 billion US dollars), representing

an increase of 76 percent over the same period last year, according to figures released Sunday by the China Futures Association.

Futures markets nationwide realized 112 million contracts in July, up 98 percent.

In the January-July

period, the trade volume of China’s futures markets grew 128 percent year on year to 41.5 trillion yuan, involving 690 million contracts.

Market analysts attributed the increase mainly to the sharply fluctuating farm product prices across the global since late 2007, as well as to an improving domestic market environment.

Xinhua



Flower fest : “Silletterito” children participate in a parade during the Flower Festival in Medellin, Antioquia department, Colombia recently.—INTERNET

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Beijing boat, marina show to open in Nov

BEIJING, 4 Aug — The Beijing International Boat and Marina Development Show will kick off on 20 November, amid the country’s efforts to promote the cruise sports in northern Chinese cities.

The show, to be jointly held by the General Administration of Sports of China (GASC), China Cruises and Yacht Industry Association (CCYIA) and the IIR (Institute for International Research) Exhibitions Ltd, is scheduled to last three days.

“Water sports such as sailing and wind surfing develop slowly in China’s northern cities, and the exhibition is a good platform to popularize relevant knowledge among citizens, said Li Quanhai, a senior official with the GASC.

Boating industry in China lags far behind than some countries in Europe and America. The upcoming Beijing show will certainly provide boat producers in both domestic and overseas markets with great opportunities to expand their businesses, said Zheng Weihang, secretary of CCYIA.

Xinhua

Policewomen fly on bikes, ready for motorcade

BEIJING, 4 Aug— The police officers looked as elegant as a wedge of swans in flight as they synchronized to wove around traffic cones on their Honda motorbikes yesterday, preparing to be the official motorcade of the Games.

“Although we all knew a bit about motorbikes, we were far from being able to show off these kinds of special skills,” said Duan Tao, 25, speaking from under a brilliant white helmet. She had matching gloves and Matrix-like sunshades to match it.

Duan is one of the 36 traffic police personnel, 25 men and 11 women, chosen for this elite Olympic unit to lead State



A traffic policewoman, who is part of a 36-memeber unit to lead state leaders and IOC officials around key Olympic zones, rides past acrowd of shutterbugs near the Beijing Olympic centre on 4 Aug.—XINHUA

leaders and IOC officials around key Olympic zones from tomorrow. They are part of the guiding unit of 211 traffic policemen under the Beijing Traffic Management Bureau.

“Beijing has promised to have the motorcade for the Games,” said Wang Shiyi, an official with the team, at the launching ceremony of the Beijing Traffic Photo Competition yesterday. —Xinhua

Closure of Argentina-Chile pass strands 2,000 trucks

BUENOS AIRES, 4 Aug — Some 2,000 trucks on Sunday were stranded due to the closure of the Cristo Redentor tunnel, the main pass between Argentina and Chile in the Andes mountain range, authorities said.

The National Direction of Way from Argentina said Sunday that the bordering tunnel was closed due to a strong seasonal snow and wind, and it will not open because of the accumulation of snow on the Chilean side.

Xinhua

Moderate quake hits eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 4 Aug — An earthquake measuring 5.5 Richter scale rocked eastern parts of Indonesia on Monday, with no initial report of damage or casualties, Indonesia’s meteorology agency said here.

The quake struck at 10:26 am Jakarta time (0326 GMT) with epicentre at 39 kilometres northwest of Ruteng town of East Nusa Tenggara Province and at 110 kilometres in depth, an official of the agency said.

Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called “the Pacific Ring of Fire,” where two continental plates meet, causing frequent seismic and volcanic movements.

Xinhua



Five killed in plane crash in W Canada

OTTAWA, 4 Aug — Five people were killed Sunday after a small plane crashed in western Canada’s British Columbia Province, officials said.

Two men survived the

crash aboard the twin engine aircraft, which happened along the northern shoreline of Vancouver Island.

They were rescued hours after search teams received text messages

one of the survivors sent to a friend with the whereabouts of the crash site.

One was in good condition while the other was injured, according to Lt-Commander Gerry Pash of the Victoria Joint Rescue Coordination Centre.

The plane, which belongs to Pacific Coastal Airlines, left Port Hardy on route to Chamiss Bay Sunday morning just after 7 am local time (1400 GMT) and was reported missing three hours later.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation, officials said.

Xinhua

Competitors ride over an obstacle bridge during the 56th annual ‘Teichfahren’ (pond-cycling) event in the former eastern German village of Bischof, some 60 kilometres (37 miles) east of Berlin, on 3 Aug, 2008. Around 40 people took part in the traditional Bischof fun race on 3 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET

Tropical Storm Edouard moves toward Texas

NEW ORLEANS, 4 Aug—Tropical Storm Edouard churned west in the Gulf of Mexico on Sunday night and was expected to strengthen to a near-hurricane before making landfall somewhere in Texas on Tuesday.

The National Hurricane Centre issued a hurricane watch for the coasts of

western Louisiana and eastern Texas late Sunday, meaning hurricane conditions were possible the next 24 hours from Intracoastal City to Port O'Connor, Texas.

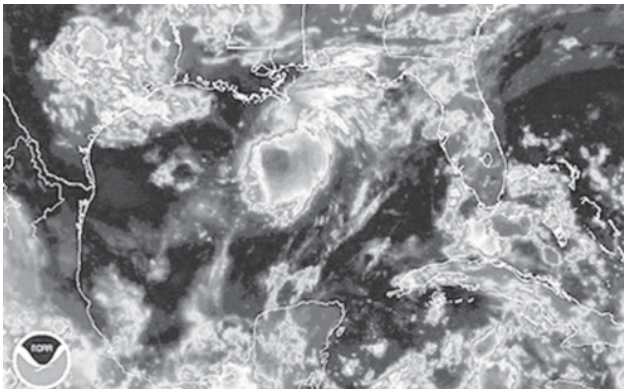
Edouard, packing 50-mph maximum sustained winds, is the fifth tropical storm of the 2008 hurricane season. At 10

pm CDT, its centre was located about 80 miles east-southeast off the mouth of the Mississippi River and about 390 miles east of Galveston, Texas.

It was moving west at 5 mph and was expected to strengthen before making landfall Tuesday morning in Texas. Forecasters said the warm waters of the Gulf provided the right conditions for the storm to intensify and approach hurricane strength with winds of 75 mph or more.

Southeastern Texans prepared for Edouard's impact while the victims farther down the Texas coast continued cleaning up the damage from Hurricane Dolly, which hit last month.

Internet



A satellite image provided by the NOAA shows Tropical Storm Edouard in the Gulf of Mexico below Louisiana at 12:45 am EDT on 4 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET

Children die in diarrhea outbreak in western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 4 Aug—As many as nine children died and dozens of others fell sick due to an outbreak of diarrhea that spread at Syada village in Humala district in mid-western Nepal recently, The Kathmandu Post reported on Monday.

According to the daily,

the outbreak has not yet been controlled due to unavailability of medicine in the village.

"Nearly 100 minors are now suffering from diarrhea in Syada, Sata and Yangu VDCs (village development committees)," VDC secretary Gajabir Rokaya claimed.

"The outbreak could turn into an epidemic since there is no medicine at the local health office," said Rokaya.

Dr Srabesh Sharma at District Hospital, however, said he had no knowledge of the outbreak.

Internet

Immunotherapy boosts treatment of kids' high-risk sarcomas

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug—Immunotherapy shows promise in treating children with high-risk sarcomas, according to a US National Institute of Health pilot study.

The study involved a new dendritic vaccine as well as a standard flu vaccine to potentially strengthen the immune system following chemotherapy.

While the dendritic vaccine didn't

perform as well as hoped, children did respond well to the standard flu vaccine. This suggests that boosting immune function in children with sarcoma may be an effective approach. The dendritic vaccine included peptides derived from each patient's individual cancer in a way designed to alert the system to the unique genetic alteration on the cancer cells.

Internet



Bomb squad units inspect a blast site in Hat Yai. Seven small bombs exploded at shops and restaurants in southern Thailand's tourist hubs injuring two people, officials said on Sunday, while two people were killed in separate attacks.

INTERNET

Parents forget child at airport

TEL AVIV, 4 Aug—Staff at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel have found a three-year-old girl alone in a duty-free shop after her parents accidentally took a plane without her.

The parents boarded the flight to Paris with four of their five children.

The parents did not realise their mistake until the captain of the plane informed them after take-off, according to police.

The girl was put on the next flight to Paris. The parents will be questioned when they return to Israel.

"It is usual that travellers in a rush forget their luggage but not a child. This never happens," a police official said.

Internet

SpaceX launch fails a third time



The first launch in March 2006 ended with a fuel line leak and a fire.—INTERNET

HOUSTON (Texas), 4 Aug—A private rocket carrying three satellites, including a NASA space sail, has failed to reach orbit.

It is the third unsuccessful launch attempt for the Falcon 1 rocket, built by private space firm SpaceX.

Two rocket stages failed to separate two minutes, 20 seconds into launch

from Kwajalein Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.

Engineers are still investigating the cause of the rocket's failure.

"It was obviously a big disappointment not to reach orbit on this Flight 3 of the Falcon 1," said Elon Musk, chief executive of SpaceX, in a short statement read to reporters.

Mr Musk invested millions of dollars gleaned from the sale of his two internet financial services firms into SpaceX to develop low-cost space transportation.

The Falcon 1 rocket was carrying Trailblazer, a small satellite built by the Pentagon, as well as a mini-laboratory called PreSat and a 10 sq m "solar sail"—both of which were built by NASA.

On Saturday, SpaceX also fired its Falcon 9 rocket, designed to ferry cargo and astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS).

NASA hopes the Falcon 9 can help fill the mission gap that will exist while it develops a successor to the shuttle.—Internet

Fatah fugitives being sent to West Bank

JERUSALEM, 4 Aug—Israel says it will transfer to the West Bank some 150 Fatah members who fled Gaza after being told those who had returned to the Hamas-ruled territory were in mortal danger.

Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak held talks with Palestinian officials "in order to convince them to allow the refugees entry" to the West Bank town of Ramallah, his ministry said.

The decision reverses a previous request by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas that the 180 or so members of his

party that had fled Gaza into Israel on Saturday following a day of deadly clashes with Hamas would

be returned to Gaza and not transferred to the West Bank, the statement said.—Internet

Two French nationals kidnapped in Nigeria

PARIS, 4 Aug—French Foreign Ministry confirmed on Sunday that two French working in Nigeria were abducted Saturday night in south Nigeria.

A statement issued by the ministry "confirmed the abduction of two French nationals working in Nigeria, near the oil city Port-Harcourt in the south of Nigeria."

Earlier in the day, Nigerian police also made the announcement.

The French foreign ministry called on the Nigerian authorities to work for their liberation as soon as possible.

Internet



An Israeli security officer escorts Palestinians, part of a small group of Fatah members who fled the Gaza Strip during factional fighting with Hamas, who later returned to the Gaza Strip and left it again through Erez Crossing between Israel and Gaza, on 4 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Lebanese Cabinet policy statement adopts “resistance”

BEIRUT, 4 Aug — The ministerial committee assigned to draft the policy statement of the Lebanese Cabinet agreed after two weeks and 13 intensive meetings to include a clause on the right of the “resistance” to liberate its land, local daily *Star* reported on Saturday.

The Cabinet is to tackle the policy statement draft next week for ratification. Information Minister Tareq Mitri said the statement included “the right of Lebanon, its people, Army and resistance to liberate or reclaim its land”. Pro-government majority leaders have been refusing to mention the resistance because it would mean accepting Hizbollah’s weapons as legal.

Pro-government State Minister Nassib Lahoud expressed reservations over the clause related to the resistance on Friday.—*Xinhua*

Bangladesh to start FTA talks with neighbours

DHAKA, 4 Aug—The Bangladeshi Government Sunday decided to start bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations with India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, a senior official said.

The decision was made at a high-powered inter-ministerial meeting here, an official of the Commerce Ministry told reporters after the meeting.

Bangladesh’s missions in the three neighbouring countries would start the negotiation process while a core committee in Dhaka will prepare the terms of reference for each of the three countries before the final talks start.

The decision came as the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) has not been implemented yet while the neighbour countries moved to sign bilateral trade deals with each other to boost trade.

India signed a bilateral trade deal with Sri Lanka in 2001, leading to five fold increase in trade between the two countries.

Xinhua

EU, Australia investigate FARC’s int’l network

BOGOTA, 4 Aug—The authorities of Australia and Europe have launched investigations into international links with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), Colombia’s *El Tiempo* daily reported on Sunday.

The report said four Spaniards, two Italians, an Australian and a Dane were under investigation for their alleged links with the FARC.

The Dane was said to be involved in the founding of a media institution used by the FARC, and one of the Spanish suspects was believed to be head of the FARC’s Spanish branch, according to the report.

Xinhua

South Asia leaders urge joint terrorism fight

COLOMBO, 4 Aug — The leaders of South Asia called for fighting terrorism together as a regional summit overshadowed by worsening ties between India and Pakistan, its biggest members, opened on Saturday.

The leaders of the eight-nation South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) plan to sign four agreements, including one on legal cooperation to combat terrorism at the summit in the Sri Lankan capital. The two-day summit will also frame a declaration on food security for a region which is home to a fifth of humanity and remains one of the poorest in the world.

But concern about terrorism dominated the summit after speaker underscored the need to fight terrorism unitedly, alongside securing food and energy security.

“The challenges of terrorism must be overcome in order for us to realize the potential of greater regional integration... greater economic integration,” Afghan President Hamid Karzai said.

MNA/Reuters

Afghanistan agrees to resume talks with Pakistan

KABUL, 4 Aug—Afghanistan accepted Pakistan’s offer on Sunday to resume talks which the Kabul Government had boycotted after accusing its neighbour of being behind a series of attacks.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Pakistani Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani talked on the sidelines of regional summit in Colombo on Sunday, their first meeting since 15 July.

“At the suggestion of Pakistan, the Afghan side agreed to re-engage on all bilateral and multilateral forums,” a presidential palace statement said.

They agreed the two governments needed to develop a common strategy to overcome the threat of terrorism and extremism.

MNA/Reuters

Police seize 6,000 improvised explosive devices in Peru

MEXICO CITY, 4 Aug — Peruvian police seized some 6,000 improvised explosive devices in a truck in downtown Lima on Friday, news reaching here from Lima said.

Initial investigations showed that terrorists may have planned to use the explosives to launch bomb attacks in crowded areas of Peru’s capital city, or in some key mining sites in the country, police said.

MNA/Xinhua



A number of ambulances are seen at a rallycross-meeting at Finnskogbanen racetrack near Flisa in east Central Norway on 3 Aug, 2008. Police say 91 auto racing fans have been hit by lightning while watching a race east of Oslo. —INTERNET

Security service officer shot in South Russia

NAZRAN, (Russia),—4 Aug—A security services officer was shot and wounded and a second man killed at the scene of the latest attack on law enforcement in Russia’s southern Ingushetia region on Saturday. *RIA Novosti* reported.

Earlier this week, at least two people were killed and five wounded in the Ingush capital Nazran when a car exploded outside a police station.

RIA quoted a local Interior Ministry source as saying the officer was shot on Saturday when his car came under automatic rifle fire from a passing car.

Later, investigators shot and killed a man at the scenes who ignored their warning to remain in his car.

Earlier *RIA* and other news agencies reported a security services officer had been killed in the attack.—*MNA/Reuters*



An Afghan boy waits for customers to sell bread at his shop in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 4 Aug, 2008. INTERNET

Note prevailing conditions and mend ways simultaneously

Ye Yint Tint Swe

When I was at basic education primary school, I learnt directions. Once upon a time, a rich man's son faced a gradual loss of all of his assets worth 800 million in currency units because his intellectual power was too poor to learn the directions. We learnt how to note the directions: stand with your hands stretching strait on the sides facing the direction where the sun rises, the direction where the sun rises is east, the direction where the sun sets is west, the direction on the left side is north, and the direction on the right side is south. To put it another way, I put it into my memory. In the brief Myanmar dictionary, memory is defined putting things, places and experiences, etc. into one's mind; something that remains in one's mind.

In that case, a thought occurred to me that people supposedly have to note that the direction where the sun rises is west and the direction where the sun sets is east. If so, it will not be difficult for children who are going to pursue primary education to note it. However, it will be difficult for those who have learnt that the direction where the sun rises is east to note it. The problem will be worked out when the children who learn that the direction where the sun rises is west grow up. There will be a disagreement between the generations that learnt that the direction where the sun rises is east and the generations that have learnt that the direction where the sun rises is west till that time. It is a notable point that memory of something can be changed at a time in future.

And supposedly it is required to make an ugly man a handsome one. We have to create him handsome, make his complexion fair, and give him fine clothes and fine things to wear to have a good looking. If so, he will be recognized as one with a good looking. In this regard, what is more important than good appearance is moral conduct. However, if he cannot be a handsome man with good moral conduct until he mends his ways. Only when he mends his ways will it be possible for him to be a handsome one with good moral conduct.

The brief Myanmar dictionary defines the word "habit" something that one does regularly or usually, moral conduct, virtue. Therefore, it is very difficult for one to drop a bad habit. A bad habit by nature does not dwindle away itself. We can cultivate a good habit by doing it regularly and often. So, one who wants to cultivate a good habit must consider it to be a good habit and have to try his best to achieve it.

In Myanmar, today's generations are pursuing the goal of a democratic nation. I spent 55 per cent of my lifetime in the time of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party and 45 per cent of my lifetime in the transitional period. When I was young, I was also committed to help set up a society of Socialism, and I worked a lot to help fulfil the requirements to meet the goal. Nonetheless, Socialist policy no longer won the support of the people. Myanmar has been taking steps for 20 years to transform from Socialism into democracy. So, I do not think it is difficult for the

generations at present to commit these terms into memories. And younger generations will soon get used to these terms.

The situations call for a new system and good moral conduct that are in conformity with the terms. Actually, State constitution, which is in harmony with the new systems, has been drawn and adopted with the approval of the great majority of the people. Now, some necessary amendments are being made to the laws, regulations and procedures in order that they will match the State constitution. Multi-party democracy general elections will be held in few years. We people will be the citizens of a democratic country when all those proceedings come to fruition. I do not think it is wise the people consider themselves to be the citizens of a democratic nation just because the nation is under the name of democratic one with democratic laws, regulations and procedures. What we people should do now is to try to be accustomed to democratic practices.

Here, we should have a clear outlook on the new era that will fall soon in accordance with the laws and regulations that are in conformity with the new system. Due to the new system, there will be a lot of changes in the political, economic and social sectors. And we have to take necessary measures in advance for possible future changes. In the multi-party democracy period, a citizen can enjoy the rights to elect the person and the party he favours into a government. On the other hand, the people may be at the mercy of a government they have elected. It is time we people quit the bad habits of putting all the blame on the government for a problem, placing too much reliance on the government, and the government alone is responsible for national affairs.

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In fact, memory can be changed gradually in a certain period, whereas bad habits can be nipped only if we try our utmost and exercise good ones. Otherwise, there will be a situation in which one notes that the direction where the sun rises is west, instead of east. However, the sun rises in the same direction as usual.

Translation: MS

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Quality of life of people can be promoted...

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The Head of State had given guidance on building of a bridge and a dam per month, he said.

He said the infrastructures enhanced progress of business and wealth of the nation.

He said departments concerned, local authorities, intellectuals and intelligentsia, skilled workers and experts, social organizations and the entire people made strenuous efforts in building the infrastructures on development, education and health after laying down national and regional level projects and special projects.

In a short time the country came to the development path due to the united national strengths of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, he added.

He said with the aim of narrowing development gap in some regions, the government is putting emphasis on building of infrastructures such as roads and bridges in the

respective regions and promotion of education and health standards of local people as it relies on the strength of the people.

It is not easy to gain equitable development for every region due to geographical conditions and resources, transport and human resources. However, the government is building infrastructures on education and health in order to narrow development gap among the regions, he said.

The quality of life of the people can be promoted through raising health and education standards of the people in different parts of the Union.

With strong national economy and improved public education and health, the nation will develop and the people will be able to serve and maintain national interest among the international community. Therefore, with the belief that a national force on which the State can rely will emerge through the united efforts

of all teachers, they are to perform their educational duties in earnest without regarding the task as a normal one.

As the global situation as well as Myanmar's situation calls for technological advancement both in skill and qualification, it is necessary to tap natural resources and to produce human resources through the education sector. While efforts are being made to develop the State through the education sector to keep with the times, it is also needed to promote the education of the people.

It is necessary to create an ever-flourishing society with good educational opportunities by using internal level school curriculums and syllabuses and all education facilities and infrastructures including modern electronic teaching equipment.

The government is building political, economic and social foundations with the ultimate aim of transforming the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic one.

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Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character

2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation

3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic

4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character

Minister attends work coord meeting

YANGON, 4 Aug—The work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held at the Fire Services Department (Head Office), with an address by Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe.

In his speech, he said

future nation, intellectuals and intelligentsia who are capable of developing the State and the ones who are equipped with nationalism, Union Spirit and patriotism. All in all, all the teachers are to work hard with national spirit for achieving the State's goal.

After the ceremony, Minister Dr Chan Nyein cordially greeted the trainees. The five-week course is being attended by 1503 basic education teachers.

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that the departments under the ministry are to carry out social duties in line with the four social objectives of the State and five aims of the ministry. In doing so, they are to work together with other departments and social organizations. Social welfares are noble tasks and it is required to serve social duties at goodwill. Next, the directors-general of the respective departments briefed on progress of work and the minister gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint gave a supplementary report and then heads of State and Division FSDs briefed on weak and strong points faced in the tasks carried out. The ceremony was ended with the concluding remarks.—MNA

Special appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug— The Speical Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Yangon) U Thein Soe, Supreme Court Judges of Supreme Court (Yangon) U Khin Myint and U Tin Aye sitting at Court room 1 of supreme court (Nay Pyi Taw), delivered judgement of (6) Special Criminal appeal cases and then heard (4) Special Civil Appeal cases under section 7 of Judiciary Law, 2000.—MNA

More supplies arrive

YANGON, 4 Aug— International relief supplies continued to arrive here for the storm-hit regions. Relief goods weighing 35.734 tons from WFP based in Thailand arrived by air at Yangon International Airport today.

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Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe gives a speech at the coordination meeting of the ministry.

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World Breastfeeding Week

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

Mother Support: Going for the Gold!

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President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Saw Hnin gives a speech at 2008 World Breastfeeding Week commemorative ceremony.—MNA

Extensive practice of breastfeeding...

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choosing a motto every year. The motto for this year is “Mother Support: Going For The Gold!”. The ministries related to the health, local and international NGOs and the entire people are to work together in order to realize the tasks for effective breastfeeding among the people. He expressed thanks to UNICEF for supporting in the successful holding of Breastfeeding Week annually.

The Ministry of Health is making concerted efforts for the emergence of fit and healthy good citizens.

Next, President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Saw Hnin made a speech. She said that MMCWA with the assistance of relevant ministries is trying its utmost for development of the health, education, economic and social sectors

and improvement of the socio-economic status of families with mothers and children as the target. In that regard, it is making constant efforts for mothers and children to be fit and healthy.

For successful realization of the tasks for development of the health sector the entire national people including mothers need to be endowed with education and health knowledge. Therefore, the MMCWA is extensively engaged in improvement of the education, economic and social status of the people.

With this end in view, members of the association are making field trips right down to rural regions in addition to urban regions. At present, the membership of the association has increased to over 9.9 million and they are in oneness with the people.

The Ministry of Health under the leadership of the National Health Commit-

tee has laid down plans and projects and is implementing them for improvement of the health standard of the nation. In the process, it is striving for successful realization of breastfeeding with the active participation of members of MMCWA. It is said that the systematic breastfeeding can save the lives of 1.5 million global infants yearly.

The extensive practice of breastfeeding is the easiest and most effective investment for a nation. This being the case, talks on breastfeeding will be given with demonstration to pregnant women and mothers from Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon townships after the ceremony. And those who have now been endowed with knowledge on breastfeeding are urged to impart the knowledge to others. Only then, will the objective of

breastfeeding “Mother Support; Going for the Gold!” be realized.

In conclusion, she thanked honorary patrons, officials from the Ministry of Health and guests who are present on the occasion and UNICEF and MMCWA CEC members that provided assistance for successful holding of the ceremony.

Next, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, President Daw Khin Saw Hnin and officials presented iodized salt, medicines and nappies to pregnant women who are present on the occasion, and the meeting came to an end.

After the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, President Daw Khin Saw Hnin and officials viewed documentary photos on activities to mark the World Breastfeeding Week, activities of MMCWA (Central) and activities of the State and Division Maternal Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue and Child Welfare Associations.

At 10 am, specialists from MMCWA (Central), Health Education Department, Nutrition Department, Child Department and Obstetric &

Gyneacology Department gave talks on breastfeeding to members of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and

Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations and 80 pregnant women.—MNA



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe accepts FEC 138,000 donated by Ms Levi Sap Nei Thang, Executive Director, i Love Myanmar, USA, for storm survivors on 1 August at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch). News reported.—F&R

In today's ceremony, educative talks will be conducted for pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers.

Aye Phyu

Sayadaws to deliver sermon at Botahtaung Kyaikde-up Pagoda

YANGON, 4 Aug — Sayadaws will administer sermon at the Seikkan Labour's ordination hall of Botahtaung Kyaikde-up Pagoda in Botahtaung

Township on 9 August. Presiding Sayadaw Dhammacaria Bhaddanta Marginda of Maha Aungmyay Dhammicayon Monastery, Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Sumana of Nathmaw Monastery and Bhaddanta Vilama of Alin Young Monastery will deliver sermon at the ordination hall of the pagoda.

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Minister underscores boosting of paddy cultivation

YANGON, 4 Aug — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, together with the chairman and members of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences and departmental heads, met with members of Yangon Division Agriculture Coordination Committee at the Irrigation Department in Yankin Township this morning.

At the meeting, the minister said as the

ministry is trying to boost agricultural produce, its main aim is to improve the national economy by ensuring local food security as well as exports of surpluses. In doing so, high-yield paddy strains are being introduced and sown acreage is being extended. Local authorities and departments of various ministries are participating in the drive.

In an effort for boosting paddy cultivation, Yangon Division also needs to grow high-yield paddy strains, he said.

After hearing reports by those present on boosting paddy cultivation, the minister stressed the need for extensive use of natural fertilizers and bio-fertilizers.

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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo gives instructions in meeting with members of Yangon Division Agriculture Coordination Committee.—MNA



Cash assistance provided to Thanmyanthu families

YANGON, 4 Aug—A ceremony to provide cash assistance for education to Thanmyanthu families was held at Maha Thetkyamuni Buddha Image Dhammayon in Kyimyindine Township, here this morning.

Col Htay Naing of

Directorate of Re-settlement of the Ministry of Defence made a speech on the occasion. Next, Chairman of Thanmyanthu Bus Line Supervisory Committee Maj Ko Lay (Retd) explained the cash

assistance for education. Afterwards, officials concerned presented cash assistance to families and one of the students spoke words of thanks.

Cash assistance K 983,000 were presented to a total of 89 students.

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Rail Transportation Ministry plants trees

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin attended the tree planting ceremony (2008) of the Ministry of Rail Transportation at Nay Pyi Taw railways station here on 2 August and planted a perennial sapling.

Next, the deputy minister viewed the growing of shade trees by the staff in the compound of Myanmar Railways (Head Office) Nay Pyi Taw and thriving seasonal crops and fruit trees, and stressed the need for officials concerned to

strive for thriving of the already-grown trees.

The staff of the ministry grew altogether 1,890 flowery and perennial trees at the ceremony. And they have so far grown 3,400 trees in the environs of the railways stations.

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US, British embassy staff visited NLD 25 times in July

YANGON, 4 Aug — The public have condemned the NLD and remained constant vigilance against its Headquarters that has

been contacting with the US and British Embassies in Yangon and following their instructions.

The staff of those embassies visited the

NLD Headquarters 25 times in the month of July 2008. They met NLD CEC members and sent classified documents.

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Col Htay Naing presents cash to a student at a ceremony to provide cash assistance by Thanmyanthu families.—MNA

Blood donation ceremony on 10 Aug

YANGON, 4 Aug — It had been announced that under the supervision of Mitta Byuha Association the 104th blood donation ceremony was to be held on 27 July. Instead, the ceremony has been postponed on 10 August at 8 am. — MNA



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Thandwe District Association to offer Waso robes

YANGON, 4 Aug—The sixth Waso robes offering ceremony of Thandwe District Association will be held at Ahbayarama Monastery in Ward-7 (West), Thakayta Township here on 17 August.

Those from Thandwe District and wellwishers

may donate robes, cash and alms at the ceremony. Those who wish to make donations are to contact Chairman of Thandwe District Association U Kyaw Yin (Tel: 376848 or 09-51 26489), Vice-Chairman U Mya Maung (Tel: 643620 or 09-51 21521), Vice-Chairman

Daw Khin Kyi Myint (Tel: 699987 or 09-51 36401), Secretary-2 U Maung Maung Thein Pe (Tel: 09-51 12307), Secretary-3 U Htin Kyaw Lin (Tel 516656), Auditor U Khin Maung Soe (Tel: 552126) and Auditor U Myint Swe (Tel: 548892).

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Bizarre tornado in northern France kills three

HAUTMONT, 4 Aug—A freak tornado ripped through northern France overnight, killing three people and injuring nine as it gutted houses and hurled cars through the air, officials said on Monday.

Packing violent winds and lashing rain, the flash storm tore across a 10-kilometre (six-mile) swath late Sunday night, destroying some 40 homes in the space of minutes in Hautmont, the worst-hit of the four towns on its path.

A woman in her seventies was killed when her house caved in, medics said, while rescue workers Monday pulled the bodies of the deputy mayor of Hautmont and his wife from the rubble of their home.

Torn metal sheets, ripped electric cabling, roof tiles, gravel and bricks littered the town's two worst-hit streets Monday morning, as 200 rescue workers with sniffer dogs combed the debris for

possible victims.

Local rail traffic was also cut after the storm, which struck at around 11:00 pm (2100 GMT) Sunday, brought down local power lines, according to French rail operator SNCF.—*Internet*



Several northern French towns, including Hautmont and Boussieres-sur-Sambre, were hit by a freak tornado Sunday night, killing three and injuring at least nine others.

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S Korea seeks closer coop with Israeli defence industry

SEOUL, 4 Aug—South Korea will seek closer cooperation with Israeli defence industry at a defence talks with Israel here, South Korea's Defence Acquisition Programme Administration (DAPA) said Monday.

The two sides will hold the 8th South Korea-Israel Joint Defence Industry Cooperation Committee meeting from Monday through Wednesday in Seoul and

seek new areas in which they can cooperate to develop their defense technology and industry, the DAPA said in a Press release.

Israel still remains one of the key defence exporters to South Korea, so South Korea is trying to see if there are areas in which the two sides can join efforts in research and development of new systems, said a DAPA official.

Israel's six-member

delegation will pay courtesy calls on the country's vice defence minister and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and visit research centres of the Korea Aerospace Industries Ltd. and Doosan Infracore, one of the largest defense manufacturers here, before returning home on Wednesday, local media reported.

Xinhua

Solana, Iran nuclear negotiator to talk soon

BRUSSELS, 4 Aug—Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalili, and EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana are expected to discuss the major powers' offer on Teheran's nuclear programme by phone soon, Solana's spokeswoman said on Sunday.

"We expect a contact between Mr. Solana and Mr. Jalili soon by phone," the spokeswoman said, a day after the informal deadline set by the powers for an answer from Iran. She gave no further details. Western officials gave Teheran two weeks from 19 July to respond to their offer not to impose more UN sanctions on Iran if it froze any expansion of its nuclear work. Iran said on Saturday it would not back down in its nuclear row with the powers.

"In whichever negotiation we take part ... it is unequivocally with the view to the realization of Iran's nuclear right and the Iranian nation would not retreat one iota from its rights," President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in a statement.

The six powers — the United States, Russia, China, France, Britain and Germany — have appointed Solana to lead the nuclear talks with Iran. The West accuses Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons under cover of a civilian power programme.

MNA/Reuters

Breast cancer diagnosis ... and the outcome

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug — The specter of a breast cancer diagnosis haunts women worldwide, synonymous for some as a point of no return. And yet actress Christina Applegate, recently diagnosed, is expected to make a full recovery after treatment. Many do.

Although breast cancer remains the second-leading cause of cancer death in women (far behind lung cancer), Applegate's disease was caught in the early stages, which makes an enormous difference in treatment — and prognosis.

Breastcancer.org offers a list of the stages of breast cancer, from 0 to 4, with 0 describing noninvasive cancer and 4 describing invasive cancer in which the tumor has spread beyond the breast, underarm and internal mammary lymph nodes.

The National Cancer Institute offers an online booklet "What You Need to Know About Breast Cancer." And the American Cancer Society offers a statistical look at the disease, with estimates of new breast cancer cases and deaths, plus factors that can affect survival.—*Internet*



Archaeology students work in an excavation site in the southern city of Sidon, Lebanon, on 4 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

US has 'under-estimated spread of HIV by 40 per cent'

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug—The United States has been under-estimating the spread of HIV by more than

40 per cent per year for the past decade, according to newly-published research indicating that the domestic AIDS epidemic may be far more widespread than previously thought.

A new testing technique has revealed that roughly 56,300 Americans were infected by the virus in 2006, the last year for which data is available. That's a significant increase from the 40,000 cited as standard by

politicians and medical experts for the past fifteen years.

The results of a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Government body in charge of tracking AIDS in the US, suggest that more than 1,325,000 more people may now be living with HIV in America. Previous estimates had always put the figure closer to one million.—*Internet*

Alpine tourists attacked by Pyrenean dogs brought in to save the sheep

PARIS, 4 Aug — Jean-Luc Renaud was on a mountain-walking holiday when he saw a bloodstained Belgian tourist staggering towards him. "His shorts were torn and he had been bitten badly in both buttocks," Mr Renaud told. "He was in a state of complete shock." The Belgian had fallen victim to a notoriously ferocious breed of mountain dog brought into the French Alps to defend sheep from wolves.

The attacks are driving holidaymakers away and are splitting the community against a backdrop of controversy over the reintroduction of the wolf in France. To add to the row, shepherds have been taken to court by wounded holidaymakers and 17 dogs have been poisoned in the Maurienne region of the Alps.

At the centre of the debate is Le Chien de Montagne des Pyrénées (Pyrenean mountain dog)—known commonly as the patou. White and fluffy, the breed looks like a cuddly family pet; it is anything but. Fearless, ferocious, weighing up to 60kg (132lb) and nicknamed the Prince of Shadows, it will fight to the death against wolves and bears to save a flock.

Internet



Irish climber Gerard McDonnell (left) has been reported missing on K2. Pakistani Army helicopters have evacuated two frostbitten mountaineers from K2 and tried to save another after a catastrophic ice fall on the world's second highest peak killed 11 climbers.—INTERNET

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Taliban ambush leaves four
police dead, seven others
wounded in central Afghanistan

K ABUL, 4 Aug—Taliban militants ambushed two police vehicles in central Afghan province of Ghazni, killing four policemen including one commander and wounding seven others, an official said on Monday.

Muhamad Zaman, the chief of intelligence agency of Ghazni province, told media the attack occurred on Sunday evening in ZanaKhan district.

Meanwhile, Zabihullah Mujahed, the purported Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility for the attack, saying that around 10 police were killed and there were no casualties on the Taliban side.

In clashes elsewhere in Afghanistan, the US-led Coalition killed and detained several militants during two separate operations against the anti-government militants on Sunday, said a Coalition statement.

Internet

US soldier dies in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug— The US military Sunday announced the death of one of its soldiers in a non-combat related incident in Iraq.

A military statement said a soldier died and another injured on Saturday in a vehicle accident north of Baghdad. It is the first reported death of US soldiers in August after the tally of US soldiers killed in Iraq hit a lowest monthly record in July with a total of 13, according to the independent website of icasualties.org, which records US troops losses in the conflict.

Xinhua

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Israeli Army detains
11 Palestinians in Nablus

RAMALLAH, 4 Aug—The Israeli Army nabbed 11 Palestinians from their homes in the northern West Bank city of Nablus early on Monday morning, Palestinian security sources said.

The sources and residents in the city said around 20 Israeli Army jeeps full of soldiers raided the city from different directions amid intensive gunfire. No injuries were reported.

They said the Israeli forces redeployed in

several parts of the city before storming residential houses and detained the 11 people, who Israel said are wanted by Israeli security forces.

Hamas movement in the West Bank said in a statement that the Israeli Army released Omer Abdul Razeq, former minister of finance in the Hamas unity government formed after it won the January 2006 legislative

elections.

Meanwhile, Israeli naval gunships opened intensive gunfire at the boats of Palestinian fishermen in the sea off the southern Gaza Strip town of Khan Younis, inflicting no injuries so far.

Residents of Khan Younis said the gunfire lasted for more than an hour causing fear among the population living in the western part of the city.

Internet

14 killed in flooding in
northwestern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 4 Aug— At least 14 people have been killed in flooding and rains in northwestern Pakistan, local TV reported on Monday.

The provincial government of North West Frontier Province has called for Army's help after severe flooding and rains is sweeping throughout the province, Geo TV channel said. Situation is worsening in different areas of Pakistan's Peshawar District as flood waters had entered into houses and forced people to stay at home. The Peshawar District Government has called Army and helicopter to help cope with the situation.

Xinhua

Zambia's foreign portfolio
investment hits \$150 mln

LUSAKA, 4 Aug—Foreign portfolio investment in Zambia's government securities have grown to 528 billion Kwacha (150.86 million US dollars) from

virtually zero in 2005, the Bank of Zambia (BoZ) has said.

The central bank notes that improved investment environment in the economy had resulted in increased inflows of foreign direct and portfolio investments.

The investments increase in sectors such as agriculture, mining, manufacturing, tourism, construction, transport and communications, according to the BoZ.

It also said that non-traditional export had more than tripled to 920.7 million dollars in 2007 from 255.7 million dollars in 2000.

Zambia's gross foreign reserves stays around 1.4 billion dollars, latest BoZ data shows. —Internet



People walk through the flooded Charssada road on the outskirts of Peshawar on 4 Augu, 2008. Up to 15 people were killed when heavy rains triggered a flash flood in northwest Pakistan on Monday, with hundreds more forced to abandon their homes, officials said.—INTERNET

Obama calls for full voting rights for Florida, Michigan delegates

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug. — US presumptive Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama called on Sunday for full voting rights for delegates from Florida and Michigan states at the party's national convention.

"I believe party unity calls for the delegates from Florida and Michigan to be able to participate fully alongside the delegates from the other states and territories," said the Illinois Senator in a letter to the Democratic credentials committee.

The two states were stripped of all delegates to the Democratic national convention from 25 Aug

to 28, where the presidential candidate will be officially elected and announced, because the state parties violated the rules by moving forward with their primary dates ahead the Super Tuesday on 5 Feb.

After a long-term negotiations, the Democratic National Committee (DNC)'s rules and bylaws committee decided on 31 May to reinstate all of Florida and Michigan's delegates to its party's presidential nomination convention in August. However, each delegate from the two states will only have half a vote at the convention.

Internet



Parachutists come down on Saturday 2 Aug, 2008 in Singapore during a preview and rehearsal of the city-state's independence day celebrations which falls on 9 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Venezuela receives Russia-made planes

CARACAS, 4 Aug — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Sunday that Venezuela had received 24 Sukhoi-30 aircraft bought from Russia.

In Sunday's TV and radio talk show "Hello President," Chavez said "we received the Sukhoi aircraft" as well as pilots, crew and missiles, and the aircraft will begin military practice with missiles

soon. He added that "we're not going to attack anybody, only for defensive purposes."

Venezuela bought from Moscow the Sukhoi-30 aircraft, the multi-role strike fighters that can perform both air superiority and ground attacks, after the United States refused to provide spare parts of F-16 for Venezuelan Air Force.

Internet



Indian brothers Giri Makarla (R) and Surya Makarla (L), in Mexico City, where the pair arrived after cycling across North America from Toronto, Canada, to bridge the gap between two International AIDS Conferences and raise awareness.—INTERNET

Jackie Chan a big shot volunteer

BEIJING, 4 Aug — Hong Kong action star Jackie Chan has become the top volunteer star serving the Beijing Olympic Games, according to the website of the Games organizers.

Chan was presented with the volunteer certificate by the Games organizers on Sunday at the launching ceremony

of the China Story, a project aiming to promote Chinese culture during the Olympics.

The actor will partner with mainland songstress Tan Jing to sing the theme song for the project, which is sponsored by the Beijing Olympics organizers, BOCOG. Organizers have built temporary exhibition rooms at the

National Stadium to showcase Chinese folk art works and intangible cultural heritages collected from across the country for the Olympics.

Jackie Chan said he will solicit his friends to fund the permanent operation of the exhibition after the Games, in a bid to promote Chinese traditions.—Internet

Jackie Chan (L) displays his volunteer certificate presented by a Beijing Olympic organizers official at the launching ceremony of the China Story on 3 Aug, 2008. INTERNET



Roadside bomb kills two people in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug. — A roadside bomb explosion struck an Iraqi Army patrol in eastern Baghdad on Monday, killing two people and wounding 22 others, an Interior Ministry source said.

The bomb explosion hit the military patrol in Palestine Street near Mustansriyah University, killing a soldier and a civilian, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity. Nine soldiers

and 13 civilians were wounded by the blast which damaged a military vehicle and several nearby civilian cars, the source said. In a separate incident, another roadside bomb struck a police patrol in Baghdad's southern district of Doura, damaging a police vehicle and wounding two policemen aboard, the source added.

On Sunday night, a roadside bomb detonated at about 9:00 pm (2100

GMT) near a police patrol vehicle in the town of Mahaweel, some 70 km south of Baghdad, wounding four policemen and three civilian bystanders, he said, citing local police. Monday's attacks came a day after a car bomb explosion struck a passport office in the Sunni neighbourhood of Adhamiyah in northern Baghdad, killing 12 people and wounding 22 others.

Internet

Global AIDS conference opens in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, 4 Aug.—About 25,000 scientists, policymakers and physicians met here on Sunday for the 17th International AIDS Conference in search of better ways to curb the spread of the epidemic.

It is the first time the biennial conference is held in Latin America. The gathering, with Universal Action Now as its theme, runs through Friday.

Some 2.1 million people died of AIDS last year and about 33 million people worldwide have the HIV

infection, according to the UN.

In Latin America, at least 500,000 people aged between 15 and 24 are HIV carriers, a 5-percent increase over 2006 figures, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) says.

Among the 33 million people in the world living with HIV/AIDS, 5.5 percent are teenagers and young adults, and about one third of them are Latin American, according to the UNFPA.

Internet

Mexico reshuffling top cops in drug war

MEXICO CITY, 4 Aug.—Mexican President Felipe Calderon is shaking up the top level of the attorney general's office as he struggles to combat powerful drug gangs that have killed 1,900 people this year, a government official said on Sunday.

One of Mexico's top crime fighters, Deputy Attorney General Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos, and five other top security

officials are resigning, the official told Reuters on condition of anonymity. He declined to say if they were asked to quit.

Santiago Vasconcelos, a veteran police chief who worked at the attorney general's office for 20 years, was a driving force behind the battle against drug cartels. He was in charge of extraditions of drug lords to the United States.

Calderon made drug fighting a cornerstone of his administration as he took office in December 2006, but despite his Army-backed crusade against traffickers, the cartels remain strong and violence is on the rise. In recent months, police chiefs have been ambushed and killed in brutal attacks while children and families are increasingly becoming victims. —MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Wenger rules out Barry bid But he could move for Alonso



Arsene Wenger

LONDON, 4 Aug — Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger has ruled out a move for Gareth Barry even though he is an admirer of the Aston Villa ace.

Reports over the weekend surfaced suggesting that Arsenal could hijack Liverpool's long-term pursuit of Barry, as Wenger looks to bring in at least one more new face before the close of the transfer window. Wenger admits he is in the market for a new midfielder with rumours suggesting Liverpool schemer Xabi Alonso is his top target.

With Barry hoping to push through a deal to Liverpool after Villa boss Martin O'Neill conceded defeat in his bid to keep the England star, it could open the door for Arsenal to land Spanish international Alonso.

Wenger refused to reveal the identity of his transfer targets, but confirmed he will not be making a move for Barry.—*Internet*



Sevilla's team pose for the media celebrating the victory against Lokomotiv in the final Russian Railways Cup soccer match Moscow at Lokomotiv stadium in Moscow, Russia, on 3 Aug, 2008. Sevilla won 3-0.—INTERNET

Safina becomes heavy favourite for Olympic gold

BEIJING, 4 Aug — Russia's world No 7 Dinara Safina has become a heavy favourite for the Beijing Olympic tennis event as she beat Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova 6-2, 6-1 to claim the Montreal Cup on Sunday and her second title in a

row. Safina, who is enjoying one of the most productive runs of her career, needed just one hour and eight minutes to beat unseeded Cibulkova. Last week, she claimed a WTA title in Los Angeles.

"I think my experience helped me a bit in the final, I'm sure Dominika's time will come soon though," an elated Safina told the WTA official website. "It's the first time in my life I have won tournaments back-to-back, Usually I would win a tournament and the next week I would lose in the first round. — *Internet*

Real won't give up on signing Ronaldo

BEIJING, 4 Aug — Real Madrid coach Bernd Schuster believes the Spanish champion can still win its battle to sign Manchester United winger Cristiano Ronaldo.

Real has made it clear it is willing to pay a world record transfer fee to bring Ronaldo to the Bernabeu, but United manager Sir Alex Ferguson is adamant the Portugal winger won't be sold at any price. Ronaldo, currently recovering from ankle surgery, has spent most of the close-season hinting that he would be happy to join Madrid if a deal could be agreed and it appears he could still get his wish.

After his side's 2-1 friendly win over Hamburg at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium, Schuster admitted Real has not given up hope of landing Ronaldo.

"I think the club is working hard to get a solution to this matter. We will have to see," Schuster said. "We knew it would be a complicated matter. It was not going to be easy for Cristiano Ronaldo to come to Real Madrid.

"He would be a great player for any coach. Of course if you ask any coach in the world if they want Cristiano Ronaldo they would say yes." —*Internet*



Cristiano Ronaldo

Keane calm on contract talk Manager happy to wait on his future



Roy Keane

LONDON, 4 Aug—Sunderland boss Roy Keane says he is not concerned about sorting out a new deal at the Stadium of Light.

The former Manchester United star has only a year left on his existing contract following his arrival on Wearside two years ago.

Keane has helped transform Sunderland's fortunes, overseeing promotion in his first year in charge and then guiding them to safety in the Premier League last term.

Black Cats chairman Niall Quinn says the club will sit down with Keane at the end of the transfer window and he is confident about keeping the 36-year-old on Wearside.

"The transfer window closing will probably be the time to get ourselves into that situation. But we're very relaxed about it because we honour contracts in this part of the world," said Quinn.—*Internet*

Drogba out of opener Ivorian will miss Portsmouth clash and maybe more

LONDON, 4 Aug — Luiz Felipe Scolari has conceded Didier Drogba is definitely out of Chelsea's first game of the season and is unlikely to figure until the end of August.

The 30-year-old has missed the club's pre-season as he recuperates from a knee injury that will prohibit his involvement at the start of the season.



Didier Drogba

Chelsea kick-off their campaign against Portsmouth on 17th August and will do so short of fire-power as Nicolas Anelka is their only available recognised striker.

Scolari has pencilled in the London derby against Tottenham on 31st August for a possible return but admits he will not rush the Ivory Coast star back into action.—*Internet*



Arsenal's Emmanuel Adebayor shoots from the penalty spot to score against Real Madrid during their Emirates Cup soccer match at Emirates Stadium in London, on 3 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Malaysia aims one medal in Beijing Games

BEIJING, 4 Aug — The Malaysia Olympic Delegation held their national flag-raising ceremony in the Olympic Village here on Monday. Chef de Mission Ho Kok Chye said that Malaysia wanted to win one medal in the Beijing Games.

"We hope to bring home one medal in the Beijing Games. And it won't have to be a gold, even a bronze is good enough for us to cheer," said Ho after the ceremony.

Malaysia's medal hope relies on their badminton star Lee Chong Wei, world second ranked men's singles player. "Lee is in a very sound form now. He will arrive in Beijing tomorrow," said Ho.—*Internet*

Bruce warns Tigers Latics chief losing patience over King deal

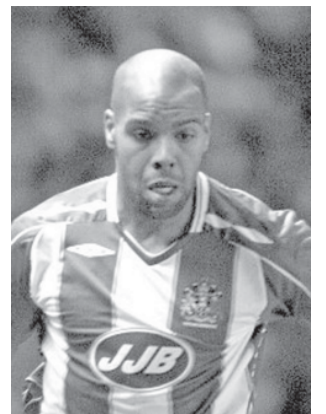
LONDON, 4 Aug — Wigan boss Steve Bruce has warned Hull he is ready to pull the plug on their bid to sign Marlon King.

Hull agreed a fee with Wigan for King last month, but the deal has dragged on without any successful conclusion.

The Tigers claim that the transfer has stalled because of problems at Wigan's end, but Bruce says the move has dragged on too long and he is ready to call it to a halt.

"It's not happening at the moment, so I'll probably knock the offer on the head," Bruce told the *Daily Mail*.

"It's gone on long enough." —*Internet*



Marlon King



South Korea's Ji-Yai Shin poses with the trophy after winning the Women's British Open golf tournament at Sunningdale, southeast England on 3 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Al-Qaeda confirms death of top bomb maker Masri

DUBAI, 4 Aug — Al-Qaeda confirmed on Sunday that Abu Khabab al-Masri, a chemical and biological weapons expert, was killed with three other militants in a suspected US air strike in Pakistan's border region last week.

Masri, who carried a five-million-US-dollar US bounty on his head, had been earlier identified as the likely target of the attack on a house in a Pakistani tribal area bordering Afghanistan, according to Pakistani officials.

An al-Qaeda statement posted on Islamist websites said Masri, referred to as the "expert", had left behind him a generation of students who would avenge his killing. The statement, signed by al-Qaeda's leader in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu al-Yazid, named three other militants killed alongside Masri on 28 July. It said some of their children also died.

On Saturday, a Pakistani Taleban spokesman denied a US media report that al-Qaeda number two, Ayman al-Zawahri, had been killed in what was believed to be the same US missile strike that killed Masri.

Masri, a 55-year-old Egyptian chemist, was regarded as one of the group's top bomb makers.

MNA/Reuters

Daw Kyin Than Director (Retd.) Planning Department Ministry of Planning and Finance Age 82

Daw Kyin Than, beloved wife of U Kyi Win, Director, Energy Planning Dept (Retired), loving mother of U Kyaw Win Swe / Daw Min Theingi, U Kyaw Thet Soe / Daw Nilar Tun, beloved grandmother of Nyi Zin Soe, Ye Pye Soe, Suu Le Min and Kaung Khant Kyaw, passed away on 3rd August 2008 (Sunday) at 1:20 am at SSC. Burial will be at Htein Bin Cemetery on 5th August 2008 (Tuesday) at 1:00 pm.

Buses will leave her residence 68/2 Kan Road, U Mg Mg Chan Lane, Ward 10, Hlaing Township, Yangon at 11:30 am, Tuesday August 5, 2008.

The Bereaved Family

Terror suspect escapes police raid in Kenya

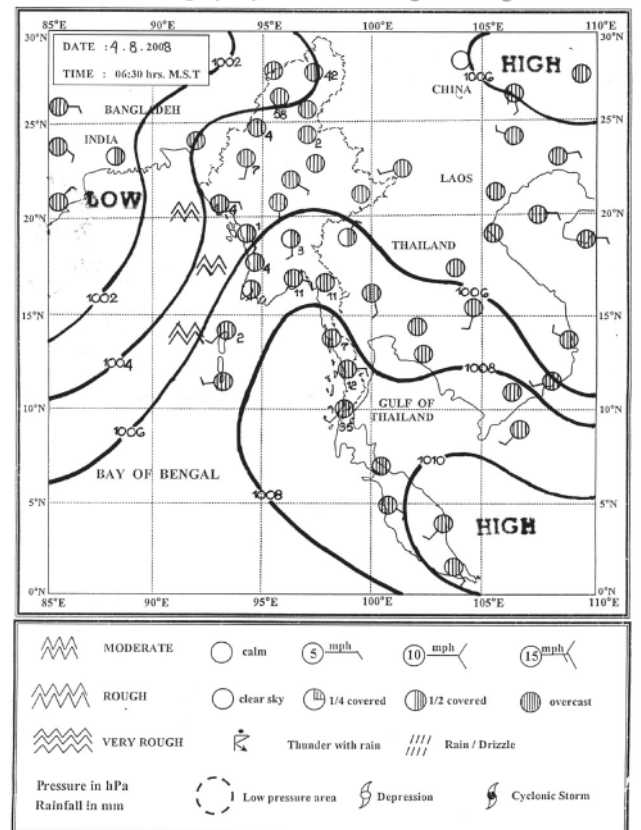
NAIROBI, 4 Aug — One of the most wanted Al-Qaeda terror suspect Fazul Abdullah Mohammed escaped police dragnet in the Kenyan coastal town of Malindi just minutes before the authorities entered the house.

Police spokesman

confirmed on Sunday that the country's security forces have launched a massive manhunt for 32-year-old Mohammed who on Saturday night escaped a police dragnet in Malindi. A senior detective said Mohammed managed to escape but two people who are believed to be his aides have been arrested and are being questioned.

"The two have been arrested and transferred to Mombasa for interrogation. A major police operation has been launched to arrest the culprits," the detective who did not want to be named told *Xinhua* by telephone from Mombasa. The United States has offered a five-million-US-dollar reward for information leading to the arrest of the Comorian, who speaks five languages and is said to be a master of concealing outfit. —MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 4 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy fall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (3.31) inches, Putao (2.17) inches, Hpa-an (1.53) inches, Pyay (1.50) inches, Katha and Kawthoung (1.38) inches each and Taunggyi (1.06) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-8-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 4-8-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-8-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 3-8-2008 was (4.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-8-2008 was (0.43) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.23) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (63.97) inches at Mingaladon, (73.23) inches at Kaba-Aye and (89.25) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 3-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5-8-2008: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-8-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



In this photo provided by the USGA, a black bear runs across the 13th fairway during the second round of the 2008 US Senior Open Championship at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo on 1 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET



Tuesday, 5 August
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:55 am

- “လက်တွေ့ပြချင်လို့”
(ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

8:15 am

- Songs of yesteryears

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

- Dance of national races

4:30 pm

- Musical programme

4:40 pm

- “လူကူးမျဉ်းကျားမှူးမယ်”

4:50 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:10 pm

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

5:20 pm

- Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

- သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:20 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“မာယာများနှင့်လူညံ့ကွက်”
(အပိုင်း-၁၈)

8:00 pm

- Local news
- International news
- Weather report
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး
ကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့”
(အပိုင်း-၁၈)

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

Extensive practice of breastfeeding easiest and most effective investment for a nation
MMCWA commemorates World Breastfeeding Week for 2008



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe delivers a speech at a ceremony to mark World Breastfeeding Week for 2008.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association commemorated World Breastfeeding Week for 2008 at its meeting hall, in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, honorary patrons of MMCWA, the president of MMCWA and vice-presidents, executives, heads of departments, chairpersons of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon districts and townships MCWAs and members, social organizations and UN Agencies.

First, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe

made an opening speech on the occasion, saying that MMCWA has marked World Breastfeeding Week since 1994 and the year 2008 is the fifteenth anniversary. Breastfeeding Week is designated from 1 to 7 August starting from 1992. Ceremonies to mark Breastfeeding Week are held in various forms around the world. In the same way, Breastfeeding Week is marked in Myanmar annually. In today's ceremony, educative talks will be conducted for pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers. A ceremony to mark World Breastfeeding Week is held

(See page 9)

Weather Forecast for (5-8-2008)

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