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Senior General Than Shwe receives Vietnamese Defence Minister, delegation members

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received a visiting delegation led by Minister for Defence of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam General Phung Quang Thanh at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here at 11 am today.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of the

State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief(Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-

Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Aye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint. The visiting minister was accompanied by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung and Military Attache' Sr Colonel Le Van Thanh.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe shakes hands with Minister for Defence of SRV General Phung Quang Thanh at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe receives a visiting delegation led by Minister for Defence of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam General Phung Quang Thanh at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Engage in systematic cultivation of quality beans and pulses

The government is taking every possible step including the supply of irrigation water for development of the agricultural sector. Most recently, beans and pulses were in high demand in local and international markets. This being so, extended cultivation of quality beans and pulses is being carried out to meet the demand of the grains.

Being highly nutritious, beans and pulses are extensively consumed like other basic commodities such as wheat and rice. The green gram is grown in Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions. Pigeon pea is grown in Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions and Shan State while chick pea is mainly grown in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions. Of a variety of beans and pulses the green gram produced from Maubin, Danubyu, Zalun, DaikU, Pyundaza and Nyaunglebin Regions and green beans produced from Kayan and Thongwa Regions are popular in the international markets. Therefore, efforts are being made for extended production of the crops.

Canada is the greatest exporter of gram. It exports over three million tons of gram per year, followed by Myanmar. Myanmar with gram sown acreage of over nine million produces over four million tons of gram. And it was able to export over one million tons of gram last year.

Emphasis is to be placed not only on extended production of gram but also on obtaining the high prices.

As beans and pulses are in high demand in local and international markets, farmers are to engage in systematic cultivation and trading of quality crops. Only then, will they be able to earn more income.

Headmistress Daw Tin Oo Yi speaks words of thanks at educative talk held at No. 2 BEHS, Bahan Township.—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

Basic library science course (2/2008) opens



Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greets trainees of Basic library science course.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug – Basic library science course (2/2008) sponsored by Information and Public Relations Department was opened at the Ministry of Information, here, this afternoon, with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present were heads of departments under the ministry, the deputy director-general, general manager, the head of office, officials, course instructors

and trainees.

In his address, the minister said Information and Public Relations Department conducted the course with three aims – to become qualified media persons who serve the national interest, to maintain rural libraries and to become good librarians who are well-versed in library science and information officers who are proficient in information science.

He said efforts are to be made for realization of these aims and urged the trainees to be active, initiative and dynamic in implementation of the tasks.

He spoke of the need to apply the library science in practical field. Five tasks were laid down for development of self-reliance rural libraries in the long run and these tasks are to be carried out with the application of four strengths. These tasks are

the national duties that contribute towards the development of the nation and its people, he said.

The minister urged the trainees to implement the objectives of the ministry and eleven objectives of IPRD for success.

Next, the minister greeted the trainees. The four-week course is being attended by 53 trainees from district and township IPRD offices.

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Information Dept of MWAFF holds talk

YANGON, 11 Aug— Information Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized an educative talk at No. 2 BEHS in Bahan township here this morning.

Present were head of Information Department

of MWAFF Daw Kyi Kyi Win, deputy head Daw Mya Mya and members of Yangon division MWAFF, personnel of No. 3 Basic Education Department and TEO office, headmistress, teachers, students and guests.

First, the head of Information Department of MWAFF explained facts about the MWAFF. Next, writer Ma Sandar gave talk under the topic of *Precious Land*. The headmistress presented gift to writer Ma Sandar and spoke words

of thanks and the ceremony ended.

After the talk, the head of Information Department of MWAFF and party grew gangaw trees in the compound of the school.

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Talks on CKT diploma to be held

YANGON, 11 Aug— Myanmar Information Technology Pte Ltd will organize a talk on diploma in computer studies presented by Cambridge For All (Malaysia) from 9 am to 12 noon on 16 August (Saturday) at Myanmar Infotech Conference Hall in Hline township. Personnel of

Myanmar Information Technology Pte Ltd and Cambridge for All (Malaysia) will give talks on Diploma in Software Engineering and Diploma in Business IT.

Interested persons are to book a seat in advance, dialing 668779, 668259 and 650124.

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FM: Iraq demands clear timeline for troops pullout

BAGHDAD, 11 Aug— Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said Sunday that the United States must provide a “very clear timeline” for its troops to withdraw in the ongoing negotiations on a security deal.

The talks by the US and Iraqi negotiators “are still underway. They have achieved substantial progress, and are very close to reaching a final agreement,” Zebari was quoted by the official al-Iraqia TV as saying.

The agreement would probably be presented to the Iraqi parliament for approval early in September, he said.

The two countries have

failed to meet their 31 July deadline of the security deal which will set a framework for the US troops’ presence in Iraq after 2008.

The main problematic points in the agreement are the authorization of US military operations, immunity for US soldiers and other issues related to the sovereignty of Iraq, Zebari said, adding that the two sides “are solving these issues.”—*Internet*



Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari

Cease-fire proposed as Russia bombs Georgia



TBILISI, 11 Aug — Georgia’s President Mikheil Saakashvili said Monday that he has signed an international-brokered proposal for a cease-fire with Russia in their conflict over the breakaway province of South Ossetia. The proposal would be taken to Moscow by the French and Finnish foreign ministers.

Saakashvili said that Georgian troops had downed “18 or 19” Russian warplanes, killed hundreds of Russian troops and repelled a Russian assault on the Georgian city of Gori.

A Russian Defence Ministry spokesman denied that Russian troops had entered Georgian territory outside of the breakaway regions South Ossetia and Abkhazia, and said only four planes had been lost.

Internet

Thousands flee Philippine clashes

MANILA, 11 Aug—Nearly 130,000 people have fled their homes following renewed fighting in the southern Philippines between the Army and the rebels, officials have said.

The tensions in North Cotabato province came a week after a formal deal on the expansion was blocked by the courts.

The military said the violence would not halt voting in elections in the nearby autonomous region of Mindanao.

Voters there are choosing a new governor, vice governor and members of a regional legislative assembly.

North Cotabato is not part of the vote, because it is not included in the five-province Autonomous Region of Mindanao, which was created in a 1996 peace accord between the government and the rebels.—*Internet*



Violence escalates in North Cotabato Province of Philippines.

INTERNET

Hamas rejects foreign forces into Palestinian territories

GAZA, 11 Aug—The Islamic Hamas movement on Monday said it rejected the idea of sending multinational forces to the Palestinian territories.

The statement was issued following reports that the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) was mulling to declare the Hamas-controlled Gaza a rebel region and to ask the United Nations to deploy its forces there.

Hamas said the only way out of the internal Palestinian crisis was “the direct and serious dialogue with Hamas rather than demand of foreign forces.” —*Internet*

Nine Turkish soldiers killed in mine blast

ANKARA, 11 Aug—A bombing in eastern Turkey on Monday killed nine soldiers and wounded two others, the state news agency said, citing a provincial governor’s office.

A mine exploded near a bridge in the town of Kemah, in Erzincan province, when a military vehicle was going by, according to the *Anadolu* news agency.

There has been no immediate claim of responsibility, but Turkish officials suspect the Kurdistan Workers’ Party, or PKK. Turkish troops and PKK guerrillas have been fighting since the 1980s.—*Internet*

US-led force kills eight civilians in Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 Aug—Eight civilians being held in a compound by Taliban militants were killed in an air strike by US-led troops during a battle that also left 25 rebel fighters dead, the force said Monday.

Militants had ambushed coalition troops in Uruzgan province on Sunday and then fled into a compound where they held “hostage” 11 civilians, including children, it said in a statement.

“Coalition troops called in close-air support to engage the militants hiding in the structure. They did not have knowledge of non-combatants in the buildings at that time,” it said. “Survivors reported that coalition aircraft

dropped a bomb on the enemy position which killed eight of the civilians.” The statement did not say who the civilian victims were, but provincial police chief Juma Gul said a child, an old man and youths were among the dead.

Internet

Palestinian and international activists move toward Israeli excavators during a protest against the construction of Israel’s controversial separation barrier in the West Bank village of Nilin near Ramallah recently.

INTERNET



United Nations Secretary-General’s message for International Youth Day (12 August 2008)

Though the science of climate change is complex, the facts are simple: our world is heading towards trouble. I saw this last year when I visited the Antarctic, where age-old ice is melting much faster than we originally thought it would. Left unaddressed, climate change could cause an unravelling of the progress that has been made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and could also have serious implications for peace and security. Unless we make radical changes in the way we live, by the time the youth of 2008 reach my age, the world may well have become a rather inhospitable place.

The theme for this year’s observance of International Youth Day is “Youth and climate change: time for action”.

Today’s young people will bear the consequences of climate change, thanks to the unfortunate legacy of their elders. In many developing countries in particular, youth— especially girls and young women—are often responsible for farming, finding water and collecting fuel wood. These tasks will be rendered more difficult – and will take even more time away from education or productive activities —as climate change affects the availability of water, agricultural productivity and the survival of ecosystems.

Yet young people are also well placed to contribute to the fight even now.

They are adept at spreading new habits and technologies. They are adaptable and can quickly make low-carbon lifestyles and career choices a part of their daily lives.

Youth should therefore be given a chance to take an active part in the decision-making of local, national and global levels. And they can actively support initiatives that will lead to the passage of far-reaching legislation.

We will need the spirit of youth in abundance as the world seeks to embrace cleaner, more sustainable forms of energy, including renewable resources.

The transition to a low-carbon economy that we hope young people will see in their lifetimes offers tremendous opportunities.

Not least, economic growth that is fuelled by clean energy and technological innovation will create jobs that could help alleviate the dire global problem of youth unemployment.

On this International Youth Day, I urge young people around the world to invest their energies and bright ideas into shaping a safer, more sustainable planet.

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Opinion poll piles pressure on Britain’s Brown

LONDON, 11 Aug— Britain’s ruling Labour Party needs to get rid of Gordon Brown to salvage any chance of winning the next election, an opinion poll found on Sunday.

The poll, in the *News of the World* newspaper, is the latest to show that the prime minister lacks the support of the British public and that the opposition Conservative Party is on course for victory. The poll by YouGov gave the Conservatives a lead of 20 percentage points over Labour, putting it on track for a landslide.

Asked how they would vote in a general election, 46 per cent of people said they would support the Conservatives versus 26 per cent for Labour.

The government must call a general election by mid-2010. YouGov found that 46 per cent of voters wanted the prime minister

to stand down, against 36 per cent who wanted him to stay. Forty-nine per cent said they would prefer former prime minister Tony Blair as leader to Brown. Twenty-one per cent said they would be more likely to vote Labour if Brown was not leader.

“If Labour are to have any hope of wooing the electorate then a change at the top may restore their fortunes, but it is no magic bullet,” said Ben Glanville of YouGov.

MNA/Reuters

Georgia calls ceasefire; ready for talks

TBILISI, 11 Aug—Georgia told Russia on Sunday it had ceased fire in breakaway South Ossetia and called for immediate negotiations on a full ceasefire agreement and “termination of hostilities”.

Georgia pulled troops from the besieged main town of Tskhinvali early on Sunday after days of heavy fighting with Russian forces and pro-Russian separatists.

Officials gave conflicting information as to whether Georgian forces had pulled out of South Ossetia completely, or back to previous positions around Georgian-populated villages south and west of Tskhinvali.

In a note to the Russian ambassador in Tbilisi, the Georgian Foreign Ministry said President Mikheil Saakashvili had ordered Georgian forces to cease fire at 5.00 am (0100 GMT).

MNA/Reuters

Ukraine threatens to bar Russian warships

KIEV, 11 Aug—Ukraine said on Sunday it reserved the right to temporarily bar Russian warships dispatched to the Georgian coast from returning to their Ukrainian base of Sevastopol.

“Ukraine ... reserves the right to bar warships and vessels which could take part in the action (conflict with Georgia) from returning to Ukrainian territory until the conflict is solved,” a Ukrainian Foreign Ministry statement said. Moscow, involved in a military conflict with Tbilisi over Georgia’s breakaway region of South Ossetia, said earlier on Sunday its warships have arrived at Georgia’s Black Sea coast. Russia’s Black Sea Fleet is based in the Ukrainian port of Sevastopol. — MNA/Reuters

Police step up security presence in Moscow

Moscow, 11 Aug—Police in Russia’s capital stepped up security patrols at metro and train stations on Sunday following the outbreak of intense fighting in Georgia’s breakaway region of South Ossetia.

Across the city, *Reuters* reporters noted an increased visible presence of police and security guards at the city’s main metro stations.

At railway stations, police were checking documents from travellers arriving from the Caucasus region, *Interfax* news agency reported. The ex-Soviet republic of Georgia is situated just below the turbulent Russian regions of Chechnya and Dagestan.

MNA/Reuters



Filipino civilians run for cover as a firefight takes place between Army troops and separatist rebels in the remote village of Baliki in North Cotabato Province.
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In this photo released by the San Diego Zoo, Zhen Zhen, a giant panda cub receives a three-tiered cake made of ice and filled with fruits, vegetables and bamboo in celebration of her first birthday. It is estimated that there are just 1,600 giant pandas left in the world due to habitat destruction and fragmentation, bamboo depletion and poaching.

US cop suspended for demanding free coffee

A US cop had to give up her badge for demanding free coffee and pastries from six different Starbucks in Chicago.

Officer Barbara Nevers,

a 14-year veteran, was suspended from duty for 15 months and has also been ordered to undergo counseling.

The Police Board ruled in May that 55-year-old Nevers intimidated Star-bucks employees by screaming at them and flashing her badge, handcuffs or gun when they wanted her to pay. The board released its findings Thursday.

Nevers’ attorney said her client never used her job to demand coffee. She said some coffee-houses gave it to her for free because she was an officer.



Michie, a Californian sea-lion, balances a ball during media call at Taronga zoo in Sydney.

Tightrope show : A tightrope walker, wearing a yellow jersey, performs during the 143 km twenty-first and last stage of the 2008 Tour de France cycling race run between Etampes and Paris Champs-Elysees. Spain’s Carlos Sastre won the race.



“Mermaid” body found in Hainan Province

This unknown animal had an intact tail fin and pectoral fin and no scales on the body. Its skin was brown, and felt tough and smooth. This creature is 3 metres long and 1 metre wide and has sparse gray fur on its body.

Experts from Hainan Normal University confirmed that it was indeed the legendary “beauty,” classified as an endangered wild animal under first class protection by the state.



A fish-shaped body floating in the sea was found at the Yelin terminal in the town of Dongjiao in Wenchang City, Hainan Province. “Mermaid” body found in Hainan Province This unknown animal had an intact tail fin and pectoral fin and no scales on the body. Its skin was brown, and felt tough and smooth. This creature is 3 metres long and 1 metre wide and has sparse gray fur on its body. Experts from Hainan Normal University confirmed that it was indeed the legendary “beauty,” classified as an endangered wild animal under first class protection by the state.



A piece by artist David Mach entitled ‘Out of Order’ shows a row of traditional English red phone boxes in Kingston, south London on 15 July, 2008.

Woman finds her \$20,000 diamond earrings in landfill

A Staten Island, New York, jeweller retrieved her 3-carat diamond earrings after she, her husband and city sanitation employees sorted through a smelly heap of garbage.

The studs were in a small jar of cleaning solution, which a worker at the couple’s jewellery store had accidentally thrown away.

The earrings were recovered Thursday at the former Fresh Kills landfill, where trash is compacted and shipped out of state.

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Maj-Gen Tha Aye offers robes and provisions to the Sayadaw of Mebaung Monastery in No. 3 Ward in Hpa-an.

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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

Maj-Gen Tha Aye meets servicemen in Hpa-an Station

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence together with Col Tin Maung Win of Hpa-an station and officials donated robes and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indriya of Mebaung Monastery at ward-3 in Hpa-an on 6 August.

Next, Maj-Gen Tha Aye met with officers, other ranks and families of battalions and regiments in Hpa-an station.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party left Hpa-an by

car for Mawlamyine. He attended the coordination meeting to boost production of the agricultural produce for 2008-2009 in Mon State at the State PDC office in Mawlamyine.

First, he made a speech. Mon state Land Records Department Deputy Director U Win Kyi, Myanmar Agriculture Service Manager U Tin Aung Win, Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise Manager U Win Kyi, Irrigation Department Director U Khin Maung Tint, Myanmar Agriculture Development

Bank Manager Daw Myat Nwe, and Water Resources Utilization Department Deputy Director U Soe Min reported on work done.

Mon State PDC Secretary U Khin Maung Tun, MAS General Manager U Than Naing and Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise General Manager U Zaw Win gave supplementary reports.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye took part in the discussions.

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Leading Committee for Organizing 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions meets representatives of states and divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug— Leading Committee for Organizing the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held a coordination meeting with representatives from the states and divisions at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture here at 3pm today.

It was attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of the Competitions Organizing Work Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, members of the Leading Committee and work committee deputy ministers, directors-general, managing directors, departmental officials, those from the committees and sub-committees, maestros, chairmen of the panel of judges and members, representatives from the states and divisions and guests.

In his address, Chairman of the Leading Committee Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin said that in an effort to ensure the successful holding of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions to be held in the near future it is required to uphold the four objectives laid down at the meeting of the Leading Committee held on 14 July with the participation of patrons as the work guidance.

Three committees and 13 sub-committees were systematically formed. Moreover, according to the resolutions of the meeting of the Leading Committee, the date and time, venues, levels of the competitions, subjects and points to be judged have been prescribed. Hence, it is believed that representatives from the states and divisions, the committees and sub-committees and panel of judges will be able to carry out their tasks successfully.

It is learnt that those from the committees and sub-committees and panel of judges are now engaged in their respective tasks such as forming small sub-committees, raising funds making a list of estimated fuels, distribution of CDs and tapes to the states and divisions, seeking of play scripts and others. Therefore, it is believed that they will be able to complete the preparatory tasks in time before the performing arts competitions.

One of the significant points of this year's performing arts competitions is that the modern song competition is included in which the amateur level (second division) (men & women), the higher education level (men & women) and the basic education level (aged 15-20) (men & women) are to compete.

To ensure the successful holding of the competitions, the song composing competition and marionette group-wise competition will be held at the training hall of No. 7 Transit Centre instead of the hall of Agricultural Research Department where they were held last year. This being the case, systematic measures need to be taken to see to it that there is no weakness while making arrangements for the convenience of participants and members of panel of judges.

Meanwhile, it is incumbent upon the committees and sub-committees to make concerted efforts for the convenience of participants, observers, members of panel of judges and those who provide necessary assistance and to give a helping hand for qualitative and quantitative improvement of the participants.

Remedial measures are to be taken based on the experience from the 14th and 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in order to make

the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions more successful.

In conclusion, the performing arts competitions held annually by the government contribute much not only to safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character valued by Myanmar people but also to upholding Our Three Main National Causes. Therefore, those present on the occasion including members of the committees, the sub-committees, members of panel of judges and representatives from the states and divisions are to make good suggestions for success of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Next, Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint made a speech.

Secretary of the Work Committee Director-General of the Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo reported on arrangements being made for the competitions.

Next, representatives of the states and divisions, chairmen of panels of judges and chairmen of the committees and sub-committees took part in the discussions.

This was followed by a general round of discussions. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Chairman of the Leading Committee Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.

After the meeting, Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and party inspected the display of sample posters to be used in the competitions.

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Donate publications to broaden the horizons of storm victims

Hnin Oo Khin

There has been cultural civilization in Myanmar since time immemorial, as evidenced by a lot of tangible cultural heritage such as pagodas, stupas, monasteries, public rest houses, buildings with finials, stone plaques and ancient wall paintings. In that regard, intangible proof is enormous generosity of the people. There are many sayings that support that point. Among them, the saying “So generous are we Shan nationals that we donate half of incomes” reflects great generosity of Shan nationals, and the saying “One will suffer in summer without a water pitcher and shoes, one will suffer in next existences without religious observance and charity” reflects the fact that Myanmar people are fond of making charity and saying “well done” for others’ donation.

Some common religious and social donations are ordaining men and initiating boys into novices, building monasteries and ordination halls, opening free clinics, donating blood, giving free treatments to those with eye complaints, and donating water. Donation of materials and donation of Dhamma are both noble. Those with generous attitude make generous donations.

Myanmar recently saw a storm “Nargis” on 2 and 3 May, ravaging some areas in Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions. The entire people showed great sympathy for the victims to the natural disaster that is the most destructive of its kind in the nation. Out of compassion and pity, they made generous donations on a large scale, thus winning of the recognition of the international community.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and Deputy Head of State Vice-Senior General Maung Aye made inspection tours of the storm-affected areas and gave guidance on rescue and relief tasks. They also comforted the survivors and fulfilled requirements. The government is spending huge sums of funds on relief tasks, and well-wishers, monks and companies are making generous donations.

Now, the people ranging from the State leaders to young volunteers are engaging in the relief and rehabilitation measures with brawn and brains.

As a result, rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks are in full swing. The tasks include reconstruction

of ravaged villages, roads and bridges, building of durable houses, restoration of agricultural farms, fisheries and salt farms. Remarkable success achieved in the tasks in a short time is largely due to the assistance of the government, generous donations of well-wishers, contribution of local companies and relief supplies from the international community.

It is very encouraging to note that plans are well under way to fulfil the basic needs of the victims and to improve the living conditions of the entire local people by providing them with wooden houses then with brick ones. The benevolent attitude of the government and great generosity of the well-wishers have completely won the admiration of those who have witnessed or learnt the generous deeds.

Now, local residents in the storm-hit areas have been provided with materials to a certain degree. So, it has yet to improve their mental conditions. Man is made up of body and mind. It is required to improve their physical and mental conditions.

Naungyo Battle made history of Myanmar owing to daring spirit of Bayintnaung and sacrificing attitude of his troops. Scholars therefore said, “Never give up whatever it is”. Mental caliber is a must for human beings.

The survivors did go through the hell, witnessing tragic ends of their parents, family members and relatives and severe damage to the houses and buildings. They will have nightmares about the untold miseries. Therefore, we have to help them calm down and encourage them.

Films, music, drama, art and literature are media weapons to improve the mental conditions of the people in the storm-ravaged areas. I was very glad to hear the news that famous artistes entertained the people of the storm-hit areas. Libraries are the most suitable equipment for long-term consolation of the victims.

Literature directly or indirectly brings a prosperous future to the nation and the people. It is said that literature not only broadens the horizons but also entertains reasonably the readers.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, a large number of libraries have been established

throughout the nation. Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan in his address said, “We have to work together to inculcate the people with the habit of reading for human resource development”. Under the instructions of the minister, so far, 55,755 of more than 60,000 villages have a self-reliant library each. Due to the establishment of self-reliant libraries,

- (1) rural people, old and young, have access to publications,
- (2) readers can expand their horizons through reading,
- (3) they become capable of distinguishing right and wrong,
- (4) they spend time beneficially,
- (5) they become more polite with good moral conduct,
- (6) there will be more reliable human resources.

However, nearly 2000 libraries in the storm-hit areas were ravaged by the natural disaster. These areas lost not only many of its people but also publications that can enhance knowledge and intellectual power of local people.

Indeed, literature can widen the horizons of the readers. Publications are like the sun that gives light, like the moon that represents peace, like a train that transports the passengers to their destinations, like a tool that is effective, and like a heart that feels all forms of senses. So, now is the most opportune time to donate publications to the victims.

In 1597, Sir Francis Bacon said, “Reading maketh a full man”. Reading shows man correct ways. The publications we are going to donate will help improve the living conditions of rural people who lag behind others in development due to lack of knowledge of health, education, economic and social affairs. If rural people regularly visit the libraries and seek ways and means, they will be able to work out the problems they are facing, to an extent. Moreover, they will notice that they can improve their living standards through self-reliant efforts. By reading books, human beings can enhance their willpower, and reading encourages a person to preserve cultural heritage and lineage of the nation and the people concerned.

If well-wishers donate a library and about 300 to 400 periodicals to a rural village, rural folks will be able to rise from the dire straits because Myanmar people have a fine tradition of cherishing their people, helping other people in need rise from crises. By reading, a person can enjoy fruitful results in the mundane and supramundane affairs. Therefore, I would like to exhort well-wishers to donate publications to the storm-hit areas so as to expand the horizons of the victims.

Translation: MS

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Prime Minister receives Laotian delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug— Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein received a visiting delegation led by Minister for Industry and Commerce Dr Nam Viyaketh of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at Government

Office here this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Director-General of the Government Office Col

Thant Shin, Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw, Director-General of

Directorate of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce U Khin Maung Lay, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A. Souphakhet.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein cordially greets Laotian Minister Dr Nam Viyaketh.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein holds discussion with Laotian Minister Dr Nam Viyaketh.—MNA



Marine Science students to offer Waso robes

YANGON, 11 Aug — The old students of Marine Science (Marine Biology) will offer Waso Robes to members of the Sangha at Mohnyin Monastery near the western stairway of Shwedagon Pagoda on 17 August.

Wellwishers have been invited to donate cash and kind for Waso robes offering ceremony.

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Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects development in Kunlong, Laukkai districts

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug —Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, went to Bio Ethanol Plant at No. 1 Highland Cultivation of North East Command in Lashio on 7 August and inspected production of bio ethanol from sugarcane.

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with officers

and other ranks and their families at Kunlong Station on 8 August and presented sports gear, stationery and gifts to them. He also visited the retransmission station in Kunlon.

During the tour of Kunlong, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with departmental officials and townselders and called for extended cultivation of

perennial trees including tea and rubber and for double and mixed cropping of beans and corn.

After the meeting, he visited the 50-bed hospital in Kunlong and presented cash assistance to patients receiving treatment there. He also went to the basic education high school in Kunlong and presented exercise books to students

and books on general knowledge to self-reliant libraries.

During the tour of the 16-bed hospital in Hopan, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented cash assistance to patients receiving treatment there and handed over medicines and medical equipment to the hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Myint

Oo.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Chinshwehaw. During the tour of Chinshwehaw, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut inspected the basic education high school and presented exercise books and stationery to students.

They also went to the 50-bed hospital in Laukkai

and handed over medicines and medical equipment to the hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Win Myint.

Afterwards, they met with leaders of national races at Laukkai Station and discussed matters related to development of the region. After the meeting, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with officers and other ranks and their families at Laukkai Station and called for taking part in agriculture, livestock breeding and regional development tasks.—MNA

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing views three-wheeled carrier motorbikes.

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General Thura Shwe Mann receives Vietnamese Defence Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug – Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence received the visiting goodwill delegation led by Minister for Defence of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam General Phung Quang Thanh at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here at 6 pm today.

Together with General Thura Shwe Mann at the call were Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Col Kyaw Nyunt and Maj-Gen Aye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint. Together with General Phung Quang Thanh were Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung and Military Attaché Sr Col Le Van Thanh. — MNA

**General
Thura Shwe
Mann
greeting
General
Phung
Quang
Thanh.**

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General Thura Shwe Mann holds discussion with General Phung Quang Thanh.—MNA

Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspects development tasks and bridges in Wakema Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug— Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials paid homage and donated cash for *Golden Buddha* stupa on Dakkhina Mountain in Myaungmya on 8 August.

Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko met departmental officials, townsenders, members of social organizations in Wakema and heard reports on agriculture, education, health sectors and rural development of the township.

In his speech, Maj-Gen Ko Ko said that government departments at different levels are duty bound to ensure regional tranquility, that education, health and social sectors play a pivotal role in development of human resources and reasoning power can be obtained following the development in education sector. So, the all-round development of youth is essential for the future nation, especially in education.

Next, he gave instructions on extension of fire services building and repair of roads.

The targeted cultivation acreage of Wakema township is 184,742 acres of which 181, 219 acres, or 98.09% have been cultivated. Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and party proceeded to the site of Kyungon bridge and heard reports on construction works. The 95% percent of the whole project is complete now and it contributes much to better transportation between Wakema and Pathein.

Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and party went to the site of Thonkwachaung bridge (Kyonedaignyi) and heard reports on facts about the bridge. The bridge is situated on Pantanaw-Einme Road in Pantanaw township and smooth transportation will become avaiable in Ayeyawady Division.—MNA



Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspects Kyungon Bridge connecting Wakema and Einme.—MNA

YTU old students to pay respects to teachers

YANGON, 11 Aug — Engineering Students of University of Technology (Yangon) from 1979-80 to 1982-83 academic year will pay respects to their teachers in conjunction with get-together on 27 December here.

The old students have been invited to participate in the ceremony. For information call 095101771, 095109507, 095112101, 541127 and 534006.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends opening of Beijing Olympic Games

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein attended the opening of Beijing Olympic Games at Bird's Nest National Stadium in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, on 8 August evening.

First, Prime Minister General Thein Sein accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin and officials arrived at Bird's Nest National Stadium from Diao Yu Tai State House to attend the opening of Beijing Olympic Games.

The opening ceremony was attended by President of the People's Republic of China Mr Hu Jintao, Vice-President Mr Xi Jinping, Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, State level officials, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, Heads of States and governments of foreign countries, responsible persons from international organizations, the



Prime Minister General Thein Sein attends the opening ceremony of Beijing Olympic Games held at Bird's Nest National Stadium.—MNA

chairman of the committee for holding the Beijing Olympic Games and officials of various committees, participants, correspondents, special guests and fans from foreign countries totaling more than 100,000.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein greeted the Myanmar sports contingent from the VIP stand. The opening ceremony started at 8 pm and successfully ended at 12.10 am. After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party arrived back at the State House.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets staff and families of Myanmar Embassy in PRC.

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PM meets Myanmar Embassy staff families

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein met with staff families of Myanmar Embassy in Beijing on 9 August at 9 am local time.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at the Myanmar Embassy where they were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin and wife, Military Attache (Army, Navy, Air) Col Tint Lwin and wife and staff families.

Next, the Prime Minister met staff families of the embassy and briefed them on mutual friendship of Myanmar-China and prevailing conditions of the State.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented gifts to the staff families through the ambassador, the military attache, and their wives and cordially greeted them.— MNA



Prime Minister receives Chinese Communist Party Yunnan Province Committee General Secretary

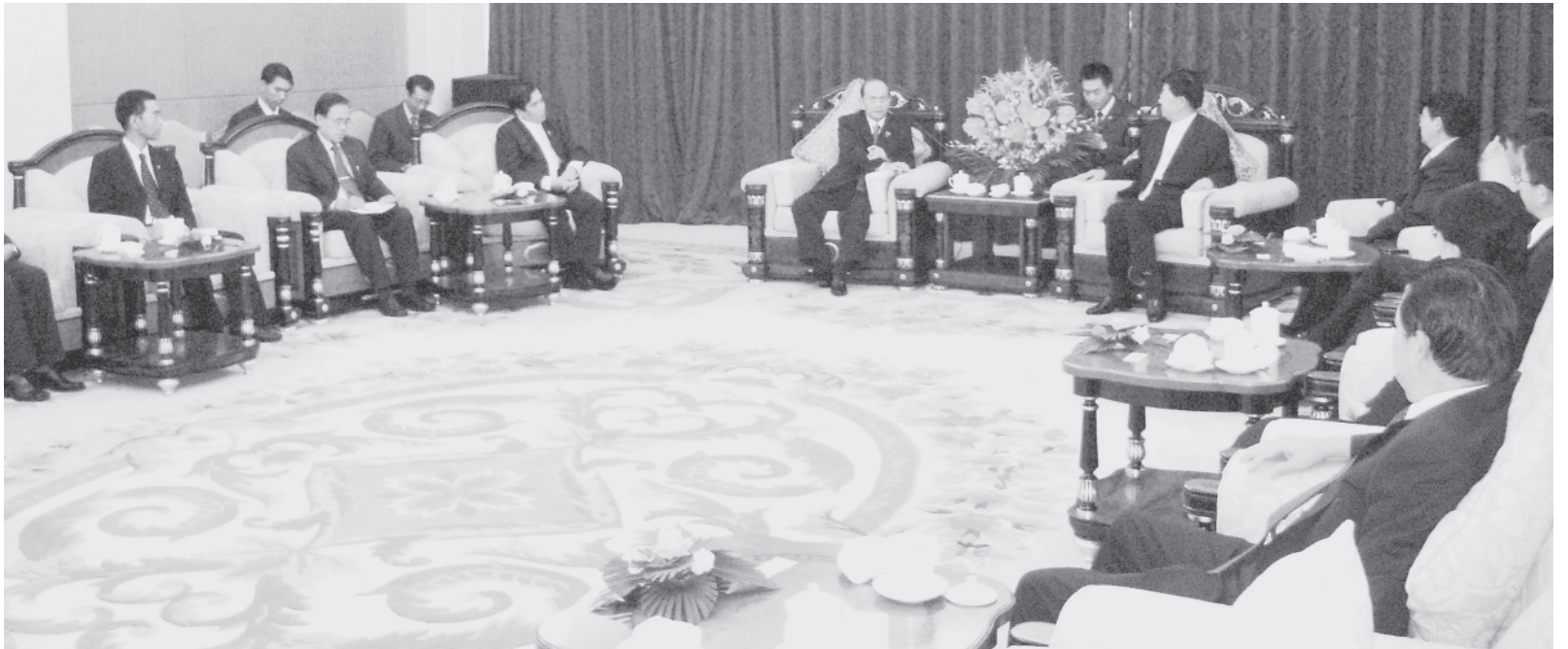
NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Prime Minister General Thein Sein received General Secretary of Chinese Communist Party Yunnan Province Committee Mr Bai Empei at Zheng Zuan Provincial Guest House on 9 August evening.

Present together with the Prime Minister were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Director-General of Political Department U Kyaw Tin, Consul-General U Myo Tint and officials.

Also present were member of standing committee Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Mr Yang Yingman, Vice-Governor of Yunnan, Province Mr Gu Zhaoxi, Director-General of Yunnan Province Foreign Office Madame Zhou Hong and officials. They discussed economic cooperation for development between Myanmar and Yunnan Province.

Chinese Communist Party Yunnan Province Committee Party General Secretary hosted dinner in honour of the Prime Minister at the Zheng Zuan Provincial Guest House.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives General Secretary of Yunnan Province CCP Mr Bai Empei.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives in Kunming

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party arrived at Beijing International Airport in a motorcade from Diao Yu Tai State Guest House on 9 August.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein was seen off at the airport by Deputy Minister for Culture Zhao Wei Swe

and staff of Myanmar Embassy.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Kunming International Airport at 2.20 pm. They were welcomed at the airport by Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Gu Zhaoxi, Director-General of Yunnan Province Foreign

Office Madame Zhou Hong, Consul-General U Myo Tint of Myanmar Consulate-General and staff.

Two young girls from Yunnan Province Foreign Office and Myanmar Consulate-General presented the Prime Minister with bouquets of flowers.

The Prime

Minister, accompanied by Mr Gu Zhaoxi, and Madame Zhou Hong, went to Empark Grand Hotel in front of the site for construction of Consulate-General. Officials concerned and Consul-General U Myo Tint reported on the Consulate-General construction project.

The Prime Minister viewed the site from the 21st floor of the hotel. The Consulates-General including Myanmar Consulate-General will be built at the site. The Prime Minister and party arrived at Zheng Zuan Provincial Guest House in the evening.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives back from Kunming



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and General Secretary of Yunnan Province CCP Mr Bai Empei pose for a documentary photo.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — Chinese Communist Party Yunnan Province Committee General Secretary Mr Bai Empei hosted a luncheon in honour of Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein and party at Yunnan Province Government Zeng Zuan Provincial Guest House at 11.30 am yesterday.

After having documentary photos taken, Prime Minister General Thein Sein and

party arrived at Kunming International Airport in a motorcade. The Prime Minister and party were seen off at the airport by Myanmar Consul-General U Myo Tint and officials, Yunnan Province Vice-Governor Mr Gu Zhaoxi, Director-General of Yunnan Province Foreign Affairs Department Madame Zhou Hong and officials. The Prime Minister and party arrived back by China Airline flight at Nay Pyi Taw Airport in the evening. — MNA



Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

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Chinese teenager divers Lin Yue and Huo Liang clinched the gold of the men's 10-metre platform synchronized at Beijing Olympic Games on Monday.—XINHUA



Wang Jie (L) and Tian Jia of China celebrate during the match against Liesbeth Mouha and Liesbet van Breedam of Belgium in women's preliminary pool A of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games beach volleyball event in Beijing, China, on 11 Aug, 2008.—XINHUA



Park Kyung-Mo of South Korea watches the path of his arrow during men's team gold medal match against Italy of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games archery event in Beijing, China, on 11 Aug, 2008. South Korea won the gold medal with a new Olympic record of 227 points. —INTERNET



Australia's golden girl Libby Trickett won a heated race in the women's 100-metre butterfly on Monday, snatching her first individual Olympic gold. XINHUA

Medal Standings (11-8-2008)

Sr	NOC Name	G	S	B
1	China	9	3	2
2	ROK	4	4	
3	United States	3	4	5
4	Italy	3	3	2
5	Australia	2		3
6	Japan	2		2
7	Britain	2		1
8	Czech Republic	2		
9	Netherlands	1	1	1
10	Spain	1		1
11	Finland	1		1
12	Azerbaijan	1		
13	India	1		
14	Romania	1		
15	Thailand	1		
16	Russian Fed.		4	2
17	France		3	2
18	DPRK	1	3	
19	Cuba		1	1
20	Germany		1	1
21	Austria		1	
22	Colombia		1	
23	Hungary		1	
24	Norway		1	
25	Slovakia		1	
26	Sweden		1	
27	Turkey		1	
28	Vietnam		1	
29	Zimbabwe		1	
30	Brazil			2
31	Indonesia			2
32	Algeria			1
33	Argentina			1
34	Belarus			1
35	Croatia			1
36	Georgia			1
37	Switzerland			1
38	Tajikistan			1
39	Chinese Taipei			1
40	Uzbekistan			1
Total:		34	34	40



Elnur Mammadli (L) of Azerbaijan celebrates after defeating Wang Kichun of South Korea during the men's 73kg final of judo at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 11 Aug, 2008. — XINHUA



Kosuke Kitajima of Japan celebrates after winning the men's 100m breaststroke final with a new world record and won the gold medal in the event with 58.91 seconds.—INTERNET



Cheerleaders perform during the women's and men's preliminaries of Beach Volleyball at Beijing's Chaoyang Park Beach volleyball ground, on 9 Aug, 2008, the first day of the competitions for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.—INTERNET



Chinese Zhang Xiangxiang totalled 319 kilogrammes to win the men's 62kg class weightlifting gold medal at the Olympic Games here on Monday. XINHUA

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MV KOTA RAKAN VOY NO (RKN 023)

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Palestinian negotiator: Peace talks
make no progress on key issues

RAMALLAH, 11 Aug—Chief Palestinian negotiator Ahmed Qurei on Monday said the ongoing peace talks with Israel did not make any progress on the key outstanding issues.

"The negotiations are going on seriously and they are difficult, but we did not reach an agreement on any final-status issues," namely the status of Jerusalem, the return of refugees and borders, Qurei told reporters in Ramallah.

The staggering peace talks were renewed last November at the Annapolis conference in the United States. The Palestinians and the US administration hope to reach a deal on a Palestinian statehood alongside Israel before US President George W Bush quits the White House in January.

"The Palestinian people and their leadership have

their clear ambitions and demands: a free and independent statehood in which our rights are reserved and our freedom is maintained with Jerusalem as its eternal capital," Qurei said.

Internet

African journalists conclude China trip,
more media delegations to come

BEIJING, 11 Aug—A group of African journalists have concluded its China trip, a visit designed to foster experience in reporting on the Olympic Games.

The five-day trip that ended on Sunday was arranged by the 2008 Beijing International Media Centre (BIMC). It included the participation of 57 journalists from 16 African countries.

During their whirlwind visit, the journalists toured the Olympic media centres,

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Typhoon-triggered disasters kill
20 in SW China province

KUNMING, 11 Aug—Heavy rain and flooding triggered by typhoon Kammuri has claimed 20 lives and caused around 300 million yuan (43.7 million US dollars) of economic loss from Thursday to Sunday in southwest China's Yunnan Province, according to the provincial civil affairs

bureau on Monday.

A preliminary investigation by the bureau showed 10 people were missing in the disaster, which had also affected the livelihood of 818,300 people in seven counties, with 2,400 displaced. The typhoon also toppled 1,600 houses, damaged 7,600 houses and des-

troyed more than 40,000 hectares of farmland.

The bureau had dispatched 300 tents and assigned disaster relief fund.

Kammuri was the third storm to hit China this season, after tropical storm Kalmaegi and typhoon Fung-Wong.

Internet

Tokyo stocks close nearly 2% higher

TOKYO, 11 Aug—Tokyo stocks close sharply higher Monday on the strong US dollar and a vigorous Wall Street rebound.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average leaped 262.50 points, or 1.99 percent, to 13,430.91 from Friday.

The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange expanded 20.07

points, or 1.59 percent, to 1,280.00.

Value leader Toyota Motor gained 200 yen, or more than 4 percent, to 5,030 yen while Volume leader Urban, a condominium developer, dived 30 yen, or nearly 31 percent, to 67 yen.

On the First Section, advancing issues outnumbered declining ones 1,129 to 471, with 103

others remaining unchanged.

Trading volume on the main section dropped to 1,793.42 million shares from Friday's 2,285.96 million.

The TSE's Second Section index rose 1.52 points, or 0.06 percent, to 2,654.28 on a volume of 23.76 million shares.

On the Osaka Securities Exchange, the near-term September Nikkei 225 index futures contract advanced 220 points to 13,390. — Internet

Tourists take video during Snoopy's performance during the annual "Snoopy in Ginza" at Mitsukoshi, Tokyo, on 11 Aug, 2008.

XINHUA

A Georgian woman refugee cries in Gori some 80 km (50 miles) from Tbilisi, on 11 August, 2008.

INTERNET



New sanctions on Iran will harm West

TEHERAN, 11 Aug—Chairman of National Security and Foreign Policy Commission of Iran's Parliament, Alaeddin Boroujerdi, said Saturday that imposing new sanctions on the Islamic Republic will harm the West, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

"Any measure by the European Union ahead of the end of talks between

Iran and the five permanent members of UN Security Council plus Germany (Group 5+1) will be unacceptable," the report quoted Boroujerdi as saying.

He said that Iran and the EU enjoy a high level of economic cooperation and any move by the EU to impose new sanctions on Iran would be hasty and would lead to negative

results on mutual ties.

Boroujerdi called on EU foreign policy Chief Javier Solana and Group 5+1 to hold a new round of talks with Iran to receive a clear response from the Islamic Republic to a package of incentives, which has been presented to Teheran calling for a suspension of uranium enrichment activities.

MNA/Xinhua



A ship modelled after a Phoenician vessel departs the Syrian Mediterranean island of Arwad on 10 Aug, 2008. The ship on Sunday embarked upon the circumnavigation of Africa in a total voyage of 17,000 miles and 10 months at sea to return in 2009 to Britain. —INTERNET

Clashes leave 20 militants killed in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 Aug—Clashes between Afghan security forces and militants killed 20 suspected insurgents and injured 14 others in Afghanistan's western Farah Province Friday, an official said Saturday.

"The militants attempted to ambush security forces in Balablock district of Farah Province yesterday but Afghan troops with the support of international force beat them back, leaving 20 dead and injuring 14 others," Abdul Rauf

Ahmadi, the spokesman of police in western region, told *Xinhua*.

He also said that Arab nationals are seen among the dead.

There were no casualties on Afghan and international troops. However, he admitted that a tank of international forces was lightly damaged.

Nevertheless, he did not identify if the troops belonged to NATO or the US-led Coalition forces.

MNA/Xinhua

McCain slams Obama again for defeatism over Iraq

LAS VEGAS, 11 Aug—US presidential candidate John McCain on Saturday again accused his opponent Barack Obama of defeatism and said the Democratic Senator from Illinois did not have what it took to be the country's commander in chief.

"Both candidates in this election pledge to end this war and bring our troops

home. The great difference is that I intend to win it first," the Republican Senator from Arizona told the national convention of Disabled American Veterans.

"The surge has succeeded. Yet Senator Obama... commits a grave error by insisting that, even in hindsight, he would oppose the surge. Even in

retrospect, he would choose the path of retreat and failure for America over the path of success and victory," McCain said. "What is missing is the judgment of a commander in chief," he added, drawing a roar of approval from the audience.

"First he opposed the surge, and then he confidently predicted it would fail, and then he tried to prevent funding for the troops that carried out the surge," said McCain, who has used the same line attack for several weeks now.—MNA/Reuters

Russia denies bombing Tbilisi's civil airport

MOSCOW, 11 Aug—The Russian Defence Ministry on Sunday denied reports that its Air Force bombed the international airport of Tbilisi, capital of Georgia, saying they were mere "provocative propaganda" by Georgian authorities.

It was "disinformation" distributed by Georgia to delude the international community about events in South Ossetia, *Interfax* news agency quoted a Russian Defence Ministry spokesman as saying.

Earlier reports have said the Russian Air Force had bombed a civilian international airport in Tbilisi as well as a military airport in a suburb of the city.

The Georgian Foreign Ministry said Sunday that Georgian armed forces were stopping firing in its breakaway region of South Ossetia. On Friday, Georgian troops began a military action against South Ossetia's forces in an attempt to re-establish control over the region.—MNA/Xinhua

UK climate protesters fail to stop E.ON output

KINGSNORTH, 11 Aug—Climate protesters breached security to enter the site of a coal-fired power station in southeast England on Saturday but German firm E.ON, which runs the plant, said output had not been disrupted.

Police arrested eight people at the facility at Kingsnorth in Kent, four who managed to get into the site and four others who tried to access it from an estuary using a raft. The protesters oppose plans for two new coal units at the

facility, which will also be operated by E.ON, and said their aim was to disrupt supply for a day. "We've had to increase security at the power station and members of staff have been worried by what might happen to them," said an E.ON spokesman. "The power station is generating. It's business as usual so much to the extent it can be on this extraordinary day." The protesters say coal emits unacceptably high levels of carbon dioxide, the gas held responsible for

climate change.

"We just want to try and send a message to people that we don't want anymore new coal ... it's something that's not going to help our future at all," said Helen Atkinson, 26, a medical photographer from Cumbria, northwest England. Protest organizers said about 1,000 people had gathered at a nearby field for a music festival-like "Climate Camp", which has been running workshops on climate change all week.—MNA/Reuters

Hamas leader vows to include West Bank in its control

GAZA, 11 Aug—A senior Hamas leader said Saturday that his movement should also rule the West Bank in addition to the Gaza Strip that it currently controls.

"Hamas movement must rule in Gaza and the occupied West Bank according to the results of the elections," said Mahmoud Zahar, former Hamas foreign minister in Gaza.

He made the remarks in response to Western and American aid which goes to support security forces of president Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement. The pro-Abbas forces control the West Bank and Hamas says they crack down on the Islamic movement's supporters there.

Zahar stressed that the West Bank "participated

in resistance against the (Israeli) occupation," calling on the Palestinian people in the West Bank to inflame an Intifada (uprising) if the Ramallah authority reiterated the Israeli onslaught on Hamas.

Hamas accused Fatah of trying to topple its government that the Islamic movement formed after winning the parliamentary elections in 2006.—MNA/Xinhua



The full moon sets behind a wind farm in the Mojave Desert in California, in this 8 January, 2004 file photo. The search for new energy technologies is reinvigorating Silicon Valley but it could be years before 'clean' power plans translate into commercial products.—XINHUA

SPORTS

Johnson shuns City offer
Contract rejected but talks continue



Michael Johnson

LONDON, 11 Aug—Manchester City star Michael Johnson has rejected the new contract he has been offered, *skysports.com* understands.

The England Under-21 star has three years left on his current deal but he is now a hugely important

part of City’s squad.

City offered the midfielder a new five-year deal - *a story revealed byskysports.com* - to reward him for his progress.

But Johnson has shunned the offer, which is sure to alert a number of clubs who have already shown an interest in the player.

Liverpool, Arsenal, Tottenham and Everton are all thought to hold a strong interest in the 20-year-old and could be tempted to launch a bid.

Despite rejecting the deal, it is understood that talks are continuing between City and Johnson’s representatives.

Internet



Czech Republic’s Jana Vesela (C) competes with Mali’s Kadiatou Kanoute (R) and Djene Diawara during their Group B women’s basketball game at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games on 11 August, 2008.—XINHUA

Manchester United win Community
Shield 3-1 on penalties

LONDON, 11 Aug — Premier League champions Manchester United beat FA Cup winners Portsmouth 3-1 on penalties after a goalless draw to win the Community Shield at Wembley Stadium on Sunday.

United, who also won the traditional curtain-raiser to the English season on penalties against Chelsea last season, should have wrapped the match up far earlier after dominating for most of the 90 minutes. No extra time was played.

Carlos Tevez, Ryan Giggs and Michael Carrick all converted for United while Jermain Defoe scored for Portsmouth. Lassana Diarra fired the first penalty over the bar while Arnold Mvuemba’s shot was saved by Edwin van der Sar before Glen Johnson handed United victory by firing over the bar.

United, who also took the Champions League final against Chelsea in Moscow in May on penalties, have now won the shield 13 times outright since it was first staged 100 years ago.

MNA/Reuters

Ramos maintains Berba stance
Spurs boss wants striker stay



Tottenham coach Juande Ramos

LONDON, 11 Aug — Tottenham coach Juande Ramos has reiterated his desire to keep Dimitar Berbatov.

The Bulgarian star played just 45 minutes of Spurs’ final pre-season clash with Roma as the North London giants swept to a 5-0 triumph.

Manchester United continue to be strongly linked with a move for the former Bayer Leverkusen star - but Ramos is insistent that he will be happy to keep him, whether the player wants to stay or not.

“I can’t say whether Dimitar is happy or not,” Ramos said.

“I just know that I would be very happy to keep him here.

“I would be absolutely delighted if Berbatov was still at the club after the end of the transfer window, I really hope that is the case.

“He is a magnificent player and we want to enjoy another season of him at this club.”

Ramos, who himself is still being linked with a host of players, admits there could still be a bit of dealing to be done before the transfer window closes at the end of this month. “The window closes on 31 August so anything can happen before then,” he added.

“Players might come in and players might leave, it is all possible.”—Internet

China’s Zhang Ning. A 97-year-old grandmother has travelled 2,400 kilometres (1,491 miles) by tricycle to watch the Chinese badminton team in action at the Beijing Olympics. INTERNET



Beijing to tighten security after
fatal attack

BEIJING, 11 Aug— Olympic organizers vowed to tighten security in central Beijing on Sunday after a US tourist was killed in a stabbing attack.

Police released new details of the Chinese man behind the seemingly random attack on Saturday in which Todd Bachman, father-in-law of the US men’s volleyball team coach, was killed and his wife was wounded. The man committed suicide afterwards.

The attacker — a homeless, jobless, twice-divorced man — had no previous criminal record and “acted out of despair over personal failures”, the official *Xinhua* news agency quoted police as saying.

“We are going to strengthen the security at scenic spots... to make sure no sharp weapons can be brought into the area,” Beijing Olympic spokesman Wang Wei told a news conference. —MNA/Reuters

Tigers chase Pizarro but boss admits
striker would be ‘very expensive option’

LONDON, 11 Aug — Hull City manager Phil Brown has revealed the club have contacted Chelsea regarding a move for striker Claudio Pizarro.

Pizarro, 29, has been linked with a transfer away from the Blues this summer after a frustrating debut campaign at Stamford Bridge, with Argentine giants River Plate reportedly interested in his services.

However, the forward’s agent has insisted he is keen to remain in Europe, and Stoke City have emerged as potential suitors with rumours claiming they are lining up a season-long loan for his services.



Claudio Pizarro

But with the Tigers hopeful of bolstering their attacking options ahead of the new Premier League term, Brown has confirmed the club are interested in holding talks with Pizarro.

“We’ve made contact with Chelsea with regards to Claudio,” Brown told the *Hull Daily Mail*.

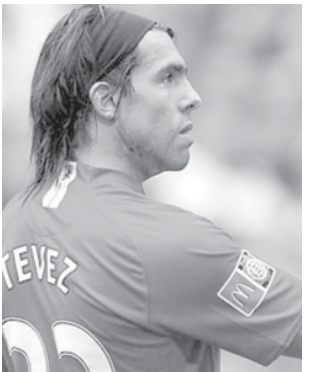
Internet

Fergie excited by Tevez, United boss confident
striker will be even better this season

LONDON, 11 Aug— Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson is expecting ‘big things’ from Carlos Tevez this season. Tevez is gearing up for his second year at Old Trafford after scoring 19 goals, in addition to winning the Premier League and UEFA Champions League, during his debut campaign.

The Argentine striker was also named man of the match in Sunday’s Community Shield as United beat Portsmouth on penalties after a 0-0 draw.

With Wayne Rooney and Cristiano Ronaldo missing the start of the campaign, Tevez will be looked upon to provide



Carlos Tevez

United’s main attacking threat.

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Lisbeth Trickett (C) of Australia swims to a gold medal next to Christine Magnuson (L) of the US and Jessicah Schipper (R) of Australia in the women’s 100 metres butterfly final at the National Aquatics Centre during the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games on 11 Aug, 2008. INTERNET

Israel considers halt of arms sales to Georgia

JERUSALEM, 11 Aug—The Israeli Foreign Ministry has proposed to completely halt the arms sales to Georgia amid fears of Russian retaliation, local daily *Ha'aretz* reported Sunday.

“Israel needs to be very careful and sensitive these days,” an unnamed senior political source was quoted as saying of Israel’s stance over the recent fighting between Georgian and Russian forces in Georgia’s breakaway region of South Ossetia.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry last week held a meeting on the issue, and decided to recommend the Defence Ministry to avoid the sales of any military equipment to Georgia because the country was now a “combat zone”, said the report.

The newspaper added that the Jewish state is concerned that its continued military support for Georgia would spur Russia to retaliate by lifting restrictions on its arms transfers to Iran and Arab states.

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PLO considers to announce Gaza “a rebel region”

RAMALLAH, 11 Aug—The decision-making body of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) discussed an idea of announcing the Hamas-controlled Gaza “a rebel region”, sources said on Sunday.

According to the sources, the PLO executive committee discussed the plan recently after peaceful efforts to end the split between the West Bank and Gaza seem to have scored nothing.

“A large trend is being crystallized among the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in Ramallah to call for settling the situation with the Gaza Strip by force,” the sources said.

In June 2007, Hamas ousted the long-dominant Fatah movement, routed forces loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas and seized control of the coastal strip.

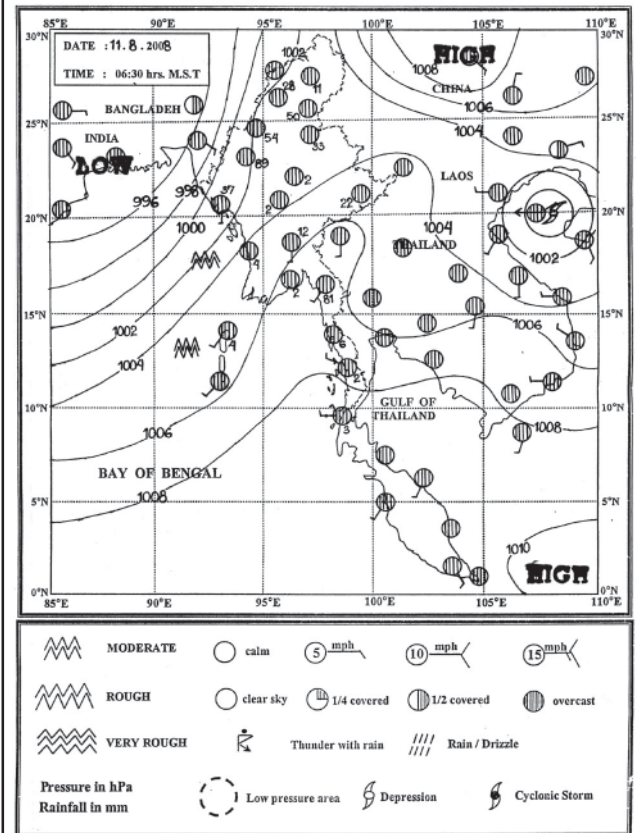
As Hamas tightened its grip on Gaza, Abbas consolidated his rule in the West Bank. Efforts to make reconciliation between the two sides often failed as each party cracked down against the supporters of the other party.

Before announcing Gaza a hostile entity, the Palestinian leadership wants “to give the last chance for the Egyptian Government and the Arab League to convince Hamas to immediately end its coup and engage in the dialogue”, the sources said.

“But the door for dialogue will not be open forever and the leadership only gave one month time for the efforts,” the sources added.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 11 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Chin State, Magway Division, fairly widespread in Shan, Rakhine States and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.35) inch, Kalewa (4.05) inches, Kyauktaw (3.86) inches, Falam (3.62) inches, Mawlamyine (3.23) inches, Ye (3.11) inches, Myitkyina (3.03) inches, Kyeikkami (2.72) inches, Homalin (2.48) inches and Hmawby (2.17) inches.

Maximum temperature on 10-8-2008 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 11-8-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-8-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 10-8-2008 was (0.5) hour.

Rainfall on 11-8-2008 was (0.48) inch at Mingaladon, (0.55) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.15) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (70.79) inches at Mingaladon, (79.76) inches at Kaba-Aye and (94.13) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 10-8-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the yesterday tropical depression over North West Bay and adjoining West Central Bay has crossed the Orissa Coast of India and weakened into a low pressure area. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Special feature: According to observation at (09:30) hrs MST today, the tropical depression over the Gulf of Tonkin, South China Sea, is centred at about 180 miles southeast of Hanoi (Vietnam). It is forecast to move West ward slowly.

Forecast valid until evening of 12-8-2008: Rain will be scattered in Kayah, Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Mon and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experienced at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (40) to (45) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-8-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-8-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-8-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Egypt mediates between Abbas, Hamas to free prisoners

GAZA, 11 Aug—Well-informed Palestinian sources said on Sunday that high-ranking Egyptian security officials are mediating between President Mahmoud Abbas and

Islamic Hamas movement to release each other’s prisoners.

The sources, which spoke in condition of anonymity, told *Xinhua* that senior Egyptian security officials are

mediating between the two sides to defuse the crisis between Fatah and Hamas movements.

The Egyptians handed over Hamas movement a list of Fatah prisoners’ detained by Hamas security forces in Gaza and a list of Hamas prisoners detained in Abbas prisons in the West Bank, according to the sources. The two lists of Fatah and Hamas prisoners were presented by Egypt to both President Abbas in the West Bank and deposed Prime Minister of Hamas government in the Gaza Strip, said the sources.

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Flood News

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 11-8-2008)

According to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (907) cm and it has exceeded by (157) cm (about 5.2 ft) above its danger level. It is expected a maximum rise of (15) cm (about 1/2 ft) more and will remain above its danger level for the next (5) days.

According to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1166) cm and it has exceeded by (96) cm (about 32 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm for the next (5) days.



Tuesday, 12 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:00 am

6. Song of national races

8:10 am

7. “မူးလျှင်မမောင်းနဲ့၊ မောင်းလျှင်မမူးနဲ့.” (လူမင်း၊ သူသူဟံသာ၊ အိမ်အိမ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

8:20 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Musical programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. “ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါးတို့မစား” (ဧရာ၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ မေပိုးအိ၊ ညိုညိုစိမ့်၊ ခြောက်ထား) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရဲဝင်းနီ)

4:30 pm

4. Musical programme

4:40 pm

5. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. “စက်မှုတပ်ဆင်လုပ်ငန်းတွင်” (ဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ ဗို.ဗို.မြင့်အောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းထွန်းထွန်း)

5:10 pm

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:15 pm

8. Song of Yesteryears

5:25 pm

9. ဆိုကြမယ် ပျော်ကြမယ်

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်

7:15 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဓာယာများနှင့်လူညံ့ကွက်” (အပိုင်း-၂၀) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး ကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့.” (အပိုင်း-၂၀) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)

Make donations to the storm victims

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

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

General Thura Shwe Mann, wife Daw Khin Lay Thet welcome Vietnamese Defence Minister and wife

General
Thura
Shwe
Mann
welcomes
Vietnamese
goodwill
delegation
led by
General
Phung
Quang
Thanh and
wife Mrs
Tran Thi
Loc.—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — At the invitation of Member of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, a goodwill delegation led by Minister for Defence of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam General Phung Quang Thanh and wife Mrs Tran Thi Loc arrived here by special flight this morning.

The goodwill delegation was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and their wives, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Deputy Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Zaw Win and their wives, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung and senior military officers.

First, the special flight carrying the Vietnamese Defence Minister and delegation members arrived at the airport at 8.55 am and General Thura Shwe Mann and party welcomed them.

Next, General Thura Shwe Mann greeted the Vietnamese Defence Minister and delegation members. The visiting minister also greeted General Thura Shwe Mann and the welcoming party.

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Beijing Olympics
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Weightlifter Hoang
Anh Tuan won a
silver at the 2008
Beijing Olympic
Games on August
10, bringing Viet-
nam the first medal
at the world's big-
gest sporting event.

