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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives US military attaches

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Military Attaché of the United States of America Colonel Daniel N Tarter, who had completed his tour of duty, and his successor Colonel Brey Sloan at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at noon today.

Together with Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye were Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint.—*MNA*

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PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 13 August, 2008

Conserve and exploit marine resources systematically

World nations today have to address various issues such as food insecurity, climate changes, and soaring prices of crops.

As for Myanmar, agriculture, forestry, livestock breeding and fishery are major sectors for national economic growth. With the aim of exceeding the domestic food demand, the government is taking measures for boosting production in the agricultural sector.

In the meantime, it is trying to conserve forests, produce fish and meat of pedigree strains and crops of high-yield strains, and apply advanced livestock breeding methods. As a result, the nation is enjoying economic development with temperate climate.

Being blessed with a large number of rivers, creeks and tributaries and a vast area of waters, Myanmar has a potential for greater success in breeding fish and prawn, and operating freshwater and offshore and deep fisheries on a commercial scale.

About one million tons of fish and prawn can be harvested annually from the Myanmar's waters. The nation's fish and prawn outputs and foreign exchange income are on the increase year by year thanks to the government's technical and financial assistance, and cooperation with NGOs.

Fishery entrepreneurs are taking advantage of those favourable conditions in breeding fish and prawn and running fishery enterprises. Myanmar has prospects for fish sufficiency and export of fish surplus. Therefore, the nation can enjoy economic growth and produce fish surplus if it exports value-added marine products such as fish, prawn and crab, uses advanced fishing methods and exploits marine resources systematically.

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**

Saudi Arabia donates aids for storm victims

YANGON, 12 Aug—A ceremony to donate aids for storm victims by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was held at Sedona Hotel on Gaba Aye Pagoda road in Yankin Township here yesterday morning.

Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents certificate of honour to Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali.— MNA

It was attended by Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, departmental heads, Ambassadors, charges d' Affaires ai, resident representatives of UN agencies, guests, Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali and wife, Mr Mohammed Al Hamad of Ministry of Finance of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and officials.

The guests, led by Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, viewed the aids donated by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at cash and kind accepting Center on Kyaikwaing pagoda road in Mayangone Township here.

Later, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe spoke words of thanks on behalf of storm victims.

Afterwards, Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali and Mr Mohammed Al Hamad of Ministry of Finance of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia explained the purpose of the donation.

Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali handed lists of relief aids donated by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia over to Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe.

After the ceremony, Ambassador Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kadir Al Ali hosted luncheon to those present.

Aids were 8,000 rolls of tents, 14,500 packets of foodstuff, 3,749 packages of blanket, 76 packages of pesticide 1,211 buckets of Pesticide, 19,962 bags of rice, 3,375 bale of water proof, 110 generators, 10 landcruiser pickups, five loader, 24 car batteries, 10 ambulances and medical equipment.—*MNA*

Thai Ambassador donates relief items

YANGON, 11 Aug—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Chairman of the Tripartite Core Group (TCG) U Kyaw Thu accepted cash, foodstuff and clothing donated by Buddhist monks from Thailand and Thai community in Myanmar for storm survivors in West Tawkhayangyi village-tract, Kungyangon township, Yangon Division. Mr Bansarn Bunnag, Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar, handed over the items to Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu at a ceremony held at the ministry this morning.

Also present on the occasion were representatives of Thai community in Yangon, officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MNA

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu accepts cash and kinds for storm survivors donated by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag.— MNA

Deputy Minister visits Yangon West Hospital

YANGON, 12 Aug—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe accompanied by officials gave a speech in meeting with the medical superintendent, specialists, doctors, house surgeons and nurses at the meeting hall of Yangon West Hospital, here, this morning.

The deputy minister looked into progress of repair of buildings ravaged by the storm.

Next, the deputy minister inspected laboratory, blood donation center, outpatient department, operation theater, intensive care unit, X-ray room and patient wards. He also encouraged the patients and attended to the needs.—*MNA*

Associate Prof of Institute of Economics (Meiktila) Dr Daw Moe Moe Khine gives talks on Buddha Economic Ethics at UMFCCI Office on 3 August. UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win and Director of KMD Co U Bo Bo Lwin present gift to her.— UMFCCI

Russian President calls halt to Georgian war

MOSCOW, 12 Aug— Russian President Dmitry Medvedev announced Tuesday that he has ordered an end to military operations against Georgia.

The announcement came minutes before French President Nicolas Sarkozy was to land in Moscow to meet with Medvedev to negotiate terms for a possible ceasefire.

"I have reached a decision to halt the operation to force the Georgian authorities to peace," Medvedev said. "The aggressor has been punished and has incurred very significant losses. Its armed forces are disorganized."

The decision ends five days of fighting that began in Georgia's breakaway region of South Ossetia and spread well into Georgia.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.
INTERNET

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an earlier news conference Tuesday that Russia wanted a demilitarized zone to be created in Georgian territory before a ceasefire took effect.

He said Russian troops already in the breakaway province on peacekeeping duty should remain, but that Georgian troops who were part of that force should not return.

Internet

Sarkozy heads to Russia on peace mission

TBILISI, 12 Aug — French President Nicolas Sarkozy will lead efforts on Tuesday to end hostilities between Russia and Georgia as the conflict appeared to widen with pro-Moscow rebel forces opening a fresh offensive against Georgian troops.

Sarkozy was due to arrive in Moscow at 9:10 am GMT (10:10 am British time) and meet President Dmitry Medvedev before flying to Georgia on a day of intense diplomacy aimed at ending violence in a region key to international oil transit.

Hostilities appeared to broaden as Abkhazia, another Russia-backed rebel region, launched an offensive at dawn on Tuesday to force Georgian troops out of the disputed Kodori gorge, Abkhaz Foreign Minister Sergei Shamba said.

Internet

An injured Georgian woman shouts in the town of Gori.—INTERNET

Israel 'proposes West Bank deal'

JERUSALEM, 12 Aug — Israel has offered a peace deal to the Palestinians which would annex 7.3% of the West Bank and keep the largest settlements, Israeli reports say.

In return the Palestinians would be given land equivalent to 5.4% of the West Bank in the Negev desert, the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* reported.

Palestinian officials confirmed that such a plan had been put forward, but called it totally unacceptable.

The two sides have been in peace talks sponsored by the US since November.

Israel wants the new border between it and the West Bank to be similar to the route of the barrier it is currently building in and around the territory, Haaretz reports.

Haaretz says the proposed deal also covers refugees and security arrangements, but not the contentious issue of East Jerusalem and the ring of settlements around it.—*Internet*

Israel has built heavily on occupied land in the West Bank and Jerusalem.
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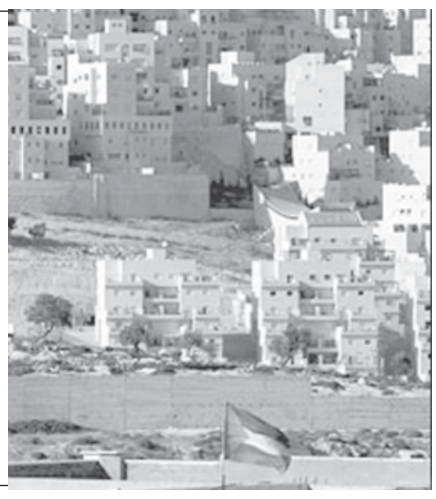
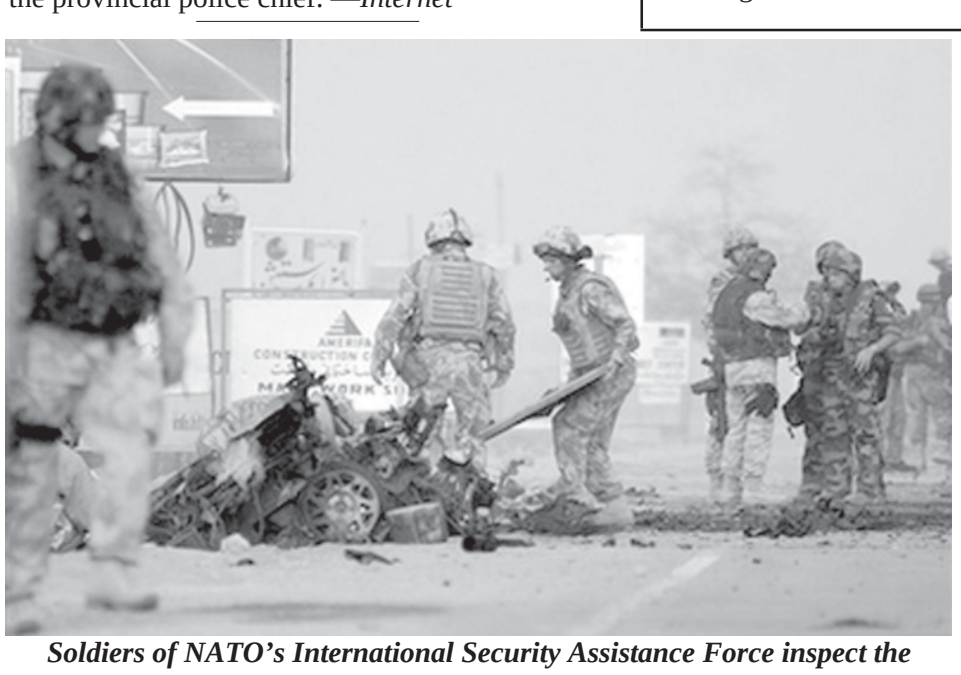


Kabul bomb kills three civilians, wounds NATO soldiers

KABUL (Afghanistan), 12 Aug—A suicide bomber rammed his car into a NATO convoy in Kabul on Monday, killing three civilians and wounding at least a dozen people, including some soldiers, officials said.

Another bomb attack against a NATO convoy in the country's northwest killed one soldier and wounded several other people, including civilians. A Canadian soldier was reported killed and another seriously wounded in a skirmish with insurgents in southern Kandahar province.

The Kabul suicide bomber targeted a NATO convoy on the main road in the city's eastern outskirts, killing three civilians and wounding 12, said Ayub Salangi, the provincial police chief. —*Internet*



Soldiers of NATO's International Security Assistance Force inspect the wreckage of a car used by a suicide bomber, following a suicide attack on a NATO convoy in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 11 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

Israel shuts down Gaza commercial crossings

GAZA, 12 Aug—Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak Monday ordered to shut down Gaza commercial crossings on the borders with Israel after Palestinian militants fired a makeshift rocket to the country, Israeli Radio reported.

The Arabic service reported that Barak ordered the Israeli Army to close three Gaza commercial and fuels crossings on the border with Israel following a rocket attack on southern Israel. On Monday afternoon, unknown Palestinian militants fired a homemade rocket from northern Gaza at the southern Israeli town of Sderot. No injuries or damages were reported.

No one claimed responsibility for Monday's rocket attack. On Saturday, three rockets were fired at southern Israel, causing severe damages to Israeli greenhouses.—*Internet*

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,139

WASHINGTON, 12 Aug—As of Monday, 11 Aug, 2008, at least 4,139 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,364 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

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*

N Korea boat sinks, two missing: police

SEOUL, 12 Aug— Two North Korean crew members are missing after their fishing boat collided with a South Korean vessel in the North's waters and sank early Tuesday, maritime police said.

Two other crew members were rescued by the South Korean sand dredger, a police spokesman told *AFP*.

The accident happened some eight kilometres (five miles) northeast of the east coast port of Jangjun, which is about 20 kilometres north of the border.

Internet

A North Korean fisherman fixing his net on a boat docked in Sinuiju, North Korea. —INTERNET

The wreckage of a vehicle at the site of a suicide bomb blast outside a police station in Zemmouri el Bahri, Algeria. A bomb blast wounded three Algerian police officers near the town of Tighzirt east of the capital Algiers on 10 Aug, security officials said.—INTERNET

Fiji, China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region to boost agricultural cooperation

NANNING, 12 Aug— Fiji would like to promote agricultural cooperation with southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, said visiting Prime Minister Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama of Fiji's interim government.

Bainimarama arrived here on Monday after watching the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games, starting a two-day visit to Guangxi.

"The climate and other environmental conditions here have many similarities with that of Fiji," said Bainimarama at a meeting with Ma Biao, chairman of the regional government.

"We are very interested in the techniques of planting cassava, producing alcohol from cassava, and the exploitation and utilization of other agricultural products," he added.

Ma Biao said Guangxi has similar conditions with Fiji in the agricultural development, which creates great potential for cooperation.

He also suggested the two sides discuss cooperation in processing and utilization of sugar and cassava, planting rice, fishing, sea product processing and port trade.

"Fiji established ties with Guangxi as early as in 1998. I hope my visit will further boost the relationship between the two sides," said Bainimarama.—*Internet*

Girl, 14, dies in Acapulco shooting

ACAPULCO (Mexico), 12 Aug— A 14-year-old girl has died in a shooting attack two blocks from the main coastal boulevard in Mexico's Pacific coast resort of Acapulco.

Prosecutors say a 35-year-old man also died in the attack, in which gunmen travelling in a sport utility vehicle fired at a hardware store. The girl does not appear to have been the target.

Two other men are being treated at local hospitals for wounds suffered in the attack.

The Monday attack was the latest in a wave of gang-style shootings which have claimed the lives of minors in Mexico.

In June, a 12-year-old girl was killed in the crossfire of a drug shootout in the border city of Ciudad Juarez. A 4-year-old boy and an 11-year-old girl were killed in Tijuana in January.—*Internet*

Bomb hits Pakistan Air Force bus

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 12 Aug—At least six people were killed when a bomb hit a Pakistani Air Force vehicle near the north-western city of Peshawar, police said.

The attack near Badaber, an Air Force base on the outskirts of the city, has completely destroyed the bus.

It is not yet clear if the casualties are civilians or military personnel.

Pakistani military forces recently launched a major offensive against Taleban militants in the Khyber tribal area near Peshawar.

Internet

File photo shows a Nissan car worker at the company's Kyushu Plant in southern Japan. The country is set to report that its gross domestic product shrank in the second quarter of 2008, leaving Asia's largest economy teetering on the brink of recession, analysts have said.—INTERNET

Bird flu outbreak reported in southern Vietnamese province

HANOI, 12 Aug— Specimens from 570 ducks raised by two households in Vietnam's southern Ben Tre province have been recently tested positive to bird flu virus strain H5N1, according to local newspaper *Youth* on Tuesday.

The bird flu test has been conducted by Vietnam's 6th Regional Animal Health Centre, the newspaper quoted the provincial Veterinary Bureau as reporting. The bureau has disinfected and isolated the affected areas in Ben Tre's Ba Tri district.

The Department of Animal Health under the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has yet to confirm the bird flu outbreak in Ben Tre. Now, only central Quang Ngai province and southern Dong Thap and Kien Giang provinces are being hit by the disease, the department said.

Internet

Credit, debit card usage on rise in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 Aug — Payments made with credit and debit cards for retail purchases in Brazil grew 212 percent between 2002 and 2007, the country's Central Bank said Monday.

Credit card payments grew 322 percent while payments with debit cards grew 180 percent in the five-year period, the bank said.

Check payments decreased 35 percent during the same time, an indication that such a mode of payment has become outdated, and is preferred only for high-value transactions. The number of cards per capita also increased. By the end of 2007, there was an average of 0.6 credit card and one debit card for every Brazilian.—*Internet*

Death toll from storms, landslides rises to 28 in SW China

KUNMING, 12 Aug — Severe rainstorms have caused flash floods and landslides that killed at least 28 people and left eight missing in southwest China, the Yunnan provincial government said on Tuesday.

The civil affairs bureau estimated that disasters triggered by tropical storm Kammuri from Thursday to Monday affected about 1 million people in Yunnan and forced 11,200 people to evacuate their homes. Kammuri, the third tropical storm to hit China this year, landed in the southern province of Guangdong on Wednesday, and swept across the Beibu Gulf to Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region before moving west to Yunnan.

About 2,700 homes in Yunnan were destroyed and 13,000 were damaged, with officials estimating losses at 549 million yuan (80 million US dollars), mostly from damaged crops, the bureau said.

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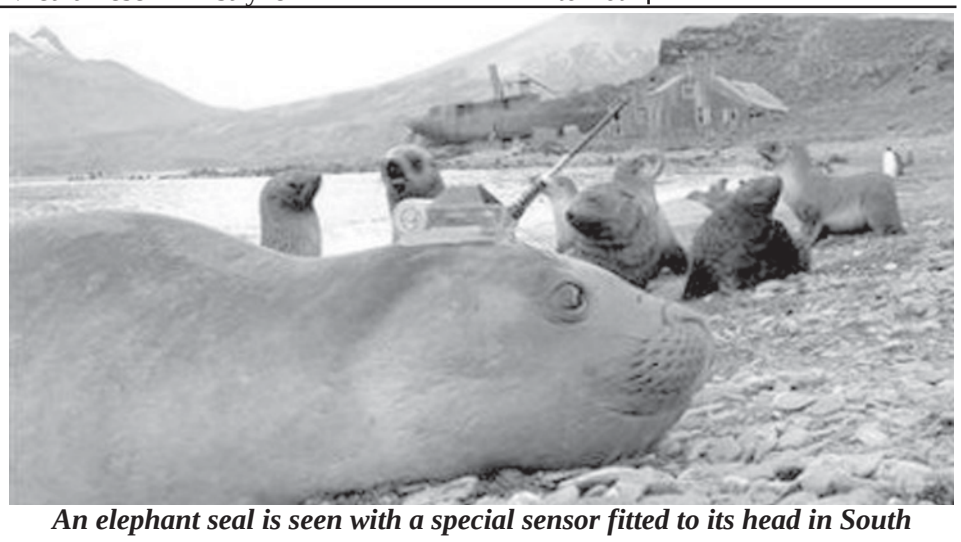

An elephant seal is seen with a special sensor fitted to its head in South Georgia in this undated photo released on 12 August, 2008 by the Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research.—INTERNET

New breastfeeding study in US shows most moms quit early

WASHINGTON, 12 Aug—While the US government's health agency recently reported that more moms than ever give breastfeeding a try, a new national study in US released on Monday shows most moms do not stick with it as long as they should.

Although 77 percent of moms nationally start to breastfeed, the new study conducted by Brigham Young University found that only 36 percent of babies are breastfed through six months, well short of the federal government's goal to hit 50 percent by 2010. The American Association of Pediatricians recommends continued breastfeeding through the first year.

"Breastfeeding promotion programmes encou-rage women to start but don't provide the support to continue," said Renata Forste, an author of the article published in the August issue of the *Journal of Human Lactation.*

Breast milk is considered healthiest for babies because it is easily digested and provides antibodies that prevent ear infections and other illnesses. Earlier work by Forste supports research highlighting the link between breastfeeding and infant survival.

Many personal characteristics, such as a mother's age and education level, influence whether a baby is breastfed. Surprisingly, the new study found that where babies live also plays a role.—*Internet*

Mercedes-Benz to boost truck, bus output in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 Aug—Mercedes-Benz do Brazil said Monday that it will increase its output of buses, trucks and auto accessories in Brazil to meet rising demand.

The company said in a statement that it will invest 1.5 billion reais (928 million US dollars) over the next three years to expand its daily production capacity by 25 percent.

Gero Herrmann, president of Mercedes-Benz do Brazil, said the company decided to boost its output to meet rising demand from both domestic and international markets.

About 50 percent of buses and up to 30 percent of trucks produced in Brazil will be exported, said Herrmann.

Mercedes-Benz do Brazil, which holds the largest share of Brazil's truck and bus market, sold some 43,800 units last year. Sales of trucks and buses grew 28 percent in the first 7 months this year compared with the same period last year.

Internet

Vietnam flood toll hits 112, more rains forecast

HANOI, 12 Aug—Military helicopters delivered instant noodles and fresh water to residents in mud-covered villages in northern Vietnam after floods and landslides killed scores of people, with more rains forecast to hit on Tuesday.

At least 112 people have been killed after days of heavy rains triggered by the remnants of a tropical storm. Another 45 people were missing, the government said on Tuesday.

Television footage showed helicopters delivering supplies to residents in the northern mountainous provinces of Lao Cai and Yen Bai. Most roads in the hardest-hit areas have been washed away.

More than 1,100 military troops have been leading rescue work, turning over stones in streams to search for bodies, footage from state-run Vietnam Television station showed. Sniffer dogs have also been sent to the area to aid the search.

The toll from the floods, the worst natural disaster to hit the Southeast Asian country this year, is expected to rise but no major impact on main export crops was expected.

The region is about 1,500 km (930 miles) north of Vietnam's main rice and coffee production zones.

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Motorcyclists pass a destroyed road caused by a landslide in Vietnam's northern province of Yen Bai on 10 Aug, 2008.
INTERNET

Invisibility cloak 'step closer'

Scientists in the US say they are a step closer to developing materials that could render people invisible.

Researchers at the University of California in Berkeley have developed a material that can bend light around 3D objects making them "disappear".

The materials do not occur naturally but have been created on a nano scale, measured in billionths of a metre.

The team says the principles could one day be scaled up to make invisibility cloaks large enough to hide people.

For now, the invisibility cloak remains a thing of science fiction.

The findings, by scientists led by Xiang Zhang, were published in the journals *Nature* and *Science*.

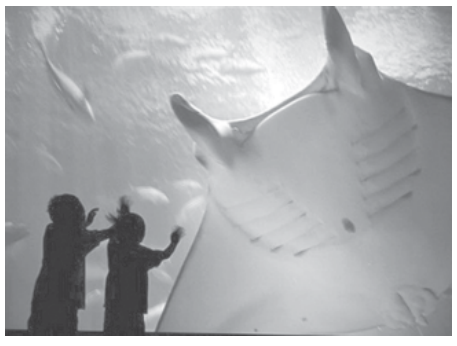
NEWSALBUM

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

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.

Photo shows birds rest on the face of the world famous Sphinx of Egypt, which is under the threat of birds settling down on the statue's head and the shaded northern part and their acidic droppings, which have an erosive impact on the fragile stone. Some experts warn that rising groundwater levels endanger the monument, with water seeping into the stone and creating calcium deposits which are attracting an increasing number of birds.



Mega manta : Children extend their hands to touch the image of a manta ray projected from a Sony's 4,096 x 2,160-pixels ultra-high resolution digital movie projector 4K SRX during a Press preview at the company's showroom in Tokyo.

Greek man 'beheaded girlfriend'

A man accused of beheading his girlfriend after stabbing her to death is in a critical condition after being shot by police, officials on the Greek island of Santorini said.

Witnesses said the 31-year-old had been walking around with the severed head when police tried to arrest him, sparking a car chase.

One of the baby beavers born in Gloucestershire. 12 baby beavers–all from the same mother — were born at the 550-acre Lower Mill Estate near Cirencester, Gloucestershire, Britain. These are the first beavers to be born in Britain in 400 years.

Shot couple 'prime suspect' named

Detectives hunting the killer of two British honeymooners who were gunned down in Antigua have reportedly named their prime suspect.

Clarence James is being questioned by police on the Caribbean Island.

Ben and Catherine Mullany were attacked in what is believed to have been a bungled robbery in their room at the Cocos Hotel on 27 July.

Mrs Mullany died instantly but her new husband was left with a fractured skull and a bullet lodged in the back of his head.

Let's reconstruct village self-reliant libraries in storm-stricken areas

Than Tun (IPRD)

During the storm, about 1430 libraries with publications were ravaged. Now, it is needed to reconstruct village libraries. Entrepreneurs, companies, well-wishers and organizations are working in concert through coordination to give mental treatments to the storm victims.

Internal strength is one of the factors for Myanmar to be able to rise quickly from the strike of the storm "Nargis". Generous donations of individual donors and organizations won the admiration of foreign diplomats. Second Secretary Ruth Bradley Jones of the British Embassy said that performances of regional organizations, medical teams and some entrepreneurs were worthy of praise. They were heroes in relief tasks, he added.

Those responsible persons are making all-out efforts under the leadership of the government in carrying out reconstruction tasks in the storm-stricken areas. The areas are now recovering quickly from the natural disaster and enjoying development owing to harmonious cooperation of national well-wishers, entrepreneurs and companies, NGOs, the UN, international organizations, aid workers, experts, and film and drama stars. Celebrities of stage and screen are continuously donating relief supplies through responsible officials or by presenting right in the hands of the victims. As part of reconstruction, hospitals and schools are being reconstructed and renovated to restore the health and education sectors.

Under the patronage of the Ministry of Information and supervision of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, media entrepreneurs and artistes donated cash and kind to storm survivors in the villages in Twantay and Kawhmu Townships.

Ko Tun Thit Oo-Ma Ohnmar and family of Mya Myinmo Restaurant in Myawady together with comedian Ayeya donated stationery and exercise books to the students of Saroak Village in Pyapon Township and household utensils to the victims on 29 May.

Actors Shan Htet and Phyo Maung Maung and party of Htoo Htoo video enterprise made donations to storm victims. Actor Ya Wai Aung and party made a trip to five storm-hit villages including Hainggyigyun to comfort the victims and dramatists staged a show to raise funds for the victims.

In a bid to help the victims rise from the storm, it is required to relieve their mental sufferings, apart from health care and fulfillment of their basic needs.

Reading is the best form of development of human resources in the storm-hit areas. With that concept, the Information and Public Relations Department is trying to re-establish libraries under the supervision of the Ministry of Information in the storm-hit areas and with the contributions of well-wishers. In that regard, the department reconstructed the district and township offices in Ayeyawady Division that were ravaged in the storm under the aegis of local authorities, and with the donations of Eden Groups Co, Htoo Co, Diamond Mercury Co and Yuzana Co. Young members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association are participating in the reconstruction undertakings in Ayeyawady Division.

In compliance with the five directives of the Minister for Information—inculcating rural people with a habit of reading, increasing the number of publications, setting up trust funds, construction of library buildings, and appointment of a well-trained librarian—55,755 libraries have been opened across the nation, 11,838 of them have been opened in Ayeyawady Division. The libraries in Ayeyawady Division make up one-fourth of that of the whole nation.

During the storm, about 1430 libraries with publications were ravaged. Now, it is needed to reconstruct village libraries. Entrepreneurs, companies, well-wishers and organizations are working in concert through coordination to give mental treatments to the storm victims.

Division, district and township offices of the Information and Public Relations Department are planning to provide periodicals to the reconstructed rural libraries. For sustainable development of the libraries, the Minister for Information instructed officials concerned to implement the five work programmes: to organize rural folks to cultivate the habit of reading, to keep the publications of the libraries and set up trust funds to increase the number of publications of the library concerned, to reconstruct a building at every village where there has not been a library yet, to furnish the libraries, and for the Information and Public Relations Department to train staff into competent librarians, saying that those tasks were to be carried out through the four strengths namely local authorities, social organizations such as the USDA and NGOs, local resident well-wishers and staff of the Information and Public Relations Department; that those tasks constituted a national duty that was being implemented for development of the nation and the people; and that library supervisory committees were to be formed region-wise and they had to carry out the tasks in a systematic way for sustainable progress of self-reliant libraries.

The government is now fulfilling the requirements for regeneration of the storm-hit areas. The entire people are actively participating with patriotic spirit in the tasks. So, the storm-affected areas are enjoying remarkable development in the economic, health and social affairs.

In contributing towards the rehabilitation of the storm-hit areas in Ayeyawady Division, companies of various states and divisions are building self-reliant libraries in the rural areas. Due to the assistance in various sectors, the victims have almost returned to normal in the physical conditions. Now, village self-reliant libraries are being reconstructed and new ones are being constructed for the storm victims to be able to remedy their painful memories, and that inspires me to say "well-done".

Translation: MS

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Maj-Gen Ohn Myint meets departmental personnel in Budalin, KhinU, Kanbalu Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe and departmental officials inspected construction of archway at the entrance to Budalin, north of Monywa, on 9 August.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party met with departmental officials, social organization members and townselders at the Myawady hall in Budalin.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, the commander and party presented K 300,000 and medicines, stationery and clothes for social organizations to officials.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party attended 1000-acre monsoon paddy growing ceremony for 2008-09 at Wabar village in Dabayin Township and presented cash awards to female transplanters.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint urged officials to make efforts to hit the target of monsoon paddy acreages in respective townships.

At six acres model farmlands of Nyotetan village in YeU Township, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party viewed paddy transplanting demonstration and presented cash awards and gifts to female transplanters of Nyotetan village-tract.

At five acres model farmlands of Kanthit village-tract in KhinU Township, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party viewed paddy trans-planting demonstration at the monsoon paddy growing ceremony and presented cash awards.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met with departmental officials, social organization members and townselders at the meeting hall of KhinU Township PDC office and presented health kits personal goods, clothes and stationery to responsible persons. The commander presented K 300,000 for the uniforms of social organization to officials.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint stressed the need to improve the livestock breeding and agriculture sector, to give educative talks on health and to promote education standard of local people.

In the evening, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party put fingerlings into Thaphanseik Dam in Kyunhla Township, Shwebo District. Next, they looked into spillway structure and hydropower station of the dam.

At the briefing hall of the dam, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party heard reports on supply of water to irrigated farmlands and production of hydropower presented by Director U Soe Nyunt of Sagaing Division Irrigation Department.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, the commander and party offered robes and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Arsara of Maha Shwesigyi monastery. Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and the commander presented K 200,000 each for all-round renovation of Maha Shwesigyi Pagoda to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Einnasiri and members of the Board of Trustees of the Pagoda.

At the meeting hall of Kanbalu Township General Administration Department, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met with departmental officials, social organization members and local people. Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, the commander and officials presented medicines, sports gear, stationery and gifts to responsible persons. The commander also presented K 300,000 for the uniforms of social organization to officials.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, the commander and party left Kanbalu for Shwebo.—*MNA*

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence puts fingerlings into Thaphanseik Dam.

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Laotian delegation leaves for Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—The visiting Laotian delegation led by Minister for Industry and Commerce Dr Nam Viyaketh of the Lao People's Democratic Republic left here for Yangon by air at 12 noon today.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, the wife of Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and departmental officials.—*MNA*

Education Minister views school sanitation tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein together with Deputy Ministers U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and officials viewed activities of school sanitation week being carried out at the basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

First, the minister and party inspected carrying out of sanitation tasks at Nay Pyi Taw Basic Education High School No. 1, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana BEHS No. 2 and Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No. 5.

According to the 2008-09 academic year calendar, a period from 11 to 15 August has been designated as School Sanitation Week and health departments concerned are carrying out school sanitation tasks in cooperation with school health groups, social organizations and parents at all basic education schools across the nation.

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Minister Dr Chan Nyein visits Nay Pyi Taw No. 1 BEHS.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets outgoing US Military Attaché Colonel Daniel N Tarter at Bayintnaung Yeiktha. **(News on page 1)**

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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**

General Thura Shwe Mann and wife…

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General Phung Quang Thanh and wife Mrs Tran Thi Loc were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Member of SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence 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, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers and their wives, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung.

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Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing supervises regional development tasks in Laukkai, Muse districts

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and officials concerned, visited Tatmadaw Hospital in Laukkai Station on 9 August morning.

At the male and female wards, they provided cash assistance and supplies to the patients who were undergoing medical treatment and comforted them. Next, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing donated medicines through Commandant Major Aung Kyaw Oo.

Upon arrival at Chinshwehaw border gate, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party inspected Nanphahaw border crossing bridge, border gate, temporary border pass and receipt and then gave instructions to staf who were dischanging duties at the border as well as met with departmental officials at township level, members of social organizations and townselders.

In his meeting with service personnel he urged them to strive for regional development out of goodwill and emphasis to be placed on health, education, agriculture and breeding tasks. He presented sports gear, exercise books and stationery through officials.

On arrival at Holi village of Kunlon Township, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants. Altogether 3000 acres of land have already been put under physic nut plants in the township.

At 16-bed station hospital in Kaungkha Myothit of Kutkai Township, they provided cash assistance and supplies to the patients who were undergoing medical treatment and presented K 500,000 for the medical funds through Medical Superintendent Dr Tun Win.

At the meeting hall of Special Region-5 of Kaungkha, they met with national race leader U Ma Htu Naw and members and discussed regional development tasks and then presented exercise books and stationery for the students through U Ma Htu Naw.

Next, they together with the national race leader posed for a documentary photo and cordially greeted cultural troupe members of the Special Region-5. At the briefing hall of project for reclamation of 700 acres of high land and growing of poppy-substitute crops, they heard reports presented by the township manager U Maung Maung Aye.

Upon arrival at Muse, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with departmental officials at district and township levels and members of district and township Union Solidarity and Development Association and made a speech. Next, the secretary of district USDA briefed on regional development tasks and the commander gave a supplementary report.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing urged members of USDA to make field trips to grassroots level and organize the local people while carrying out regional development tasks.

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236 drug related cases exposed in July

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — The Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 236 drug related cases in July.

They seized 105.8711 kilos of opium in 47 cases, 1.6120 kilos of heroin in 75 cases, 0.6836 kilo of opium oil in 14 cases, 2.9845 kilos of low-grade opium in 17 cases, 2.2964 kilos of marijuana in 14 cases, 138,550 stimulant tablets in 59 cases, 60.62 kilos of opium speciosa in three cases, four kilos of ephedrine in one case, 285 Zolan tablets in one case, 1056 litres of chemical liquid in one case, fail lure to register two cases and two other cases.

Action was taken against 385 persons— 317 men and 68 women in 236 cases.— *MNA*

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence inspects Chinshwehaw border point.— **MNA**

Sayadaws to deliver sermons at Botahtaung Pagoda

YANGON, 12 Aug—Member of the Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandavamsa of Waso monastery of Seikkan Township, Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanissara (Dhammacaria) of Maha Gandayon monastery of Kaba Aye and Joint-Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manitasiri-bhivamsa of Thahtaydan Kyaung, Maha Withoke-dayon monastery in Maha Aungmye Township in Mandalay Division will deliver sermons at the Seikkan Labour Dhamma-yon of Botahtaung Kyaikde-Up Pagoda in Botahtaung Township on 16 August.—*MNA*

The wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication

When the wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication, he having ascended the tower of wisdom —being himself free from sorrow and being himself wise—looks at the sorrowing people and the unwise as one, standing on a mountain, views those on the plains.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends ceremony to hand over fishing boats, fishing gear

YANGON, 12 Aug—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence yesterday attended a ceremony to hand over the fishing boats and fishing gear to the storm victims in Yangon Division.

The ceremony held at the office of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Kyauktan Township was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, departmental heads, chairmen of Yangon South District/Township PDCs, members of social organizations and officials concerned.

In his speech on the occasion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said: Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions had seen lots of damages and losses due to the storm on 2 and 3 May. Both divisions are economically the core of the country. Such sectors as rice production and fisheries are no exception to suffer losses. So the government is trying to have these sectors got their former situations.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects fishing gear at the ceremony to hand over fishing boats and fishing gear for storm affected townships.

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According to the guidelines of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee, Fisheries Department and Myanmar Fisheries Federation jointly carried out rehabilitation works on fisheries in the storm-hit regions under the supervision of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

The works are being carried out with the aims of assisting the storm-hit fishermen in accord with the guideline laid down by the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee and the departments.

It is learnt that a total of 1199 fishing gear and 80 per cent of necessary fishing nets have been distributed to the fishermen.

Out of the target of 433 motorized boats, 304 ones have been distributed to Kungyangon, Kawhmu, Twantay, and Kyauktan townships. At this ceremony, 52 motorized boats and 253 kinds of fishing nets will be distributed. So, there are 77 boats left to be distributed. They will also be handed over soon. A total of 200 fishing nets will be distributed by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries at the ceremony.

In conclusion, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said he thanked all departments, social organizations and wellwishers taking part in rehabilitating fisheries sector.

Then, Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint accepted 52 motorized boats and 200 fishing nets which were presented by officials concerned. The ceremony concluded after the chairman of Kyauktan PDC expressed words of thanks.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected engines and propellers, which are to be installed to fishing boats, and fishing nets displayed outside the hall.

Upon arrival at jetty of Kyaik Hmaw Wun Yayle Pagoda, Lt-Gen Myint Swe looked into motorized fishing boats which were handed over.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and party offered flowers, water and candles to Buddha Image at the pagoda. Later, they went over crab breeding farm of Aung Moe Khine Co in Kyauktan where officials concerned gave reports on crab breeding. Lt-Gen Myint Swe left necessary instructions.—*MNA*

Entries invited for Int'l Stamp Invitational Design Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—International Stamp Invitational Design Contest sponsored by Directorate of Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs under the arrangements of Korea Post of the Republic of Korea with the aim of promotion of public interest in stamps and creation of new designs of stamps through new imagination.

There will be two categories – youth category and general category. Entries are to be sent to Directorate of Telecommunications, Office No 2, Special Development Zone, Nay Pyi Taw not later than 9 September 2008. — *MNA*

***Vietnamese Defence Minister General Phung Quang Thanh and wife Mrs Tran Thi Loc enjoy performance of national races at National Races Village.*— MNA**

Vietnamese goodwill delegation tours Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug —The goodwill delegation led by General Phung Quang Thanh, Minister for Defence of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and wife Mrs Tran Thi Loc, currently here at the invitation of Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Deputy Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Zaw Win and wife, arrived in Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

The goodwill delegation was welcomed at the airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein and wife, Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Col Thein Naing, senior military officers and officials.

The delegation went to Defence Services Medical Academy in Mingaladon where they were welcomed by Commandant Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin and wife, the rector, the deputy commandant and officials.

Commandant Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin extended greetings to the guests and explained facts about the DSMA to the guests with audio-visual aids.

General Phung Quang Thanh and Commandant Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin exchanged gifts. The visiting general signed in the visitors' book and observed the booth and teaching at the academy.

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing hosted luncheon in honour of the guests at Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel.

The guests went to national race village in the afternoon and they were welcomed by acting Director-General of Border Areas and National Races Development Department U Khin Kyu and officials.

They were then conducted round the village and entertained by traditional dance troupes. General Phung Quang Thanh signed in the visitors' book and presented a flower basket to the performers.

Mrs Tran Thi Loc, wife of General Phung Quang Thanh, and party visited Tooth Relic Pagoda in Yangon and offered water, flowers and lights at the pagoda. — *MNA*

Medical team gives talks on health

YANGON, 12 Aug— A 22-member health care team, led by Deputy Director-General Dr Kyaw Min of the Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) of the Ministry of Health, left for Pyapon and Dedaye townships in Ayeyawady division to provide health care services to storm victims and carry out school health care activities from 29 to 31 July. The medical team provided medical treatment, gave talks on school health, donated books and stationery to the students of two Basic Education High Schools and Basic Education Primary Schools in Taman village, Mayanwa village and Thameinhtaw village-tract. Specialists and medical experts gave talks on diarrhea, personal hygiene, dengue hemorrhagic fever, malaria, sanitation tasks, hazards of smoking, TB and HIV/AIDS.

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***A medical team led by Deputy Director-General Dr Kyaw Min providing health care to students in Pyapon and Dedaye townships.*— MNA**

***Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife being welcomed by Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong and wife at the reception to mark the 43rd anniversary of National Day of Singapore on 12 August.*— MNA**

Flood Alert News

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug— According to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Kalewa is (1450) cm. It is possible to reach its danger level (1550) cm for the next (2) days.

That water level of Chindwin river at Monywa is also expected to rise about (2) feet above the present water level for the next (2) days and it will be about (2) feet below its danger level, said Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—*MNA*

Beijing 2008

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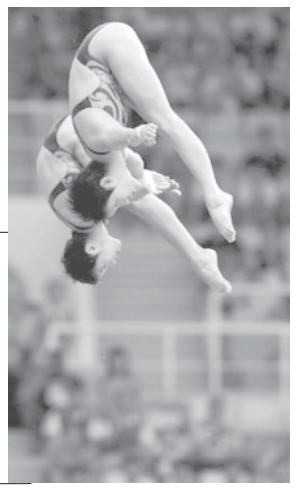
News & Photos by Xinhua

China's Zou Kai, Yang Wei, Xiao Qin, Li Xiaopeng, Huang Xu and Chen Yibing (L-R) wave to spectators on the podium during the awarding ceremony for gymnastics artistic men's team competition of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games at National Indoor Stadium in Beijing, China, on 12 Aug, 2008. The Chinese team won the gold medal of the event with 286.125 points. —XINHUA

Medal Standings (12-8-2008)

Sr	NOC Name	G	S	B	T
1	China	13	3	4	20
2	United States	7	7	8	22
3	ROK	5	6	1	12
4	Germany	4	1	1	6
5	Italy	3	4	2	9
6	Australia	3	2	5	10
7	Japan	3	1	2	6
8	Russian Fed.	2	4	3	9
9	Britain	2	1	3	6
10	Czech Republic	2			2
11	DPRK	1	2	4	7
12	Azerbijan	1	2		3
13	Netherlands	1	1	2	4
14	Slovakia	1	1		2
15	Spain	1		1	2
16	Finland	1		1	2
17	Romania	1		1	2
18	India	1			1
19	Thailand	1			1
20	France		7	2	9
21	Zimbabwe		2		2
22	Austria		1	1	2
23	Cuba		1	1	2
24	Kazakhstan		1	1	2
25	Colombia		1		1
26	Hungary		1		1
27	Norway		1		1
28	Sweden		1		1
29	Turkey		1		1
30	Vietnam		1		1
31	Brazil			3	3
32	Armenia			2	2
33	Indonesia			2	2
34	Chinese Taipei			2	2
35	Algeria			1	1
36	Argentina			1	1
37	Belarus			1	1
38	Croatia			1	1
39	Georgia			1	1
40	Kyrgyzstan			1	1
41	Mexico			1	1
42	Switzerland			1	1
43	Tajikistan			1	1
44	Togo			1	1
45	Ukrain			1	1
46	Uzbekistan			1	1
Total:		53	53	64	170

Pak Hyon Suk of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) shows the gold medal at the awarding ceremony of the women's 63kg final of weightlifting at Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 12 Aug, 2008. Pak Hyon Suk won the gold medal in this event with a total of 241 kilos.—XINHUA



Nila Haakedal(L) of Norway celebrates the victory during the women's preliminary pool B of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games beach volleyball event with her teammate Ingrid Toerlen against Mika Saiki and Chiaki Kusuhara of Japan in Beijing, China, on 12 Aug, 2008. Ingrid Toerlen and Nila Haakedal of Norway won the match 2-0. — XINHUA

China's Chen Ruolin (front)/Wang Xin compete during the women's synchronized 10m platform at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in the National Aquatics Centre, also known as the Water Cube in Beijing, China, on 12 Aug, 2008. Chen Ruolin/Wang Xin won the gold medal in the event with a score of 363.54 points.— XINHUA

Brazil to strengthen marine forces to uphold sovereignty

BRASILIA, 12 Aug — Brazil decided to strengthen its marine forces in an effort to safeguard its sovereignty in response to the American presence in the region, local media reported on Monday.

The plan was recently revealed by the minister of the Secretary of Strategic Subjects of Brazil, Roberto Mangabeira Unger.

Not only will the marines receive reinforcement, but the armed forces of Brazil in general will be fortified, local media quoted the Brazilian minister as saying.

"The presence of the United States Marines in international water throughout the Southern Cone only reiterates the importance for Brazil to take better care of its own defence shield," Unger said.

"One of the main reasons to reform the concept of our national defence is to be able to count on our own defence shield," the minister said.—*Xinhua*

The 'Batmobile' arrives for the European Premiere of The Dark Knight in Leicester Square in central London recently.
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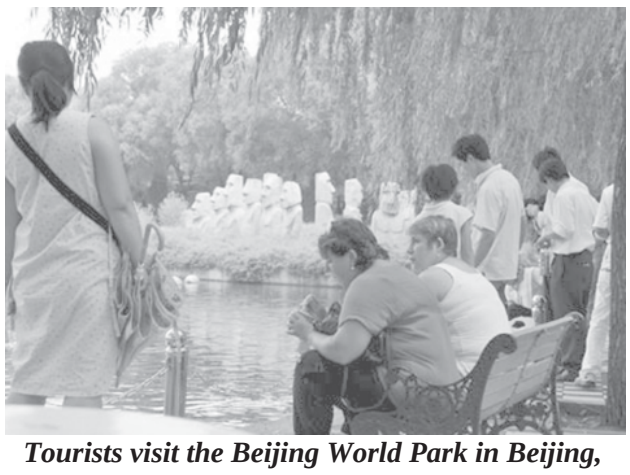

Tourists visit the Beijing World Park in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 Aug, 2008. About 2,000 tourists from home and abroad visit the park per day during the Beijing Olympics. —XINHUA

5.6-magnitude earthquake hits Venezuela

CARACAS, 12 Aug — An earthquake measuring 5.6 on Richter Scale struck eastern Venezuela on early Monday morning. No casualties have been reported.

The Venezuelan Foundation of Seismological Investigations said the quake took place at 2:49 local time (0749 GMT). The epicentre was in the Caribbean sea, about 305 km east of Caracas.

According to Interior Minister Ramon Rodriguez, some 50 buildings were slightly damaged and a hospital was evacuated after the quake.

The tremor also caused a cutoff of electricity supply in some areas of Cumana, the capital city of the coastal state of Sucre. Police officers have been deployed across the state, although there have been no reports of casualties so far.

The quake was felt also in the states of Nueva Esparta and Anzoategui.

Xinhua

Houses, farmland under water, more floods warned in Thai north

BANGKOK, 12 Aug — Floodwater has inundated more than 500 houses in three villages in Thailand's northernmost province of Chiang Rai, and destroyed over 3,000 rai (480 hectares) of crops, Thai media quoted officials as saying on Tuesday.

The authorities have reported that houses in Chiang Rai's Chiang Saen district are now under water of over two metres depth after the Mekong River overflowed its banks, and there is no sign that it would recede, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

A section of the road of over one kilometre linking Chiang Saenand, Chiang Khong districts is also under water, making it impassable for any vehicles.

Relief workers have been sent to help flood victims as the water level in the river keeps rising.

Authorities have urged villagers living near the Mekong and two other rivers in the province to pack up their personal effects to get ready for immediate evacuation to higher ground.

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Czech scientists test new way to kill cancer cells

PRAGUE, 12 Aug—Czech scientists are examining a new method of fighting against tumour cells, based on a vitamin E analog, which has given promising results when tested on mice, Veronika Krato-chvilova from the Biotechnological Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences (AV) said on Monday.

The vitamin E analog, effective via mitochondria, causes the death of cancer cells without damaging healthy ones, the Czech news agency *CTK* quoted Krato-chvilova as saying.

Tests showed that in the mice, the substance suppresses the emergence of tumours of the large intestine, lungs, pleura, the mammary gland and cervix, she added.

As cancer cells tend to vary and lose sensitivity to the present medicaments, the scientists seek new substances that cancer cells would not resist to and that would not damage healthy cells, according to Krato-chvilova.

The scientists said that the effective target for killing tumour cells are mitochondria, small intracellular elements in which cells produce most of the energy they need for their life and growth. Any damaging of mitochondria may kill the respective cell.

The team of Jiri Neuzil, from Prague's Biotechnological Institute, in cooperation with an Australian laboratory, has found out that the vitamin E analog, known as VES, could help in this respect as it affects mitochondria in a way leading to the cell's death. —*Internet*

Georgia conflict stokes energy supply concerns

VIENNA (Austria), 12 Aug—Russia's conflict with Georgia could punish the European Union where it is perhaps most vulnerable: Oil and gas supplies from beyond its eastern frontier.

The EU has been trying to wean itself away from energy dependence on Moscow, which supplies a quarter of its oil and half of its natural gas, by developing routes for Central Asian resources that bypass Russia.

A key to this strategy is a network of energy routes that run through Georgia, notably the Baku Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline that was almost hit by a Russian bombing raid Monday.

No supply disruptions were reported and oil prices actually dipped. But the near-miss brought to stark relief how the conflict, which includes the prospect of a major Russian power grab in Georgia, could wreak havoc with the West's hopes of diversifying its supply sources.—*Internet*

One dead, 90 infected in Benin cholera outbreak

LOME, 12 Aug— A cholera outbreak in Benin since July has killed at least one person, with 90 others infected by the disease, said reports reaching here Monday.

The deadly infectious disease, often incurred by ingesting contaminated water or food, has resulted in a relatively small number of casualties largely due to free medication and other precautionary measures made available before the outbreak, according to the Beninese Health Ministry.

Cholera outbreaks are a regular occurrence in the Beninese economic capital Cotonou and its surrounding areas due to flooding during the rainy reason, say experts.

Insufficient sanitation, shortage of drinking water and inadequate infrastructure such as public toilets could also be responsible for outbreaks of the disease.

Internet

Signs of Alzheimer's disease may be present decades before diagnosis

WASHINGTON, 12 Aug—A team of US scientists report on Monday that people who develop Alzheimer's disease may show signs of the neurodegenerative illness many decades earlier in life, including compromised educational achievement.

Scientists from University of South Florida and University of Kentucky published their study results on-line in the journal *Alzheimer's Disease and Associated Disorders.*

Among participants who became demented before death or had evidence of Alzheimer's disease at autopsy, those with small head sizes had significantly lower educational achievement in earlier adult life. In those dying without a dementia diagnosis or autopsy evidence of Alzheimer's disease, head size had no relationship with education.

Adult head size can be used to estimate the size of the fully-developed brain. Previous studies have found that clinical expression of Alzheimer's disease is related to head size, with people having smaller heads more likely to show the characteristic symptoms of this illness. Larger brains provide reserve against Alzheimer's, allowing people to function normally despite having considerable Alzheimer pathology in their brains.—*Internet*

Cuba backs Cold War ally Russia on Georgia actions

HAVANA, 12 Aug—Cuba sided with its old Cold War ally Russia on Sunday when President Raul Castro issued an official statement supporting Russia's military actions in Georgia's breakaway enclave of South Ossetia.

He backed a Russian demand that Georgia unconditionally withdraw its troops from the pro-Russian area that Georgia tried to reclaim militarily on Thursday.

"It's false that Georgia is defending its national sovereignty," Castro said in the statement that appeared to reflect recent steps toward renewing Cuba-Russia relations.

"The request for a previous withdrawal of the invaders is just and our government supports it."

Castro said South Ossetia shared neither nationality nor culture with Georgia and had maintained its status as "an autonomous republic".

MNA/Reuters

Two Chinese students killed in Newcastle

LONDON, 12 Aug— Two Chinese people were found dead in a flat in Newcastle, Britain, on Saturday, local police reported on Sunday.

The victims, who were believed to be students, were discovered in separate bedrooms in a flat in Croydon Road in the West End of the city with head injuries. They have not been formally identified and police are trying to trace their relatives. The deaths have caused shock in the area which is popular with students and Asian families, British Broadcasting Corporation reported on Sunday. Det Supt Steve Wade, of Northumbria Police, said: "I would urge anyone with any information to contact the police."

MNA/Xinhua

Thai students take part in the YCT (Young Learners Chinese Test) in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on 12 August, 2008. 1192 students from around Thailand participated in the Chinese proficiency test organized by China's Office of Chinese Language Council International here on Tuesday.

INTERNET

Indonesia launches energy efficiency movement

JAKARTA, 12 Aug—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono announced the National Energy and Water Efficiency Movement here on Sunday, the *Antara* news agency reported.

At a morning gathering function at the National Monument (Monas) square in central Jakarta on Sunday, which was attended by about 5,000 people, Susilo said "We know that oil and fuel are becoming more and more expensive and electricity subsidies are becoming higher and higher. We are facing clean water shortages in a number of regions, and Indonesia is still classified as a country which is wasteful in using energy and water."

The President said he had the target that the government's rank and file would cut their energy and water consumption by 30 per cent.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Exit polls show President Morales wins recall referendum in Bolivia

Bolivian President Evo Morales. INTERNET

LIMA, 12 Aug— Exit polls showed on Sunday that Bolivian President Evo Morales has won the recall referendum to remain in office, according to reports reaching here from La Paz, the administrative capital of Bolivia.

According the exit poll conducted by the ATB commercial television station and the firm Captura Consulting, Morales has garnered 60 percent of valid ballots.

Analysts said the victory would boost Morales' clout in pushing forward his socialist reforms in this Andean nation amid strong opposition.

Internet

Germany raids "Nazi" youth camp

ROSTOCK (Germany), 12 Aug— A youth camp run by a neo-Nazi group has been broken up by police near Rostock in northern Germany.

Thirty-nine teenagers and children who were attending the camp have been returned to their homes, police said.

The head of Germany's equivlent of the FBI told a newspaper neo-Nazis were adopting increasingly violent tactics.

Arson attacks by rightwing groups were on the rise, with some 15 incidents reported in the first five months of 2008-five times as many as in the same period last year.

Internet

A police officer examines the wreckage of a bus crashed into the concrete dividers on Interstate 15 in Las Vegas, on 10 Aug, 2008. The bus was carrying employees of Primm Valley Casino Resorts. The crash injured 29 people. —INTERNET

21 US cities to measure carbon footprints

BEIJING, 12 Aug— Some 13,000 companies in 21 US cities, including Denver, Las Vegas and New York, are measuring their carbon footprints using a system developed in the United Kingdom, media reports said Monday.

"If you don't measure these emissions, you cannot manage them," said Paul Dickinson, the chief executive of the UK-based Carbon Disclosure Project, which joined forces with the cities.

Urban traffic, buildings and manufacturers emit 70 percent of the world's greenhouse gases.

The CDP represents 385 global institutional investors that manage a total of more than 57 trillion US dollars in assets. It has gathered corporate emissions data through surveys since 2000 and claims to have the largest corporate greenhouse gas emissions database in the world.

Each of the 21 cities will gather emissions data for their municipal functions, such as their fire and police departments, government buildings and waste services, which will help cities compare how they are doing. They will also assess emissions from the city as a whole.

"The process should really lead to the beginnings of a fundamental restructuring of how cities consume energy," Dickinson said.

Internet

Bus collision kills four, injures four in north China

HOHHOT, 12 Aug— Four people were killed and another four were injured when a truck crashed with a minibus in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, local authority said on Monday.

The accident occurred at 2:43 pm on Sunday in a section of the NO 111 National Highway when the truck side-slipped and collided with the minibus nearby.

Four people in the minibus, including the driver surnamed Guo, died and another four were slightly injured, said a Chifeng municipal traffic police department official.

The cause of the accident is under investigation. —*Internet*

100 militants killed in Pakistan tribal region

ISLAMABAD, 12 Aug— At least 100 militants have been killed in fighting started in a tribal region four days ago, the Army said Sunday.

Army spokesman Major Murad said that 13 soldiers were also killed in the fighting in the Bajaur tribal region.

He also denied the Taliban claim to have surrounded Khar, the centre of Bajaur.

The Taliban have claimed that their fighters are very close to Khar after taking control of Loi Som, a town15 kilometres from Khar.

Murad said that positions of suspected Taliban were shelled at Loi Som and adjoining areas to end Taliban control.

There have been conflicting reports about casualties after Sunday's bombing of Loi Som.

Taliban spokesman Maulvi Umar said that the militants Sunday killed 15 soldiers who had been hiding in suburbs of Khar. There was no confirmation of the claim by the Army.

Thousands of people, including children and women, are leaving Bajaur as fighting is spreading in the region, according to local Press reports. —*Internet*

Eight killed in traffic accidents in Romania

BUCHAREST, 12 Aug — Eight people were killed and at least nine others injured in a series of accidents over the weekend in Romania.

The Media Fax reported Sunday that five people were killed and four others severely injured Saturday night as two cars collided on the No 3 national road near the Black Sea coastal city of Constanta.

Also on the day, a Citroen strayed into the incoming lane and smashed head-on into another car on the No 7 national road in the central county of Deva, killing three people on the spot, including the driver of the Citroen and a seven-year-old girl.

Local television also reported that at least two people were injured Sunday as a passenger bus carrying 47 people turned over near Arad in western Romania.

Internet

Firefighters work to extinguish a fire that started in a propane storage area in Toronto on 10 Aug, 2008. Explosions at the propane facility forced thousands of people to evacuate early Sunday, and witnesses described the sky lighting up in the glow of an enormous fireball before turning black with billowing smoke. One firefighter died, authorities said. —INTERNET

Two die in ultralight plane crash in Czech Republic

PRAGUE, 12 Aug — An ultralight plane crashed near Dolni Trebonin, south of the Czech Republic, killing the two-member crew, regional rescue ser-vice head Marek Slaby said on Sunday.

After crashing in a field, the plane caught fire, the Czech News Agency *CTK* said.

Firefighters put the fire out but they could not help the pilot and the other man any more, *CTK* added.

"The plane belonged to a company seated in Ceske Budejovice," Regional Police Director Jiri Matzner said. —*Internet*

SPORTS

Fernandes wants to stay at Valencia

Manuel Fernandes

MADRID, 12 Aug — Valencia's Portuguese international midfielder Manuel Fernandes, who has spent two loan spells at English Premiership side Everton, says he wants to stay at the Spanish club.

"I want to succeed in Spain. But I need more confidence from the coach," the 22-year-old told Spanish media on Monday.

Fernandes, the cousin of Manchester City midfielder Gelson Fernandes, joined Valencia in August 2007 from Portuguese side Benfica for six seasons.

In January 2008 he was loaned to Everton until the end of the season just days after he was questioned by police following a fracas at a nightclub. He had already spent a loan spell at Everton and at Portsmouth last season. Fernandes had been linked to a permanent move to the English Premiership but his last spell at Everton was marked by a lack of fitness and injuries which hurt his chances of a move.—*Internet*

Jack Nicklaus picking Team USA to win Ryder Cup

SELLERSBURG, 12 Aug — Jack Nicklaus isn't worried about Tiger Woods' absence hurting Team USA's chances of winning the Ryder Cup next month at Valhalla in Louisville.

Speaking Monday before a charity tournament hosted by Fuzzy Zoeller in southern Indiana, Nicklaus said he still thinks the U.S. can take back the Cup though he concedes the Americans are no longer heavy favorites now that Woods is out with a knee injury.

Nicklaus also praised the revamped layout at Valhalla, a course he designed. He lengthened some holes and shortened others, hoping to put more emphasis on putting.

Internet

Juventus open bid to return to European big time

TURIN, 12 AUG — Juventus are looking to take a big step towards regaining their place among Europe's football elite when they entertain Artmedia Bratislava in their Champions League final qualifying round, first leg tie on Wednesday.

The Serie A giants have not played in Europe since drawing 0-0 to Arsenal in Turin in April 2006 to crash out of the tournament 2-0 on aggregate at the quarter-final stage shortly before the explosion of the match-fixing scandal that led to their relegation to the second tier.

After Juve won promotion back to Serie A at the first attempt and finished third in the standings last season to earn a ticket to the Champions League, the Slovak champions are not expected to pose a major threat to their ambitions in the competition they won in 1985 and 1996. Indeed, coach Claudio Ranieri is hoping to make fast work of them.

"We have to wrap up the question of qualification (to the group stage) at home," Ranieri said after his side drew 0-0 at European and English champions Manchester United last week.—*Internet*

***Juventus' Marco Marchionni (left) and Arsenal's Keiran Gibbs clash during the Emirates Cup competition in north London on 2 August. Juventus are looking to take a big step towards regaining their place among Europe's football elite when they entertain Artmedia Bratislava in their Champions League final qualifying round.*—INTERNET**

Fabregas ready to ruin McClaren's Champions League debut

LONDON, 12 Aug — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger expects Cesc Fabregas to ruin Steve McClaren's Champions League debut with FC Twente in the third qualifying round on Wednesday.

Arsene Wenger

The Gunners travel to the Netherlands for the first leg against former England coach McClaren's new club with plenty of questions still to be answered about Wenger's side.

After his chastening experience as England coach, McClaren would love to stick two fingers up at his critics by knocking out Arsenal. But Twente are making their Champions League debut after defeating Ajax in a play-off last season and, although Arsenal have only just completed their pre-season programme, McClaren knows his side have only a slim chance of advancing to the Champions League group stages.—*Internet*

Portsmouth sign Kaboul from Tottenham

LONDON, 12 AUG — Tottenham defender Younes Kaboul on Monday signed for FA Cup winners Portsmouth on a four-year contract, the south coast club said.

The 22-year-old passed the medical and, wearing the number three shirt, could make his debut on Sunday in the first Premiership match of the season against Chelsea. No transfer fee was disclosed.

The former Auxerre player, who arrived in North London in the summer of 2007, never imposed himself at Spurs and chose Portsmouth ahead of other clubs chasing him, Sunderland and Aston Villa.

Younes Kaboul

"It wasn't a difficult choice to make coming here. Everyone in the papers was saying I was going to Sunderland or Aston Villa but I only ever wanted to come here," Kaboul told www.portsmouthfc.com.

"As soon as I knew they were interested I said: `I want to come to Pompey.'

"I came here because the manager has wanted me for two years. I met him two years ago when I was at Auxerre and I like the man because he gives you confidence."*Internet*

Injured Liverpool midfielder Gerrard travelling to Belgium

Steven Gerrard

PARIS, 12 Aug— Injured skipper Steven Gerrard will be making the trip to Belgium for Liverpool's opening Champions League clash against Standard Liege on Wednesday, Reds manager Rafael Benitez said.

"I was talking with him (Gerrard) this morning and he will go with us to Belgium," Benitez said on Liverpool's TV channel on Monday.

"He is progressing really well but we will check after training," he said of the 28 year old who has been recovering from a thigh strain. "I will speak with the doctor and with Steven and then decide." Benitez made it clear the team to face Standard Liege in this third qualifying round, first leg tie will be much the same as faced Lazio in the friendly on 8 August.—*Internet*

Harrington fills Tiger void with PGA win

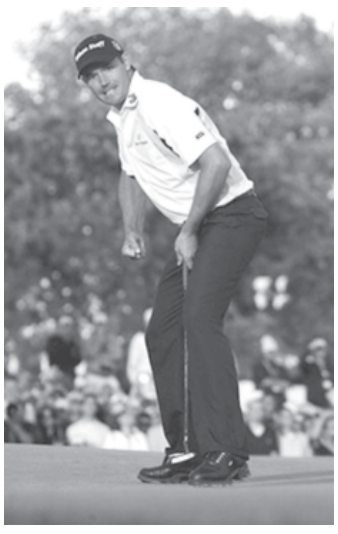
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, 12 Aug — Everyone wondered who would fill the void with Tiger Woods recuperating and out of the last two majors.

The answer is pretty clear.

Padraig Harrington overcame a three-shot deficit, coolly rolling in a 10-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole and 15-footer for par on 18, to pull away from Sergio Garcia and Ben Curtis and win the PGA Championship on Sunday.

In a fitting follow to winning his second straight British Open three weeks ago, the Irishman became only the fourth player—and first European—to win the claret jug and the Wanamaker Trophy in the same year. He also became the first European to win the PGA Championship since Tommy Armour of Scotland in 1930.

Internet



Padraig Harrington, of Ireland, reacts as his putt drops on 18th hole that gave him lead and the eventual win in the 90th PGA Championship golf tournament on 10 Aug, 2008, at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township, Mich.
INTERNET

China's Sun agrees to terms with NBA Lakers

LOS ANGELES, 12 Aug — Chinese national team member Sun Yue has agreed to terms on a contract with the Los Angeles Lakers, the National Basketball Association club announced on Saturday.

The Lakers said on their website that they hope to finalize details on a contract with Sun in the coming weeks. Sun is in Beijing competing in the Summer Games with his Chinese teammates.

The Lakers drafted the 22-year-old Sun in the second round of the 2007 NBA entry draft.

Instead of heading to southern California, Sun continued to play with his club team Beijing Aoshen and with the Chinese national team.—*Internet*

Chinese national team member Sun Yue (seen in this file photo) has agreed to terms on a contract with the Los Angeles Lakers, the NBA club announced on Saturday.
INTERNET

Putin criticizes US over South Ossetia

MOSCOW, 12 Aug— Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin sharply criticized the United States on Monday, saying its support for Georgia in the conflict over the separatist region South Ossetia displayed a cynical Cold War mentality.

Putin, shown speaking on state television, singled out the United States, saying Washington was helping to bring Georgian troops from Iraq to fight at home. In an emotional speech to senior government officials, Putin said some US politicians still had a Cold War mentality.

"It is a shame that some of our partners are not helping us but, essentially, are hindering us," Putin said. "I mean ... the transfer by the United States of a Georgian contingent in Iraq with military transport planes practically to the conflict zone."

"The very scale of this cynicism is astonishing—the attempt to turn white into black, black into white and to adeptly portray victims of aggression as aggressors and place the responsibility for the consequences of the aggression on the victims."

A simmering conflict between Russia and its small, former Soviet neighbour erupted last Thursday when Georgia suddenly sent forces to retake South Ossetia, a pro-Russian province that threw off Georgian rule in the 1990s.

"The major part of our contingent in Iraq has come back," said Nika Rurua of the Georgian Parliament's defence committee.

MNA/Reuters

Ahmadinejad says Teheran never give up N-programme

TEHERAN, 12 Aug— Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed Monday that Teheran will never give up its nuclear programme despite the risk of fresh sanctions, the state-run TV's website reported.

Ahmadinejad made the remarks in a meeting with his Algerian counterpart Abdelaziz Bouteflika who are in Teheran for visit, according to the report.

"They have deeply understood that Iran's peaceful nuclear programme will never be stopped," Ahmadinejad said, referring to the US representative participation without any precondition in the Geneva nuclear talks. "they have no choice but to talk and cooperate with Iran," Ahmadinejad added.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Three workers killed in accident in Istanbul shipyard

ANKARA, 12 Aug—Three workers were killed and 13 others wounded in an accident in Tuzla Shipyards Zone in Turkey's largest city Istanbul on Monday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

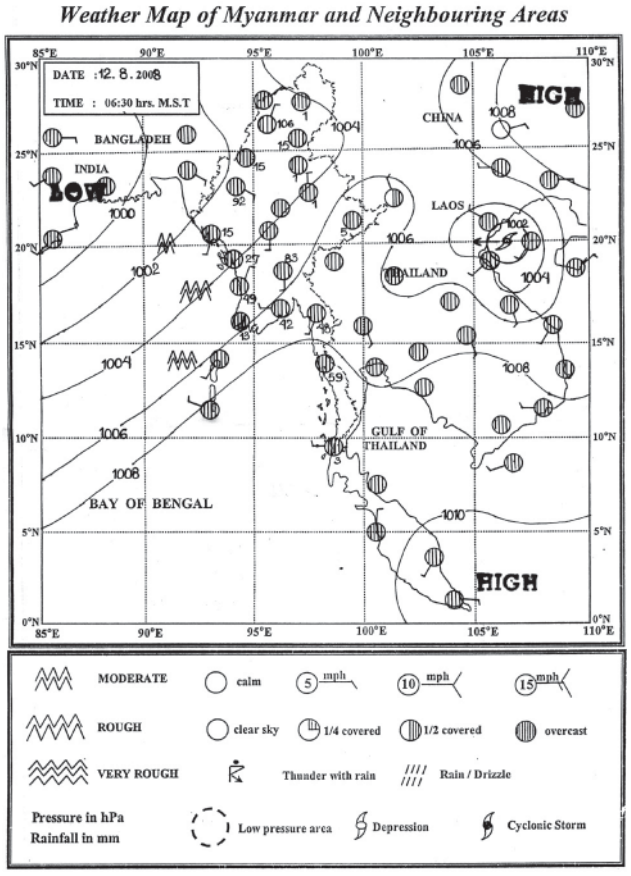
Workers fell into the sea when a boat's rope uncoiled from a ship in Gisan Shipyard, leaving three workers dead and 13 others injured, said the report.

A total of 61 workers have died due to various accidents at Tuzla shipyards since 2000, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua

People walk past destroyed Georgian tanks in the South Ossetian town of Tskhinvali on 11 August. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has told defence chiefs he has decided to cease Russia's military operation against Georgia.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 12 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division, isolated heavyfalls in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions. The noteworhty amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (4.77) inches, Hkamti (4.17) inches, Naungcho (3.86) inches, Kaleywa (3.62) inches, Kyauktaw (3.42) inches, Taungoo (3.27) inches, Kayan (3.23) inches, Thaton (2.84) inches, Hpa-an (2.80) inches, Taungoo (Aviation Met) (2.48) inches, Dawei (2.32) inches, Aunglan and Mawlamyine (2.13) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 11-8-2008 was 82˚F. Minimum temperature on 12-8-2008 was 70ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-8-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 11-8-2008 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 12-8-2008 was (1.65) inches at Mingaladon, (1.74) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.42) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (72.44) inches at Mingaladon, (81.50) inches at Kaba-Aye and (95.55) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (22:30) hours MST on 11-8-2008.

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

Special feature: According to observation at (06:30) hrs MST today, the tropical depression over Gulf of Tonkin (South China Sea), it is centred at about 110 miles south-east of Hanoi (Vietnam). It is forecast to move West ward slowly.

Forecast valid until evening of 13-8-2008: Rain will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Shan and Kayin States, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Thaninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (40) 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 13-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-8-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

TV Myanmar

Wednesday, 13 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. Musical programme
7:50 am
5. သီချင်းကြီးပဒေသာ
8:00 am
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:10 am
7. Musical programme
8:20 am
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:30 am
9. International news
8:45 am
10. "အရေးကြီးလို့ပါ" (ခင်လှိုင်၊ ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
8:50 am
11. Song of national races
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. The mirror images of the musical oldies
4:20 pm
3. "အေးမြသောလေပြေ လေညှင်းလေးများ" (မေတ္တာ၊ ဇေယျ၊ စိုးမိုးကြည်၊ ဇူးဇူးမောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–အောင်မိုး–ပဲရစ်)
4:35 pm
4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
4:45 pm
5. Cute little dancers
4:55 pm
6. Song to uphold National Spirit
5:05 pm
7. Musical programme
5:20 pm
8. ရှဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
5:30 pm
9. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
6:00 pm
10. Evening news
6:30 pm
11. Weather report
6:35 pm
12. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ဝှေ့
6:50 pm
13. ထက်မြက်ပျော်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
7:15 pm
14. "ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့"
8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. ၂၀၀၇ ခုနှစ်၊ မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအကရေးတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ "ပြဇော်ပြိုင်ပွဲ" "စည်းလုံးစို့လေ သွေးချင်းတို့ရဲ့မြန်မာပြည်" (တတိယဆု) (ဧရာဝတီတိုင်း)

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General Thura Shwe Mann and wife see off Vietnamese Defence Minister, wife and delegation members

General Thura Shwe Mann presents album on goodwill visit to Vietnamese Defence Minister General Phung Quang Thanh.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug —Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet saw off Minister for Defence of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam General Phung Quang Thanh and wife Mrs Tran Thi Loc and party who would proceed to Yangon by a special flight, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 8.15 am today.

Accompanied by Member of SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, the visiting delegation led by Minister for Defence of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam General Phung Quang Thanh and wife arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport in a motorcade.

At the lounge of the airport, General Thura Shwe Mann presented a documentary album on the goodwill visit to Vietnamese Defence Minister General Phung Quang Thanh.

Next, the visiting delegation led by Vietnamese Defence Minister

(See page 8)

General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet see off Vietnamese Defence Minister General Phung Quang Thanh and wife Mrs Tran Thi Loc at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

Defence maintains win, SWRR and Mines in one all draw

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—The first round matches of the group-F of the Second Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued at the designated sports grounds today.

Defence made a narrow win over Immigration and Population 2-1 in the group-F in Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground while SWRR were tied with Mines a 1-1 draw in the same group.

CPT will play against Home and MOFA versus Science and Technology at the designated sports grounds tomorrow.

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