

## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Hungarian President

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Laszlo Solyom, President of the Republic of Hungary, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Hungary, which falls on 20 August, 2008. — MNA

## Prime Minister felicitates Hungarian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ferenc Gyurcsany, Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Hungary, which falls on 20 August, 2008. — MNA

## NDPCC Chairman Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects rehabilitation tasks, attends ceremony to hand over fishing boats and fishing gear in Labutta Township

YANGON, 19 Aug — Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein accompanied by the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of Government Office, departmental heads and officials arrived in Patheingyi by helicopter at 8.35 am yesterday.

The Prime Minister and party together with Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe went to Labutta in Labutta District viewing monsoon paddy plantations along the route.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects engines, fishing boats and fishing gear displayed at the ceremony to hand over fishing boats and fishing gear in Labutta. —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

**All necessary assistance has been provided to the victims to be able to lead a better life with high living standard and to restore their businesses.**

### Weather Forecast for 20-8-2008

**Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area:**

Isolated rain.

Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Yangon and neighbouring area:**

Some rain.

Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Mandalay and neighbouring area:**

Isolated rain.

Degree of certainty is (80%).

## As the granary of State, Ayeyawady Division to try its utmost to exceed paddy production target

YANGON, 19 Aug — Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein met with division-level departmental officials at the Mya E-ya Hall in Patheingyi,

Ayeyawady Division yesterday and gave instructions on regional development.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Coun-

cil Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and heads (See page 9)

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 20 August, 2008

Take preparedness measures against natural disasters

Now, monsoon is in full swing, and many rivers and creeks are swollen due to continuous heavy rains. Floods due to raging rivers and landslides are taking place in low-lying regions of some regional and neighbouring countries, leaving hundreds of people dead.

In Myanmar, the rivers in some regions in Taninthayi Division, Kayin, Mon and eastern Shan states, and Sagaing, Bago, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions are in flood these days, following torrential rains. In consequence, that caused floods to some houses and monsoon paddy fields, damage to some road sections and closure of some basic education schools in those regions. The administrative bodies concerned and social organizations worked together in providing assistance in the issue.

Local people in the coastal regions and the regions on the banks of Thanlwin, Sittoung, Chindwin, Ayeyawady, Myitnge and Bago rivers have to be in a state of preparedness against possible floods triggered by swollen rivers.

In that regard, local residents in the townships and villages that are under the threats of raging rivers have to take preparedness measures such as keeping a watchful eye on the tides of the rivers, inspecting the embankments along the banks, stockpiling sand bags and stone bags, and formation of township and village level teams for preparedness against possible floods, rescue teams and health care teams.

Natural disasters by nature may occur at any time. Therefore, local authorities, social organizations and locals have to focus on preparedness against possible natural disasters at all times in order to prevent and minimize losses.

UMFCCI meets Laotian delegation

YANGON, 19 Aug — Heads of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met with the Chairman of Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry at UMFCCI (Head Office) on Minyekyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 12 August.

UMFCCI Vice-Presidents U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin and U Thaung Tin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay, Joint Secretary-2 U Tun Aung and CEC members and executives held a meeting with members of the Laotian delegation led by Mr Kissana VONGXAY, the chairman of LNCCI.

The meeting discussed matters on bilateral investments in the two countries, upgrade of trade and cooperation in exporting wood-based products.

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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

Industry-1 Minister meets Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received General Manager Mr Jin Young Xue of CAMC Engineering Co Ltd and party of the People's Republic of China at his office here yesterday.

They discussed matters on the float glass project (Kyaukse), repairing a kiln of Thanlyin glass factory and production of glassware in Myanmar.

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Minister U Aung Thaung receives General Manager of CAMC Engineering Co Ltd Mr Jin Young Xue. — MNA

Union of Myanmar  
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries  
Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department  
Early warning on prevention of cross border Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1 HPAI) disease  
(19-8-2008)

1. H5N1 HPAI outbreaks in Global Aspect (from 2003 to 1<sup>st</sup> week of August 2008)
  - (a) **H5N1 HPAI outbreaks transmitted to poultry**

In (61) countries of Asia, Africa and Europe regions, the total number of poultry amounting to (260) million birds were affected by H5N1. Destruction of poultry resulted in losses of (11) billion US dollars.
  - (b) **H5N1 HPAI outbreaks transmitted to human**

In (14) countries of Asia, Africa and European region, (243) humans died of HPAI infection out of (385) persons infected.
2. H5N1 HPAI outbreaks in Myanmar and neighboring countries (of 1<sup>st</sup> week of August 2008)
  - (a) **Myanmar**

In 2006, in Sagaing and Mandalay divisions as a first wave in 2007, in Yangon, Bago divisions and Mon State as a second wave, in (Eastern) Shan State as a third wave, outbreaks of H5N1 occurred and in 20-4-2008, the country could be claimed again as H5N1 free country.
  - (b) **Neighboring countries,**

In some countries, disease occurrences were sporadic, in others, increased frequency of outbreaks and widespread infections were observed.
3. **Review of H5N1 infection occurred in Asian region**

Based on the studies made by the consultants from FAO Asian region, the following overview comments could be made.

  - (a) **Cross border infection of HPAI in the countries**
    - (1) Cross border trade of live poultry, other birds and day-old chicks.
    - (2) Movement of infected meat and eggs.
    - (3) Farm implements, egg crates (used for the movement of illegally traded poultry and poultry products) illegal vaccines and dealers.
    - (4) Wild birds, migratory birds (crows, sparrows and pigeons) and illegally traded exotic birds.
    - (5) Clinically healthy birds such as vaccinated day-old chicks, non-productive birds, culled birds, which are carried across borders are likely to spread infection.
  - (b) **Virus reservoirs for circulation and infection**
    - (1) **Sites of virus multiplication**

Live bird markets which are of low bio-safety are likely to be sites of virus multiplication.
    - (2) **Reservoir**

Ducks under free range systems are likely to be reservoir of virus.
    - (3) **Sensitive and susceptible animals**

Quails are highly susceptible to virus infection.

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# US missile shield bad for security, boosts arms race

WARSAW, 19 Aug—Poland’s agreement to a US missile shield on its territory will impair the country’s security and start a new arms race, Greenpeace warned Monday. The United States and Poland sealed Thursday an initial accord on the installation of a missile shield in Poland. Parts of the system will also be erected in the Czech Republic.

As an extra safety

measure Poland is also to receive a unit of US Patriot missiles.

In a statement sent to Polish news agency PAP, Greenpeace warned that the shield would only escalate a new arms race. “No weaponry or threats of its use can guarantee a safe future”, the organization said, adding that “the shield was not really a shield but a new, offensive sword embodying the Bush

administrations dreams about planetwide preventive strikes.”

Greenpeace also reminded that the US Missile Defence Agency (MDA) itself admitted that the Polish and Czech installations would primarily protect radar systems in Britain and Greenland, and that in case of an attack on the US the Polish and Czech installations would be the first to come under fire.—Internet



Rickshaw pullers wade through flood waters after heavy rains in Gauhati, India, on 19 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

## Afghan ambush kills French troops

KABUL, 19 Aug—Ten French soldiers have been killed in an ambush by Taliban fighters east of the Afghan capital, Kabul.

A further 21 French troops were wounded in one of the heaviest tolls

suffered by the Nato-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). French President Nicolas Sarkozy has announced he will travel to Kabul to assure troops of his support. The deaths come amid warnings that

insurgents are closing in on the capital city.

The loss of life is thought to be the heaviest suffered by the French military since 58 paratroopers were killed in Beirut in 1983.

Internet

## Tropical storm “Fay” kills 50 in Haiti

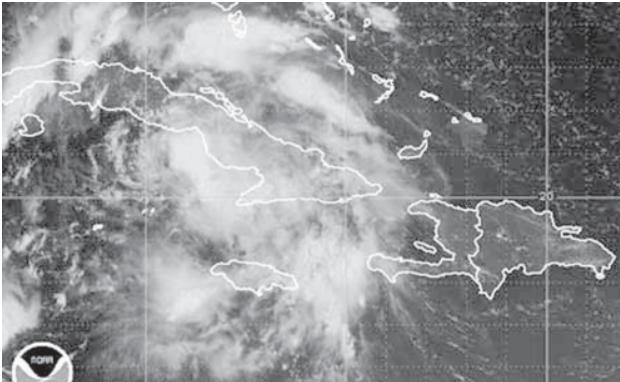
HAVANA, 19 Aug—Raging tropical storm “Fay” has brought floods to Haiti, killing at least 50 people in Haiti when the bus they were aboard was dragged by a river due to the strong rain the storm produced, authorities said on Monday.

According to infor-

mation reaching here from Port au Prince, capital of Haiti on Monday, in the bus there were some 80 people, and among them there were many children.

The waters of the Glace river, in the province of Grand-Anse (southwest), dragged the bus on Sunday and only 25 people survived

because they reached the roof of the bus. The rest of the passengers are missing. “Fay” crossed on Monday the Cuban territory from south to north. The National Centre of Hurricanes from Miami said that “Fay” has winds of 85 kilometres per hour and superior gusts.—Internet



Tropical Storm Fay as seen over the Caribbean Sea in this National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) satellite image taken at 16:15 GMT on 17 Aug, 2008. XINHUA

## Southwest Florida awaits landfall by Fay

NAPLES (Fla), 19 Aug—Tropical Storm Fay rumbled toward Florida’s southwest coast on Tuesday as residents with memories of a killer hurricane in 2004 took the precaution of shutting schools, government offices and many businesses.

With no major Florida

hurricanes in the past two years, officials were worried that complacency could cost lives as they repeatedly urged people across the state to take Fay seriously.

After crossing the Florida Keys without causing major damage Monday, Fay was forecast to lumber ashore sometime

Tuesday morning along the southwestern portion of the state as a tropical storm or Category 1 hurricane.

The warnings about Fay stirred unpleasant memories for many in and around Punta Gorda who rode out deadly Hurricane Charley in 2004.

Internet

## Light plane crashes in Japan’s Osaka Prefecture

TOKYO, 19 Aug—A twin-seat plane crashed into a crossroad on a national highway in Yao, Osaka Prefecture, Tuesday morning, Kyodo News reported.

Aboard the aircraft were the pilot, who suffered minor injuries, and a 52-year-old photographer, who was taken to a hospital, police said, adding that no other casualties were caused around the crash site.

Internet

## Bus crash kills one, injures more than 60

LONDON, 19 Aug—A collision between a coach carrying South Africans, Lithuanians, and Poles and a car in central England left one man dead and more than 60 people injured, emergency services said.

According to a spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance Service, the coach careered down an embankment after the crash in the village of Alton, Staffordshire, rolled onto its side and ended up in the garden of a house. “A total of 71 people were on the coach, including the driver,” the spokesman said.

“Unfortunately one man suffered fatal injuries, and was confirmed dead at the scene,” he added, and said that two others had suffered serious head injuries.

Of the 71 people on board the bus, 60 were assessed at a nearby amusement park’s medical centre, with 15 being forwarded on to a hospital with minor injuries.

Internet

Picture from the West Midlands Ambulance Service shows an air and ground ambulance. A collision between a coach carrying South Africans, Lithuanians, and Poles and a car in central England left one man dead and more than 60 people injured, emergency services said.—INTERNET



## Russia claims pullback but forces move other way

GORI (Georgia), 19 Aug—Russia said Monday it had begun withdrawing from the conflict zone in Georgia, but it held fast to key positions and sent some of its troops in the opposite direction closer to the Georgian capital.

Russian troops and vehicles roamed freely around the strategically located central city of Gori, Russian forces appeared to blow up the runway at a military base in the western town of Senaki. There were few signs Russia was following the terms of a cease-fire to end the short war, which has driven tensions between Russia and the West to some of their highest levels since the breakup of the Soviet Union.—Internet

South Ossetian Vadim Kulimbekov, 62, stands in his flat destroyed by a Georgian strike in Tskhinvali, on 17 August, 2008.

INTERNET



# Study shows US public schools in “air pollution danger zone”

WASHINGTON, 19 Aug — One in three US public schools are in the “air pollution danger zone,” according to a new research released Monday by University of Cincinnati available on Monday.

More than 8,800 schools representing 6 million students in the United States were included in the survey.

The research team have found that more than 30 percent of American

public schools are within 400 metres of major highways that consistently serve as main truck and traffic routes.

The research has shown that proximity to major highways — and thus environmental pollutants, such as aerosolizing diesel exhaust particles — can leave school-age children more susceptible to respiratory diseases later in life.

“This is a major pub-

lic health concern that should be given serious consideration in future urban development, transportation planning and environmental policies,” says Sergey Grinshpun, lead investigator of the study.

To protect the health of young children with developing lungs, he says new schools should be built further from major highways.

Xinhua



Abbot Yongxin (left) guides Singaporean President S R Nathan on a tour of the Shaolin Temple on 17 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA

## All items from Xinhua News Agency



Two technicians check the equipments in an oil refinery of China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Sinopec) in Ningbo, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 29 March, 2008.—XINHUA

# China to get key oil bases by year end

BEIJING, 19 Aug — China will complete the construction of its first four strategic oil reserves by the end of this year, a senior government official said yesterday.

“The progress has been smooth and all the four bases will be completed by the year end,” Zhang Guobao, administrator of the National Energy Administration (NEA), said after a Press conference in Beijing.

“Their total capacity will amount to 16.4 million

cum.” Zhang made the comments at his first public appearance since the NEA’s inauguration on 8 Aug.

The administration came into being as part of the reshuffle of government agencies in March. Zhang now also holds the position of vice-minister of the National Planning and Reform Commission (NDRC), the nation’s top economic planner.

China started to build its strategic oil reserves in 2004, in order to fend off

the risk of oil shortages and reduce the impact of oil price fluctuations. The government plans to build strategic oil reserves in three phases over 15 years, involving an estimated investment of 100 billion yuan (14.6 billion US dollars).

The first four reserves, located in Dalian, Qingdao, Ningbo and Zhoushan, are expected to maintain strategic oil reserves equivalent to 30 days of imports in 2010.

Xinhua

## Tiny island country gearing up for summit

ALOPI (Niue), 19 Aug— For many delegates and journalists coming for Tuesday’s Pacific Islands Forum, this is the first time in their lives to visit or even hear about this isolated coral atoll thousands of km north-east of New Zealand.

And for the 1,600 Niuean people living their peaceful lives in the remote, tiny island, the forum is a big event for years. Last time Niue hosted the Forum, which annually brings 16 heads of government of the states in the Pacific, was more than 30 years ago in 1977.

The smallest country of the group wants to show off its tropical beauty and win more tourism as it rebuilds itself after the devastation of the Cyclone Heta in 2004. —Xinhua

## One British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 19 Aug — British Defence Ministry said on Monday a British soldier was killed in southern Afghanistan.

The soldier from 2nd Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland, attached to 1st Battalion the Royal Irish Regiment was killed in an explosion during a joint patrolling with Afghan National Army in Helmand Province, said the ministry.

“During that time an improvised explosive device was detonated which resulted in the death of one British soldier and shrapnel and blast injuries to one other ISAF soldier, an Afghan National Army soldier and the patrol interpreter.” said the ministry. —Xinhua

## Peru declares state of emergency in three provinces over protests

LIMA, 19 Aug — Peruvian government on Monday declared a state of emergency in three northern provinces where indigenous groups are holding protests against a law that they believe will deprive them of their land.

Police said eight policemen and two indigens have been injured.

Xinhua

## Three Chinese, one Vietnamese safe from escaping of kidnappers in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Aug — Three Chinese workers and a Vietnamese diplomat, kidnapped on Saturday morning in Rio de Janeiro, were found by the police in Rio’s metro area Itaguaí on Monday morn-

ing, local police said.

Twelve masked men, armed with rifles and wearing policemen clothes, robbed the three Chinese workers’ cash, watches and jewellery and kidnapped them on Saturday morning on the Paineiras Road, near the Rio’s famed Christ the Redeemer statue.

Vu Thanh Nam, identified by the Vietnamese Embassy as a high-ranking consular official, and his family were also robbed by the masked men on the way to the statue. He was kidnapped and taken to a shantytown of Rio after he revealed his diplomat identity.

The four hostages, who were kept inside a cistern, managed to escape on Sunday afternoon, when the kidnappers fled due to a police operation. —Xinhua



Foreign tourists pose for pictures with two tourists wearing ancient Chinese armatures on the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall in Beijing, capital of China, on 18 Aug, 2008. The Great Wall attracts many foreign visitors and athletes during the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.—XINHUA



Foreign tourists pose for photos in the Forbidden City in Beijing, capital of China, on 19 Aug, 2008. The Forbidden City is among the favourites of foreign tourists during the Beijing Olympic Games. —INTERNET

### Suicide car bomb kills five in western Iraq: police

RAMADI (Iraq), 19 Aug—A suicide bomber detonated a car bomb at a police checkpoint in the western Iraqi city of Ramadi on Monday, killing five policemen and wounding seven, police said.

The city is the capital of Anbar province, an area that was once the most dangerous part of Iraq but has become among the safest since the local population turned against al Qaeda Sunni Arab militants in late 2006 and 2007. Iraq has become far less violent over the past year overall, but US forces and Iraqi authorities say militants still retain the ability to carry out large scale bombings, frequently targeting police and US-backed neighbourhood patrols.—Internet

### Another quake rocks easternmost Indonesia

JAKARTA, 19 Aug—A moderate quake with magnitude of 5.4 struck easternmost of Indonesia on Tuesday, but there were no reports of damage or casualties, the Indonesian Meteorology Agency said here. The quake jolted at 11:34 am (0434 GMT) with epicentre at 12 kilometres southeast of Nabire town in Papua province and 48 kilometres in depth, an official of the agency said.

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

Internet

### Brazilian police find Picasso print stolen from Sao Paulo museum

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Aug—The Estacao Pinacoteca museum’s stolen print “Minotaur, Drinker and Women,” by Spanish artist Pablo Picasso, was recovered Monday, Brazilian police announced.

The piece, which was stolen from the Sao Paulo museum on 12 June, was the last one of four stolen artworks to be recovered. Brazilian police launched an operation on 15 Aug to retrieve the famed print.

Three men allegedly involved in the heist have already been detained and three others have yet to be arrested. According to the police, the thieves were not hired by anyone for the crime.

The museum’s “Couple,” printed by Lasar Segall, “Women at the Window,” printed by Emiliano Di Cavalcanti were recovered on 7 Aug, and another Picasso print, “The Painter and the Model,” was recovered on 18 July. The four pieces, which have a total value of 540,000 US dollars, were taken away in broad daylight in the space of 10 minutes. The crime was recorded by the museum's security cameras and the museum has improved its security supervision after the heist.—Internet

### Suicide bombers attack US base in Afghanistan

KABUL (Afghanistan), 19 Aug—Suicide bombers tried unsuccessfully to storm a US military base near Afghanistan-Pakistan border in a daring attack on a major American installation, officials said Tuesday. Six insurgents detonated their vests after being surrounded.

The attack came a day after a suicide bomb outside the same base killed 10 civilians and wounded 13 others. The fighting was still going on early Tuesday, said US coalition spokesman 1st Lt Nathan Perry. There have been no American deaths, he said.

The militants failed to gain entry to Camp Salerno in Khost city after launching waves of attacks just before midnight on Monday, said Arsallah Jamal, the governor of Khost. The base is just a few miles from Pakistan's border.—Internet

### Man’s ear chewed off after dispute with neighbour

Two Ogden neighbours got into a fight after a minor league baseball game that ended with one of them biting off a part of the other’s ear. The two men had returned home from the Ogden Raptors baseball game late Wednesday when police said one man apparently offended the other with a comment.

Ogden Police Lt Scott Sangberg said the offended man responded by striking the other in the face several times and then clamping down on his ear with his teeth and pulling back with enough force to rip off a part of the ear.



Neon lights and a long exposure create a swirl of colour as El Nino and other rides entertain fairgoers at the Lane County Fair in Eugene, Ore at sunset.

### Whale calf lost in Sydney waters, bonds with yacht

Australian media say a lost humpback whale calf has bonded with a yacht it seems to think is its mother.

The 1- to 2-month-old calf was first sighted Sunday in waters off north Sydney, and on Monday tried to suckle from a yacht, which it would not leave.

Rescuers towed the yacht out to sea, and the calf finally detached from the boat but still swam nearby, Australian Broadcasting Corp and Channel 10 television news reported.

### NEWS ALBUM

### Woman accused of beating fiance at preup party

A Poulsbo woman was jailed after being accused of beating up her fiance at their prenuptial party.

Kitsap County sheriff’s deputies said the woman’s 12-year-old son told her he saw her fiance kissing one of her women friends early morning.

Deputies said the woman, 31, gave her friends the boot, told her fiance to leave, too, and then started hitting him in the face.

When he left the house, they say, she tackled him football-style, punched him some more, threw his watch into the bushes and broke his glasses.

### Bearded man in women’s garb accused of tip theft

Fairfield police said they didn’t have much problem tracking down a theft suspect, a bearded man dressed in a tank top and capri pants. Police say a 22-year-old Norwalk man was caught on tape taking \$30 from the tip jar at O Bar that night.

Police say the man was found a short time after the manager of the bar noticed the missing tip jar and checked the bar’s surveillance video.

There, he saw a bearded man carrying a large woman’s purse and wearing a dark tank top and light coloured capri pants go behind the counter.

Police gave the man a misdemeanor summons for sixth-degree larceny.

### Pigeon found at NYC playground was painted purple

Pigeons come in many shades in New York City—but purple is typically not one of them.

That’s why animal lover Joe Mora was stunned when he saw a pigeon at a Queens playground that had been painted a violet hue.

The pigeon was taken to licensed wildlife rehabilitator Bobby Horvath. He said the bird is unable to fly because the feathers are completely rigid from the paint. But he says the animal is lucky its mouth or eyes didn’t get stained.



A worker makes vermicelli in preparation for the upcoming Eid al-Fitr festival, in Hyderabad, India.



Side view of the Mexican cement company Cemex's Mara plant in Maracaibo, Venezuela, seen in April. —INTERNET

## Australia's BlueScope Steel reports fall in net profit

SYDNEY, 19 Aug—Australia's largest steelmaker BlueScope on Monday reported annual net profit fell 13 percent to 596 million dollars (518 million US) from 686 million in the previous year.

However, with writedowns of 253 million excluded, underlying operating earnings in the year to June 30 rose 27 per cent to 816 million.

"This result was driven by strong global demand and improved spreads, particularly in export markets where higher global steel prices offset rising raw material costs," said chief executive Paul O'Malley.

He predicted a strong first half for the firm's current financial year, mainly driven by continued strong global steel demand and prices.

BlueScope's businesses in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, India and Vietnam were "going well," he said.—Internet



An iron ore train in the north of Western Australia in mid June. Australia's largest steelmaker BlueScope have reported an annual net profit fall of 13 percent to 596 million dollars (US\$518 million).—INTERNET

## China imports more motor vehicles in 1st half year

BEIJING, 19 Aug—China's auto imports grew rapidly in the first half, as world auto giants turned to the Chinese market after the US economic slump and rocketing oil prices drove sales down on US and European markets, the General Administration of Customs said on Tuesday.

Domestic demand for vehicles with large-engine capacities also strengthened as many people bought in advance

of a consumption tax hike, the administration added.

From January to June, China bought 212,000 motor vehicles from abroad, up 53.2 percent from the same period of last year. The growth rate was 18.3 percentage points higher than the year-earlier level.

The arrivals were valued at 7.74 billion US dollars, up 71.3 percent.

The total included 108,000 off-road vehicles, up 78.9 percent.

Internet

## Venezuela to nationalize Cemex unit

CARACAS, 19 Aug — President Hugo Chavez announced Monday that Venezuela was nationalizing the local unit of Mexican cement giant Cemex, after negotiations to give Caracas a majority shareholding failed.

"We'll take over the cement plants at midnight because the deadline has come and they'll become state property," President Hugo Chavez told a meeting of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela.

He said the Cemex takeover and prior nationalizations of oil and telephone companies were "steps on the way to socialism."

A government deadline expires Monday at midnight for Venezuela's top three foreign-owned cement companies — Mexican, French and Swiss — to reach an

agreement giving Venezuela a 60 percent controlling share of each.

"It was not possible to arrive at an agreement with them (Cemex) and the next step that we must take is to proceed with expropriation," Venezuelan Vice President Rafael Carrizales told reporters.

Internet

## Australia's Origin rebuffs BG's 12-blndlr takeover bid

SYDNEY, 19 Aug — Australia's Origin Energy on Tuesday formally urged shareholders to reject a 13.8-billion-dollar (12-billion-US) hostile takeover bid by Britain's BG Group.

Australia's second biggest energy retailers said the all-cash offer from global gas firm BG at 15.50 dollars per share undervalued the company and its prospects.

BG said in June it would go directly to Origin's shareholders after the board snubbed a friendly bid at the same price in May. The takeover would be one of the biggest by a

foreign company of an Australian firm.

"Origin is a strongly performing, Australian integrated energy company with an impressive track record of growth," its chairman Kevin McCann said in a statement.

"Origin has developed the leading position in Coal Seam Gas (CSG) in Australia and the strength of this position will be a key driver for continuing growth." The company had shortlisted a number of global partners interested in accelerating development of the CSG reserves, he said.

Internet



The Australian Stock Exchange in Sydney. Australia's Origin Energy on Tuesday formally urged shareholders to reject a 13.8-billion-dollar (12-billion-US) hostile takeover bid by Britain's BG Group. INTERNET

## BAA completes landmark \$25-billion debt restructuring

LONDON, 19 Aug — Britain's Spanish-owned airports operator BAA said Monday that it has completed a major restructuring of its debt that totals 13.3 billion pounds (16.8 billion euros, 24.8 billion dollars). "BAA is today (Monday) pleased to announce the successful completion of the 13.3-billion-pound refinancing of its United Kingdom airports," BAA said in a statement. "The transaction establishes a stable, long-term, investment grade financing platform for investment in Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports over the coming decades."

BAA runs the three airports which border London, as well as Southampton airport in southern England, and Edinburgh, Glasgow and

Aberdeen in Scotland.

"This is the largest financing of its kind ever completed and the fact that a landmark transaction of this size and complexity has been completed in challenging credit markets is a testament to the strength of the business and the confidence of the financial markets in BAA and its airports," group chief executive Colin Matthews said in the statement.—Internet



Aeroplanes sit on the tarmac at Heathrow Airport in London, 2006. Britain's Spanish-owned airports operator BAA said that it has completed a major restructuring of its debt which totals 13.3 billion pounds (16.8 billion euros, 24.8 billion dollars).

INTERNET

## Hyundai's overseas plants account for over 50% of sales abroad

SEOUL, 19 Aug — Hyundai Motor Co. said that its overseas sales of vehicles produced in overseas plants surpassed 50 percent of total sales abroad for the first time during the first seven months of this year, the Korea Herald reported Tuesday.

According to Hyundai, out of 1.302 million vehicles which the company sold in overseas markets during January-July period, about 652,000 units were made at its overseas plants, which accounts for 50.1 percent of the total overseas sales and is up 4 percentage points from the same period last year.

The company said that changes are mainly due to the fall in domestic plants' output affected by summer vacations and partial strikes in July. —Internet

## FM felicitates Hungarian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Dr Kinga Goncz, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Hungary, which falls on 20 August, 2008.—MNA

### Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects Automobile Factory No. 2 (Htonebo).

INDUSTRY-2



## Industry-2 Minister inspects Farm Equipment Factory, Automobile Factories

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein met with officials at No (1) Farm Equipment Factory (Sinde) in Padaung Township, Bago Division (West), on 16 August. The minister called for more production of Ayeya (1) power-tillers and Kubota pumps with high quality.

At No (2) Automobile Factory (Htonebo), the minister inspected auto assembling workshop and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister greeted trainees of Basic Industrial Training Center at the factory. The minister urged officials to strive for the successful implementation of the targets of the ministry for 2008-09.

On 17 August, the minister looked into assembling of Double Cab vehicles at No (3) Automobile Factory (Htaukyant).

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## Religious matters concerning taking action against bogus monks and novices supplicated in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug — Religious matters concerning taking action against bogus monks and novices were supplicated to 28 members of the Sangha of All Ganas State and Township Sangha Nayaka Committees at Maha Waiyan Sasana Beikman of Lawkananda Pagoda in Sittway yesterday.

In his supplication, U Tin Win, acting religious affairs officer of Rakhine State Religious Affairs Department, said Sangha Nayaka Committees at different levels have been discharging religious duties for 28 years in accord with the Vinichaya rules and procedures after successful holding of Sangha Meeting of All Ganas in 1980. They have also been carrying out three major tasks of purification, perpetuation

and propagation of the Sasana.

The government undertakes measures on religious matters passed in accord with the Vinichaya rules if necessary.

Although Sangha committees at different levels and government organizations carry out the tasks for purification of the Sasana, there are still a small number of bogus monks and novices.

Nyanache (a) Maung Hla Thein, 22, son of U Maung Tun Tha of Satyoekya Village in Sittway, Maung Maung Gyi (a) Taung Maw, 38, son of U Alon Maung, Min Kyaw Soe, 20, son of U San Mya Kyaw, Maung Maung, 25, son of U Maung Tha Nu and Zaw Htay, 20, son of U Tin Shwe of Setyonzu block-1 and U Aung Nyunt, 57, son of U Wa Pru Aung

were exposed to have asked for donations pretending to be monks without being ordained. On 14 August, Myanmar Police Force and members of Ward Peace and Development Council searched their houses and confiscated old robes they wore. Action is being taken against them under Section 295 (A). Some young monks drank liquor and in some cases action was taken against them according to law.

Their misbehaviour tarnishes the dignity of the members of the Sangha and the image of the Sasana. He urged the Sayadaws to take action against them under the directives and Vinichaya procedures and tell them to reside in monasteries in accord with rules and regulations prescribed. The ceremony came to a close at 10.45 am.—MNA

## Union of Myanmar Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department

### Early warning on prevention of cross border Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1 HPAI) disease (19-8-2008)

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#### 4. Bio-Safety measures

- With health consciousness to prevent day-old chicks, egg, and poultry products from being illegally carried through borders.
- To treat different poultry and birds species in separate isolation (as in rearing, carrying and selling), to increase bio-security measures in live bird market, and to clean and disinfect live bird markets at closing days interval.
- To undertake breeding, distributing of ducks in the specific regions of State/Division, intensive rather than extensive farming through increased bio-security measures disease investigation, sero-surveillance in duck farms and disinfection of egg crates, boxes for trade.
- To undertake establishment of separate farming zones for poultry including quails and improvement of bio-safety measures.
- To undertake disease investigation and increased bio-security measures in the highly populated areas as high risk zones.

#### 5. Animal Health consciousness

This is to kindly remind Myanmar Livestock Federation, and concerned organization such as Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, other respective agencies, regional and local authorities to cooperate and coordinate with the stakeholders such as poultry farmers, businessmen and poultry dealers in prevention, control and health and bio-security measures of HPAI infection in Myanmar.

**Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department  
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries**



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects resettlement of storm survivors in newly constructed houses at the village of Khongyi, Hainggyikyun in Labutta District. — MNA*

**NDPCC Chairman Prime Minister General Thein Sein...**

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The Prime Minister and party together with Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut who is supervising rehabilitation tasks of storm-hit regions

in Labutta Township, arrived in Kyaukalad village in Ngapudaw Township at 10.20 am. They were welcomed there by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint who is super-

vising rehabilitation tasks of Ngapudaw Township, officials concerned, members of social organizations and teachers.  
Next, the Prime Minister and party left Kyaukalad village for new Khongyi village of Oaktwin village-tract,

Hainggyikyun, Labutta District by car.  
At the briefing hall of new Khongyi village, the Prime Minister met with departmental officials and local people and asked about their education, health, livelihood and living conditions.

The Prime Minister said that arrangements are being made for the storm victims to be able to lead a better life with assistance of the government and donations of the wellwishers. Necessary equipment and materials have been provided for

those who resume the business. He spoke of the need for the local people to work hard and to save money they earn so that their living standard would improve.

He also urged the teachers to nurture their pupils to be educated persons with good morale. He said rural dispensaries and libraries will be opened. Officials of the village are to organize the village people to cultivate reading habit for the improvement of knowledge of the local people.

The Prime Minister asked responsible persons of Shwe Thanlwin, AyonU companies group about progress on construction of houses and attended to the needs.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected progress on construction of houses by Shwe Thanlwin, AyonU companies group for new Khongyi village, allotment of houses for homeless people, growing of kitchen crops in the compound of houses, (See page 9)



**Newly built houses are seen at the village of Khongyi in Oaktwin Village-tract, Hainggyikyun in Labutta District.**  
MNA



*Fishing boats seen in a river before handing over to fishermen in Labutta Township. — MNA*



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein meeting with departmental officials in Patheingyi.—MNA*

## As the granary of State, Ayeyawady Division...

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of departments, members of Ayeyawady Division PDC and division-level departmental officials.

In his address, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said that the Yangon-Patheingyi motor road is in the state of deterioration due to torrential rains and heavy traffic because of Nargis. He added that although permits have been granted to private entrepreneurs to renovate the road, they were unable to engage in the task immediately for various reasons. That is why the government is to handle this matter so as to bring about better transport in the division.

He continued to say that it is required to pay the matter urgent attention in order that motor vehicles on the road can run conveniently. For effective implementation of the task, duties are to be assigned separately while immediate repairs on the damaged parts of the road are being introduced.

The government is extensively engaged in rescue and relief, rehabilitation and development of the storm-hit seven townships in Ayeyawady Division. Thanks to concerted efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw, rescue and relief measures were able to be taken effectively, he said.

Rehabilitation tasks are being carried out in accord with the guidance of

the Head of State, and as a result, the socio-economic status of storm survivors has improved to a certain extent as they are able to resume their original business.

For regional development, three main roads that lead to coastal region are being constructed in line with the guidance of the Head of State and arrangements have been made for construction of buildings that can withstand natural disaster in coastal towns, he disclosed.

The Prime Minister stressed the need for division-level departmental officials to do their bit for success of regional de-

velopment making better use of the already-achieved infrastructures.

Having been regarded the granary of the State, Ayeyawady Division is to try its utmost to exceed the target of paddy production. Therefore, officials, farmers and national entrepreneurs are to make concerted efforts for development of the agricultural sector with the effective application of modern agricultural technique, quality paddy strains and fertilizer.

Next, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe reported on condition of roads in the division, matters related to education, health and agricultural sectors, and arrangements made for the use of quality paddy

## NDPCC Chairman Prime Minister General Thein Sein...

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construction of houses and opening of shops, living conditions of the families and a nursery.

Next, the Prime Minister and party left by helicopter for Labutta.

While in Labutta, the Prime Minister and party attended the second ceremony to hand over fishing boats and fishing gear by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries for the rehabilitation of fishery sector at Taing Win Rice Mill in Ward 8.

First, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries

strains in order to boost the paddy production.

After that, Minister for Agriculture and Irriga-

tion Maj-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented fishing boats and fishing gear to Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut who is supervising rehabilitation tasks of storm-hit regions in Labutta Township.

In a cordial meeting with fishermen, the Prime Minister said that all that is requirements has been provided to the victims to be able to lead a better life with high living standard and to resume their businesses, calling for cultivation of a sense of hard work, working hard, saving the

incomes without any wastes, and enrolment of their school-age children in order that they will become dutiful and educated citizens capable of distinguishing between right and wrong.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party inspected engines, fishing boat and fishing gear displayed at the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party viewed demonstration on running of fishing boats. The Prime Minister and party left by helicopter and arrived at Patheingyi in the afternoon.

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**For regional development, three main roads that lead to coastal region are being constructed in line with the guidance of the Head of State.**



*Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari visits rain-fed paddy fields in Tawchaung Village in Kungyangon. (News on page 16)—MNA*

## Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspects development tasks in Magway Division

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials arrived at the briefing hall of Maday Dam Project at Kanma, Magway Division, on 17 August.

After hearing the report on the project, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions on irrigating farm lands in the summer after storing water systematically in the dam in the rainy season.

He then inspected the storage of water in the dam, construction of the spillways and generating hydropower from the dam to be able to supply electricity to Ahtet Mipauk village.

Maday Dam is located near Gyopin Village, 3.5 miles west of Pathein-Monywa Highway in Kanma Township and was opened on 25 February 2007.

The dam is 155 feet high and 1920 feet long. It has a storage capacity of



*Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects Maday Dam project. — MNA*

54,000 acre-feet and can irrigate 4000 acres of land.

Next, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw looked into cultivation of Manawthukha paddy and broadcasting of fertilizer at field No. 893 of farmer U Pho Htaung at Mitha village-tract in Kanma Township, and digging of cannel of the dam.

He also viewed mass cultivation of monsoon paddy at field No. 352 of farmer U Ohn Maung of Mezali village in Mindon Township. Afterwards, he left instructions to reclaim

vacant and virgin soils, to grow physic nut plants in order to use bio-diesel in generators and farm equipment and to make efforts to uplift the agricultural sector.

During the inspection tour of Tantar Dam in Mindon Township, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspected the storage of water in the dam and irrigated areas.

Tantar Dam is 530 feet long and 33.5 feet high. The dam can irrigate 414 acres of land.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw met with departmental

officials and local people at Mindon Hall in Mindon. At the meeting, he fulfilled requirements for the development of the town and called on local people for making more efforts for cultivation of crops and development of the region.

After the meeting, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw went to People's Hospital in Mindon Township and inspected the wards and the operation room of the hospital. He also comforted and provided cash assistance to patients receiving treatment at the

hospital.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw went to the briefing hall of the Pathein-Monywa Road (North) Project and heard reports on maintenance of the road section in Magway Division.

He also greeted farmers planting rice in the fields in Pyaungpya Village-tract in Mindon.

During the tour of Magway Division, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw also inspected the cultivation of physic nut plants on the 200 acres of Yuzana Co Ltd.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw met with farmers planting monsoon paddy on 10.39 acres in Panhtein Myohaung Village in Ngaphe Township and urged them to use right methods for planting and to use quality strains.

Before he went to Pwintbyu Township, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw also visited People's Hospital in Ngape and inspected wards, the X-ray room and the medical store of the hospital. He comforted and provided cash assistance to patients during the visit. — MNA

## Electric Power No. 1 Minister looks into Shwegyin hydropower project

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min, accompanied by director-general U Win Kyi of Hydropower Department and officials, inspected main diversion work, being implemented by No 4 Construction of Hydropower Department, near Kyauknagar village, six miles from the northeast of Shwegyin Township, Bago division yesterday.

The minister gave instructions on quality control of main spillway works and setting

timeframe to complete.

The minister inspected construction of intake structure and steel pipes.

The minister heard reports presented by in-charge engineers and fulfilled the needs.

The minister looked into flow of water from Out Fall Channel and excavation. The minister urged the officials to carry out safety measures to be taken carefully.

The minister inspected completion of embankment and inflow of water and gave

instructions on inflow of river water and conservation of embankment.

At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports on completion of work and works to be done. He also instructed officials to carry out safety works and stockpiling of construction materials during the rainy season.

Upon completion, Shwegyin Hydropower project will be generated 75 megawatt. So far, 62.55 percent has been completed.

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## Torrential rains cause flood in some areas, cultivation resumes in flood-hit areas

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug — Torrential rains caused landslide leaving six dead at the village of Bawbadan in Mogok Township on 16 August.

Five members of a family and a guest were killed as the house was buried in a landslide.

On 12 August, the overflow of water from Thanlwin River entered low-lying areas in five wards and one village in Hpa-an, Kayin State. Some portions of the Hpa-an—Zarthapyin Road and Hpa-an—Myainggalay Road were submerged due to the flood. Similarly, three villages in Hlinebwe Township were flooded due to the overflow of water from Thanlwin River.

The overflow of water from Haungtharaw River

entered Ward-3 in Kyondo, Kawkaeik Township and the overflow of water from Zami River entered into Ward-6 in Kyainseikkyi.

Bago River had swollen and water entered nine wards and one village in Bago. The flood also submerged the 15-ft long portion at Mile Post No 49/1-2 on Yangon-Bago Road, but did not delay the traffic along the road. Sleepers of some portions on Yangon-Mandalay rail road in Bago were also submerged by the flood water and trains had to slow down along the submerged portion in Bago.

Due to the torrential rain on 13 and 14 August, a river in Hlegu Township overflowed and water entered low-lying areas in 6 wards and four villages.

Daka River in Yekyi Towship, Ayeyawady Division, has risen due to torrential rain on 13 August and the overflow of water from the river entered Ward-1, and some portions of Kyaunggon-Einme Road and some portions of railroad were submerged by the flooded water.

Residents were evacuated and schools were temporarily closed in flooded areas. There was no casualty, but a few damages and loss of property due to the flood. Arrangements have been made by the authority concerned to distribute seedlings and paddy seeds to farmers in the flood-hit areas and some farmers have resumed cultivation as the water has receded.

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## Labour Ministry conducts Basic Computer Course No 1/2008

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—To train the staff to become more efficient and familiar with computer system in transforming to

e-Government, Basic Computer Course No 1/2008 was opened at the training hall of the Ministry of Labour here

yesterday morning.

Altogether 20 trainees are attending the four-week course.

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# Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

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## News & Photos by Xinhua



Usain Bolt of Jamaica sprints during the men's 200m semi-final at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, during Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, 19 Aug, 2008.



Wang Jie (R) and TianJia of China celebrate after winning the women's semifinal of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games beach volleyball event against Xue Chen and Zhang Xi of China in Beijing, China, on 19 Aug, 2008. Wang Jie and Tian Jia won the match 2-1 and advanced to final.

### Medal Standings (19-8-2008)

| Sr     | NOC Name       | G  | S   | B   | T   | Sr  | NOC Name        | G | S | B | T |
|--------|----------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1      | China          | 43 | 14  | 19  | 76  | 40  | Argentina       | 1 |   | 1 | 2 |
| 2      | United States  | 26 | 26  | 27  | 79  | 41  | Bahrain         | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| 3      | Britain        | 16 | 9   | 8   | 33  | 42  | Cameroon        | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| 4      | Australia      | 11 | 12  | 12  | 35  | 43  | India           | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| 5      | Germany        | 11 | 8   | 9   | 28  | 44  | Panama          | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| 6      | Russian Fed.   | 10 | 14  | 18  | 42  | 45  | Thailand        | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| 7      | ROK            | 8  | 10  | 6   | 24  | 46  | Tunisia         | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| 8      | Japan          | 8  | 6   | 8   | 22  | 47  | Hungary         |   | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| 9      | Italy          | 6  | 6   | 7   | 19  | 48  | Sweden          |   | 3 |   | 3 |
| 10     | Ukraine        | 5  | 4   | 8   | 17  | 49  | Turkey          |   | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 11     | France         | 4  | 11  | 14  | 29  | 50  | Uzbekistan      |   | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 12     | Netherlands    | 4  | 5   | 4   | 13  | 51  | Austria         |   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 13     | Romania        | 4  | 1   | 3   | 8   | 52  | Greece          |   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 14     | Spain          | 3  | 4   | 2   | 9   | 53  | Lithuania       |   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 15     | Poland         | 3  | 4   | 1   | 8   | 54  | Algeria         |   | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 16     | Slovakia       | 3  | 1   |     | 4   | 55  | Colombia        |   | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 17     | Canada         | 2  | 6   | 5   | 13  | 56  | Croatia         |   | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 18     | Kenya          | 2  | 4   | 2   | 8   | 57  | Kyrgyzstan      |   | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 19     | Czech Republic | 2  | 3   |     | 5   | 58  | Serbia          |   | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 20     | Jamaica        | 2  | 3   |     | 5   | 59  | Chile           |   | 1 |   | 1 |
| 21     | New Zealand    | 2  | 1   | 5   | 8   | 60  | Ecuador         |   | 1 |   | 1 |
| 22     | Denmark        | 2  | 1   | 3   | 6   | 61  | Malaysia        |   | 1 |   | 1 |
| 23     | DPRK           | 2  | 1   | 3   | 6   | 62  | Portugal        |   | 1 |   | 1 |
| 24     | Ethiopia       | 2  | 1   |     | 3   | 63  | South Africa    |   | 1 |   | 1 |
| 25     | Switzerland    | 2  |     | 3   | 5   | 64  | Singapore       |   | 1 |   | 1 |
| 26     | Georgia        | 2  |     | 1   | 3   | 65  | Trinidad/Tobago |   | 1 |   | 1 |
| 27     | Cuba           | 1  | 5   | 5   | 11  | 66  | Vietnam         |   | 1 |   | 1 |
| 28     | Belarus        | 1  | 3   | 7   | 11  | 67  | Armenia         |   |   | 5 | 5 |
| 29     | Kazakhstan     | 1  | 3   | 4   | 8   | 68  | Chinese Taipei  |   |   | 2 | 2 |
| 30     | Zimbabwe       | 1  | 3   |     | 4   | 69  | Egypt           |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 31     | Azerbaijan     | 1  | 2   | 2   | 5   | 70  | Iran            |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 32     | Norway         | 1  | 2   | 2   | 5   | 71  | Latvia          |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 33     | Slovenia       | 1  | 2   | 2   | 5   | 72  | Morocco         |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 34     | Indonesia      | 1  | 1   | 3   | 5   | 73  | Mexico          |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 35     | Bulgaria       | 1  | 1   | 2   | 4   | 74  | Tajikistan      |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 36     | Finland        | 1  | 1   | 1   | 3   | 75  | Togo            |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 37     | Estonia        | 1  | 1   |     | 2   |     |                 |   |   |   |   |
| 38     | Mongolia       | 1  | 1   |     | 2   |     |                 |   |   |   |   |
| 39     | Brazil         | 1  |     | 5   | 6   |     |                 |   |   |   |   |
| Total: |                |    | 205 | 206 | 232 | 643 |                 |   |   |   |   |



Li Xiaopeng of China competes during men's parallel bars final of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games at National Indoor Stadium in Beijing, China, on 19 Aug, 2008. Li Xiaopeng claimed the title of the event with a score of 16.450.



Gold medalist Shawn Johnson (C) of the United States, silver medalist Nastia Liukin (L) of the United States, and China's bronze winner Cheng Fei celebrate during the awarding ceremony for women's balance beam final of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games at National Indoor Stadium in Beijing, China, on 19 Aug, 2008.

### UK police arrest 2,500 in knife crime blitz

LONDON, 19 Aug—Police have arrested 2,500 people and stopped and searched a total of 55,000 during a massive clampdown on knife crime prompted by a series of high-profile murders, the Home Office said on Monday.

In all, 1,600 knives have been seized since the government's Tackling Knives Action Programme (TKAP) was

launched on 5 June.

The crackdown came after a number of teenagers were killed, often stabbed to death, on streets across Britain.

It has seen police using tough powers to stop and search teenagers without needing to have reasonable suspicion.

The scale of the problem was highlighted with two more deaths this weekend.

In the early hours of

Saturday, 16-year-old Conor Black was stabbed to death in the Harpurhey District of Manchester, while Nilanthan Murddi, 17, became the 23rd teenager to die violently in London this year after he was knifed in Croydon.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith said the two deaths showed why the TKAP was so important.

MNA/Reuters

### China allocates \$512 mln to support small enterprises

BEIJING, 19 Aug—China's Ministry of Finance (MOF) on Tuesday announced the country would earmark 3.51 billion yuan (511.6 million US dollars) this year to support the development of domestic small- and medium-sized enterprises.

Financing difficulty had long been a bottleneck for domestic small- and medium-sized enterprises since China started providing small mortgage loans in 2002.

The government placed helping small companies and increasing employment as one of its top priorities this year. It promised to help 10 million urban dwellers find employment this year.

The MOF said on its website the country had invested nearly 17 billion yuan through 2007 to set up six special funds to support small- and medium-scale companies.

Internet

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## Hit men kill 13 at party in Mexico tourist town

CIUDAD JUAREZ (Mexico), 19 Aug—Suspected drug hit men opened fire on a family gathering at a tourist town in northern Mexico killing 13 people including a baby.

The masked hit men sprayed the party with bullets on Saturday as they drove past the dance hall where the family was gathered outside in Creel, Chihuahua state, near the US border.

The shower of bullets killed a one-year-old in the arms of an adult, as well as three teenagers and a university professor, said a spokesman for the Chihuahua attorney general's office on Monday.

"They can kill each other, but to shoot dead innocent people, young students, professors ... it is not possible," a weeping 60-year-old resident told

local Chihuahua daily *El Diario* after the attack.

The shooting was believed to be part of a drug gang feud and the government sent 160 federal police and soldiers to Creel following the attack. Creel in the remote and snowy Sierra Tarahumara mountains is a key narcotics smuggling point en route to Mexico's border with the United States.—MNA/Reuters

## Home sales jump in Southern California

LOS ANGELES, 19 Aug—Home sales jumped in July in Southern California, the first increase in nearly three years, according to figures released on Monday.

The rise appeared to be spurred by the ongoing decline in prices which continued their downward spiral, according to realty research firm DataQuick.

In July, the region's median price fell 31

percent from a year ago to 348,000 US dollars, the lowest since February 2004, when the local real estate market was in the throes of an extraordinary boom, said DataQuick.

The number of homes sold picked up in July for the first year-over-year expansion since October 2005. All counties, save Los Angeles County, posted at least a 10-percent increase from July 2007.

Overall, 20,329 homes in the six-county region closed escrow last month, a 13.8 percent rise from a year ago.

Los Angeles County remained the region's biggest county which posted an all-time July low of 6,592 sales, down 3.2 percent from a year ago. The median price, meanwhile, dropped 27 percent to 400,000 dollars.—Internet

## Confused sea turtles march into Italian restaurant

ROME, 19 Aug—About 60 newly hatched sea turtles lost their way during their ritual passage to the sea and marched into an Italian restaurant instead, a conservation worker said on Monday.

The baby turtles—which ended up under the

tables of startled diners at the beachside restaurant—were probably thrown off track and lured by the eatery's bright lights, said Antonio Colucci, who was called to help rescue the group. "They saw the artificial lights and took the wrong route," said Colucci, who works on a turtle monitoring project for the conservation group WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature).

"The diners were at first quite curious and then someone alerted the coastal authorities."

The stranded turtles, which had hatched on a beach in the southern Italian region of Calabria, were released into the sea.

Female sea turtles nest on beaches and their offspring instinctively head to the sea after hatching from their eggs. MNA/Reuters

## Wall Street tumbles on financial concerns

NEW YORK, 19 Aug—Wall Street tumbled Monday, as a bailout possibility of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac rekindled concerns about the financial sector.

Investors were concerned once again about financials, after Barron's said shareholders of the biggest sources of US mortgage financing would be wiped out if the US government might have to recapitalize the companies. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac tumbled 22 percent and 25 percent, respectively and sent financial and real estate shares lower.

Internet

### MYANMAR IVANHOE COPPER COMPANY LIMITED (TENDER NOTICE)

**TENDER IFB No. SHLLSL- (03)-08** (Supply of 200 metric tonnes of Diluent, either SHELLSOL 2046 (or) EQUIVALENT).

**CLOSING DATE & TIME:** 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 at 12:00 noon

Tender documents are available at the following address and queries can be made between 10 am and 4pm at MICCL Yangon office before the tender closing date.

**Myanmar Ivanhoe Copper Company Limited**

70 (I) Bo Chein Street, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township

Yangon, Myanmar (Tel: (95) 1-514194 to 7/ Fax: (95) 1 514208/ email: [miccl@miccl.com.mm](mailto:miccl@miccl.com.mm))

## S Korean firms bankruptcy rises in July

SEOUL, 19 Aug—South Korea's corporate default rate went up in July as more companies in the service sector became insolvent, the South Korean central bank said Tuesday.

According to the Bank of Korea (BOK), number of business failures in July amounted to 209, compared with 191 in June. The number service companies that went bust reached 97 in July, up 74 from June, while failures of manufacturers dropped by 11 to 56 and builders by 4 to 42, the BOK said.

The central bank said the default rate on corporate bills, including bonds, checks and promissory notes, stood at 0.02 percent, down 0.01 percentage point from June's figure.—Internet

## Scientist says China's first satellite normal after eclipse

BEIJING, 19 Aug—China's solar-powered lunar probe satellite *Chang'e 1* stood the test of a partial eclipse on Sunday as scientists altered its orbit and temporarily turning off some facilities.

Based on the signals sent by the satellite after the eclipse, the *Chang'e 1* was operating as expected, Monday's *Beijing News* quoted Liu Junze, of the Beijing Aerospace Control Centre (BACC), as

saying.

The ground control centre changed the orbit of the satellite to shorten the time it was out of direct sunlight to 168 minutes, according to the scientist.

The satellite, if its orbit was unaltered, would have been out of the sun's rays for 220 minutes, he said, adding the time had exceeded the satellite's maximum power reserve.

The centre also switched off some facilities

at about 3:21 am on Sunday to save power, and temporarily lost contact with the satellite for more than three hours, he noted.

Sunday's eclipse occurred between 3:35 am and 6:44 am, and the satellite was hidden from the solar rays about the same period. The moon's shadow, also a signal blind area, could cause a power shortage in freezing temperatures.

MNA/Xinhua

## FDA warns of risk linked to diabetes drug Byetta

BEIJING, 19 Aug—The US Food and Drug Administration on Monday strengthened warnings about the dangerous pancreas inflammation linked to the type 2 diabetes drug Byetta after receiving reports of deaths and hospitalizations in Byetta users.

The FDA got six reports of hemorrhagic or necrotizing pancreatitis requiring hospitalization, including two deaths.

The cases were marked by bleeding or tissue death, the FDA said, the patients who didn't die were recovering.

Byetta and other potentially suspect drugs should be promptly discontinued if pancreatitis is suspected and not restarted if pancreatitis is confirmed, notes the FDA.

Byetta, given by injection and approved by the FDA in 2005, was thought to have wide potential use, in part because of its ability to help type II diabetes patients lose weight.

Now, the FDA is working with Byetta's maker, Amylin Pharmaceuticals, to add "stronger and more prominent warnings" about acute hemorrhagic or necrotizing

pancreatitis on the product's label. It was not immediately clear if the FDA would order new so-called "black box" warnings.

Amylin and the drug company Eli Lilly & Co collaborate on Byetta.

The companies stated that pancreatitis is rare in the general public but more common among type 2 diabetes patients.

Internet

## Indian health authorities order probe into infant deaths

NEW DELHI, 19 Aug—Indian Health Minister Anbumani Ramdoss asked the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to order a high-level probe into the death of 49 children during clinical trials in the institute on Tuesday.

The move came after the Congress Party earlier

on Monday demanded an independent inquiry into the unusually high number of infant deaths in clinical trials for new drugs at AIIMS and suggested that such tests be put on hold during the pendency of probe.

"It is a matter of great concern that 49 babies

## Japan's central bank retains interest rate at 0.5%

TOKYO, 19 Aug—Japan's central bank decided Tuesday to keep its key interest rate unchanged at 0.5 percent.

The widely expected move came at the end of its two-day policy meeting amid concerns over soaring prices of energy, food and other commodities.

Although the Bank of Japan (BOJ) revised downward its overall assessment of Japanese economic conditions to "sluggish," its Policy Board voted unanimously to retain the target rate for unsecured overnight call money for a 18th straight month.

Internet

## No.2 US home improvement retailer's profit falls 7.9% in 2nd quarter

NEW YORK, 19 Aug—Lowe's Cos Inc, the second-largest US home improvement retailer, reported Monday a 7.9 percent decline in second-quarter profit.

The North Carolina-based Lowe's earned 938 million US dollars, or 64 cents per share, down from 1.02 billion dollars, or 67 cents per share, in the year-ago period.

It said sales increased 2.4 percent to 14.5 billion dollars from 14.17 billion dollars a year ago.

However, the report was better than Wall Street's expectations as

company benefited from tight expense controls and the government stimulus checks. The company also offered a weaker than expected outlook for the third quarter.

Lowe's is second to the Home Depot Inc among the US home improvement retailers.

Home Depot will report its earnings on Tuesday.—Internet

## Large US bank collapse seen ahead

SINGAPORE, 19 Aug—The worst of the global financial crisis is yet to come and a large US bank will fail in the next few months as the world's biggest economy hits further troubles, former IMF chief economist Kenneth Rogoff said on Tuesday.

"The US is not out of the woods. I think the financial crisis is at the halfway point, perhaps. I would even go further to say 'the worst is to come'," he told a financial conference.

"We're not just going to see mid-sized banks go under in the next few months, we're going to see a whopper, we're going to see a big one, one of the big investment banks or

big banks," said Rogoff, who is an economics professor at Harvard University and was the International Monetary Fund's chief economist from 2001 to 2004.

"We have to see more consolidation in the financial sector before this is over," he said, when asked for early signs of an end to the crisis.

Internet

## US beef popular in South Korea despite protests

SEOUL, 19 Aug—US beef is proving increasingly popular since going back on sale in South Korea despite months of mass protests against the supposed dangers of mad cow disease, officials said Tuesday.

Over the three weeks ending Saturday, Australia shipped 16,200 tonnes, the United States 5,300 tonnes and New Zealand 4,700 tonnes, the National Veterinary and Quarantine Service said.

South Korea was once the world's third-largest market for US beef, with imports worth 850 million dollars a year until they were suspended in 2003 after a US case of mad cow disease.

Seoul's decision in April to resume imports of almost all cuts of US beef sparked months of street protests over supposed health concerns.—Internet



*Five-year-old girl Zhang Luxi poses for photo at Tian'anmen Square in Beijing, capital of China, on 17 Aug, 2008. Beijing witnessed a cool weather Sunday, drawing many citizens and tourists to the square.—XINHUA*



*A picture by Albany Associates shows fighters from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) riding in the back of an armoured vehicle. A Sudanese court sentenced to death a top Darfur rebel and seven others, bringing to 38 the number condemned to hang over an unprecedented attack on Khartoum that killed more than 222 people.—INTERNET*

# SPORTS

## Danny Lee continues strong play at US Amateur

PINEHURST, 19 Aug — A whirlwind of a month is almost over for Danny Lee. First, he became only the sixth player in the 106-year history of the Western Amateur to sweep medalist and match play honours, joining a group that includes Phil Mickelson and Curtis



*Danny Lee watches a fairway shot on the ninth hole during the final round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament in Greensboro, NC, on 17 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET*

Strange. Then came a tie for 20th over the weekend in his PGA Tour debut at the Wyndham Championship. Those performances leave the 18-year-old player from New Zealand as one of the favourites in the US Amateur at Pinehurst, where he opened with a 1-over 71 in the opening round of stroke play Monday.—*Internet*

## Newcastle's Taylor out of Under-21 squad with injury

LONDON, 19 Aug — Newcastle centre-half Steven Taylor on Monday withdrew from the England Under-21 squad to face Slovenia on Tuesday after suffering an ankle injury in the draw with Manchester United the previous day at Old Trafford.

Taylor was hurt in a collision with United goalscorer Darren Fletcher during the match and requires treatment which will sideline him for the match in Hull, where several players will be out to show they merit promotion to the seniors.

Under -21 coach Stuart Pearce said he believes his squad is one of the strongest he has ever had, with several having been involved with the senior squad.

*Internet*



*Steven Taylor*

## Fighting talk from Domenech ahead of France friendly

PARIS, 19 Aug — An emboldened Raymond Domenech said he was relishing the massive task of rebuilding the French national set-up, ahead of his youthful side's friendly against Sweden.

Domenech has been under heavy scrutiny since France's dismal showing at the European championships in June, surviving a French football federation (FFF) confidence vote by the narrowest of margins weeks later.

"I'm more motivated when I'm under pressure," Domenech said on the FFF website Monday.

"It's a fight on a high level. I'm in my element. The sword is out. I need to go into battle. I'm more than motivated, I'm all fired up."

*Internet*



*An emboldened Raymond Domenech, seen here, said he was relishing the massive task of rebuilding the French national set-up, ahead of his youthful side's friendly against Sweden.—INTERNET*

## Top seed Verdasco advances at New Haven tennis

NEW HAVEN, 19 Aug — Top-seeded Fernando Verdasco scored a clean 6-4, 6-4 win over Dudi Sela of Israel on Monday to move into the third round of the 708,000-dollar New Haven ATP hard-court tournament.

The 24-year-old Spanish southpaw, ranked No 13 in the world, took command of the proceedings early and never looked back.

Verdasco, a winner in Umag this past July, is now slated to meet the winner of the match between Ivo Minar of the Czech Republic and Eduardo Schwank of Argentina.

Americans went three for five on Monday. Robby Ginepri, Wayne Odesnik and big-serving John Isner all advanced into the second round while Alex Bogomolov and US veteran Vin-

cent Spadea were sent packing.

The 34-year-old Spadea was forced to retire due to a lower back strain after trailing 7-5, 5-0 to Belgium's Steve Darcy.

*Internet*



*Spain's Fernando Verdasco returns a shot to Israel's Dudi Sela on 18 August at Yale Tennis Centre in New Haven, Connecticut.—INTERNET*

## Edwards closes in on Busch with win at Michigan



*Carl Edwards does a backflip after winning the NASCAR 3M Performance 400 auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich, on 17 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET*

BROOKLYN, 19 Aug — Carl Edwards looked in his mirrors and saw the guy he had to beat.

With two laps remaining and one final restart coming up in Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Michigan International Speedway, Kyle Busch — the only driver that Edwards trails in the points — was right on his rear bumper.

Edwards said he thought about the race last month at Chicagoland Speedway when Busch passed two-time reigning Cup champion Jimmie Johnson after a late-race restart for one of his season-high eight victories.

"I just didn't want to have to go through the pain, so I just did everything I could to have the best restart I could, and it worked out great," Edwards said after racing away to his fifth win of the season.

And Edwards hopes that's just a preview of what's coming up in the Chase for the championship.—*Internet*

## Cole vows to step up a gear to keep Chelsea berth

LONDON, 19 Aug — Chelsea's midfield star Joe Cole on Monday vowed to step up a gear to maintain his berth in Luiz Felipe Scolari's multi-million Stamford Bridge outfit.



*Joe Cole*

"When you join a big club you have to expect competition. I have always thrived on it," said Cole, who scored a goal in his side's 4-0 demolition of Portsmouth on Saturday.

"I have always been up against big players at the club, I love competing and learning from them," the England star added. "I know I have to step it up again. Football is a game that doesn't stay still. I performed well last season and the fans voted me player of the year, but that's all in the past now."

*Internet*

## Ivory Coast star Drogba poised to return against Guinea

JOHANNESBURG, 19 Aug — Crack striker Didier Drogba could return to action for Ivory Coast Wednesday when they play Guinea near Paris in a friendly international.

A knee injury forced the dreadlocked Chelsea star to miss an Ivorian tour of Japan last May and four 2010 World Cup-African Nations Cup qualifiers the following month.

Drogba, who had knee surgery last year, was included in a 23-strong squad for the fixture at Chantilly and fit-again Barcelona 'enforcer' Yaya Toure is another 'Elephants' star to be recalled by Vahid Halilhodzic.

The Serbian coach sprung a surprise by se-

lecting Spain-based Felix Djah, who won the last of three caps seven years ago, and Aruna Dindane, Arouna Kone and Bakary Kone are also back in the squad. Ivory Coast have fond memories of Guinea, crushing them 5-0 in a 2008 African Nations Cup quarter-final in Ghana last February with Drogba triggering a late four-goal blitz.

*Internet*



*Crack striker Didier Drogba, seen here, could return to action for Ivory Coast Wednesday when they play Guinea near Paris in a friendly international.—INTERNET*

## Racing source says night race planned for Atlanta

ATLANTA, 19 Aug — NASCAR will run under the lights at Atlanta Motor Speedway in 2009, The Associated Press has learned.

There's more: The new night race is expected to be run on Labor Day weekend.

Atlanta Motor Speedway and NASCAR officials are planning to announce a schedule change Tuesday that will include the night race announcement, said a racing official who spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the change had not been made public.

Atlanta's place on the racing calendar also could move. There has been speculation Atlanta Motor Speedway will be part of a three-way trade of race dates for next year's Sprint Cup schedule that also involves the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif, and Talladega Superspeedway.—*Internet*

## Pakistan hospital bomb kills at least 23

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, 19 Aug — A bomb blast at a hospital in northwest Pakistan killed at least 23 people Tuesday, authorities said. Another 15 to 20 were injured.

The explosion occurred near the emergency entrance to the Dera Ismail Khan District Hospital, said Malik Naveed, inspector general of police for the North West Frontier Province, where the district is located.

The bomb went off while a crowd gathered outside the hospital to protest the shooting death of a Shi'ite Muslim leader, Naveed said.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the explosion, but police think a suicide bomber may have been involved.—*Internet*



Local residents gather at the site of suicide bombing at a local hospital in Dera Ismail Khan, Pakistan on 19 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET

## Britain says 3 civilians killed in Afghan fight

LONDON, 19 Aug—Three Afghan civilians—a woman and two children—were killed during an incident involving British troops, the Ministry of Defence said on Monday, correcting a previous report that four civilians were killed.

The MoD said in a statement the civilians were killed in the Sangin area of southern Afghanistan on Saturday “when UK forces fired rockets at Taleban fighters, unaware that civilians were in the vicinity of enemy fighters in a local compound”. A further four civilians were injured, it said.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Russia warns against NATO membership for Georgia

BRUSSELS, 19 Aug—Russia's ambassador to NATO warned the alliance on Tuesday against allowing Georgia into NATO.

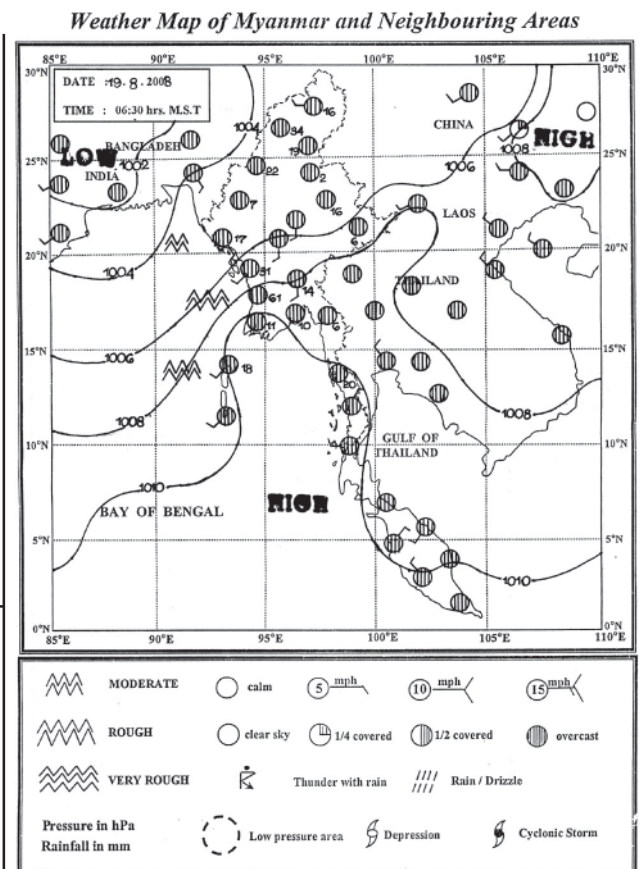
The Georgia-Russia conflict over South Ossetia would have brought

NATO into war with Russia if the alliance granted Georgia its membership action plan at the NATO summit in April, said ambassador Dmitry Rogozin.

“I would like to ask you whether you are ready to risk your prosperity, to risk your lives and the lives of your children just for (Georgian President Mikheil) Saakashvili,” Rogozin said, referring to citizens in the West.

Asked whether Saakashvili should thank Moscow if Russia's military intervention in South Ossetia would speed up Georgia's accession to NATO, Rogozin joked that Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein should be allowed to join NATO ahead of Saakashvili.

*Internet*



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 19 August, 2008

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Chin, Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and isolated heavyfall in Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (2.37) inches, Hkamti (4.92) inches, Sittway (3.62) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (3.11) inches, Hpa-an (3.03) inches, Taungoke (2.95) inches, Thandwe (2.55) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.40) inches, Yangon (Central) and Thaton (2.28) inches each, Hmawby (2.21) inches and Kyauktaw (2.09) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-8-2008 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 19-8-2008 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-8-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 18-8-2008 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 19-8-2008 was (3.11) inches at Mingaladon, (2.40) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.28) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (78.50) inches at Mingaladon, (87.91) inches at Kaba-Aye and (102.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 18-8-2008.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 20-8-2008:** Rain will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Shan States and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division. 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 squalls 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 20-8-2008:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-8-2008:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-8-2008:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

## Flood News

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 19-8-2008)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti is (1279)cm. It is possible to reach its danger level (1360)cm during the next (48)hours.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin has reached (2900)cm of its danger level. It is forecast to rise about (1.5) feet above its danger level during the next (24)hours.

According to the (09:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Mawlaik is (1240)cm and it has exceeded by (10)cm above its danger level. It may continue to rise about (1) foot during the next (24)hours.

According to the (09:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Kalewa is (15230) cm. It may reach its danger level (1550)cm during the next (24) hours.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Monywa is (946)cm. It may reach its danger level (1000)cm during the next (4) days.

According to the (10:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Taungoo is (585) cm. It may exceed above its danger level (600)cm during the next (24)hours.



Wednesday, 20 August  
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:55 am

- Nice and sweet song

8:05 am

- မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:20 am

- သီချင်းကြီးပဒေသာ

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:15 pm

- အသွင်သဏ္ဌန်တောက်သည့် သင်တန်းပေါက်တံတား

4:25 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:40 pm

- “မပြောမပြီး မတီးမမြည်” (နေရလင်း၊ မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ ခင်မောင်စိုးတင့်၊ ရှင်ဖုန်း၊ အိမ်ချယ်၊ မိုးဇော်၊ ခိုင်ဆုသွယ်၊ စိုင်းခန့်စိုးလင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

5:00 pm

- Musical programme

5:15 pm

- ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်စွဲ

6:50 pm

- ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်

အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:15 pm

- ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

8:00 pm

- News

15. International news

16. Weather report

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**Make donations to the storm victims**

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

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

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

## SPDC Spokes Authoritative Team holds talks with UN Secretary-General's Special Advisor

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—A meeting between the Spokes Authoritative Team of the State Peace and Development Council and Special Advisor of the United Nations' Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim

Agboola Gambari took place at the National Defence College in Yangon at 3 pm today.

Leader of the team Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and members Minister for For-

eign Affairs U Nyan Win and Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint were present.

The team hosted a dinner for Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel in

the evening.

This morning, Mr Gambari and party visited the Rehabilitation Camp (Central) in Kungyangon Township, Yangon Division. Deputy Director U Kyaw Khaing Thein of the

Ministry of Energy briefed them on progress of reconstruction tasks in the storm-hit township.

Mr Gambari and party observed monsoon paddy field No. 364 in Tawchaung Village,

Kungyangon Township, new homes of storm victims in Htandaw Village, reconstruction of the basic education primary school and makeshift school buildings in Nyaungngu Village.—MNA



Spokes Authoritative Team of the State Peace and Development Council meeting with Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari at the National Defence College in Yangon. — MNA

*Argentina's Sergio Aguero (16) scores the opening goal as Brazil's Marcelo tries to defend during their men's semifinal soccer match at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in China, Tuesday, 19 Aug 2008.*



### Argentina knock out rivals Brazil

BEIJING, 19 Aug—Argentina beat Brazil 3-0 to set up an Olympic final against Nigeria in the men's football competition.

Sergio Aguero put Argentina ahead when he chested in a low cross before his glanced side foot added a second.

Ronaldinho's free-kick hit the post for Brazil and Alexandre Pato was dubiously ruled offside when he touched in a Marcelo cross in the aftermath.

Juan Riquelme's penalty finished off a Brazil side who had Lucas Leiva and Thiago Neves sent off late on.

Lucas was sent-off for a foul on Liverpool teammate Javier Mascherano, who was also the victim of the challenge which saw Neves see red minutes later.

The tackles were a signal of Brazil's frustration towards the end of a match in which they only came to life after conceding the opening goal after 53 minutes.—Internet

### Beijing Olympics Special on page 11



*Usain Bolt of Jamaica sprints during the men's 200m semi-final at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, during Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, 19 Aug, 2008.*

