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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

## Prime Minister tours storm-hit areas of Mawlamyinegyun, Bogale Townships



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects completion of houses and resettlement of homeless victims at new Kyunthaya village, Kadonkani village-tract, in Bogale Township.—MNA*

YANGON, 20 Aug — Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office, departmental heads and officials, left Patheingyi by helicopter yesterday morning and arrived at Mawlamyinegyun.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt who is supervising rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in storm-hit areas of Mawlamyinegyun Township and departmental officials.

At the briefing hall, Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on progress in rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw

Tun on matters related to Zalun-Setkawt, Pyapon-Bogale and Dedaye-Kungyangon road sections.

In his instructions, the Prime Minister stressed the need to repair roads for better transport.

The Prime Minister and party viewed development of Mawlamyinegyun and progress in construction of 52-mile Mawlamyinegyun-Hlaingphone Kwinpauk-Pyinsalu road being undertaken by Public Works.

On arrival at Setsan Village of Bogale Township, they were welcomed by in-charge of the region Major Aung Min, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

The Prime Minister and party looked into construction of houses by Diamond Mercury Co, resettlement of storm survivors, construction of roads in the village, health care services at the village clinic and the village library.

After giving words of encouragement to members of Village Red Cross Brigade, the Prime Minister instructed them to actively take part in the public welfare tasks.

The Prime Minister met storm survivors and urged them to grow trees in the compound of the houses and try their best for improving their living standard.

At Basic Education High School in Setsan Village, the Prime Minister viewed learning of students at the makeshift classrooms. In meeting with the headmaster and teachers, the Prime Minister heard reports on academic and management matters.

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**Storm survivors are urged to grow trees in the compound of the houses and try their best for improving their living standard.**

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Endeavour for boosting paddy output

The prospects of paddy production in Ayeyawady Division this year are good as over 3.3 million acres of monsoon paddy have been grown in the division. Continued efforts are to be made for exceeding the targets and boosting per acre yield.

It is important for farmers to use high quality strains of paddy and natural and chemical fertilizers, to apply systematic cultivation methods and modern cultivation equipment and to extend cultivation acreage.

Fertilizers are to be used two times—during the cultivation and after the cultivation. Therefore basic agricultural inputs are to be provided to farmers during the cultivation season.

Now the government is providing supplies, basic needs and other requirements including fisheries and agriculture for local people to resume their livelihoods in seven storm-hit townships in Ayeyawady Division. In some villages, new houses, schools, rural dispensaries and libraries have been constructed.

At the same time, priority is being given to repair of certain road sections of Yangon-Pathein road plus village-to-village roads and construction of roads extending to the sea.

The government provides necessary assistance to the people in storm-hit regions to resume their business. Local people on their part are to make strenuous efforts for exceeding the paddy production targets and for progress of the region.



Myanmar National Football Team seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Indonesia.—MNA

## People's Desire

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

## Minister inspects timber factories in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Tsp

YANGON, 20 Aug—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung donated a dawn meal and Waso robes as well as offertories to over 900 members of the Sangha from 53 monasteries at Myoma Dhammayon in Bogale Township on 17 August.

At Ayeya village of Pyapon Township on 18 August, the minister met with local people and made a speech and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, he donated K 1 million to Affiliated Basic Education High School of the village and instant noodle and tinned fish to the local people.

He then viewed the students who are learning lessons.

On arrival at Kadonkani Village in Pyapon Township, the



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung donates K 1 million to Ayeya Village affiliated BEHS in Pyapon Township.—MNA

minister met with local people and made a speech on the occasion and fulfilled the requirements of the education and health sectors. After donating K 300,000 to the Basic Education High School, the minister

inspected the station hospital and comforted the patients and presented K 200,000 to the funds of the hospital.

At Mogok Pride Finished Wood Factory and Beautiful Wood Industry in Dagon

Myothit (Seikkan) Township 19 August, the minister looked into the production process at the factory. The factory has exported different kinds of wood and value added wood products to foreign countries.—MNA

## Myanmar National Team leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 20 Aug — Myanmar National Football Team left here by air this morning to take part in the 9<sup>th</sup> Indonesian Independence Day Football Tournament 2008.

The team comprises Manager U Kyaw Hsan Oo (SPED), Chief Coach Marcos Antonio Falopa, Assistant Coaches U Nyan Win and U Myo Chit, Nurse U Nyunt Lin and goalkeepers Aung Aung Oo

(F&R) and Kyaw Zin Htet (Kanbawza), defenders Min Thu (Commerce), Han Win Aung (Kanbawza), Moe Win (Commerce), Htay Aung (Defence), Aye Hsan (Kanbawza), Thura Aung (F&R), Khin Maung Lwin (A&I), midfielders Aung Kyaw Moe (F&R), Yazar Win Thein (Commerce), Tun Tun Win (F&R), Zaw Htet Aung (Energy), Aung Myo Thant (Commerce), Soe Thiha Aung (Construction), Myo Min Tun (Commerce), Paing Soe (F&R), forwards Soe Myat Min (F&R), Yan Aung (F&R) and Sithu Win (Home Affairs).

In the tournament, the Group (A) includes Indonesia, Brunei and Libya and the Group (B) comprises Indonesia, Myanmar and Cambodia.

Myanmar will play against Cambodia on 22 August and Indonesia on 25 August. The semifinals will be held on 27 August and the final and third place matches on 29 August.

Myanmar had competed in the tournament in 1994 and 2000. The current team was formed with the lineup of the national team that had taken part in the AFC Challenge Cup.—MNA

## Earthquake news

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — A moderate earthquake of intensity 5.3 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar (Myanmar-China border region) about 600 miles north of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 4 hrs 9 min and 23 sec MST today.—MNA

## Russia rejects UN Georgia draft

Moscow, 20 Aug—Russia has rejected a draft UN Security Council resolution on Georgia, saying it contradicted the terms of last week's ceasefire deal.

The draft text called on Russia to pull back its forces to the positions held before the current conflict.

But Russia says the truce allows its troops to stay in a buffer zone on the Georgia side of South Ossetia's border.

Moscow earlier dismissed a NATO warning that normal relations were impossible while its troops remained in Georgia.

Russia's UN ambassador said the French-drafted UN resolution went against the terms of the ceasefire brokered by France's President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Vitaly Churkin said the resolution should incorporate all elements of the six-point peace plan agreed last week.—*Internet*

## ‘Seven dead’ in Spain plane crash

MADRID, 20 Aug— At least seven people have been killed after a plane swerved off the runway at Madrid airport, emergency services say. Dozens more people are being treated for injuries, local reports say.

The Spanair plane was taking off for Gran Canaria at about 1445 local time, with about 160 people on board. There were reports of a fire in the left engine during take-off.

TV footage showed smoke billowing from the craft. Emergency services are attending the scene. Weather conditions in Madrid were fine at the time of the incident. The plane, which was destined for Las Palmas in the Canary Islands, came down during or shortly after take-off, local media say, quoting aviation authorities.

It skidded off the runway at terminal four into fields, says the reporter in Madrid.—*Internet*



## Consumers face rising medical debt: survey

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug—A growing number of US adults are struggling to pay their medical bills, tapping into savings accounts, home equity and credit cards to cover health care costs, according to a survey released on Wednesday.

An estimated 72 million Americans aged 19 to 64, or 41 percent, said they had trouble paying for medical care in 2007, with some slipping far enough behind to face collection agencies. That compared to nearly 58 million, or 34 percent, in 2005, the Commonwealth Fund survey found. The report comes as US consumers face rising financial pressures, including higher energy costs, food bills and mortgage payments.

“Obviously, this medical debt can push people over the edge who are already close to the edge,” said Karen Davis, president of the private foundation that promotes better access to health care.—*Internet*



*In this picture released by Pakistan Muslim League-N party, Pakistan's ruling party leaders Asif Ali Zardari, centre, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, right, greet former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif upon Sharif's arrival for a meeting, in Islamabad, Pakistan on 19 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET*

## Divisions emerge in Pakistan's ruling coalition

ISLAMABAD (Pakistan), 20 Aug—Just a day after Pervez Musharraf's resignation, Pakistan's governing coalition fell into wrangling Tuesday over restoring the judges he fired, exposing troublesome divisions that could disrupt picking his successor as president.

Pakistanis have been urging the government to set aside political bickering and tackle extremist violence and economic downturn—challenges underscored Tuesday by a bombing outside a hospital and new battles between the Army and militants.

But, as it has for months, the issue of judges revealed itself as a severe strain in the alliance between the two main parties that won February parliamentary elections after running against Musharraf.—*Internet*

## US civilian court begins Iraqi murder trial of former Marine

LOS ANGELES, 20 Aug—The trial of a former US Marine accused of killing two Iraqi detainees during fighting in Fallujah four years ago began with jury selection in the landmark case, justice officials said.

Lawyers at the US

District Court in Riverside, east of Los Angeles, Tuesday began vetting a pool of around 120 jurors who will be whittled down to hear the case against Jose Nazario.

Nazario, 28, denies charges of voluntary

manslaughter, assault with a dangerous weapon and discharging a firearm during a crime of violence in connection with the shootings of four Iraqi insurgents in 2004.

According to defence lawyers, Nazario's case is the first time a former soldier has been tried in a civilian court in connection with alleged crimes that took place during combat.

Prosecutors allege that Nazario, a former Marine Corps sergeant, shot dead two unarmed detainees on 9 November, 2004 during a house search. Nazario is also alleged to have ordered two Marines—Ryan Weemer and Jermaine Nelson—to shoot two other unarmed prisoners.—*Internet*



*File photo shows US Marines holding detainees in Fallujah. The trial of a former US Marine accused of killing two Iraqi detainees during fighting in Fallujah four years ago began Tuesday with jury selection in the landmark case, justice officials said.—INTERNET*

## 10 people killed in 24 hours throughout Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 Aug—Ten people were killed during several attacks targeting coalition troops and Iraqi police in the past 24 hours, officials said.

A suicide car bomber in Anbar province killed seven people late Monday, including five police. The suicide bomber also wounded 11 people, including four police, the Interior Ministry said. The incident occurred in the provincial capital of Ramadi, west of Baghdad.

A US soldier was also

killed Tuesday when attackers fired rockets at an operating base in Amara, south of Baghdad, the US military said.

The death is the 17th American casualty this month, bringing the number of US service member deaths in the Iraq war to 4,144.

On Tuesday in eastern Baghdad a gunman in a car shot at a national police checkpoint, killing one police officer and wounding three others, the Interior Ministry said.

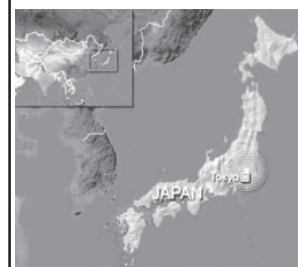
Four people were later detained in connection with the incident.

Also on Tuesday, dozens of Iraqi troops raided the offices of the Diyala provincial council, Gov Raad Rashid al-Tamimi, the deputy governor and the dean of Diyala University, a local official said.

The governor's secretary was killed during a shootout at the offices, a local official said.

*Internet*

## Magnitude 4.5 earthquake shakes eastern Japan



*A earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.5 jolted eastern Japan on Wednesday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said*

INTERNET

TOKYO, 20 Aug—A earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.5 jolted eastern Japan on Wednesday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The quake, at 3:13 pm (2:13 am EDT), was felt in Tokyo.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage and no tsunami warning was issued.

*Internet*

# Study finds minorities more likely to be paddled

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug —Paddlings, swats, licks. A quarter of a million schoolchildren got them last year—and blacks, American Indians and kids with disabilities got a disproportionate share of the punishment, according to a study by a human rights group.

Even little kids can be paddled. Heather Porter, who lives in Crockett, Texas, was startled to hear her little boy, then 3, say he'd been spanked at school.

Porter was never told, despite a policy at the

public preschool that parents be notified.

“We were pretty ticked off, to say the least.

The reason he got paddled was because he was untying his shoes and playing with the air conditioner thermostat,” Porter said. “He was being a 3-year-old.”

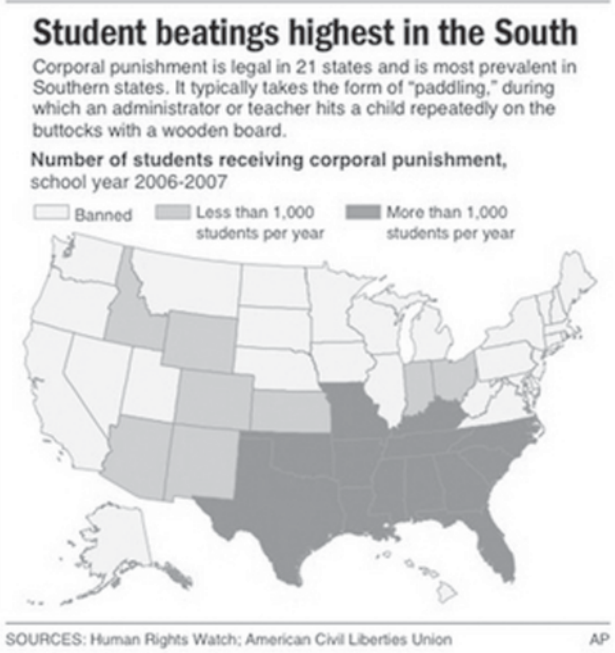
For the study, which was being released Wednesday, Human Rights Watch and the American Civil Liberties Union used Education Department data to show that, while paddling has been declining, racial dis-

parity persists.

Researchers also interviewed students, parents and school personnel in Texas and Mississippi, states that account for 40 percent of the 223,190 kids who were paddled at least once in the 2006-2007 school year.

Porter could have filled out a form telling the school not to paddle her son, if only she had realized he might be paddled.

Internet



Map shows number of students receiving corporal punishment, by state, school year 2006-2007.

INTERNET

## California fines 18 hospitals for shoddy care

LOS ANGELES, 20 Aug —Eighteen hospitals in California were fined for state health code violations in which patients received shoddy care that in some cases led to deaths.

Violations included an improperly inserted catheter, a ventilator that wasn't turned on and surgical tools left inside patients after operations.

The fines made public Monday stem from investigations by the California Department of Public Health.—Internet

## Pirates seize Malaysian tanker off Somalia's coast

KUALA LUMPUR (Malaysia), 20 Aug—Armed pirates have seized a Malaysian tanker carrying palm oil and more than 20 crew members in the Gulf of Eden off the coast of Somalia, the fourth such hijacking in a month, a global maritime watchdog said Wednesday.

Noel Choong, head of the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting centre in Kuala Lumpur, said the centre picked up a distress signal late Tuesday and immediately notified Western naval ships patrolling the area.

The tanker was heading toward Somali territorial waters, he said. In pursuit was a warship from a multinational naval force to stop terrorism comprising the US, France, Germany, Pakistan, Britain and Canada.

“We have had no communication with the vessel so far.

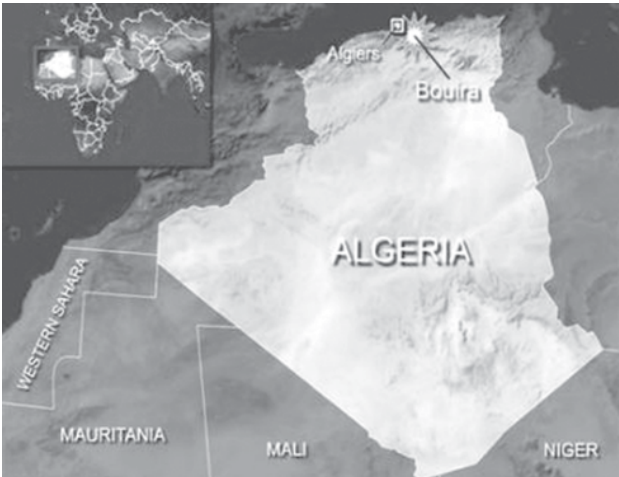
The distress call was relayed through another ship but the tanker has been confirmed seized by pirates,” Choong said.

Choong said the Malaysian tanker was taking its load of palm oil from Indonesia to Europe when it was attacked, but it was unclear when the raid took place.

Internet



A light rail train leaves Xizhimen Subway Station in Beijing, capital of China, on 19 Aug, 2008. Statistics shows that the public traffic sector has registered a passenger transport volume of 20 million persons per day since the control of vehicle use in Beijing last month.—XINHUA



A double car bombing in Algeria killed at least 11 people on Wednesday, a day after an attack that killed 43 people at a military academy, the Algerian Press agency APS said quoting the Interior Ministry.—INTERNET

## Iraqi forces arrest Sunni Arab politician's son

BAGHDAD, 20 Aug—Iraqi security forces raided the office of a provincial governor and arrested the son of a leading Sunni Arab politician in separate incidents on Tuesday that could stoke sectarian and

political tension.

In the early morning, an unidentified Iraqi security forces unit raided the office of the governor of Diyala province north of Baghdad, killing the governor's secretary and provoking clashes in which four people were wounded. Separately, the head of the country's biggest Sunni Arab political bloc said Iraqi forces had arrested his son at their house in Baghdad and accused him of terrorism.

Internet

## Double car bombing in Algeria kills 11

ALGIERS, 20 Aug — A double car bombing in Algeria killed at least 11 people on Wednesday, a day after an attack that killed 43 people at a military academy, the Algerian Press agency APS said quoting the Interior Ministry. It was the bloodiest week in nearly a year in the OPEC member state, a major oil and gas supplier to Europe which is emerging from more than a decade of conflict with Islamist rebels.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombings on Wednesday at Bouira, 150 km (90 miles) east of Algiers, but they follow a spate of attacks by al Qaeda's north African wing. The news agency said 31 people including four military personnel were wounded. All the dead were civilians.—Internet

## Oil up slightly in Asia ahead of inventory report

SINGAPORE, 20 Aug— Oil prices were slightly higher in Asia on Wednesday as investors awaited a weekly crude inventory report for evidence an economic slowdown in the US is cutting consumer demand for oil products such as gasoline.

Light, sweet crude for September delivery was up 42 cents at \$114.95 barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange by midafternoon in Singapore. The contract rose \$1.66 overnight to settle at \$114.53 a barrel.

Investors are waiting for a report by the US Energy Department's Energy Information Administration on US oil stocks for the week ended 15 Aug later in the day. The petroleum supply report was expected to show that gasoline inventories fell by 3 million barrels, according to the average of analysts' estimates in a survey by energy information provider Platts.

Internet

## No Israeli restraint if Lebanon turns into Hezbollah state

JERUSALEM, 20 Aug— Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert warned Tuesday that his country will not exercise restraint if Lebanon turns into a Hezbollah state.

Touring the Home Front Command headquarters in Ramle, Olmert said that Israel avoided using heavy weaponry in

the Second Lebanon War because it fought against “a terror group (Hezbollah) and not a country.”

But if Lebanon turns into a Hezbollah state, Israel will remove those limitations, local daily Jerusalem Post quoted Olmert as saying. —Internet

## Medvedev: Russian troops to pull out from Georgia by Friday

MOSCOW, 20 Aug—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Tuesday Moscow will withdraw its troops from Georgia by Friday under the terms of a French-brokered peace plan, the Kremlin said in a statement.

“Some of the peacekeepers will be pulled back to the temporary security zone by 22 Aug,” Medvedev told his French

counterpart Nicolas Sarkozy by phone.

“The rest of the (Russian) military contingent, which was sent to reinforce peacekeepers, will be withdrawn to South Ossetia and Russia,” the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Medvedev as saying. Russia declared a halt to its military offensive in Georgia last Tuesday after days of conflict

in Georgia’s breakaway region of South Ossetia.

Medvedev on Saturday signed the peace plan, under which Georgian troops should return to their bases and Russian forces should pull back to its previous positions.

Russian troops and armoured vehicles have begun to pull out from the Georgia on Monday.

Xinhua



Russian troops and armoured vehicles pull out from the city of Gori, Georgia, on 18 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA



China’s ambassador to Jordan Gong Xiaosheng (2nd L) exchanges agreement documents with Chairman of the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission Khaled Touqan (2nd R) during a signing ceremony in Amman, Jordan, on 19 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA

## Jordan, China ink nuclear co-op deal

AMMAN, 20 Aug—Jordan and China Tuesday signed a nuclear agreement, paving ways for future cooperation on peaceful uses of nuclear energy, especially on electricity generation and water desalination.

Under the agreement, the two sides will conduct cooperation and exchange on basic and applied re-

searches, nuclear plant designing, constructing and operating, mineral exploration and processing among other areas.

The pact was signed by China’s ambassador to Jordan Gong Xiaosheng and Chairman of the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission Khaled Touqan.

The agreement signals the start of cooperation

between the two countries in nuclear energy and other projects, said the Chinese ambassador, observing that future cooperation between the two sides will be promising. Touqan, for his part, said the agreement aims to lay down a legislative and political framework to begin a serious nuclear cooperation.—Xinhua

## All items from Xinhua News Agency

### Typhoon Nuri hits N Philippines with heavy rains

MANILA, 20 Aug — Typhoon Nuri (locally known as “Karen”) slammed into the Philippines’ northeastern province of Cagayan early Wednesday morning, bringing heavy rains to most parts of the country’s northern island of Luzon.

Classes at all levels in the Philippine capital of Metro Manila have been suspended because of the possibility of tornado.

In its latest bulletin, the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said the typhoon moved West North-west at 20 kph, with maximum sustained winds of 140 kph near the centre and gustiness of up to 170 kph. —Xinhua

### Southeast China provinces brace for typhoon Nuri

FUZHOU, 20 Aug—Typhoon Nuri continued to intensify as it maintained its course towards south China on Wednesday, according to the meteorological station in southeast China’s Fujian Province.

The eye of Nuri, the twelfth tropical storm this year, was 700 kilometres south of Xiamen City at 8 am, packing winds of up to force-13, or 144 kilometres per hour, in the centre, said the station.

Nuri was moving towards southeastern coastal areas at a speed of 20 kilometres per hour, and would enter the South China Sea on Thursday. Fujian’s seashores were hit by gusts of up to force 8 (51 kilometres per hour) on Wednesday morning. The observatory forecast heavy rain in most areas in the province in the next two days. —Xinhua

### Brazil to build another four nuclear power plants

RIO DE JANEIRO, 20 Aug—Brazil is to build a further four nuclear power plants in addition to finishing the halted Angra III plant, local media said Tuesday.

Two plants will be built in the northeast and the other two will be built in the southeast, where three Angra plants are already located, local media said, adding that the four

plants are expected to begin operating by 2014.

The decision was made by Brazil’s President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva at a meeting Monday night.

Lula also demanded a permanent solution to nuclear waste stored at the Angra I and Angra II plants. The National Committee on Nuclear Energy (NCNE) and the

state-owned company Eletronuclear were asked to take responsibility for the problem.

Although it has the monopoly on nuclear power generation in Brazil, Eletronuclear will not get the green-light to start construction until it comes up with a permanent solution to the nuclear waste.

Xinhua



A volunteer shows the commemorative envelopes marking the gold medalists of China during the 29th Olympic Games, in Beijing, China, on 19 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA

### Venezuela to ask OPEC to reduce oil production

CARACAS, 20 Aug—Venezuela will propose oil output cuts at the September meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in case oil prices continue decreasing, Energy and Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez said Tuesday. “The prices must be kept at a level near 100 US dollars (per barrel), because the cost has risen,” Ramirez said in a Press statement.

He also said the sudden fall of more than 20 dollars in world oil prices proves the speculation in the oil market. Oil prices will continue to fluctuate during the coming weeks and OPEC should not allow the oil prices to collapse, the minister said.

The International Energy Agency estimated in June that the Venezuelan production in 2008 does not reach 2.5 million barrels per day, although Caracas says it produces 3.3 million barrels per day, 2.7 million of which are for export. —Xinhua



File photo shows STX Shipyard in Jinhae, South Korea. The South Korean shipbuilding group has said it had secured full management control of Norway’s Aker Yards by raising its stake in Europe’s biggest shipyard to 88.4 percent.—INTERNET

## Soaring costs has Toyota mulling Japan price hike

TOKYO, 20 Aug — Soaring material costs has Toyota considering raising prices in Japan without a model makeover for the first time in three decades, the Japanese automaker said Wednesday.

Speculation has been rife Toyota Motor Corp will be forced to announce higher prices in Japan ó a move even Toyota acknowledges could be

critically damaging for an already sluggish Japanese market.

With steel prices surging, Nissan Motor Co Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn has hinted he is waiting for its bigger rival to take the lead to make it easier for others to follow suit.

Japan's top business daily The Nikkei reported Wednesday that Toyota plans to raise prices only on

some models, including the Prius gas-electric hybrid, by 1 percent to 3 percent.

Toyota spokesman Kayo Doi had no comment on the report. Still, Toyota has been forced to consider raising prices without remodeling as cost cuts weren't keeping up with rising costs of steel and other raw materials, she said.

Internet

## Survey: US adult obesity rates rise in 37 states

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug — Adult obesity rates increased in 37 states in the past year, according to the fifth annual report released Tuesday by the Trust for America's Health (TFAH).

Adult obesity rates rose for a second consecutive year in 24 states and for a third consecutive year in 19 states. No state saw a decrease, says the report.

Though many promising

policies have emerged to promote physical activity and good nutrition in communities, the report concludes that they are not being adopted or implemented at levels needed to turn around this health crisis.

More than 25 percent of adults are obese in 28 states, which is an increase from 19 states last year. More than 20 percent of adults

are obese in every state except Colorado. On the contrary, in 1991, no state had an obesity rate above 20 percent. In 1980, the national average of obese adults was 15 percent.

Now, an estimated two-thirds of American adults are overweight or obese, and an estimated 23 million children are either overweight or obese.

Internet

## President Mwanawasa’s death great loss to Zambia, whole Africa

LUSAKA, 19 Aug — Zambian first president Kenneth Kaunda described the death of President Levy Mwanawasa as a great loss to Zambia and Africa.

Speaking at a press briefing at his office in Lusaka Tuesday, Kaunda said Mwanawasa provided impeccable and exemplary leadership to Zambia and Africa as a whole.

Kaunda said Mwanawasa exhibited the essential tenets of good governance through his relentless advocacy for the universal observance of human rights, rule of law and the fight against corruption.

He said that Zambia has lost a great leader who had a vision to attain economic and social development for all the people of the country.

Kaunda said Mwanawasa’s vision to eradicate poverty and underdevelopment can be attained if all citizens emulate his exemplary leadership. —Internet

## 5.0-magnitude quake hits Yunnan, China

BEIJING, 20 Aug — An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted Yingjiang county, Dehong Dai-Jinpo Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China's Yunnan Province, at 5:35 am Wednesday.

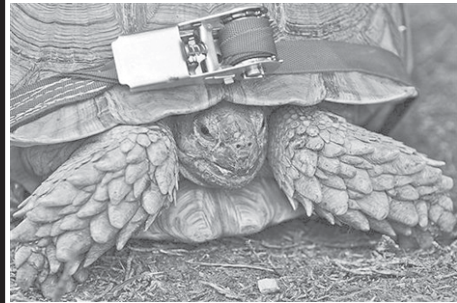
The epicenter of the quake, about 10 km underground, was at 25.1 degrees north latitude and 97.9 degrees east longitude, according to the National Earthquake Network Centre. No casualties have been reported so far.—Internet

## Disabled turtle uses new wheels to find romance

Arava the disabled turtle is using her new set of wheels to get around in more ways than one. Officials at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo say the 10-year-old spurred tortoise has begun mating since being fitted with a custom skateboard to overcome paralysis of her hind legs.

The 55-pound turtle is unable to move herself forward with her front legs alone. So the zoo's staff built her a metal board with two wheels that can be strapped to her stomach.

Arava arrived in Jerusalem a few months ago from a petting zoo in southern Israel with the unexplained handicap, and found no reptile romance. Zoo curator Shmulik Yedvad says it's not that Arava has come out of her shell with her unique new wheelchair, but that a particularly amorous 10-year-old male has been after her.



Arava, a disabled tortoise, is seen at the Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem.



In this photo released by the National Archives of Canada, Skulls of members of the Franklin Expedition, discovered and buried by William Skinner and Paddy Gibson in 1945, at King William Island, NWT (now Nunavut), are shown in this photo from the National Archives of Canada Collections. More than 160 years after Sir John Franklin’s doomed expedition vanished in the ice of the fabled Northwest Passage, the federal government is backing a search for the Holy Grail of the High Arctic.

## NEWS ALBUM

## Ark man finds 4.42-carat diamond at state park

A local diamond hunter found a 4.42-carat stone Friday after about a 30-minute search at the Crater of Diamonds State Park, a park official announced. Dennis Tyrrell, of Murfreesboro, searches for diamonds about three or four days a week at the state park and has found several others before, Assistant Superintendent Bill Henderson said. The white diamond Tyrrell found Friday was his largest find so far.

“It is a very nice diamond because of its size,” Henderson said. “And it has what they call a silver cape on it. It’s about the size of a Chiclet gum. It’s rectangular in shape.”

## Forgotten bifocals leads to \$3 million jackpot

A man’s forgotten bifocals led to a \$3 million lottery jackpot.

Bobby Guffey usually plays the same combination of numbers representing the birthdays of his five children. But he left his glasses at home when he bought the winning ticket 6 Aug, accidentally entering the last number as 48 instead of 46.

The Hoosier Lotto ticket ended up being worth \$3 million.

“My wife says it pays to be blind,” Guffey said Thursday after he accepted his winnings at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis.



Sharath Kamal Achanta of India serves during the men’s singles first round match against Alfredo Carneros of Spain at Beijing Olympic Games table tennis event in Beijing, China, on 19 Aug, 2008. Sharath Kamal Achanta of India beat his rival 4-2.

## Cops say alleged robber locked keys in getaway car

Memo to anyone planning a drug store robbery: don’t lock your keys in the getaway vehicle. Police said John Wilkinson, 24, of Big Spring, did just that after he allegedly robbed the Stanton Drug Store of Zanax and hydrocodine with what was later found to be a caulking gun.

They said Wilkinson used the caulking gun, wrapped in a dark cloth, to get the drugs Thursday afternoon.

Afterward, he allegedly headed back to his vehicle, which was parked and running in front of the drug store, and discovered he was locked out, the Midland Reporter-Telegram reported in its online edition Thursday.

# Four classes of people

*Chit Naing (Psychology)*

Human beings have to struggle from day after day for their living. People can be classified into four categories.

Of people, some live an easy life. Such people have their basic needs fulfilled abundantly. They lead such a life of luxury that they can have expensive food to their heart's content at all times as if they were provided with first-class food from a mythical cornucopia. They have a wide range of fine clothes and jewellery in abundance. In addition, they have beautiful houses particularly designed for cold season and summer. Such people are also successful in their supramundane affairs. They are the ones who lead the most comfortable life.

Some people have a normal life. Such people can enjoy benefits derived from his labour in proportion to their contribution manual or mental labour and diligence.

However, some people have an uneasy life. Their dreams usually do not come true and their efforts are not very rewarding. They suffer evil consequences for the misdeeds they have committed in the past.

Some people lead a miserable life. All their efforts yield undesired results, instead of fruitful ones. In the end, they meet their tragic ends after coming under the five enemies of mankind.

In general, people are of four categories: (1) those who lead an easy life, (2) those who lead a normal life, (3) those who lead an uneasy life, and (4) those who lead a miserable life.

Those who lead an easy life deeply believe in Dhamma. They hardly commit unwholesome deeds. They are always ready to make their self-sacrifices for the well-being and a prosperous future of others. They live in the Dhamma, but abstain from all forms

of misdeeds. All their acts are intended to serve the interests of others. They are gentle with loving-kindness for others. They show kindness, sympathy and consideration whenever they deal with others. They always extend a helping hand and give assistance and encouragement to others.

They are the ones who live the easiest life.

Those who live easier life have knowledge of Dhamma, but they have not devoted their lives to it. They observe the Five Precepts. They refrain from killing, taking what is not given, sexual misconduct, telling lies, and using intoxicants. They show loving-kindness for others.

Such kind of persons never suffer hardships severely. They have no ill-will to others. They also lead a peaceful life.

Those of the third and fourth groups never take everything serious. They do not uphold the Buddha, the Dhamma and Members of the Buddhist Order. They prefer to do as they wish. They do not stir up problems when things are going as they wish. Otherwise, they turn violent. They act odd. They do not understand well that the Dhamma deserves worship. The longer, the further they are off the Dhamma. Eventually, they become fond of unjust acts. They easily get violent and cruel to others. They will not have a bright future as long as they do not approach one who can teach them the Dhamma. It is out of the question they can enjoy fruitful results while they commit misdeeds. It is because they have to reap what they sow.

There is a saying "Manussatta Bhavo Dullabo" which means it is extremely difficult to be born in the human abode. So, every person should serve the interests of the mankind to an extent. It is called doing meritorious deeds.

If one threatens to devastate the interests of the people and commits misdeeds a lot, one will somehow diminish one's hopes of successful life. If a tree is uprooted, its branches will be used as firewood.

If a person breaks the branches off the tree, under which he is taking shelter, he will be under the glaring sunshine. He has to suffer the evil consequences of his stupid acts, as the saying that goes "A person is the sole master of his fate". Everyone is responsible for carrying out two kinds of duties: Bahujanahitaya that means "to serve interests of others" and Bahujanasukhaya that means "to create a prosperous future of others".

It is required of everyone to appreciate and repay the gratitude of their benefactors. If a person repays the gratitude of his benefactors, he will be deemed to be clever. We have to welcome such acts.

It does not matter even if a person does not know, reveal or want to repay others' gratitude to him. If he is ungrateful to his benefactors, there is something wrong with him.

In the world, some persons' foolishness led to wars. There is a person who has stuck many years to the policy of utter devastation due to his or her selfishness. If he or she has a clear outlook on things as they really are, he or she will see the truth.

According to Abhinna Sutta, the Buddha said that good deeds yield good results whereas bad deeds yield bad results.

Now is an opportune time to join hands with the people in the interests of the nation. One can understand the prevailing situations if one studies the international affairs. Only with wholesome deeds, will it be possible for one to enjoy fruitful results. Therefore, it is time certain persons gave up their wrong policies.

**People should not have excessive greed, anger and delusion. If so, a person leading a miserable life will be able to lead a normal life; and a person leading a normal life, an easy life. People can make some positive changes in their fates. Some say that people have to dance to the tune of their fates. Actually, it is the result of what they have done of their volition. If one does good deeds, one will enjoy good results of one's good deeds. And one will be lucky if one has goodwill. Only with genuine goodwill, will fortune favour one. There are four kinds of people. What kind of people are you in?**

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*Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects completion of houses and resettlement of homeless victims at new Kyunthaya Village, Kadonkani village-tract, in Bogale Township.—MNA*

**Prime Minister tours ...**  
(from page 1)

The Prime Minister oversaw the development of Setsan Village equipped with telephone facilities.

At Shwesayan Village of Kadonkani village-tract, the Prime Minister and party viewed learning of students at the temporary classroom of Village BEPS and shops in the village.

At new Kyunthaya Village, they were welcomed

by departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people. They inspected progress of houses built by Dagon International Ltd with the contribution of CB Bank Chairman U Khin Maung Aye and systematic settlement of storm victims.

In his address, the Prime Minister instructed the storm survivors to redouble their efforts in their respective works, grow shade and perennial trees for keeping the village clean and beautiful and nurture the trees and crops in the compound of the houses.

Next, they viewed the clinic and the village library.

After inspecting the Basic Education Post-Primary School, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions to officials. On arrival at Bogale, the Prime Minister heard reports on cultivation of monsoon paddy and distribution of monsoon paddy strains and maintenance of the embankments presented by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, distribution of fishing boats and equipment to fishermen by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and conditions of roads in the division by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister instructed officials to supervise rehabilitation of the storm-hit areas and maintenance of roads for their durability.

Later, the Prime Minister and party left Bogale and arrived back here in the afternoon. — MNA



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein views learning of students at temporary classroom of Shwesayan Village BEPS, Kadonkani village-tract, in Bogale Township.—MNA*

*Prime Minister General Thein Sein views shops of Setsan village in Bogale Township.—MNA*



## Maj-Gen Khin Zaw looks into progress of irrigation facilities, agricultural tasks in Pwintbyu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials, arrived at Kyeoohn-kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam Project site in Pwintbyu Township on 18 August and heard reports on progress of Kyeoohn-kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam Project and future tasks presented by Director (Adviser) U Tun Aung Lwin of Construction-3 of Irrigation Department and Buywa Dam Project, Upper Buywa Dam Project and Myittha Dam Project by Construction-8 Director U



**Maj-Gen Khin Zaw views supply of water from Mezali Diversion Dam in Pwintbyu Township.—MNA**

Tin Win.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions on timely completion of the dam projects meeting set standards. He presented a fruit basket to Chinese technicians and visited the project site.

Kyeoohn-kyeewa Multi-purpose Dam Project site is located on Mone Creek near Wunlo Village of Pwintbyu Township. Its irrigated area is 96,777 acres of land and it will generate 74 megawatts. So far, implementation of the project has completed by 63 per cent. On

completion, Kyeoohn-kyeewa Dam, Mone Creek Dam, Buywa, Upper Buywa projects can generate 250 megawatts.

Likewise, Myittha Dam Project is located near Pyintha Village of Gangaw Township. It can generate 40 megawatt and irrigate 12,000 acres of lands.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspected maintenance of Mone Creek Suspension Bridge and supply of water from Mezali Diversion Dam in Pwintbyu Township, supply of water to monsoon paddy plantations through extended canal in Kyuwun

and West Layein Villages in the township and cultivation of Shwe-thweyin paddy strain. He then gave instructions on development of agriculture sector of Magway Division.

At present, Mezali Dam is supplying water to monsoon and summer paddy plantations in Pwintbyu, Minbu and Salin townships.

At Bo Ottama Hall in Pwintbyu, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw met departmental officials, social organization members and local people. Chairman of Pwintbyu Township PDC

U Hla Htay and Chairman of District PDC U Myint Thura reported on progress of the township and district. The Chairman of Magway Division PDC gave a supplementary report. In his speech, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw called for contributing to local food sufficiency of Magway Division and for meeting the targeted production of crops. He stressed the need to grow physic nut and industrial crops. He urged departmental personnel to discharge duties for regional development.

He inspected supply of water to 700 acres of

monsoon paddy through Taungmon Canal of Ywathagyi river water pumping station of Pwintbyu Township.

Ywathagyi river water pumping project site is located on Taungmone Creek near Ywathagyi Village. It can benefit 700 acres of land.

While in Pwintbyu, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw paid homage to Sandaku Nantha Kyaungdawya Pagoda and made cash donation. After visiting the pagoda, he inspected sandalwood plantation being nurtured by Forest Department. —MNA

## Fishing boat experts honoured

YANGON, 20 Aug — Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein honoured experts from states and divisions who built fishing boats, at Myanmar Fishery Federation here yesterday evening.

On the occasion, President of Myanmar Fishery Federation U Htay Myint made a speech.

Next, the minister and Director-General of Fisheries Department U Khin Maung Aye presented certificates of honour to fishing boat makers. President of MFF U Htay Myint also gave gifts to them.

Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein hosted a dinner in their honour. —MNA

## Tripartite Core Group (TCG) tours Kungyangon

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — The Community Based Early Recovery Project is being implemented under the leadership of Tripartite Core Group (TCG) in accord with the decision reached by the ASEAN Humanitarian Task Force (AHTF).

A 20-member team comprising TCG members Ambassador of Thailand Mr Bansam Bunnag, Special Envoy of ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Anish Kumar Roy, Resident Repre-

sentative of UNFPA Mr Daniel Baker, Resident Representative of UNICEF Mr Ramesh Sherestha, Ms Victoriya Talishkhanova from UNHCR, Head of OCHA Mr Thierry Delbreuve led by Chairman of TCG and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu left Yangon this morning for Seikgyi Village of Tawkhayangyi (West) Village-tract in Kungyangon Township to make a field observation of the first phase of the Community Based Early Recovery Project

being undertaken in the village.

Under the project, the TCG has set up a phase by phase programme for rehabilitation and livelihood of the village people in Seikgyi Village, which is slated to be a model for other villages affected by the cyclone Nargis. The first phase includes four main tasks namely reconstruction and renovation of religious buildings, cleaning wells and ponds for supply of drinking water and

sanitation, revival of betel leaf farms and construction of fishing boats and providing fishing nets to revive the fishery sector. The tasks are to be undertaken in three months.

The chairman of TCG and party arrived at the primary school of the village. They observed the renovation of the school and provided the teachers and school children with school uniforms, textbooks and stationery, sport gear and nutritious food and ultra heat treated (UHT) milk.

The TCG Teams went to the village monastery and observed all-round reconstruction and renovation of the pagoda and religious buildings and meted out the requirements. Also at the monastery the TCG members donated blankets, mosquito nets, soaps, hygiene kits and water cans for families of the village. The monitoring team also viewed the situation concerning the plantation of betel leaves

and the process of cleaning wells and ponds in the village and observed the construction of boats for fishermen. The TCG team met the members of the Sangha and heads of village from Kyunchaung village, Nyaungwaing village and Myatlayyon village and explained the reconstruction and rehabilitation plan for the victims.

The team visited the primary school of Kyunchaung village and Tawkhayangyi BEMS of Nyaungwaing village and gave encouragements to school heads and students and presented cash assistance and clothing to 17 orphans. The team also met members of the Sangha and villagers at the Seikgyi Village monastery and explained the project and programmers for provision of supplies to them.

The monitoring team arrived back at Yangon in the evening.

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**Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein delivers a speech at a ceremony to honour experts from states and divisions in building fishing boats.—L & F**

## MIDWC holds meeting No 1/2008

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—Work coordination meeting No 1/2008 of Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee was held at Ministry of Industry-2 here on 18 August. In his opening address at the meeting, Chairman of the committee Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein said Industrial Development Committee, Myanma Industrial Development Committee, Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee and 10 sub-committees have carried out tasks for development of the industry sector in the country. Besides, technical know-how and cash assistance have been provided to 18 industry zones and 28 sub-industry zones across the country.

Total production of all industrial zones from 2005-2006 to 2007-2008 has reached K 3.692 million.

He also stressed the need for encouraging the private sector for the industrial development and he called on 10 sub-committees to strive for development of industrial sector for stepping their efforts for development of the industrial sector with added momentum. At the meeting, officials and deputy ministers concerned reported on respective measures for production of agricultural machinery, research and distribution of technical know-how, drawing industrial law, development of small-scale industry, production of iron and steel products, development of technical know-how for production of rubber and human resource development. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister. —MNA

### Objectives of the 16<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character



Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein delivers a speech at work coordination meeting No 1/2008 of Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee.—INDUSTRY-2



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint arrives back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport after attending Beijing Olympic Games.—MNA

## Sports Minister arrives back from PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint arrived back here by air yesterday from

Beijing, the People's Republic of China after attending the 29<sup>th</sup> Beijing Olympic Games from 8 to 24 August.

He was welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw

Airport by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and departmental officials.

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## Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—According to the 06:30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of Chindwin river has exceeded by (30) cm, about 1 feet at Homalin, by (10) cm at Mawlaik and by (10) cm

at Kalewa above their respective danger levels. It is expected to fall below their respective danger levels during the next 2 days.

According to the 06:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the

water level of Sittoung river at Toungoo is (604) cm. It may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next 24 hours, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today.

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## Tip Top brand grease and engine oil introduced

YANGON, 20 Aug—A ceremony to introduce U.A.E produced Tip Top brand grease and engine oil distributed by Lucky Choice Co Ltd was held at the office of Lucky Choice Co Ltd in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

Tip Top brand grease and engine oil is available at No (19/21) Myayagon Street, Mingala Taungnyunt township in

Yangon (Ph:290708, 095060121), No (Sa/37) Kyweseikan 6<sup>th</sup> Street Chanmyathaya ward, Pyigyidagun Township in Mandalay (Ph:02-70412).

Tip Top brand grease and engine oil is sold under

door-to-door system and kinds of grease and engine oil available are 15/40CG4/SJ, 20/50CG4/SJ, 20/50 SF/CC, Hydraulic 68, Hydraulic 46, SAE 40 and SAE 50.

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## Article contest to be held to mark World Teachers' Day

YANGON, 20 Aug — An article contest will be held to mark the World Teachers' Day which falls on 5 October.

The article contest consists four categories—higher education level, high school level, middle school level and primary school level.

Teachers are invited to participate in the contest. The heading of the article is “Saya Piti”. The participants may send two manuscripts to Deputy Director-General U Tun Hla of Education Planning and Training Department,

No 123, Natmauk Street in Bahan Township not later than 10 October.—MNA



Aungmyethazan Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township Women's Affairs Organization held the multiplier course on health care services attended by 40 trainees at the township association office at the corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup> Streets on 7 August. Photo shows responsible persons giving talks on health care services.—NLM



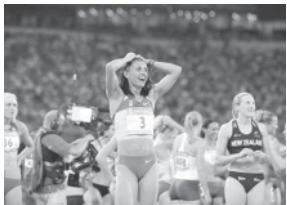
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**Buvaysa Saytiev of Russia celebrates after beating Soslan Tigiev of Uzbekistan in men's freestyle 74kg gold medal match of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Wrestling event in Beijing, China, on 20 Aug, 2008. Buvaysa Saytiev beat Soslan Tigiev and grabbed the gold.**



**Elena Isinbaeva of Russia competes during the women's pole vault final at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, during Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 18 Aug, 2008. Isinbaeva claimed the title in the event and set a new world record.**



**Liudmyla Blonska(C) of Ukraine celebrates after women's heptathlon 800m at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, during Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 16 Aug, 2008. Blonska has tested positive for banned substances at the Beijing Games.**

## Medal Standings (20-8-2008)

| Sr | NOC Name       | G  | S  | B  | T  | Sr     | NOC Name        | G   | S   | B   | T   |
|----|----------------|----|----|----|----|--------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1  | China          | 45 | 14 | 20 | 79 | 41     | Brazil          | 1   |     | 5   | 6   |
| 2  | United States  | 26 | 28 | 28 | 82 | 42     | Argentina       | 1   |     | 1   | 2   |
| 3  | Britain        | 16 | 10 | 11 | 37 | 43     | India           | 1   |     | 1   | 2   |
| 4  | Russian Fed.   | 13 | 14 | 18 | 45 | 44     | Mexico          | 1   |     | 1   | 2   |
| 5  | Australia      | 11 | 12 | 13 | 36 | 45     | Bahrain         | 1   |     |     | 1   |
| 6  | Germany        | 11 | 8  | 9  | 28 | 46     | Cameroon        | 1   |     |     | 1   |
| 7  | ROK            | 8  | 10 | 6  | 24 | 47     | Panama          | 1   |     |     | 1   |
| 8  | Japan          | 8  | 6  | 9  | 23 | 48     | Tunisia         | 1   |     |     | 1   |
| 9  | Italy          | 6  | 7  | 7  | 20 | 49     | Hungary         |     | 4   | 1   | 5   |
| 10 | Ukraine        | 5  | 5  | 8  | 18 | 50     | Sweden          |     | 3   |     | 3   |
| 11 | France         | 4  | 12 | 14 | 30 | 51     | Uzbekistan      |     | 2   | 3   | 5   |
| 12 | Netherlands    | 4  | 5  | 4  | 13 | 52     | Austria         |     | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| 13 | Jamaica        | 4  | 3  |    | 7  | 53     | Greece          |     | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| 14 | Romania        | 4  | 1  | 3  | 8  | 54     | Lithuania       |     | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| 15 | Spain          | 3  | 5  | 2  | 10 | 55     | Algeria         |     | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| 16 | Poland         | 3  | 4  | 1  | 8  | 56     | Colombia        |     | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| 17 | New Zealand    | 3  | 1  | 5  | 9  | 57     | Croatia         |     | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| 18 | Slovakia       | 3  | 1  |    | 4  | 58     | Kyrgyzstan      |     | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| 19 | Canada         | 2  | 6  | 5  | 13 | 59     | Serbia          |     | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| 20 | Kenya          | 2  | 4  | 2  | 8  | 60     | Chile           |     | 1   |     | 1   |
| 21 | Belarus        | 2  | 3  | 8  | 13 | 61     | Deminican Rep.  |     | 1   |     | 1   |
| 22 | Czech Republic | 2  | 3  |    | 5  | 62     | Ecuador         |     | 1   |     | 1   |
| 23 | Denmark        | 2  | 1  | 3  | 6  | 63     | Malaysia        |     | 1   |     | 1   |
| 24 | DPRK           | 2  | 1  | 3  | 6  | 64     | Portugal        |     | 1   |     | 1   |
| 25 | Ethiopia       | 2  | 1  |    | 3  | 65     | South Africa    |     | 1   |     | 1   |
| 26 | Switzerland    | 2  |    | 3  | 5  | 66     | Singapore       |     | 1   |     | 1   |
| 27 | Georgia        | 2  |    | 2  | 4  | 67     | Trinidad/Tobago |     | 1   |     | 1   |
| 28 | Cuba           | 1  | 6  | 6  | 13 | 68     | Vietnam         |     | 1   |     | 1   |
| 29 | Kazakhstan     | 1  | 3  | 4  | 8  | 69     | Armenia         |     |     | 5   | 5   |
| 30 | Zimbabwe       | 1  | 3  |    | 4  | 70     | Chinese Taipei  |     |     | 3   | 3   |
| 31 | Azerbaijan     | 1  | 2  | 2  | 5  | 71     | Afghanistan     |     |     | 1   | 1   |
| 32 | Norway         | 1  | 2  | 2  | 5  | 72     | Egypt           |     |     | 1   | 1   |
| 33 | Slovenia       | 1  | 2  | 2  | 5  | 73     | Iran            |     |     | 1   | 1   |
| 34 | Turkey         | 1  | 2  | 1  | 4  | 74     | Israel          |     |     | 1   | 1   |
| 35 | Bulgaria       | 1  | 1  | 3  | 5  | 75     | Latvia          |     |     | 1   | 1   |
| 36 | Indonesia      | 1  | 1  | 3  | 5  | 76     | Morocco         |     |     | 1   | 1   |
| 37 | Finland        | 1  | 1  | 1  | 3  | 77     | Tajikistan      |     |     | 1   | 1   |
| 38 | Estonia        | 1  | 1  |    | 2  | 78     | Togo            |     |     | 1   | 1   |
| 39 | Mongolia       | 1  | 1  |    | 2  | 79     | Venezuela       |     |     | 1   | 1   |
| 40 | Thailand       | 1  | 1  |    | 2  | Total: |                 | 216 | 217 | 248 | 681 |



**Yin Jian of China celebrates after RS:X Women Medal Race of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Sailing event in Qingdao, Olympic co-host city in east China's Shandong Province, on 20 Aug, 2008. Yin Jian won the gold medal in the event.**



**Gold medalist Larisa Ilchenko of Russia (C), the runner-up Keri-Anne Payne (L) and bronze winner Cassandra Patten, both of Great Britain, pose on the podium during victory ceremony of women's 10km marathon 10km competition at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games swimming event in Beijing, China, on 20 Aug, 2008.**



**Anastasia Davydova and Anastasia Ermakova of Russia compete in the final of the duet free routine of the synchronized swimming during the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games at the National Aquatic Centre, or the Water Cube, in Beijing, China, on 20 Aug, 2008. Anastasia Davydova and Anastasia Ermakova of Russia won the gold medal.**

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## Asia stocks rebound on hopes for China boost

HONG KONG, 20 Aug—Most Asian stock markets edged higher on Wednesday, rebounding from a two-year low as Chinese shares surged on hopes for policies from Beijing to jumpstart growth, though many analysts said it was a long shot.

The dollar struggled as crude oil crept above \$115 a barrel and gold prices edged higher, taking some of the steam out of the US currency's recent surge to a seven-month high.

World stock markets slid to the lowest since September 2006 on Tuesday, with investors increasingly skeptical about earnings expectations for 2009 given the mixed results so far in 2008 and constant reminders about instability in the financial sector.

However, most Asian

indexes turned higher as cheap valuations proved irresistible, especially with markets rife with chatter about fiscal stimulus in China.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index (HSI) rose 1.9 percent, after closing at a one-year low on Tuesday, with shares of China Mobile (0941 HK) providing the biggest boost.

Shares of Asia's largest wireless carrier, up 2 percent, hit a one-year low before the rally swept through the region.

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and tourists all over

the world against a

clear blue sky in this

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## Group says climate resolutions increase

CHARLESTON (WVa), 20 Aug—Support for climate-change proposals may be growing among investors in big US companies.

Shareholder resolutions related to climate change more than doubled over the past five years, according to statistics gathered by a coalition of public interest groups, environmental organizations and pension funds. Moreover, the coalition, Boston-based Ceres, says support for those measures averaged more than 23 percent in 2008, a new high. While that's not enough to pass a resolution, Ceres contends rising vote totals compel companies to act, like a plan by Ford Motor Co to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 30 percent by 2020.

"It's easy to ignore 3 or 5 percent votes, but it's pretty hard to ignore 22 percent votes or 39 percent votes," said Dan Bakal, director of electric power programmes for Ceres.—Internet

## B vitamins fail to curb risks in heart patients

CHICAGO, 20 Aug—Reducing levels of the amino acid homocysteine with folic acid and B vitamins failed to prevent serious complications in patients with heart disease, Norwegian researchers said on Tuesday.

The study was the latest of several large trials to show that lowering homocysteine through vitamin therapy offered no benefit to people with heart disease. Other research had found a link between high concentrations of homocysteine in the blood and heart attacks and strokes. But the researchers said the failure of their study and others like it suggests that homocysteine may be a marker for heart risks, and not a cause.

"Our findings do not support the use of B vitamins as secondary prevention in patients with

coronary artery disease," Dr Marta Ebbing of Haukeland University Hospital in Bergen, Norway, and colleagues wrote in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.—Internet

## Alexander technique does help back pain: study

LONDON, 20 Aug—Chronic back pain can be eased by teaching the Alexander technique, an alternative therapy involving learning better posture, British researchers said on Wednesday.

Until now, there has been no real evidence of the long-term benefits of the Alexander technique, although previous research has suggested it may offer short-term relief.

To find out more, a team of researchers from the University of Southampton and the University of Bristol compared the effectiveness of different therapies in more than 500 patients.

After a year of treatment, patients receiving 24 Alexander technique lessons reported experiencing just three days of back pain, compared to 21 days for those given normal care by their doctor, they wrote in the online edition of the *British Medical Journal*.

Internet



## Some fruit juices can harm drug absorption: study

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug—Grapefruit, orange and apple juices can harm the body's ability to absorb certain medications and make the drugs less effective, said a Canadian study released Tuesday in the United States.

The research showed that these juices can decrease the effectiveness of certain drugs used to treat heart disease, cancer, organ-transplant rejection and infection, "potentially wiping out their beneficial effects," it said.

David Bailey, a professor of clinical pharmacology with the University of Western Ontario and leader of the study, was the first researcher to identify grapefruit juice's potential to increase the absorption of certain drugs two decades ago, possibly turning some doses toxic. The new findings came as part of his continuing research on the subject, and were presented at the 236th annual meeting of the American Chemical Society on Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Internet



**People hit pans during a protest against the Peruvian government about an earthquake that hit Peru's central coast in Pisco on 15 Aug, 2008. Angry and upset, hundreds of Peruvians denounced the government on Friday for abandoning victims of an 8.0 magnitude earthquake, and laid flowers at the graves of loved ones on the anniversary of their deaths.—INTERNET**

## Expert says “Toxic” Indian festivals poison waterways

MUMBAI, 20 Aug — Toxic chemicals from thousands of idols of Hindu gods immersed in rivers and lakes across India are causing pollution which is killing fish and contaminating food crops, experts and environmentalists said on Monday.

Hindus across India celebrate various religious festivals in September and October, paying homage to deities like Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles, and Goddess Durga, the destroyer of evil.

Elaborately painted and decorated idols are worshipped before they are taken during mass processions to rivers, lakes and the sea, where they are immersed in accordance with Hindu faith.

Environmentalists say the idols are often made from non-biodegradable materials such as plastic, cement and plaster of Paris and painted with toxic dyes.

After the statues are immersed, the toxins then contaminate food crops when villagers use the polluted water for irrigation, said Shyam Asolekar, science and engineering head at the Indian Institute of Technology

in Mumbai.

“Even small traces are extremely toxic as they persist in the body for a long time and accumulate in the human tissues,” said Asolekar, who has closely studied the effects of Hindu customs.

MNA/Reuters

**A twin-seat Cessna is seen, crashed into a crossroad on a national highway, in Yao, western Japan on 19 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET**



## HIV/AIDS rate expected to keep declining in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 20 Aug — The number of Cambodians with HIV or AIDS has plummeted from the country's all-time high in the late 1990s and experts expect its prevalence to continue dropping in the foreseeable future, national media said Wednesday.

“This is good news,” English-Khmer language newspaper the *Cambodia Daily* quoted Mean Chhi Vun, director of the National Centre for HIV/AIDS, Dermatology and STDs (NCHADS), as commenting on NCHADS' latest report.

“As a programme manager, I am very happy because this shows we have

successfully slowed down or controlled the HIV epidemic through prevention, care and treatment,” he added.

Recent sample tests in 22 provinces and municipalities throughout Cambodia tell NCHADS that some 14 percent female sex workers are thought to have HIV/AIDS, as opposed to 43

## Study: Nanotech boosts chemotherapy

LOS ANGELES, 20 Aug — Carbon nanotubes could be the key to better chemotherapy for cancer patients, Stanford University researchers said in the study published in Aug. issue of the journal *Cancer Research*.

The tiny tubes can deliver drugs to tumour cells much more precisely than existing treatments. That means less of the harmful medication spills over into healthy cells, limiting collateral damage.

The researchers worked with mice in which tumour

cells had been proliferating for about two weeks. They injected some with a standard formulation of the chemotherapy drug Taxol, and others with a version in which the drugs were bound to nanotubes.

The technology takes advantage of the difference in porousness between the walls of healthy blood vessels and those found in tumour

tissue. The nanotubes are sized and shaped to slip through the walls of the latter but not the former.

The researchers reported that they got 10 times as much medication into the tumour cells using the nanotubes. After 22 days, the mice receiving the experimental treatment had tumours half the size of those treated with the basic Taxol.

Internet

## Shanghai Airline flies into black on traffic rise

BEIJING, 20 Aug — Shanghai Airlines flew into the black in the first half of this year on rising traffic and a government subsidy.

Its net income was 23.41 million yuan (3.41 million US dollars), or 0.022 yuan a share, in the six months against a loss of 134.51 million yuan a year earlier. Its revenue grew 26 percent to 7.03 billion yuan, the carrier said in a statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange yesterday.

It attributed the growth

to booming traffic during the period. The Shanghai-based carrier flew 4.88 million passengers in the first half, a rise of 14.07 percent from a year earlier, and it carried 8.9 percent more cargo at 1.66 million tons.

“The carrier's profit is better than our expectations in the first half, but its load factor on international routes was only 60 percent, much lower than the average,” said Tao Wei, an analyst with China International Capital Co Ltd.—Internet

## Floods in West Africa raise major health risks

GENEVA, 20 Aug — Rising flood waters across West Africa are intensifying health risks for millions of people, and adding to the impact of the food price crisis, the World Health Organization (WHO) warned on Tuesday.

International aid is needed as heavy rains forecast to last until September could exacerbate health threats for conditions including malaria, diarrhoea and

other potentially fatal communicable diseases, the UN agency said in a statement. According to the agency, Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Togo need urgent assistance.

Flooding in those countries has caused widespread damage to bridges, roads, railway lines and other infrastructure vital for delivering health services and humanitarian supplies.—Internet



**Workers clear debris at the Palm Beach Equine Clinic after Tropical Storm Fay passed through Wellington, Florida on 19 Aug, 2008.**

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# SPORTS

## Not even the captain is untouchable, warns Capello

LONDON, 20 Aug — Fabio Capello has laid down the law to England's stars after warning that not even new captain John Terry is untouchable.

Capello sprang a surprise when he opted to give Terry a second chance as skipper ahead of Rio Ferdinand, who had been widely regarded as favourite for the job. But the England coach made it clear the captain won't get any special treatment as he warned the Chelsea defender he would have no qualms about dropping him if his form slipped.

It is a message intended to keep Terry and, just as importantly, his teammates on their toes. If the captain isn't irreplaceable then the rest of the squad can clearly be discarded as well.—Internet



**Fabio Capello (seen here on 6 August) has laid down the law to England's stars after warning that not even new captain John Terry is untouchable. Capello sprang a surprise when he opted to give Terry a second chance as skipper ahead of Rio Ferdinand, who had been widely regarded as favourite for the job.—INTERNET**

## Fillmore wins qualifying portion of US Amateur

PINEHURST, 20 Aug — Robbie Fillmore, who never touched a club during two years away from golf, shot 5-under 65 on Tuesday to win the stroke-play portion of the US Amateur. The lowest score in two days of qualifying came on the No 4 course at Pinehurst and followed Fillmore's opening 69 on Pinehurst No 2, giving him a total of 6-under 134.

Fillmore leads the group of 64 players who will start the match-play portion Wednesday. The final two qualifiers will be determined in a playoff among 26 players who tied at 5-over 145. A junior at BYU, Fillmore left golf behind during his Mormon mission to Chile but quickly made up for lost time when he returned in 2006. He went to the golf course about three hours after his plane landed in Salt Lake City.—Internet

**The field begins racing on the first lap during the NASCAR 3M Performance 400 auto race at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich, on 17 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET**



## NASCAR puts off penalties for JGR Nationwide teams

NEW YORK, 20 Aug — NASCAR will wait another day before issuing penalties against Joe Gibbs Racing's Nationwide Series teams, who were caught trying to cheat during a post-race test last weekend. The teams of Gibbs' No. 18 and No. 20 Toyotas deliberately attempted to mask the true horsepower in their engines after Saturday's race at

Michigan International Speedway.

Inspectors found magnets under the gas pedals of both cars when they were sent to the chassis dyno for examination.

NASCAR traditionally hands out penalties from the previous week's races on Tuesday, but NASCAR spokesman Kerry Tharp said the decision was put off until Wednesday.—Internet

## Australia's Hewitt out of US tennis Open

SYDNEY, 20 Aug — Australia's Lleyton Hewitt said Wednesday he had withdrawn from this month's US Open after having surgery for a nagging hip injury.

The 2001 US Open winner, who last week lost to world number one Rafael Nadal in their second-round match at the Beijing Olympics, has been dogged by a hip complaint for months.

On his website, the former world number one said he had exhausted every other option besides the surgery, which involved a hip arthroscopy and the repair of a hip labral tear, until now.

"Surgery was always the last resort, but unfortunately that's what it came down to," he said.

Hewitt said he was disappointed that the injury had ruled him out of the US Open, adding that his recuperation would likely mean he would be off the circuit for the rest of the year.

"I am also shattered that I can't lead the Australian Davis Cup team in Chile in our bid to rejoin the world group," he said.—Internet



**Australia's Lleyton Hewitt returns a shot to Spain's Rafael Nadal at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games on 12 Aug. Hewitt has said that he had withdrawn from this month's US Open after having surgery for a nagging hip injury.**

INTERNET

## Still a role for Ronaldinho, says Brazil football coach

BEIJING, 20 Aug — Besieged coach Carlos Dunga sees a continuing role for Ronaldinho in Brazil's 2010 World Cup campaign despite the five-time World Cup champions' inglorious failure at the Beijing Olympics.



**Brazil's Ronaldinho (right) vies with Argentina's Fernando Gago in Beijing on 19 August. Besieged Brazil coach Carlos Dunga sees a continuing role for Ronaldinho in his country's 2010 World Cup campaign.—INTERNET**

Brazil yet again leave the Olympics without a gold medal after a 3-0 thumping by arch South American rivals Argentina in Tuesday's semi-final blockbuster at the Beijing Workers' Stadium.

The 28-year-old immensely popular Ronaldinho was one of Brazil's three over-age players at the Games, but he looked lethargic and carrying extra weight ahead of his Serie A debut with Milan later this month after leaving Barcelona.

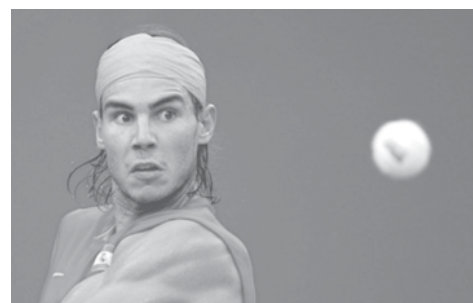
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## Karlovic stands tallest in battle of giants

NEW HAVEN, 20 Aug — Ivo Karlovic won a battle of the giants at the ATP event in New Haven on Tuesday, felling American John Isner 6-7 6-3 6-4 to reach the third round.

The second-seeded Croat hit 17 aces and did not face a single break point as he wrapped up victory in one hour, 57 minutes.

Ranked a career-high 14th, Karlovic is the tallest player on tour at 6ft-10in with Isner just behind at 6ft-9in, meaning the serve was always going to be a crucial factor in determining who would advance.—Internet



**Rafael Nadal of Spain (seen here on 17 August), will be the top seed in a grand slam for the first time in his career at this year's US Open. The newly-crowned world No 1 will be followed by No 2 Roger Federer of Switzerland, No 3 Novak Djokovic of Serbia, No 4 David Ferrer of Spain and No 5 Nikolay Davydenko of Russia.—INTERNET**

## Nadal earns top seed for US Open

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The newly-crowned world No 1 will be followed by No 2 Roger Federer of Switzerland, No 3 Novak Djokovic of Serbia, No 4 David Ferrer of Spain and No 5 Nikolay Davydenko of Russia said the tournament which released its seedings on Tuesday. After spending 160 consecutive weeks ranked second, Nadal officially became the new world No 1 on Monday - ending Federer's record reign of 237 straight weeks.—Internet

## 'Continuity' the key for Spain's new coach

MADRID, 20 Aug — Vicente del Bosque faces his first test in charge of the Euro 2008 winners when Spain take on Denmark in Copenhagen Wednesday, with "continuity" uppermost in his mind.

Del Bosque replaced 69-year-old Luis Aragones after the nation's 1-0 defeat of

Germany in the final of Euro 2008 in June.

"He wants to work and to keep things as they are," said captain and goalkeeper Iker Casillas, who played under del Bosque at Real.

"Guys, I'm not going to change anything," del Bosque told the squad's first training session in Madrid on Monday.

Internet



**The new coach of the Spanish national football team Vicente del Bosque, seen here at a practice session, faces his first test in charge of the Euro 2008 winners when Spain take on Denmark in Copenhagen Wednesday, with "continuity" uppermost in his mind.—INTERNET**

# Russia says future of Russia-NATO Council depends on NATO

Moscow, 20 Aug—Moscow will draw conclusions from NATO’s pro-Georgian stance, and the future of the Russia-NATO Council “depends on our partners,” Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Tuesday.

The Russia-NATO Council was not estab-

lished to teach Russia on how to behave towards Georgia, but to ensure security in Europe and the Euro-Atlantic region, Lavrov said. “We believe that the council preserves its importance, but everything depends on our partners,” he was quoted by the *Itar-Tass* news agency as saying.

The encouragement for Georgia joining NATO “is dictated by an intention which I cannot describe as being anything but anti-Russian and supportive of the aggressive regime,” said the foreign minister.

“To be sure, there will be consequences. I think that we will draw appropriate conclusions,” he was quoted by the *RIA Novosti* news agency as saying.

Russian troops have begun pulling out from Georgia, Lavrov said, adding that the “pullout will be made commensurately to Georgia’s fulfillment of its obligations under the peace plan” and it will take three to four days.

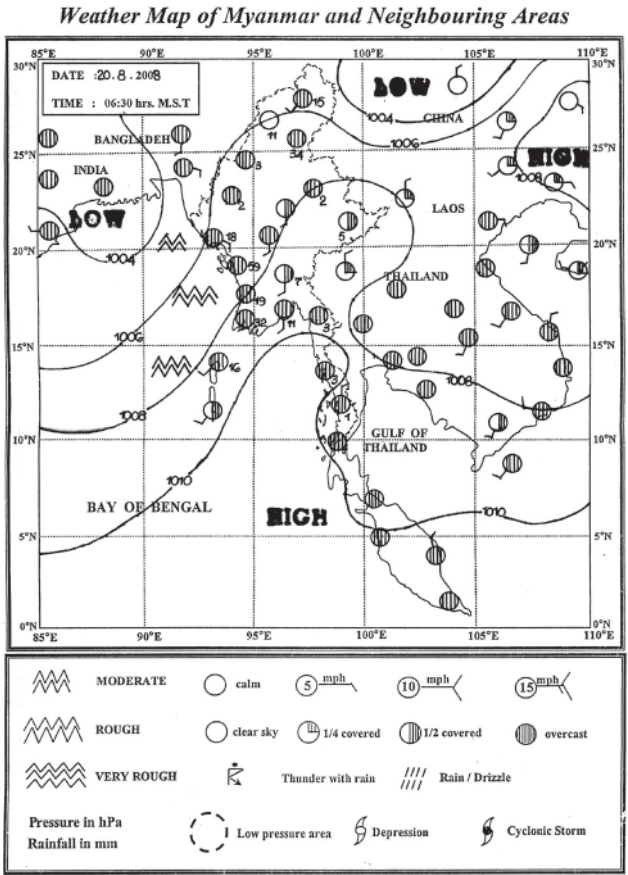
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# US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,144

WASHINGTON, 20 Aug—As of Tuesday, 19 Aug, 2008, at least 4,144 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 3,370 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*



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 20 August, 2008

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kayin State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpyu (2.32) inches, Maungtau (1.93) inches, CoCo Island (1.65) inches, Kayan (1.54) inches, An (1.50) inches, Gwa (1.46) inches, Myitkyina and Kalay (1.33) inches each, Patheingyi (1.26) inches, Myingyan (1.06) inches and Minbu (0.47) inches.

Maximum temperature on 19-8-2008 was 80°F. Minimum temperature on 20-8-2008 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-8-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 19-8-2008 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 20-8-2008 was (0.40) inch at Mingaladon, (0.44) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (78.90) inches at Mingaladon, (88.35) inches at Kaba-Aye and (103.23) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 19-8-2008.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 21-8-2008:** Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of decrease of rain in coastal areas..

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-8-2008:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-8-2008:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-8-2008:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



**Young Indonesian dancers dressed as hanuman, monkey god of Hindu mythology, take a break during a cultural carnival held as a part of Independence Day celebrations in Jakarta, Tuesday, 19 Aug, 2008.**

INTERNET



Thursday, 21 August  
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိယဋ္ဌိတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Cute little dancers

7:50 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

- “ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာ သန့်စင်သောအစာ” (ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ ပွင့်၊ ဝမ်းပုံကြီး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုးထွန်း)

8:15 am

- Musical programme

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:50 am

- ဆိပ်ကျွန်းရေထိန်းတံခါး

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

- Dance variety

4:30 pm

- Musical programme

4:40 pm

- နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက် ထုတ်ကုန်များ

4:50 pm

- Song of national races

5:00 pm

- “ကျွမ်းတိုင်းမကြမ်းနဲ့” (လျှမ်းထက်၊ သတ္တိ၊ ဖြိုးမောင်မောင်၊ သဇင်၊ နန်းဆုရတီစိုး၊ စုချစ်ဇော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်လူထက်)

5:10 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:30 pm

- Musical programme

5:45 pm

- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- ရွှေမျက်ပါး (ခေT) ရွှေဆိုင်လုပ်ငန်း

6:50 pm

- Musical programme

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံတိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၁)

8:00 pm

- News

- International news

- Weather Report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- “ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား” (အပိုင်း-၂၁)

**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.

## UN Secretary-General's Special Advisor meets ministers, responsible persons of associations, political parties and other organizations

YANGON, 20 Aug — Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari met with Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint at 9 am, with Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha at 11 am, with President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and party at 2 pm, with Kayin national race leaders who made peace with the government at 2.30 pm and with Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min and party of the Union Solidarity and Development Association at 6.20 pm at Seinle Kantha State House, here, today.

Similarly, he met

with responsible persons from political parties, namely National League for Democracy, Union Pa-O National Organization and National Unity Party, the group of independent representatives-elect and other organizations at the same venue from 3 pm to 6.15 pm separately.

In the evening, Minister U Soe Tha hosted a dinner for Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.

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**Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari meets Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min of USDA and party at Seinle Kantha State House.—MNA**

**Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari meets President of UMCCI U Win Myint and party.—MNA**

**Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari meets responsible persons of the group of independent representatives-elect.**

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**Yin Jian of China celebrates after RS:X Women Medal Race of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Sailing event in Qingdao, Olympic co-host city in east China's Shandong Province, on 20 Aug, 2008. Yin Jian won the gold medal in the event.**