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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

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw meets departmental officials, social organization members, local people in Magway



Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders in Magway. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence on 19 August met division and district level departmental officials, members of social organizations, townselders and local people at the city hall in Magway.

Speaking on the occasion, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw said that Magway Division is one of the economic hubs of the nation. Magway Division has been equipped with transport facilities by constructing a network of

roads. It is necessary to strive for ensuring rice sufficiency in Magway Division. As dams, lakes and river water pumping stations have been built in the region, local people are to efficiently use water and land resources.

He continued to say that departmental officials are to make field trips to the grassroots level for organizing the local farmers to apply modern agricultural techniques, use quality strains of crops and strive for meeting the targeted production. All are to make efforts for ensuring local food sufficiency. No effort is to be spared to make surplus edible oil crops and beans

and pulses of Magway Division into quality exports.

In conclusion, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw called for cent per cent substitution of old cotton strain with Ngwechi-6 cotton strain.

At the hall of Magway Division PDC, he met members of the Division and District Agricultural Supervisory Committees and departmental officials and discussed regional development and progress of the agriculture sector.

Officials reported on progress of respective sectors and future tasks.

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Community-based disease prevention and health care campaign launched

YANGON, 21 Aug — Community-based disease prevention and health care campaign was launched at No. 6 Basic Education High School in Botahtaung Township, here this morning.

Patron Daw Kyin Myaing of Yangon Division WAO made a speech and accepted cash dona-

tion for chronic patients from donors.

Dr Hla Myint, head of division Health Department, counted for the campaign for AIDS, TB and other chronic patients and Daw Than Than Aye, chairperson of Township WAO health care tasks in the township.

After that, the parton

and party provided food for the patients in the township.

The campaign is jointly being implemented by social organizations and Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization for AIDS, TB and other chronic patients and families.

MNA

Talks on IT on 24 August

YANGON, 21 Aug — For the development of information and communication technology, talks on Intranet Portal Solution with Microsoft Sharepoint Server 2007, organized by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and sponsored by Gusto, will be held at the conference hall of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township, here, from 2 pm to 4 pm on 24 August.

Microsoft Certified Developer U Win Htein Win of Gusto will give

talks on Sharepoint Server and Microsoft Associate Consultant U Teza of Thailand-based IT Co CDG Micro System, on effective applications of sharepoint server 2007, job opportunities and future prospect of Sharepoint Server.

Members of MCPA, computer enthusiasts and interested persons may attend the talks. For more information those interesfed may contact the office of MCPA at Room No. 4, building No. 4 and dial at 652276.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 22 August, 2008

Promotion of ecotourism calls for collaborative efforts

Tourism industry is booming all over the world. The majority of tourists are fascinated to observe artistic buildings and artefacts in archaeological regions, and visit scenic natural beauties and wildlife habitats.

Having a large number of natural areas, Myanmar is required to promote ecotourism. A steady stream of tourists visits the nation’s habitats of biodiversity such as Inndawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary, Inlay Wildlife Sanctuary, Moeyungyi Wildlife Sanctuary, Meinmahla Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Hugaung Tiger Sanctuary, and Khakaborazi National Gardens.

In Southeast Asia, snow-capped mountain ranges are peculiar to Putao in the northern part of Myanmar. The region earns a good reputation for snow-covered mountain ranges captivating tourists. The region will be attractive to a greater number of tourists if it has international level resorts including a skiing camp and there is a road stretching to the area close to the snow-capped mountain.

Pokya Mountain elephant camp in Toungoo timber extraction region, Bago Division (East), has come into existence as a timber extraction base for 20 years. There, tourists can visit forest reserves and enjoy natural scenic areas. In addition, elephants are tamed and trained to entertain the visitors. So, tourists can take an elephant ride, learn about elephants, and visit the villages of mahouts by the creek and observe biological diversity around the elephant camp.

Therefore, officials concerned have to work in collaboration for comfort and convenience of the tourists and improvement of transport services so as to achieve a boom in the ecotourism.

A police officer gives educative talks on curbing crimes at Shwe Pyi Soe Hall of BEHS No. 1, Mandalay, on 8 August, 2008.

NLM



Sermon on 24 August

YANGON, 21 Aug — A sermon of Sayadaw Candima of Zayathukha Waso Monastery in Monyin, Kachin State, will be broadcast by Myanma Radio and Television at 7 am on 24 August (Sunday). The Sayadaw is a member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives General Manager Mr Harrison Yu and party of Korean Broadcasting Institute.—MNA

Information Minister meets General Manager of Korean Broadcasting Institute

YANGON, 21 Aug — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met General Manager Mr Harrison Yu of Korean Broadcasting Institute and party at the hall of Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road here at 9 am today. Also present at the call were Managing Director

U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise, departmental officials, First Secretary Mr Lee Jong Kwon of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and officials of Korean Broadcasting Institute.—MNA

EP 1 Deputy Minister inspects Kengtawng hydropower project

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug — Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myo Myint inspected construction of Kengtawng hydropower project near kengtaung waterfall in langkho district, Shan State (South) on 16 August.

At the project site, the deputy minister heard reports presented by officials concerned and fulfilled the needs of the tasks.

Next, the deputy minister looked into Nos. 1, 2 diversion dams, construction of intake structure and canals and lying of steel pipelines at the project.

The deputy minister also inspected construction of the sub-power station, stator coils in No. 3 power generator, stator coil foundation plate in No. 2 power generator, excitation panel and control room.

Next, the deputy minister presented gift to Mr Niuton Yan of CNEEC Co Ltd of the People’s Republic of China and then he met with staff of the project.

The project will be equipped with three 18-megawatt generators, and upon completion, the power plant is expected to supply 472 million kwh per year.—MNA

UMFCCI President meets Bangladeshi Commercial Attaché

YANGON, 21 Aug — President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing received Bangladeshi Commercial Attaché to Myanmar Mr Md Aftabuzzaman at UMFCCI Office here on

14 August. At the meeting, they discussed matters on boosting trade between the two countries and participation of entrepreneurs in “The Next Fifteen Years- A Vision for Growth” to be held by Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry.— MNA

Flood News

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — According to the 06:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady river at Hinthada is 1335 cm. It may reach its danger level 1342 cm during the next 2 days. According to the 11:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung river at Taungoo is 604 cm. It is expected to fall below its danger level 600 cm during the next 24 hours. According to the 11:30 hr MST observation today,

the water level of Sittoung river at Madauk is 1144 cm and it has exceeded by 74 cm (about 2.4 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next 4 days. According to the 11:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin river at Hpa-an is 819 cm and it has exceeded by 69 cm (about 2.3 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 750 cm during the next 2 days. MNA

At least 74 killed in flooding in India

LUCKNOW (India), 21 Aug—Monsoon rains pummeled northern India, bringing dozens of buildings crashing down and killing 74 people, police said Thursday.

The deaths were reported in Uttar Pradesh state, one of India's poorest, bringing this monsoon season's death toll to more than 300 people across India.

Monsoon season, which lasts from June to September in India, brings rain vital for the country's farmers but also massive destruction. Floods, mudslides, house collapses and lightning strikes kill hundreds every year. One of the worst hit places was the Hindu holy city of Varanasi, where 11.5 inches of rain fell in 24 hours.

"The dead included women and children, as most of the fatalities occurred due to the incidents of houses collapsing," said Surendra Srivastava, the state police spokesman.

Internet



SOURCE: ESRI
Map shows flood-hit Uttar Pradesh, India, where at least 74 people were killed.—INTERNET

Three die in fresh Afghan attack



KABUL, 21 Aug—Three NATO soldiers have been killed in new violence in Afghanistan, days after a deadly Taleban attack on French troops in the country.

The soldiers died in Ghazni province, in the centre of Afghanistan, coalition officials said, an area patrolled by Polish forces.

This week has seen outbreaks of deadly violence around Afghanistan.

Earlier this week 10 French soldiers died and 21

were injured in a Taleban ambush, prompting President Nicolas Sarkozy to make a visit to the country to meet troops.

And in the east of the country a wave of suicide bombers attacked a US military base in the province of Khost, sparking a major battle.

Internet

US coalition: 30 militants die in Afghan battle

KABUL (Afghanistan), 21 Aug—US-led coalition troops battled a group of militants in eastern Afghanistan, killing over 30 insurgents, while three NATO soldiers were killed in a roadside blast elsewhere, officials said Thursday.

The coalition troops used small arms and airstrikes during the raid in eastern Laghman province on Wednesday, killing more than 30 fighters, the coalition said. A cache of mortars and bomb-making material was also destroyed.

There were no coalition or Afghan troops killed during the raid, which targeted militants who have previously attacked international forces in that area, the coalition said.

Separately, a roadside bomb in the central Ghazni province killed three NATO soldiers on Wednesday, the alliance said. NATO did not release the soldiers' nationalities. Polish troops patrol the province.

Internet

100 die in 'Taliban' suicide bombings



ISLAMABAD, 21 Aug — The Taliban claimed responsibility for dual suicide bombings at a Pakistani military arms factory on Thursday that police say killed 100 people and wounded 80 others.

The spokesman for Pakistan's Taliban, Maulvi Omar, said that his group—Tehrik-e-Taliban — was responsible for Thursday's attacks.



Relatives of man killed by a beach bluff collapse, right, look on as at California State Park lifeguard Ed Vodrazka, left, digs for the possessions of the victim at Torrey Pines State Park in San Diego on 20 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Russia warns NATO against re-equipping Georgia's military

BRUSSELS, 21 Aug—Russia's ambassador to NATO Dmitry Rogozin warned Wednesday NATO against filling the gap of losses of the Georgian military incurred in its conflict with Russia.

"Any attempt of NATO to fill the gap of losses of the Georgian Army contradicts the conventions of the OSCE (Organization of Security and Co-operation in Europe)," Rogozin told reporters.

All NATO countries,

Russia and Georgia are members of the OSCE.

He said the provision of strategic armament to Georgia and the flight of NATO reconnaissance planes along Russia's borders as requested by Georgia are regarded as

hostile actions to Russia.

He warned that these actions may make Russia change its position on its relationship with the West, including military co-operation and on Moscow's policy on Iran.

Internet

Thirteen injured in explosion in Turkey: report

ANKARA, 21 Aug—Thirteen people, including policemen and soldiers, were injured Thursday in an explosion in the western Turkish city of Izmir, the NTV news channel said.

The explosion ripped through a car on a road near a police residential complex where minibuses transporting police and soldiers were plying at the time, it said.

Seven police officers, three soldiers and three civilians were injured in the blast, the report said. The cause of the blast was not immediately clear. Television footage showed dark smoke coming off a burning piece of wreckage in front of a police minibus as police cordoned off the area and warned civilians to stay away.

Izmir, which sits on the Aegean coast, has in the past been the target of bomb attacks especially by Kurdish rebels fighting the Ankara government for self rule in Turkey's southeast.—Internet



Police and medics try to help the injured among clouds of smoke after a car exploded as a minibus carrying police officers passed by in the western Turkish coastal city of Izmir, on 21 August, 2008.

INTERNET

15 people killed in Mexico carnival of violence

CIUDAD JUAREZ (Mexico), 21 Aug—Police said 15 people were killed Wednesday in northern Chihuahua state, including four men found dead in an empty lot in Ciudad Juarez, near the US border, where drug cartels are waging a bloody turf war.

The four victims had been shot to the head execution-style, and their bodies showed signs of torture, local police said.

Four suspected hitmen were killed in a shootout with police also in Ciudad Juarez, where another body of a 25-year-old man apparently tortured to death was found late Wednesday, police added.—Internet

Iran, IAEA positive talks to continue

TEHERAN, 21 Aug—Deputy chief of Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization Mohammad Saeedi Wednesday said positive talks between International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Iran will continue in the future, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

Saeedi describes his talks with senior UN atomic watchdog official Olli Heinonen as “positive”, saying “the two

sides agreed to continue these negotiations.”

Heinonen arrived in Teheran early Monday to follow up his previous talks with Iranian officials. Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran’s representative at the IAEA also participated in the three-day talks, but no further details was released about the talks.

Heinonen’s previous talks with Iranian officials were held during his two-

day visit in Iran on 7-8 Aug, which came after six major countries recently agreed to consider new sanctions against Iran in the wake of remarks by Western governments saying Iran failed to give a “clear positive response” to their latest offer of incentives.

Iranian officials said the talks were “constructive” and were “held in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.” —Xinhua



Folk craftsman Luo Huanwen makes dragonfly-shaped kite during the 5th Chinese folk handicrafts show at the International Media Centre in Beijing on 20 August, 2008. —XINHUA

Bhutto’s husband likely to be next Pakistani president

ISLAMABAD, 21 Aug—The ruling Pakistan People’s Party (PPP) has decided to nominate its co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari as the next president of the country, Pakistani media reported on Thursday.

“This decision (to nominate Zardari) had been taken by the top hierarchy of the PPP,” *Daily Times* newspaper quoted sources as saying.

Zardari, widower of assassinated former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, is now leading the country’s largest party which won the February general elections. The PPP’s Central Executive Committee (CEC) would formally announce the decision after its meeting on Friday, the newspaper said.

Musharraf announced his resignation “for the interests of Pakistan” on Monday. But the PPP and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) has remained divided on the presidential candidacy.

The PML-N, led by former Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, wants the next president from a smaller province, like Balochistan or North West Frontier Province. Zardari is from Sindh province.

Altaf Hussain, leader of the opposition party Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM), on Wednesday also proposed Zardari for the presidential candidate.

Xinhua

14 dead in truck accident in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Aug—Fourteen people died and 18 others were injured in a truck accident Tuesday in Brazil’s southeast state Minas Gerais, local media report Wednesday.

An old Dodge truck carrying 32 people overturned after crossing the lane and hitting the guard rail on the Fernao Dias road in Santo Antonio do Amparo town, 200 km away from the state capital, Belo Horizonte.

The passengers were returning home after work in a nearby coffee farm. Eleven people died instantly, including the 49-year-old truck driver, while one person died on the way to hospital and two others died in hospital.

The truck, which was adapted to carry passengers, reportedly fell short of enough safety measures. Some passengers were thrown out of the truck when it overturned.

It was still unclear whether the accident had been caused by over speed or brake failure, and an investigation was underway.

Xinhua



Tourists queue up to have meals in Quanjude roasted duck restaurant on the Qianmen Street in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA

West Nile virus infects 78 in California so far this year

LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug—West Nile virus is spreading in California, having infected 78 people so far this year, health officials said on Wednesday.

A record number of 195 mosquito samples taken this week tested positive for the virus, compared to the previous, pre-2008 weekly record high of 151 reported on 22 July, 2005, according to California Department of Public Health statistics.

The test results serve as an indicator of how hard the virus is hitting the state, said Susanne Klueh, scientific and technical services director for the Greater Los Angeles

County Vector Control District.

She warned that the height of West Nile virus season in California is near, saying that “the most activity we see is in August and September.”

Xinhua

Venezuela, Argentina begin construction of railway linking their capitals

CARACAS, 21 Aug—The governments of Venezuela and Argentina Wednesday launched a project to construct a railway that will connect Caracas with Buenos Aires at a ceremony here.

Argentine Ambassador to Venezuela Alicia Castro and Venezuelan Infrastructure Minister Isidro Rondon attended the ceremony at the La Rinconada train station.

“It’s a realizable utopia, a train that can cross from north to south of the South American continent,” Castro said at the event.

Castro said such a rail link would benefit trade and economic exchanges between the two countries at the northern and southern ends of the South American continent.

According to Rondon, the time span for the project and its total cost are yet to be determined as they are still in the initial phase of the construction.

Ambassador Castro told reporters early this month during a three-way meeting among presidents of Brazil, Venezuela and Argentina that the three countries were weighing the creation of a regional airline and train network as a way to better integrate their nations.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Visitors look at the court costumes of Qing Dynasty (1644—1911) during an exhibition held at Meridian Gate Tower of the Palace Museum in Beijing, China, on 20 Aug, 2008.

XINHUA



Cambodian Gov't touts organics to increase rice export

PHNOM PENH, 21 Aug—Cambodian agriculture officials said that shifting to chemical-free fertilizers could triple farmers' rice yields and produce more profitable crops at a time when the country's rice exports are on the rise, local newspaper the *Phnom Penh Post* reported Thursday. "Rice grown with natural fertilizers is easier to produce and more profitable than rice grown with chemical fertilizers,"

Khem Chenda, director of the administrative affairs at the Ministry of Agriculture, was quoted as saying. Farmers using chemical fertilizers pay about 35 US dollars to 70 US dollars per 50kg bag, and their yields sell about 250 US dollars per ton on the international market, Khem Chenda said. But they face numerous health problems from prolonged exposure to chemicals, ranging from

skin irritations to lung cancer, he added. However, organic fertilizers will increase the quality and quantity of paddy yields and for a cheaper price, said Chan Vannak, general manager of the Bayon Heritage Holding Group.—*Internet*

Tropical Storm Fay expected to hit Fla 3rd time

PORT ST LUCIE, 21 Aug—Tropical Storm Fay lumbered offshore for what was likely to be a brief stay over the Atlantic Ocean's energizing waters after flooding hundreds of homes, trapping residents and leaving much of Florida a soggy mess.

Forecasters expected the storm to complete its zig-zag course by hitting the state for a third time in a week, along with Georgia, but didn't think it would strengthen to a hurricane over the open waters.

The storm flooded hundreds of homes in Brevard and St Lucie counties, some with up to 5 feet of water, forcing dozens of rescues. The Federal Emergency Management Agency was reviewing Gov Charlie Crist's request for a federal emergency disaster declaration to defray rising debris and response costs.—*Internet*

Weak economy spurs growth for community colleges

RICHMOND, 21 Aug—Two-year community colleges are seeing record enrollment as families squeezed by tough economic times steer high school graduates away from more expensive four-year universities.

While the shift solves one funding problem, it potentially raises another. Community college officials in some states, including Texas and Virginia, are concerned the precarious nature of their own finances brought about by rising costs and state government budget shortfalls could limit their ability to

Nissan says to start exporting cars from China JV

TOKYO, 21 Aug—Nissan Motor (7201.T) will begin exporting passenger cars over the next few months from China, as a growing number of global industry giants tap their output in the world's second-largest auto market to supply

export markets. Nissan will initially ship 400 Livina hatchbacks and Bluebird Sylphy sedans made at a joint venture plant in south China to Egypt, a company spokesman said on Thursday. It may expand its exports to other markets

in the future, he said. The shipment to Egypt will mark the No 3 Japanese automaker's first exports of cars made in China, as it joins other global players taking advantage of the country's lower costs. General Motors (GM.N) has sold China-made Chevrolet Lova compact cars to Ukraine and engines to South Korea. Honda Motor (7267.T) exports Fit compact cars, called Jazz in some markets, from a factory in south China.

Internet

handle the anticipated influx of new students.

Preliminary reports from community colleges across the nation, which had overall enrollment of 11.5 million last year, show summer enrollments

increased, a trend predicted to extend into the fall, according to Norma Kent, a spokeswoman for the American Association of Community Colleges.

Internet



Pedestrians cross the road during heavy rain in Central Melbourne on 21 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET



A monkey perches on top of a departure board at Tokyo Railway Toyoko Line's Shibuya Station in Tokyo Wednesday morning, on 20 Aug, 2008. The animal later climbed down and dashed out of the station, evading scores of net-wielding policemen to escape.

Monkey eludes dragnet at Tokyo train station

Morning train commuters in Tokyo were joined on their way to work by an unusual companion Wednesday: a wild monkey.

A security guard spotted the monkey near ticket gates in Shibuya Station, said Norihiru Masui, a spokesman for train operator Tokyu Corp.

The monkey climbed to a perch high atop a departure board, and around 30 policemen surrounded the area and attempted to snare it with a variety of nets, as commuters crowded around and snapped pictures with their cell phones.

The standoff ended when the monkey climbed down and dashed out of the station, with several policeman and local TV crews in tow. News reports said the monkey was last seen heading in the direction of nearby Yoyogi Park.

Armed 85-year-old woman makes intruder call cops

An 85-year-old woman boldly went for her gun and busted a would-be burglar inside her home, then forced him to call police while she kept him in her sights, police said. "I just walked right on past him to the bedroom and got my gun," Leda Smith said.

Smith heard someone break into her

home Monday afternoon and grabbed the .22-caliber revolver she had been keeping by her bed since a neighbour's home was burglarized a few weeks ago.

"I said 'What are you doing in my house?' He just kept saying he didn't do it," Smith said.

After the 17-year-old boy called 911, Smith kept holding the gun on him until state police arrived at her home in Springhill Township, about 45 miles south of Pittsburgh.

Teen trying to burn spiders sets home on fire

Fire investigators have come up with an unusual cause of a blaze that damaged a home in Reno—spider killing. Reno Fire Battalion Chief Rick Kajans said a teenager was using fire to try to kill spiders Sunday afternoon when he accidentally set a fence on fire that then also burned part of his home on Neil Road. The fire burned through a wall and damaged a kitchen ceiling before firefighters put it out.

Kajans said he doubts the 17-year-old boy will be charged with any crime because the fire is being ruled accidental.



Michigan state trooper Bill Coon holds the 7-foot python he shot on 18 Aug, 2008, after it slithered onto a Port Sheldon road and was spotted lunging at passing motorists.



Two-year-old house cat Yoda was born with four ears. If Batman had a cat, it would probably look something like this.

First man swims Gibraltar Strait both ways

Czech long-distance swimmer David Cech swam the Strait of Gibraltar in both directions as the first person in the world, the Czech news agency CTK reported on Tuesday.

Cech even succeeded in swimming the first half, from Parisi to Morocco, in the record time of 2 hours and 38 minutes, CTK said.

Man accused of stealing Va teen's dog

Prince William County police said a man accused of stealing a dog from a 15-year-old boy has been charged with robbery. Police said the boy was walking his dog Sunday just before 11 pm when the man ordered the boy to give him everything he had in his pockets.

When the boy told the man he didn't have anything, the man took his dog.

NEWSALBUM



An employee of Petron Corp, the Philippines’ largest oil refiner, walks between blending fuel tanks at the Pandacan oil depot in Manila, on 18 June, 2008. Crude prices rose slightly Wednesday after a US government report showed a massive increase in crude stockpiles last week. —XINHUA

Russia
cancels US
Navy visit
to Russia

Moscow, 21 Aug—Russia’s Navy said on Tuesday it had cancelled a September visit by a United States Navy frigate to a port in Russia’s Far Eastern region of Kamchatka.

“At the present time it is not considered possible to accept the guided missile frigate *USS Ford* on a business visit,” Russia’s Navy said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters



When it comes to attracting tourists to a remote region in central Chile, the town of San Clemente is aiming high — playing up its reputed connection to visitors from outer space.—INTERNET

Palestinians shoot back at
Israelis — with cameras

SUSIA (West Bank), 21 Aug—In the stony hills south of Hebron, Palestinian shepherds complain of frequent attacks by militant Israeli settlers encroaching on their land.

Israeli troops and police rarely intervene even when they are on the spot, Palestinians and Israeli human rights groups say. So now the victims are pulling out small video cameras to document abuses and spur the authorities to act.

Settler violence is growing, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, which recorded 222 incidents in the first half of 2008, versus 291 in all of 2007. It said 23 of this year’s cases led to Palestinian casualties.—Internet



Palestinian cave dwellers of the al-Hawamdeh clan sit at their cave home at Ghwien village south of the West Bank city of Hebron, on 9 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

Russia warns of response to
US missile shield in Europe

Moscow, 21 Aug—Russia will have to respond to the expansion of the US missile system in Europe not only through diplomatic demarches, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Wednesday.

“The radar station in the Czech Republic can ‘screen’ virtually the entire European part of our country, while the long-range anti-missiles to be deployed in Poland do not have, and won’t have in

the foreseeable future, any other targets than the Russian intercontinental ballistic missiles,” the ministry said in a statement. “It is obvious to us, and the American leadership does not deny this, that the so-called third launch area of the US missile defense system in Europe will be expanded and modernized. Russia

in this case will have to respond and will not limit itself to diplomatic demarches,” it said.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her Polish counterpart Radoslaw Sikorski signed an agreement in Warsaw Wednesday to deploy parts of the US global missile shield in the East European country.—Internet

Pirates seize Japanese,
Iranian ships off Somalia

KUALA LUMPUR, (Malaysia), 21 Aug —An international maritime body says armed pirates have hijacked a Japanese-operated tanker and an Iranian bulk carrier in the Gulf of Aden off the coast of Somalia.

The latest hijackings on Thursday come two days after pirates seized a Malaysian palm oil tanker in the same area.

Noel Choong of the International Maritime Bureau says pirates opened fire on the Iranian vessel before boarding it. He says that less than an hour later a Japanese-operated tanker with 19 crew was also attacked and seized near the same area.

Choong says a multi-coalition naval force has been informed and is taking action.—Internet

Uganda seen losing \$60m in fish exports

KAMPALA, 21 Aug — Uganda’s fisheries sector is projected to lose up to 60 million US dollars this year because of overfishing and illegal catching of the East African nation’s second highest export earner, an official said on Monday.

Fish stocks in Uganda have declined sharply in recent years. Fish export revenues in 2007 dropped by 19.4 million US dollars from the previous year to 117.3 million US dollars .

“Last year, we lost up to 20 million US dollars, and our projections are that it is likely to triple to 60 million US dollars by the end of the year,” Wilson Waiswa Mwanja, head of the fisheries and resources department, told reporters in Kampala. Fishing is Uganda’s second largest export earner after coffee. The country boasts four major lakes — Lake Victoria, the largest shared with Kenya and Tanzania, Lake Albert, Lake George and Lake Kyoga. — MNA/Reuters



Russia says to sign air defence
pact with Belarus

Moscow, 21 Aug — Russia will sign a deal later this year on creating a joint air defence system with Belarus, an ex-Soviet ally which has joined Moscow in opposing the US defence shield, the Kremlin said on Tuesday.

Russian defence officials in the past have discussed the possibility of stationing anti-missile systems on Belarus soil to counter the US shield.

Russian President

In this screen shot provided by Microsoft, Photosynth, Microsoft’s new online tool for presenting a collection of related digital photos, is shown. Users can upload their pictures and sit back while the software matches pixels and arranges the image.—INTERNET

Sermons at Botahtaung Pagoda on Sabbath Day

YANGON, 21 Aug — Presiding Sayadaw of Mon Pariyatti Monastery Maha Gandavasaka Panditta Bhaddanta Kesara will deliver a sermon on the Sabbath day at Dhammayon at Botahtaung Kyeikdayup Pagoda here on 24 August. Presiding Sayadaw of Shwegondaing Monastery Aphyauk Sayadaw Bhaddanta Janaka and Member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw of Lewun Monastery in Thaton Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Sirinda will also deliver sermons at the same venue at 12.30 pm and at 3 pm on the Sabbath day. — MNA

Meditation camp opens at TawyatatU monastery in Aung San

YANGON, 21 Aug—A ten-day meditation camp was opened at TawyatatU monastery in Aung San of Insein Township yesterday. The Patron Sayadaw of Vipasana Work Propagation Society, the Presiding Sayadaw of Aung San Mogok Vipasana Dhammayeiktha, the Presiding Sayadaw of Thaton town Nandawun Kyaungtaik, foreign missionaries and Maha Kammahtanacariya Bhaddanta Saddhamma Kittisara preached Dependent Origination. There are a total of 790 yogis at the meditation camp. — NLM

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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



Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein attends signing ceremony of the contract for engine modification project between Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries and China New Era International Engineering Corporation. — MNA

Industry-2 Minister attends signing ceremony of the contract for engine modification project

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug—A signing ceremony of the contract for engine modification project between Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2 and China New Era International Engineering Corporation of the People's Republic of China was held at Royal Kumudra Hotel here this morning. It was attended by Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Deputy Ministers Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Khaing, departmental heads, Vice President Mr Wang Yuefei of China New Era International Engineering Cooperation and officials. Managing Director U Soe Myint of Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries and Vice President Mr Wang Yuefei gave speeches at the ceremony. After-wards, they signed and exchanged the signed contracts. Of the engines to be produced by multi-purpose diesel engines factory (Thargara), being implemented by Ministry of Industry-2 in Yedashe Township, Bago Division, designing a new engine to replace 6V 128 ZC engines as engines for automobile and test running in trucks and buses will be carried out according to this contract. — MNA

EP-2 Minister meets Thai guests

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with Managing Director of Maunsell Powergrid Limited, Thailand, Mr Wongsathid Seewanna and party at the ministry, here, on 19 August. The meeting focused on construction of powergrid and sub-power station, and on design. Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint, departmental heads and officials concerned. — MNA

Earthquake news

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an earthquake news today that a moderate earthquake of intensity 5.9 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside of Myanmar (Myanmar-China border region) about 580 miles north of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 18 hrs, 54 min and 31 sec MST today. — MNA

Rail Transportation Minister inspects railroad projects

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than, inspected Pyawbwe-Phayangasu rail road section in Pyawbwe Township yesterday. At the briefing hall of the Pyawbwe-Phayangasu Railroad Project, Project Engineer U Lwan Thu reported on progress of work. The deputy minister gave a supplementary report. In response, the minister emphasized the importance of completion of the project on schedule meeting the set standard. He said that several railroads such as Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw-Mawlamyine, Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyay and Nay Pyi Taw-Myingyan railroads have been commissioned into service. Upon completion, Pyawbwe-Phayangasu railroad section will provide comfort to the people in traveling between Nay Pyi Taw and Shwe Nyaung, he called for completion of the project ahead of schedule. The minister inspected transport of girders to the construction site, reinforced concrete beams, and stockpiles of gneiss. He inspected progress in laying rail tracks on Phayangasu-Pyawbwe section. He also inspected construction of 230-foot-long Thetthaw Creek Bridge linking Phayangasu

and Kukkukan villages, and presented cash awards to the workers. Pyawbwe-Phayangasu railroad is about 16.19 miles long, and Pyawbwe-Thazi-Phayangasu railroad 31.75 miles, thus saving 15.56 miles. When the project is completed, people can travel directly between Pyawbwe and Phayangasu. The minister also inspected maintenance of Pyawbwe-Yanaung railroad section, and the axis at Yayngan Villag and the axis of Pyawbwe-Yanaung-Natmauk railroad, and gave instructions on the project. The minister inspected the axis of Pyawbwe-Yanaung-Natmauk railroad at Ywa Mon and Thamyar villages. The deputy minister briefed the minister on the axis. In response to the reports of officials, local authorities and town-sellers, the minister gave instructions and attended to the needs. — MNA

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw meets departmental...

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In his address, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw instructed officials to advise the local people for their development by visiting grassroots level, extend cultivation of physic nut for fuel sufficiency, join hands with the

local people for prevalence of peace and development process of the division and coordinate enhancement of agriculture sector in the division.

Later, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw left Magway and arrived back here by car in the evening. — MNA

Industry-1 Ministry honours outstanding athletes

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug —Ministry of Industry-1 honoured outstanding athletes of employees of the ministry at the meeting hall of the ministry here on 19 August.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung extended greetings on the occasion. Dr Sein Myint and wife Daw Myat Thanda and family of Supreme Interprise Ltd donated water purifiers and related items worth K 24 million to the ministry through the minister. The departmental heads handed over the sports championship shields clinched by the ministry in the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 fiscal

years to the minister.

Afterwards, the minister awarded Aung Gyi,

medals, and Tin Tun, an outstanding disabled athlete who won 4 gold med-

tors and their wives awarded other outstanding athletes, the managers



an outstanding athlete who won 17 gold medals, 7 silver medals and 3 bronze

als and 2 silver medals.

Next, the minister's wife, the managing direc-

and coaches of sports teams representing the ministry. — MNA



Minister U Aung Thaung delivers an address at a ceremony to honour outstanding athletes. —MNA

H&T Minister awards outstanding students in Pyapon Township

YANGON, 21 Aug—A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students in Pyapon Township who passed matriculation examinations for 2007-08 with flying colours was held in conjunction with a ceremony to present cash assistances to needy students at the meeting hall of District Peace and Development Council Office in Pyapon yesterday, attended by Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Min-

ister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing.

Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered an address on the occasion.

Next, the minister awarded outstanding schools, outstanding teachers and six-distinction winning students.

Officials and wellwishers presented prizes and certificates to outstanding schools, teachers and students.

Next, the minister presented cash assistances for needy students to the

Township Education Officer.

The minister accepted K 10 million donated by U Aung Zaw Myint and wife Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and family for construction of No 5 Basic Education Primary School, K 2.3 million by Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Htay Myint, K 200,000 by Pyapon Township Rice Dealers' Association and

K 100,000 by Fishing Nets Entrepreneurs Association. Wellwishers presented cash donations to officials.

Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, six-distinction winner Ma Ei Ei Myat and Township Education Officer Daw Than Nwe Sein spoke words of thanks.

A total of 101 students were awarded and 349 needy students were provided cash assistances at the ceremony. — MNA

Well-wishers present Godzilla mosquito coil, three boats

YANGON, 21 Aug—Well-wishers continuously make donations for storm victims. Yesterday morning, Managing Director U Ye Lin of Godzilla Mosquito Coil Factory donated 8,000 packages of mosquito coils worth K 2.8 million and Captain Zarni Tun, Captain Than Win Aung, Captain Thurein Ye Htut and Captain Zaw Moe and friends, three boats worth K 600,000 for storm victims at Maykhalar Hall at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township. Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint received the donations and presented certificates of honour to them.

MNA

Merits shared for new school building

YANGON, 21 Aug—A ceremony to share merits for construction of a new building of Basic Education Primary School at a cost of K 13.1 million was held at the new building in Setthit Ward of

Thanbyuzayat Township on 6 August.

Educational staff and wellwishers offered alms to members of the Sangha and shared merits gained.

Head mistress

Daw Tin Tin Phyo presented certificates of honour to U Kyaw Hla-Daw Phyu Nu Wah and family of Kyaw Hla Gold Shop who donated K 6.6 million and other wellwishers. — MNA

Workshop for Community Deafness Survey held

YANGON, 21 Aug — Jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization, a Training Workshop for BHS from Selected States & Divisions according to WHO Protocol

for Community Deafness Survey was held at Yangon Ear, Nose and Throat Special Hospital, here, this morning.

Deputy Director-General (Treatment) Dr Win Myint of Health De-

partment delivered an address and Professor and Head of Department Dr Thein Tun gave accounts on treatment for deafness. The workshop continues tomorrow.

MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint accepts K 600,000 donated by friends of Power Engineering Institute. —MNA

Fishing boats handed over to 16 village-tracts in Mawlamyinegyun Township



Minister Col Thein Nyunt views tables and chairs donated by Asia Hi-Tech Co in Mawlamyinegyun Township—PBANRDA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt on 18 August attended a ceremony to hand over supplies and fishing boats to 16 village-tracts in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

The minister explained carrying out of relief works from 3 May to date, rehabilitation, agriculture and fishing

works and beautifying of the town.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Khaing handed over 312 fishing boats to fishermen of 16 village-tracts.

Deputy Director-General (Engineering) U Soe Ko Ko of Development Affairs Department handed over tables and chairs worth K 10 million donated by Asia Hi-Tech Co to Township Education Officer U Tin Min. The

tables and chairs will be handed over to 16 village-tracts again.

On the occasion, 14 wellwishers donated K 10,493,000 for development of the township.

The minister inspected handing over of fishing boats to the fishermen. At the gymnasium of the township, the minister viewed repairing of power-tillers by Development Affairs Department and Bridge Asia-Japan. A total of 89 power-tillers were repaired at the workshop in Mawlamyinegyun

Township and 106 power-tillers in Kyetsha Village.

The minister and party looked into desks donated by Asia Hi-Tech Co for the schools in storm-hit villages and construction of motorized boats by Fisheries Department. The minister inspected erection of lamp-posts along Maha Bandoola Road in Mawlamyinegyun. Moreover, the minister viewed functions of Myawady TV Re-transmission Station (Mawlamyinegyun).

MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Khin Maung Hse	Managing Director Public Works Ministry of Construction
(b) Dr Aye Maung Han	Rector University of Medicine-1 (Yangon) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health

MNA

Commander looks into paddy plantation in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Aug —Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspected thriving 30-acre paddy plantation of local battalion and growing of paddy in the fields in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana this morning.

After hearing reports on agricultural methods presented by Plantation In-charge Lt-Col Kyaw Myo Win, the commander called for boosting agricultural production

with the use of agricultural methods and fertilizer being provided by the government.

Next, the commander viewed demonstration on paddy transplanting with the use of modern farm equipment and the in-charge gave accounts on the farm equipment.

The commander urged officials to disseminate advantages of using farm equipment to farmers.

MNA

MAWFA holds 7th annual general meeting

YANGON, 21 Aug — The seventh annual general meeting of Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association – MAWFA was held at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel this morning with the aim of promoting cooperation and mutual understanding among the people of Southeast Asian region and cultural exchange under the collaborative effort of ASEAN women.

It was attended by members of the panel of patrons of MAWFA Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and Dr Daw Khin Mya Win, wife of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, the

honorary members, wives of the ministers, the executive members, wives of the departmental heads of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and wives of the ambassadors of ASEAN countries and members of MAWFA.

Member of the panel of patrons of MAWFA Daw Myint Myint Soe delivered an opening address.

Next, Acting Chairperson Daw Thida Nyunt of the Executive Committee and Vice-Chairperson Madame Dana Phany, wife of the

Cambodian Ambassador, extended greetings. Secretary Daw Thida Aung read out the report of executive committee and Treasurer Daw Aye Aye Phyu, financial report for 2007-08.

Next, Daw Myint Myint Soe and Dr Daw

Khin Mya Win, Madame Dana Phany and Daw Thida Nyunt accepted K 1.95 million and US\$ 200 including K 200,000 donated by the members of the association of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and K 100,000 each by embassies of ASEAN

countries and honorary members of MAWFA for the association and presented certificates of honour to them.

The meeting came to a close with the concluding remarks by the acting chairpersons of the executive committee.—MNA



Daw Myint Myint Soe extends greetings at 7th MAWFA annual general meeting—MNA

Khabaung Diversion Dam to irrigate 100,000 acres of farmland

Article & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

To supply water to farmlands in Toungoo and Ottwin townships with the help of irrigation facilities from Khabaung Dam built in Ottwin Township of Bago Division by Construction (5) of the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, a diversion dam was built on Khabaung Creek and the irrigation system is being put to use there.

The diversion dam was constructed, eight miles west of Ottwin Township of Toungoo District, Bago Division, and it was inaugurated on 20 June 2008. To get to Khabaung Diversion Dam, we need to follow Ottwin-Paukkhaung road on the west of Yangon-Mandalay Highway along a nine-mile route and drive on an eight-mile route along the approach road to the diversion facility.

Assistant Director U Aung Bo of Construction (5) of the Irrigation Department explained the purpose of building the diversion dam. In-charge for the sand excluder and right canal Assistant Director U Maung Maung clarified points on the construction of the sand outlet sluice gate and right canal, and in-charge of the afflux bund Assistant Director U Nyunt Htay and Assistant Engineer U Soe Moe Lwin explained functions of the left sand excluder and left canal.

Khabaung Diversion Dam was built with the aim of supplying water to about 100,000 acres of



Khabaung Diversion Dam.

farmlands through right and left canals by controlling the water that flowed after generating hydropower at Khabaung Dam.

At present, construction of the right sand excluder, the right sluice gate, the left sand excluder, the left sluice gate and the afflux bund have completed by cent per cent. Khabaung Diversion Dam is located on Khabaung Creek near Shwelaung Village of Ottwin Township, Bago Division. It is an OGEE type diversion dam. Its irrigated area will be 100,000 acres of land. The diversion dam has 20.90 miles long main canal,

14.40 miles long right canal and 15.50 miles long left canal. It is estimated that the right tributary canal will be 36.33 miles long and the left one, 24.50 miles long. Dredging of both tributary canals will be completed in 2011.

Right and left main canals will be dredged. And, the water from Khabaung Diversion Dam will be supplied to the lands through tributary canals. With regard to the irrigation facilities, the diversion dam will supply water to 40,000 acres of land in Toungoo Township through the left canal and 60,000 acres of land in Ottwin Township through the right canal. The irrigation facility of the right main canal will be implemented by spending the OFIT Loan.

As some canals of Khabaung Diversion Dam will be completed in open season this year, a total of 10,000 acres of summer paddy can be irrigated. On completion of the whole irrigation facility, water can be supplied to about 100,000 acres of farmlands.

The construction of Khabaung Diversion Dam will contribute to boosting agricultural production of the rural regions, creating more job opportunities, thriving trees in watershed area and promoting health and social sectors of the regions.

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Water being stored at Khabaung Diversion Dam.



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Ma Lingjuan of China performs during women's Qiangshu (spear play) of the Beijing 2008 Wushu Competition in Beijing, China, on 21 Aug, 2008. Ma Lingjuan ranked 1st in women's Qiangshu competition with a score of 9.85.



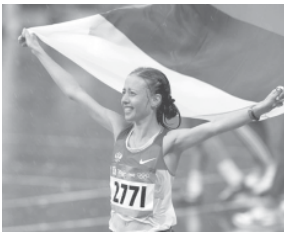
Zhao Qingjian of China performs during men's Daoshu (broadsword play) of the Beijing 2008 Wushu Competition in Beijing, China, on 21 Aug, 2008. Zhao Qingjian ranked first in men's Daoshu competition with a score of 9.85.



Xue Chen (L) and Zhang Xi of China celebrate victory after the women's bronze medal match against Renata Ribeiro and Talita Rocha of Brazil of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games beach volleyball event in Beijing, China, on 21 Aug, 2008. Xue Chen and Zhang Xi won the match 2-0 and got the bronze medal.

Medal Standings (21-8-2008)

Sr	NOC Name	G	S	B	T	Sr	NOC Name	G	S	B	T
1	China	46	15	22	83	42	Portugal	1	1		2
2	United States	29	34	32	95	43	Thailand	1	1		2
3	Britain	17	12	11	40	44	Argentina	1		2	3
4	Russian Fed.	16	16	19	51	45	India	1		1	2
5	Australia	11	13	14	38	46	Mexico	1		1	2
6	Germany	11	8	12	31	47	Bahrain	1			1
7	ROK	10	10	6	26	48	Cameroon	1			1
8	Japan	9	6	9	24	49	Panama	1			1
9	Italy	6	7	8	21	50	Tunisia	1			1
10	Netherlands	6	5	4	15	51	Hungary		4	1	5
11	Ukraine	5	5	9	19	52	Sweden		4	1	5
12	Jamaica	5	3	1	9	53	Lithuania		2	3	5
13	France	4	12	14	30	54	Austria		1	2	3
14	Spain	4	5	2	11	55	Croatia		1	2	3
15	Romania	4	1	3	8	56	Greece		1	2	3
16	Poland	3	4	1	8	57	Algeria		1	1	2
17	Czech	3	3		6	58	Colombia		1	1	2
18	New Zealand	3	1	5	9	59	Kyrgyzstan		1	1	2
19	Slovakia	3	1	1	5	60	Serbia		1	1	2
20	Georgia	3		3	6	61	Tajikistan		1	1	2
21	Canada	3	7	5	15	62	Chile		1		1
22	Cuba	2	6	6	14	63	Dominican Rep.		1		1
23	Kenya	2	4	2	8	64	Ecuador		1		1
24	Belarus	2	3	8	13	65	Malaysia		1		1
25	Denmark	2	1	3	6	66	South Africa		1		1
26	DPRK	2	1	3	6	67	Singapore		1		1
27	Ethiopia	2	1		3	68	Trinidad/Tobago		1		1
28	Switzerland	2		3	5	69	Vietnam		1		1
29	Kazakhstan	1	4	5	10	70	Armenia			5	5
30	Norway	1	3	2	6	71	Chinese Taipei			4	4
31	Turkey	1	3	2	6	72	Afghanistan			1	1
32	Zimbabwe	1	3		4	73	Bahamas			1	1
33	Brazil	1	2	5	8	74	Egypt			1	1
34	Azerbaijan	1	2	3	6	75	Iran			1	1
35	Uzbekistan	1	2	3	6	76	Israel			1	1
36	Slovenia	1	2	2	5	77	Latvia			1	1
37	Bulgaria	1	1	3	5	78	Morocco			1	1
38	Indonesia	1	1	3	5	79	Togo			1	1
39	Finland	1	1	1	3	80	Venezuela			1	1
40	Estonia	1	1		2	Total:		237	238	273	748
41	Mongolia	1	1		2						



Russia's Olga Kaniskina celebrates after women's 20km walk final at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, during Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 21 Aug, 2008. Russia's Olga Kaniskina claimed the title of the event with 1:26:31 and set a new Olympic record.



Fernando Echavarri/Anton Paz of Spain compete during Tornado Medal Race of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Sailing event in Qingdao, Olympicco-hostcityineast China's Shandong Province, on 21 Aug, 2008. Fernando Echavarri/Anton Paz of Spain won the gold medal in the event



Emanuel David Ginobili of Argentina breaks through during Men's Quarterfinal - Game 67 between Argentina and Greece of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games basketball event at Olympic Basketball Gymnasium in Beijing, China, on 20 Aug, 2008. Argentina beat Greece 80-78.

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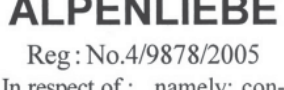
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Mexico starts campaign to save endangered porpoise

ENSENADA (Mexico), 21 Aug—Mexico said Wednesday it will invest 163 million pesos (\$16 million) to save a highly endangered species of porpoise in the upper Gulf of California, asking reluctant fishermen to adopt safer methods or give up their trade entirely.

Scientists say the population of the vaquita marina—Spanish for "little sea cow"—has dwindled to 150 or fewer from more than 500 a decade ago.

Plans include paying fishermen to avoid the porpoise's habitat or give up drag nets that drown dozens of the shy, dolphinlike animals each year. Some will even be paid to stop fishing forever.

"We want to save a species at risk without putting humanity at risk," Environment Secretary Juan Rafael Elvira said at a ceremony kicking off the programme.

Some US\$13 million of the funds will go directly to families along the upper gulf. Working fishermen will be paid US\$4,500 each to stay out of the nature preserve covering most of the vaquita's habitat.—Internet



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Toyota to cut 2009 sales forecast: report

TOKYO, 21 Aug—Toyota Motor Corp will cut its global sales target for 2009, pushing back its goal of becoming the world's first company to sell more than 10 million vehicles in one year, a report said Thursday.

Toyota, vying with General Motors to be the world's top automaker,

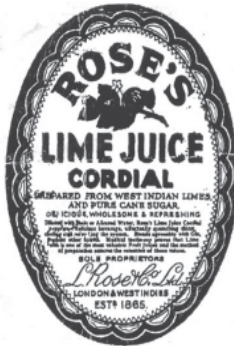
In this undated photo released by Proyecto Vaquita, a porpoise is seen trapped in a fishing net at the Gulf of California. Mexico is investing \$16 million (163 million pesos) to save a highly endangered porpoise from fishing nets trolling its habitat in the upper Gulf of California. —INTERNET

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Japanese trade surplus tumbles for fifth month

TOKYO, 21 Aug—Japan's trade surplus tumbled for a fifth straight month in July as China overtook the ailing US economy to become the country's biggest export market, official figures showed Thursday.

It was the first time in the post-war era that mainland China has been the top destination for Japanese goods, underscoring the continued brisk growth of the Asian powerhouse despite a worsening global economy.

Robust shipments to the rest of Asia helped Japanese exports to rebound in July, after dropping in June for the first time in more than four years. Even so, the overall trade surplus plunged 86.6 percent in July from a year earlier to 91.1 billion yen (830 million dollars) as high oil prices drove up the cost of energy imports, the finance ministry said.

Markets had expected a much bigger surplus of about 225 billion yen.

Imports rose 18.2 percent by value to 7.54 trillion yen, while exports gained 8.1 percent to 7.63 trillion yen.—Internet

Low level cadmium exposure linked to lung disease

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug — New research suggests that cadmium is one of the critical ingredients causing emphysema, and even low-level exposure attained through second-hand smoke and other means may also increase the chance of developing lung disease.

The University of Michigan study released on Wednesday suggests that higher cadmium levels in the body as much as double the risk of developing a pulmonary disease diagnosis such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis.

Though some studies

have linked high levels of cadmium with decreased lung function in occupationally exposed workers, this study showed that subjects with even slightly increased levels of cadmium had decreased lung function.

“The study suggests that the critical ingredient

in smoking that may be causing emphysema is cadmium, a well-known contaminant of cigarette smoke,” said Howard Hu, the lead researcher. “The worry is if you are exposed to this (cadmium) through other sources you can also be at risk for emphysema.” —Internet



Performers dance in Beijing, on 20 Aug, 2008, after over 200 showings across the world.—XINHUA



A lost humpback whale calf swims beside a yacht near Sydney in this handout photo obtained on 20 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA

US chemists synthesize promising anti-cancer product

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug— Duke University announced on Wednesday that its chemists have patented an efficient technique for synthesizing a marine algae extract in sufficient quantities to now test its ability to inhibit the growth of cancerous cells.

The researchers also deduced that this molecule, called largazole, acts on cells through the same chemical mechanism as other anti-cancer compounds on the market or in clinical trials. Largazole was first extracted and identified from a blue-green algae collected in Florida. Guided by evidence of therapeutic benefits from extracts of a related algae, researchers demonstrated that largazole could impede breast cancer cell growth better than the anti-tumor drug Taxol without causing side effects on normal breast tissue.

Internet

Addiction drug reverses obesity in rats

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug — An epilepsy drug being tested for use in treating addiction can help obese rats shed weight, US government researchers said on Wednesday.

Their findings point not only to an easy treatment for obesity, but show it is similar to drug addiction, they said.

Even rats bred to be obese lost up to 19 percent of their weight and normal rats lost 12 to 20 percent of their weight after 40 days of injections of the drug, called vigabatrin or GVG, the team at the US Department of Ener-

gy's Brookhaven National Laboratory found.

“When we gave GVG, they would steadily lose weight, and when we took them off GVG, they would steadily gain weight,” Amy DeMarco, who worked on the study, said in a telephone interview.

“It was like a roller coaster. It was also dose-dependent. Rats given higher doses would lose more weight.” She added that her team saw no side effects in the rats.

Vigabatrin, sold as Sabril in Canada and Mexico by Deerfield, Il-

linois-based Ovation Pharmaceuticals Inc and in Britain by Sanofi Aventis, is being tested in people now for cocaine and methamphetamine addiction.—Internet

Canyon flood damaged ‘most beautiful place’

PHOENIX, 21 Aug—It may be four weeks until tourists can return to stare as towering waterfalls cascade into blue-green pools near an American Indian village in a canyon miles

west of Grand Canyon National Park headquarters.

Tourism is a lifeline of the community of Supai deep in a gorge off the main Grand Canyon that

is accessible only by foot, helicopter or mule. Tribal members rise early to lead mules to the top of an eight-mile trail to bring down mail and luggage for campers in Havasu Canyon. Helicopters ferry in supplies and people who would rather not hike the rugged, winding trail.

Flooding last weekend, though, forced out the tourists the Havasupai tribe depends on to bring in revenue. Camping alone contributes more than \$2 million annually to the tribe, tribal tourism director Billy Jack told The Arizona Republic.—Internet

Scientists identify chemical odor of skin cancer: study

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—US chemists have identified the odor that emanates from skin cancer, a development that researchers hope will advance diagnosis and treatment of the deadly disease, said a study out Wednesday.

The creation of a “profile” of the chemical odors linked to skin cancer, may lead to a day when diagnoses can

be made by waving a scanner over the skin, researchers told the annual conference of the American Chemical Society in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Doctors have already known that skin cancer carries a particular odor, and recent studies have shown that dogs are able to detect tumors because they smell differently than normal skin.—Internet

Dallas Zoo drops plan to ship elephant to Mexico

DALLAS, 21 Aug— Jenny the lonely elephant, whose pending move from the Dallas Zoo to Mexico had angered activists, isn't going anywhere after all.

The Dallas Zoo announced Wednesday that the roughly 10,000-pound pachyderm will remain at her home of 22 years and will eventually get a new

companion.

The decision to keep the elephant in Dallas “serves Jenny's best interests,” said Gregg Hudson, the zoo's executive director.

Dallas Zoo officials had planned to ship Jenny to a wildlife park in Mexico after her companion died in May.

African elephants be-

come unhappy when left alone.

But activists ripped the plan, saying Jenny is nervous and fears cars, and would be miserable at the drive-through park in Mexico where the Dallas Zoo planned to send her. Protests were held in front of the Dallas Zoo last month.

Internet



Children watch as Dallas zoo keepers Gavin Eastep, right, feeds treats to Jenny, an African elephant as zoo keeper Reanna Streater cools her with a spray of water, on 29 July, 2008.—INTERENT

SPORTS

Pele dismayed by Brazil performance

BEIJING, 21 Aug — Football legend Pele on Thursday criticized Brazil's Olympic campaign which ended in a demor-



Football legend Pele (seen here in June) on Thursday criticized Brazil's Olympic campaign which ended in a demoralizing 3-0 quarter-final defeat to bitter rivals Argentina. "I think Argentina were better prepared than Brazil," said Pele. "Once again, Brazil couldn't win the gold medal."—INTERNET

alizing 3-0 quarter-final defeat to bitter rivals Argentina. "I think Argentina were better prepared than Brazil," said Pele. "Once again, Brazil couldn't win the gold medal."

"It's not good for us but this is what happens in football, one team loses and one team wins. Against Argentina, it's always very difficult with a great rivalry."

Pele, who is in Beijing to support Rio de Janeiro's bid to host the 2016 Olympics, said that Brazil must work on its sense of unity if it is to win an elusive gold medal.

"Brazil has to work hard to form a team because nothing will happen with just big names, with 11 big names. A team has to be prepared. If the players don't know that it will be difficult to form a team."

Internet

Hantuchova reaches quarter-finals at New Haven tennis

NEW HAVEN, 21 Aug — Second seed Daniela Hantuchova earned a dramatic victory here on Wednesday to slip into the quarter-finals of the WTA and ATP tournament.

The 25-year-old Slovakian fought off three match points at the Connecticut Tennis Centre



Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia celebrates her match win over Olga Govortsova of Belarus during Day 3 of Pilot Pen Tennis, on 20 August, at Connecticut Tennis Centre in New Haven.

INTERNET

before prevailing 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7/4) over Belarusian Olga Govortsova in two hours and 29 minutes.

"I'm so proud with the way I saved those match points," a relieved Hantuchova said. "I need those kind of matches under my belt. It's good for my confidence."—Internet

Capello upbeat despite England's lacklustre football display

LONDON, 21 Aug — Fabio Capello insists England are ready for next month's World Cup qualifiers despite his side's lacklustre display in a 2-2 draw against the Czech Republic.

Capello's final dress rehearsal ahead of September's crucial ties against Andorra and Croatia didn't go according to plan as the team were booed off at an underwhelmed Wembley on Wednesday.

The reaction would have been even worse if Joe Cole hadn't scrambled home an equaliser deep into stoppage time to deny the Czechs a first win at the English national stadium.

A trying 90 minutes for Capello had started with the shock news that FA chief executive Brian Barwick - the man who

hired the Italian - would be stepping down at the end of the year after losing a power struggle with chairman Lord Triesman.

Internet



England striker Wayne Rooney takes a shot during the International football friendly vs the Czech Republic at Wembley Stadium in London. The match ended in a 2-2 draw.—INTERNET



Austrian Emmanuel Pogatzetz celebrates after he scored a goal during the friendly football match Italy vs Austria, on 20 August, 2008, at the Ray Stadium in Nice, southern France. The match ended in a 2-2 draw.—INTERNET

Italy held by Austria on Lippi's return

NICE (France), 21 Aug — Marcello Lippi started his second stint on the Italy bench in unspectacular fashion here on Wednesday as the world champions were held 2-2 by Austria in a friendly. A lucky Alberto Gilardino effort and a dreadful own goal by substitute keeper Ramazan Ozcan earned Italy a draw after Emanuel Pogatzetz and Marc Janko had put the Austrians 2-0 up.

But the Azzurri were vulnerable at the back, wasted several chances in attack and the performance suggested that 2006 World Cup-winner Lippi has a lot to do after being recalled to replace Roberto Donadoni following their disappointing Euro 2008 campaign.

"It was beautiful to be back, a bit less to be 2-0 down," Lippi told Rai television.

"There was a little lack of attention, in part because, while they might not be a great team, they have great physical and athletic qualities and they showed them.

Internet

United States beats Guatemala 1-0 in WC qualifier

GUATEMALA CITY, 21 Aug — Carlos Bocanegra scored on a header in the 69th minute, and the United States escaped from Guatemala with a chippy 1-0 victory Wednesday night in the Americans' opener in the semifinal round of World Cup qualifying.

Unmarked about 3 yards from the goal, the US captain headed in DaMarcus Beasley's corner kick for his 10th goal in 59 international appearances.

Beasley had entered the match three minutes earlier when a bleeding Eddie Lewis came off on a stretcher after his head collided with a forearm from Guatemala's Jose Manuel Contreras when both leaped for the ball.

"For us, it was a hard-fought three points. The referee did a very solid job trying to deal with a very hard-fought game," US coach Bob Bradley said. "It was pure determination of the team which is necessary to win games like this one."—Internet



Guatemala's Ricardo Trigueno Foster fights for the ball with US Lewis Edward, right, during a World Cup 2010 qualifying soccer game in Guatemala City, Wednesday, 20 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Zyryanov saves the day for Russia in Holland friendly

MOSCOW, 21 Aug — Zenit St Petersburg midfielder Konstantin Zyryanov saved the day for Russia in a 1-1 draw against Holland here on Wednesday in a warm-up match for the 2010 World Cup qualifying campaign.

Arsenal striker Robin van Persie netted the opening goal for Holland in the first half before Zyryanov levelled from the spot in the 77th minute.

The countries, who met in the European championships quarter-final earlier this year which Russia won, both started cautiously.

The hosts created the first chance of the match in the 12th minute when Dynamo Moscow midfielder Igor Semshov fired wide from the edge of the penalty box from Roman Pavlyuchenko's right-handed cross.

Internet

France defence in flux before World Cup qualifiers

GOTHENBURG (France), 21 Aug — A new-look France team beat Sweden 3-2 in a friendly international here on Wednesday but their deficient defensive qualities did not augur well for upcoming World Cup qualifiers.

The international retirements of Lilian Thuram and tough-tackling Claude Makelele looked to have affected France's rearguard effectiveness less than three weeks before they play in Austria in their first 2010 World Cup qualifier on 6 September. France then host Serbia four days later.

The back four of right back Bacary Sagna, central defenders Philippe Mexes and William Gallas, plus left back Patrice Evra, were far from the high standard of French teams over the last decade.

Internet

Oil price jumps above \$121 a barrel

NEW YORK, 21 Aug— Oil prices shot up \$6 a barrel Thursday, rising to the highest level in two weeks as escalating tensions with Russia stoked fears of a disruption of energy shipments to Western countries.

Crude's rally mimicked the wild price swings seen last month and have at least temporarily halted oil's slide back toward \$100 a barrel. A weaker US dollar and worries about tightening output from OPEC countries are also supporting prices.

Tensions with Russia about a deal



between Washington and Poland to install a missile defence system in Eastern Europe—seen as a threat by Moscow—and the continued presence of Russia in Georgia contributed greatly to the bullish mood.—Internet

Student shot, killed in Tennessee high school

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, 21 Aug— A student fatally shot a 16-year-old classmate during a dispute Thursday at a Knoxville high school, and a suspect was taken into custody moments later on a nearby street,

authorities said.

The shooting happened shortly after 8 am at the Central High School cafeteria, Chief Deputy Bill Roehl said. The suspect and victim knew each other, said Knox County School System

Superintendent Bill McIntyre.

“This wasn’t a shooting that was a random act,” Roehl said. “It was an individual directing his aggression toward another individual, not the school or the students inside the school.”

Authorities haven't released the names of the victim, who died at University of Tennessee Medical Centre, or the suspect. No other students were injured.

The school was placed on lockdown after the shooting. School officials were preparing to release students one classroom at a time, then bus them to a church so they could be picked up by their parents.

Internet



Students and staff wait outside Central High School in Knoxville, Tennessee, after a fatal shooting Thursday.—INTERNET

Iran plans to put man in space within 10 years

TEHRAN, 21 Aug — State TV says Iran's space agency aims to send an astronaut to space within 10 years.

The report Thursday quotes Space Agency chief Reza Taghipoor saying the mission's timing will be decided over the next year. It gives no other details.

Iran has stepped up its space ambitions in recent years, worrying world leaders already concerned about its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes.

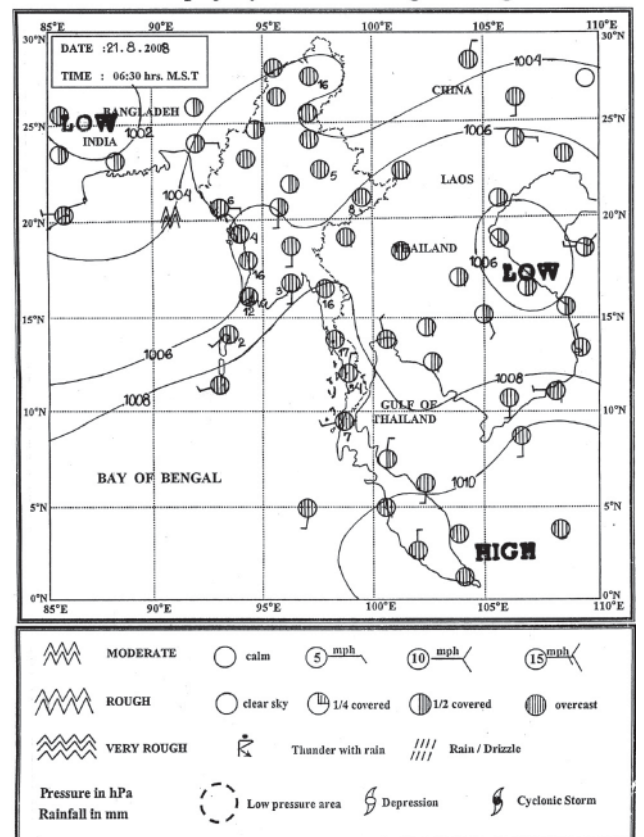
Iran would have a way to go before a manned flight.

On Sunday, Taghipoor said Iran test-fired a rocket capable of carrying a satellite into orbit. The two-stage rocket released equipment that beamed flight data back to ground control.—Internet

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 21 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Mandalay Division, scattered in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Theinzayat (3.03) inches, Mong Hsat (2.01) inches, Myeik (1.73) inches, Bago (1.65) inches, Kayan (1.61) inches, Gwa (1.26) inches, Machanbaw (1.18) inches and Aunglan (0.98) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-8-2008 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 21-8-2008 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 21-8-2008 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 20-8-2008 was (6.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 21-8-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (0.11) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.67) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (78.90) inches at Mingaladon, (88.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (103.90) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 20-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22-8-2008: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-8-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-8-2008: Likelihood of Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 22 August
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:05 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

- Musical programme

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Song of national races

8:50 am

- “ပြေးပြေးလွှားလွှား သွားသွားလာလာ” (မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မောင်မောင်မျိုးသန့်၊ မအေးမြင့်၊ စိန်ဂွက်ထော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

- Musical programme

4:30 pm

- “စက်မှုဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေးအကျိုး” (မြိုးဌေးစိုး၊ မိုးဒီ၊ သဇင်၊ နင်းဆီ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ရွှေ)

4:50 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:15 pm

- မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

5:30 pm

- Musical programme

5:45 pm

- ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ နိုင်ငံတော်ဆိုင်းဝိုင်းကြီး ဖျော်ဖြေတင်ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35pm

- သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရင်

6:50 pm

- Song of yesteryears

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံတိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm

- News

15. News

- International news

17. Weather report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပင်လယ်ဖျော်မင်းသား” (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

Make donations to the storm victims

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

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

- Certain internal and external anti-government elements, self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements are now seeking their self-interests by sending to the foreign news agencies stories about relief and rehabilitation work they have made up and shot on video.
- Storm victims are hereby warned to remain vigilant with nationalistic spirit against the deceptions of the self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements.

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

Medicine donation ceremony of Kyaikthok Pagoda in Mawlamyine on 30 August

YANGON, 21 Aug — A ceremony to assign duties to subcommittees for organizing the 123rd medicine donation ceremony to be held in the precinct of Kyaikthok Pagoda in Mawlamyine was held at the pagoda on 18 August.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Shwe Yin explained that arrangements are being made for donating assorted medicines to over 7,000 monks and nuns from 108 monasteries and three nunneries from Mon and Kayin States on 30 August.

Afterwards, the work committee and respective subcommittees were formed for organizing the ceremony. — MNA

Relations Minister, member of Commission for Holding Referendum meet UN Secretary-General's Special Advisor



Relations Minister U Aung Kyi meets UN Secretary-General's Special Advisor Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari at Seinle Kantha State House. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug —Member of Commission for Holding Referendum U Thaung Nyunt and party met Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari at 10 am at Seinle Kantha State House in Yangon today. Relations Minister U Aung Kyi also met him at the same venue at 11 am.

In the evening, member of Commission for Holding Referendum U Thaung Nyunt hosted dinner for Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel. —MNA

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Ma Lingjuan of China performs during women's Qiangshu (spear play) of the Beijing 2008 Wushu Competition in Beijing, China, 21 Aug, 2008. Ma Lingjuan ranked 1st in women's Qiangshu competition with a score of 9.85.

Khabaung Diversion Dam to irrigate 100,000 acres of farmland



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