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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

Commander supervises cultivation of monsoon paddy in Meiktila, Kyaukpadaung, upgrading of Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung-Bagan NyaungU road

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected ploughing for cultivation of monsoon paddy in Meiktila and Kyaukpadaung townships and upgrading of Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung-Bagan NyaungU road on 18 August.

At Kantha field beside Yangon-Mandalay (See page 9)



Commander Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe views cultivation of monsoon paddy in Meiktila Township. —MNA

F&R Ministry holds 4th rainy season tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—The fourth rainy season tree planting ceremony of the Ministry of

Finance and Revenue was held in conjunction with fish releasing ceremony at three dams, here, this

morning.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun put fingerlings into the dam. Governor U Than Nyein of Central Bank of Myanmar, the directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, officials and other ranks released fingerlings to the dam.

Next, the minister planted a gum-kino tree to mark the fourth rainy season tree planting ceremony of the ministry and the governor, the directors-general, managing directors and staff grew shade trees and perennial trees.

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun puts fingerlings into the dam at 4th rainy season tree planting and fish releasing ceremony of the F&R Ministry.

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Brazil beats Belgium to claim Olympic bronze

SHANGHAI, 22 Aug—Jo scored two goals and Diego added a third Friday to lead Brazil over Belgium 3-0 for the bronze medal in men's soccer.

Diego scored in the 27th minute when he darted in front of defender Tom de Mul and knocked a cross from Rafinha past Belgium goalkeeper Logan Bailly.

Jo, who was filling in for the red-carded Thiago Neves, scored the second just before halftime, then slotted between Bailly's legs to add the third in injury-time.

Led by two-time FIFA player of the year Ronaldinho, Brazil arrived in China on a quest to win its first Olympic gold medal in soccer.

Instead, the South Americans picked up their second bronze medal, 12 years after their third-place finish at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Belgium, which was looking for its first

soccer medal since winning gold at the 1920 Antwerp Games, pushed forward in search of an equalizer in the closing minutes of the first half.

Internet



Brazil's midfielder Ronaldinho, right, and Belgium's midfielder Faris Haroun, left, battle for the ball during men's Bronze soccer match at the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Shanghai, Friday, 22 Aug, 2008. Brazil beat Belgium 3-0 to win the Bronze medal.

PERSPECTIVES

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Produce quality items for industrial development

Myanmar is striving for development of the industrial sector based on agriculture.

The government set up industrial zones with a wide array of farm equipment factories in its efforts to transform conventional farming into mechanized one.

At present, locally made industrial products are being widely used in the economic and social sectors of the State.

The nation has seen altogether 18 industrial zones and 28 industrial zones (branch) where skilled workers, technology and monetary assistance are being provided.

To be in line with the economic policy of the State, private sector is being encouraged. In that regard, most of the industries except heavy industry have been privatized or permitted to undertake joint ventures.

The government built foundry plants, machine plants and forging plants in Mandalay, Monywa and Taunggyi Ayethaya Industrial Zones and plants that produce moulds and dies in Yangon.

The Myanmar industrial sector will surely develop in leaps and bounds when the industrial zones are able to produce industrial items of high quality.

We firmly believe that the nation will be able to march into an industrialized nation if the State, industrialists and researchers make concreted and well-coordinated efforts for the industrial development.

Patron U Tun Tun of School Board of Trustees presents school uniforms to a student.

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People's Desire

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

I & P Minister receives UNFPA Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug— Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Saw Lwin received Resident Representative of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Mr Daniel B Baker at his office here at 2 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein and heads of departments.

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Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin meets UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Daniel B Baker.—MNA

More cash donation to storm victims

YANGON, 22 Aug— Chairman of Financial Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe received donations from wellwishers to the storm victims at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) of the ministry in Yankin Township, here.

Staff families of Thanlyin Oil Refinery and No. 2 Oil Refinery (Chauk) of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise (Liquefied Petroleum Gas, Minbu) under the Ministry of Energy donated K 1,150,000, Dr Khine Moe and Dr Thi Dar San and families, K 0.6 million, and Daw Khin Nyunt (Pyay), K 0.6 million Through Bago Division Peace and Development Council (West)

on 19 August.

Kachin State Peace and Development Council donated K 21,648,865, U Tha Tun of Thumingala Housing, Thingangyun Township, K 50000 on 20 August, and Dr U Soe Than and Major Daw Khin Khin (Retd) and family of South Okkalapa, K 660000, No (22) Light Infantry Division (Headquarters) and families of Regiments and units K 1.2 million and Ministry of Finance of Azerbaijan, Euro 338908 on 21 August.

A total of donation accepted from 19 to 21 August amounted to K 25,908,865 and Euro 338980.

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Thuwunna BEHS provides stipends, donates books and stationery

YANGON, 22 Aug—A ceremony to grant stipend for 2008-2009 academic year and

to donate books and stationery, organized by BEHS (Thuwunna) school board of trustees in Thingangyun Township, Yangon East District, was held at the school's computer room this morning. It was attended by Patrons of school board of trustees Secretary of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association U Khin Wai, Col Aung Din (Retd), U Hla Tin, Major Aung Myat (Retd), U Tun Tun and Daw Yi Yi Myint, Headmaster U Aung Kyaw Mya,

Chairman of School board of trustees U Chit Myo, Secretary U Kyaw Kyaw, Joint-Secretary U Thein Toe, Joint-treasurer Daw Tin Tin Than (Fuji Publishing House) and member, Vice-Chairperson Daw Ni Ni Shein of Parent-Teacher Association, Secretary Daw Phyu Phyu Wai, school in-charge teacher Daw Mya Mya Kyi, teachers and students.

Responsible persons gave speeches at the ceremony and provided stipend and stationery.

Patron U Tun Tun of school board of trustees donated school uniforms to outstanding student Ma Hnin Hnin Aye of Grade-9 (A).

Afterwards, Chairman of school board of trustees U Chit Myo spoke words of thanks and the ceremony ended.

Thuwunna BEHS school board of trustees is providing necessary assistance for all-round renovation of school, including providing stipend annually and donation of stationery.—MNA

Warming threatens crucial Himalayan water resources, forum told

STOCKHOLM, 22 Aug—Climate change poses a serious threat to essential water resources in the Himalayan region putting the livelihoods of 1.3 billion people at risk, experts said Thursday.

The mountainous region, home to the world's largest glaciers and permafrost area outside the polar regions, has seen rapid glacial melting and dramatic changes in rainfall, experts at the World Water Week conference in Stockholm said.

"Himalayan glaciers are retreating more rapidly than anywhere else in the world," said Mats Eriksson, programme manager for

water and hazard management at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development.

Although high altitudes, remoteness and cooperation difficulties between countries in the region have made it difficult to conduct comprehensive studies, Eriksson said it was obvious "the region is very strongly affected by climate change."

"The glaciers' retreat is enormous—up to 70 metres (230 feet) per year," he said.

Xu Jianchu, who heads the Centre for Mountain Ecosystem Studies in China, pointed out that temperatures on the Tibetan Plateau for instance were



This undated handout picture shows a view of Lake Imja Tsho in a valley situated south of Everest in Nepal. Climate change poses a serious threat to essential water resources in the Himalayan region putting the livelihoods of 1.3 billion people at risk, experts said Thursday.—INTERNET

increasing by 0.3 degrees Celsius each decade.

At the same time as glaciers are melting, scientists say precipitation patterns in many parts of the Himalayas are changing dramatically, serving up more rain in the monsoon periods and less in dry seasons.—*Internet*

Russians halt NATO co-operation

MOSCOW, 22 Aug—Russia has told NATO it is halting all military co-operation, the bloc says, as the crisis over Georgia deepens.

The Russian move follows a statement by NATO that there would be no "business as usual" with Moscow unless its troops pulled out of Georgia.

However, the alliance had stopped short of freezing co-operation with Moscow.

Meanwhile, a top Russian general said that the withdrawal of the bulk of Russia's troops would be complete in about 10 days.

Gen Vladimir Boldyrev, commander of the Russian ground forces in the region, referred to the pullout of troops "sent to reinforce Russian peacekeepers" in Georgia's breakaway region of South Ossetia.

NATO spokeswoman Carmen Romero said the alliance "takes note" of Russia's decision to halt co-operation but had no further reaction to it.

Internet



A student carries his shoes as he wades through a flooded street after the suspension of classes in Manila, on 20 August, 2008.—INTERNET

Official: Warship tracks three ships seized by pirates

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Aug—A navy coalition warship has been dispatched to track three vessels that were hijacked this week by armed pirates in an unprecedented series of attacks off the coast of Somalia, officials said Friday.

The Iranian, Japanese and German vessels and their 57 crew members were seized in the Gulf of Aden on Thursday.

A multi-coalition naval force, based in the region, is monitoring the movement of the ships, said Noel Choong, the head of the Kuala Lumpur-based piracy center of the International Maritime Bureau.

"All the three ships are still moving and appear to be heading toward Somali territorial water. A warship has been dispatched to monitor and track the vessels," he told The Associated Press.

The naval force includes the United States, France, Germany, Pakistan, Britain and Canada, which currently holds the rotating command. No other details were immediately available.

Pirates on Thursday seized an Iranian bulk carrier with 29 crew and a Japanese-operated chemical tanker with 19 crew. Then, a German-operated cargo ship with 9 crew, flying the Antigua and Barbuda flag, was hijacked nearby, he said.—*Internet*

Oil closes above \$121 - up nearly \$6

NEW YORK, 22 Aug — Oil surged more than \$6 on Thursday to touch \$122 a barrel, on a falling dollar and rising concerns about global supply.

US crude for October delivery ended \$5.62 higher at \$121.18 a barrel, having reached as high as \$122.04. Thursday's settlement price was the highest close since Aug. 4, when crude closed at \$121.41.

The \$5.62 jump in the price of crude was the largest single day advance since June 6, when oil rose \$10.75 in a single session. Thursday's jump was also the second largest one-day gain in dollar terms since oil has been traded, just behind the advance on June 6.

Wednesday's \$114.98 settlement price ended active trading for the September contract.—*Internet*



File photo shows a South Korean promotion agent displaying US beef at a booth in Seoul. US beef is proving increasingly popular since going back on sale in South Korea despite months of mass protests against the supposed dangers of mad cow disease, officials have said.

INTERNET

Three Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 22 Aug—A Taliban attack killed three Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan, military officials said on Thursday, bringing to 93 the number of soldiers killed there since Canada sent troops to the war-torn country in 2002.

The three were killed on Wednesday by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan, where 2,500 Canadians are based as part of a NATO combat mission to fight the Taliban and other militants. A fourth soldier was reported injured in the attack.

The commander of the Canadian forces in Afghanistan said the attack was part of a more aggressive pattern by the Taliban this year.—*Internet*

Ten dead in southern Philippine clash

COTABATO (Philippines), 22 Aug—Clashes killed 10 people in the southern Philippines overnight just hours after the government scrapped a controversial peace deal with Muslim rebels, the military said Friday.

Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) fighters ambushed government troops late Thursday in Guindulungan town on strife-torn Mindanao island, local military spokesman Colonel Julieto Ando said.

"During the firefight, five soldiers were wounded and 10 MILF rebels killed," he told AFP, adding that two civilians were also injured by stray bullets in the gunbattle. Major Armand Rico, an army official, said the number of soldiers wounded had risen to 12 as the MILF fought back against the military offensive in their stronghold near the Liguasan marsh.

"They are familiar with the terrain in the Liguasan marshland, they have expertise in moving there so the military had to use air assets," Ando said.

Internet



A customer shows the “iPhone 3G” after buying it at an outlet in New Delhi on 22 August, 2008. Apple launched its most awaited “iPhone 3G” at the minute past midnight on Friday for the Indian market. —XINHUA

Bomb blasts kill reporter in Thai South, many injured

BANGKOK, 22 Aug — Two bombs triggered by Thai southern insurgents exploded Thursday night in southernmost Narathiwat Province, killing a local newspaper correspondent and injuring more than 30 others, a local police source told *Xinhua*.

The victim who was killed on the spot was confirmed as a correspondent of the Thairath Newspaper, the source said.

The first bomb was installed in front of a restaurant in Narathiwat’s Sungai Kolok district and was triggered by mobile phone signal at about 9:38 pm (1438 GMT). The first blast did not cause any injury. However, several minutes later, a second bomb which was planted under a car exploded at the same site and caused casualties.

The source said the injured included reporters of Thai TV Channel 9, local police, officials and residents. Many of them are in critical situation.

Xinhua

Nineteen killed in fighting in south Somali town

MOGADISHU, 22 Aug— At least nineteen people were killed and nearly 30 others wounded in the southern Somali city of Kismayu as clan militias and Islamist fighters clashed for the second day in a battle for control of the strategic port city, witnesses and hospital sources said.

“Ten were killed in the early morning fighting while nine others were also killed in the afternoon,” Kulmiye Dahir, an elder in Kismayu, told *Xinhua* by phone. “Most of the dead are from the warring militias.”

Hospital sources in Kismayu said that thirty injured people, most of them civilians, were admitted to the main hospital in the city, which has recently been relatively calm and was under the control of clan militias and elders.

The fighting has been continuing for the past two days between the fighters of Al-Shabaab Islamist group, who are active in the Lower Jubba region and the clan militias controlling the city, 500Km south of the Somali capital Mogadishu.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

ICBC becomes most profitable bank in world

BEIJING, 22 Aug— The Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC), the country’s largest lender, said on Thursday its first half after-tax profit totaled 64.88 billion yuan (9.47 billion US dollars), which made it the world’s most profitable bank.

The earnings marked a year-on-year increase of 56.75 percent during the first six months, ICBC, the world biggest bank by market value, said in a statement.

The bank said the big-

gest profit came on greater fee income and better operations to evade risks from the US subprime crisis, which had ravaged profitability in many of ICBC’s international competitors.

Net fees and commission income from services such as credit cards, assets management and insurance sales jumped 48.03 percent to 24.48 billion yuan, it said.

Total assets hit 9.40 trillion yuan as of June

30, up 8.2 percent from the end of 2007. Earnings per share reached 0.19 yuan. Non-performing loans accounted for 2.41 percent of total credit volume at the end of June, down 0.33 percentage points from the end of 2007, while its capital adequacy ratio was 12.46 percent.—*Xinhua*

Russia keeps pulling back troops from Georgia

Moscow, 22 Aug—

Russia has kept moving troops out of Georgia and strived to fulfill its promise in a cease-fire agreement of withdrawing its forces from the Caucasus neighbor after several days of military conflicts.

All the troops will pull back to Russia’s territory in ten days, Russian General Vladimir Boldyrev, the Chief Commander of Ground Troops said Thursday.

Peacekeepers’ posts would open on Friday and Russian troops that are not involved in peace-keeping operations would return to Russia, Boldyrev said.

Georgia launched attacks in its breakaway region of South Ossetia on 8 Aug in an attempt to regain control of the region that borders Russia.

Xinhua



A policeman helps a man injured during an earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale in Yingjiang County, Dehong Dai-Jinpo Autonomous Prefecture, in southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 21 Aug, 2008. — XINHUA

Pakistan in a dilemma as terrorist attacks at peak

ISLAMABAD, 22 Aug — Two suicide blasts occurred in Pakistan’s cantonment city Wah Cantt on Thursday, leaving 76 people dead and 110 others injured, according to state-run PTV.

It is the second suicide attack within three days in

Pakistan, a sign that the terrorists activities have reached a new height.

The blasts took place at the main gate and another gate of Pakistan Ordnance Factory in Wah Cantt, some 50 km northwest from Islamabad.

Two suicide bomber blew themselves up at the

time when the shift was changed and a lot of workers were leaving the factory in a bid to cause maximum casualties.

A militant organization Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for the attack.

Xinhua

Co-pilot killed, pilot injured in light aircraft crash in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Aug — The co-pilot of the ill-fated Diamond Star DA40 light aircraft was found dead while the pilot who suffered serious injuries, survived 14-hours of agony before being found trapped in the wreckage in Malaysia on Thursday, local media reported on Friday.

Xinhua



Tanks of Japanese Self-Defence Forces take part in a military drill held in Shizuoka, on 21 Aug, 2008. Japanese Self-Defence Forces hold the annual military drill in Shizuoka on 21 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA

Even in Europe, 20 million people without toilets: forum

STOCKHOLM, 22 Aug — A surprising 20 million people in the European Union do not have access to decent toilets and suffer from a lack of hygiene, posing serious health risks, experts meeting at World Water Week in Stockholm said.

“People think that in countries so bright, so rich, they don’t have this kind of problem,” Sascha Gabizon, the head of the non-governmental organization Women in Europe for a Common Future and one of 2,500 water and sanitation

experts attending the forum, told AFP.

“The situation is not widely known among politicians in Brussels,” she said.—*Internet*

Brazil’s broadband internet subscribers reach 10 million by mid-2008

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Aug — The number of broadband internet users in Brazil reached 10 million by mid-2008, up 48 percent from the same period last year, according to a study released Thursday by Cisco, a world leading supplier of network equipment and management.

Pedro Ripper, president of Cisco’s Brazilian Branch, said the increase of high-speed mobile internet services and the sale of computers have contributed to the growing number of broadband internet users.

—*Internet*



An undated handout photo shows the world’s tallest man Bao Xishun (2nd R) of China posing with unidentified men. Guinness World Records has returned the title of world’s tallest man to Bao after Ukrainian Leonid Stadnyk refused to be measured under new guidelines. Bao, who stands at 7 feet, 8.95 inches (2.36 metres), held the title for a year before losing it in 2006 to Stadnyk, who is 8 feet 5.5 inches (2.57 metres) tall, Craig Glenday, editor-in-chief of Guinness World Records, told Reuters.—*INTERNET*

Tainted deli meats in Canada may have killed one, sickened many

OTTAWA, 22 Aug — An outbreak believed linked to contaminated deli meats in Canada has killed one person and made several others sick, health officials said Thursday.

“As of today, 38 cases of listeriosis have been reported and 13 have been confirmed as linked to the outbreak” in

Ontario province, including one death, said Ontario associate chief medical officer David Williams.

Seventeen of the Ontario cases are still under investigation, and eight have been ruled not linked to the outbreak, Williams said.

—*Internet*



Sleepy storks : A couple of storks sleep in a nest during a full moon in the countryside near Warsaw.

Cow chases bear away from her favorite apple tree

Residents of a rural Colorado town say a cow named Apple chased off a bear that had climbed into her favorite apple tree. Jack McDonald of Hygiene, about 30 miles northwest of Denver, said the bear had climbed out of the tree when the cow approached it Sunday afternoon.

McDonald says the animals touched noses and hung out together for a bit before Apple chased the bear off.

“It was hilarious,” McDonald says. There’s no sign that either animal was hurt.

Apple belongs to McDonald’s landlady, Nancy Dayton, who has a house and three rental units on 14 acres.

Mich trooper fatally shoots 7-foot python

A Michigan State Police trooper fatally shot a nearly 7-foot long Burmese python that slithered onto a road and was spotted lunging at a passing pickup truck.

Motorist Brian Ahlin called 911 Monday after seeing the snake in the middle of the road, just a few feet from a park. Ahlin says the snake tried to attack his truck and continued to do so even after he repeatedly ran over the reptile.

Trooper William Coon arrived and used his .40-caliber handgun to kill the snake.



Basket case : A young seal looks out of his basket before being released at the beach near Norddeich, northern Germany.

Puerto rico corpse kept upright for 3-day wake

A Puerto Rican man has been granted his wish to remain standing — even in death.

A funeral home used a special embalming treatment to keep the corpse of 24-year-old Angel Pantoja Medina standing upright for his three-day wake.

Dressed in a Yankees baseball cap and sunglasses, Pantoja was mourned by relatives while propped upright in his mother’s living room.

His brother Carlos told the El Nuevo Dia newspaper the victim had long said he wanted to be upright for his own wake: “He wanted to be happy, standing.”

The owner of the Marin Funeral Home, Damaris Marin, told The Associated Press the mother asked him to fulfill her dead son’s last wish.

Pantoja was found dead Friday underneath a bridge in San Juan and buried Monday. Police are investigating.

Wisconsin couple each win \$350,000 in lottery

This couple won’t have to argue about how to spend their lottery winnings. That’s because the Mount Horeb husband and wife each won their own \$350,000 jackpots in this weekend’s SuperCash state lottery.

Lottery officials said Verlyn Adamson bought his winning ticket at a Mineral Point gas station and his wife Judith bought hers from a convenience store in Barneveld.



Children try to take out coins from a pomelo fruit convered in chocolate during a game to celebrate Indonesia’s 63rd Independence Day in Jakarta.

NEWSALBUM

US economic indicators dip more than expected

WASHINGTON, 22 Aug — A forward-looking index of key US economic indicators fell by a more-than-expected 0.7 percent in July as economic headwinds continued to challenge American consumers, the Conference Board said Thursday.

The private survey group said its Leading Economic Index, which tracks a range of economic and market factors, dropped notably after remaining unchanged in June, suggesting consumers

remain pessimistic about economic momentum.

Most economists had predicted a drop of 0.3 percent in the index.

“The recent decline in gas prices isn’t enough to overcome all the negative momentum that’s been building up through the spring and summer,” said Ken Goldstein, a labor economist at the Conference Board.

Sagging demand for home construction permits, depressed stock prices, increased claims

for unemployment benefits and lackluster manufacturers’ orders for consumer goods dragged down the overall index reading last month.

The index sagged as a long-running housing slump continues to overshadow the world’s largest economy.

A related credit crunch, increased job cuts and high energy costs are also weighing on the economy and consumers’ sense of well-being.

Internet

GM announces \$500m investment for small car

LORDSTOWN (Ohio), 22 Aug — General Motors Corp said Thursday it will invest more than \$500 million in the US to build a new compact car that will compete in an era of high gasoline prices.

Company Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner announced the size of the investment Thursday at the Lordstown factory near Cleveland. The spraw-

ling complex now makes the Chevrolet Cobalt and Pontiac G5 small cars.

GM announced in June that the Lordstown factory would be retooled to make the new Chevrolet Cruze compact.

The \$500 million investment includes \$350 million in Lordstown. The company also will build 1-liter to 1.4-liter four-cylinder gasoline engines

for the Cruze at a new factory to be built in Flint, Mich. The Cruze will be launched in Europe and Asia next year. It will come to the US in second half of 2010. The new car is expected to get around 45 miles per gallon on the highway. The most efficient 2009 Cobalt or G5 with a manual transmission gets up to 37 mpg, GM says.—Internet

General Motors employees unveil a model of the new Chevrolet Cruze at an event announcing the production of the car at the Lordstown Assembly Plant, on 21 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET



Political turmoil dims Thai investment appeal: World Bank

BANGKOK, 22 Aug — Political turmoil and a shortage of skilled labour has dimmed Thailand’s appeal to investors in recent years, according to a World Bank survey Friday. Nearly 70 percent of the business operators surveyed between April

and November last year said macroeconomic instability had dampened the investment climate, compared to just under 40 percent in 2004.

More than 60 percent said uncertainty over government policies had weakened the investment

climate in 2007, against 30 percent in 2004, the survey said.

“Business operators’ perception on the investment climate in Thailand significantly dropped in 2007,” Xubeu Luo, a World Bank economist, told reporters.—Internet



Junk computers and computer accessories. Africa is worried by the large-scale importation of used computers from the West that poses an environmental hazard to the impoverished continent, a Ghanaian minister said on 21 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Ghana to West: Africa no dumping site for used computers

ACCRA, 22 Aug — Africa is worried by the large-scale importation of used computers from the West that poses an environmental hazard to the impoverished continent, a Ghanaian minister said Thursday.

“The unprecedented importation of old computers into Africa from developed countries to satisfy information technology need has resulted in electronic waste that

adds to environmental pollution,” Environment Minister Kwadwo Adjei-Darko said.

“I appeal on developed countries not to use Africa as a dumping site for computers,” Darko told representatives from 150 countries attending a week-long United Nations conference on climate change.

Children scavenging rubbish dumps for old computer parts are a

common sight in Africa. The activity exposes them to dangerous minerals such as lead, cadmium and toxic fumes emitted from dump sites, experts say.

“This is the situation in most African cities where ‘computer villages’ for selling old imported computers, especially laptops, are springing up,” said Christian Teriete of the international NGO World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).—Internet

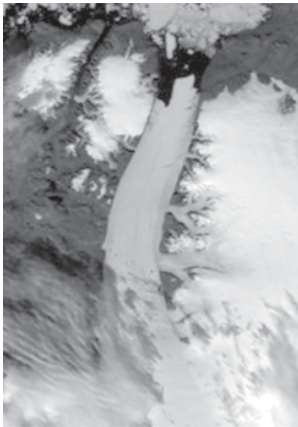
At top of Greenland, new worrisome cracks in ice

WASHINGTON, 22 Aug — In northern Greenland, a part of the Arctic that had seemed immune from global warming, new satellite images show a growing giant crack and an 11-square-mile chunk of ice hemorrhaging off a major glacier, scientists said Thursday.

And that’s led the university professor who spotted the wounds in the massive Petermann glacier to predict disintegration of a major portion of the Northern Hemisphere’s largest floating glacier within the year.

If it does worsen and other northern Greenland glaciers melt faster, then it could speed up sea level rise, already increasing because of melt in southern Greenland.

The crack is 7 miles long and about half a mile wide. It is about half the width of the 500 square



This image provided by the Byrd Polar Research Center, Columbus, Ohio, taken on 25 July, 2008, shows a growing giant crack and an 11-square-mile chunk of ice hemorrhaging off a prominent glacier in northern Greenland. INTERNET

mile floating part of the glacier.

Other smaller fractures can be seen in images of

the ice tongue, a long narrow sliver of the glacier.

Internet

Mexico GDP grows 2.8 percent in 2nd quarter

MEXICO CITY, 22 Aug — Mexico’s economy expanded 2.8 percent in the second quarter, up slightly over 2.6 percent growth in the first three months of the year.

A Thursday statement from the National Statistics Institute said the farming sector led gains, posting 4.4 percent growth from a year earlier amid rising food prices.

Mexico expects growth to slow as the US economy cools, prompting the Finance Ministry cut its 2008 growth estimate to 2.8 percent from 3.7 percent.

The US buys about 80 percent of Mexican exports.

Internet

Commander inspects demonstration of pumping water by motorbike

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug— Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin yesterday morning looked into a demonstration of pumping water with the use of motorcycle at Farmland No. 1609 of Daw Khin Than Maw and the paddy plantation in Kyaukchet Village, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.

First, the com-

mander and party viewed the pumping of water out of canal by motorcycle and splashing it into where humus fertilizer was made.

Next, the commander stressed the need for local people to extensively engage in the campaign as it is an easy way.

After that, the commander inspected insecticide, local paddy seeds and fertilizer and

spoke of the need for farmers to widely use fertilizer.

In his inspection of thriving Manawthukha paddy plantations that were grown by means of introducing the frugal use of paddy seeds, the commander urged officials concerned to widely impart such cultivation method to farmers since it is a thrifty practice.— MNA

Minister meets Thai guests, DPRK Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met Dr Terapol Pruksathorn of Sutech Engineering Co Ltd of Thailand and party at his office here

yesterday. They cordially discussed matters related to investment on agricultural sector and fertilizer production.

Likewise, the minister met Ambassador of the Democratic People's

Republic of Korea Mr Kim Sok Chol to the Union of Myanmar at the same venue the same day. They discussed matters on agricultural sectors and investments between the two nations.— MNA



USDA CEC member Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presents bags of rice to responsible persons in Kawhmu Township.—YCDC

Health Deputy Minister inspects Yangon General Hospital

YANGON, 22 Aug—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, accompanied by officials, met with Prof/ head Prof Dr U Than Sit, cardiologists and nurses at Cardiac Disease Department of Yangon General Hospital yesterday morning. The deputy minister inspected

patient wards and encouraged patients.

The deputy minister looked into the functions of respective departments at the hospital and fulfilled the needs.

At the meeting hall of Central Medicine Storage Depot (Yangon), the deputy minister

fulfilled the needs as to reports.

Afterwards, the deputy minister inspected medical store where medicines and medical equipments were kept, donated by local and foreign donors for relief and warehouse keeping in cool storage.

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Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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

Minister inspects Thaukkyia, Akhe Chaungwa villages in Dedaye Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug— Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspected rural clinic at Thaukkyia village in Dedaye Township on 18 August.

He viewed the students who were learning lessons at Affiliated Basic Education High School.

The minister and party paid respects to Sayadaw U Kontaya at Anaunt Yatanaman

Monastery and offered K 0.3 million and 100 CI sheets to renovate the monastery.

The minister also presented K 0.2 million and 72 CI sheets to Health Officer U Tun Hla to repair rural health clinic and K 0.4 million and 100 CI sheets to Principal U Hla Thauung to revamp the school.

After paying reverence to Sayadaw U Ottama Thara at Akhe

Chaungwa Village Monastery, the minister donated K 0.2 million and 100 CI sheets to repair the monastery and K 0.2 million and 150 CI sheets to rebuild class room of Affiliated BEHS.

He inspected learning of school children at Basic Education Primary School. He then looked into the site chosen for construction of BEHS and fulfilled the needs.

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USDA CEC member donates provisions to monasteries, schools

YANGON, 22 Aug— CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon Division In-

charge) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials this morning paid homage to Presiding Sayadaw Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikaddhaja Bhaddanta Nemeinda of Myoma

Neinmitayon Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Kawhmu Township of Yangon South District.

The CEC member donated desks, exercise books and 100 bags of cement to the Sarthintaik.

Next, he attended the ceremony to present facilities to the Basic Education Primary School in Magyikan Village and presented 200 CI sheets for the monastery and 69 bags of

rice for local people donated by Yangon Division USDA through officials concerned.

Next, the CEC member inspected Chaungkawcham Village Basic Education Primary School which was damaged by storm. In meeting with officials and local people, he fulfilled requirements for construction of the new 120 foot-long and 30 foot-wide steel structure school.— MNA

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.**

Performing Arts
Competitions held in
Yangon North District

YANGON, 22 Aug – The opening ceremony of 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon North District was held at the hall of Central Heavy Machinery (South) in Ywama East Ward in Insein Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing.

Chairman of Yangon North District PDC U Thein Naing cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

Next, artistes of Fine Arts Department, students of National Culture and Fine Arts University and vocalists performed entertainments.

The commander and wife presented a bouquet and cash awards to the artistes.

Altogether 195 participants are taking part in the competitions that will be held up to tomorrow.

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The Pairs

All states have mind as their fore-runner; to them mind is supreme and of mind are they made. Therefore, if one, with defiled mind, speaks or acts, on account of the suffering follow one as the wheel follows the fact of that does wagon-bearer.

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt addresses conclusion of Advanced Management Course No. 17, International Relations Course No. 7 and Computer Course No. 3.—MNA



PBANRDA Minister attends concluding
of training courses

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the concluding ceremony of Advanced Management Course No. 17, International Relations Course No. 7 and Computer Course No. 3 at the ministry, here, this

afternoon.

Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, departmental heads, the secretary and joint secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, course instructors and trainees attended the ceremony.

The minister delivered an address and presented certificates to the trainees.

A total of 30 trainees from departments under the ministry and Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee attended the Advanced Management Course No. 17, 20 trainees at the International Relations Course No. 7 and 30 trainees at the Computer Course No. 3. The courses lasted 12 weeks.—MNA

IPRD of Shan State (North) holds
coord meeting

YANGON, 22 Aug—The work coordination meeting (2008-2009) of Information and Public Relations Department of Shan State (North) was held at the department on 4 August, with an address by assistant director-general of Shan State Daw Khin San.

Staff officers of Lashio, Muse, Kyaukme, Kunlong districts reported on works undertaken according to their

respective regions. Next, the assistant director-general of Shan State, district staff officers and township staff officers discussed future programmes.

They discussed the strong and weak points of the works undertaken and the assistant director-general gave instructions on establishment of village self-reliant libraries during 2008-2009 by drawing proper plans.—MNA

Iron Cross Band to stage charity show
on 24 and 25 August

YANGON, 22 Aug — With the purpose of contributing reconstruction tasks for storm survivors, the music entertainment of Iron Cross Band, organized by Myanmar Music Asiayon, will be held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna at 5 pm on 24 and 25 August.

Vocalists Ange, Myo Gyi and Waing Wine including Lay Phyu will

present entertainment.

The tickets are put on sale with K 15,000, K 10,000 and K 9,000 per head at Ko Ko Nyi Nyi Beauty Saloons on Saya San Road, Dagon Centre and Lapyaywun Plaza, Mann Thiri Recording, Thakayta Capital Hyper Mart and Kyaukmyaung Store in Yangon.

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Malaysian Ambassador Mr Dato Mazlan Muhammad presents cooking oil donated by Delima Oil Products Sdn Bhd for storm survivors to Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin on 21 August.—MNA

Flood News

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued a flood news today that, according to the 12:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin river at Homalin is 2912 cm and it has exceeded by 12 cm

(about 0.4 ft) above its danger level. It is expected to fall below its danger level 2900 cm during the next 24 hrs.

According to the 06:30 hr MST observation today, the water levels of Chindwin river at Mawlaik is 1280 cm and Kalewa is 1581

cm. The water levels have exceeded by 50 cm (about 1.6 ft) at Mawlaik and 31 cm (about 1 ft) at Kalewa above their respective danger levels. It is expected to fall below their respective danger levels during the next 2 days.

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Commander supervises...

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Highway, the commander viewed cultivation of 10 acres of Yezin Lonthwe monsoon paddy and presented cash award to paddy transplanting competitors. He also inspected making of EM bokarshi there.

At the briefing hall, the commander heard reports on progress of upgrading Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung-Bagan NyaungU road and future tasks presented by Engineer in-charge U Myint Kyi. The commander gave instructions on timely completion of construction task meeting set standards.

The commander and party looked into cultivation of paddy and land preparations on eight acres of land in Magyitaing Village near Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung road. Chairman of Township PDC U Aung Myo Lwin, farmer U Kyaw Mya and officials presented reports on cultivation matters.

The commander presented prizes to those

who competed in the paddy transplanting contest.

After greeting the farmers, the commander instructed them to grow high yield quality paddy strains, feed fertilizers and strive for boosting per-acre yield.

The commander and departmental officials handed 1,500 bags of urea fertilizer to farmers of three village-tracts including Magyitaing Village. Kyaukpadaung Township has so far planted 12,227 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 23,621 acres and plan is under way to put the remaining acres of land under monsoon paddy on schedule.

Afterwards, the commander looked into maintenance of Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung road. At mile post No. 55/6, he viewed the site chosen by Myat Noe Thu Co for construction of a toll gate.

At MyoUaung Pagoda near Yehtwet Village of Kyaukpadaung Township, the commander inspected construction of the pagoda and heard a report

on progress of tasks presented by Chairman of Township PDC U Aung Myo Lwin. The construction of the pagoda has completed by 70 per cent.

While in Kyaukpadaung, the commander and party oversaw maintenance of the road being undertaken by Myat Noe Thu Construction Co in front of Pan Thida Park. Senior Engineer U Khin Maung Htay of Public Works and in-charge U Aung Kyaw Zaw of Myat Noe Thu Co reported on land extension and maintenance work. Chairman of District PDC U Hla Moe gave a supplementary report. The commander looked into extension of the road and land preparations with the use of heavy machinery.

Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung-Bagan NyaungU road section is 93 miles and six furlongs long. The width of the road is being extended to 44 feet wide one including shoulders of the road. The construction tasks commenced in 2008-09 fiscal year and it will complete in 2010-2011 fiscal year.

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Prizes awarded to winning teams in martial arts contests

YANGON, 22 Aug — The prize presentation ceremony for the Sixth Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup Martial Arts Contest and the 25th Inter-State/Division Martial Arts Contest were held at Aung San Gymnasium, here, yesterday afternoon.

Officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and Myanmar Martial Arts Federation presented prizes to winners in the respective classes.

President of MMAF Police Brig-Gen Than Han gave

best player awards to the respective athletes and second and third prizes to the respective winners.

On behalf of the MOC Chairman Minister for Sports, General Secretary of MOC Director-General of SPED U Thaung Htaik handed cash awards, championship shields and championship cup to Shan State (South) team that stood first in the Silat event, Yangon Division team that stood first in the skill demonstration contest and the all-round championships and Commerce Ministry team in the MOC Chairman's Cup.

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Basic Spoken English Course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — The concluding ceremony of Basic Spoken English Course No (2/2008) of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism was held at the ministry here this morning, with an address by Minister for

Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing. The trainees explained beauty of Myanmar's nature and tourist attraction sights.

Next, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu presented

completion certificates to the trainees and the minister presented prizes to three outstanding students and the ceremony came to a close.

Altogether 22 persons attended the 6-week course.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing presents award to an outstanding trainee.

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Pyu Period artefacts discovered

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — The Ministry of Culture is intensively excavating archaeological regions across the nation to seek more evidences of Myanmar's high cultural civilization. In that regard, the Archaeological Research, National Museum and Libraries Department excavated mounds Nos 39 to 42 in Sri Kestra ancient city state where Pyu culture flourished, in 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Mound No. 39 is the lower terrace of the Phayamar Ceti that is documented to be built by King Duttabaung. It is located in Twinpyae Village on Pyay-Paukkhaung Road, north-east to Sri Kestra ancient city state. Public Works renovated the body and three terraces of the pagoda from 1958 to 1971. The Department of Archaeology maintained the first terrace from 1998 to 2000.

The brick walls found in excavating mound

No. 39 revealed that the architects at that time were capable of building such a large and fine pagodas and stupas.

The findings unearthed at No. 39 mound include pieces of pots with designs, pieces of white glazed pots, coins with the word "Kangi" on them, coins with head of English George, urns (broken), and rice-seed-size pieces of gold wares. The artefacts indicate fine performance of Pyu Period handicrafts.

The artefacts found at mound No. 40 near Mokhtaw Village, about 1000 yards from the brick wall of Sri Kestra city state, from south-east from Sri Kestra city state include brick walls, pieces of earthen pots, earthen oil lamps, earthen urns, baked catapult pellets, broken nails, pieces of earthen alms bowls, and beads. The artefacts reveal that in Pyu Period, houses were built of wood and bamboo, and religious buildings, of brick and

wood. The mound is a large religious edifice built in the Pyu Period.

Mound No. 41 is one of the mounds in the southern part of Sri Kestra and the findings found in the mound include long brick walls, pieces of earthen pots, bronze cymbals, brick tiles (pieces), iron nails (broken), and pieces of earthen pots. The brick walls were built in the late Pyu Period. According to the findings, people also lived there in the post-Pyu Period.

Mound No. 42, the Rahanta entrance, is south of Sri Kestra city state. The findings include two rails of the entrance, bricks with marks on them, spears, piece of earthen pots, baked earth marbles (broken) and iron nails (broken).

The findings of the mound revealed Rahanta city state had a brick wall and many hillocks and ravines around it. And Pyu people were capable of building a fine city of Sri Kestra.—MNA

F&R Ministry...

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Similarly, service personnel of Myanma Economic Bank, Budget Department and Internal Revenue Department planted shade trees and perennial trees.

A total of 26,000 fingerlings were released and 3700 trees were grown at the ceremony.—MNA

Earthquake News

YANGON, 22 Aug — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an earthquake news today that a moderate earthquake of intensity (5.6) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar (Myanmar-China Border Region) about 550 miles north of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded on (18) hrs, (41) min and (00) sec MST today.

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Yangon Division USDA reconstructing ravaged school buildings caused by storm

Article & Photos: Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan)

Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association has been spending its funds on major repair of buildings at basic education schools that collapsed during the storm in the municipal area of Yangon City.

With regard to reconstruction of school buildings, an interview was made with Central Executive Committee member of the USDA (Yangon Division in-charge) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

"Your Excellency, I would like to know facts about the reconstruction of collapsed school buildings in the municipal area of

And, major repair will be undertaken at two school buildings. In doing so, Yangon Division USDA completely sponsored the reconstruction and major repair works of the buildings."

"Tell me the purpose of the work."

The Mayor explained, "Children at respective schools are new generation for the future. If the children have the high spirit to try their best in pursuing education, if the children have patriotic spirit and if the children become those equipped with strong will, the new generation on whom the nation can rely will emerge. It is the main purpose of the USDA. So, the schools play the most important role in nurturing the children."

of YCDC for solving difficulties of the students from the collapsed schools. You may ask Head of Department U Zaw Win who is responsible for construction of the school



"I am a member of the USDA. I accept reconstruction and repair of school buildings as our duty."

U Zaw Win, Head of Engineering Department (Building)

of school buildings are our duty."

"How do you assign duties for construction of many school buildings?"

He continued to explain, "In the construction task, Assistant Head of the Engineering Department U Soe Lwin, Heads of Branch U Nay Win, U Kyi Myint, U Khaing Zaw Win and U Kyaw Moe are key persons. Duties were assigned to other engineers as well."

"Your Excellency Mayor, I would like to know the time limits for construction of new school buildings."

The Mayor replied to me, "Mainly, I wish to complete the construction tasks in the current academic year. The buildings must be completed ahead of schedule. They are to be fine and durable ones in the long run. I coordinated with the Head of Department and engineers to decide the time limit for construction tasks."

He added, "It was estimated that con-



Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin
USDA CEC member
(Yangon Division In-charge)
"Yangon Division USDA completely sponsored the reconstruction and major repair works of the buildings."

struction of a two-storey building measuring 160 feet by 30 feet must be completed in three months and one storey building measuring 120 feet by 30 feet in 45 days. The buildings were constructed with the use of RC foundation and without the use of timber. For their durability, only steel structures were used in constructing the buildings."

He further explained, "By taking health

of the children into consideration, the school buildings were constructed with four feet high flooring. Moreover, emphasis is placed on adequate ventilation at the building and letting of natural light. Furthermore, priority is given to draining off water around the building."

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New school building is under construction with steel structure and without timber for its durability.

Yangon City. Please tell me the reconstruction programmes."

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin said, "A total of 57 school buildings totally collapsed due to the storm in the municipal area of Yangon City.

"Please explain the construction sector."

The Mayor disclosed, "The school buildings were constructed with the technical assistance and construction of the Head of Engineering Department (Building) and engineers

buildings."

"Please tell how you participate in construction of the school buildings."

Head of Department U Zaw Win said, "I am a member of the USDA. I accept that reconstruction and repair



The foundation of all school buildings will be four feet high.



Beijing 2008 Olympic Games

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News & Photos by Xinhua



Zou Shiming of China poses during Men's lightfly (48kg) semifinal 1 at the Beijing Olympic Games boxing event in Beijing, China, 22 Aug, 2008. Zou Shiming won the match over Paddy Barnes of Ireland.



Kayak paddlers of Belarus (front) compete in the Kayak four (K4) 1000m men final of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Canoe/Kayak Flatwater event in Beijing, China, 22 Aug, 2008. The team of Belarus clinched the gold medal in this event with a time of 2:55.714.



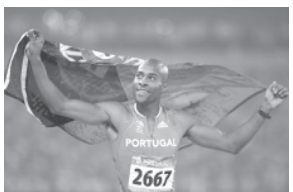
Italy's Alex Schwazer crosses the finish line during men's 50km walk final at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, during Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, 22 Aug, 2008. Alex Schwazer won the title and set a new Olympic record.

Medal Standings (22-8-2008)

Sr	NOC Name	G	S	B	T	Sr	NOC Name	G	S	B	T
1	China	47	17	25	89	52	Portugal	1	1		2
2	United States	31	36	35	102	53	Thailand	1	1		2
3	Britain	18	13	13	44	54	Argentina	1		3	4
4	Russian Fed.	17	18	22	57	55	India	1		2	3
5	Germany	14	9	13	36	56	Iran	1		1	2
6	Australia	12	14	16	42	57	Latvia	1		1	2
7	ROK	11	10	7	28	58	Mexico	1		1	2
8	Japan	9	6	10	25	59	Bahrain	1			1
9	Italy	7	8	10	25	60	Cameroon	1			1
10	Netherland	7	5	4	16	61	Panama	1			1
11	Jamaica	6	3	1	10	62	Tunisia	1			1
12	France	5	13	16	34	63	Sweden		4	1	5
13	Ukraine	5	4	12	21	64	Lithuania		2	3	5
14	Spain	4	6	2	12	65	Trinidad/Tobago		2		2
15	Belarus	4	4	8	16	66	Croatia		1	3	4
16	Romania	4	1	3	8	67	Austria		1	2	3
17	Canada	3	8	6	17	68	Greece		1	2	3
18	Poland	3	4	1	8	69	Algeria		1	1	2
19	Czech Republic	3	3		6	70	Colombia		1	1	2
20	Slovakia	3	2	1	6	71	Kyrgyzstan		1	1	2
21	New Zealand	3	1	5	9	72	Serbia		1	1	2
22	Ethiopia	3	1	1	5	73	Tajikistan		1	1	2
23	Georgia	3		3	6	74	Belgium		1		1
24	Cuba	2	6	11	19	75	Chile		1		1
25	Kenya	2	4	2	8	76	Deminican Rep.		1		1
26	Brazil	2	3	7	12	77	Ecuador		1		1
27	Denmark	2	2	3	7	78	Malaysia		1		1
28	DPRK	2	1	3	6	79	South Africa		1		1
29	Switzerland	2		3	5	80	Singapore		1		1
39	Hungary	1	5	2	8	81	Vietnam		1		1
40	Kazakhstan	1	4	6	11	82	Armenia			6	6
41	Turkey	1	4	3	8	83	Chinese Taipei			4	4
42	Norway	1	4	2	7	84	Ireland			2	2
43	Zimbabwe	1	3		4	85	Nigeria			2	2
44	Azerbaijan	1	2	4	7	86	Afghanistan			1	1
45	Uzbekistan	1	2	3	6	87	Bahamas			1	1
46	Slovenia	1	2	2	5	88	Egypt			1	1
47	Bulgaria	1	1	3	5	89	Israel			1	1
48	Indonesia	1	1	3	5	90	Morocco			1	1
49	Finland	1	1	1	3	91	Moldova			1	1
50	Estonia	1	1		2	92	Mauritius			1	1
51	Mongolia	1	1		2	93	Togo			1	1
						94	Venezuela			1	1
						Total:		258	259	319	836



Panamanians celebrate Irving Saladino, the gold medal winner in long jump with 8.34m at the Beijing Olympic Games, in Panama City, 21 Aug, 2008. Panama won the first gold medal ever at the Olympics on 18 Aug, 2008.



Nelson Evora of Portugal celebrates after the men's triple jump final at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, during Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, 21 Aug, 2008. Nelson Evora won the gold with 17.67 metres.



Cui Wenjuan of China competes during the women's Taijiquan (Taichiquan) contest under the Taolu category at the Beijing 2008 Wushu Tournament in Beijing, China, 22 Aug, 2008. Cui ranked the first in the competition with a score of 9.85. The Beijing 2008 Wushu Tournament continued here on Friday.

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MV KOTA RAKAN VOY NO (025)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RAKAN VOY NO (025) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.8.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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AGENT FOR: M/S EASTERN CAR LINER LTD

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FDA: Irradiating spinach, lettuce OK to kill germs

WASHINGTON, 22 Aug—Consumers worried about salad safety may soon be able to buy fresh spinach and iceberg lettuce zapped with just enough radiation to kill E coli and a few other germs.

The Food and Drug Administration on Friday will issue a regulation allowing spinach and lettuce sellers to take that extra step, a long-awaited

move amid increasing outbreaks from raw produce.

It doesn’t excuse dirty produce, warned Dr Laura Tarantino, FDA’s chief of food additive safety. Farms and processors still must follow standard rules to keep the greens as clean as possible—and consumers, too, should wash the leaves before eating.

United Nations Development Programme



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) seeks applications from qualified Myanmar nationals for the following post with UNDP Office in Yangon, Myanmar.

Functional Title:	Assistant Resident Representative
Budgeted Level:	NO-C (ICS-10)
Type of Contract:	Fixed Term
Duration:	One year (extendable)
Unit:	Programme Unit
Duty Station:	UNDP, Yangon

Under the guidance of the Deputy Resident Representative, the Assistant Resident Representative Programme (ARR-P) acts as a advisor to Senior Management on all aspects of Country Office programme in general and to assist the Resident Representative and the Deputy Resident Representative in managing the UNDP programme in the country. The position is primarily responsible to manage the programme components assigned to him/her, including continued monitoring of implementation of programme activities, budgets and expenditures, monitoring and evaluation of programme effectiveness and relevance, as well as for ensuring continual improvement of the programme.

Detailed terms of reference is posted on the bulletin board at UNDP office, No. 6 Natmauk Road, Yangon.

Requirements: Masters Degree or equivalent in Business Administration, Public Administration, Economics, Political Sciences, Social Sciences, Community Development or any other relevant field.

Experience: Minimum 5 to 7 years of relevant experience at the national level in providing management advisory services, hands-on experience in design, monitoring and evaluation of development projects and establishing inter-relationships among international organization and national authorities. Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages, experience in handling of web based management systems.

Language: Besides Myanmar, proficiency in English, both written and spoken an absolute requirement.

Applications with full resume should be addressed to: The Deputy Resident Representative (Operations), Attention: Human Resources Unit, UNDP, Yangon

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

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UNDP is an equal opportunity employer.

UNDP regrets its inability to reply individually or attend to telephone queries on the advertised post.

Closing Date: Friday, 5 September 2008 (COB).

Arsenic in drinking water raises diabetes risk

LOS ANGELES, 22 Aug—Arsenic in drinking water may raise the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, a new study showed.

After analyzing 788 US adults aged 20 or older, researchers at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University found that people with type 2 diabetes had a 26 percent higher level of total arsenic in their urine than participants without type 2 diabetes.

People with the highest levels of arsenic were almost 3.6 times more likely to have diabetes than people with the lowest levels, the researchers said in the study published in the Aug. 20 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Those with the highest levels of dimethylarsinate (a compound into which inorganic arsenic is metabolized) had 1.5

times the risk of diabetes as those with the lowest levels, the study found. This was after adjusting for organic arsenic compounds such as arsenobetaine and arsenosugars, which come primarily from seafood.

The findings were the first to link low-level exposure to arsenic with type 2 diabetes prevalence in the United States.

Internet

WMO says this year so far coolest for at least five years

LONDON, 22 Aug—The first half of 2008 was the coolest for at least five years, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said on Wednesday. The whole year will almost certainly be cooler than recent years, although temperatures remain above the historical average.

Global temperatures vary annually according to natural cycles. For example, they are driven

by shifting ocean currents, and dips do not undermine the case that man-made greenhouse gas emissions are causing long-term global warming, climate scientists say.

Chillier weather this year is partly because of a global weather pattern called La Nina that follows a periodic warming effect called El Nino.

“We can expect with high probability this year

will be cooler than the previous five years,” said Omar Baddour, responsible for climate data and monitoring at the WMO.

“Definitely the La Nina should have had an effect, how much we cannot say.”

“Up to July 2008, this year has been cooler than the previous five years at least. It still looks like it’s warmer than average,” added Baddour.

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Oil leaps above 122 US dollars on supply concerns

NEW YORK, 22 Aug—Crude surged near 122 US dollars a barrel for the first time in more than two weeks Thursday morning on supply concerns brought by gasoline inventory drop and Georgia tension.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery jumped to as high as 122.02 dollars a barrel, trading up 6.46 dollars, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The rally started on the US Energy Department report that the gasoline stockpiles declined a larger-than-expected 6.2 million barrels in the week ending on 15 Aug, which has sent the inventory to below-average level.

Meanwhile, the tension in Georgia and decline in the dollar also add much push to the oil prices.

Internet

Report: Smoking in movies, TVs gets teens to smoke

WASHINGTON, 22 Aug—The US National Cancer Institute—the leading federal agency on cancer research—released a report on Thursday that reaches the government's strongest conclusion to date that tobacco marketing and depictions of smoking in movies promote youth smoking.

"There is now incontrovertible evidence

that marketing of tobacco and smoking in the movies can cause young people to begin smoking," said Barbara Loken, one of the report's five scientific editors. Cigarettes are one of the most heavily marketed products in the United States, says the 684-page report, "The Role of the Media in Promoting and Reducing Tobacco Use." Tobacco advertising

targets psychological needs of adolescents, such as popularity and peer acceptance. Advertising creates the perception that smoking satisfies these needs. Even brief exposure to tobacco advertising influences adolescents' perceptions about smoking, smokers, and adolescents' intentions to smoke, notes the report.

Internet

Rare leopards found in Borneo forest: researcher



This photograph taken in July 2008 from a camera trap shows a leopard in Sebangau National Park in Indonesia's Central Kalimantan province. —INTERNET

JAKARTA, 22 Aug—A new population of rare leopard has been found living in thick forests on the Indonesian half of Borneo island, a researcher said Thurs-

day.

Camera traps in Sebangau National Park in Central Kalimantan province have snapped pictures of two adult male Bornean clouded leopards in an area once decimated by logging, British zoologist Susan Cheyne said.

The discovery by researchers from Oxford University's Wildlife Conservation Research Unit and Indonesia's Pangkalan Raya University is the first confirmation the clouded leopard, which is classified as vulnerable, lives in the park. The discovery holds out new hope for the little-understood species, which numbers less than 10,000 individuals and is the top predator on Borneo island, Cheyne said.—Internet

Face transplant patient can smile, blink again

LONDON, 22 Aug—Transplanting faces may seem like science fiction, but doctors say the experimental surgeries could one day become routine. Two of the world's three teams that have done partial face transplants reported Friday that their techniques were surprisingly effective, though complications exist and more work is still needed.

"There is no reason to think these face transplants would not be as common as kidney or liver transplants one day," said Dr Laurent Lantieri, one of the French doctors who operated on a man severely disfigured by a genetic disease.

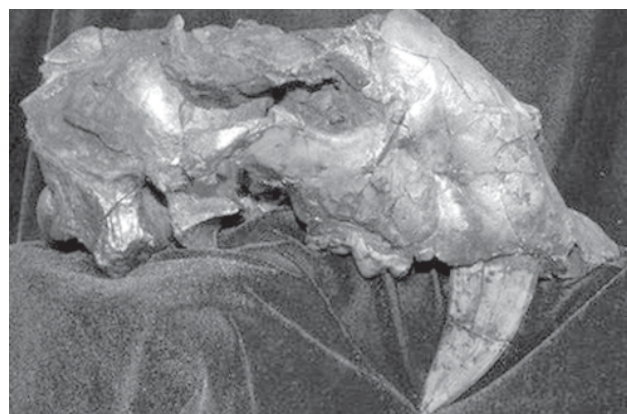
In Friday's issue of the British medical journal *Lancet*, Lantieri and colleagues reported on their

patient's status one year after the transplant. Chinese doctors also reported on their patient, two years after his surgery.

Last year, the French team operated on a 29-year-old man with tumors that blurred his features in

a face that looked almost monstrous. They transplanted a new lower face from a donor, giving the patient new cheeks, a nose and mouth. Six months later, he could smile and blink.

Internet



In this undated photo released by Ascanio Rincon, a fossil of a type of saber-toothed cat is seen. An ancient tar pit exposed when state oil workers laid a pipeline has yielded a rich trove of fossils, including a type of saber-toothed cat that paleontologists never found in South America before, and scientists say it holds the promise of many discoveries to come.—INTERNET

Jump in US measles cases linked to vaccine fears

ATLANTA, 22 Aug—Measles cases in the US are at the highest level in more than a decade, with nearly half of those involving children whose parents rejected vaccination, health officials reported Thursday.

Worried doctors are troubled by the trend fueled by unfounded fears that vaccines may cause autism. The number of cases is still small, just 131, but that's only for the

first seven months of the year. There were only 42 cases for all of last year.

"We're seeing a lot more spread. That is concerning to us," said Dr Jane Seward, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pediatricians are frustrated, saying they are having to spend more time convincing parents the shot is safe.

"This year, we certainly have had parents asking

more questions," said Dr Ari Brown, an Austin, Texas, physician who is a spokeswoman for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

The CDC's review found that a number of cases involved home-schooled children not required to get the vaccines. Others can avoid vaccination by seeking exemptions, such as for religious reasons.

Internet

Nine polar bears observed on risky open ocean swims

ANCHORAGE (Alaska), 22 Aug—Nine polar bears were observed in one day swimming in open ocean off Alaska's northwest coast, an increase from previous surveys that may indicate warming conditions are forcing bears to make riskier, long-distance swims to stable sea ice or land.

The bears were spotted in the Chukchi Sea on a flight by a federal marine contractor, Science Applications International Corp. It was hired for the Minerals Management Service in advance of future offshore oil development. The

MMS in February leased 2.76 million acres within an offshore area slightly smaller than Pennsylvania.

Observers Saturday were looking for whales but also recorded walrus and polar bears, said project director Janet Clark. Many were swimming north and ranged from 15 to 65 miles off shore, she said. Department of Interior Secretary Dirk Kemp-thorne in May declared polar bears a threatened species because of an alarming loss of summer sea ice and forecasts the trend will continue.

Internet



Polar bear cub Wilbaer plays with his mother Corinna in their enclosure at the Wilhelma zoo in Stuttgart during his first appearance on 16 April, 2008. INTERNET

Saber-toothed cat fossils discovered in Venezuela

CARACAS (Venezuela), 22 Aug—An ancient tar pit exposed when Venezuelan oil workers laid a pipeline has yielded a rich trove of fossils, including a type of saber-toothed cat that paleontologists had never found before in South America. Scientists say the find holds the promise of many discoveries to come.

The fossils are 1.8 million years old and include skulls and jawbones of six scimitar-toothed cats — a variety of saber-toothed cat with shorter, narrower canine teeth than other species.

Researchers led by Venezuelan paleontologist Ascanio Rincon announced the discovery this month, say-

ing in addition to proving the cat once lived here, the find also should offer a rare window into the environment shortly after North and South America became connected following an age of separation.

"The deposit could be one of the most important in South America in the last 60 years," Rincon told *The Associated Press*. Other experts agree. "The find is one of the most spectacular and scientifically interesting discoveries of the last decade," said University of Kansas professor Larry D Martin, an expert on saber-toothed cats who was not involved in the find. "The genus hadn't been known from South America before.".—Internet

SPORTS

Mahan shoots 62 to take lead in The Barclays



Hunter Mahan hits an approach shot on the 18th hole during first round golf in The Barclays tournament on 21 Aug, 2008, at Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, NJ Mahan finished the round 9-under par.

INTERNET

PARAMUS(NJ), 22 Aug—With two perfect shots, Hunter Mahan put a terrible week at the PGA Championship behind him at The Barclays.

Playing in calm morning conditions at demanding Ridgewood Country Club, Mahan split the fairway with his opening drive, then watched his 98-yard sand wedge shot spin back into the hole for an unlikely eagle. Seventeen holes and eight birdies later, he signed for a 9-under 62, good for a four-stroke lead Thursday in the FedEx Cup playoff opener.

Internet

Davis returns to Rangers

GLASGOW, 22 Aug—Rangers signed Fulham midfielder Steven Davis for an undisclosed fee on Thursday.

Northern Ireland international Davis, who spent the second half of last season on loan at Ibrox, agreed a four-year contract and could feature at Aberdeen on Saturday.—Internet



Glasgow Rangers' Steven Davis (left) vies with Sporting Lisbon's Brazilian Gladstone Valentina during their UEFA Cup quarter final match in Lisbon, April 2008. Rangers have signed Fulham midfielder Davis for an undisclosed fee.—INTERNET

Inter keeper Frey tells Domenech to count him out

ROME, 22 Aug—Fiorentina's French keeper Sebastien Frey said he will not play for the national team while Raymond Domenech is at the helm, according to the news agency Ansa on Thursday.

"I thought about it and, after being left out the national team again ... I realised there was little scope for me to show how I could hold down the position," said a disap-

pointed Frey. He added that he wanted to concentrate on his club career. Frey was overlooked for

Nadal's US Open campaign starts against qualifier

NEW YORK, 22 Aug—Newly-crowned world number one Rafael Nadal of Spain will launch his assault on the US Open trophy with an opening round match against a qualifier, after the draw ceremony in New York on Thursday.

The 22-year-old Mallorcan, who ascended to the number one position on Monday, ending Roger Federer's reign of four and a half years on top of the men's rankings, is looking to clinch his third Grand Slam tournament this season.



Spain's Rafael Nadal, seen here on 17 Aug, 2008, will launch his assault on the US Open trophy with an opening round match against a qualifier, after the draw ceremony in New York on 21 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Nadal reigned supreme for the fourth consecutive time at Roland Garros in July and

stripped Federer of a sixth Wimbledon crown after an epic final.

Internet

Dutchman Sno returns to Ajax

THE HAGUE, 22 Aug—Netherlands (AFP) - Dutch midfielder Evander Sno has moved from Celtic to Ajax, the club where he started his career, on a three-year-contract, the Dutch club said on its website Thursday.

The 21-year-old trained at the Amsterdam club before transferring to Feyenoord then moved to Scotland in 2006.

He played 49 times and scored one goal in his two seasons in Scotland.



Dutch midfielder Evander Sno, seen here in 2006, has moved from Celtic to Ajax, the club where he started his career, on a three-year-contract, the Dutch club said on its website on 22 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Sno was in the Dutch squad for the Euro 2008 football championships last June.

It was Ajax's fifth acquisition recently, after

Dario Cvitanich (Barnfield), Miralem Sulejmani (Heerenveen), Ismail Aissati (PSV Eindhoven) and Oleguer Presas (Barcelona).—Internet

Cahill won't rush back from foot injury

LIVERPOOL, 22 Aug—Everton midfielder Tim Cahill won't rush his return from a broken foot because the Australian wants to make an immediate impact for club and country.

Cahill, 28, has been sidelined since March and Everton manager David Moyes would love to have him back in action to boost his injury-hit team.



Everton midfielder Tim Cahill, seen here in 2007, won't rush his return from a broken foot because the Australian wants to make an immediate impact for club and country.

INTERNET

But both player and manager know there is no point in putting risking the Sydney-born star's long-term fitness by coming back too soon, especially since Cahill believes he can hit the ground running when he does return.—Internet

Benitez buries the hatchet with Parry

LIVERPOOL, 22 Aug—Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez called a truce in his power struggle with chief executive Rick Parry after holding clear the air talks at Anfield.

Benitez's relationship with Parry had become increasingly strained as he seethed over Liverpool's failure to sign key transfer targets, notably Aston Villa midfielder Gareth Barry.—Internet



Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez, seen here on 16 Aug, called a truce in his power struggle with chief executive Rick Parry after holding clear the air talks at Anfield.

INTERNET

South African Etienne de Villiers, the boss of the ATP men's professional tennis circuit seen here in 2006,, said 2008 would be his last year in the post, the ATP said on 21Aug, 2008.

INTERNET



ATP boss de Villiers to leave post at end of 2008

PARIS, 22 Aug—South African Etienne de Villiers, the boss of the ATP men's professional tennis circuit, said 2008 would be his last year in the post, the ATP said on Thursday. De Villiers has been in place during the major changes that have taken place since the tour began.

Among the changes, the statement added, are the highest ever prize money and a healthier calendar for the players, a new brand look and other things to make the tour more appealing to tennis enthusiasts.—Internet



Fiorentina's French keeper Sebastien Frey, seen here in June 2008, said he will not play for the national team while Raymond Domenech is at the helm, according to the news agency Ansa on 22 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET

Afghan civilians said killed in US-led air raid

KABUL, 22 Aug—More than a dozen civilians have been killed in an air strike by US-led coalition troops in Afghanistan's eastern province of Laghman, two provincial officials said on Thursday. But the US military said Wednesday's operation which also involved Afghan forces and air support had killed more than 30 insurgents. A military spokesman said he had no knowledge of non-combatant deaths.

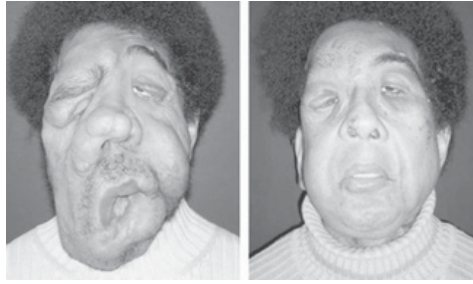
The issue of civilian casualties caused by foreign forces while hunting the Taliban has led to a rift between Afghanistan and its Western backers. President Hamid Karzai said this month that air strikes by foreign forces had only succeeded in killing civilians and not in winning the war.

The reported deaths of civilians and militants came days after the Taliban killed 10 French soldiers in an area close to Laghman, the biggest single loss of foreign forces in direct combat since the militants' removal from power in 2001.—Internet

Research shows face transplants can be very successful

HOUSTON, 22 Aug — According to a new study released on Thursday by researchers, face transplants can be very successful. These findings have given new hope to those who have suffered severe facial damage. Face transplants may actually lead to a long-term solution for people. Two teams of researchers reported their findings this week in the Lancet medical journal, and all appears positive.

The researchers focused on two cases, one of a Chinese man who had his face disfigured after a bear attack, and another involving a French woman. The world's first face transplant was carried out on a French woman Isabelle Dinoire back in November 2005 after she was attacked by her dog. The Chinese man received his face transplant in 2006, after 30-year old was attacked by the bear. Though reports show that they did have some problems with rejection at the start, they both continue to recover slowly but surely.—Internet



This undated two pictures combo provided by the Lancet, shows an unidentified 29-year-old man with tumors, left, and the same man, right, after a transplanted new lower face from a donor.—Internet

Madrid air disaster video sheds new light on cause of crash

MADRID, 22 Aug—A video of this week's Spanair plane crash shows there was no fire in either of the plane's engines before it crashed - contrary to earlier reports. The video, taken by AENA, which runs Spain's airports, shows flight JK5022 take off and begin to climb before it crashes and bursts into flames.

The footage sheds new light on the possible cause of the crash in which 153 people died at Madrid's Barajas airport. Manuel

Bautista, the director general of the Spanish civil aviation authority, said the McDonnell Douglas MD-82 aircraft had suffered more than one fault.

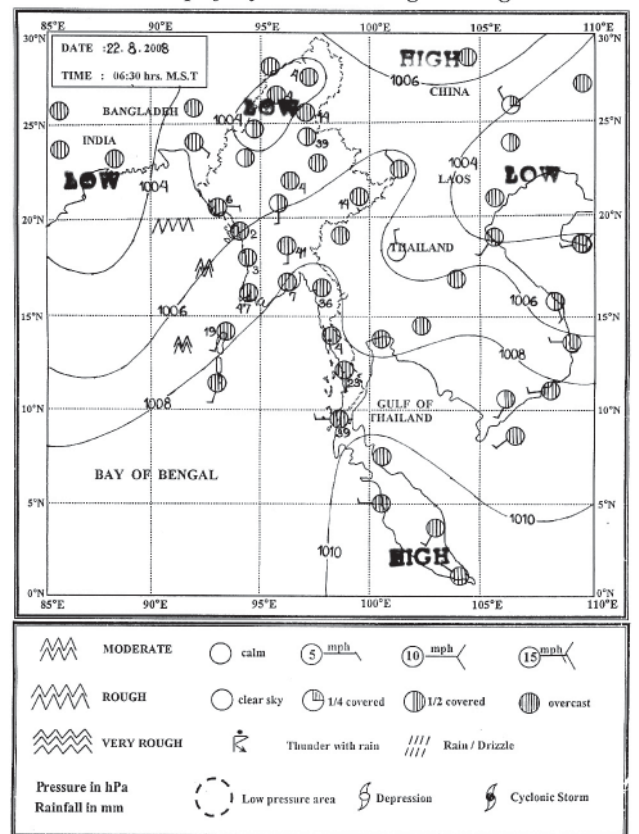
"The motor is not the cause of the accident," he said. One of the investigators, Emilio Valerio, told the Cadena Ser radio station that the video would be used to establish the cause of the crash.

Valerio said he hoped the cause would be

discovered "within a month" for the sake of the families of those killed. Investigators are speaking to witnesses and airport staff and analysing the plane's two black box flight recorders.

It has emerged that over a year ago the Spanish pilots' union Sepia sent a series of letters and emails to Spanair's senior management about safety worries.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 22 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain have been isolated in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kayan (2.24) inches, Hsipaw (2.05) inches, Patheingyi (1.89) inches, Pyin Oo Lwin (1.82) inches, Toungoo and Thabon (1.62) inches each, Mawlamyine and Kawthoung (1.57) inches each and Bhamo (1.54) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-8-2008 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 22-8-2008 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-8-2008 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 21-8-2008 was (1.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 22-8-2008 was (0.23) inch at Mingaladon, (0.32) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.14) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (79.13) inches at Mingaladon, (88.78) inches at Kaba-Aye and (105.04) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from South at (16:45) hours MST on 21-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23-8-2008: Rain will be isolated lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kayah State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State and Ayeyawady 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 23-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-8-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for forth weekend of August 2008: During the coming weekend, rain will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 23 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကုန်း ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am

6. Musical programme

8:15 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:40 am

9. “ဒီအိုတီအက်စ်”

(မိုးဖြူ၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊

ကြူကြူသင်း)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်)

8:50 pm

10. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:30 am

3. Game for children

11:55 am

4. Round up of the

week's TV local

news

12:30 pm

5. The Land of

Buddhism

1:15 pm

6. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ

2:00 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:05 pm

8. ကူးလူးဆက်သွယ်ချစ်ကြီးနွယ်

2:15 pm

9. Dance of national

races

2:25 pm

10. “နောက်မကျရအောင်”

(မင်းသူ၊ ကျော်ထူး

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ဒေါ်အေးအေးမြင့်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)

2:35pm

11. Musical programme

2:45 pm

12. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Musical programme

4:30 pm

4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ် (၃)

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4:50 pm

5. Song to uphold

National Spirit

4:55 pm

6. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား

ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

5:05 pm

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:10 pm

8. Musical programme

5:20 pm

9. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

5:30 pm

10. ရသပေါ်လွင်

သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm

14. သမိုင်းဝင်ရှင်ကိုးရှင်ဘုရားများ

7:15 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်”

(အပိုင်း-၂၄)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. လူယောင် ဆောင်သော

ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး

(အပိုင်း-၁၅)

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.

Witness may inform about misappropriation of internal and international relief funds and supplies

Anyone may dial the following phone numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated from abroad and at home to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes.

Head of Office

Ph: 067 404021 and 067 404022

Deputy Head of Office

Ph: 09 860 1002

Special advisor to United Nations Secretary-General meets NLD executives

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—Special advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari worshiped at Bengali Sunni Jameh Mosque on Sule Pagoda Road in Yangon at 12.55 pm to-

day.

At 2 pm, Mr Gambari met with Chairman of National League for Democracy U Aung Shwe and party at Seinle Kantha State House in Yangon.

In the evening,

member of Spokes Authoritative Team of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint hosted a dinner for Mr Gambari at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.

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UN Secretary-General's Special Advisor Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari meets executives of National League for Democracy.—MNA

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Cui Wenjuan of China competes during the women's Taijiquan (Taichiquan) contest



under the Taolu category at the Beijing 2008 Wushu Tournament in Beijing, China, 22 Aug, 2008. Cui ranked the first in the competition with a score of 9.85. The Beijing 2008 Wushu Tournament continued here on Friday.

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Winners may draw up to K 1 m prizes at IRD branches outside Yangon Div

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug—The State Lottery Division of the Internal Revenue Department holds lottery draws monthly. Lottery prizes of K 40,000 and above are issued at its Yangon and Mandalay branches. And lottery prizes of under K 40,000 are issued at the offices of heads of Township IRDs outside Yangon Division in addition to Yangon and Mandalay branches.

For ensuring more convenience of the winners, lottery prizes of K 1 million and under will also be issued at the offices of heads of Township IRDs outside Yangon Division in addition to Yangon and Mandalay branches of State Lottery Division commencing the 237th lottery raffles that will take place on 1 September 2008.

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