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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Prime Minister attends ceremony to mark 60th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug —Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended the ceremony to mark the Sixtieth Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand at the Thai Embassy on Pyay Road, Dagon Township in Yangon at 6.45 pm today. He was welcomed there by the visiting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Tej Bunnag, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag and military attachés.

The ceremony was also attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Minister for

Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe and wife, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and wife, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General of the Protocol Department U Kyaw Kyaw and departmental heads, Thai Military Attaché Col Ekachai Harnpoonvittaya and officials, ambassadors

and military attachés of foreign embassies to Myanmar and officials.

First, Prime Minister General Thein Sein signed in the visitors' book. Next, the Prime Minister and the Thai Foreign Minister cordially greeted the ambassadors. The Thai Foreign Minister extended greetings.

Later, the Prime Minister and guests were served with Thai traditional foods and the artistes of the two countries performed a variety of dances.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein being welcomed by Visiting Foreign Affairs Minister of Thailand Mr Tej Bunnag at the ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Kingdom of Thailand.—MNA



Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Tej Bunnag extends greetings at the ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Thailand.— MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Dams along Mone Creek under construction for regional development

There is a vast area of arable land in central Myanmar. If there is sufficient supply of irrigation water crop production of the region will be on the increase. Therefore, the government is striving for tapping water resources effectively in the region.

Dams and reservoirs built along Mone Creek in Magway Division are now benefiting a vast stretch of farmland in the region. Meanwhile, the emergence of more lakes and canals contributes a lot to increasing the sown acreage.

Mone Creek Multipurpose Dam Project, Kyeeohn Kyeewa Multipurpose Dam Project, Upper Buywa Dam Project and Buywa Dam Project along Mone Creek are under implementation. Of the projects, the newly completed Mone Creek Multipurpose Dam Project is now generating electricity and feeding water to Kyeeohn Kyeewa Multipurpose Dam Project.

Kyeeohn Kyeewa Multipurpose Dam is situated in Pwintbyu Township. On completion, it will be able to benefit over 90,000 acres of farmland and generate 74 megawatt. At present, the construction of the dam has been completed by 63 per cent.

Upon completion of all the four major dams, they will be able to generate 250 more megawatt.

Being multipurpose dams, they will be able to contribute not only to regional development of areas on the west bank of Ayeyawady River but also to cultivation of paddy, beans and pulses and edible oil crops as well as greening of the region.

We firmly believe that on completion of the dams along Mone Creek, the socio-economic status of local people will improve all the more.

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

BSI and Myanmar Correctional Department hold four-monthly meeting

YANGON, 23 Aug—The Bureau of Special Investigation and the Myanmar Correctional Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs held a meeting at the ministry on Saya San Road in Yankin Township this morning.

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo in his speech stressed the importance of honouring legal procedures in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State.

SBI Director-General U Aung Saw Win and MCD Director-General U Zaw Win gave accounts of work progress.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, heads of department, and those in charge from states and divisions.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo speaking at the coordination meeting of Bureau of Special Investigation and Myanmar Correctional Department.— MNA



Myanmar Geosciences Association donates Waso robes to members of the Sangha.— NLM

Myanmar Geosciences Association offers Waso robes

YANGON, 24 Aug — The Myanmar Geosciences Association held the second Waso robe offering ceremony at the function hall of Myanmar Engineering Society on Hline Campus, here, yesterday morning.

Faculty members and members of the association offered Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha. Dhammikayama Yawkyauung Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Varananda delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits. — NLM



Talks on women's affairs, anti-human trafficking held



Daw Tin Tin Nwe of MAAF and members present K 100,000 to No 9 BEMS in Insein Township through school head Daw Than Than Aye.

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YANGON, 24 Aug—The Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held a talk at Insein BEMS No. 9, here, on 19 August.

Leader of the Working Group Daw Tin Tin Nwe gave a speech. Next, officials gave talks on prevention of violence against women, youth and health and anti-human trafficking. Later, Daw Tin Tin Nwe presented K 100,000 for the school to Headmistress Daw Than Than Aye.— MNA

39th Inter-State/Division Basketball Tournament opened

YANGON, 24 Aug—An opening ceremony of the 39th Inter-State and Division Basketball Tournament was held in conjunction with the U-18 Youth Basketball Tournament and National Championship Basketball Tournament-2008 at Aung San Stadium here yesterday.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address and opened the tournament.

First, the participant teams took place at the designated places, and the previous champion teams handed over shields to the minister.

The tournaments kicked off ahead on schedules. The tournaments will continue up to 29 August.

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Closing ceremony of Beijing Olympic Games begins

BEIJING, 24 Aug—The closing ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games began in the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, in northern Beijing at 8 p.m. on Sunday.

The gala began amid a display of fireworks that formed a huge circle in the sky which symbolizes the complete success of the Beijing Games.

In traditional Chinese culture, circle is a symbol of perfection, harmony

and renewal. The countdown to the closing ceremony started from the number 29, indicating the 29th Olympic Games.

All the audience joined the countdown from 10, while the numbers were displayed by firework explosions in the sky. The atmosphere reached a climax at the end of the countdown, as fireworks illuminated the full-packed 91,000-seat stadium.

A 10-minute artistic

performances began, with a drum formation on the ground and two "heavenly drums" floating in the sky, and a spectacular show of Chinese ethnic dancing and acrobatics.

Flags of 204 Olympic delegations were then escorted into the arena, followed by world athletes to the Games, all in casual wear and some with their medals on the neck. They cheerfully waved hands or flags toward the cheering crowd, smiling and giving

thumbs-up in front of the camera lens. Some athletes even carried their fellows on their shoulders in celebration.

Two-time Olympic badminton gold medalist Zhang Ning carried the flag of the Chinese delegation.

The closing ceremony focuses on "harmony, friendship and joy," according to artistic director Zhang Yimou, who masterminded the Beijing Olympics' opening as well as closing galas.

Internet



The Chinese national flag is hoisted aloft at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games closing ceremony in the National Stadium, or the Bird's Nest, in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET



Firefighters work to extinguish a burning fuel train with oil from Azerbaijan, in Gori, about 80 km (50 miles) from Tbilisi, on 24 August, 2008. The train exploded on Sunday on Georgia's main East-West rail line and police said it appeared to have hit a landmine.—INTERNET

Nine more Filipinos confirmed kidnapped off Somali

MANILA, 24 Aug—The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs on Saturday confirmed that nine more Filipino seafarers have been seized by sea pirates in the Gulf of Aden.

The nine captive Filipino seamen were part of 13-men crew of the German-owned, Antigua and Barbuda-flagged freighter M/T BBC Trinidad, said the department's spokesman Claro Cristobal, cited by Philippine TV network GMA News.

The freighter ship was hijacked by suspected Somali pirates on 21 Aug, the same day when chemical tanker MT Irene, a Panama-flagged and operated by Japan's Koyo Company, was hijacked with 19 crewmen

including 15 Filipino seamen, GMA News reported.

On 19 Aug, suspected Somali pirates also seized MT Bunga Melati 2 with 10 Filipino seamen, while 20 other Filipino seafarers were held captives by the pirates onboard an MV Stella Maris on 27 July.

The foreign department has instructed embassies in Berlin and Nairobi to coordinate with ship owners, international maritime authorities and host government, in the efforts to secure the safe and speedy release of the crew members according to the report.—Internet

Swiss plane makes emergency landing after bomb threat

GENEVA, 24 Aug — A Swiss International Air Lines plane was forced to make an emergency landing on Saturday after a bomb threat was made against the flight, the official Swissinfo news website reported.

The flight from Zurich to Malaga in Spain was overflying France when the

pilot was informed a threat had been made via the Swiss offices, according to the report.

The Airbus A321 then turned around and landed safely at Geneva airport.

No one was injured during the landing, a spokesman of the airport was quoted by Swissinfo as saying. The passengers were

evacuated on slides and taken to a waiting room. The airplane was then moved from the runway for checks by bomb disposal experts.

But no explosive devices were found on the plane. Geneva Airport sources indicated there might have been a false alarm.—Internet

Blast demolishes landmark towers

LONDON, 24 Aug—Two iconic concrete cooling towers in South Yorkshire have been demolished in a controlled explosion.

Millions of drivers passed the 250ft (76m) towers by the Tinsley viaduct on the M1 at Sheffield

over the decades.

At 0300 BST the blast to reduce the "salt and pepper pots" to rubble left part of the north tower still standing but it has since collapsed.

The Highways Agency said the motorway remains closed as planned while

safety checks are carried out. The blast was watched by several thousand people and the M1 motorway had to be closed from midnight on Saturday, between junctions 32 and 35. It is thought the motorway may reopen on Sunday afternoon.

The towers stood only feet away from the twin-deck Tinsley viaduct, which carries the motorway on the top deck and the A631 on its lower deck.

A joint statement from tower owner E.ON and the Highways Agency said: "The demolition has now been successfully completed."

Internet

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China imports less LPG in first half year

BEIJING, 24 Aug—China's liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) import declined by a double-digit rate in the first six months of this year, as importers' enthusiasm was dampened by price gap between domestic and overseas markets, the General Administration of Customs said on Sunday.

From January to June, China imported 2.8 million tons of LPG and other hydrocarbon gases, a decline of 13.4 percent from the same period of last year.

But owing to oil price

hikes on international markets, the arrivals were valued 5.1 percent higher at 1.48 billion US dollars, the administration added. LPG was priced at 7,600 yuan per ton abroad on average, 800 yuan higher than the domestic price.

Internet



Japan's Ground Self-Defence Force personnel rappel from helicopters during a Comprehensive Fire Power Exercise at Higashifuji training field in Gotemba, west of Tokyo, on 24 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

UN study: India warned to become hot-spot nation in the world

NEW DELHI, 24 Aug — A UN study identified India as one of the “hot-spots,” particularly vulnerable to increase in extreme drought, floods and cyclones in the

coming decades, the *Times of India* reported Sunday.

The study examined possible consequences of global warming in the next 20 to 30 years, and found

that India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Indonesia are the global warming hot-spot nations that are already facing considerable political, social, demographic, economic and security obstacles, the report said.

“Climate change will greatly complicate and could undermine efforts to manage these challenges,” said Charles Ehrhart, one of the authors of the study.

The impact of a natural disaster is determined by several factors such as access to proper equipment and information, as well as the ability to exert political influence, he said.

Xinhua

UAE takes strict precautionary measures against bird flu

ABU DHABI, 24 Aug — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is gearing up for a battle against bird flu as the season of birds’ migration approaches with strict precautionary measures to prevent an outbreak of the disease in the country, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Sunday.

Technical teams of the UAE National Committee for Emergency Response to the Bird Flu will intensify field surveys on the UAE coastlines, islands and other locations to monitor birds, and take random samples for testing from the beginning of September, according to the report.—*Xinhua*

Southern Israel hit by two rockets from Gaza

JERUSALEM, 24 Aug — Southern Israel was hit by two rockets fired from the Gaza Strip on Friday evening, causing no damage or injuries, local news service *Ynet* reported.

The Qassam rockets, which were launched from the northern part of the Hamas-ruled coastal enclave, landed in open areas in the southern Israeli town of Ashkelon, said the report.

Such attacks have become rare since an Egypt-brokered cease-fire took effect on 19 June,

which calls on both sides to stop cross-border violence and requires Israel to ease its blockade on the strip.

However, over 20

Qassam rockets have been fired towards southern Israel as well as a large number of mortar shells, the report said.

Xinhua

Roadside bombing kills 10 civilians in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 Aug — Ten civilians were killed when the mini bus they took hit a roadside mine on a highway north of the Kandahar city, capital of southern Afghan province of Kandahar, on Saturday, said an Afghan official.

Matiwullah Khan, the

provincial police chief, told *Xinhua* that it occurred at around 1 pm (0830 GMT) when the civilian mini bus running on the Kandahar-Uruzgan highway north of Kandahar city hit roadside mine, killing 10 passengers and wounding

four others on board.

“There were two children and one woman among the death,” the police official said, “the enemies of peace, a phrase usually hinted Taliban militants, were behind the bloodshed.”

Taliban insurgents fighting the government and international troops have yet to make any comment.—*Xinhua*

Tropical Storm Julio approaches Mexican coast

MEXICO CITY, 24 Aug — Tropical Storm Julio formed off Mexico’s Pacific coast on Saturday and was headed toward Baja California Peninsula.

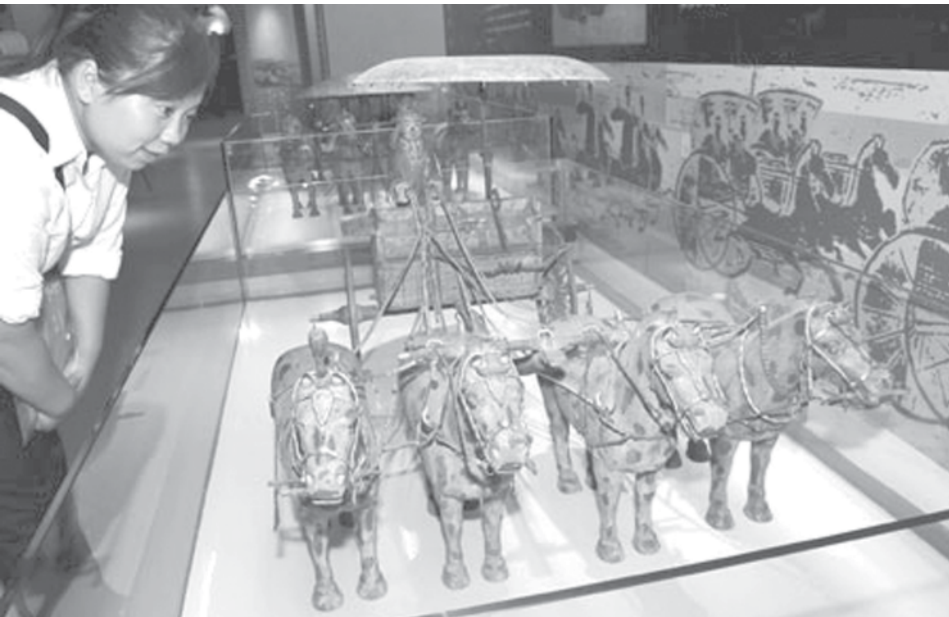
The storm was forecast

to brush the west coast of the peninsula near Cabo San Lazaro on Monday morning, and make landfall Tuesday further north near Punto Abreojos.

Forecasters said Julio

was not expected to become a hurricane, though it will likely strengthen. The storm packed maximum sustained winds of 40 mph (64 kph) and was centred Saturday afternoon about 240 miles (380 kilometres) south-southeast of the tip of the Baja Peninsula, according to the National Hurricane Centre in Miami.—*Xinhua*

Tata unveil the “Nano” during a New Delhi motor show in January 2008. India’s Tata Motors threatened on Friday to pull production of the Nano, the world’s cheapest car, out of Marxist-ruled West Bengal state if violent protests continued against the plant.—XINHUA



A visitor looks at the replica of a bronze chariot from the Qin Dynasty (221 BC- 206 B C) at the Ningxia Transportation Museum in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China’s Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 22 Aug, 2008. The museum was opened to public on Friday. The museum, including 10 exhibiting sections, presents the transportation development and achievement in history and modern times in Ningxia.—XINHUA

Interior Ministry: 76 civilians killed in Coalition airstrike in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 Aug — An airstrike of the US-led Coalition forces Friday in Sindand district of Heart province in western Afghanistan killed 76 civilians including women and children, the Afghan Interior Ministry said. The ministry said in a statement that it has started investigation into the huge

civilian casualties caused by international forces’ air bombing.

The government-run RTA television quoted a member of parliament said there were up to 80 civilians, majority of whom are women and children, died in the Coalition airstrike. Earlier, the Coalition forces said in a statement that the

Afghan National Army and the US-led Coalition forces Friday killed 30 militants as their combined patrol was ambushed in Sindand district. It added that two local nationals were wounded in the crossfire between troops and militants and there were no other civilian casualties.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Madrid crash claims another life

MADRID, 24 Aug — One of the 19 survivors of Wednesday’s plane crash at the Barajas airport near Madrid has died, bringing the number of people killed in the crash to 154.

Maria Luisa Estevez Gonzalez died from her injuries in hospital in Madrid, according to the city’s health service. She had been badly burned when Spanair flight JK 5022, bound for the Canary Islands, crashed just after take-off.

Madrid’s health service said that two other survivors remain in a very serious condition. —*Xinhua*



More than 24% of Chinese chemical fibre producers suffer losses

BEIJING, 24 Aug — China's chemical fibre sector saw a drastic slowdown in production and export in the first half of this year, with its economic returns declining substantially, the China Chemical Fibres Association said on Sunday. The association ascribed the weak performance largely to lower demand resulting from slowing textiles export and to mounting

costs caused by price rises for raw materials, coal, power supply and transport services.

Between January and May, 10.04 million tons of chemical fibres were produced nationwide, a growth of 7.4 percent on the same period of last year, and 753,000 tons were exported, up 27.98 percent. The growth rates were 10.49 percentage points and 20.72 percentage points, res-

pectively, lower than the year-earlier level.

Over the five months, the sector garnered 3.72 billion yuan (544.4 million US dollars) in profits, down 1.36 billion yuan, or 26.77 percent, from the same period of last year.

Approximately 24.13 percent of chemical fibres enterprises nationwide suffered losses, 3.48 percentage points higher than the year-earlier level.

The enterprises in red recorded 2.02 billion yuan in losses, doubling the year-ago level, according to the industry association. *Internet*

New iPhone 3Gs wait for purchase at the Apple Store in Los Angeles, California in July 2008. Sticker price shock has spoiled the launch party of Apple's iPhone in India, home to the world's fastest-growing mobile market, local media said Saturday.

INTERNET



Road blast hits Zimbabwe, causing no casualties

HARARE, 24 Aug — A bomb has exploded at a road linking Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, and the country's second largest

city of Bulawayo, causing no casualties, police said Saturday. The road blast that happened Thursday night caused damage to two road bridges, the police said, adding that they are still negotiable.

No individuals or groups have claimed responsibility for the explosion and relevant investigations are underway, the police said.

Zimbabwe held presidential and parliamentary elections on 29 March, in which

opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai took a lead but failed to win outright. His Movement for Democratic Change party won a majority in the lower house of the parliament.

Tsvangirai boycotted the 27 June presidential runoff. So President Robert Mugabe, the sole candidate in the race, won an overwhelming victory and was sworn in for a new term immediately after the election result was announced on 29 June.

Internet

Utah plane crash kills 10

LOS ANGELES, 24 Aug — A small aircraft crashed near an airport near the Arches National Park in southeastern Utah, killing all 10 people on board, authorities said on Saturday.

The twin-engine plane crashed and burned shortly after taking off from the Canyonlands Field airport late Friday, Grand County Sheriff James Nyland said.

Emergency rescuers rushed to the scene but found no survivors, Nyland said.

Nyland said the victims were the director of Red Canyon Aesthetics & Medical Spa, a dermatology clinic headquartered in Cedar City of Utah, his clinic staff and the pilot.

The cause of the crash was under investigation, he said. —*Internet*

Train rams four cars in Indonesia, injuring four

JAKARTA, 24 Aug — A commuter train rammed four cars trying to cross a railway in Tambora, West Jakarta, Indonesia, all passengers of the cars were badly wounded.

The accident occurred approximately at 11.30 am local time as the gate operator had failed to close the railway gate on time, the *Jakarta Post* online news quoted the Jakarta police's Traffic Monitoring Centre (TMC) as reporting. —*Internet*

Man drives home 53rd new Cadillac in 53 years

There are loyal customers, and then there's Joseph Macko. The 84-year-old Flint man has bought or



A macaque riding a goat performs during an animal sports meeting at a wildlife park in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 22 Aug, 2008. Some dozen animals in the park played on Friday for "gold medals" in events as "track and field", "gymnastics", "equestrian" and "football".

leased a new Cadillac every year since 1955, the year Disneyland opened in Anaheim, Calif. "You only live one time. Money is to spend," he told *The Flint Journal*. "I spend it once I get it."

Macko, a retired General Motors Corp worker, used to buy a new car every year, but he's been leasing the last few years. Last week, he drove home this year's fresh set of wheels — a black 2009 Cadillac DTS — from the Al Serra Auto Plaza in Grand Blanc.

"He looks forward every year to buying a new car," said Gordon Taylor, who has been Macko's salesman for 22 years. "He wants that same vehicle."

Marcella Macko said her husband isn't the spendthrift he might seem — he saves up all year to pay for a new car.

But, she said, she just doesn't get excited anymore about the annual ritual.

"He does, but I don't," she said.



Zookeeper Detelina Andreeva feeds a one-month-old male squirrel named Misho in the zoo in the Black Sea town of Varna, east of the Bulgarian capital Sofia, Friday, 22 Aug, 2008. The squirrel was found alone in a city park.

Man arrested just 12 hours after release from jail

A 22-year-old man was back behind bars about 12 hours after he was released from jail, accused of stealing a car and beer and leading police on a high-speed chase.

Darren E Roberts was released from the Sullivan County Jail Tuesday afternoon

after completing his sentence for auto theft.

But Indiana State Police say that early Wednesday morning, Roberts stole a 2004 red Ford Mustang in Linton, then drove to a gas station in Cloverdale where he allegedly stole some beer and fled.

Police chased the red Mustang at speeds of up to 105 mph on Interstate 70, until the car spun out and Roberts surrendered.

He's now being held in the Putnam County Jail without bond on a variety of charges. It's not immediately known if he has an attorney.

NEWS ALBUM

Man uses Barbie fishing rod to make record catch

David Hayes' granddaughter just ask him to hold her Barbie rod and reel while she went to the bathroom. He did. And seconds later he landed the state record channel catfish at 21 pounds, 1 ounce.

Alyssa's father had bought the pink Barbie fishing rod for Christmas and she had caught a few bluegill before her grandfather hauled in the catfish.

The *Winston-Salem Journal* reported the catch 5 Aug in eastern Wilkes County has been certified as a record by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commis-

sion. Hayes and his granddaughter have been fishing in the pond behind his house since she was big enough to hold a pole.

Hayes said his granddaughter worried he would break her rod. He landed the 21-pound fish on a 6-pound test line. It was 32 inches long, 2 inches longer than the rod.



A man rides a horse in the sea at the end of a hot day in the Bulgarian seaside village of Sinemorets, east of the capital Sofia.



A cook prepares surstromming (fermented Baltic herring) in the kitchen of Tennstopet restaurant in Stockholm, on 21 August. Every year, on the third Thursday of August, Swedes gather with friends and family to celebrate the start of the season for the fermented delicacy.—INTERNET

Israel reopens Gaza crossings after 2-day closure

JERUSALEM, 24 Aug — Israel reopened its border freight crossings with the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Friday, an Israeli official said, two days after they were shut in response to a rocket attack.

Israeli Defence Ministry official Peter Lerner said trucks carrying fuel, livestock, stationery for schools as well as food

and medical supplies would enter the Gaza Strip through the Nahal Oz, Kerem Shalom, and Sufa commercial crossings.

Israel and Hamas agreed on a ceasefire in June. It calls on both sides to stop cross-border violence and on Israel to ease a blockade on the Gaza Strip that was tightened after the Islamist

group seized control of the territory more than a year ago.

The truce has largely held, although Gaza militants have occasionally fired rockets into Israel and the Jewish state has periodically closed its borders with the coastal enclave.

MNA/Reuters

Greek police arrest fugitive for high profile kidnap

ATHENS, 24, Aug — Police arrested Greece’s most wanted fugitive, who is suspected of staging the kidnapping of a prominent Greek businessman earlier this year, officials said on Thursday.

After escaping from prison in a Hollywood-style operation involving helicopters and fast cars

in 2006, Vassilis Palaikostas is believed to have organized the kidnapping of a northern Greece industrialist in June.

“We arrested Greece’s most wanted fugitive last night. Evidence shows he is also involved in Greek businessman George Mylonas’ kidnapping,” a

police official who declined to be named told Reuters.

Mylonas, 49, chairman of the Federation of Industries of Northern Greece and CEO of aluminium company Alumil, was abducted at gunpoint outside his home and released two weeks later after his wife paid an unspecified ransom.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq wants US troops deal to expire in 3 years

BAGHDAD, 24 Aug — Iraq wants an agreement authorizing the continued presence of US troops on its soil to expire in three years, government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said on Friday.

Washington and Baghdad say they are close to signing the deal, which is required to allow US forces to stay on in Iraq beyond the end of this year when a UN Security Council mandate ends. A draft of the agreement is being circulated to Iraqi political leaders for their approval.

Iraqi officials say that, although the draft contains no firm schedule for a US withdrawal, they want the agreement to require US forces to move off of most Iraqi streets by the middle of 2009 and combat troops to go home by the end of 2011. — MNA/Reuters

Syria denies accepting Russian missile deployment

DAMASCUS, 24 Aug — Syria denied on Friday that it was considering hosting an advanced Russian missile system, a day after President Bashar al-Assad held talks with Russian officials about upgrading his country’s military.

Syria’s state news agency SANA said deployment of Iskander missiles, which Moscow says are capable of defying any missile defence, was not on the agenda of talks between Assad and

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev at a Black Sea resort on Thursday.

“There is no truth to media reports that Syria had agreed to deploy Iskander missiles on its territory,” SANA said.

Russian media had quoted Assad as saying that Syria was ready to negotiate deployment of the surface-to-surface mid range missiles, which are also capable of reaching Israel. Israel on Thursday said it opposes any Russian

sale of long-range missiles to its arch-foe, Syria.

Syria, which has been largely isolated by the West, sees a potential for improved ties with Moscow as relations between Russia and the West worsen.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Thursday that Russia was prepared to sell Syria “defensive weapons which are not breaking the regional balance of power”. — MNA/Reuters



A World Wildlife Fund (WWF) activist with his body painted as a Sumatran tiger crouches near a large poster during a campaign for Sumatran tiger protection in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 22 Aug, 2008. The Sumatran tiger, or Panthera tigris sumatrae, is the world’s most critically endangered tiger subspecies. The WWF estimates fewer than 400 remain in the wild in comparison to about 1,000 in the 1970s.—INTERNET

US to send third ship to Black Sea

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug — The US military planned to deploy the third ship at the Black Sea at the end of August, the Navy said on Thursday.

According to a statement, the USS Mount Whitney, which is the flagship of the Sixth Fleet, would be sent to the region, where the guided

missile destroyer USS McFaul and the Coast Guard cutter Dallas are stationed.

It said that the ship “is currently on-loading humanitarian relief materials in her home port of Gaeta, Italy, and will proceed to Georgia” to deliver relief supplies. “The ships will deliver thousands of blankets,

hygiene kits, baby food and infant care supplies to save lives and alleviate human suffering,” the statement said.

According to the Pentagon, Russia has been informed about the US ship deployment in the Black Sea, both “our activities and our intentions”.

MNA/Xinhua

A Police officer stands by a mini bus destroyed by fallen scaffolding near a construction site in Hong Kong, on 22 Aug, 2008. Typhoon Nuri weakened to a severe tropical storm as it landed in Hong Kong on Friday, bringing strong winds and rainfall but inflicting little damage. —INTERNET



Rice, provisions donated to monasteries, nunneries in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug —Tatmadaw families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated rice, provisions and cash to four monasteries and two nunneries at Paukmyaing Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township today.

At the donation ceremony, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung presented provisions to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha.

The congregation led by Adjutant-General Maj-

Gen Thura Myint Aung received the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Janinda of the monastery.

Next, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, military officers, departmental heads and donors presented robes and provisions to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha. Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung accepted cash

donated by wellwishers and gave certificates of honour to them.

Captain Naval Staff (Navy) Captain Ting Aung San supplicated on the purposes of the donation. The Sayadaw delivered sermon and wellwishers shared merits for donations.

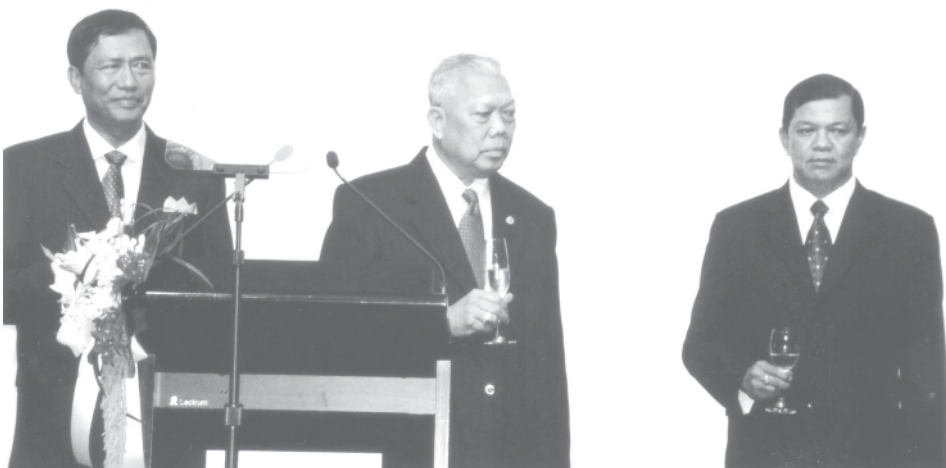
Today's donations were 234 bags of rice, 45 viss of edible oil, 77 viss of gram, 385 viss of salt, 77 tubes of toothpaste, 500 packages of chili powder, 6947 boxes of traditional medicines and K 13,953,000.—MNA



Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung presents robes and provisions to the Sayadaw at ceremony to donate rice and provisions to four monasteries and two nunneries in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe.— MNA

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives back

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN MYANMAR AND THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint attends the ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Thailand in Bangkok.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — The Myanmar delegation led by U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, arrived back here by air today after attending the reception to mark the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand at Conrad Hotel in Bangkok on 23 August.

At the reception Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Samak Sundaravej delivered a speech.

The Deputy Minister paid a courtesy call on

Minister of Labour Ms Uraiwan Thienthong on 20 August and held discussion the issue of employment of Myanmar workers in Thailand and exchanged views on regional and international affairs.

The Deputy Minister also held discussions with Thai delegation led by Police Major-General Kunchai Anantasomboon on 21 and 22 August on matters relating to verification of nationality of Myanmar illegal workers in Thailand as well as to permit Myanmar workers to come to Thailand.

U Min Lwin, Director-General of Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Police Brigadier-General Myint Thein, Head of Special Branch, U Chit Shein, Director-General of Department of Labour, U Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Director-General of Immigration and National Registration Department and U Than Htwe, Assistant Director of Ministry of Foreign Affairs who accompanied the Deputy Minister also arrived back here on the same flight.—MNA

Mayor, Vice-Mayor attend opening of repaved street

YANGON, 24 Aug — USDA CEC members (those in charge of Yangon Division) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa attended the inauguration ceremony of repaved Khunni Street in Ward 29 of Thingangyun Township yesterday.

The mayor, the vice-mayor and officials strolled along the street.

The repaved street was constructed with the contributions of the Yangon Division USDA and local people.

The mayor and party met officials and teachers at No. 34 Basic Education Primary School and attended to the needs.—MNA

Culprits who commit murder on Pyithaya Street, Thingangyun Township arrested

YANGON, 24 Aug — Members of Yangon Division Police Force have been able to expose and arrest the culprits who committed a murder at a house on Pyithaya Street, Thingangyun Township on 19 August in two days.

The incident was that when neighbours came forward with information at about 8 am on 19 August that Maung Zay Hlyan Htet, 4, son of U Thein Tun and Daw Thet Thet Khine, of No. Ma/643 (A), Pyithaya Street, Thingangyun Township, was found crying, the authorities concerned rushed to the house. They found there U Thein Tun and Daw Thet Thet Khine dead with multiple stab wounds in the bedroom on upper floor. Thingangyun Police Station filed the case under (Pa) 411/2008 Section 302.

Members of Yangon Division Police Force worked hard day in, day out in order to be able to arrest the murderers sooner. Consequently, they were able to arrest the two murderers, namely, Soe Paing (a) Soe Paing Oo (a) Thant Zaw (a) Aung Soe Moe (a) Soe Moe Khaing, 25, odd-job man, son of U Win Khin, of the six-room staff quarters, Central Institute of Civil Service, Zeebingyi, PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, at the house of Tun Tun Oo, Kanyinbin Village, Thanlyin Township at 1.15 pm on 21 August, and Hein Thiha (a) Thiha (a) Zaw Htet, 26, odd-job man, son of U Thein Tun, of No. Ma/19 (B), 1st Yuzana Street, South Myoma Ward, Thanlyin, at the 999 Public House on Mahabawga Street, South Myenigon Ward, Sangyoung Township, at 10.30 pm on 22 August. A GSM phone of the victims that was taken away by the two was recovered from a shop selling phone spare parts on Anawratha Street, Kyauktada Township.

It is learnt that the two murderers are convicts on the run from the police after fleeing the work camp outside prison.

MNA

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspects regional development tasks in Meiktila District

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials, arrived at Meiktila of Mandalay Division on 22 August, where they were welcomed by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe and departmental officials.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Commander Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials met with servicemen and their families of Meiktila Station and then discussed regional development tasks.

In Meiktila, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party met with departmental officials, members of social organizations, townelders and local people.



Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects Mondaing Dam in Meiktila Township.— MNA

At the briefing hall of Myatnoethu Company, that is upgrading of Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung-NyaungU-Bagan road, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave instructions to officials

and ploughing farmlands with the use of machinery at peasant U Bo Soe's 1.12 acres plantation in Thekon village of Meiktila.

At Mondaing dam, he looked into storage of water, water supplying tasks and paddy

plantations.

At Zayetkon briefing hall of the district-to-district road No.1 being implemented by Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee, Director U Hla Myo of the committee reported on

progress in building road sections and bridges and future tasks.

After hearing the reports, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave necessary instructions.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspected progress in building extended road

with the use of heavy machinery at the entrance to Kyauk-padaung. At Popa Station, they met with officers, other ranks and their families.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party arrived at NyaungU.

MNA

Thai Foreign Minister donates robes, day meal to monks, cash to Central Women's Hospital



Thai Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Tej Bunnag and wife Madam Phensri Bunnag visit Bo Tree planted by Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Srikrit.— MNA

YANGON, 24 Aug — To mark the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand, the offering of robes to sixty monks and soon to 999 monks and nuns was held at Naga Cave Kalewa Tawya Sarthintaik and monastic education school in Mayangon Township today.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Tejaniya and Member Sayadaws, Visiting Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Tej Bunnag and wife Madam Phensri Bunnag and delegation members and Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bansarn

Bunnag and wife and embassy staff.

The Thai Foreign Affairs Minister and wife and the Thai Ambassador to Myanmar and wife and congregation presented robes to Sayadaws and then the Thai Ambassador made cash donation to Sayadaw Bahddanta Jagara Bhivamsa of the monastery.

The delegation members led by the Thai Foreign Minister and wife and the Thai Ambassador to Myanmar and wife offered "soon" to members of the Sangha and nuns at Shwe Myintmo Laykyun Setkya Building of the monastery.

Next, Thai Minister Mr Tej Bunnag and delegation members visited Bo Tree near Maha Pasana Cave at Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye planted by Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Srikrit during their visit to Myanmar in 1960.

The Thai Foreign Minister and wife donated 200,000 baht to the Central Women's Hospital (Yangon) in Ahlon Township.— MNA

Biofertilizer donated to farmers



Chairman U Thant Zin of Thazin Naing Co Ltd and Daw Moh Moh Win present biofertilizer to farmers.—NLM

YANGON, 24 Aug — A ceremony to donate biofertilizer to storm victim farmers of Yangon Division was held at the hall of Twantay Township Peace and Development Council Office yesterday morning.

Officials of Thazin Naing Trading Co explained the quality of biofertilizer and then presented 50 bags of biofertilizer worth K 1.1 million to the farmers.

The biofertilizer produced by Petchnumfah Co Ltd of Thailand is

available at Thazin Naing Trading Co at Room 13-01, Olympic Tower, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, Tel: 392534 and 256619.

NLM

Outstanding students of Information Ministry's staff families honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addressed a ceremony to present prizes to the outstanding students of the staff families who passed the 2007-2008 matriculation examination at the ministry here this afternoon.

It was also attended by directors-general, managing directors, deputy directors-general, general managers of the departments and enterprises under the ministry. Addressing the

ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said today is a day that has recognized the brilliant efforts of the students who were able to erect their goal of life. As today is the age of knowledge, students still need to continue learning of modern science and technology. Next, he stressed the need for the outstanding students to continue to try to become intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Then the minister presented medals,

certificates and cash awards to one six-distinction winner, three five-distinction winners, five three-distinction winners, and five one-distinction winners. Later, a student on behalf of the prize-winning students, expressed thanks and the ceremony ended. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prize to an outstanding student, Ma Yamin Naing Wai.— MNA



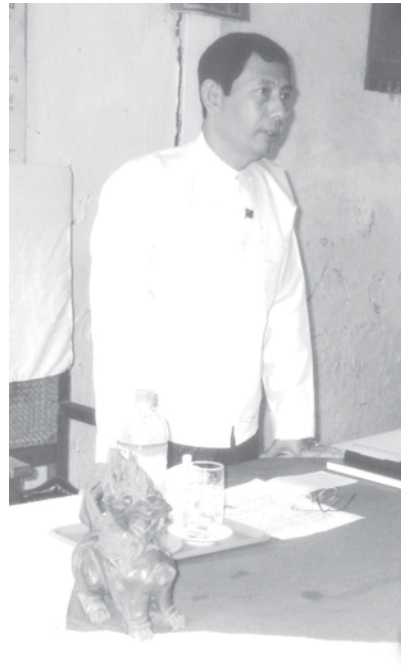
CEC member donates Waso robes, stationery to monastic education schools in Thayawady District

YANGON, 24 Aug—USDA CEC member Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay met executives of division and district USDA of Bago Division (West) in Pyay on 22 August evening.

On 23 August, he met secretaries and executives of Division, District and Township USDAs at the office of Shwedaung Township USDA and gave instructions on matters related to the association. The deputy minister attended the Waso robe and stationery donation ceremony to monastic education schools in Thayawady District at Yadanabon

Monastery in Seinkantlant Village of Minhla Township and donated Waso robes and stationery to a Sayadaw.

At the ceremony, exercise books and pencils were donated to students of eight monastic education schools in the district.— MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay meeting with USDA members of Gyobingauk Township.— ENERGY

Toshiba Notebook PC New Product and New Technology introduced

YANGON, 24 Aug—Organized by Toshiba Singapore Pte Ltd and Lucky Bird Trading Co Ltd, a press conference on introducing Toshiba Notebook PC New Product and New Technology was held at Sedona Hotel here this afternoon.

Managing Director U Htin Aung Khaing of Lucky Bird Trading Co and Manager Ms Angela Amelia of Toshiba Singapore Pte Ltd extended greetings.

Then, Senior Specialist Mr Darren Tsai of Toshiba Singapore Ltd explained facts about the new notebook.

For further information, contact Lucky Bird Trading Co Ltd (Yangon Office), No. 355, Theinbyu Road, Mingla Taungnyunt Township (Ph: 248167, 379875, 09-9924544, 09-9927729, Mandalay Branch, No 5/26-B, 78x79 streets, Mandalay (Ph: 02-21572, 09-8022025, Nay Pyi Taw Branch, No 12, Yangon-Mandalay Highway, Nay Pyi Taw-Pyinmana (Ph: 067-23190).—MNA



Launching ceremony of Toshiba New Notebook in progress at Sedona Hotel.

MNA

Development of village libraries supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Director-General U Chit Naing of Information and Public Relations Department met staff of Chauk Township IPRD on 7 August.

At the hall of Township PDC, he attended the ceremony to donate K 2 million for construction of village libraries and accepted cash donations. Magway District IPRD Staff Officer U Tin Maung Lwin also accepted 2,120 books worth over K 700,000 donated by social organizations and departments.

On 8 August, the director-general inspected village libraries in the township.

MNA

Whole Kwanmoedein Model Village of Kayan Township gets electricity

Article & Photos: Kayan Soe Myint

At 5 am on 3 August, I arrived at the office of Kayan Township Association (Yangon). Together with my friends, I would leave for Kwanmoedein Model Village of Kayan Township to attend the ceremony to launch the supply of electricity to the village, jointly sponsored by Presiding Abbot of Sasana Zawtika Masoeyein Taikthit Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesarabhivamsa and Central Executive Committee member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.

Although Kayan was located in Yangon Division, those wishing to visit Yangon had to go to Thanlyin first and then

livelihood of the local people is based on the agriculture sector. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, a new satellite ward was allotted on the left side of the road leading to the town. At present, most local farmers enjoy the fruits of systematically growing monsoon and summer paddy and beans and pulses as export items.

In the past, there was no monastery in Kwanmoedein Village. Deputy Presiding Abbot Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara of Masoeyein Taikthit of Mandalay returned to his native Kwanmoedein Village and met with Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and wife Daw Myint Myint Aye. After that, the Sayadaw has been undertaking missionary



Opening of Dhamma Bhanaka two-storey building and umbrella hoisting of Maha Wizaya Pagoda, sponsored by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein-Daw Myint Myint Aye and family, in progress at Kwanmoedein Model Village of Kayan Township.

storey Basic Education High School, Dhammapala Library, Ziwapala Clinic, a bridge linking Kyonmaye-Nyaung-binkwin road and the entry road to the village. At present, a new power line was launched with K 40 million contributions of the village people and assistance of the Yangon City Electricity Supply Board under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2. As a result, the 3rd August was the significant day to supply electricity to Kwanmoedein Model Village.

In the past, Kayan-Kwanmoedein road was a path which only cyclists could use. At present, it was upgraded to a wide earth road. Concrete lamp-posts were erected along the road.

At the auspicious time, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence pressed the button to light the signboard bearing "Kwanmoedein Village enjoys electricity". Chairman of YESB Col Khin Maung Soe (Retd) pressed the button to launch the power supply to the village. Meanwhile, the applauses of USDA

CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and local people reverberated.

In the power supply task, YESB provided 6,000 feet long power line and one 360 KVA transformer to the village. The local people spent K 40 million on erecting of lamp-posts, 1,000 feet long 400 voltage power lines and wages for installation of the power lines.

The State Peace and Development Council is striving for ensuring equitable development of

all parts of the country. Rural development task is one of these tasks. As part of undertaking rural development tasks, new roads namely, Kayan-Bagantaung road, Kayan-Depauk road, Kwammoedein-Kayan road, Tamangyi-Kayan road, Phayapyo-Kayan road and the road linking Kamat village to Kamamat village were constructed in Kayan Township.

With the assistance of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, I learned that electricity is being generated with the use of

agricultural waste as bio-fuel to supply power to Kamamat Village. In the communication sector, the villages in the township have been equipped with telephone facilities through a telephone exchange and with CDMA mobile telephones.

Actually, it can be said that Kayan of Yangon Division is an all-round developed area similar to other regions of the Union.

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Ceremony to launch supply of power to Kwanmoedein Model Village seen on the road at the entrance to the village.

proceed to Yangon by boat in the past. Therefore, it took time. Thanks to the emergence of Yangon-Thanlyin Bridge about 20 years ago, Kayan has been much closer to Yangon.

Kayan Township is home to over 100,000 residents and the township is formed with 12 wards and 53 village-tracts. Most of the

task while teaching Buddhism to the monks by establishing Dhamma Bhanaka two-storey building, Maha Wizaya ordination hall, Maha Wizaya Pagoda and religious buildings sponsored by the minister and family in Kwanmoedein Village.

Under the leadership of the Sayadaw, the local people built one two-



YESB Chairman Col Khin Maung Soe (Retd) presses the button to launch supply of power to Kwanmoedein Model Village.



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Evgeniya Kanaeva of Russia performs with ribbon during the individual all-round final at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games rhythmic gymnastics event in Beijing, China, on 23 Aug, 2008.



Ma Lin (C), Wang Hao (L) and Wang Liqin of China attend the awarding ceremony of Men's Singles of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games table tennis event at PKU Gymnasium in Beijing, China, on 23 Aug, 2008. Ma Lin, Wang Hao and Wang Liqin won the gold, silver and bronze medal of the event respectively.



Gold medalist Rakhim Chakhkiev (2nd R) of Russia poses on the podium during the awarding ceremony of Men's Heavy (91kg) medal matches of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games boxing event at Workers' Gymnasium in Beijing, China, on 23 Aug, 2008.

Medal Standings (24-8-2008)

Sr	NOC Name	G	S	B	T
1	China	51	21	28	100
2	United States	36	38	36	110
3	Russian Fed.	23	21	28	72
4	Britain	19	13	15	47
5	Germany	16	10	15	41
6	Australia	14	15	17	46
7	ROK	13	10	8	31
8	Japan	9	6	10	25
9	Italy	8	10	10	28
10	France	7	16	17	40
11	Ukraine	7	5	15	27
12	Netherlands	7	5	4	16
13	Jamaica	6	3	2	11
14	Spain	5	10	3	18
15	Kenya	5	5	4	14
16	Belarus	4	5	10	19
17	Romania	4	1	3	8
18	Ethiopia	4	1	2	7
19	Canada	3	9	6	18
20	Poland	3	6	1	10
21	Hungary	3	5	2	10
22	Norway	3	5	2	10
23	Brazil	3	4	8	15
24	Czech Republic	3	3		6
25	Slovakia	3	2	1	6
26	New Zealand	3	1	5	9
27	Georgia	3		3	6
28	Cuba	2	11	11	24
29	Kazakhstan	2	4	7	13
30	Denmark	2	2	3	7
31	Mongolia	2	2		4
32	Thailand	2	2		4
33	DPRK	2	1	3	6
34	Argentina	2		4	6
35	Switzerland	2		4	6
36	Mexico	2		1	3
37	Turkey	1	4	3	8
38	Zimbabwe	1	3		4
39	Azerbaijan	1	2	4	7
40	Uzbekistan	1	2	3	6
41	Slovenia	1	2	2	5
42	Bulgaria	1	1	3	5
43	Indonesia	1	1	3	5
44	Finland	1	1	2	4
45	Latvia	1	1	1	3

Sr	NOC Name	G	S	B	T
46	Belgium	1	1		2
47	Dominican Rep	1	1		2
48	Estonia	1	1		2
49	Portugal	1	1		2
50	India	1		2	3
51	Iran	1		1	2
52	Bahrain	1			1
53	Cameroon	1			1
54	Panama	1			1
55	Tunisia	1			1
56	Sweden		4	1	5
57	Croatia		2	3	5
58	Lithuania		2	3	5
59	Greece		2	2	4
60	Trinidad/Tobago		2		2
61	Nigeria		1	3	4
62	Austria		1	2	3
63	Ireland		1	2	3
64	Serbia		1	2	3
65	Colombia		1	1	2
66	Kyrgyzstan		1	1	2
67	Algeria		1	1	2
68	Bahamas		1	1	2
69	Morocco		1	1	2
70	Tajikistan		1	1	2
71	Chile		1		1
72	Ecuador		1		1
73	Iceland		1		1
74	Malaysia		1		1
75	South Africa		1		1
76	Singapore		1		1
77	Sudan		1		1
78	Vietnam		1		1
79	Armenia			6	6
80	Chinese Taipei			4	4
81	Afghanistan			1	1
82	Egypt			1	1
83	Israel			1	1
84	Moldova			1	1
85	Mauritius			1	1
86	Togo			1	1
87	Venezuela			1	1
Total:		302	303	353	958



Kenya's Samuel Kamau Wansiru crosses the finish line during men's marathon final at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, during Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 24 Aug, 2008. Samuel Kamau Wansiru won the title.



Cha Dongmin (R) of South Korea fights against Alexandros Nikolaidis of Greece during the Taekwondo men +80kg gold medal match at the Beijing Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 23 Aug, 2008. Cha Dongmin defeated Alexandros Nikolaidis and won the gold.



Players of Brazil celebrate after the women's volleyball gold medal match at the Beijing Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 23 Aug, 2008.

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Virgin plane makes emergency landing at Gatwick airport in London

LONDON, 24 Aug — A Boeing 747 of the British airline Virgin Atlantic made an emergency landing at London’s Gatwick airport Saturday due to technical problems, The Times reported.

The plane, with 320 passengers on board, had to turn back soon after

taking off for Barbados when the pilot reported problems, the newspaper said on its website.

It landed at 11:08 am (1108 GMT) and was directed to a remote part of the airport where passengers were evacuated. No one was hurt during the incident.

An investigation into the problem was underway, a Virgin spokesman said, adding that his company was doing what it could to transfer passengers to Barbados.

“Whatever fault there was on the aircraft, the pilot would have had a good reason for turning back,” he was quoted as saying. “We are now investigating why.”

The incident came three days after the Madrid air disaster, in which 154 people were killed and 19 others were injured.

On Wednesday, an MD-82 jet shot off the runway at terminal four at the International Airport of Barajas and caught fire at takeoff. The airplane was totally destroyed and most of the dead were burned beyond recognition.

Internet

The Cheonggye stream in central Seoul. South Korea is striving to become more foreigner-friendly, offering expatriates a range of services aimed at making life easier and more pleasant.

INTERNET

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,146

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug — As of Saturday, 23 Aug, 2008, at least 4,146 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,370 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

The AP count is two fewer than the Defense Department’s tally, last updated Thursday at 10 am EDT.

The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, South Korea, one death each.

Internet



Georgia rebels say villages and livestock fired on

Moscow, 24 Aug — Separatists in Georgia’s breakaway region of South Ossetia accused Georgian “saboteurs” on Saturday of firing at rebel villages and livestock, but the Georgian Government denied the allegation.

South Ossetia was this month the focus of fighting between

Georgian and Russian forces. A ceasefire is in force but observers say it is fragile.

“Georgian special forces have organized groups of terrorist saboteurs with the aim of putting psychological pressure on the people of South Ossetia,” the separatists’ Interior Ministry said in a statement. “We have noted cases of villages and livestock being fired on,” said the statement, which was posted on the separatist administration’s Internet site <http://cominf.org>.

MNA/Reuters

Models wear creations by Australian fashion designer Akira Isogawa during Jakarta Fashion Week on 23 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET

Yoga eases physical and mental menopause symptoms

NEW YORK, 24 Aug — Yoga can reduce hot flashes and night sweats among women going through menopause, and also appears to sharpen their mental function, researchers from India report.

To investigate whether yoga would help women with physical and cognitive symptoms of menopause, they randomly assigned 120 menopausal women, 40 to 55 years old, to yoga practice or simple stretching and strengthening exercises five days a week for eight weeks.

The postures, breathing and meditation included in the yoga intervention were “aimed at one common effect, i.e. ‘to develop mastery over modifications of the mind’ ... through ‘slowing down the rate of flow of thoughts in the mind’”, the researchers explain.

Women in the yoga group also listened to lectures on using yoga to manage stress and other yoga-related topics, while those in the control group heard lectures on diet, exercise, the physiology of menopause, and stress.

After eight weeks, women in the yoga group showed a significant reduction in hot flashes, night sweats, and sleep disturbances, while the women in the control group did not, Dr. R. Chattha, of the Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana in Bangalore, India, and colleagues found.— MNA/Reuters

ASEAN, Gulf countries to increase trade ties

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Aug—The establishment of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)-ASEAN Economic Centre (GAEC) here on Thursday is expected to further strengthen economic ties between the GCC and ASEAN countries through the facilitation of

inter- regional trade and investment activities, local media reported on Friday.

For the first six months of the year, trade between GCC countries and Malaysia totalled 9.5 billion US dollars while foreign direct investments from the region totalled

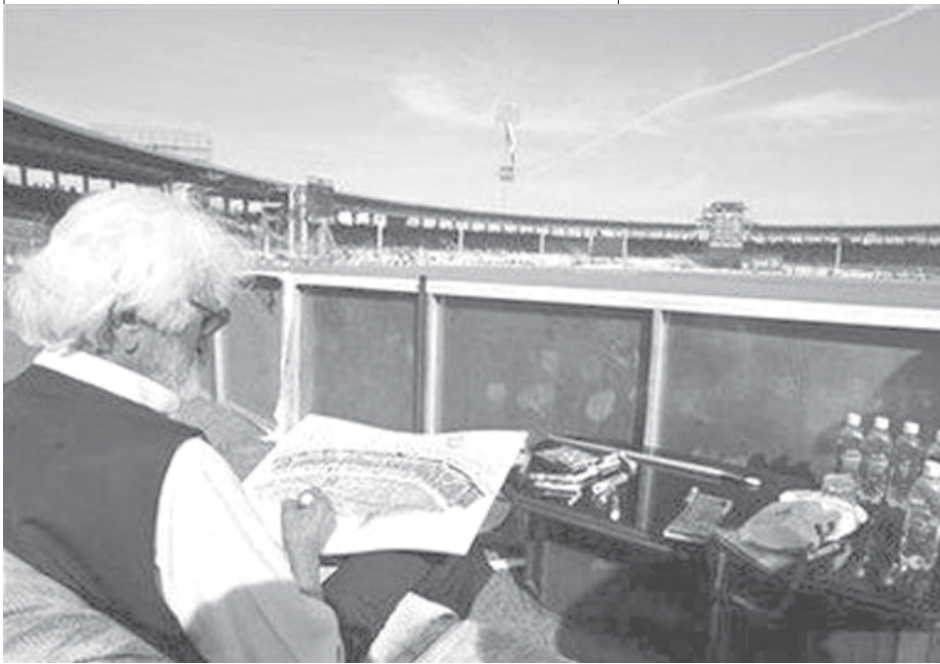
3.6 billion US dollars, the *New Straits Times* said.

The GAEC provides a useful platform for businessmen in Malaysia and the ASEAN region intending to expand their business operations in the Middle East, particularly in GCC countries.

Similarly, businessmen from the Middle East can also make use of this centre to penetrate the Malaysian and ASEAN markets.

MNA/Xinhua

India's most-celebrated living artist Maqbool Fida Husain works on a sketch of Karachi's National stadium during the fifth and final one-day international cricket match between India and Pakistan on 19 February, 2006.. —INTERNET



Kong Bingzhang, a Chinese kite artist, shows his works at the Olympic Village in Beijing, China, on 21Aug, 2008. Chinese leading folk artists have been demonstrating their skills in the village since the village was opened early August, making it a place for foreign athletes to feast their eyes on Chinese culture. —INTERNET

Mobile manufacturers expect big boom in sales in B'desh

DHAKA, 24 Aug—Global mobile hand-set manufacturers expect a big boost in sales in Bangladesh market as the country's telecom regulator is paving the way for cell phone operators to introduce third generation (3G) technology next year.

They said at least 10-15 per cent of the country's 43.7 million

mobile subscribers are expected to buy basic 3G-enabled new handsets to avail the opportunity of the cutting edge technology.

When contacted by *Xinhua* on Saturday, managing director of Nokia in Bangladesh Prem Chand said, "We think that at least 10 per cent of the country's existing mobile sub-

scribers will change their handsets to reap benefit of 3G."

Mohammad Tariqul Islam, general manger of South Korean Company Samsung in Bangladesh, told *Xinhua* that around 10-15 per cent cell phone users are expected to buy new handsets when 3G technology is introduced in Bangladesh.

MNA/Xinhua

Jail inmate charged with mail threat to McCain

DENVER, 23 Aug — A jail inmate was charged on Friday with sending a threatening letter laced with white powder to US presidential candidate John McCain, triggering a security scare at his Colorado campaign office.

Authorities said the suspect, Marc Harold Ramsey, 39, was pinpointed quickly

because the return address included his name, inmate number and location of the jail where he is incarcerated — as required on all outgoing mail from the jail.

The letter, addressed to McCain and opened by a campaign staffer, arrived at the senator's suburban Denver campaign office on Thursday, prompting its evacuation.

The letter began with the statement: "IFF (sic) you are reading this than you are already dead!"

Several campaign workers went to the hospital as a precaution, and more than a dozen others underwent decontamination procedures at the scene, but no one was injured, authorities said.

MNA/Reuters

Singapore on verge of hand, foot and mouth outbreak

SINGAPORE, 23 Aug — Singapore is on the verge of a hand, foot and mouth disease outbreak, the *Straits Times* reported on Saturday, quoting government health officials. The paper said 553 people were afflicted with the virus last week, up from 415 the week before. Last week's figure

was just 12 fewer than the Health Ministry's official "epidemic level".

Hand, foot and mouth disease, which is treatable, usually affects

children and causes fever and rashes on the hands, feet and buttocks. A three-year child died earlier this month in the city-state.

MNA/Reuters

A woman pushes a stroller as a child wears a face mask near a children's hospital in Beijing in May 2008. An outbreak of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is looming in Singapore, the *Straits Times* reported Saturday quoting Health Ministry officials. —INTERNET

Report says stolen children adopted in Australia

SYDNEY, 23 Aug—The Australian Government is investigating a media report that 13 Indian children may have been stolen from their parents as part of a child-trafficking network and brought to Australia for

adoption.

Time magazine reported on Saturday that an Indian-based adoption agency renamed children and fabricated their histories, complete with photographs of fake mothers offering them for

adoption.

It said it had seen adoption agency documents for 13 such children.

An Indian-based human rights lawyer told *Time* that an estimated 30 of the nearly 400 children brought to Australia in the last 10 to 15 years were trafficked.

Australian Attorney-General Robert McClelland said he was aware child trafficking may have been involved in two adoption cases.

His department was investigating the *Time* magazine report.

"At some stage there was child trafficking involved prior to them coming into contact with the agency involved in India," McClelland told reporters on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters



SPORTS

Ridgewood strikes back in The Barclays

PARAMUS, 24 Aug — Steve Stricker shook his head and flashed a wry smile when he walked out of the scorer's room Saturday at The Barclays.

If nothing else, the defending champion was glad he was finally off the sun-baked Ridgewood Country Club course after a humbling round that left Kevin Streelman atop the leaderboard and more than two dozen players in the title chase.

"I just stunk it up," Stricker said. "I've got to try to regroup."



Steve Stricker hits a tee shot on the sixth hole during third-round golf in The Barclays tournament on 23 Aug, 2008, at Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J.—INTERNET

Internet

Wenger demands major improvement from Arsenal



Arsene Wenger

LONDON, 24 Aug — Arsene Wenger demanded a "big improvement" from Arsenal after watching their title challenge suffer an early knock in a 1-0 defeat at Fulham on Saturday.

The Gunners were out-muscled and out-manoeuvred by their London rivals, who secured their win thanks to Brede Hangeland's 21st-minute goal, bundled in from Jimmy Bullard's corner,

and Wenger was unusually scathing of their efforts in the post-match inquest.

Arsenal will barely have time to lick their wounds before Wednesday's Champions League qualifier second leg against FC Twente but Wenger ordered his chastened players to make a statement of intent against the Dutch, who trail 2-0 from the first game in Holland.

"We are playing catch-up now because we have lost this game but we have to cope and bounce back in the next game on Wednesday," Wenger said.

"We need a top class performance then because today was simply not good enough.—Internet

PREMIER LEAGUE			
(24-8-2008)			
Wigan Athletic	0-1	Chelsea	
Manchester City	3-0	West Ham Utd	

Shevchenko to rejoin AC Milan

LONDON, 24 Aug — Chelsea striker Andriy Shevchenko will rejoin AC Milan subject to a medical, the Premier League club confirmed on Saturday.

Shevchenko has endured a miserable time at Stamford Bridge since his club record 30 million pounds (37 million euros) move from Milan in 2006 and had been repeatedly linked with a return to the San Siro.

Chelsea have been keen to cut their losses for several months and the Ukraine striker, who has scored just nine league goals for the club, is expected to complete an emotional return to Serie A next week.



Chelsea striker Andriy Shevchenko, seen here during March 2008 practice, will rejoin AC Milan subject to a medical, the Premier League club confirmed on Saturday.

Internet INTERNET

Edwards eases Busch aside for 2nd straight Cup win



Carl Edwards celebrates winning the NASCAR Spring Cup Series Sharpie 500 auto race at the Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn, on 23 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

BRISTOL, 24 Aug — Carl Edwards isn't conceding anything to Kyle Busch. Edwards saw Busch lead 415 consecutive laps Saturday night at Bristol Motor Speedway, then used his bumper to nudge Busch in the first turn on lap 470. That move caused Busch's car to wiggle just enough so that Edwards could drive by for his second consecutive victory on the NASCAR Spring Cup Series.

"It's one of those deals where I couldn't get by him, I couldn't get by him, and I just had to ask myself, 'Would he do that to me?' Edwards said after doing his trademark backflip off the car in Victory Lane. "And he has before, so that's the way it goes."

The triumph was also the sixth of the season for the Roush Fenway Racing driver, allowing him to close the gap of bonus points he's likely to face when the 12-race Chase for the championship begins. Busch has eight wins, and each is worth 10 Chase bonus points.

Internet

Jankovic hopeful of first breakthrough in tennis Grand Slam



Serbia's Jelena Jankovic playing Ukraine's Olga Savchuk at the 2008 Wimbledon Championships in London. Jankovic goes into the US Open knowing that in order to capture her first Grand Slam title she needs to raise her game to the next level.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 24 Aug — Jelena Jankovic goes into the US Open knowing that in order to capture her first Grand Slam title she needs to raise her

game to the next level when it counts the most.

The knock on the world number two Jankovic continues to be her failure to breakthrough at a Grand Slam.

The 23-year-old Serbian has yet to reach a final in the 20 Grand Slam appearances and despite going deep into just about every tournament this year she has just one win on her resume.

She blames that in part on injuries.

"I am working very hard and some of the things don't happen overnight," she said. "You can't get your endurance and your strength back in a few days. I will keep working hard and we will see what happens."

In the semi-finals of the French Open, Jankovic appeared to be headed to victory when she was up 2-0 in the third set before losing to countrywoman Ana Ivanovic.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Chelsea's Frank Lampard (right) celebrates a goal with Anderson Deco during their Premier League match against Portsmouth at Stamford Bridge in London on 17 August.

INTERNET

Gritty Wigan ready to test Chelsea's swagger

WIGAN, 24 Aug — It will take more than one thumping win over under-cooked opponents to convince the doubters that Luiz Felipe Scolari can return the English Premier League title crown to Chelsea.

But if last weekend's 4-0 romp over a curiously limp Portsmouth did nothing else, it confirmed that Scolari's much-trumpeted ambition to restore some west London swagger to Stamford Bridge was not merely a hollow boast.

As a statement of intent to the club's title rivals, it could not have been more emphatic.

Sunday's trip to Wigan, one of the least glamorous outposts of club football's most lucrative league, will provide a sterner test of Chelsea's credentials, but already the Brazilian appears to have stamped his mark on the club.

Players have spoken glowingly of Scolari's hunger for success, his man-management skills and aura of unquestioned authority, the latter in stark contrast to the meek mannerisms of his predecessor, Avram Grant.—Internet

About 30 arrested following clashes in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 24 Aug— Approximately 30 people were arrested early Sunday after riot police clashed with a crowd on the New Zealand southern city's Dunedin.

The arrests followed a trouble-free day as students associated with the unofficial Undie 500, a Christchurch to Dunedin car run, partied around the city.

Inspector Lane Todd said police and the fire service were called to an incident involving a fire just after midnight, the New Zealand Press Association reported.

MNA/Reuters



A sleeping cabin, or so-called "Napcab" is pictured at Terminal 2 of Munich's airport on 22 Aug, 2008. The approximately 2.50x1.40 metre small sleeping and working cabin offers a bed, desk and Internet access. The "Napcabs" were developed by five students participating in the 2007 Innovation Competition held by Minich University of Applied Sciences, for travellers to spend their airport transfer times as pleasantly as possible. To book the cabins cost 15 euros for the first 15 minutes and four euros for every next quarter of an hour. One night stay from 10 pm to 7 am costs 60 euros.—INTERNET

Hu says Beijing Games promote Olympic spirit

BEIJING, 24 Aug— Chinese President Hu Jintao said here on Sunday that the Beijing Olympic Games have promoted the Olympic spirit of solidarity, friendship and peace.

"The success of the Beijing Olympic Games is attributable to the concerted efforts of the Chinese people and people from the rest of the world," said Hu at a banquet for foreign leaders and international dignitaries who will attend the Games' closing ceremony on Sunday night.

"The glory goes to the

Olympic Family, to athletes who have competed hard, to volunteers from different parts of the world and to friends the world over who have been involved in the Beijing Olympic Games in various ways," Hu said in a toast at the banquet, held in the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in west Beijing.

Calling the past 16 days "a wonderful and exciting time together", the

Chinese leader said that the hosting of the Beijing Olympics will give a boost to the further development of sports in China, promote more extensive exchanges and co-operation between China and the International Olympic Family, and further enhance the mutual understanding and friendship between the Chinese people and people of all other countries.

MNA/Reuters

Japanese vessel survives hijacking attempt off Somalia

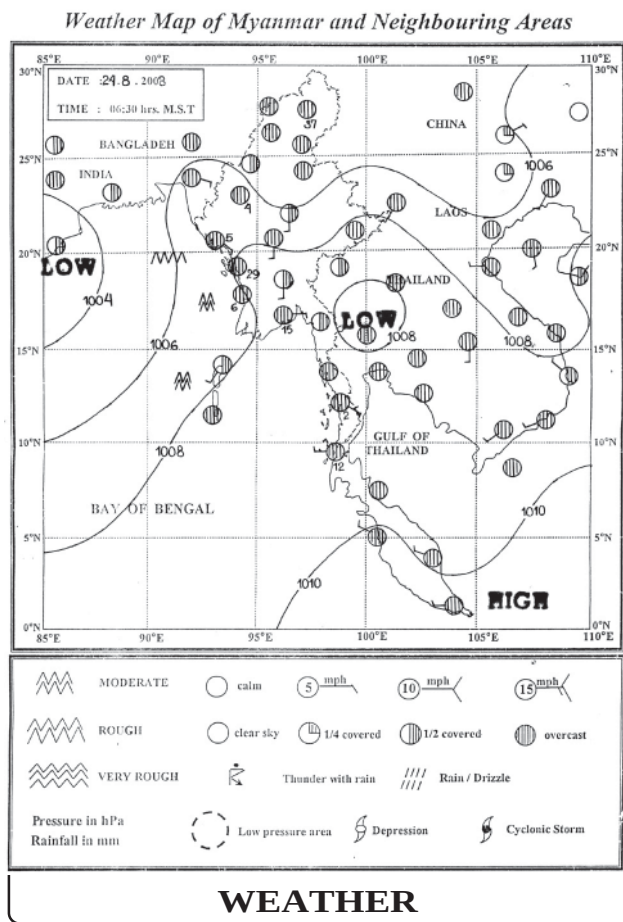
KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Aug— Pirates opened fire at a Japanese cargo ship off the coast of Somalia, but the vessel managed to survive the hijacking attempt, the International Maritime Bureau said on Saturday.

Already this week, a record four ships have been seized in this vital sea lane linking Asia and Europe in some of the world's most dangerous waters, sparking fears piracy there could worsen.

Noel Choong, head of the bureau's piracy reporting centre in Kuala Lumpur, said pirates in two speed boats chased the Japanese-operated general cargo ship, with 20 crew on board, in the Gulf of Aden earlier in the day.—MNA/Reuters

Flood News

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued a floods news today that according to the (06:30) hr MST observations today, the water levels of Chindwin have exceeded by 38 cm (about 1.2 ft) at Mawlaik and by 20 cm (about 0.7 ft) at Kalewa above their respective danger levels. It is expected to fall below their respective danger levels during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.—MNA



Sunday, 24 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain have been scattered in Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (3.46) inches, Yangon (Central) (1.70) inches, Putao (1.46) inches, Bago (1.38) inches, Belin (1.26) inches and Kyaukpuyu (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 23-8-2008 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 24-8-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-8-2008 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 23-8-2008 was (7.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-8-2008 was (0.20) inch at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.70) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (79.92) inches at Mingaladon, (89.41) inches at Kaba-Aye and (107.05) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:40) hours MST on 23-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25-8-2008: Rain will be fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine, Kayin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 25 August
View on today

7:00am

တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy
exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Cute little dancers

8:00 am

6. Musical programme

8:15 am

7. Dance of national
races

8:30 am

8. International news

8:40 am

9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:50 am

10. "သတိတစ်ချက်တစ်သက်အမှား"
(ကျော်မင်းနောင်၊
ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. မြန်မာ့အသံခေတ်ပေါ်တေးဂီတ
အဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

4:35 pm

4. Dance variety

4:45 pm

5. Song to uphold
National Spirit

4:55 pm

6. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

5:15 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:35 pm

8. "နတ်လူသာဓုခေါ်စေသော်"
(ခေတ်သစ်၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သန်း၊
သတိုးစော)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သော်ကိုကိုကျော်)

5:55 pm

9. ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊

နိုင်ငံတော်သံစုံတီးဝိုင်းဖျော်ဖြေ
တင်ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကြွယ်

7:00 pm

13. ဘက်စုံဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေး
ဗဟုသုတပြပွဲ

7:05 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"ပန်းပျိုးလက်"
(အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်"
(အပိုင်း-၃)

Make donations to the storm victims

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

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

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

Families of Defence Services and wellwishers donate cash and kind to Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Ahlon, Tamway and Mingala Taungnyunt Tsps

YANGON, 24 Aug—Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated provisions to six Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Ahlon Township at a ceremony held at Kwinkyang monastery this afternoon, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

First, the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Kwinkyang monastery Presiding Sayadaw Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Sujata. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe donated Waso robes and provisions to the Presiding Sayadaw and Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, the vice-mayor and senior military officers and officials to members of the Sangha. Three military officers of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) donated cash and kind to the Presiding Saydaw.

Afterwards, wellwishers also donated cash and kind to the Presiding Sayadaw.

Cash and kind donated to six Sarthintaik in Ahlon Township today are 132 bags of rice 83.30



viss of edible oil, 733 viss of iodized salt, 4891 boxes of traditional medicines, 147 tubes of toothpaste, 146.60 viss of gram, 21 packets of Calco Oct, 320 boxes of mosquito coil and K 7,902,600.

A similar ceremony was held at Maha Thantithukha monastery in Natchaung Ward, Tamway Township to present cash and kind to 11 monasteries in Tamway Township and nine monasteries in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at 2 pm the same day. Lt-Gen Myint Swe donated robes and provisions to the Presiding Sayadaw of Mingala Thukha Pali Tekkatho in Tamway Township.

Cash and kind donated to 11 monasteries in Tamway Township and nine monasteries in Mingala Taungnyunt Townships today are 101 bags of rice, 55.50 viss of edible oil, 555 viss of iodized salt, 111 tubes of toothpaste, 7,395 boxes of traditional medicines, 141 viss of gram, 450 packets of chili powder, 320 boxes of mosquito coil and K 15,869,700.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation from a wellwisher at the ceremony to offer rice and provisions to twenty monasteries in Yangon East District.— MNA

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Ma Lin (C), Wang Hao (L) and Wang Liqin of China attend the awarding ceremony of Men's Singles of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games table tennis event at PKU Gymnasium in Beijing, China, on 23 Aug, 2008. Ma Lin, Wang Hao and Wang Liqin won the gold, silver and bronze medal of the event respectively.

Whole Kwanmoedein Model Village of Kayan Township gets electricity

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