

Panditanañ ca sevana, to associate with the wise; this is the way to auspiciousness

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspects river water pumping projects



Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence looks into Bagan Golden Palace of King Anawrahta.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe and officials paid homage to Shwesigon pagoda and donated cash to the pagoda on 23 August.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party paid homage to Hsinmyarshin pagoda in Bagan-NyaungU. They met townselders and local people at a Dhammayon near Myatheindan pagoda in Watgyi-in village of NyaungU township and looked into No. 19 BEPPS in the village.

They paid homage to Ananda temple and donated cash. They pro-

ceeded to Bagan Golden Palace of King Anawrahta where they observed un-earthed historical edifices. Maj-Gen Ohn Myint later paid homage to Lawkananda pagoda and heard reports on repair of walls of the pagoda and stressed the needs.

Afterwards, they went to Lawkananda river water pumping project and heard reports on works undertaken for supply of irrigation water by using electric power. They inspected the project and paddy plantations along the canal and met with peasants.

Next, they met departmental officials, members of social organizations, local people and townselders at Anawrahta hall in NyaungU township and heard reports on development tasks being undertaken by the local authority.

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Research aims to put tongues in control of devices

ATLANTA, 25 Aug—The tireless tongue already controls taste and speech, helps kiss and swallow and fights germs. Now scientists hope to add one more ability to the mouthy muscle, and turn it into a computer control pad.

Georgia Tech researchers believe a magnetic, tongue-powered system could transform a disabled person's mouth into a virtual computer, teeth into a keyboard—and tongue into the key that manipulates it all.

"You could have full control over your environment by just being able to move your tongue," said Maysam Ghovanloo, a Georgia Tech assistant professor who leads the team's research.

The group's Tongue Drive System turns the tongue into a joystick of sorts, allowing the disabled to manipulate wheelchairs, manage home appliances and control computers. The work still has a ways to go—one potential user called the design "grotesque"—but early tests are encouraging.

The system is far from the first that seeks a new way to control electronics

through facial movements. But disabled advocates have particularly high hopes that the tongue could prove the most effective. "This could give you an almost infinite number of switches and options for communication," said Mike Jones, a vice president of research and technology at the Shepherd Center, an Atlanta rehabilitation hospital.—Internet



Weather Forecast for 26-8-2008

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is (60%).

Yangon and neighbouring area

Isloated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring area

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is (60%).

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 26 August, 2008

Further strengthen existing friendly ties between Myanmar and Thailand

The Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand have maintained friendly ties since time immemorial based on a policy of good neighbourliness upholding the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence.

Myanmar and Thailand share border and leaders of the two nations have been dealing with one another on friendly terms. The diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Thailand turned 60 years on 24 August.

The friendly relations established over 60 years ago are now becoming stronger and bringing common interests to peoples of the two nations.

Bilateral cooperation in multilateral fora, such as in ASEAN, ACMECS and GMS reflect the common resolve to improve the lives of our peoples and to ensure peaceful development and prosperity of our region as a whole.

Now global nations are being beset by many unconventional challenges. No country can cope with them alone. We firmly believe that if Thailand and Myanmar work hand in hand they will be able to overcome any difficulties.

This being so, it is our belief that through our joint efforts, we will be able to enhance the existing friendly relations and cooperation between our two countries for the common interests of our peoples as well as for promoting peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

U Ho Swam and wife Daw Aye Aye Mu present K 100,000 to Shwegondine Nursery of Social Welfare Department.

MNA



People's Desire

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

Victorious athletes of Yangon Division honoured

YANGON, 25 Aug – Victorious athletes of Yangon Division were honoured at Yangon Command on 23 August.

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered a speech.

The winning men's teams—karate do, taekwondo, table tennis, tennis and shooting—handed over the championship shields to the commander. The commander presented cash awards to the teams.

The winning women's teams—table tennis, volleyball, tennis and karate do—handed over the championship shields to patron of Yangon Division women's sport team Daw Kyin Myaing.



She also presented cash awards to the teams.

The dinner was hosted

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presents cash award to Karatedo team that won championship shield for 13 years in a row.—MNA

Special Appellate Bench delivers judgment of five special civil appeal cases

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Myint Aung and U Kyaw Win sitting at court room No. 1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw), delivered judgment of five special civil appeal cases, and then heard four special civil appeal cases under Section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000.—MNA

Cash and kind donated to Shwegondine Nursery

YANGON, 25 Aug — Wellwisher Captain Zaw Hein-Daw Yi Thanda

Myint and family donated uniforms worth K 200,000 to the children and wellwisher U Ho Swam-Daw Aye Aye Mu (Member of Child/Girl Working Group of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation) K 100,000 for serving nutritious refreshment to the children at Shwegondine Nursery of the Social Welfare Department on 22 August.

Administrator Daw Khin Mar Aye of the nursery accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. — MNA

in honour of the athletes. Yangon Division sport teams have won 11 championship shields in

various sport competitions from January to August 2008.

MNA

Education Minister inspects educational institutions

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug— Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein on 23 August met professors of the Institute of Economics in Meiktila. They discussed matters on academic and management affairs and use of pedagogical aids. He inspected the class rooms and spoke words of encouragement to the students.

He also inspected learning of students at No 5 and No. 2 Basic Education High Schools in Meiktila. He also met the principal of Meiktila Education Collage, teachers, trainees of No 10/06 On-job Teachership Course and fulfilled their needs.

The minister inspected learning of students of Pyawbwe No 1 BEHS and Yemethin BEHS.— MNA

Flood news

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued a flood news that according to the 11.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada is 1343 cm. It is forecast to rise 20 cm (about 8 inches) above the present water level during the next four days.

According to the 11.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is 1108 cm and it has exceeded by 38 cm (about 1.3 inches) above its danger level. It is forecast to remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next three days.—MNA

DPRK vows to ensure world peace and stability as NAM member

PYONGYANG, 25 Aug—The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) will make positive efforts to ensure peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula, in Asia and the rest of the world, the official *Rodong Sinmun* daily said on Monday.

The DPRK, which became a member of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) 33 years ago, will preserve the movement's basic idea, principle and purity, the *Rodong Sinmun* said in a signed article. The DPRK will also develop the NAM and boost its function and role and advance the cause of global independence, the article added.—*Internet*

Nuclear power plant in Spain catches fire, causing no casualties

MADRID, 25 Aug—A nuclear power plant in the northeastern Spanish province of Tarragona caught fire on Sunday, causing no casualties and environmental damages, said the authorities.

The fire, beginning at 8:49 am local time (0649 GMT) in the Vandellos plant, was extinguished at 10:30 am (0830 GMT) by the plant's firefighters, said Spain's Nuclear Security Council in a statement.

The plant's operation was suspended, said the council, noting that the accident "did not have any impact on the

staff or the environment."

The plant's head, Josep Castellnou, said the fire occurred at a part far from the centre of the reactor and was quickly brought under control.

The cause of the accident was under investigation, and it would take weeks for the plant to resume its electricity generation, he said.

Vandellos, located some 140 km southeast of Barcelona, is one of the seven nuclear power plants in Spain. It is run by two companies, Endesa and Iberdrola.—*Internet*



A general view of the Vandellos II nuclear plant, near the northeastern city of Tarragona on 24 August, 2008. The 1,000 megawatt Vandellos II nuclear plant was halted on Sunday after a fire in its electrical generator, Spain's Nuclear Security Council said. Vandellos is 72-percent owned by Spain's second-largest power firm Endesa and top utility Iberdrola has the remaining 28 percent.—INTERNET

Get to know me, Obama says going into convention

COLORADO, 25 Aug—Sen Barack Obama says this week's Democratic National Convention would help give voters a better "sense of who I am" — and Obama could get some unexpected help.

Plans are in place for Sen Edward Kennedy to make a dramatic appearance Monday on opening night — subject to whether he is up to making the trip, a top Obama campaign official said.

The official programme for Monday night calls for a videotaped message from Kennedy, but a Democratic source close to the senator's family said Sunday night that the 76-year-old liberal icon "is itching to go and pushing back" at those who say it is too risky a trip to make.

Also scheduled to speak Monday night is Michelle Obama, the Illinois senator's wife.—*Internet*



Kennedy endorsed Obama over Sen Hillary Clinton during the Democratic primary season.

Internet

Nawaz Sharif quits ruling coalition

ISLAMABAD, 25 Aug—Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif pulled his party out of Pakistan's ruling coalition on Monday, a move likely to concentrate power with parties seeking to preserve Pakistan's alliance with the United States.

He has been in dispute with the country's biggest party, the PPP, over who should be the next president.

Sharif said he is withdrawing from the 5-month-old alliance because it failed to restore judges ousted by ex-President Pervez Musharraf or agree upon a neutral successor to the US allied strongman.

He blamed the main



Pakistan coalition in major split.

ruling party of Asif Ali Zardari for the breakup, and named a retired judge to run against him in the 6 Sept presidential election.

However, he vowed to play a "constructive" role while in the opposition. "We don't want to be instrumental in overthrowing any government. We don't have any such intentions," Sharif told a news conference.

Mr Sharif told journalists in Islamabad that the PPP - led by Benazir Bhutto's widow Asif Zardari - had broken promises, in particular over the issue of the judges. "When written documents are repeatedly flouted, trust cannot remain," he said. "We cannot find a ray of hope."

The PPP fears that if all the judges sacked by Mr Musharraf get their jobs back, they may invalidate an amnesty that paved the way for Mr Zardari and Ms Bhutto to return to the country last year. That would leave Mr Zardari open to prosecution on long-standing corruption charges.—*Internet*

Rocket attack by Taliban kills 10 in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 Aug—Up to ten people were killed in a rocket attack by Taliban in northwest Pakistan on Monday, according to private DAWN NEWS TV channel.

The rocket attack targeted the house of a local member of provincial assembly (MPA) in Swat valley in North West Frontier Province.

As a result of the attack, MPA Waqar Ahmed's brother and other family members were killed, according to DAWN NEWS.

The Bajaur chapter of a militant group Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan Sunday unilaterally ceased fire with security forces and offered peace talks with the government. How-

ever, Pakistani government rejected their offer.

The Taliban have the upper hand and should be put on the list of banned organizations in Pakistan, said Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Co-Chairman and presidential candidate Zardari in a interview with a foreign media on Sunday.

Internet

Oil pushes past \$115 a barrel

SINGAPORE, 25 Aug—Oil prices moved above \$115 a barrel Monday as the US dollar lost some ground against the euro and the Japanese yen, making commodities more attractive to

investors.

By midday in Europe, light, sweet crude for October delivery was up 63 cents to \$115.22 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract tumbled \$6.59 on Friday to settle at \$114.59 a barrel.

In London, October

Brent crude was up 74 cents to \$114.66 on the ICE Futures exchange.

Analysts said this week — with US markets closed Friday for the Labour Day holiday — would likely be characterized by volatile prices and low trading volumes.

Internet

Israel frees Palestinian prisoners

JERUSALEM, 25 Aug — Israel released nearly 200 prisoners into the West Bank Monday, a move it says is a goodwill gesture aimed at bolstering efforts to end decades of conflict in the region.

The prisoner release is described by Israel as a measure to build confidence with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

The Israeli Cabinet approved the release a week ago, after outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Abbas agreed on a list of names.—*Internet*



A model wears a creation during the KERA fashion show in Tokyo on 24 August, 2008. KERA, a Japanese fashion magazine, hosted a fashion show displaying designs by gothic fashion designers as part of the Magazine Fashion Week series of fashion shows.
XINHUA

The Notting Hill carnival is held in London, the host city of the next summer Olympic Games, on 24 Aug, 2008. The carnival with its theme of "welcome the world" showcases London's culture with diversity to hold the Olympics in 2012.—XINHUA

Bangladesh to establish Special Economic Zone

DHAKA, 25 Aug—Bangladesh is expected to establish a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) to speed up local and foreign investments in the country, an official said here Sunday.

Executive member of Bangladesh's Board of Investment (BoI) Abu Reza Khan told *Xinhua* on Sunday that the advisory council of the country's caretaker government led by Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed last month approved in principle the creation of a SEZ.

He said the office of the chief advisor is now scrutinizing the final draft of a proposed "Special Economic Zone Ordinance-2008", under which a Special Economic Zone Authority would be established. —*Xinhua*

South Korea to allow duty free access of Bangladeshi goods

DHAKA, 25 Aug—South Korea has decided to allow duty free access of Bangladeshi goods into its markets, aiming to augment bilateral trades, the South Korean ambassador to Dhaka said on Sunday. When contacted by *Xinhua*, South Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh Suk-Bum Park said his government has recently forwarded its decision to Dhaka, offering duty free access of over 300 Bangladeshi products into its markets from this year.

In line with the offer, Bangladesh's products including textile items, synthetic fibres, jute goods, silk items, cotton, automobile parts, dry foods, etc would enjoy the benefits of duty free access to South Korean markets.

In the fiscal year 2007-08 (July 2007-June 2008), South Korea exported

goods worth 612 million US dollars to Bangladesh, while imported goods worth 142 million US dollars, according to the data from the Bangladeshi Commerce Ministry.

Xinhua



All items from Xinhua News Agency

Rescue for missing climbers in France suspended due to bad conditions

PARIS, 25 Aug—Rescue efforts to find eight climbers missing in an avalanche in the French Alps, in the country's southeast, have been suspended due to worsening conditions, local media said.

Search for the eight, five Austrians and three Swiss, was forced to be halted for fear of another avalanche around place where the accident occurred near western Europe's highest peak Mont Blanc, the reports said.

Eight other climbers, four Frenchmen and four Italians, have been saved or escaped the calamity with injuries, according to the reports. —*Xinhua*

Iran denies importing wheat from US

TEHERAN, 25 Aug—Iran's Commerce Minister Masoud Mirkazemi denied recent reports that the country has imported wheat from the United States, Iran's English-language Press TV satellite channel said on Sunday.

"We purchase wheat from Canada and some European countries, but Iran has not had any direct wheat imports from the US," Mirkazemi was quoted as saying.

Iran has announced

plans to import one million tons of wheat per month in September, October and November in order to compensate for a drop in the country's grain production.

A devastating drought in Iran this year has led to a 20 percent decrease in the country's wheat output compared with last year.

Iran's wheat production this year is at its lowest level in six years, Press TV said.

Western media reported on Thursday that Iran has bought more than one million tons of hard red winter wheat directly from the US since the 2008-09 marketing year began on 1 June.

Xinhua

Shanghai bank sees H1 net profit up 149%

BEIJING, 25 Aug—Shanghai Pudong Development Bank Co (SPDB), partly owned by Citigroup Inc, said on Saturday the first half net profit soared 149.62 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The surge in profit came on increasing loan, lower corporate income tax rate, and greater fee income, the mid-sized lender said in its half-year report.

Net profit was 6.38 billion yuan (about 933 million US dollars), or 1.126 yuan per share, in the first six months.

In the January to June period, the SPDB's total business income hit 16.71 billion yuan, representing an increase of 43.86 percent over the same period a year earlier.

Its net interests income was 15.52 billion yuan in the first half, an increase of 38.85 percent from a year earlier.

This accounted for 91.11 percent of the total business income.

The lender's total assets stood at one trillion yuan by June, representing an increase of 9.58 percent from a year earlier.

The Shanghai-listed lender saw its shares dipped 3.15 percent to close at 21.23 yuan on Friday.

Xinhua



A French Gendarmerie rescue helicopter passes in front of the Aiguille du Midi as it takes off near Chamonix during search and rescue operations on 24 Aug, 2008. An avalanche hit climbers on Mont Blanc early on 24 Aug, injuring eight and leaving about ten others missing, according to the local rescue officials.—XINHUA

Venezuelan President hails China's organization of Olympics



Venezuelan President
Hugo Chavez

CARACAS, 25 Aug — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday hailed the just-concluded Beijing Olympic Games as “the best Olympic Games in history.”

Speaking on his regular Sunday TV and radio programme “Hello President,” Chavez praised the “perfect” organization of the Games, saying it showed the “miraculous” advances China has achieved. He said “Chinese people are happy, millions of Chinese went to the streets and venues.” He also lauded the performance of Venezuelan athletes during the Games, saying they “have made Venezuela big to the eyes of the world.”

They wrote history and we will continue supporting them.” Venezuela sent a delegation of 109 athletes to the Beijing Olympics, almost double the number it sent to Athens in 2004 and Sydney in 2000.—Internet

Mexico on alert for tropical storm “Julio”

MEXICO CITY, 25 Aug—Mexican authorities Sunday warned the inhabitants of Baja California Peninsula in northwest Mexico of tropical storm “Julio,” which was to land in hours.

The National Meteorology Service (SMN) said that Julio was only 50 km south of Cabo San Lucas at the southern tip of the Baja California Peninsula and approaching the city with a speed of 85 km per hour.

According to the National Water Commission (CNA), Julio would reach land 25 km northwest of Agua Blanca, which is some 70 km southwest of La Paz, capital of Baja California Sur.

Although “Julio” was labeled “moderate” at the dangerous level, authorities warned against possible increase in its strength.

Internet

Toyota to raise prices of two hybrid models

TOKYO, 25, Aug—Toyota announced Monday that it is to raise the prices of two hybrid models sold in Japan by 3 percent in response to soaring raw material prices.

As of 1 September, the price for the Prius hybrid passenger car's S type will rise by 73,500 yen (668 US dollars) to 2,383,500 yen (22,000 dollars) while that for the Harrier Hybrid S Package version will also increase 136,500 yen (1,240 dollars) to 4,756,500 yen (43,000 dollars), the nation's No1 carmaker said.

Furthermore, Toyota will also increase the prices of some commercial vehicles. Probox Van's DX Comfort Package version, among others, will go up by 1 percent to 1,321,950 yen (12,000 dollars).

Internet

25 survive passenger plane crash in Kyrgyzstan

ALMATY, 25 Aug—At least 25 passengers survived the crash of a Boeing-737 passenger jet near Bishkek, capital of Central Asia's Kyrgyzstan on Sunday, Kyrgyz Emergency Minister Kamchibek Tashiyev said.

“There were 90 people on board, 25 of them survived,” Tashiyev was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying, adding that the plane has burnt down completely. The Kyrgyz Civil Aviation Department said earlier that there are 25 survivors in the air crash.

Two ambulance cars took to Bishkek the first nine victims of the crash and a headquarters has been set up to help victims, a spokesperson for the Kyrgyz Healthcare Ministry said.—Internet



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NEWSALBUM

Four dead, at least 21 sickened from Canadian food-poisoning outbreak

Public health officials in Canada said they have linked a deadly bacterial outbreak that killed four people to recalled meat products from Maple Leaf Foods.

The outbreak has resulted in 21 confirmed cases of listeriosis, a kind of food poisoning that can be dangerous to the elderly, newborns, pregnant women and people with chronic medical conditions.

Symptoms include fever, headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea.

Internet



Visitors look at a car-like sculpture made of bones during a three-day-long 'India Art Summit 2008' in New Delhi.

Spanish police nabs French plastic surgeon wanted by Paris

The Spanish police Tuesday arrested French plastic surgeon Michel Maure, who had been at large after being charged with disfiguring and endangering the lives of 96 women in France.

Maure, 59, was detained in Empuriabrava of the northeastern Spanish province of Girona, said the police.

He was sent to the Roses police station in Girona where he would be waiting for his extradition to France.

Maure, the self-styled “the best (doctor) in plastic surgery in the world,” was arrested in France in 2004 on charges of false advertising, cheating and causing the deformity to 96 of his patients as a result of his surgery operations from 1990 to 2004.

The French prosecutor has demanded a four-year imprisonment and a fine of about some 75,000 euros (111,000 US dollars) against Maure. Maure, whose movement was restricted during the trial, went

missing in July, two months before his verdict due in September.

The French police issued an arrest warrant against Maure and intensified the contact with their Spanish counterparts to track the fugitive as they were convinced that he was hiding in Spain.



A crocodile catches food at a nature reserve in Costa Rica. A crocodile killed and devoured a 25-year-old man in Bangladesh who waded into a pond next to a shrine hoping to be blessed by the animal.



Solar plane makes record flight

A UK-built solar-powered plane has set an unofficial world endurance record for a flight by an unmanned aircraft.

The *Zephyr-6*, as it is

known, stayed aloft for more than three days, running through the night on batteries it had recharged in sunlight.

The flight was a demonstration for the US military, which is looking for new types of technology to support its troops on the ground.

Craft like *Zephyr* might make ideal platforms for reconnaissance.

They could also be used to relay battlefield communications.

Chris Kelleher, from UK defence and research firm QinetiQ, said Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) offer advantages over traditional aircraft and even satellites.



Adam Martinson, from the University of Calgary, glues a radio transmitter onto the back of a prairie rattlesnake in Dinosaur Provincial Park, Alberta.



Acehnese youths compete during a traditional horse race as part of annual celebrations for the anniversary of Indonesia's independence in the village of Blang Bebangka, Central Aceh, Aceh Province, Indonesia, on 24 Aug, 2008.— INTERNET

50 households evacuated as wildfire spreads in Japan's Ehime Prefecture

TOKYO, 25 Aug — The municipal government of Imabari on Monday ordered the evacuation of 50 households as a wildfire spread as close as 150 metres to their homes, said reports from Matsuyama, capital of Ehime Prefecture.

The conflagration, which broke out in the mountainous area Sunday afternoon, had destroyed some 75 hectares of forest by 11 am (0200 GMT) Monday, said local authorities, adding that there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage to properties. Firefighters, along with 10 helicopters from the Self-Defence Forces and those from neighbouring prefectures, have been fighting the fire since it was reported to the local fire department Sunday evening. —Internet

Mexican man wanted for massacre 10 years ago arrested in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 25 Aug — A man believed to be responsible for the massacre of 19 people in a northern Mexican state 10 years ago has been arrested while taking out his garbage in east Los Angeles, local media reported Sunday.

Jesus Ruben Moncada was taken into custody Thursday night outside a small house in a Los Angeles suburb, and was handed over to 500 Mexican federal agents massed at a border crossing Friday, the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced Saturday.

Moncada, 33, was a suspect of such great security concern that

Mexican and US authorities cleared the border crossing of its ubiquitous vendors and taxi drivers.

The fugitive reportedly thought he was being deported only for being in the United States illegally.

Internet

Flights delayed, roads flooded as downpours drench Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 25 Aug— Torrential rain swept through Shanghai on Monday, causing flight delays and flooding more than 60 downtown roads.

Thunderstorms began at about 6 am in downtown Shanghai, and local weather and flood offices issued numerous warnings of potential hazards, officials said.

The Tianli area of Xuhui District had the most rain, measured at 143 mm by 8 am, and average rain totals in seven other districts exceeded 50 mm.

The rain far exceeded the drainage capacity of 27 mm to 36 mm per hour, leading to flooding of more than 60 roads and more than 100 homes. Several flyovers were closed temporarily.

More than 600 drainage workers were dispatched to open up the drains, and most flooded roads were cleared of ponding. An official with the Shanghai Airlines Co said the downpours affected arriving and departing flights at its two airports — Hongqiao and Pudong. At Hongqiao alone, a dozen flights were postponed or diverted.

The official added that with the storms persisting, it was very hard to predict when normal operations could resume.

A spokesman at the Shanghai Municipal Weather Observatory said the excessive rain was caused mainly by weather phenomena known as an upper trough and a near-land stationary front.

The remnants of Typhoon Nuri, which made landfall in south China's Guangdong Province late last Friday, also had an indirect role, said the spokesman.

Internet

Suicide bombing kills 21 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug — A suicide explosion on Sunday killed at least 21 people in Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source said.

The assailant detonated an explosive vest at a gathering in the Abu Ghraib district, which is largely a Sunni area. The people were celebrating the release of prisoners from Camp Bucca, the source said on condition of anonymity. The attack also left 32 people injured, the source said, adding children, women, police and local Sunni anti-terror neighbourhood guards were among the victims.

The suicide bombing was the most serious in Baghdad after three female attackers killed more than 24 people and injured over 62 on 28 July during a Shiite pilgrimage gathering.—Internet

Two people kidnapped by PKK in E Turkey

ANKARA, 25 Aug — Militants of the outlawed Kurdish Worker's Party (PKK) kidnapped two people in eastern Turkey, Turkish General Staff said in a written statement on Sunday.

Two people were kidnapped in Genc town of Bingol province around 3:30 p m on Saturday, the statement said without elaborating.

PKK, listed by the United States and Turkey as a terrorist group, took up arms in 1984 with the aim of creating an ethnic homeland in southeast Turkey. About 40,000 people have been killed in the over-two-decade conflict. Turkey has conducted frequent air raids on suspected PKK positions in northern Iraq, which serve as a launch pad for cross-border attacks on Turkey. In February, it launched an eight-day ground incursion into Iraq to fight the PKK rebels.

Internet

NATO soldier killed, three others wounded during chopper emergency landing

KABUL, 25 Aug — An Mi-8 supply helicopter loaded with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) was forced to make an emergency landing shortly after taking off from an ISAF base in eastern Afghan province of Kunar Sunday, killing one soldier and injuring three others, said an ISAF statement.

However, it did not identify the nationality of the victims or the cause of the accident. A spokesman with ISAF Press department told Xinhua that the case is under investigation. "We do not know the reason for the emergency landing. Investigation is underway and we would inform the Press whenever it is complete," said the official, who did not give his name.—Internet

Earthquake shakes central Philippines

MANILA, 25 Aug— A 5.7-magnitude earthquake jolted parts of the Visayas and northern Mindanao of the Philippines on Monday, the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) said.

It said the tremor struck at 10:43 a m, with the epicentre located 40 kilometres southeast of Maasin town in Southern Leyte province with a depth of 23 kilometres. Local media quoted state seismologists saying that there might be aftershocks in the wake of Monday morning's tremor.

No casualty has been reported so far. —Internet



A man grieves at the site of a bomb attack in Baghdad on 25 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held its 30/2008 meeting at Nay Pyi Taw Command on 22 August.

At the meeting, Patron of the committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin made an opening speech.

He gave instructions after hearing reports presented by the officials concerned of the committee and sub-committees on future plans and tasks being carried out.

The Commander gave concluding remarks, saying that in distributing manual books for



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin gives speech at the meeting No (30/2008) of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee.—MNA

pedestrians and educative pamphlets, the committee has to revise whether the people understand and follow the rules. In

addition to this, oral and written contests have to be held sector-wise by presenting prizes to winners.—MNA

Minister inspects regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oomet farmers at Kyarbatkon village in Thazi Township on 22 August. At the meeting, the farmers reported on conditions of cultivation and production of crops and supply of water to the minister. The minister

attended to the needs.

Next, the minister viewed storage of water in the dam. Then the minister inspected cultivation of physic nut and production of bio-diesel in Hlinebat plantation and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Deputy Health Minister meets UNFPA Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo received Resident Representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker at the ministry here on 22 August.

At the meeting, they discussed matters on maternal and child health care and prevention against sexually transmitted diseases.—MNA

Warning of Hightide

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug — The Public are hereby informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.18 feet to 20.95 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 30th August to 4th

September 2008. That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2006 and 2007, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.—MNA

Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon East District commences

YANGON, 25 Aug—The 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon East District was opened at the hall of Yankin Education College in Yankin Township yesterday morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace

and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing attended the ceremony.

Yangon East District PDC Chairman U Than Aung opened the ceremony. Students of National Culture and Fine Arts University performed

entertainment.

The commander and wife presented flower basket and cash awards to the artistes.

A total of 65 contestants are taking part in the amateur level (first class) and 233 in the amateur level (second class) contests.

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Football Fitness Coaching Course opens

YANGON, 25 Aug — Football Fitness Coaching Course jointly organized by International Federation of Association Football (FIFA), ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) and Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) was

opened at Goal Hotel in Thuwunna here this morning.

It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director General of Sports and Physical Education

Institute U Thaung Htaik and officials, Chairman of MFF U Zaw Zaw and executive members, coaches and trainees.

The director-general delivered an opening speech on the occasion. Coach Mr Aleksandar Bozenko (Singapore) extended greetings. Next, the director general, chairman of MFF and officials had documentary photos taken together with the coaches and trainees.

The course is being attended by 17 trainees from seven ASEAN nations including Myanmar, Singapore, Cambodia, the Philippines, East Timor, Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam. The course will be held up to 30 August.

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Officials, coaches and trainees pose for a documentary photo.—NLM



Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspects river...

(from page 1)
Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave instructions on all-round development of the region as many tourists visit NyaungU district. Next, he met Tatmadaw members and their families at NyaungU station and inspected Myakan reservoir near Nyaunghto village of NyaungU township. Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party looked into Kyaugu, Thugaungte, and Latpanchaepaw river water pumping projects. There are 5 river water pumping projects in NyaungU district which can irrigate 29,700 acres of land. Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party then left for Myingyan.—MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Tej Bunnag pays homage to jade Buddha image at Shwedagon Pagoda.—MNA

Thai delegation pays homage to Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 25 Aug— Thai delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand Mr Tej Bunnag and wife Madam Phensri Bunnag together with Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag and wife, officials paid homage to Shwedagon pagoda here this morning. First, the Thai Foreign Affairs Minister and wife offered flowers, water, light and scented water to the Buddha image. Next, the Thai delegation paid homage to Shwedagon pagoda clockwise and observed religious buildings. The Thai delegation left Yangon for Thailand by air at 10 am this morning. Director-General of Training, Languages and Research Department U Paw Lwin Sein, Thai Ambassador and wife, officials saw off the Thai delegation. MNA

2nd conference on technology on 31 August

YANGON, 25 Aug — For the development of Information and Communication Technology, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association will conduct the 2nd conference on technology to mark World Blogger's Day which falls on 31 August. It will be held at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township on 31 August. At the conference, experts will give talks on the techniques of social network and blog, online ethics and economic opportunities in the network, impacts of blog. President of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association U Khun Oo and Writer U Kyaw Win will also give educative talks. More information is available at MCPA (ph-652276). MNA

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

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

PRC Women's Affairs Association donate household goods to storm survivors

YANGON, 25 Aug — Women's Affairs Association of the People's Republic of China presented household goods for storm survivors of Ayeyawady Division at Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation in Bahan Township today. Present on the occasion were Vice-Presidents of MWAFF Daw Khin Lay Myint, Daw Khin Thet Htay, General Secretary Dr Daw Myint Kyi, Executives Daw Mya Theingi and Daw Ni Ni Win, Economic and Commercial Counsellor of PRC to Myanmar Mr Tang Hai and First Secretary Mrs Xu Qingyuan. Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Tang Hai and First Secretary Mrs Xu Qingyun handed over 48 water purifiers, 380 emergency lights, clothes for children and women and soaps worth yuan 500,000 donated by PRCWAA through the vice-presidents, the secretary-general, the executives of MWAFF. After the donation, Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint spoke words of thanks. MNA



Vice-Presidents, general-secretary and executives of MWAFF accept yuan 500,000 worth relief items donated by Women's Affairs Association of PRC.—MNA

Industry-2 Minister inspects Thagara Industry Region

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected construction of factories for producing machinery in Thagara Industry Region in Yedashe Township, Bago Division, on 23 August.

At the meeting with officials concerned, the minister heard reports on test-run of factories and producing heavy machinery.

During the tour, the minister called for timely completion of factories and production of heavy machinery meeting the set standards.

Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein went to Automobile Factory No. 1 in Yangon on 24 August and inspected assembling of TE trucks and production of parts for vehicles.

During the inspection tour, the minister also met with employees of the factory and gave instructions.—MNA



Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein visits Automobile Factory No. 1 in Yangon. —MNA

CEC member meets secretary and executives of Sangyoung USDA

YANGON, 25 Aug—CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Sangyoung Township-in-charge) Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe met executives of township and ward USDA in Sangyoung township at the meeting hall of Myanma Five Stars Line yesterday morning.

He urged them to join hands with departments concerned, responsible persons, social organizations in carrying out the future tasks of the association and presented cash to Sangyoung township USDA.

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Prizes presented to winners of Yangon East District Performing Arts Competitions

YANGON, 25 Aug—A prize presentation ceremony of 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural and Performing Arts Competitions was held at the Yankin Education College in

Yankin Township this evening.

First, Chairman of Leading Committee for holding Yangon (East) District Myanmar Traditional Cultural and Performing Arts

Competitions Chairman of Yangon (East) District PDC U Than Aung gave a speech and presented gifts to artistes who acted as members of the panel of judges.

The chairman and members of the PDC and departmental officials presented prizes to the winners. Prize winners and

vocalists entertained the guests with songs and dances.

The chairman of District PDC presented first, second and third prizes to officials of North Okkalapa, South Okkalapa and Thingangyun Townships at the District level competitions.

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USDA CEC member Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe meets executives of township and ward USDA in Sangyoung Township.—MNA



Earthquake News

YANGON, 25 Aug—A strong earthquake of intensity 6.3 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar (China) about 1,200 miles Northwest of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 19 hrs 56 min 20 sec MST on 25 August 2008.

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Doe Kyeywa Journal Vol-5, No 17 comes out

YANGON, 25 Aug—Doe Kyeywa Journal Vol-5, No. 17 has been in circulation and it is available at K 200 per copy at Township Information and Public Relations Departments, Sarpay Beikman Book Shop and Wah Moe Aung Book Shop.

Manuscripts for the journal and advertisements can be sent to No. 228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtuang Township, Yangon (Ph: 371340, 371342).—MNA

Myanmar Karatedo sport team leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 25 Aug— Myanmar Karatedo sport team led by President of Myanmar Karatedo Federation Dr Win Zaw (Group of Lizstar Companies) left by air yesterday for Malaysia to take part in the 9th Novice Karatedo Tournament of Asian Karatedo Federation and to attend 9th AKF Junior and Cadet Championship and Congress-2008 of the member nations to be held at Kota Kinabalu of Sabah in Malaysia from 24 to 31 August.

They were seen off by General Secretary of MKF U Soe Win, Executive U Thein Htay Aung and

officials at Yangon International Airport.

Myanmar Karatedo sports team comprises deputy leader Executive of (MKF Managing Director of Yadanar Theingi Co Ltd) U Aik Ye, Manager Honourary Patron of MKF Police Col Khin Maung Tun (Retd), Referees U Myint Aung, U Zaw Myint, U Tun Zaw and U Aung Htin Kyaw, Coach Joint-Secretary of MKF Sports and Physical Education Department U Htein Win Myint and Junior Selected Player Kyaw Kyaw Tun (Forestry).

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Bago mountain range greening project in Toungoo District

Article & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

The Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry is implementing the Bago Yoma greening project. In Bago Division, townships in Toungoo and Bago districts are participating in their respective roles in the project.

The projects cover Pyu, Toungoo, Ottwin and Yedashe townships of Toungoo District. Under the arrangements of Assistant Director U Myint Thein of Toungoo District Forest Department, together with Senior Forester U Kyaw Oo and party, I had an opportunity to view greening tasks on Bago mountain range.

We went there along five miles and five furlongs long route, west of Yangon-Mandalay Highway. Senior Forester U Thet Naing Oo, Forester U Tin Maung Yi and Forest Ranger U Kyaw Maung conducted us round the 200-acre teak plantation in Block XIII of Pyukwin Protected Public Forest.

We also viewed thriving teak plantation on 1,000 acres

established at Block XI in 2004 and 400 acres of separate teak plantation at Block XIII. We also viewed thriving teak plantation separately grown on 300-acre land in 2005 in Myayabinkyaw Reserve Forest, 300-acre more plantation in Pyukwin Protected Public Forest and 700 acres plantation in Block XI. We witnessed Thitseint (Belleric myrobalan) and ironwood trees on 300-acre watershed area and thriving fuel wood forest on 200 acres of land at Pyukwin Protected Public Forest.

A total of 400 acres of teak and ironwood plantations were established on 400 acres of land at Block XXIV at Pyu Creek Reserve Forest and 400 acres of plantations on Block XI of Pyukwin Protected Public Forest. We saw thriving firewood plantation on 200 acres of land and physic nut plantation on 100 acres of land at the protected public forest.

In 2007, teak plantations on commercial scale were established in Block XIII of Pyukwin Protected Public Forest, 750 acres of teak plantation

in Block XI, teak and gum-kino plantations and firewood plantation in the watershed area.

This year, 200 acres of teak plantation was established in Block XIII and 800 acres of similar plantation on Block XI at the protected public forest. Moreover, 110 acres of firewood plantation and 558 acres of ironwood and gum-kino plantation were nurtured in Block XIX of the same forest.

We made one more trip to Khabaung Reserve Forest blocks 212-213. We witnessed thriving 500 acres of teak plantation grown on commercial scale in 2004-2005. In addition, we saw 100 acres of Thitseint (Belleric myrobalan) in Block XI of Myayabin Reserve Forest. We also viewed 2.5 acres of plantation along the road to Khabaung Dam.

In 2005-06, 1,000 acres of teak plantations were established on commercial scale at Bontaung Reserve Forest and Khabaung Protected Public Forest. In addition, 350 acres of ironwood tree plantation in the watershed area and 100 acres of firewood



A thriving teak plantation seen at Saingya Reserve Forest in Yedashe Township.

plantation at Pauktaw Reserve Forest were established. In 2006-07, 1,000 acres of teak plantation was established in Block XIII of Khabaung Protected Public Forest, 400 acres of ironwood tree plantation in Bontaung Reserve Forest and 200 acres of firewood plantation at Mechaung Village. In 2007-08, physic nut and other plants were grown on 1,000 acres of land at Khabaung Protected Public Forest and 100 acres of plantation in Myayabin Reserve Forest and 550 acres of ironwood tree plantation in Blocks 51-52 in Bontaung Reserve Forest.

Together with Township Forest Department Staff Officer U Htay Maung, we left Ottwin Township for Yedashe Township to observe the greening task at Bago Yoma mountain range. We viewed thriving 1,250 acres of Eucalyptus plantation at Myohla Reserve Forest, west of Yeni Paper Mill-2. We also looked into 1,000 acres of special teak plantation and 50 acres of ironwood tree plantation

in Saingya Reserve Forest. In the forest, 500 acres of special teak plantation was grown along both sides of Thagaya-Koebin Yoma crossing road. A total of 500 acres of special teak plantation and 900 acres of separate teak plantation established in 2005-06 are thriving in block 55 and blocks 70-71 in Saingya Reserve Forest. There are 1,250 acres of Eucalyptus plantation in Myohla Reserve Forest. Moreover, we saw lush and green scenes with thriving 600 acres of teak plantation at Saingya Reserve Forest and 50 acres of physic nut plantation at Samoe Reserve Forest.

Bago Yoma mountain range greening task commenced in 2004-05. Blocks 73/71 and 72 of Saingya Reserve Forest are covered with thick foliage of 500-acre special teak plantation and 800-acre separate teak plantation. As part of implementing the Bago Yoma greening project in Toungoo Township, 300 acres of ironwood and Thitseint tree plantation was established at Pabe extended reserve forest

and 100 acres of firewood plantation at Kabani Reserve Forest in 2005-06. A total of 550 acres of teak plantation was grown in block 106 of Khabaung Reserve Forest on commercial scale in 2006-07. There are 100 acres of firewood plantation in block XX of Khabaung Protected Public Forest. Furthermore, 100 acres of physic nut plantation and 550 acres of teak plantation were established on a commercial scale at block 8 of Kabani Reserve Forest in 2006-07. Moreover, 550 acres of teak plantation and 500 acres of ironwood and Thitseint plantation were planted in block XVIII of Pabe extended reserve forest in 2007-08.

At present, mountain ranges of Bago Yoma are being covered with a mass of green foliage as forest plantations have been established since 2004 at the reserve and protected public forests in Toungoo District.

Translation: TTA
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A special teak plantation thriving on 300 acres of land in Pyu Township of Toungoo District.

Russia gets tough with West in Georgia fallout

MOSCOW, 25 Aug — The Russian Parliament voted Monday to recognize two breakaway Georgian regions as independent nations and Moscow toughened its line on the West as the United States said Vice President Dick Cheney would visit Georgia.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Moscow was ready to break with NATO while tensions were underscored by Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's announcement that Russia would withdraw from some WTO trade accords.

Russia's military intervention in Georgia has particularly worried Europe and the European Union has called a special summit for next Monday, while France expressed concern at reports of looting and intimidation in the flashpoint region of South Ossetia.

With Russian troops still deep in Georgia, both Houses of the Russian Parliament passed motions urging Medvedev to recognize the independence of South Ossetia—where the conflict began this month — and Abkhazia.

The two regions are internationally recognized as

part of Georgia, where Russian troops rolled in on 8 August to fight off a Georgian offensive to retake South Ossetia.

Addressing the Federation Council Upper House, South Ossetian leader Eduard Kokoity said Russia had saved his region from "genocide."

He asserted there was more political and legal legitimacy to recognizing South Ossetia's independence than there had been for Kosovo, the Serbian province which broke free with EU and US backing.—Internet



South Ossetian walks past a bombed-out house in Tskhinvali. The Russian Parliament has voted to recognize two breakaway Georgian regions as independent nations and Moscow toughened its line on the West as the US said Vice President Dick Cheney would visit Georgia.—INTERNET

Olmert faces seventh police interrogation this week

JERUSALEM, 25 Aug — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert will face the seventh round of police questioning this week in the ongoing corruption probes that have brought about his political downfall, local daily *Jerusalem Post* reported Sunday on its website.

The police are expected to recommend pressing charges against Olmert next month, and Attorney-General Menahem Mazuz will then make a final decision on the case, according to *Jerusalem Post*.

The Premier was questioned by national fraud squad investigators at his official residence for three hours last Friday morning, which was the sixth time Olmert has been interrogated so far since the "money envelopes" scandal went public in May.

The two most recent police investigations centre around allegations that Olmert improperly accepted funds from Jewish American businessman Morris Talansky, and that the Premier double- and triple-billed organizations for his trips abroad. The Prime Minister denies any wrongdoing in any of the cases, all tracing back to the period before he became Prime Minister in 2006. Embroiled in the series of probes, Olmert announced late July that he would resign as soon as a new leader of his ruling Kadima was elected.

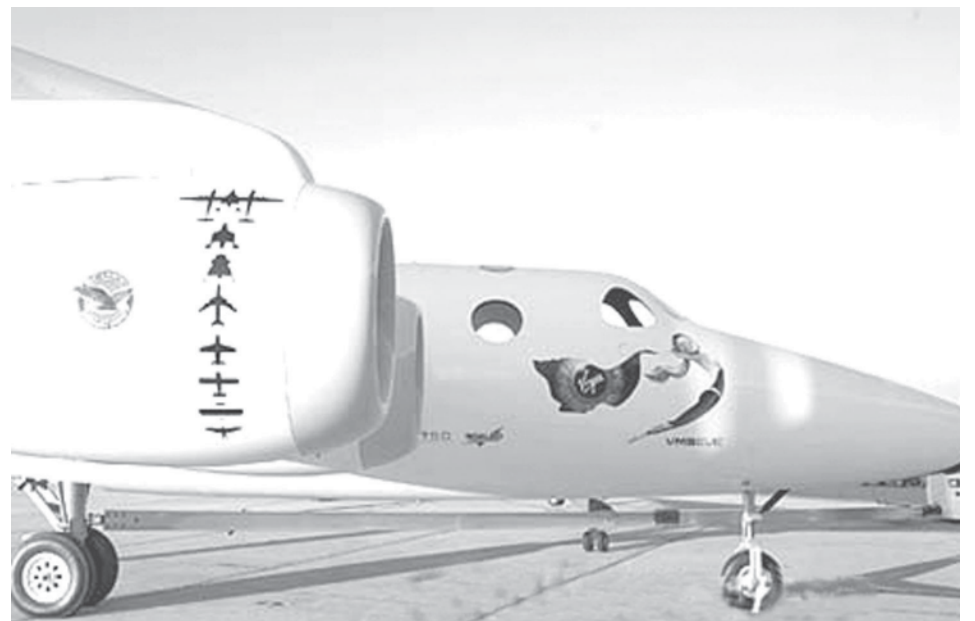
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Two more suspects arrested in S Thailand after bombing

BANGKOK, 25 Aug — Two more suspects were arrested early Sunday related to the deadly bombing in the Thailand's restive far southern province Narathiwat last week, bringing the total number of suspects nabbed to eight, media here quoted local officials as saying.

More than 200 personnel in a combined military and police force searched an unnamed village in Sungai Kolok, one of the most restive districts in Narathiwat, apprehending a man with two pistols, 181 rounds of ammunition, a large amount of US currency, five cell phones, five bank account books, four motorcycles and a pickup truck, according to a report by *Thai News Agency*.

MNA/Xinhua



Virgin Galactic's mothership White Knight Two is shown on the tarmac during its public roll-out in Mojave, California on 28 July, 2008. The twin fuselage aircraft WhiteKnightTwo will carry SpaceShipTwo to launch commercial passengers into space.—XINHUA

Nepali FM says to keep "equal distance" from China, India

KATHMANDU, 25 Aug — Nepali Foreign Minister Upendra Yadav said Sunday the new Nepali Government will keep "equal distance" from its two neighbours, India and China.

The dynamics of diplomatic ties has changed and the government will maintain balanced re-

lations with the neighbours, Yadav said.

The Foreign Minister, also chairman of Madhesi People's Rights Forum (MPRF), the fourth largest party in the Constituent Assembly (CA), was sworn in on Friday alongside seven other ministers.

Yadav said the new government will tolerate no meddling of its policies by

foreign diplomats.

He also defended Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal's ongoing China tour, saying it was for the closing ceremony of the Beijing Olympics, and not intended to "keep India at a distance". However, he said, the visit would help consolidate ties between Nepal and China.

MNA/Xinhua

Grenade attack kills 19 at Burundi wedding

BUJUMBURA, 25 Aug — A man killed 19 people in Burundi when he hurled a grenade into his brother's wedding party in what police said on Sunday was a land dispute.

One person was arrested after the incident on Saturday night in the central Gitega Province.

"The grenade was launched into a crowd of people at the wedding ceremony," said police spokesman Pierre Ntarabaganyi.

He said the suspect was a brother of the groom, but that the groom and his wife survived the attack.

Dozens of guests were hurt. Burundi is emerging from more than a decade of ethnic war that killed 300,000 people.

A recent UN study said there are still hundreds of thousands of illegal weapons in the country.

MNA/Reuters



A black bear plays on a horizontal bar during an animal sports meeting at a wildlife park in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 22 Aug, 2008.

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MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (113)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (113) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25.8.2008 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.

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

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Venezuela oil company
PDVSA to open sports office

CARACAS, 25 Aug—Venezuelan state oil company PDVSA will open a sports office to train athletes after a lackluster Olympic performance, President Hugo Chavez said on Sunday, expanding PDVSA social efforts that already range from food sales to road repairs. PDVSA has become the financial engine of Chavez’s self-styled socialist revolution, financing and carrying out a broad array of social programmes that have made the leftist leader popular among the country’s poor.

“PDVSA shall open an office of competitive sports,” Chavez instructed Energy Minister and PDVSA President Rafael Ramirez during a television broadcast in the company of Olympic athletes.—*MNA/Reuters*

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APEC meeting on
SMEs begins in Peru

LIMA, 25 Aug—Experts and officials from 21 economies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) held a meeting Sunday in Peru to promote the development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the region.

“The ideas that will be shared here will help improve the performance of the SMEs,” Peruvian official Luis Quezada said during the inauguration of the APEC forum in the city of Chiclayo, 750 kilometres northwest of the country’s capital Lima.

During the meeting, issues concerning goods, services as well as simplifying the opening procedure will be discussed, Quezada said.

Chiclayo’s meeting serves as a preparation for the APEC leaders’ meeting on 16-23 November in Lima.

During the meeting, Canadian official Anne Pigeon presented an APEC poll about licence obtaining.

Pigeon said the poll was not a scientific study, but it was important because 14 of 21 APEC economies participated in the survey.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Vietnam reports 722
cholera patients

HANOI, 25 Aug—Vietnam has so far this year detected 4,533 cases of acute diarrhea infections, of whom 722 have been tested positive to cholera virus, local newspaper *Youth* on Monday quoted statistics from the country’s Health Ministry as reporting.

Since the beginning of this month, up to 390 people, mainly in northern provinces, have suffered from acute diarrhea infections. Most of them used unhygienic foodstuffs and used substandard toilets.

The ministry said it is difficult to completely contain cholera because cholera virus strain, which has stricken Vietnam since late last year, has mutated so that it can live longer in environment.

Internet

Woman injured in SW China quake
that kills three, remains in danger

YINGJIANG (Yunnan), 25 Aug—A woman who was seriously injured in last week’s quake that has killed three in southwest China’s Yunnan Province was still in danger, hospital sources said on Sunday.

The woman named Cun Huidong from a village in Yingjiang County, was now being treated in Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture Hospital. She was crushed

by a fallen wall in the quake and suffered serious injuries in the abdomen.

She was in a state of shock due to much bleeding when being admitted to hospital. Doctors carried out operation on her Sunday morning, but she was still in danger.

Yingjiang was hit by a magnitude-5.0 tremor at 5:35 am on Wednesday, followed by quakes with magnitudes 4.9 and 5.9 on

Thursday.

Three people were killed and 117 others injured. The tremors destroyed 11,360 houses and damaged 77,747 others, forcing 125,000 to be evacuated.

The county education authorities have postponed the new school term scheduled to open on Sunday to 1 Sept as hundreds of school buildings were damaged in the quake.—*Internet*

Backgrounder: Major air accidents since 2007

BEIJING, 25 Aug—A *Boeing 737-200* belonging to Kyrgyzstan’s private company Itek-Air crashed shortly after takeoff from Bishkek’s airport Sunday evening,

leaving some 70 people dead and 20 others injured.

The following is a chronology of major air accidents worldwide since 2007.

On 1 Jan, 2007, a *Boeing 737-400* airplane from Indonesia’s Adam Air with 102 people aboard went missing en route to Manado, North Sulawesi. All the passengers and crew members have not found yet.

On 5 May, 2007, a *Boeing 737-800* belonging to Kenya Airways with 114 people aboard crashed in southern Cameroon, killing them all.

On 17 July, 2007, an *Airbus 320* from Brazilian airline TAM lost control while landing at Sao Paulo’s Congonhas Airport and hit a Shell fuel station, causing a huge fire. More than 190 people were killed, including 187 aboard the plane and at least four others on the

ground.

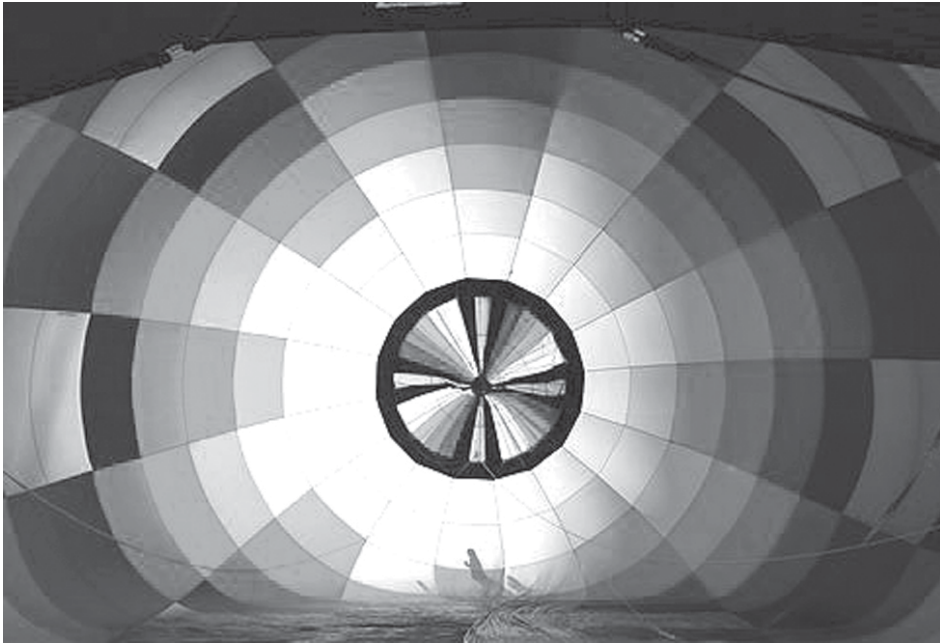
On 16 Sept, 2007, an *MD-82* plane, operated by Thai budget carrier One-Two-Go, crashed when attempting to land at the Phuket International Airport in southern Thailand, killing 88 and injuring 42 others out of the 130 people aboard.

On 30 Nov, 2007, a Turkish domestic airliner crashed in the mountains in southwestern Turkey, killing all 57 people aboard.

On 15 April, 2008, a passenger plane crashed into a market in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, killing over 50 people.

On 20 Aug, 2008, at least 154 people died and only 20 survived after a 15-year-old *MD-82* plane of Spanair crashed on takeoff and burst into flames at Madrid’s Barajas.

Internet



Early morning sunlight backlights the inside canopy of a multicoloured hot-air balloon during the Rocky Mountain Balloon Festival on 22 Aug, 2008, at Chatfield State Park in Littleton, Colo.—INTERNET

Study shows prostate cancer risk increased in obese men

NEW YORK, 25 Aug — Use of cholesterol-lowering statin drugs, especially long-term use, appears to raise the risk of prostate cancer among obese men, according to findings of a new study.

“Given the epidemic of obesity in the US and the frequent use of statins, the positive association we observed raises substantial concern as to the safety of these widely prescribed agents,” Dr Janet L Stanford of the Fred

Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle and colleagues wrote in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*.

In a population-based, case-control study, the researchers matched 1,001 men with prostate cancer diagnosed between 2002 and 2005 with 942 age-matched cancer-free controls from King County, Washington. No overall association was observed between the risk of prostate cancer and the current or

past use of statin treatment. Duration of statin use was also not associated with prostate cancer risk.

“We also found no evidence that use of a statin was associated with risk of developing more aggressive subtypes of prostate cancer,” Stanford said in an interview with *Reuters Health*. “Overall we found no support for the current hypothesis that statin use may reduce risk of prostate cancer.”

MNA/Reuters

India will not accept conditions on US N-deal

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug — India will not agree to any conditions to get approval from an atomic trade cartel necessary for a civilian nuclear deal with the United States, a report quoted India’s Foreign Minister as saying on Saturday.

A 45-nation meeting on whether to lift a ban on nuclear trade with India ended inconclusively on

Friday after many raised conditions, leaving the future of the controversial bilateral nuclear deal unclear.

The countries in the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) will meet again on 4-5 September when the United States is expected to rework the draft taking account of their concerns and re-submit it, according to diplomats who attended

Friday’s meeting.

“We have to see what kind of amendments come,” Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee told *Press Trust of India* news agency. The nuclear cartel must agree to allow nuclear fuel and technology exports to India for its civilian atomic energy programme to help seal the 2005 US-Indian trade accord. — MNA/Reuters



Stranded residents are ferried out after tropical storm Fay flooded their Timber Lake neighbourhood, on 24 Aug, 2008 in Tallahassee, Fla.

INTERNET

Angola ready for parliamentary elections

LUANDA, 25 Aug — Angola is ready to hold the 5 September parliamentary elections, a senior electoral official said here on Saturday.

Caetano de Sousa, chairman of the National Electoral Commission (CNE), told reporters that CNE is now testing the national communication network linking the national counting centre with all the provincial counting centres.

He added that the materials for polling stations across the country have already been handed over to the 18 provincial electoral commissions and the municipal electoral offices across the country. Luanda Province which houses the Angolan capital is Angola’s largest province with a population of some five million, accounting for

one third of the country’s total.

After an inspection visit to the National Counting Centre in Luanda on Friday, the CNE top official said he is satisfied with the preparations and various testing work done in the national centre linking the provincial and municipal counting centres. According to him, Angola’s telecom companies have guaranteed that there will not be any problems during the electoral process.

The ballot counting of the parliamentary elections comprises a hook-up with four levels that will enable the data from the polling stations to reach the municipal ballot counting centres, the provincial centres and finally to the National Counting Centre that will release the final results. — MNA/Xinhua

Afghan women stand next to the remains of her home which was destroyed in a US airstrike at Azizabad village in Herat Province.

INTERNET



Former Iraqi minister sentenced to death for murder

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug — Iraq’s former minister of culture, a Sunni Arab, has been sentenced to death in absentia for involvement in murdering two sons of another Iraqi politician, a

court source said on Saturday.

“The Central Criminal Court in Karkh (western part of Baghdad) handed down a death sentence in absentia against the former minister of culture, Asaad Kamal al-Hashimi, after he was found guilty of murdering two sons of Mathal al-Alusi, the leader of the Umma Party,” in 2005, Abdul Sattar al-

Byraqdar, spokesman of the court told reporters.

Hashimi, also a lawmaker in the Iraqi Accordance Front, the major Sunni bloc in the Iraqi Parliament, was tried in absentia because his whereabouts have been unknown since he fled in June last year, Byraqdar said. “The death verdict against Hashimi could be appealed,” he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Somali gunmen kidnap two Western journalists

MOGADISHU, 25 Aug — Unidentified gunmen kidnapped two Western journalists on Saturday near Somalia’s capital Mogadishu, residents and a security source said.

The pair, believed to be an Australian man and Canadian woman, were apparently seized during a visit to camps for displaced civilians at Elasha, south of the city. “We heard that unknown gunmen abducted two foreign journalists, a White man and a White woman,” Fatuma Ali, a primary school teacher in Elasha, told *Reuters* by telephone. Mohamed Ajos, head of security at Mogadishu’s Shamo Hotel, said the pair had been staying there. — MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Hammers accept Anton bid Hammers board accept Sunderland's Ferdinand offer

LONDON, 25 Aug — West Ham manager Alan Curbishley has confirmed Sunderland's bid for Anton Ferdinand has been accepted by the club's board.

Ferdinand, who was absent from West Ham's 3-0 defeat to Manchester City on Sunday, is currently on the sidelines recovering from a hamstring injury.

Black Cats boss Roy Keane stated he was close to adding two new players to his squad in the next week, one of them is believed to be West Ham stopper Ferdinand.

Curbishley has now stated that with Ferdinand reluctant to renegotiate terms on a new deal the



Anton Ferdinand

board have decided it is in the club's best interests if the 23-year-old departs.

"The board have accepted the bid," Curbishley said of the deal which is believed to be in the £8million region.

"Anton has not renegotiated his contract, and the decision was taken out of my hands. —Internet

Schuster out to keep Robinho

MADRID, 25 Aug — Real Madrid coach Bernd Schuster admits that for "selfish" reasons he is still hoping that Robinho will stay at the club.

Robinho announced on Friday that he wanted to join Chelsea - an ambition that appeared a step closer to becoming reality when Madrid responded by saying they would not keep any player against their will.

However, Real admit they do not want the player to leave, and Schuster showed where his hopes lie by selecting Robinho in an 18-man squad for Sunday's Supercopa second leg against Valencia - a game Madrid won 4-2.

The German coach ultimately decided against using the Brazil international during the match but after the thrilling victory he reiterated that he wanted the mercurial 24-year-old to stay. —Internet



Robinho

Inter beat Roma on penalties to seal Super Cup

MILAN, 25 Aug — Inter Milan beat AS Roma 6-5 on penalties to win the Italian Super Cup on Sunday following a 2-2 draw in Jose Mourinho's first

competitive game in charge of the Italian champions.

Sulley Muntari, a new signing from Portsmouth, gave Inter the lead after 18 minutes of his official debut after Maicon's cross had been deflected on to the bar by Roma defender Philippe Mexes.

Last season's Cup winners Roma, playing their first game since the death of club president Franco Sensi last Sunday, levelled on 59 minutes at the San Siro when Daniele De Rossi lashed a stunning drive into the top corner from 30 metres.



Emmanuel Adebayor

MNA/Reuters

Adebayor in Arsenal warning

Striker keen for defeat to spur Gunners squad on

LONDON, 25 Aug — Emmanuel Adebayor is hoping Arsenal's defeat by Fulham will act as a wake-up call for the team's title ambitions.

Arsenal followed up an opening day win over promoted West Brom with a 1-0 loss at Fulham on Saturday to put an early dent in their bid for the title. Adebayor acknowledged the Gunners can not afford to be losing games at such an early stage of the Premier League season.

The Togo striker believes the setback at Craven Cottage will act as a reminder to any players who think the Gunners are 'untouchable'. "Of course, we cannot afford to lose another game," said Adebayor in *The Sun*.

Internet

Vidic backs strike duo to gel

LONDON, 25 Aug — Manchester United defender Nemanja Vidic is tipping Peter Crouch and Jermain Defoe to be a potent partnership for Portsmouth this season.

Vidic comes up against the pair in Monday's Premier League clash at Fratton Park - a match you can see live on *Sky Sports 1* from 7.30pm.

Both sides are eager to get back to winning ways with Portsmouth still smarting after a four-goal hammering at Chelsea last weekend while United need a victory after being held at Old Trafford by Newcastle.

And Vidic thinks Defoe can strike up a productive partnership with £11million new boy Crouch.

"I have a lot of respect for Crouch and Defoe," he said.

"They are good players and will score a lot of



Vidic

goals this year, especially at home.

"Crouch is tall and wins most things in the air and Defoe is very quick around the box. He is a sharp player who makes problems for defenders.

"But as defenders we are here to deal with situations like that.

"We know who we are playing against so we need to prepare properly because it is very important we get the three points." —Internet



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns the ball during the Arthur Ashe Kids' Day before the US Open tennis tournament in New York on 23 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

Chelsea beat Wigan to stay top of the table

LONDON, 25 Aug — Chelsea maintained their 100 per cent start to the season when a stunning free kick from new signing Deco was enough to give them a 1-0 Premier League win at Wigan Athletic on Sunday.

Deco, who also scored on his league debut in last week's 4-0 win over Portsmouth, struck with a beautifully executed free kick in the fourth minute after Wigan's Lee Cattermole handled the ball just outside the penalty area.

The win took Chelsea, who were far from their best, back to the top of the table with six points, the same as Liverpool who have also won their opening two games although Chelsea have a better goal difference.

Champions Manchester United, who opened their campaign with a 1-1 draw against Newcastle United last week, play Portsmouth at Fratton Park on Monday (1900 GMT).

Chelsea coach Luiz Felipe Scolari told Setanta Sports: "The result was far more important than the performance today. Wigan have a very good squad, good organization and are very athletic but my players fought hard and you must come to places like Wigan and win if you want to be involved in the title race."

MNA/Reuters



Vijay Singh of the Fiji Islands reaches for his trophy after he beat Sergio Garcia on the second hole of a playoff at the Ridgewood Country Club during the final round of the Barclays PGA golf tournament in Paramus, New Jersey on 24 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

Closing ceremony of Beijing Olympics draws world attention

BEIJING, 25 Aug — The closing ceremony of the Beijing Olympics Sunday night has drawn worldwide attention and Beijing's successful hosting of the Games has earned global applause.

Pakistan's national TV station, and the private GEO, EXPRESS, NEWS and AAJ stations gave live coverage of the entire ceremony.

Their commentators congratulated China on its successful hosting of the Games, saying that Pakistan is happy to see China won most gold medals.

The *Kyodo News* agency said in a story that "The Beijing Olympic theme of 'One World, One Dream' turned out a success despite predictions of gloom and doom, including whispers of terrorist plots and complaints of air pollution ahead of the competition in which more than 10,500 athletes from a record 204 national delegations participated."

Japan's *NHK* also broadcast live the closing ceremony. Its anchor believed that although the Olympic flame was extinguished, the festival seemed to continue.

Meanwhile, the Afghan private TV channel Saba, which broadcast the closing ceremony live, said the unprecedented and impressive Olympics are specially meaningful to the war-torn Afghanistan as it has won a historic Olympic medal. —MNA/Xinhua

Senior PFLP leader slams Rice’s visit

RAMALLAH, 25 Aug— A senior leader of the Popular Front to Liberate Palestine (PFLP) slammed Sunday US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's coming visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories. Abdel Rahim Mallouh, PFLP deputy chief made the denunciation in a written statement sent to the Press, saying that "the

visit of Rice to the area aims basically at exerting pressures on the Palestinians to give more concessions that serve the interests of Israel". Rice will arrive in the region on Sunday to meet and hold talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to preview the peace talks between the two sides. MNA/Xinhua



Visitors look at cars at the Classic Cars Show in Jakarta on 25 Aug, 2008. Around a hundred vehicles belonging to collectors are presented in the show.—INTERNET

US forces say caught two Iraq al-Qaeda leaders

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug —US forces said on Sunday they had caught two prominent al-Qaeda leaders, including one they blamed for the kidnapping of an American journalist. They said they had captured Ali Rash Nasir Jiyad al-Shammari, known as Abu Tiba, on 17 August and Salim Abdallah Ashur al-Shujayri, known as Abu Uthman, on 11 August. Abu Tiba was the Sunni militant group's senior adviser in the Iraqi capital, while Abu Uthman was its "emir", or leader, for the capital's eastern Rusafa District. —MNA/Reuters

Georgia crisis may ease pressure on Iran

TEHERAN, 25 Aug — The conflict between Russia and Georgia may indirectly benefit Iran by making it more difficult for the West to reach consensus with Moscow on new UN sanctions, Iranian newspapers said on Sunday. Russia, a veto-wielding member of the UN Security Council, has long been a reluctant backer of the US-led push to pressure Iran with sanctions, although Moscow has eventually backed three sanctions resolutions after watering them down. The daily *Iran News* said the Georgia conflict, which has heightened tensions between Washington and Moscow, may now make it more difficult for the United States and its Western allies to secure Russian backing for a fourth round of sanctions. The West accuses Teheran of seeking to build nuclear weapons. Iran says it is mastering atomic technology to make electricity. The English-language newspaper said there were "unintended positive consequences for Iran" from the crisis in Georgia. "First and foremost, it has taken the Iran nuclear crisis off the front pages of newspapers and headlines of the international media," it said, adding it also raised questions about Western charges that Iran is the "greatest threat to world peace and security" when Russia was sending troops into Georgia. MNA/Reuters

OBITUARY

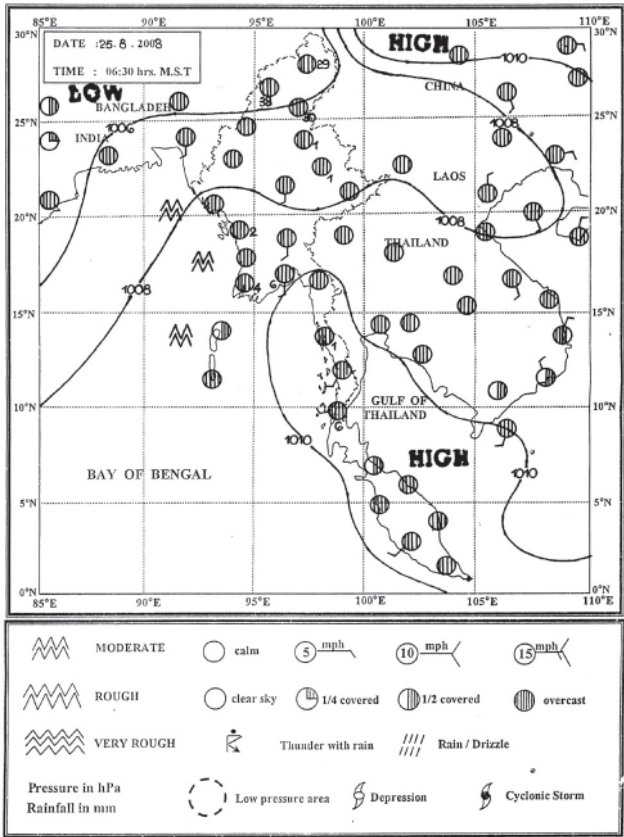
R Chandra Shekar (B.E Civil) (53) years

Ex-Asst Engineer-Ministry of Construction

Youngest son of late Mr R Elliah (Retd Suptd of Myanmar Customs Dept.) and late R Lakshmi Amma, grandson of Mr R P Naidu, beloved husband of R Anuradha, father of Usha (a) Myat Kaythi Kyaw (SHS No. 4 Pazundaung-Grade VI), youngest brother of R Narayana Rao (a) U Khin Mg, R Subhadra, R Rajeswari, R P Rao (a) U Khin Mg Win, son-in-law of late Mr VV Reddy & V Papamma expired peacefully at SSC Hospital on 25th August 2008 (Monday) at 5:05 pm. The funeral cortege will leave No. 199, 50th St (Top Floor) at 12:30 pm for Yayway Hindu Cemetery for cremation.

Friends and relatives this is the only intimation. Bereaved family

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 25 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mon State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Magway, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State. Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (2.36) inches, Aunglan (1.38) inches, Putao (1.30) inches, Myitkyina (1.19) inches, and Hinthada (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-8-2008 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 25-8-2008 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-8-2008 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 24-8-2008 was (2.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 25-8-2008 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.24) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (79.92) inches at Mingaladon, (89.65) inches at Kaba-Aye and (107.48) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 24-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26-8-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Chin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to 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 26-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-8-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 26 August View on today

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| 7:00 am
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ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော် | 7:25 am
2. To be healthy
exercise | 7:30 am
3. Morning news | 7:40 am
4. Song of yesteryears |
| 7:50 am
5. “ကျော်သွားမှာလား ဖော်စား
မှာလား”
(ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ပုလဲဝင်း၊
သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ မယ်လှိုင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-အကယ်ဒမီ-မလိခ
စိုးထိုက်အောင်) | 8:00 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ | 8:10 am
7. Dance of national
races | 8:20 am
8. Musical programme |
| 8:30 am
9. International news | 8:45 am
10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ | 4:00 pm
1. Martial song | 4:10 pm
2. Musical programme |
| 4:20 pm
3. Song to uphold
National Spirit | 4:30 pm
4. The mirror images of
the musical oldies | 4:45 pm
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ | 5:00 pm
6. ဆိုကြမယ် ပျော်ကြမယ် |
| 5:45 pm
7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက်
မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊
အက၊အရေး၊အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ
လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ)
ဝါသနာရှင်(ဒုတိယအဆင့်၊
(အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး) | 6:00 pm
8. Evening news | 6:30 pm
9. Weather report | 6:35 pm
10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုံသံ |
| 6:50 pm
11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရင် | 7:15 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“ပန်းပျိုးလက်” (အပိုင်း-၄) | 8:00 pm
13. News | 14. International news |
| 15. Weather report | 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်”
(အပိုင်း-၄) | | |

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

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects Meiktila-Kalaw-Taunggyi road



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects paddy plantations of Myanmar Agriculture Service (Heho).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug – Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence arrived at mile post No 53/4 in Nampantat village, Kalaw Township, Shan State (South) on 23 August and was welcomed there by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Ya Pyae and officials. They next visited the road construction site at Watphyuye camp mile post No 61/0 and gave instructions on meeting the set standard and digging of ditches during the rainy season.

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with the Tatmadaw members and their families of Kalaw Station and presented publications, stationery and sports gear. Next, he visited the construction site between mile post Nos 75/2 and 75/3 on Meiktila-Kalaw-Taunggyi road and the crop plantation of Kanbawza Agriculture Group (Thamaingkhram) near Thamaingkhram Dam in Kalaw Township. He gave instructions to officials on extended growing of pine trees and shad trees, conservation of pine forests and establishment of highland farming in co-

operation with related departments. He also inspected digging of ditches between mile post Nos 90/4 and 90/6 along Meiktila-Kalaw-Taunggyi road and visited the plantation of Myanmar Agriculture Service (Heho). Next, he inspected the plantations of paddy, soy beans and maize. After that, he visited the 145-teak tree plantation of the Forest Department at mile post No 107/6 and stressed the need to grow more shad trees for environmental conservation. Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing proceeded to Taunggyi.— MNA

Labour sinks Rail Transportation, Industry-1 downs PBANRDA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug— The second round matches of Inter-Ministry Football Tournament (AA)-2008 continued today in Nay Pyi Taw sports ground and Paunglaung sports ground. In the group-AA, Ministry of Labour beat Ministry of Rail Transportation 3-1 at Nay Pyi Taw sports ground while Ministry of Industry-1 edged out the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs 2-1 at Paunglaung sports ground.

On 26 August, Ministry of Information plays against Ministry of Culture at Nay Pyi Taw sports ground while Ministry of

Sports plays against the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in the group-BB at the Paunglaung sports ground —MNA

Bago mountain range greening project in Toungoo District

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