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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

Yangon Division eyes greater achievements in industrial sector

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence delivers an address at the coordination meeting of industrial zones management committees in Yangon Division.—MNA

YANGON, 27 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address at the coordination meeting of industrial zones management committees in Yangon Division at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters on Konmyinttha, here, this afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin reported on efforts being made for achieving greater development in industrial sector of Yangon Division and assistance being provided for respective sectors.

Chairmen and officials of the management committees and entrepreneurs submitted reports on sector-wise progress, production, distribution of products to markets and requirements. After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave concluding remarks. — *MNA*

MGH to get new five-storey building

NAY PYI TAW, 27 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 Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and departmental officials met with families of servicemen in Mandalay Station on 25 August and then inspected production of physic nut oil, physic nut seeds store room and demonstration on test run of trawlers-G and power-tillers.

At peasant U Maung Hmu's 3-acre plantation in Nanda village of Patheingyi Township, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party enjoyed a contest of transplanting skills of Patheingyi for 2008-2009 monsoon paddy

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Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects demonstration on test run of trawlers-G and power-tillers at physic nut mill of Central Command.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Myanma Railways endeavouring for smooth transport nationwide

The government has laid down plans and is implementing them for national development and the national interest. Ensuring smooth and secure transport plays an important role in making efforts to develop various parts of the Union.

The Ministry of Rail Transportation is undertaking the tasks for swift commodity flow and better transport in accord with the objectives of keeping abreast of international communities, making national interest strong and raising living standard of the people in various sectors.

Myanma Railways upgrades railroads, constructs new ones for regional development and manufactures carriages and wagons in the country and it also makes efforts for convenience of the travelling public.

Now Myanma Railways is constructing Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad. On completion of the railroad, local people can go straight to Pakokku in Magway Division from Pathein in Ayeyawady Division and they can reach Gangaw and Kalay.

With easy access to Chin State from the regions in Ayeyawady, Bago, Magway and Sagaing Divisions on the west bank of the Ayeyawady river, socio-economic life, education and health sectors of the people in those regions will surely improve.

Construction of new railroads by Myanma Railways contributes towards unity and closer relations among the national people and better transport from one region to another and, above all, strengthening Union spirit.

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**

British guest praises Myanmar's achievements in infectious disease control

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Director Ms Sue Wardell and party of the Department for International Development Affairs of the UK at his office, here, yesterday morning.

She said she was impressed by Myanmar's achievements in control of HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria. They discussed assistance of the UK for health sector and cooperation in health sector between the two countries.

Bangkok-based EU Ambassador Mr Friedrich Hamburger and party called on Minister Dr Kyaw Myint at the ministry, here, on the same day.

They discussed humanitarian aid for storm-hit regions, control of HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria and future tasks.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, directors-general of departments and officials. — *MNA*

***Minister Dr Kyaw Myint meets Director Ms Sue Wardell and party of the Department for International Development Affairs of the UK.*—MNA**

Thais' generosity to Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital

YANGON, 27 Aug — Thailand donated three sets of Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (FESS) to Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital in Yangon yesterday to be used at mobile clinics.

Three FESSs worth US$ 15,000 were handed over to the hospital at Thai-Myanmar Cadaver Dissection Wrokshop on Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery- FESS at the hospital yesterday to mark the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Thailand.

Present on the occasion were Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Barnsarn Bunnag, Deputy Director-General of the Health Department (Treatment) Dr Win Myint, Director (Disease Control) Dr Saw Lwin and officials concerned.

First, Prof Dr Thein Tun of the hospital extended greetings and Dr Win Myint and Ambassador Mr Barnsarn Bunnag made speeches.

Next, Thai Ambassador Mr Barnsarn Bunnag handed over three FESSs to Dr Win Myint.— *MNA*

***Deputy Director-General of Health Department Dr Win Myint accepts three units of FESS worth US$ 15,000 donated by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Barnsarn Bunnag.*—MNA**

Entries invited to competitions of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — The Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee will organize the novel, short story, article, poem and cartoon open competitions to disseminate traffic rules knowledge for curbing traffic accidents.

The entry for the novel genre must be between 50,000 and 100,000 words, the short story genre between 4,000 and 10,000 words and the article genre between 3,000 and 5,000 words. The poem must be between 100 and 500 stanzas. The entry for the cartoon genre must be depicted on A-3 size paper in minimum and the size measuring 20 inches by 30 inches in minimum, using one's own desirable colours of paints.

Every contestant is allowed to submit only one entry to every genre. The contestants must submit their works with two passport size photos, name, pen-name, NRC number, address, CV and the confession for their works as own creations.

The entries are to be sent to the Supervisory Committee, post box No. 123, General Post Office, Nay Pyi Taw, not later than 15 September. The winners will be announced on 15 November and the prize presentation ceremony will be held in December. — *MNA*

All this needs to be known

* **Do not be frightened whenever intimidated**
* **Do not be bolstered whenever flattered**
* **Do not be softened whenever appeased**

Sudan plane hijackers 'surrender'

KUFRA (Libya), 27 Aug— Two hijackers of a Sudanese plane flown to Libya have surrendered in the desert town of Kufra, Libyan officials say.

The 95 passengers on board the Sun Air *Boeing 737* had earlier been released but the crew were being detained.

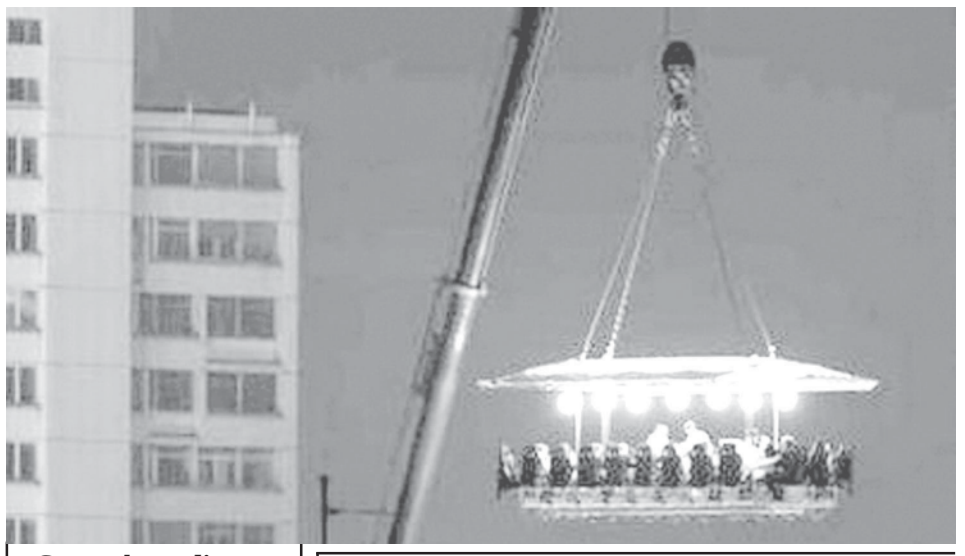
The plane was seized shortly after taking off from the Darfur town of Nyala on Tuesday.

There are some reports that the hijackers were members of a Darfur rebel group but this was strongly denied by the group's leader.

A Sudanese diplomat in Kufra said that the two men were taken into the airport building, looking exhausted. Mohammed al-Balla Othman said the men had requested asylum in Libya. Sudan had earlier demanded they be extradited.

Libyan aviation authority head Mohamed Shlibek said the crew had now been freed and the plane was empty, Libyan state media report.

Internet



Guests have dinner at a new event venue which offers "Dinner in the Sky" for guests seated around a table that is lifted by a crane in Berlin on 22 Aug, 2008. Guests are secured by a six-point harness as they eat a four-course menu.
INTERNET

US soldiers executed Iraqis, statements say

NEW YORK, 27 Aug— In March or April 2007, three noncommissioned United States Army officers, including a first sergeant, a platoon sergeant and a senior medic, killed four Iraqi prisoners with pistol shots to the head as the men stood handcuffed and blindfolded beside a Baghdad canal, two of the soldiers said in sworn statements.

After the killings, the first sergeant — the senior noncommissioned officer of his Army company — told the other two to remove the men's bloody blindfolds and plastic handcuffs, according to the statements made to Army investigators.

The statements and other court documents were provided by a person close to one of the soldiers in the unit who insisted on anonymity and who has an interest in the outcome of the legal proceedings.

Internet

Pakistani rivals step up presidential campaign

ISLAMABAD, 27 Aug—Pakistani rivals stepped up their campaign for next week's presidential election on Wednesday as political uncertainty deepened by a split in the ruling coalition drove stocks lower.

Hopes for stability after Pervez Musharraf resigned as president last week were dashed when the alliance, headed by the party of slain former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, split over a judicial dispute and who will replace Musharraf.

The departure of the second biggest party, that of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, ended what analysts said was an unnatural alliance between the two old rival parties and set the scene for a battle over the presidency.

Drawn out political uncertainty and militant violence have undermined the confidence of investors who hoped Musharraf's departure would let the government focus on economic and security problems.—*Internet*

30 suspected Taliban killed in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 27 Aug— More than 30 Taliban fighters and four policemen were killed in a series of clashes, airstrikes and bombings in Afghanistan, officials said Wednesday.

Taliban fighters attacked a police checkpoint in the Nad Ali district of southern Helmand province Tuesday, sparking a clash that killed 18 militants, provincial police chief Mohammad Hussein Andiwal said.

The militants attacked the officers guarding a government compound in the district before being repelled by the police, Andiwal said. There were no casualties among Afghan troops, he said.

The militants have attacked the same checkpoint many times in the past, and the authorities had reinforced their position, Andiwal said.US-led coalition troops, meanwhile, clashed and called in airstrikes on another group of militants in the same province killing over a dozen insurgents, the coalition said in a statement.—*Internet*

Zinat Gul, 24, who was wounded by a US air-strike in Shindand district, lies in a hospital bed in Herat, east of Kabul, Afghanistan recently.
INTERNET

Computer viruses make it to orbit

CAPE CARNAVERAL, 27 Aug—A computer virus is alive and well on the International Space Station (ISS). NASA has confirmed that laptops carried to the ISS in July were infected with a virus known as Gammima.AG.

The virus travelled on a laptop issued to an astronaut.

The worm was first detected on earth in August 2007 and lurks on infected machines waiting to steal login names for popular online games.

NASA said it was not the first time computer viruses had travelled into space and it was investigating how the machines were infected.

The laptops infected with the virus were used to run nutritional programmes and let the astronauts periodically send e-mail back to Earth.

The laptops carried by astronauts reportedly do not have any anti-virus software on them to prevent infection.

Once it has scooped up passwords and login names the Gammima.AG worm virus tries to send them back to a central server. It targets a total of 10 games most of which are popular in the Far East such as Maple Story, HuangYi Online and Talesweaver.

NASA is working with partners on the ISS to find out how the virus got on to the laptop in the first place.—*Internet*

Armoured vehicles move forward, during the Pakistan Army's Zarb-e-Hadeed exercise, which started at Khairpur Tamewali, some 62 miles southeast of Multan, Pakistan, on 26 Aug, 2008.
INTERNET

Strong quake hits Siberia

MOSCOW, 27 Aug—An intense earthquake measuring nine on the Richter Scale hit the Lake Baikal area of eastern Siberia on Wednesday, triggering reports of panic, but there were no casualties or major damage, officials said.

Russian news agencies reported that local services were hit in the regional capital Irkutsk.

"Immediately after the tremors in Irkutsk, there were cuts in electricity, mobile connections and the Internet, banks postponed work. Some houses lost roofs," reported *RIA* news agency from the city.

Internet

US state law allows babies, kids and teens to be abandoned

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug —A month-old law in the US state of Nebraska which allows babies and children up to the age of 19 to be abandoned without their parents' knowledge was slammed Monday by a lawmaker and children's rights group.

The law "creates far more problems than it will ever solve, and it leaves the underlying problem untouched," said Ernie Chambers, the only lawmaker in the Nebraska state legislature to vote against the bill.

"I do not believe that a woman — young, middle-aged or old — just on a whim says 'I think I'll give up my baby'," Chambers said.

The law, which took effect on 18 July says: "No person shall be prosecuted for any crime based solely upon the act of leaving a child in the custody of an employee on duty at a hospital licensed by the state of Nebraska."

Sarah Ann Lewis, policy coordinator at the Voices for Children in Nebraska rights advocacy, expressed concern for parents' rights.

"The law says 'an adult' can abandon the child. It doesn't even have to be a parent," she told *AFP*.

"Hopefully the system would kick in and parents be notified that their child has been abandoned and the family could be reunited, but one of our specific concerns involves the possible deprivation of the parents' or one parent's rights," she said.

In the state of Nebraska, a dependent child is defined as anyone under the age of 19 who is living with a relative or with a caretaker who is the child's legal guardian or conservator, Lewis said.

Internet

A nurse takes care of a newborn in a maternity ward of a hospital. A month-old law in the US state of Nebraska which allows babies and children up to the age of 19 to be abandoned without their parents' knowledge was slammed on 25 Aug by a lawmaker and children's rights group.—INTERNET

It might not have looked like much on 26 Aug, but less than a month from now, this and many other beer tents at Munich's world-famous Oktoberfest will be filled with beer-lovers from around the globe. The world's biggest fun fair starts on 20 Sept and runs through 5 Oct.
INTERNET

Thai judges issue warrants to arrest protesters

BANGKOK, 27 Aug — Thai judges issued arrest warrants Wednesday for anti-government protesters who led crowds to seize government buildings — including the Prime Minister's residence and the state-run television station, the official *Thai News Agency* reported.

Police had asked the judges to issue warrants for nine leaders of the anti-government People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD), the agency said. All nine have been charged with "severe" offenses, including rebellion, organizing a gathering of 10 or more people to cause a public disturbance, and defying police orders to disperse, *TNA* said.

Retired Major General Gamlong Srimuang, one of the PAD leaders, challenged the authorities to carry out the warrants but said none of the leaders would resist arrest, *TNA* reported.

Officials from the office of Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej have asked for an immediate injunction to order the PAD to move out of the Government House compound, the agency said.

Internet

A worker throws a rope in front of "Friedrichwerdersche" Church as he stands on the roof of the new temporary art hall on the Schlossplatz in central Berlin, on 25 Aug.—INTERNET

Indian company to pay $2.6b for Britain's Imperial

LONDON, 27 Aug — India's state-run Oil & Natural Gas Corp has agreed to buy Britain's Imperial Energy PLC for $2.6 billion in a cash deal that will help ONGC meet surging fuel demand from its burgeoning domestic economy.

ONGC and Imperial said in a joint statement on Tuesday that their boards had agreed on the terms which value Imperial shares at 1,250 pence ($22.95) each.

London-based Imperial, which revealed earlier this month that it had received potential takeover approaches from two different parties, said that the ONGC offer "reflects a fair value."

Imperial, an independent oil and gas exploration company with holdings mainly in western Siberia and Kazakhstan, has not named its other suitor, but media reports have suggested it was state-owned Chinese oil refiner Sinopec Corp. Both China and India have encouraged their state-owned oil and gas companies to diversify and expand their access to scarce energy resources.—*Internet*

Air France plane exits runway on landing in Canada's Montreal

OTTAWA, 27 Aug— An Air France passenger jet exited the runway Tuesday when it was landing at the Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport in Canada's eastern city of Montreal, airport officials said. There were no injuries in the incident.

The plane, which started its journey from Paris to Canada, ended up with the nose wheel parked on the grass alongside the tarmac, Canadian Television (CTV) reported. —*Internet*

Aircraft crash-lands in Somali capital after being shot at

MOGADISHU, 27 Aug— A small plane carrying Qat, mildnarcotic leaves, crash-landed in an airstrip near Somalia's capital of Mogadishu Tuesday after it was shot at several times as it tried to land in airport in the southern Somali town of Kismayo, witnesses and local media reports said.

Qat dealers in k50 airstrip, where the plane landed, said that there were no casualties but several shots were on the body of the plane, which arrived at the airport losing much fuel on the way.

"It touched down with smoke pillowing from it as if it caught fire," said Mohamoud Ali, a Qat dealer at the k50 airport, nearly 50 km southwest of Mogadishu, where a similar plane carrying Qat crashed last week killing all three crew members.

Internet

US soldier dies in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 Aug— The US military says an American soldier has died of wounds suffered in a roadside bombing in northeast Baghdad.

A US statement says the soldier's vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb Tuesday. The soldier was rushed to a military hospital in Baghdad but died Wednesday. No further details have been released.

The latest death brings to 20 the number of American soldiers who have died in Iraq this month. That's up from the 13 deaths suffered in July.

Internet

Indochina countries sign triple border meeting point agreement

HANOI, 27 Aug— Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos have inked an agreement on their triple border meeting point, paving the way for the three countries to further cooperate for mutual development and practical benefits, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported Wednesday.

Following the agreement signed in Hanoi capital on Tuesday, the three countries should continue to work on affairs pertaining to the defining of Vietnam-Cambodia land border and to strengthen the system of Vietnam-Laos border markers, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said when receiving Cambodian Senior Minister in charge of Border Affairs of the Council of Ministers Var Kim Hong, and Lao Deputy Foreign Minister Phongsavat Bupha.

Dung also said the three countries should work together to build border peace, friendship, cooperation and development to serve the Cambodia-Laos-Vietnam Triangle Development Programme.

The Cambodian minister stated his country would reinforce cooperation with Vietnam on border demarcation and the planting of border markers. He said he expected at least 100 border markers to be placed on the two countries' border this year, and the planting of all border markers to be completed by 2012. —*Xinhua*

A new Skoda Superb V6 3.6 car is seen at the Moscow Auto Salon 2008 (the Moscow International Motor Show), on 26 Aug, 2008. Some of the world's biggest car makers intend to boost sales in Russia this year, representatives of the companies said at the Moscow International Motor Show. —XINHUA

Photo taken on 26 Aug, 2008 shows a view of the Shanghai World Financial Centre in Shanghai, east China. The 101-storey, 492-metre-tall building will be opened to the public on 30 Aug.—XINHUA

Brazil appeals for WTO sanctions on US cotton subsidies

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 Aug—Brazil Tuesday appealed for WTO sanctions of up to 4 billion US dollars on the United States for the subsidies the US government has paid to its cotton farmers.

Brazil recently won a six-year dispute with the US within the World Trade Organization (WTO) over the subsidies, which it says have distorted the cotton price in the international market.

Brazil claimed that the subsidies had unfairly boosted cotton production in the United States while harming Brazilian farmers. In June, the WTO made a final decision on the issue, declaring the US cotton subsidies illegal and clearing the way for Brazil to seek trade sanctions.

Brazil appealed for sanctions as early as 2005. The request was later suspended due to an agreement between the two countries which, in the end, was never fulfilled. —*Xinhua*

More sandwiches recalled in listeriosis outbreak in Canada

OTTAWA, 27 Aug— Canadian health officials announced Tuesday to recall four more ready-made sandwich brands that may contain tainted meat products after a listeriosis outbreak left at least 12 people dead.

Metro Ontario Incorporated is warning the public not to eat its Fresh 2 Go turkey sandwiches, which were sold in stores in Ontario province, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said in a statement.

Prepared Foods Limited has also issued a warning about its Irving, Sub Delicious, and Needs brand sandwiches. The sandwiches were sold in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, the agency said.

All these four brands of sandwiches contain meat products of Maple Leaf Foods, whose tainted product is linked to the ongoing listeriosis outbreak.

Agricultural Minister Gerry Ritz said Monday that the death toll of the outbreak has risen to 12, with a total confirmed case of 26 and another 29 suspected cases under investigation.

Xinhua

Five killed in gas pipeline explosion in Pakistan's capital

ISLAMABAD, 27 Aug—At least five people were killed and eight people injured in a gas pipeline explosion in Pakistan's capital Islamabad on Tuesday, local TV reported.

The gas explosion occurred in Sihala area in Islamabad, Dawn TV channel said. There is no further information available.—*Xinhua*

Rains in Panama leave 800 homeless

PANAMA CITY, 27 Aug—Torrential rains in Panama have left about 800 homeless over the last 24 hours, director of the National System of Civil Protection (Sinaproc) Luis Francisco Sucre said Tuesday.

Sucre said that 170 houses were damaged in the towns of San Miguelito, Las Cumbres, Chilibre and Juan Diaz, in the east part of Panama City.

"There were two houses that were completely taken away by water; up to now we have not registered any loss of human lives," Sucre said. But some people who lost their houses, furniture and other properties have already requested aid from the government and humanitarian organizations. There were reports of landslides, breaches of traffic regulations and flooding of hundreds of houses in a wide zone of Panama City—all owing to the rising water level in rivers caused by the heavy rains, Sucre added.—*Xinhua*

New data show 1.4 billion live below poverty line worldwide

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug — Improved economic estimates has showed that 1.4 billion people were living under the poverty line around the world, much more than previously thought, the World Bank said on Tuesday.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

People perform during the Nadun (meaning entertainment and celebration) carnival in Minhe Hui and Tu Autonomous County in northwest China's Qinghai Province on 25 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA

Children suffer most as US poverty rises

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug—More than 37 million Americans live in poverty and nearly 46 million have no health insurance, with children bearing a disproportionate share of the burden, an official report showed Tuesday. Highlighting key issues in the race for the presidency, an annual report by the Census Bureau showed that some 37.3 million Americans lived in poverty in the United States in 2007, an increase from the 36.5 million people in 2006.

Men eat free lunch at the Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen in April 2008 in New York City. More than 37 million Americans live in poverty and nearly 46 million have no health insurance, an official report showed Tuesday, spotlighting two key issues in the race for the presidency.—INTERNET

While the numbers of poor people rose, numbers without health insurance paradoxically fell to 45.7 million people in 2007 from 47 million in 2006, the "Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage Report" showed.

But the decline in numbers of Americans who make do without health insurance gave little cause for optimism, and the poverty statistics were based on a flawed point of departure, experts said.

Internet

China Mobile says Q2 profit up

Workers man a China Mobile relay station near the Qinghai-Tibet railway.—INTERNET

HONG KONG, 27 Aug—China Mobile (0941.HK), the world's largest wireless operator, posted a 51 percent rise in quarterly profit on strong subscriber growth, but faces new competition in China's revamped telecoms sector.

With Beijing beginning to overhaul the world's largest telecoms industry, China Mobile and smaller rival China Unicom (0762.HK) continue to aggressively seek customers in rural areas as markets in major cities become saturated. On Wednesday, China Mobile said net profit for the three months ended June amounted to 30.7 billion yuan ($4.48 billion) versus the 20.34 billion yuan it booked during the same period last year, according to *Reuters* calculations of previously reported figures.

That result beat an average forecast of 27.66 billion according to 5 analysts polled by *Reuters.*

The firm also posted 44.7 rise in first-half profit to 54.8 billion yuan, beating a consensus forecast of 52.49 billion yuan.

In May, Beijing announced that Unicom will buy China Netcom (0906.HK), the smaller of China's two fixed-line carriers, and sell its smaller Code Division Multiple Access network to fixed-line leader China Telecom (0728.HK) (CHA.N), creating new competitors to China Mobile.

Internet

Southwest to cut 200 flights early 2009

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 Aug—Southwest Airlines Co (LUVN) said on Tuesday it plans to cut about 200 flights in the first quarter of 2009 as it tries to focus on more profitable flights to combat high fuel costs and a slow economy.

The leading US low-cost carrier said that following the introduction of new software to manage flight schedules it was trying to better match its schedule to customer demand. Southwest said it will cut 196 flights and add six new flights between January and March. This represents nearly 6 percent of the airline's daily schedule of around 3,400 flights. In June, Southwest said it would buck the industry trend to reduce capacity and flights by eliminating 31 existing round-trip flights and adding 40 new flights in growing markets. In January it said it would eliminate 57 flights from its May schedule.—*Internet*

German power group EON to reorganize network, cut 1,800 jobs: exec

FRANKFURT, 27 Aug—The biggest German power company, EON, will cut 1,800 jobs in Germany as it reorganizes its distribution network, a senior executive said on Wednesday.

The company plans to regroup six of its seven regional units, Klaus-Dieter Maubach told the daily *Die Welt.*

"From 60 sites at present there should be no more than 20 in the future," Maubach said, leading to the loss of 1,800 posts from a total of 15,000.—*Internet*

Amtrak train runs out of fuel, stranded two hours

It was the little engine that couldn't—because it was thirsty for fuel.

A quick train trip down the coast turned into a long haul for more than 80 Amtrak passengers when their train from Los Angeles to San Diego ran out of fuel Sunday night Amtrak spokesman Cliff Cole said the train sat for about two hours on the northern edge of San Diego before another engine came along to push it the last several miles to the San Diego train station.

These two men on their high wheels joined some 180 other fans of historic bicycles from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, France and even Japan at the 11th Velocipediade in Berlin. Tourists at the city's landmark Brandenburg Gate, which can be seen in the background, were probably grateful for the unique photo opportunity.

In this photo released by Empire Expo Centre, Liana Carmen of Binghamton, NY, has her picture taken with a sea lion at the New York State Fair.

Returning firefighters find own station ablaze

Firefighters were right on top of this blaze.The De Queen fire station is closed on weekends, so when a call is received the firefighters go to the station to get their gear before heading out.

But when they gathered at the station Saturday to answer a call about a burning utility pole, they discovered they had another problem on their hands."

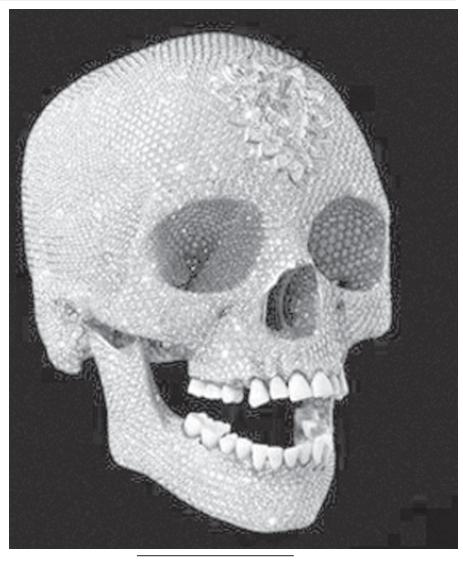
Wash rodeo coordinator loses 2nd finger on job

Some people may lose sleep on the job or even lose the stapler off their desk. Dane Keane loses fingers.

The 52-year-old Washington man was helping to secure a bull in a bucking chute Saturday evening when his finger got caught between a rope and a metal fence pole. His left index finger ended up being amputated at the second joint. But it wasn't his first time losing a finger on the job. In 2000, Keane lost the end of his right ring finger and was flipped into the air by a bull. Keane says he loves the rodeo but says it's "a little on the bad luck side" for him.

Jeweller Gudrun Abeler presents a copy of the German Empire Crown in Wuppertal, western Germany. She and her husband have built about 150 replicas of famous crowns around the world since 1962. The public can view their collection in their shop in Wuppertal.

NEWSALBUM



Amsterdam to host Hirst's diamond-encrusted skull

Artist Damien Hirst's human skull encrusted with 8,601 diamonds will go on show at an Amsterdam museum in November.

The artwork named "For the Love of God" was unveiled last year at London's White Cube gallery and later sold to an anonymous investment group.

The skull fetched $100 million (54.5 million pounds), but it was a private transaction and the fact that Hirst was part of the group of investors who bought it raised questions about its true value.

Nurture the plant first

Mg Deh Doe

Mg Deh Doe: Hey friend, you are busy, reading the newspaper. What interests you that much, Mr Bookworm?

Bookworm: Just international and Myanmar affairs. I have just read some news about 2008 Beijing Olympic and the talks UN Secretary-General's special adviser Mr Gambari held during his visit to Myanmar. Now, I am thinking about the news stories.

Doe: Well, what is your opinion?

Bookworm: Beijing Olympic was, indeed, a golden opportunity for China to show off how great the success it had achieved in reforms for development in 30 years is. That was why it had geared up and spent huge funds for more than a decade for successful completion of such grand international sports events.

Doe: Right, it is fair to say that Beijing Olympic is the grandest one in the Olympic history. In that regard, China spent about 40 billion US dollars on beautifying its whole capital. We watched the news about the tasks on TV.

Bookworm: It also had to make arrangements for convenience of the visitors such as meals, accommodations, health care, communication and security. It was such a demanding task that China had to take more than one year and use thousands of people for the rehearsal for the opening ceremony. It also had to deal with destructive acts of some pessimists, threats, and natural disasters such as Sichun earthquake. I bet the achievement was due to the fact that the entire people of China worked together, and upheld that huge task as national concern, because the Chinese government alone was not able to do so.

Doe: What do you mean, then?

Bookworm: I mean China had to take time to prepare itself to host successfully the World Olympic. In our country, the Sate constitution has been adopted. And the multiparty democracy general elections, the fifth step of the Road Map for transition to democracy, are going to take place in 2010. That means our country has only about two years to make arrangements. So, I think it is time political parties and the people started to make arrangements for democracy transition process.

Doe: As you know, those political parties in favour of the move are planning to welcome the 2010 elections, and those that oppose the elections must be hatching plots to hinder the process.

Bookworm: You are right. I am afraid but democracy means people's rule. Personally, the stand of the public deserves serious consideration because the people will play a major role. We are just ordinary people, not members of any political parties. So, I don't think our opinions should not be disregarded.

Doe: Politicians by nature show too much respect for the people before the elections, but they start to trouble the people just after they have come to power.

Bookworm: Certainly.

Doe: That is not all. In our country, some persons are calling for international economic sanctions against our country to make the people impoverished in order to come to power. To make matters worse, they provoked naïve people to stage protests to incite instability.

Bookworm: Not as they said, the people, actually, want to be left alone, not because they are artless. They will never get themselves caught in the trip of politicians. **The stance of the people is that whatever party comes to power and whoever rules the country, they prefer to lead a peaceful life. They do not want to go through such instability that is taking place under the pretext of democracy campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan. Foreign investors are keeping in touch with the prevailing situations. They withdraw their investments and leave the host countries at the slightest instabilities. The people have to struggle for their living. No politicians are providing assistance for them. Those who are most vulnerable to evil consequences of instability such as disorders in trade and occupations and soaring prices are the people. What we people want is to do our businesses freely with security and stability under the framework of law, to say it another way, correct livelihood. These points are guaranteed in the future democracy nation. So, we are in support of democracy processes, and we want to enjoy democracy as soon as possible.**

Doe: That is right for the people. But some politicians are rather fussy about that.

Bookworm: It is hard to satisfy all the wishes of a person. As a matter of fact, in politics, we can lay down a suitable policy only if idealism and realism are applied in balance. It will never work if we rely too much on theory. China, for instance, has achieved considerable success in exercising Socialism and market economy in combination. So, there is no use of complaining that liberal democracy goes smoothly only with market economy. China is doing well in its policies to control such a heavy population through the one-party system and to enjoy economic growth through market economy. Here, it is like visiting the Shwedagon Pagoda. What is the most important in this regard is to get to the pagoda platform, whether we get along one of the stairways, use the escalator or one of the lifts. So, we have to apply own methods according to the prevailing situations. What is important is that the policy we will practise must be the one that can guarantee the interests of the nation.

Doe: However, certain persons are focusing on own interests and coming to power rather than on national interests. They do not take a leading role, or contribute towards nation-building tasks.

Bookworm: It is like the saying that goes "Different people have different attitudes". So, in some cases, we can share common senses, but in some cases, we cannot share. People with different views can negotiate if they share common goals. If so, they can get win-win results. **In holding talks with Mr Gambari, the Spokes Authoritative Team said that both anti-government groups and pro-government people could enjoy the rights to form political parties, organize the people and stand for election in the coming elections. So, I think the government has done all it should do. Moreover, it also has pledged the UN Secretary-General's adviser that it would take all possible measures for holding free and fair elections. What anti-government groups need is just to cooperate with the government. If they really want to serve the interests of the nation, they will never waste such unique opportunities to put the nation on the correct path towards democracy. And if the government and political groups work together for transition to democracy, they will win the recognition and reliance of the people.**

Doe: It will be the best if things will happen as you say. However, on the other side of positive attitude is negative attitude.

Bookworm: That is for sure. But, here what is the most important is the desire of the people. In the previous referendum, the State constitution was adopted with the 'yes' votes of 92.48 per cent of the voters. That implied that the people accept the State's seven-step Road Map and want to enjoy democracy. The seven-step Road Map wins the recognition of world nations including the UN. If someone tries to hinder the democracy processes, they will face the opposition of the people. In fact, in our country, democracy processes still have a long way to go. If someone tries to disrupt the democracy processes in order to pluck the flowers first, how can democracy processes yield fruitful results? If someone wants to get a flower, they will have to nurture a flowering plant. Democracy can be introduced only through peaceful means and knowledge. If riots are incited to enjoy democracy, there will be nothing beneficial, but mobocracy. If violent methods are used for coming to power, that will lead to anarchy. If the electorates are deceived to vote for a certain party, there will be electocracy. If too much reliance is placed on a particular person, there will be autocracy. And if the people are regarded as a voting machine, and a handful of people try to manipulate the country, there will result in polyarchy. Therefore, I would say **if the people want to enjoy the fruits of democracy as soon as possible, they should avoid such wrong policies and all the forces who want to serve national interests will have to work together.**

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MGH to get new five-storey…

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season and viewed bio fertilizer manufactured by the Ministry of Science and Technology and chemical substances for agriculture purpose.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met with departmental officials at division, district and township levels, members of social organizations and town-selders at MCDC Hall and then paid homage to Hsutaungpyae pagoda on Mandalay hill.

After looking into repairing of roofs, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint viewed progress in constructing the five-storey building in Mandalay General Hospital. Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party inspected progress of extension of tarred road on 84th street and 36th x 37th streets and donated cash assistance to the funds of the hospital. Afterwards, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint oversaw progress in paving the 6700 feet x 22 feet long tarred road and tarmacking of the 5800 feet x 50 feet long tarred road and digging up drains on both sides.

After inspecting harvesting and winnowing of summer paddy at peasant U Zaw Wan's 2-acre plantation Gwaygyikon village of Patheingyi township, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party arrived at Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Deparment's 37.54 acre plantation of the MCDC. And they looked into the integrated farm No. 1 of the committee. At physic nut mill, Rector (Duty) of Mandalay Technological University Dr Zaw Min Aung briefed Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party on production process of physic nut oil.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint oversaw physic nut plantations, kitchen crop plantations, breeding of animals, fish ponds and fingerlings.—*MNA*

The wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication

When the wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication, he having ascended the tower of wisdom —being himself free from sorrow and being himself wise—looks at the sorrowing people and the unwise as one, standing on a mountain, views those on the plains.

Dhammapada-28

USDA members urged to continue participating in future programmes of the association

***Minister U Aung Thaung and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi share merit gained at first Waso robe offering of Taungtha Township Association (Mandalay).*— INDUSTRY-1**

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug—Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met secretaries and executives of Mandalay, Kyaukse, Myingyan, Meiktila, NyaungU, PyinOoLwin, and Yamethin districts of USDA at the office of Mandalay Division USDA on 23 August.

The secretariat member said that the association is founded for realizing national interests and urged the members to keep on participation in the future tasks of the association with belief, concept and good spirit. In the afternoon, patron of Taungtha Township Association (Mandalay) Secretariat member of the USDA Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung attended the 1st Waso robes offering ceremony of Taungtha Township Association and offered Waso robes.

The executive meeting of Taungtha Township Association (Mandalay) was held at Thakyathiha pagoda in which the chairman and deputy chairman of the association reported on undertakings of the association and the patron attended to the needs.—*MNA*

Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepts K 12 million for construction of primary school in Kawkanein Village in Kungyangon Township and trust fund for orphans donated by U Kyaw Zeya+Daw Nanda Waidy and son Phone Thit Htoo of Waidy Shoe Store and Lily Shoe-lovers.

SWD

Thakayta Oil Exploration Offshore Base inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay inspected Thakayta Oil Exploration Offshore Base of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise on 24 August.

During the tour of inspection, the deputy minister also inspected machinery imported from China for oil exploration and for repairing oil wells.

Before leaving the base, the deputy minister inspected repairing of machinery there.

He also went to Refilling Station No. 022 in Thakayta Township on 24 August and inspected the refilling natural gas to vehicles.

MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — The group matches of 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008 continued at Nay Pyi Taw Football Ground and Paunglaung Football Ground, here, this afternoon.

At Nay Pyi Taw Football Ground, Defence Ministry beat Home Affairs Ministry 3-0. At Paunglaung Football Ground, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Ministry of Commerce played a 3-3 draw. Tomorrow afternoon, Ministry of Transport will play against Ministry of Health at Nay Pyi Taw Football Ground and Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs against Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement at Paunglaung Football Ground. — *MNA*

Transport Minister meets guest of Mitsubishi Corporation

YANGON, 27 Aug—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe received Senior Vice-President Mr Osamu Komiya of Division Coo Ship, Aerospace & Transport Systems Division from Mitsubishi Corporation and party at the meeting hall of Myanma Port Authority office on Pansodan street here on 25 August.

Also present at the call were Managing Director U Kyi Soe of Myanma Shipyards under the Ministry of Transport and General Manager U Cho Than Maung of Myanma Port Authority.—*MNA*

***Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe meets Senior Vice President, Mr Osamu Komiya of Division Coo Ship, Aerospace & Transport Systems Division from Mitsubishi Corporation and party.*—MNA**

USDA Secretary-General supervises rural development tasks

***USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo views cultivation of monsoon paddy and paddy fields with the use of water from Thithson Dam in Yamethin Township.*—A&I**

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association viewed cultivation of monsoon paddy and thriving paddy plantation with the use of water from Thithson Dam in Yamethin Township on 23 August.

He looked into storage of water at Kyeeni Lake, repair of bunds, the spillway structure and cultivation of monsoon paddy with the use of water from the lake through canals.

In meeting with local farmers, the secretary-general called for boosting production, effectively using fertilizers and producing natural fertilizers.

He inspected maintenance of the embankment at Meaung Lake and storage of water near Aungchantha Village, south of Yamethin. The lake has 2,800 feet long, 15 feet high and 12 feet wide. The lake supplied water to 70 acres of land in the past. At present, the lake irrigates 125 acres of land through canals.

MNA

Reconstruction works inspected in villages of Labutta Township

YANGON, 27 Aug — Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut on 24 August inspected reconstruction tasks in Hnakhaungpauk Village in Pyinsalu of Labutta Township.

The minister handed exercise books and stationery for students to the headmistress and relief supplies to officials.

The minister viewed progress in construction of houses being undertaken by Taw Win Co in Zinywegyi Village and provided corrugated iron sheets and nails for villagers who will build the houses on their programmes.

MNA

Final report book on Power System Operation and Power Project Protection handed over

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — A ceremony to hand over the final report books on Power System Operation and Power Project Protection, jointly conducted by Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO), was held at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, on 21 August. It was attended by Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Brig-Gen Win Myint and departmental heads.

Resident Representative of KOICA Mr Kwang Geol Cho handed over the books to Director-General Dr Thein Tun of the Energy Planning Department.

The observation programme was conducted at power stations in Thazi, Taungdwingyi, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Toungoo, Hlawga and Kamanat from April 2006 to March 2008 by KEPCO with US$ 1.4 million contribution of the Republic of Korea. The Final Workshop took place in Nay Pyi Taw on 18 June 2008. —*MNA*

***Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint, departmental officials and Resident Representative of KOICA Mr Kwang Geol Cho pose for documentary photo.*—EP-2**

IPRD Director-General: Try to own new libraries

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug—Director-General U Chit Naing of Information and Public Relations Department met with the personnel of Pakokku district office and Yezagyo Township office on 9 and 10 August. The director-general gave instructions on sustainable development of rural libraries and ensuring proficiency of staff.

On 9 August, the director-general looked into Apamda library of Aishae village, Yaungyioo library of Kyattoe village, Cultural Youth library of Htantabin village and Narnayaungyi library of Kantaw village in Pakukku Township.

And he left necessary instructions. On 10 August, the director-general met with responsible person of township and village, member village library supervisory committee, member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, member of Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association at Zardegon library of Phulon village in Yazagyo Township. Afterwards, he urged them to increase the number of readers and books, to establish fund and to own new libraries.—*MNA*

Local damsels get domestic science skills

YANGON, 27 Aug— Basic Domestic Science Training Course No. 49, Advanced Tailoring Course No. 21, Vocational Training Course (Rattan) No. 3 and Vocational Training Course (Bamboo) No. 3 of Women's Vocational Training School in Lashio, Shan State (North) under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs were opened at the school on 25 August with an address by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut.

Likewise, Basic Domestic Science Training Course No. 49, Advanced Tailoring Course No. 21, Knitting Course No. 8 and Vocational Training Course (Rattan) No. 3 of Women's Vocational Training School in Kengtung were opened at the school yesterday with an address by Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo.

Similarly, women's vocational training schools in Bhamo, Putao, Donban and Dawphonyan of Kachin State, Muse in Shan State (North), Monghsat and Tachilek of Shan State (East), Loikaw of Kayah State, Yinmabin, Pale and Hsalingyi of Sagaing Division and Leshi, Lahe and Nanyun of Naga Region were opened. Transport, meals and accommodation are free for trainees.

MNA

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Sein Pan Myaing sub-power Station in Mayangon Township.—EP-2

EP-2 Ministry spares no effort to supply power

YANGON, 27 Aug— Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by officials, inspected the sites chosen for the construction of Kamayut sub-power station and office building and fulfilled the construction requirements in Kamayut township yesterday.

At Sein Pan Myaing sub-power station in Mayangon Township, the minister and party looked into receiving of power and distributing of power and gave instructions on systematic measures to be taken for distribution of power through experience and technology and inspected the sub-power station.

Next, the minister and party inspected connection of 66 KV power lines along Kyaikwaing Pagoda street and at the corner of Kyaikwaing Pagoda street and Mindhamma Road, distribution of power at Dagon Myothit (South) township sub-power station and transformers.

Afterwards, the minister and party looked into progress in building pylons on Thakayta, distribution of power at Thakayta sub-power station and control panel box and gave instructions on requirements for generating and distributing power.

MNA

Taninthayi navy men win Championship Shield

YANGON, 27 Aug — The Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Shield Basketball Championship 2008 kicked off at the gymnasium of Naval Training Command Headquarters in Thanlyin Station on 20 August.

Commodore Win Shein of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command awards championship shield to Taninthayi Naval Region Command team.—MNA

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein delivered an opening address.

A total of 13 teams took part in the championship.

At the prize presentation ceremony, officials presented prizes to respective winners. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Commodore Win Shein awarded championship shield to Taninthayi Naval Region Command team. — *MNA*

On behalf of IACT-International Action and Cooperation Team, Daw Yin Yin Swe, Managing Director of Yung-Jih Co Ltd, donates 468 first-aid kits worth US $ 8190 to Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, Yangon on 27 August.—MNA

Most local residents against US missile shield in Poland

WARSAW, 27 Aug — Sixty six percent of adult residents of Slupsk (Pomorskie province) and Slupsk county negatively assess the Polish government decision to install elements of the US anti-missile shield near Redzikowo, indicated a PBS DGA poll on Wednesday.

Redzikowo, located in Northwestern Slupsk province, is the locality near which 10 ground base interceptors are to be installed under a Polish-US shield deal.

Citing the result of the poll, Polish news agency *PAP* reported the number of shield opponents rose by 7 percentage points from the 17 March survey (from 59.7 percent).

Thirty percent supported the government plan, down from 30.7 percent from survey run on 17 March. Four percent had no opinion against 9.6 percent on 17 March.

According to 86 percent of respondents Slupsk region should receive more investments as compensation for the location of a US base there, 69 percent believe the government should talk to the province residents about the shield and 74 percent said the government information policy was poor.

The poll was run on 22-25 August on a representative 500-strong group of Slupsk residents.

On 20 Aug, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her Polish counterpart Radoslaw Sikorski signed an agreement in Warsaw to deploy parts of the US global missile shield in the East European country.

Xinhua

Bollywood actress Bipasha Basu poses for photo during a news conference for her movie "Bachna Ae Haseeno" at a studio in Mumbai recently.
INTERNET

China's phone users top 960 million

BEIJING, 27 Aug— The number of phone users in China had exceeded 960 million as of July, including over 600 million mobile phone users, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) said on Wednesday.

More than 290 million mobile users were in the more developed east.

The first seven months saw a net increase of mobile phone users of more than 61 million, averaging a monthly 8.7 million increase, the highest growth yet.

Xinhua

Egyptians buy traditional lanterns at a shop in Cairo, Egypt in preparation for the holy month of Ramadan, which begins in early September.
INTERNET

Mysterious disease kills over 120 in north India

NEW DELHI, 27 Aug — A mysterious fever has claimed over 120 lives in northern Indian state Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur division in the last three weeks, official sources said Wednesday.

A group of scientists, including experts from India's National Institute of Virology (NIV) have been formed to contain the disease, the *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

Besides NIV experts, scientists and doctors from medical colleges and hospitals are also the members of the group.

The mysterious disease, which is infecting about 8-10 people daily, is marked by high fever. Symptoms of the mystery disease are similar to that of malaria and jaundice, sources said.

The unofficial count of the deaths due to the mysterious disease in six districts of Kanpur division is 160.

The worst hit by the disease is Akbarpur district, where 100 people have died, said a district administration official.

Experts fear that the disease can spread to adjoining districts.

A team of officials from the Indian Health Ministry has arrived in Kanpur and collected patients' blood samples, the report said.

Xinhua

Coalition un-manned air craft crashes in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Aug— One un-manned air craft belonging to the US-led Coalition forces crashed on Wednesday in eastern Afghan province of Paktika, said a Coalition statement.

"The aerial vehicle used for reconnaissance suffered a mechanical malfunction causing its parachute to deploy and crash in the Yosof Khail district of Paktika," the statement said.

"This incident is under investigation," it added.

International troops have suffered several air craft accidents in the past one month along the bordering provinces of war-torn Afghanistan. A helicopter with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Forces (ISAF) made an emergency landing in eastern Afghan province of Kunar, killing one service member and injuring three others on 24 Aug. A US military helicopter was shot down by militants in Kunar province in 2006, killing all 16 aboard.

Taliban insurgents who staged a violent comeback three years ago have intensified their activities across Afghanistan over the past weeks to mount pressure on the government despite around 70,000 foreign troops stationed in the war-torn country vowing to keep peace and help reconstruction here.

Conflicts and spiraling insurgency have claimed the lives of over 3,000 people so far this year.

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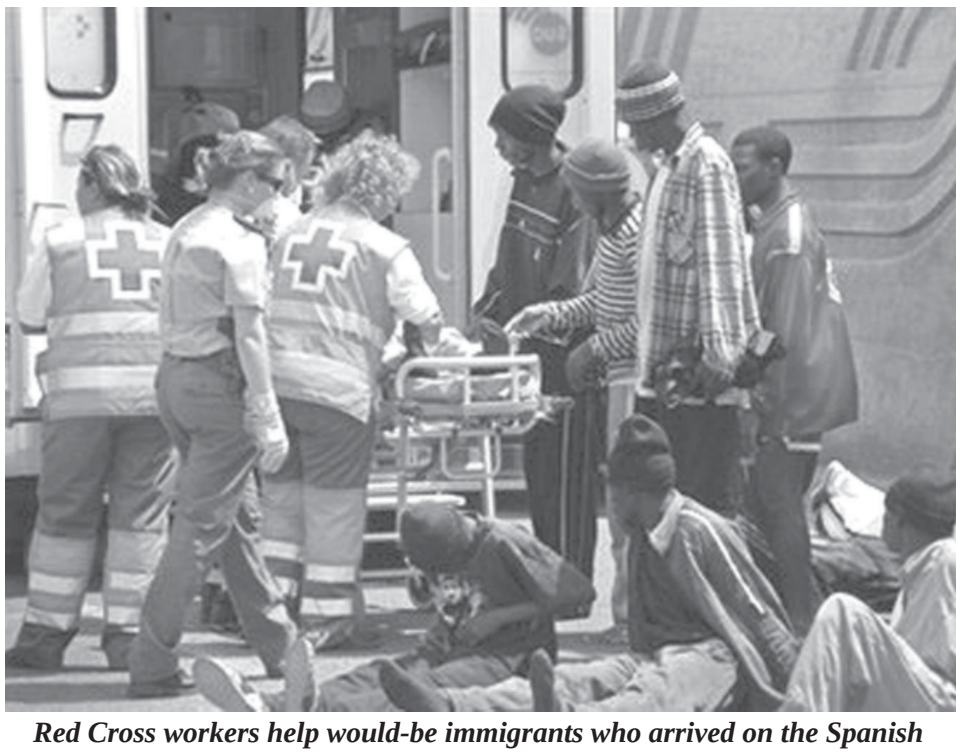

Red Cross workers help would-be immigrants who arrived on the Spanish Canary island of La Gomera on 23 ***August, 2008. At least 20 African migrants are thought to have died at sea while trying to reach Spain by boat, local government officials and the Red Cross said Tuesday, citing survivors of the trip.—*****INTERNET**

Eleven dead, 31 injured after bus plunges off bridge in E China

NANJING, 27 Aug— Eleven people died and 31 were injured when a tire blowout forced a bus to plunge off a highway bridge in east China's Jiangsu Province on Tuesday.

When the right front tire burst, the driver lost control and the bus veered off the Mangdaohe River bridge at midday in Yangzhou City, the Press office of the Jiangsu provincial government said on Wednesday.

The injured are receiving treatment in four hospitals. Police and traffic safety authorities are still investigating the cause of the accident.

Xinhua

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2.	Raw Materials For H.T Insulator Plant (Ks)	6 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
3.	Electrical Instrument Accessories (FE)	1 Unit	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
4.	Magnetic Brake Assembly(Japan) (Ks)	2 Sets	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
5.	Heavy Equipment Spares (Ks)	46 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
6.	Cable Wire And Accessories (Ks)	8 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
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8.	3 Phase Induction Motor (Japan) (Ks)	2 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
9.	Crusher Apron Feeder & Acc: (Ks)	4 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
10.	Heavy Machinery Engine (Ks)	2 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
11.	Diamond Bit (Ks)	2 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
12.	Diamond Wire (Ks)	50 Meters	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
13.	Zirconium Silicate (FE)	40 Tons	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
14.	Electrical & Machinery Equipment (FE)	1 Lot	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
15.	Die & Die Box For Press (FE)	2 Sets	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
16.	Felt (FE)	2 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008

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US says still no final deal with Baghdad on troops

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug—The United States said on Monday there was no final security pact with Baghdad despite Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's statement that a deal was reached to end foreign military presence by the end of 2011.

"The fact of the matter is the agreement is not completed," said Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman. Under the proposed agreement, which would extend the presence of US troops in Iraq beyond 2008, Baghdad wants US forces to end patrols of Iraqi towns and villages by the middle of 2009 and for all combat troops to leave Iraq by 2011.

Maliki on Monday said the United States had agreed on 2011 as the end-date for its troops' presence in Iraq. But the US Government, which has long been reluctant to set timelines for troop withdrawals, insisted the deal was not done. "These discussions continue as we have not yet finalized an agreement," said White House spokesman Tony Fratto. We're optimistic that Iraq and the US can reach a mutual agreement on flexible goals for US troops to continue to return on success—based on conditions on the ground—and allow Iraqi forces to provide security for a sovereign Iraq," Fratto said in Texas, where President George W Bush was spending two weeks at his ranch.— *MNA/Reuters*

Explosion hits eastern Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 27 Aug—Sri Lanka's eastern port town of Trincomalee was attacked by suspected Tamil Tiger rebels Tuesday night, defence officials and local media said.

Officials from the Ministry of Defence said explosions occurred in Trincomalee a short while ago and they are checking details.

The local English newspaper *Daily Mirror* said on its website that an aircraft of the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam had dropped bombs near the Trincomalee Navy base and harbour causing slight damages.

The website quoted Navy sources as saying that the Navy retaliated by firing at the aircraft upon which the aircraft had withdrawn.—*Internet*

Egypt septuplets stir debate on fertility drugs

ALEXANDRIA, 27 Aug—The 27-year-old woman and her husband already had three children—all girls. They badly wanted a boy, and she had not conceived in five years, so doctors gave her hormones.

The startling result was healthy septuplets—four boys and three girls — heralded by Egyptian doctors as a miracle. But debate persists about the ethics of fertility treatment in a nation where medical oversight is lax, incubators and neonatal respirators are rare, and many families face pressure to have a son.

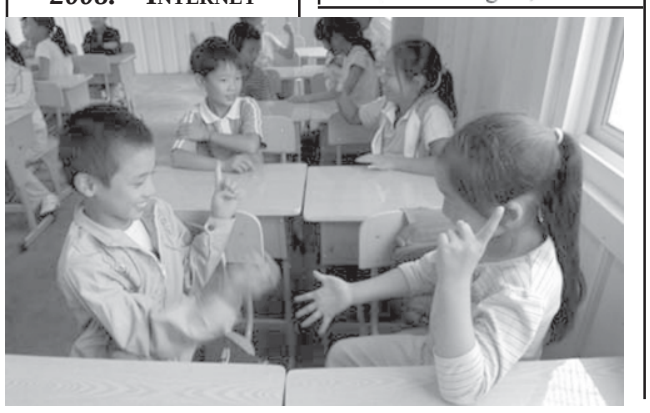
In addition, Egypt faces concerns about overpopulation and cheap fertility drugs could lead to a wave of multiple births. President Hosni Mubarak warned in June that growth is hindering Egypt's economy, saying Egypt's population of 79 million — mostly crammed into the 3 percent of the country's area around the Nile River — will double by 2050.—*Internet*

Iran launches submarine production line

TEHERAN, 27 Aug—Iran has launched a submarine production line to ensure its forces are equipped to maintain security in the vital oil shipping route, the Strait of Hormuz waterway, the Defence Minister said on Monday.

Iran, embroiled in a standoff with the West over its nuclear ambitions, has said it could respond to any military attack by closing the strait at the southern end of the Gulf through which about 40 per cent of the world's traded oil passes.

The United States, whose Navy Fifth Fleet is based in the Gulf state of Bahrain, has vowed to keep shipping lanes opened. — *MNA/Reuters*



***Pupils play games in the classroom at Yinxiu Primary School in Yinxiu Town of southwest China's Sichuan Province on 26 Aug, 2008.—*INTERNET**

***Habiba Khamis, a female newborn septuplet, is seen inside an incubator at a hospital in Alexandria, Egypt recently.* INTERNET**

Japan's Mitsubishi plans big expansion in solar power

TOKYO, 27 Aug — Japan's Mitsubishi Electric Corp said Wednesday it will spend 50 billion yen (458 million dollars) to boost solar power cell production four-fold by early 2012 amid growing interest in renewable energies.

The group said it will build a new facility on the site of an existing plant in Nagano Prefecture to step up production of photovoltaic cells in response to a sharp increase in demand for solar power generation systems.

"This market is expected to grow globally by about 20 percent every year," said Aiji Suzuki, director of Mitsubishi Electric's main solar panel plant. "The demand for solar power will likely reach 5,550 megawatts by 2012." The company aims to increase its solar power cell production to 600 megawatts by early 2012 from the current 150 megawatts level, he said. Mitsubishi Electric, which exports about 80 percent of its solar power cells, mainly to Europe, said demand in the United States was expected to expand significantly over the coming years.

Internet

An employee of Japanese electronics giant Mitsubishi displaying the world's highest efficiency solar power cell in Tokyo on 27 Aug . The firm has said it will spend 50 billion yen (US$458million) to boost solar power cell production four-fold by early 2012.—INTERNET

US Mars rover *Opportunity* climbing out of big crater

SAN JOSE, 27 Aug — NASA's Mars rover *Opportunity* is heading back out to the Red Planet's surrounding plains nearly a year after descending into a large Martian crater to examine exposed ancient rock layers.

"We've done everything we entered Victoria Crater to do and more," said Bruce Banerdt, of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California. Banerdt is project scientist for *Opportunity* and its rover twin, *Spirit.*

Having completed its job in the crater, *Opportunity* is now preparing to inspect loose cobbles on the plains. Some of these rocks, approximately fist-size and larger, were thrown long distances when objects hitting Mars blasted craters deeper than Victoria into Mars. *Opportunity* has driven past scores of cobbles but examined only a few.

Engineers are programming *Opportunity* to climb out of the crater at the same place it entered.

Internet

At least 116 people infected in mumps outbreak in western Canada

OTTAWA, 27 Aug — At least 116 people have been confirmed of being infected and another 74 suspected cases under investigation following a mumps outbreak in western Canada's British Columbia province, health officials said Tuesday.

The outbreak began in a religious community in the Fraser Valley when two people from neighbouring Alberta province carried the mumps there. Due to their religious belief, many residents of the area do not have vaccinations, leading to the outbreak, officials of the Fraser Health Authority said.

The outbreak has spread westward to urban areas, including Vancouver and nearby cities. Health officials have warned people to make sure they are immunized against the disease.

Meanwhile, experts from the Fraser Health Authority were meeting to decide whether additional efforts are needed to control the spread of the preventable disease, provincial health officer Dr Perry Kendall told reporters Tuesday.

Internet

Nearly 600 detained in Mississippi plant raid

LAUREL (Miss), 27 Aug — The largest single-workplace immigration raid in US history has caused panic among Hispanic families in this small southern Mississippi town, where federal agents rounded up nearly 600 plant workers suspected of being in the country illegally. One worker caught in Monday's sweep at the Howard Industries transformer plant said fellow workers applauded as immigrants were taken into custody. Federal officials said a tip from a union member prompted them to start investigating several years ago.

Fabiola Pena, 21, cradled her 2-year-old daughter as she described a chaotic scene at the plant as the raid began, followed by clapping.

"I was crying the whole time. I didn't know what to do," Pena said. "We didn't know what was happening because everyone started running. Some people thought it was a bomb but then we figured out it was immigration."

About 100 of the 595 detained workers were released for humanitarian reasons, many of them mothers who were fitted with electronic monitoring bracelets and allowed to go home to their children, officials said.—*Internet*

Tourists riding safari tour vehicles watch a herd of wildebeests gather in a field during the annual wildebeest migration through the Massai Mara National park in Western Kenya, on 15 Aug . Around August each year, swarms of wildebeests come stampeding from neighbouring Tanzania to find pasture in the Maasai Mara, in a great migration recently dubbed the world's "eighth wonder".—INTERNET

California stop-smoking campaign saved $86b

CHICAGO, 27 Aug — California's large-scale tobacco control campaign has saved 86 billion US dollars in health care costs in its first 15 years, US researchers said on Monday.

The 86-billion-US-dollar reduction in health costs, based on 2004 dollars, represents about a 50-fold return on the 1.8-billion-US-dollar California spent on the programme, they said.

"The benefits of the programme accrued very quickly and are very large," Stanton Glantz, director of the University of California San Francisco Centre for Tobacco Control Research and Education, said in a statement.

Unlike many programmes which centre on teens, the California programme focuses its tobacco-control efforts on adults through an aggressive media campaign and changes in public policy, such as promoting smoke-free environments.

"When adults stop smoking, you see immediate benefits in heart disease, with impacts on cancer and lung diseases starting to appear a year or two later," said Glantz, whose findings appear in the Public Library of Science journal *PLoS Medicine.*

MNA/Reuters

An unmanned aerial vehicle's Predator Hellfire missile is shown on a simulator's virtual camera at the March Air Reserve Base in Riverside County, Calif, on 25 June, 2008. As the US military scrambles to get more robotic warplanes like the Predator drone aloft, it is confronting an unexpected IInteadversary: human error.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Domenech denies World Cup qualifying points ultimatum

PARIS, 27 Aug— Under-pressure French coach Raymond Domenech on Tuesday scotched rumours that he has been given a points ultimatum for next month's 2010 World Cup qualifiers.

Domenech was responding to a report in French sports daily *L'Equipe*, which said he had been given an objective of five points from the first three qualifiers.

"If I had thought like that in 2004, I would have left after two matches," Domenech told *AFP*, adding: "Qualifying is the main thing." "I don't want five points, I want nine points from three matches. The idea is to have the maximum."—*Internet*

***Under-pressure French coach Raymond Domenech (seen here on 12 August scotched rumours that he has been given a points ultimatum for next month's 2010 World Cup qualifiers. Domenech was responding to a report in French sports daily L'Equipe, which said he had been given an objective of five points from the first three qualifiers.—*INTERNET**

Russian champions set sights on European Super Cup

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INTERNET

MOSCOW, 27 Aug— Reigning Russian champions Zenit St Petersburg were confident ahead of Friday's glittering European Super Cup clash with English Premier League side Manchester United.

The Super Cup is played between the winners of the UEFA Cup and the Champions League. The current holders are AC Milan, who beat Sevilla in last year's final.

On Monday Zenit strengthened their line-up by signing Portugal international midfielder Danny for a record 30 million euros (44 million dollars) from Dynamo Moscow.

Zenit manager Dick Advocaat said he was happy with his club's new signing, adding that Danny would likely play against United on Friday.—*Internet*

Bolton suffer as Premier League clubs stumble in League Cup

LONDON, 27 Aug—- Bolton suffered an embarrassing League Cup second round exit as Northampton won 2-1 at the Reebok Stadium, while West Bromwich Albion and Hull also crashed out on Tuesday.

Gary Megson's side were the biggest of the three Premier League casualties after Adebayo Akinfenwa's first half double gave League One Northampton a famous victory. Megson made five changes to the team beaten at Newcastle at the weekend but still fielded a strong line-up including debutants Danny Shittu and Riga Mustapha.

Internet

Bolton Wanderers' Gary Cahill, pictured in March 2008. Bolton suffered an embarrassing League Cup second round exit as Northampton won 2-1 at the Reebok Stadium, while West Bromwich Albion and Hull also crashed out on 26 Aug, 2008.
INTERNET

Barca through despite Krakow loss

KRAKOW (Poland), 27 Aug — Barcelona made it safely through to the group stages of the Champions League despite losing 1-0 at Wisla Krakow on Tuesday.

The Spanish giants went into this third qualifying round second leg tie on the back of a 4-0 first leg win over the Polish champions and qualified 4-1 on aggregate.

The two-time European champions were missing Lionel Messi, the Olympic gold medalist with Argentina, but welcomed back Daniel Alves from injury.

Wisla's Brazilian centre-back Cleber scored the only goal of the encounter in the 52nd minute, but it wasn't enough to turn around their gaping first leg deficit.

Having ensured their participation in Europe's top club competition with all the prestige and revenue that that brings, the Catalan club can now concentrate on their opening league game against CD Numancia at the weekend. Barcelona, who have gone two seasons without a trophy, had met Wisla in the third qualifying round seven years ago, winning 4-3 away and 1-0 at home.—*Internet*

***Andres Iniesta(C) of Barcelona fights for the ball with Tomas Jirsa(L) of Wisla Krakow during their UEFA Champions League third qualifying round, second leg football match at the Wisla Krakow Stadium. —*INTERNET**

Safina, Williams aim for No 1 tennis ranking at US Open

NEW YORK, 27 Aug— Top seed Ana Ivanovic struggled but held on to win her opening match, while a pair of wannabe number ones advanced in straights sets during day two of the US Open.

World No 1 Ivanovic, who captured the French Open earlier this year for her first Grand Slam title, didn't make the opening statement she had planned on Tuesday. The 20-year-old Serbian survived a scare by beating Vera Dushevina 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre.

"Obviously my lack of practice showed a little," Ivanovic said. "This match is going to help me because it was so challenging. "I was missing a lot of match practice so I got a tough one today."Olympic silver medallist Dinara Safina and Serena Williams won their first round matches in straight sets on Tuesday.

Both have a chance at supplanting Ivanovic as the top ranked WTA player if they reach the finals in the 20.6 million dollar event.

Internet

Ana Ivanovic

Ranieri satisfied as Juve coast into Champions League group stage

***Goal keeper Gianluigi Buffon of Juventus Turin reacts after his team scored a goal against Artmedia Petrzalka during their Champions league qualifing football match in Bratislava. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—*INTERNET**

BRATISLAVA, 27 Aug— Juventus cruised into the Champions League group stage following a controlled 1-1 draw against Slovakians Artmedia Bratislava on Tuesday.

That completed a 5-1 aggregate victory that ensured the Old Lady of Turin's return to the top table of European competition after a two-year absence.

Juventus were as good as home and dry following their 4-0 victory at home two weeks ago and coach Claudio Ranieri left both Alessandro Del Piero and David Trezeguet on the bench.

But new Brazilian signing Amauri and former Italy international Vincenzo Iaquinta still caused Artmedia problems.

"We're a pair who can bring great joy (to Juve), the gaffer can count on us," insisted Amauri.

Internet

Serena Williams still bitter over treatment from umpires

Eight-time Grand Slam winner Serena Williams (seen here on 26 August) says the reason she doesn't have more US Open titles to her name is because the umpires and linesmen have ganged up on her in the past.
INTERNET

NEW YORK, 27 Aug—Eight-time Grand Slam winner Serena Williams says the reason she doesn't have more US Open titles to her name is because the umpires and linesmen have ganged up on her in the past.

"One year I really ran into a lot of bad luck where I got the worst calls possible," said Williams who rolled to an easy 6-1, 6-4 win over Kateryna Bondarenko in her first round match at the 20.6 million dollar US Open on Tuesday.

"Honestly, I couldn't even hit a shot because I was so nervous they would call every ball out.

Internet

Russia informs UNSG of decision on Georgian regions

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Aug — Russia has informed UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of its decision to recognize the independence of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, two breakaway regions of Georgia, its UN envoy said Tuesday.

Speaking at a Press conference at the UN Headquarters, Russia's UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said he had passed on to the UN Chief a letter from Russian President Dmitry Medvedev "announcing the decision ... to recognize the independence of Abkhazia and South Ossetia".

Churkin read out to correspondents a statement that had been issued in Moscow by the Foreign Affairs Ministry which provided a detailed explanation on Russia's position.

"By the aggressive attack against South Ossetia on the night of 8 August, 2008, which resulted in numerous human losses, including among the peacekeepers and other Russian citizens, and by the preparation of a similar action against Abkhazia, (Georgian President) Mikhail Saakashvili has himself dashed the possibility of the territorial integrity of Georgia," the statement said.

Georgia's use of force against South Ossetia had clearly dashed all Security Council resolutions and created a completely new reality, Churkin said in response to a reporter's question.

Later in the afternoon, Georgia's UN Ambassador Irakli Alasania also held a Press conference, during which he said that Georgia would use all possible diplomatic, political and economic tools to present to the rest of the world the "real fact of the Russian policies".

MNA/Xinhua

Bus accident kills 21 in Bolivia

LIMA, 27 Aug— At least 21 people died and 55 were injured when a passenger bus fell into a cliff in the locality of Timusi, west of Bolivia, police said on Tuesday.

According to information reaching here from La Paz, administrative capital of Bolivia, the accident occurred on Monday night and its report took time because of the remoteness of the zone.

Police said they do not know the causes of the accident, although they are investigating if the driver was drunk.

The bus, which was on speed, veered off the road, turned several times during the falling by a slope and crashed at the bottom of a cliff.

In July 8, 50 people died when a bus fell into a cliff in the department of Potosi, southwest of Bolivia. — *MNA/Xinhua*

One dead after two planes clip mid-air in Melbourne, Australia

CANBERRA, 27 Aug — Two light aircraft clipped in mid-air on Wednesday afternoon, causing one plane crash and killing the pilot, while the second landed safely in Melbourne's south-east of Australia.

The incident happened before 12:40 pm local time, a Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) spokesman said.

A Cessna 150 crashed into the garage of a residential home, killing the pilot on the spot, while the other plane, a Piper Warrior, managed to land safely nearby.

There were two people onboard the Piper and one person in the Cessna, Australian Associated Press reported. About 27 firefighters and nine fire trucks were on scene, as well as police officers, the report said. —*Xinhua*

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TV Myanmar

Thursday, 28 August
View on today

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7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:50 am
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:00 am
6. Dance of national races
8:10 am
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8. International news
8:45 am
9. Musical programme
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:10 pm
2. Musical programme
4:20 pm
3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
4:25 pm
4. Song to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm
5. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
4:40 pm
6. Cute little dancers
4:50 pm
7. Musical programme
5:05 pm
8. "အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစေသောရှင်းစေ" (လူမင်း၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–သက်တင်)
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6:00 pm
11. Evening news
6:30 pm
12. Weather report
6:35 pm
13. Musical programme
6:50 pm
14. ဘက်စုံဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ဝေဆာ ဖာမွန်းစံပြကျေးရွာ
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18. Weather report
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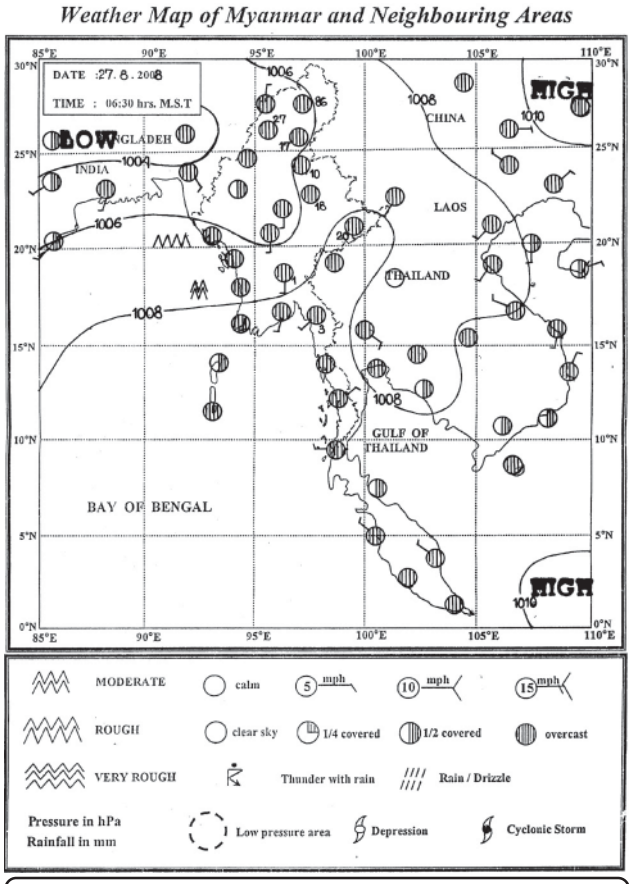
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 27 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Mon State, scattered in Rakhine, Kayin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, isolated in lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Kachin State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (3.43) inches, Thaton(2.48) inches, Bilin (2.24) inches, Katha (1.73) inches, Hkamti (1.06)inches, Machanbaw and Loilem (1.02) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 26-8-2008 was 89˚F. Minimum temperature on 27-8-2008 was 74ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-8-2008 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 26-8-2008 was (5.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 27-8-2008 was (nil) at Mingaladon, (nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (79.92) inches at Mingaladon, (90.67) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.58) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 26-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 28-8-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Northern Shan and Mon States, fairly widespread in Chin, Southern and Eastern Shan and Kayin States and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine State, Mandalay, Bago 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 Central and Deltaic areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-8-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Make donations to the storm victims

- ❑ **Everybody may make donations freely.**
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However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

Students, farmers honoured for outstanding performances

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Aug — Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence attended the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students in the 2008 matriculation examination and outstanding township and farmers in agriculture sector organized by Shan State Peace and Development Council, at the hall in Taunggyi on 25 August.

He presented prizes to six-distinction winning students and the first prizes to a farmer for his performance in best production of summer paddy in 2007-2008, Maukme Township that stood first in edible oil most production township and Yaksawk in the most cultivation township.

The commander also gave prizes to respective winners.

In Namhsan, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met servicemen and family members of Namhsan Station and presented books, stationery and sports gear for the station through officials.

At the hall of Mongpan Township PDC, he met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people. Next, he also met with servicemen and family members of Mongpan Station at its hall. Afterwards, he handed stationery, various kinds of books and sports gear to the station. — *MNA*

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presents prize to a six-distinction winning student.

MNA

Secret of newborn's first words revealed

SCIENCE DAILY, 27 Aug— A new study could explain why "daddy" and "mommy" are often a baby's first words—the human brain may be hard-wired to recognize certain repetition patterns.

Using the latest optical brain imaging techniques, University of British Columbia post-doctoral fellow Judit Gervain and a team of researchers from Italy and Chile documented brain activities of 22 newborns (2-3 days old) when exposed to recordings of made-up words.

The researchers mixed words that end in repeating syllables – such as "mubaba" and "penana" – with words without repetition – such as "mubage" and "penaku". They found increased brain activities in the temporal and left frontal areas of the newborns' brain whenever the repetitious words were played. Words with non-adjacent repetitions ("bamuba" or "napena") elicited no distinctive responses from the brain.

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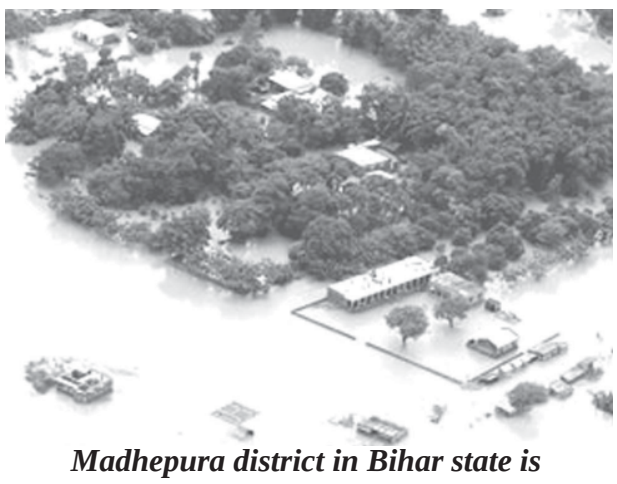
Indian army tries to reach 2 million flood victims

NEW DELHI, 27 Aug— Hundreds of Indian army troops were using helicopters and boats Wednesday to deliver supplies and rescue villagers stranded by the worst flooding in decades, after the Kosi River breached an embankment in Nepal to the north.

The death toll in the hard-to-reach Bihar state in northeastern India has been difficult to determine. Bihar emergency management official K.K. Agarwal confirmed 10 deaths on Wednesday, but the news agency Press Trust of India (PTI) reported 55.

The flooding began when the river burst through an embankment in Nepal more than a week ago, swallowing villages and destroying about 225,000 homes, officials said.

Agarwal said the disaster affected about 2 million people and 725 villages in Bihar, India's poorest state. Ninety-five relief shelters had been set up, 44 healthcare camps and 22 shelters for animals, he said.—*Internet*



Madhepura district in Bihar state is flooded.—INTERNET

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