

Matapitu upatthanam; to serve thy parents; 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

Fruits of development in Kengtawng Township

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug — As the Basic Education High School in Kengtawng Township has been equipped with laboratory and computer facilities in recent years, students of the school have the opportunity to practise practical works at the lab and computer pool.

On 27 August, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence viewed learning of students at the laboratory, computer room, language lab, learning centre and classrooms of above school after meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders at Namtein

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing views learning of school children at computer room in Basic Education High School in Kengtawng Township.

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Hall of Kengtawng.

At Kengtawng Hospital (25-bed), Maj-

Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented refreshments and cash assistance to

the patients and inspected respective departments' and units of

the hospital.

At the hall of Technological University

(Panglong) in Loilem District, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the Commander of Eastern Command and party met with district and township level officials, social organization members and townselders. Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing handed stationery, books and sports gear to Loilem Township through officials.

On arrival at Taunggyi, they visited the Public Internet Access Centre being managed by the USDA.

At the Township USDA Office, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met members of Shan State, District and Township level USDAs.

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Fuelled only by used cooking fat, cars from eight teams seen taking part in a 2,500-mile car rally from London to Athens in a bid to promote awareness of cheap and environmentally-friendly bio-fuels.

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“Grease to Greece” racers cross Europe on cooking oil

ATHENS, 29 Aug — Fuelled only by used cooking fat, eight teams completed a 2,500-mile car rally from London to Athens on Wednesday in a bid to promote awareness of cheap and environmentally-friendly bio-fuels

The “Grease to Greece” race, the brainchild of 34-year-old Londoner Andy Pag, took the teams on a 10-day mission across Europe in which they begged oil to fuel their cars from restaurants, motorway cafes and fast-food joints along the way.

“There is no reason why Joe Public cannot do this, save themselves a bit of money and help the environment because they are not using fossil fuels,”

Pag said. The race ended on Wednesday with a ceremony at the British Embassy in Athens.

Unlike expensive conventional rallies such as the Paris-Dakar, Pag paid only 500 British pounds (\$900) for his second-hand Peugeot 405 and spent nothing on fuel since leaving London — saving the equivalent of what he paid for the car.

An experienced eco-traveler, Pag drove to the desert town of Timbuktu in Mali last year using a truck powered by waste chocolate. His next scheme is a round-the-world trip next year using aviation fuel made from recycled plastic bags.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Towards perpetual existence of Inlay Lake

Myanmar is rich in natural resources. The government has been protecting natural resources including Inlay Lake in Shan State (South).

Inlay Lake is situated in a hilly region. Being a natural lake, it is famous locally and internationally.

The conservation of forests plays an important role in ensuring perpetual existence of flora and fauna.

At present, efforts are being made for greening Inlay Lake and its 20 miles radius. Regarding this, it is incumbent upon local people to contribute their services as a national concern to successful realization of the project.

With deforestation there was land erosion in the catchment areas of the lake. Meanwhile, land erosion, slash and burn highland farming and wood-collecting are harmful to the water of the lake.

For Inlay Lake to be pleasant and beautiful, necessary measures such as land recording for systematic cultivation, the effective use of water hyacinth, protection of soil and utilization of natural fertilizer are to be taken as a national duty.

As one of the most famous tourist destinations, Inlay Lake is helping the nation earn foreign exchange. This being so, local people are to do their utmost for greening the environs of Inlay Lake in the long-term interest of the State and the people.

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People's Desire

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

Volunteers plant trees in Yangon Div

YANGON, 29 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint participated in a ceremony to plant trees in this monsoon season at Tatkyigon Village in Hmawby Township yesterday.

The commander distributed saplings to volunteers and planted a shady tree during the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the commander went to Shwepyitha Industrial Zone and inspected Physic nut mill run by private industries and physic nut oil-used oven produced by Ministry of Industry-2.



Brig-Gen Win Myint hands over tree saplings to responsible persons at rainy season tree planting ceremony of Hmawby Township.—MNA

He also went to the 2-acre modern plantation of paddy in Hmawby Township and viewed using agricultural

implements by farmers. During the tour of Hmawby, the commander visited thriving physic nut plantation of the local

battalion and inspected physic nut seeds produced from the 100-acre plantation. MNA

WAO gives Ikebana knowledge

YANGON, 29 Aug—The closing ceremony of Ikebana course conducted by Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization was held in the office of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council on Bank Street, here yesterday evening.

Present were the patron of Yangon Division WAO, the chairperson and executives of Yangon Division WAO, members of the division and township WAOs, instructors and trainees.

Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Kyin Myaing made a speech and presented prizes to outstanding trainees and presented gift to the instructor.—MNA



Yangon Division WAO Patron Daw Kyin Myaing views works of trainees at closing ceremony of Ikebana course. —MNA

Husk-fired power for village in Sagaing Township

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint stressed the need to carry out rural development tasks with momentum in meeting with the executives at the office of Division USDA in

Monywa on 27 August. After hearing reports, the CEC member fulfilled the requirements.

The CEC member attended the opening of paddy husk-fired power station at Yaytwingaung village in Sagaing Township and opened the station.

The station was built under the supervision of Sagaing Township USDA and it cost K 6.9 million. The station can supply electricity to the village monastery, 300 houses and lamp-posts from 6 pm to 10 pm daily as it can generate 20 kilowatts.

At the Dhammayon of village monastery, the CEC member met with local people and explained matters related to rural development tasks being carried out by the government. He presented a 21-inch TV set, exercise books and sport gear to responsible persons. MNA

'Lost towns' discovered in Amazon



The settlements show an advanced level of planning.

GAINESVILLE (Florida), 29 Aug—The remote Amazon river basin was once home to densely populated towns and villages, Science journal reports. This part of the Amazon, once thought to be virgin forest, has in fact been touched

by extensive human activity.

Researchers found traces of a grid-like pattern of settlements connected by road networks and arranged around large central plazas. There is also evidence of farming and wetland management, including possible remains of fish farms. The settlements are now almost completely overgrown by rainforest.

The ancient urban communities date back to before the first Europeans set foot in the Upper Xingu region of the Brazilian Amazon in the 15th Century.

The people who once lived in the settlements are thought to have been wiped out by European colonists and the diseases they brought with them.—*Internet*

Hundreds stranded as Airline shuts down

TORONTO, 29 Aug—Hundreds of passengers were stranded on Thursday in Canada and Britain when Zoom Airlines, a cash-strapped small Canadian carrier, shut down after creditors

grounded its leased planes. Zoom's founders apologized to passengers several hours after their flights had been canceled, explaining that the airline had to be suspended after the company failed to pay

bills to government, airports, suppliers and aircraft creditors.

Zoom, a privately owned company, blamed the economic downturn and the unprecedented rise in the price of aviation fuel for its financial woes. Rising fuel costs added \$47.5 million in operating costs for the airline in the last year, said Boyle.

In Halifax, airport volunteers were trying to help more than 200 passengers reach their destinations with other airlines after a plane destined for Ottawa was grounded after it arrived from London's Gatwick Airport, said airport spokesman Peter Spurway.—*Internet*



This is an undated handout photo released by Belfast International Airport of a Zoom airliner on the tarmac.

Suicide bomber killed trying to attack Pakistan camp

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 29 Aug—A suicide bomber tried to force his vehicle into a Pakistani military camp in the northwest on Friday but was blown up when soldiers opened fire on him, a day after dozens of people were killed in violence across the region

Violence has intensified in Pakistan in recent weeks with the military battling militants in three different northwestern areas and militants responding with bomb attacks on security forces. The deteriorating security comes as the main

political parties are locked in dispute over the judiciary, and as the economy falters, dashing hopes for stability in the nuclear-armed country after Pervez Musharraf resigned as president last week. The suicide bomber tried to ram his vehicle into a paramilitary force camp in the Darra Adam Khel region, south of the main northwestern city of Peshawar.

A military official said the bomber tried to ram an army truck carrying troops as it came out of the gate

and 20 paramilitary soldiers were wounded. Two civilians driving by at the time were killed, a government official said.

—*Internet*



People walk along a flooded railway track in Madhepura, India.

—*INTERNET*

Obama vows to erase Bush-McCain legacy

DENVER, 29 Aug—Barack Obama launched an assault on Republican presidential rival John McCain on Thursday with a promise to reverse the economic failures of the past eight years and restore America's reputation in the world.

Obama, the first black presidential nominee of a major US party, linked McCain directly to President George W Bush and said their failed Republican policies were responsible for a faltering US economy and a decline in US global standing.

"On 4th November, we must stand up

and say: 'Eight is enough,' Obama said.

Obama said McCain, an Arizona senator, was out of touch with the day-to-day concerns of Americans and had been "anything but independent" on key issues like the economy, health care and education. After the speech, the McCain campaign fought back.

"Tonight, Americans witnessed a misleading speech that was so fundamentally at odds with the meager record of Senator Obama," McCain spokesman Tucker Bounds said in a statement. "The fact remains, Obama is still not ready to be president."—*Internet*

McCain picks female running mate



Mrs Palin. —INTERNET

DAYTON (Ohio), 29 Aug — US Republican presidential hopeful John McCain has picked Sarah Palin, the governor of Alaska, as his surprise running mate.

At 44, she is three years younger than Barack Obama and is credited with reforms during her first term, but she is relatively unknown in US politics.

Mr McCain appeared with her on stage at a rally in Dayton, Ohio.

Analysts say Mrs Palin was chosen

to rejuvenate the campaign of Mr McCain, who is celebrating his 72nd birthday.

Some commentators are calling Mr McCain's running mate decision the strangest since Dan Quayle, George Bush Senior's young and untested pick in 1988.

The fact that she is a woman and a fresh face on the national scene is obviously a potential plus, bringing an excitement and newsworthiness to the Republican ticket, the BBC's Justin Webb reports.

But her less than two years in office would undercut one of the McCain campaign's central criticisms of his Democratic rival Barack Obama: that he is too inexperienced to be commander-in-chief.

Speaking to a large crowd, who sang Happy Birthday when he appeared, Mr McCain introduced Mrs Palin as someone who "understands working people".

—*Internet*

Millions in India, Nepal flee rising water

BIHAR (India), 29 Aug—Extreme flooding has displaced millions of people on either side of the India-Nepal border after a river burst its

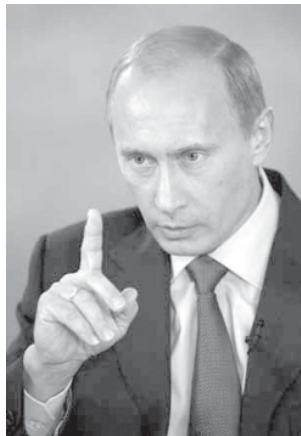
banks, authorities said on Thursday.

In India's northeastern state of Bihar, almost 3 million people have been affected by the worst flooding in decades, and more than 100,000 people have been displaced in southeastern Nepal after the breach last week. The Saptakoshi River in Nepal is the same one that flooded neighboring

India's poorest state, although the Indians call it the Kosi River. In some stretches, it is three miles (5 km) wide.

Nepalese Home Secretary Umesh Mainali said that of those displaced in Nepal, "more than 40,000 are living in government run camps." Many victims are taking shelter in schools and colleges. Residents were forced from their homes after an aged and damaged embankment on the river burst on 18 August in Nepal.—*Internet*

Putin criticizes US for interfering in Georgia-South Ossetia conflict



Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin speaks during an interview with CNN in Moscow on 28 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA

Moscow, 29 Aug — Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin accused the United States on Thursday of failing to keep Georgia from launching attacks against South Ossetia, saying the

Zuri, a 12-day-old African elephant calf, plays with Willie Theison, elephant manager, at the Pittsburgh Zoo. Zuri is one of two elephants born in July at the Pittsburgh zoo.
INTERNET

move had caused damage to bilateral ties.

“This (inability) of course harmed our relations, first of all intergovernmental,” Putin said in an interview with *CNN*.

Russia had expected the United States would intervene in the conflict and stop Georgia attacking South Ossetia, Putin said.

However, “the US administration not only failed to restrain the Georgian leadership from this criminal action, but the American side in fact trained and equipped the

Georgian army,” the RIA Novosti news agency quoted him as saying.

Asked about the prospect of Russia being expelled from the Group of Eight (G8), the premier said he doubted the club’s operation in such fields as anti-terrorism, anti-drug, and nuclear non-proliferation will be efficient without Russia’s participation.

“Well, suppose anyone wants to do it absolutely without Russia.

To what extent will this work be efficient?” Putin said.

Xinhua



Chinese farmers’ incomes up 10% in 1st half

BEIJING, 29 Aug—The per capita income of people in China’s rural areas rose 10.3 percent in the first half of 2008, the greatest increase for the six-month period for four years, Agriculture Minister Sun Zhengcai said on Thursday. Farmers’ average net income for the half year was 2,528 yuan (370 US dollars), he said

in his report to the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress in Beijing.

Following a 9.5 percent annual increase last year - the largest since 1985 - this year is expected to break all records, thanks to a skyrocketing producer price index, an increasingly wealthy migrant labour

class and the growth of subsidies paid to the country’s farmers, Sun said.

For the past five years, rural issues have been at the core of China’s No 1 central documents - the name given to the first document issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council each year.

Xinhua



Jet Li plays the title role in *The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor*.
XINHUA



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) arrives at the airport of Ashgabat, capital of Turkmenistan, on 28 Aug, 2008. President Hu Jintao arrived here on Thursday for a state visit to Turkmenistan. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Iran’s Supreme Leader: No one allowed to cave in to enemies’ pressure

TEHERAN, 29 Aug — Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah AliKhamenei reiterated on Thursday that no one is allowed to cave in to enemies’ pressure, Iran’s English-language Press TV satellite channel reported.

The Islamic Republic of Iran should not give in to enemies’ pressure,

Khamenei said, adding that Iran should be strong, stable and immune to the extent that the enemies realizes that they can not take any move against the country.

Justice-seeking, true freedom and independence, fighting “the global arrogance “and not adopting a passive stance in dealing with the enemies, supporting the weak and the poor and avoiding a luxury life and extravagance are among the main pillars of the Islamic Revolution that can never be changed, Khamenei said. Referring to what he called the media propaganda by Iran’s opponents against the Islamic republic, Khamenei said such propaganda has already existed and whenever the enemy realizes Iran’s activities are against their interests, they mount media attacks against it.—*Xinhua*

Lula says newly discovered oil reserves to benefit all Brazilians

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 Aug— Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Thursday that the recently discovered pre-salt layer oil fields are a national asset, which will benefit all the Brazilians.

“Brazil is not to be a mega exporter of crude oil,” said the president, “Instead, we want to build a strong oil industry in Brazil to add value to our oil and export the byproducts.”

He said an inter-ministerial committee had been created to establish new regulations for the oil fields’ exploitation. The reserves, with an estimated capacity of about 70 billion barrels of oil equivalent, could turn Brazil into a large oil producer in a few years.

“We should not forget that everyone in Brazil is to be benefited ...I want to invest a part of the pre-salt layer oil fields’ revenue in education,” Lula said.—*Xinhua*

Chinese Gov’t grain target raised 50 mln tons

BEIJING, 29 Aug — The government is working on a plan to boost the country’s annual grain output by 10 percent by 2020, an industry expert said on Thursday. Song Tingming, vice-chairman of the China National Association of Grain Sector told China Daily that the National Development and Reform

Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture are drafting the plan to boost output by 50 million tons a year to 550 million tons within the next 12 years.

The total is 20 million tons higher than the target set in a national grain production plan approved last month by the State Council.—*Xinhua*



Paramedics, police, and firefighters attend to the injured as construction workers look down from their project where a construction site covered walkway collapsed, injuring at least 16 pedestrians in downtown San Diego on 28 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Afghans say deadly US raid based on misleading tip

KABUL, 29 Aug—Afghan officials said on Thursday that a deadly US-led special forces raid on a remote western village last week was based on misleading information provided by a rival clan.

It was the latest twist in a tangled debate over what happened. UN officials say the raid killed up to 90 civilians, most of them children. A NATO official

said US and Afghan troops were fired on first, touching off a battle of several hours that killed 25 militants and five civilians. The US government is pressing for a joint US-Afghan probe in hopes of reaching a common conclusion. Two Pentagon officials said on Thursday a US review concluded civilian deaths were far fewer than claimed by others. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the report had not been made public, said the findings were given to Afghan leaders.

Evidence from all sides has been scant, with no

conclusive photos or video emerging to shed light on what happened in Azizabad on 22 Aug. But the claim of high civilian casualties, also made by Afghan officials, is causing new friction between President Hamid Karzai and his Western backers.

Karzai has castigated Western commanders over civilian deaths from military operations, saying they create anger among Afghans that the Taliban and other insurgents use as leverage to turn Afghans away from the government.

Internet

Boats with Palestinians defy Israeli Gaza blockade

GAZA CITY, 29 Aug—Gaza Strip Two boatloads of international activists who defied Israel’s blockade of Gaza set sail for Cyprus on Thursday, carrying seven Gaza Palestinians who had been confined to the territory. Israel’s navy made no effort to stop the vessels, flying Palestinian flags, as they ferried the Gaza’s and dozens of “Free Gaza” demonstrators away from the territory’s Mediterranean coastline.

The two small boats sailed into Gaza last Saturday to protest Israel’s yearlong blockade of Gaza, imposed after the Islamic militant group Hamas overran the territory.

Since that fighting, Israel has allowed only minimal humanitarian supplies to enter, causing severe shortages and hardships. Also, few Gazans are permitted to leave due to Israeli and Egyptian travel restrictions.

Israel’s decision to allow the boats to reach Gaza and then to sail unhindered back to Cyprus was an attempt to deny the protesters a propaganda victory, said Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor.

Internet



Palestinians greet two boats carrying 46 rights activists from 17 countries. The boats left Cyprus on Friday. .—INTERNET

Exploding oxygen bottle behind Qantas mid-air blast: inquiry

SYDNEY, 29 Aug— An exploding oxygen bottle was to blame for a mid-air blast which last month blew a gaping hole in a Qantas jet travelling from Hong Kong to Australia, safety investigators said on Friday.

The emergency caused the cabin to depressurise and forced the pilots to land the Boeing 747-400, carrying 365 people, in the Philippine capital Manila.

In a preliminary report, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) said that one of seven passenger oxygen cylinders failed and then exploded in the aircraft hold, rupturing the fuselage.—*Internet*

World’s 3rd-tallest skyscraper ready for debut

BEIJING, 29 Aug—The world’s third-tallest building and the newest addition to Shanghai’s high-end office and hotel markets will open to the public tomorrow, 14 years after the project began.

But its owner, Minoru Mori, chairman of Mori Building Co Ltd, Japan’s biggest private real estate developer, isn’t complaining about the delays in finishing the Shanghai World Financial Center.

“I believe the building was completed at the best time, when China has opened its doors to the world for 30 years and the city is going to hold the World Expo soon in 2010,” Mori told reporters yesterday through a translator. “We will contribute our part and help Shanghai build itself into a top financial center in Asia.”

At 3 US dollars per square metre rent per day, space in the building is pricey. But Mori said he is confident that the market will hold up, despite signs of trouble for some property developers.

“Total office space in Shanghai is not so large,” he said. “There is not enough taking into account the business potential of the city.

“If you supply a good space, then the demand will follow.”

The skyscraper is surpassed in height only by the Dubai Tower and Taipei 101 in Taiwan.

Tenants so far include top Japanese financial companies, such as Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp and Mizuho Corporate Banking Corp as well as BNP Paribas of France and Germany’s Commerzbank AG.

Internet



Visitors walk on the desert near San Luiz, city of northeast Brazil, on 23 Aug, 2008. The desert, dotted with sizes of lakes formed by rainwater, attracts some 30,000 tourists annually. —XINHUA

Death toll climbs as Gustav barrels through Caribbean

KINGSTON, 29 Aug—Tropical Storm Gustav battered Jamaica as the death toll climbed to 59 in nearby Hispaniola, the island shared by Dominican Republic and Haiti that Gustav slammed at hurricane strength two days ago.

Anxiety grew along the US Gulf Coast, with states devastated by Hurricane Katrina three years ago declaring emergencies and oil companies evacuating personnel, ahead of a hurricane-force landfall in the region predicted for Monday.

“Gustav could become a hurricane by tomorrow,” forecasters at the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said.—*Internet*

Flash floods kill 11 in northern Vietnam

HANOI, 29 Aug—Eleven people, three of them children, have been killed by flash floods and landslides that struck a mountainous province in northern Vietnam this week, the government said on Friday.

Rescue workers were searching for bodies of five of the dead after seasonal heavy rains since Tuesday pounded several remote districts in Ha Giang province, Vietnam’s northernmost province bordering China, the government report said.

Internet

Officials say Somali pirates free Omani ship

BOSASSO (Somalia), 29 Aug — Somali pirates have released an Omani ship they had held hostage for months, a senior government official said on Thursday.

“The Omani ship held for six months was released last night,” Abdiqadir Muse Yusuf, Assistant Minister for Fisheries in northern Somalia’s Puntland region, told Reuters. “I think a ransom was paid but I do not know the exact amount,” he added. Yusuf said the Filipino crew who were on board were safe and on their way home. — *MNA/Reuters*

Dramatic Play “80,000 Hermits” by Puppeteer U Po Chon

Dramatist Mg Kyauk Doe

I would like to present a profile of well-known Puppeteer Saya Chon. U Po Chon was born of a woman who was very fond of marionette plays. Even while she was heavily pregnant, she watched a marionette play at a pagoda festival of the village. While at the play, she suffered a pain due to the harbinger of giving birth to a baby. She had no time to get home, and thus had to give birth to her baby in a nearby bush. She gave birth to her baby, while listening to the sounds from the play. The baby was named Po Chon.

Being given birth, the baby was named Maung Po Chon (bush). He inherited a habit of enjoying marionette plays from her mother. Watching all the marionette plays staged in and around his village, he became puppeteer Ko Po Chon when he grew up. After having a lot of experience, Ko Po Chon became well-versed in pulling the strings of various kinds of puppets such as elephant, horse, monkey, zawgyi (alchemist), ogre, bird, king, minister, prince and princess. Then, he became a versatile puppeteer U Po Chon. He was also good at speaking operatic words of different characters. He was an educated person as well as a bookworm, so he was successful in his career. He earned a good reputation as an oral performer.

He is still engaged in the marionette plays, formed a marionette troupe, pulled strings of the characters, performed operatically, and created plays, operatic words of characters and theme songs referring to the jataka stories in his sixties.

There is no town in the delta where the troupe of U Po Chon has never staged a marionette play. Now, he has signed an agreement with the committee for organizing the pagoda festival to stage a marionette play in the town. He wins the satisfaction of delta dwellers for his dramatic plays such as Pada Kusala,

Paduma, Dve-mei-naw, U Paka and Ma Sawah, and Patacari.

After U Po Chon had staged his marionette play for five days at a stretch in Mogaung Pagoda Festival in Yangon, the pagoda board of trustees requested him to stage the play for one more night. However, he declined the request because he did not want to postpone the play due to be staged in the delta. In order to stage the play as agreed, he left Yangon for the delta with musical instruments, marionette boxes, and troupe members on board a ship. Along the way, he was thinking and planning to stage early operas to be performed in the coming play.

On the way, they caught a storm. The storm wind blew the ship into a whirlpool, thus overturning the motorboat. The troupe members tried to survive the natural disaster, let alone saving the boxes of musical instruments and puppets. The whole area was completely covered with the voices for help of the members. However, no one appeared to rescue them because the scene was a long distance from the nearest village.

Loss of the boxes of musical instruments and puppets was, indeed, a devastating blow to him. Swimming in the water with an empty plastic container, he felt very sorry for the fact that he would not be able to stage a marionette play as scheduled at the pagoda festival. At that time, a puppet appeared near him by chance. He took and had a look at it. He found that it was a hermit puppet.

U Po Chon was a well-experienced puppeteer, so while swimming in the water, he made up his mind to stage a play with that hermit puppet that night. He thought that he would hire a local orchestra to rehearse a play. Later he reached the bank. Fortunately, all the troupe members survived the accident. Soon after their arrival on the bank, a local motorboat sent to see them

arrived at the place and evacuated them. Members of the pagoda board of trustees said that they were sorry for the accident; that they did not want the troupe members to feel sorry for their incidental failure to stage the play; and that the abbot also consoled him.

U Po Chon did not change his mind, and persisted in calling on the pagoda board trustees to hire a local traditional orchestra for him to stage the play the same night. He named the dramatic play “80,000 Hermits”.

Visitors to the pagoda festival showed their sympathy for the troupe, while talking about the accident. They were surprised to note that U Po Chon would stage a marionette play, and visited it. So, the play was filled with lots of enthusiasm. The local traditional orchestra started to play music to attract the visitors. When the play started, U Po Chon related the event of the accident in a plaintive manner, thereby touching the sympathy of the audience.

Then, the dramatic play of “80,000 Hermits” began. The traditional orchestra performed kyobwe music. He showed the hermit puppet to the audience and pulled the strings of the puppet to move it to the centre of the stage with the style of a hermit.

He grandly cried out “Here is Tapasara Hermit” to introduce the puppet to the audience. He said operatic words in rhyme, especially in Pali to present the childhood and life of Tapasa hermit. He pulled strings to move the puppet from one side to another. After that, he put the puppet behind the curtain.

While the orchestra was playing kyobwe music, he showed the same hermit puppet.

Again, he introduced the puppet to the audience, saying, “Here is Uruvela Hermit”. Then, he spoke operatic words to present the historical background of the hermit. After the puppet Uruvela Hermit went behind the curtain, another hermit puppet got out of the curtain.

“Here is Isi Hermit,” he presented it to the audience.

Although it had been dawn, he had not completed introduction of 80,000 hermits yet. Being considerate to the audience, he had to complete the dramatic play, saying, “Well, audience, some hermits are now away to receive alms, some are doing meditation in caves. So, you should understand their failure to appear. Now, all the 80,000 hermits have attained Nirvana, following the Teachings of the Buddha. Here, we Sweson marionette troupe would like to urge you that you audience members should practise meditation to attain Nirvana like the hermits. We wish you physical and mental well-being.”

In that way, U Po Chon operated the dramatic play “80,000 Hermits”. The audience knew well that although it was said to be 80,000 hermits, indeed, it was the only hermit puppet.

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In order to colonize a country, the colonialists employ three tactics. One tactic is to persuade weak, small nations or governments to get used as those colonialists like. Another tactic is to try to overthrow the elected government, the incumbent one or the democratically-elected one of a nation they want to colonize if they have no chance to exploit that nation. The third tactic is to pressure and then militarily attack a nation they want to colonize in the name of terrorism, the danger of nuclear weapons or threat to regional and international peace regardless of the truthfulness of their accusations.

Dramatic Play “80,000 Hermits” by Puppeteer U Po Chon

Dramatist Mg Kyauk Doe

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Today, the world has more than 200 countries, and 192 are members of the United Nations. Over 150, today called developing countries, had been colonized and exploited by a half dozen of the imperialists from the Europe from the 18th century to the mid 20th century. But after the Second World War, the colonized countries fought back for freedom and became independent. The UN also abolished colonialism or the system of enslaving other countries.

Nonetheless, there are still about 60 nations that are under the rule of America, Britain, France, Canada, the Dutch, Denmark, Australia and New Zealand. Most of them are island nations. The western colonialists use those island nations as economically strategic ones. They are also used as maritime transport stations and air, naval, marine and missile bases. No one can guarantee there is no longer colonialism.

In the practicing of colonialism, the ones who have to suffer are colonized countries and the ones who gain lots of benefits are colonialist nations. It is certain that the colonialists will exploit all underground, aboveground and marine resources of the colonized countries such as timber, oil, gas, gold, silver, bronze, zinc, iron, various kinds of gems, wheat, rice, beans and pulses and cotton. They will suppress and torture the ordinary people of the colonized countries. Today’s colonialist nations are rich not because they are highly educated or technologically strong but because they have exploited products and resources of the colonies.

The UN in no way accepts colonialism and has abolished it. However, the populations of the colonialist nations have increased accumulating industrial development. So they want to colonize other countries to get industrial raw materials, fuel energy and workforce nearly free of charge. A nation does not need to colonize others if it sells its products at a price it has fixed and buys what it wants at a fair price it can afford. But some greedy nations in the

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If the big colonialist nation dislikes the government of a nation that has been elected through millions of votes, the western media try to incite a protest staged by only a thousand people so their government might be ousted. This tactic is dubbed people’s democracy or yellow, orange or green revolution.

In the world the colonialist nations trying to encroach upon the sovereignty of other countries are shouting ‘this country violates human rights’, ‘that country is undemocratic’, ‘that country accepts terrorists’. Like having license to tell lies, the western media are airing slanderous accusations that the nations that are disliked by only a colonialist nation or a few of member colonialist nations are disliked by the entire

international community. When the international community opposes the colonialist nations for their acts of invading the countries whose religions and ideologies are different from theirs and grabbing oil resources, those colonialists turn to a blind eye. But they dare say that a nation is disliked by the entire world although it is disfavoured by only three or four colonialist nations.

In Myanmar there is a group of people who work in complicity with the colonialists to harm the State and the people if they have the chance to grab power. The colonialists call the group the leading party in Myanmar supported by the entire people. In reality, the entire people have loathed and abhorred the colonialists. They don’t want to be enslaved anyhow. They attach great importance to building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The State constitution (2008) was approved by 92.48 percent of the votes in May.

NLD, expatriates, remnant insurgents and the colonialists shouted that the people should cast ‘no’ vote to the constitution. In practice, only six percent opposed it. At last, NLD is losing its popularity only with very few memberships due to its confrontation stance and invitation of outside sanctions. However, the colonialists are still shouting that the entire people support the NLD.

All in all, whenever I recall the voices of colonialist nations that regard the stance of a colonialist nation (the most notorious and wicked out of a half dozen colonialist nations) as the attitude of the whole world and the voices of those who are shouting that the entire people support the NLD although it has only skeleton members, I remember puppeteer U Po Chon playing a drama in which 80,000 hermit puppets performed with the use of only a hermit puppet.

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Translation: MS+ST

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Industry-1 Minister looks into factory projects



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects installation of machines at Myittha Textile Factory Project. — INDUSTRY-1

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met with factory managers of Kyaukse Industrial region at Kyaukse Township Win Thu Zar shop on 24 August morning. At the meeting, the minister urged them to meet targeted productions and abide by the instructions of work coordination meeting of the ministry.

The minister looked into Win Thu Zar

shop (Kyaukse) and urged the staff to see that there was no shortage of goods and to sell various kinds of goods.

The minister inspected completion of main factory buildings and other buildings, installation of ceiling, installation of machines in main factory at Myittha Textile Factory project being implemented by Myanma Textile Industries and gave instructions on

timely completion of projects at designated time meeting the set standards.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected completion of civil works, installation of machines and availability of electricity and water at Pyawbwe Textile Factory project being constructed by Myanma Textile Industries. Afterwards, the minister inspected completion of main factory building and other buildings in a motor car.—MNA

Notice to mariners issued

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug — Daewoo E&P Myanmar that is carrying out oil and gas exploration through joint venture with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise will launch the 4th drilling campaign with the use of Transocean Legand at block No. A (1) offshore Rakhine

region from 1 September 2008 to 31 January 2009.

The first well is located at north latitude 19° 50' 58.3" and east longitude 92° 10' 31.6", the second well at north latitude 19° 49' 6.25" and east longitude 92° 04' 23.5", and the third well at north latitude 19° 13' 7.89" and east

longitude 92° 50' 40.61".

A Notice to Mariners was issued at the four square kilometers of the exploration area. As such, vessels and boats are not to undertake fishing, passing through and anchoring in that area, said Fisheries Department.

MNA

BEHSs in Shan State (South) inspected

YANGON, 29 Aug—Director-General U Aye Lwin of No. 2 Basic Education Department looked into students' learning and conditions of practical rooms, multimedia rooms, language labs, school buildings and sanitation tasks at Nyaunshwe Basic Education High School,

Nyaungshwe BEHS (branch), No. 2 Basic Education Middle School, No. 3 Basic Education Primary School, Maithaug BEHS, Paypin BEPS, Nanpan BEMS, Inpawkhone BEHS, Paugpa BEPS, Kyataw BEPS, Thalay BEHS (branch), Heyaywama BEHS, Kyaesargone BEHS in

Nyaungshwe Township and Heho BEHS in Kalaw Township on 18 and 19 August.

During his visits to the schools, the director general met the schoolheads and teachers from those schools in Nyaungshwe at the hall of Nyaungshwe BEHS (branch).—MNA

Kyauksauk Dam to contribute to local food sufficiency...

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The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, officials of the Irrigation Department, departmental officials, district and township level authorities, social organization members and local people.

The Chairman of Division PDC continued to say that the dam was built to contribute to local food sufficiency and greening of Pakokku District in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

Pakokku District cultivated 98,000 acres

of monsoon paddy and over 11,000 acres of summer one in the past, and this year, over 130,000 acres of monsoon paddy will be grown by seeking water resources, he added.

He noted that the Head of State gave guidance on planning 71 projects for supply of water and greening of Pakokku District. Of them, 55 projects have been implemented to supply water to 6,000 acres of lands, and five of the remaining 16 projects will benefit 250 acres of land, he concluded.

Afterwards,

Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint delivered an address.

Col Phone Maw Shwe unveiled the stone inscription of the dam and sprinkled scented water together with the deputy minister.

Next, they formally opened the dam and viewed it.

Kyauksauk Dam built on Kyauksauk Creek is 25 feet high and 2,900 feet long. The dam that can store 519 acre-feet of water at the highest level will contribute to greening of the region and irrigate 150 acres of paddy and other crops.

The dam was the 214th irrigation facility built in the entire nation by the government after 1988.—MNA

Labour, Industry-1 win in Inter-Ministry Football

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—The 2nd round matches of Group (AA) of Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2008 continued today at Nay Pyi Taw sports ground and Paungloun sports ground.

At Nay Pyi Taw sports ground, Ministry of Labour beat Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs 3-1. At Paungloun sports ground, Ministry of Industry-1 won over Ministry of Rail Transportation 3-1.

On 30 August, Ministry of Sports will play against Ministry of Culture at Nay Pyi Taw sports ground and Ministry of Information will

play against Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries at Paungloun sports ground in Group (BB).—MNA

Flood news

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—According to the (11.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady river at Hinthada is (1,367) cm and it has exceeded by (25) cm (about 10 inches) above its danger level. It is expected a maximum rise (5) cm more and starting to fall again on 31 August.

According to the (11.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin river at Hpa-an is (778) cm and it has exceeded by (28) cm (about 1-foot) above its danger level. It is forecast to fall below its danger level (750) cm during the next (3) days.—MNA



SWRR Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint accepts clothes and blankets worth K 8 million donated by Pacific Trade Japan Co Ltd on 28 August, 2008. — SOCIAL WELFARE



Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Col Aung San Chit open Myaung creek bridge in Kalay Township.
(News Reported) — CONSTRUCTION

Minister inspects rehabilitation in villages in Hainggyikyun Township

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug —Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met with officials concerned at Phonedawpyae and Kongyi new villages in Hainggyikyun Township, Labutta District, on 25 August and called for meeting the target of salt production in the areas.

The minister went to Kyaukkalal Village in Hainggyikyun Township and inspected reconstruction works and progress of construction of Labutta-Thongwa-Ottwin Road. Afterwards, the minister attended a prize presentation ceremony of the beach soccer tournament there and presented a shield to the champion Makyichaing

Village Team. Before he left there, the minister also met with teachers and officials concerned at the basic education high school at Kyaukkalal Village. The minister also inspected new houses for storm survivors, new lakes and livestock breeding at Phonedawpyae and Kongyi Villages and new houses for storm survivors in Thabyayngu Village.

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Continuous assistance for storm survivors

YANGON, 29 Aug — Wellwishers at home and abroad donated cash assistance to storm survivors at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in Yankin Township, accepted by Chairman of Financial Sub-Committee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe. On 22 August, KB International Co Ltd donated K 1,428,000 and friends of Power Engineering Institute K 600,000. On 23 August, the rector of Yezin University, teachers, staff and students K 1,183,725. On 24 August, UMFCCI K 1.2 million and wellwishers through Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo, Japan Euro 37,967.50. On 25 August, Ministry of Industry-2 K 27 million. On 26 August,

members of Sangha of Myeik and Palaw Townships K 5,260,000. On 27 August, No 77 LID and regiments and units K 1.2 million, Tourist Police Department Bangkok, Thailand through Myanmar Military Attache' Office in Bangkok, Thailand US

\$ 400. On 28 August, Dr U Kyaw and Teacher Daw Khin Pyone and family in American K 50,000 and the USDA (Headquarters) K 30 million. A total donation from 22.8.08 to 28.8.08 reached K 67,921,725, US \$ 400 and Euro 37,967.50.

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Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe accepts K 30 million donated by USDA (Headquarters) to storm survivors.
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Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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



NDPCC member Brig-Gen Ohn Myint views learning of school children at Kyaukkalal village BEHS in Hainggyikyun.
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MWAF disseminates health knowledge

YANGON, 29 Aug — Jointly organized by Administration Department, Information Department and Social and Culture Working Group under Myanmar

Women's Affairs Federation, educative talks on health were held at Basic Post Primary School No 10 in Hline Township yesterday.

Also present on the occasion were heads of departments under MWAF and responsible personnel of MWAF, teachers and students. Before the talks, Paediatrician Dr Daw Khin Mar Aye and Eye Specialist Dr Daw Nilar Thein provided free medical care to school children. A group led by Head of the Administration Department Dr Daw Khin San Nwe met with school children and explained the importance of personnel

hygiene. Retired Prof Daw Mya Mya Win of the Information Department gave talks on "Cleverness" and Dr Daw Khin Thet Myaing of sub-working group for health on "Sanitation at school and preventive measures against dengue fever". After the talks, Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin San Nwe handed over 50 dozens of exercise books donated by Administration Department and 10 garbage cans and 150 garbage bags donated by Yangon City Development Committee to Headmistress Daw Wah Wah Khin.

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Chinese company to renovate Myanmar factory

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Myanma Ceramic Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 and Shandong Boshan Pump Science and Technology Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China signed a contract for the renovation of Pottery and Tile Plant (Thayawady) at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Industry-1, here, on 27 August.

In the presence of Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, departmental heads and officials of Shandong Boshan Pump Science and Technology Co Ltd, Managing Director U Soe Yi of Myanma Ceramic Industries and Vice-President Mr Wang Yue Bo of Shandong Boshan Pump Science and Technology Co Ltd signed the contract and exchanged notes.—MNA



MD U Soe Yi and Vice-President Mr Wang Yue Bo exchange notes at contract signing ceremony between Myanma Ceramic Industries and Shandong Boshan Pump Science and Technology Co Ltd.
INDUSTRY-1

ICIMOD, Forestry Ministry seek disaster management methods

YANGON, 28 Aug—Forestry Ministry and ICIMOD officials held talks on formulating a national level plan in Myanmar at Yezin University of Forestry on 26 August.

ICIMOD an acronym of International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development and the ministry also

opened a pre-workshop at the meeting at which 23 persons including senior officials of departments concerned, two experts from ICIMOD, representatives of departments concerned and social organizations were participants. In his speech, Director-General of Forestry Department U Soe Win Hlaing pointed out the

importance of socio-economic development and conservation of natural resources. Next, Dr Eklabya Sharma of ICIMOD extended greetings. The main topics of the discussion were reliable livelihood, climate change and services of eco system and flood and disaster management.

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Seinlè Shwepyi, Vol 5, No. 19 in circulation

YANGON, 29 Aug—Seinlè Shwepyi news journal came out in circulation recently.

The journal carries news on start of production at Pyinnyaung Cement Plant on April 2008, tender works of lakes, water supply programme of YCDC,

incoming of commodities to brokerage, special feature on public welfare tasks of USDA to mark its 15th anniversary, other news on rehabilitation for storm survivors in addition to bylines.

The copies of journal are available at the

book shop of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Pan Shwe Pyi Book shop on Theinbyu Street. Manuscripts may be sent to the journal at the office of PPE, No. 228, Theinbyu Street, Botahtaung Township, Tel: 01-382070.—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

Land, Excise and Financial Account Keeping Refresher Course concludes

YANGON, 29 Aug—The Land, Excise and Financial Account Keeping Refresher Course No. 1/2008 of the General Administration Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs concluded at the Administration Development Training School in Mingaladon Township here this morning.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe made a speech on the occasion and presented prizes to outstanding trainees.

Next, the deputy minister presented completion certificates to



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe awards a trainee.—MNA

trainees.

The six-week course was attended by 50 deputy

heads of departments trainees from the states and divisions.—MNA

MWJA CECs meet

YANGON, 29 Aug—The Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held its 8/ 2008 meeting at the meeting hall on the second floor of Sarpay Beikman, here, on 27 August afternoon, with an opening

address by Chairman of the MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung).

Secretary of MWJA Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo) reported on the implementation of the minute of the previous meeting. Leaders of the work committee discussed

progress of respective work committees and organizing the literary talks to mark the 1370 ME Sarsodaw Day in border townships.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the chairman.

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Shwe Naing Ngan Journal in circulation

YANGON, 29 Aug—Volume-7, No. 8 of Shwe Naing Ngan Journal came out today.

The journal embraces a wide range of articles such as Myanmar-China relations via Beijing Olympic Games, development of friendship

and cooperation, a harp for beauty of Myanmar, Kuwait directly purchases Myanmar beans and pulses, timber and fish and Myanmar hosts 27th ASEAN Energy Ministerial Meeting.

The copies are available at bookshop of

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BOC reports 43% profit growth in first half

BEIJING, 29 Aug—Bank of China, the country's third largest bank by assets, posted a 42.78 percent growth in first-half net profit, the only domestic listed bank reporting a profit growth below 50 percent.

The Beijing-based bank said on Thursday that its net profit vaulted 42.78 percent to 42.18 billion yuan in the six months to 30 June from a year earlier. However, it is the slowest profit growth among the country's 14 publicly traded banks.

According to data compiled by Bloomberg, the country's 13 others listed banks posted on average a 96 percent increase in first-half profits.

Analysts said the bank's huge US subprime-related asset has greatly eroded the lender's earnings.

The bank said its losses on securities tied to subprime mortgages total 1.9 billion US dollars, up from 1.5 billion dollars on 31 March.

The bank held 1.83 billion dollars of securities

tied to so-called Alt-A mortgages and 5.08 billion dollars of other home loan investments. "Bank of China is facing a serious challenge and pressure to its business," said Li Lihui, president of the bank.

The bank said it held bonds related to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the troubled US mortgage agencies, totaling 7.5 billion dollars, and 5.17 billion dollars of mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by the two largest US home loan providers.—*Internet*



A house destroyed by a landslide is seen in Hachioji, on the outskirts of Tokyo on 29 Aug, 2008. Fierce rains lashed central Japan early Friday, killing one woman, inundating vast stretches of rural and residential areas, and prompting authorities to order tens of thousands from their homes.—INTERNET

Apple trying to fix iPhone flaw

LOS ANGELES, 29 Aug — Apple said on Thursday it is trying to fix a security flaw in the iPhone that reportedly lets unauthorized users gain access.

The flaw was disclosed by the popular technology blog Gizmodo and an online forum run by the Mac Rumors site.

According to the report, the flaw allows unauthorized users gain easy access to private contacts and e-mails even when the device is locked.

Apple spokeswoman Jennifer Bowcock acknowledged the problem in an e-mail.

"We are aware of this bug and plan to deliver a fix in the next software update," she said. "For now, users can avoid the problem by changing their setting so that double-clicking the Home Button goes to 'Home' or 'iPod.'"

She didn't say when the software update would be made available.

Apple rolled out its next-generation iPhone 3G across 22 countries on 11 July, with the aim of positioning itself as a leading maker of pocket PCs at a pivotal moment in the worldwide smart-phone market.—*Internet*

Explosion in Sri Lankan prison injures seven inmates

COLOMBO, 29 Aug — At least seven inmates of eastern Sri Lanka's Batticaloa prison were injured in an explosion early Friday, police said.

Ranjith Gunasekera, the police spokesman said a hand grenade in one of the prison cells had caused the

explosion.

Officials said four of the injured were members of the Eelam People's Democratic Party (EPDP), an ally of the government.

A bomb disposal squad was to be dispatched to the prison on receiving information on a second

bomb, police said.

The EPDP members had been inmates in the prison on murder charges.

The prison authorities said an investigation was being launched to determine how the grenade had been smuggled into the prison.

Internet

Suspected remains of WWII airman found dangling from tree in PNG

Australia's military was Friday making plans to examine the suspected remains of a World War II airman found dangling from a canopy of trees in a Papua New Guinea jungle last week, a spokesman told *AFP*.

Hikers on the Kokoda Trail, where a bitter World War II battle was fought between Australian and Japanese forces, discovered the moss-covered body last week, tangled in parachute lines and hanging from trees in the dense jungle. "I couldn't make it out at first. It wasn't until the wind blew that you could really see it is in a harness," said guide David Collins, who was leading a group of Australian hikers.



The boy, named Kiron, was born by Cesarean section, weighing 5.5 kilogram.

Pre-Incan female Wari mummy unearthed in Peru

Archeologists working at Peru's Huaca Pucllana ruins pulled a mummy from a tomb on Tuesday, thought to be from the ancient Wari culture that flourished before the Incas. Besides the female mummy, the tomb contained the remains of two other adults and a child. It is the first intact Wari burial site discovered at Huaca Pucllana in the capital Lima, and researchers believe it dates from about 700 AD.

NEWSALBUM

Two-headed baby born in Bangladesh

A baby boy with two heads was born by Caesarean section at a clinic in Keshobpur, 135 km from the Bangladesh capital of Dhaka, on Monday, according to media reports on Thursday.

The baby, weighed 5.5 kilograms, was named Kiron, and was moved to a larger hospital in nearby Jessore city.

Kiron was placed under police protection because hospital officials felt that the baby and his mother, 22, were at risk from the anxious crowd of 150,000 that had gathered to see him, gynaecologist Mohamad Abdul Bari said on Wednesday.



A mask from a mummy of the Wari prehispanic culture is seen inside a recently discovered tomb in Lima's Huaca Pucllana ceremonial complex on 26 August, 2008. Archaeologists working at the ruins of Huaca Pucllana in the country's capital pulled a mummy from a tomb on Tuesday, thought to be from the ancient Wari culture that flourished in modern-day Peru before the Incas.



Tiny loggerhead turtles are seen just after hatching at a beach in Cyprus. The east Mediterranean island, which pioneered turtle conservation in 1978, has recently seen an upsurge in the number of nests for both endangered loggerhead and green turtles.

80-million-year-old fossil unearthed in W Canada

A 11-metre-long fossil estimated to be 80 million years old has been unearthed in western Canada, scientists announced on Thursday. Canadian Fossil Discovery Center said the ancient sea creature, unearthed on Wednesday at a site in Morden in Manitoba province, has been the biggest fossil find in the province in nearly 30 years.

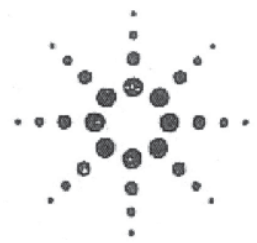
The mosasaur, dubbed Angus, is the second important discovery by the centre in Manitoba. A 13-metre-long specimen named Bruce was found in 1974 near just south of where Angus was located. Bruce's fossils and a full-scale reproduction of him are now on display in the centre's museum.

Unexpected large monkey population discovered in Cambodia

Surprisingly large populations of two globally threatened primates have been discovered in a protected area in Cambodia, the *Wildlife Conservation Society* (WCS) reported on Thursday.

The report counted 42,000 black-shanked douc langurs along with 2,500 yellow-cheeked crested gibbons in Cambodia's Seima Biodiversity Conservation Area, an estimate that represents the largest known populations for both species in the world.

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Rat meat in demand in Cambodia as inflation bites

PHNOM PENH, 29 Aug—The price of rat meat has quadrupled in Cambodia this year as inflation has put other meat beyond the reach of poor people, officials said on Wednesday.

With consumer price inflation at 37 per cent according to the latest central bank estimate, demand has pushed a kilogram of rat meat up to around 5,000 riel (1.28 US dollars) from 1,200 riel last year. Spicy field rat dishes with garlic thrown in have become particularly popular at a time when beef costs 20,000 riel a kilo. Ly Marong, an agriculture official, said by telephone from the Koh Thom District on the border with Vietnam. "Not only are our poor eating it, but there is also demand from Vietnamese living on the border with us." He estimated that Cambodia supplied more than a ton of live rats a day to Vietnam. Rats are also eaten widely in Thailand, while a state government in eastern India this month encouraged its people to eat rats in an effort to battle soaring food prices and save grain stocks.

MNA/Reuters

CHURCHES OF CHRIST-MYANMAR: ANNOUNCING TO ALL MEMBERS; TO BE MADE KNOWN

Under the instruction of the Committee of the Churches of Christ-Myanmar, located at No. (7/C), Aye Thayer Street, Man Aung Block, Tamwe Township, Yangon, Myanmar; this announcement is made to all the members of the Churches of Christ-Myanmar as the following.

Under S 92 of the Civil Procedure Code, with the consent in writing of the Attorney-General, the Committee of the Churches of Christ instituted a suit in the Yangon Divisional Court under the Civil Suit No.1197/2006 to obtain a judgment and decree from above said court for adopting and approving the scheme of the Churches of Christ-Myanmar. After the trial of the said suit was completed, on 8.8.2008, the judge of the Additional Yangon Division-Court No. (13), pronounced the judgment and decree approving the scheme presented by the Committee of the Churches of Christ-Myanmar.

Therefore, from this day on, the Committee of the Churches of Christ, Myanmar and the Regional Evangelizing Committees will carry out their process according to the regulations for the benefits of the Myanmar Churches of Christ. So, a special request in the name of Jesus Christ is made to all the members of the Churches of Christ-Myanmar to cooperate with the committees of the Churches of Christ-Myanmar with peace, harmony and tranquility, for ever, altogether, in the future.

Under the instruction of the Committee of the Churches of Christ-Myanmar, Yangon.

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China, Tajikistan agree to enhance cooperative relations

DUSHANBE, 29 Aug—Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Tajik counterpart Emomali Rakhmon have agreed to enhance the good-neighbourly and cooperative relations between the two neighbours, said a joint statement issued here Wednesday. According to the statement, the two sides agreed that the Chinese-Tajik Good-Neighbourly and Friendly Cooperation Treaty signed last year bears historic and realistic significance by forging a solid legal basis for the development of bilateral ties.

The two countries pledged to abide by the guidelines and principles formulated in the treaty and to carry out the implementation of all political documents

signed since the establishment of diplomatic relations, the statement said. Both leaders spoke highly of the current development of bilateral good-neighbourly and cooperative relations and believed the rapid development of cooperation in various fields has brought tangible benefits to the two peoples.—MNA/Reuters

Man arrested for posting Guns N' Roses songs on web

LOS ANGELES, 29 Aug—Federal officials on Wednesday arrested a man on suspicion of violating copyright laws for placing songs on the Internet from an unreleased album by rock band Guns N' Roses.

Kevin Cogill, 27, who has no known direct affiliation with Guns N' Roses, posted nine tracks from the band's upcoming album "Chinese Democracy" on his website, said Laura Eimiller, a spokeswoman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The long-awaited upcoming album from Guns N' Roses, a hard-rocking group that came to fame in 1987 with the album "Appetite for Destruction", is the band's first since its 1993 release "The Spaghetti Incident?"

An FBI agent said in an affidavit that Cogill admitted to posting the tracks on the Internet at www.antiquiet.com. Cogill removed the tracks from the website, but by then the songs had circulated widely, Eimiller said.

MNA/Reuters

Gunmen kidnap Israeli in Nigerian oil city

PORT HARCOURT (Nigeria), 29 Aug—Gunmen kidnapped an Israeli expatriate from his residence in Nigeria's oil hub of Port Harcourt, a security official in the restive Niger Delta region said on Wednesday. The security source, who asked not to be named, said the Israeli was abducted on Tuesday evening. No group has yet claimed responsibility.

More than 200 foreigners have been seized in the Niger Delta, the heart of the country's oil sector, since early 2006. Almost all have been released unharmed.

Insecurity in Nigeria, the world's eighth largest oil exporter, has cut crude output by around a fifth since militants launched a campaign of violence two years ago to press for greater development in their neglected communities.

Criminal gangs have taken advantage of the breakdown in law and order, frequently kidnapping businessmen, local politicians and foreign workers for ransom.

MNA/Reuters



People play video games at a fair. Lifelike graphics are breaking free of elite computer games and spreading throughout society in what industry insiders proclaim is the dawning of a “visual computing era”.—INTERNET

Eleven headless bodies found near Mexican graveyard

MERIDA, 29 Aug—Eleven beheaded bodies were dumped close to a graveyard outside a sleepy southern city on Thursday in the latest shocking crime in Mexico’s vicious drug war.

Police said a farmer found the 11 bodies, showing signs of torture, five miles from this southern colonial city in the Yucatan peninsula often where tourists stop off on their way to visit the world-famous Mayan

pyramids at Chichen Itza.

All the bodies had star signs and the letter Z tattooed on them, police sources said.

A 12th beheaded body was found 50 miles away in a small town to the east of Merida, also showing signs of torture.

It was the latest mass beheading in Mexico since drug traffickers rolled several heads onto the floor of a nightclub in Michoacan state in 2006 in a blatant message to

rivals and the government.

More than 2,300 people have been killed in drug violence this year, as Mexico’s most-wanted man, Joaquin “Shorty” Guzman, vies with rivals for control of the country’s lucrative drug trade.

President Felipe Calderon has made crushing drug gangs a top priority, sending troops across the country in an attempt to restore law and order.

But drug violence has only spiraled as rival gangs fight each other and the army.

Endemic police corruption has further complicated efforts to rid Mexico of cartels.

Internet

Jordan, French company ink MoU on uranium mining

AMMAN, 29 Aug—Jordan signed on Wednesday a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with French company Areva on uranium mining, local daily *The Jordan Times* reported on Thursday.

Khalid Touqan, head of the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission, was quoted as saying that the MoU, signed during Jordanian King Abdullah II’s visit to France, is “declaration of principles” that set the guidelines for a comprehensive agreement on mining in central Jordan.

According to Touqan, Areva will work to calculate the exact quantities of uranium in the kingdom, which he said are available at a

commercial level.

Unlike its oil-rich neighbours, Jordan lacks energy resources. It depends on imports 95 per cent of its energy consumption, which annually costs nearly a quarter of its revenue, said official data.

In January 2007, King Abdullah announced a civil nuclear energy programme, under which a nuclear plant will be set up by 2015 and nuclear power is expected to make up 30 per cent of its energy production by 2030.

It is estimated that Jordan can extract 80,000 tons of uranium from its uranic ores and the country’s phosphate reserves also contains some 100,000 tons of uranium, according to the official data.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese aviation industry surges higher

BEIJING, 29 Aug — No airline can afford to miss the China ride.

China’s fast-growing economy is making the country a shining star in the global aviation market.

Since the country adopted the reforms and opening up policies in 1978, its air traffic has been increasing at double-digit rate each year to keep pace with the explosive growth in passenger and cargo throughput.

China’s air traffic has maintained an average annual growth rate of 18

percent since 1980, almost double the country’s GDP growth rate and three times the world’s average air traffic growth rate during the same period, according to figures from the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), the industry watchdog.

The Chinese airline industry transported 185 million passengers last year, up 15.9 percent year-on-year, compared with just 3.43 million passengers in 1980.

As the world’s top

foreign direct investment destination, China has become the focus of manufacturers, retailers and bankers.

More foreign investment means more travelers coming to China.

The nature of the airline business is to follow that trend and provide people with access to regions where their businesses are growing.

Besides business travel, China is also one of the top draws in the leisure travel market.

Internet

Canada asks Inuit, others for input on safeguarding polar bears



A polar bear is seen in Canada in 2007. Canada’s environment minister on 28 Aug, 2008 deferred safeguarding this country’s iconic polar bear, saying more study of its circumstances and how it could be protected is required.—INTERNET

OTTAWA, 29 Aug—Canada’s environment minister on Thursday deferred safeguarding this country’s iconic polar

bear, saying more study of its circumstances and how it could be protected is required.

The decision comes as

a scientific panel in Canada delivered its final report on the polar bear, urging the government to act to safeguard it.

“Our government believes that the polar bear is an iconic symbol of Canada,” Environment Minister John Baird said in a statement. “Clearly, we need to ensure that the polar bear does not become endangered or threatened in Canada.” “At the same time,” he said, “we have a constitutional duty to work with a number of groups like the Inuit on protecting the polar bear, (and) we can also learn from traditional aboriginal and Inuit knowledge.”

Internet

West Nile virus claims first NYC resident

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—The New York City confirmed on Thursday that it has recorded its first death connected with West Nile virus this year.

Local health department sources were quoted by a report available on www.ny1.com as saying that the victim was a 65-year-old man from Staten Island, who died suddenly this month.

The man was reportedly diagnosed with West Nile, but tests are still being done to define his cause of death.

So far this summer, six people in the five boroughs of New York City have come down with the virus, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, the report says.

Internet



A “decomposed” washing machine at the stand of German household appliances giant Miele at the IFA (Internationale Funkausstellung) Consumer Electronics Trade Fair, at Berlin’s fair ground on 27 Aug. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Phil Hill, only US-born F1 champ, dies



In this on 6 Sept, 1960 file photo, Phil Hill, of the United States, wears a laurel wreath and holds the cup after driving his Ferrari to win the Grand Prix of Europe in Monza, Italy.—INTERNET

MONTEREY(Cali), 29 Aug—Phil Hill, the only American-born Formula One champion, died on Thursday of complications from Parkinson’s disease. He was 81.

The 1961 Formula Open champion and a three-time 24 Hours of Le Mans winner, Hill died at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, said friend John Lamm, a

noted automotive photographer and editor-at-large with Road & Track magazine.

“He raced at a time when racing was extremely dangerous and got through it all without a serious injury,” Lamm said. “He had an extraordinary mechanical sense. He was very much in tune with the car.”

Hill won the 1961 Formula One title by a point over Wolfgang von Trips, the Ferrari teammate who was killed in the team’s final race of the year. Hill won three F1 races, taking the Italian Grand Prix in 1960 and 1961 and the Belgian Grand Prix in 1961.

“I, as well as all employees of Ferrari are extremely saddened by the news of the passing of Phil Hill, a man and a champion who gave so much to Ferrari,” Ferrari president Luca di Montezemolo said.

Internet

Lefty trying to get his game right



Phil Mickelson watches his tee shot on the 9th hole during the Deutsche Bank Championship Pro-Am golf round, on 28 Aug, 2008, in Norton, Mass. INTERNET

NORTON(Mass), 29 Aug—Phil Mickelson’s star presence at the Deutsche Bank Championship was evident on Thursday by the company he kept at the TPC Boston.

He played the pro-am with tournament host Seth Waugh, the CEO of Deutsche Bank Americas;

New York mayor Michael Bloomberg and New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft. Such is the VIP treatment typically afforded the highest-ranked player in the field.

FedEx Cup playoff standings aside, that honor still falls to Mickelson.

He is No 2 in the world ranking, although it’s easy to forget that. Because while Tiger Woods has been out of sight for two months after his season-ending knee surgery, Mickelson at times has been MIA.

Some thought he would take advantage of Woods’ absence by piling up victories, perhaps another major or two, and giving himself a chance to win the money title or PGA Tour player of the year for the first time in his career.

Internet

France’s Coin scores historic upset in Grand Slam debut

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—Qualifier Julie Coin registered the biggest upset in US Open women’s history Thursday, sending world No 1 and top seed Ana Ivanovic crashing out in the second round.



Julie Coin of France celebrates winning a point against Ana Ivanovic of Serbia during Day 4 of the 2008 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in the Flushing neighborhood of the Queens borough of New York City. —INTERNET

Coin, who is ranked 188th in the world, broke Ivanovic three times in the one hour, 57 minute match, clinching the victory on her third match point at the main Arthur Ashe Stadium.

“I did a lot of aces and she made a lot of mistakes,” Coin said.

The 25-year-old Coin was making her Grand Slam debut after successfully coming through the qualifying round. She had tried but failed earlier this year to qualify for the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon.—Internet

Nadal packs punch, Ivanovic crashes out of US tennis open



Ryler DeHeart of the US returns to Rafael Nadal of Spain at the US Open tennis tournament on 28 Aug in Flushing Meadows, NY. Nadal won the match in straight sets.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—World No 1 Rafael Nadal wasted no time booking his place in the third round, steamrolling Ryler DeHeart while women’s top seed Ana Ivanovic became the biggest casualty of the US Open.

French qualifier Julie Coin scored one of the most shocking upsets in Grand Slam history on Thursday, sending world No 1 Ivanovic crashing out in the second round.

Coin, who is ranked 188th in the world, was making her Grand Slam debut after successfully coming through the qualifying rounds.

She had tried but failed earlier this year to qualify for the other three Grand Slams — Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon.

The 25-year-old Coin clinched the 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win on her third match point in the one hour, 57 minutes match at the main Arthur Ashe Stadium.

“Today I felt nervous at the beginning and then it went away,” said Coin. “I don’t know how I did it.

“I am not thinking about anything right now. Just enjoying the moment.”

Internet

We’re still the best, insists Ibrahimovic

ROME, 29 Aug — Inter Milan’s star Sweden forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic says the champions are still the team to beat ahead of the Serie A kick-off this weekend.

Inter have won the last three titles but AS Roma pushed them to the wire last season and AC Milan have recruited well during the off season, bringing in Ronaldinho, Andrei Shevchenko, Gianluca Zambrotta and Mathieu Flamini, as well as Swiss defender Philippe Senderos on loan.

But Ibra insists that with Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho at the helm, Inter will still finish top of the tree.

Asked if Milan, Juventus and Roma would present the toughest opposition this season, Ibra told Gazzetta dello Sport: “I also like Fiorentina but everyone will finish behind us. —Internet



Inter Milan’s Argentinian defender and captain Javier Aldemar Zanetti is held by teammates after scoring the last penalty and winning the Italian Super Cup trophy against AS Roma at San Siro Stadium in Milan, on 24 Aug. INTERNET

Everton manager Moyes filled with emotion

LIVERPOOL (England), 29 Aug — David Moyes could be forgiven for feeling he has endured a whole season’s worth of emotions during the opening two weeks of Everton’s campaign.

Just seven days ago, the prospect of Portsmouth visiting Goodison Park would have filled the manager with concern after a fruitless summer in the transfer market and a nightmare roll-call of injuries.

A crushing opening day home defeat to unfancied Blackburn and a continuing failure to attract new faces had prompted murmurings that last season’s fifth-placed finish could be followed by a battle to stay out of dangerous lower reaches of the Premier League table.

But victory at West Bromwich Albion last week followed by - finally — success in strengthening his squad has suddenly triggered a more optimistic outlook.

First to arrive was Lars Jacobsen, the Danish right-back signed

from Nuremburg, with Ecuador midfielder Segundo Castillo quick to follow from Red Star Belgrade and both players are expected to play some part against Harry Redknapp’s side.

Internet



Everton’s manager David Moyes, seen in May, could be forgiven for feeling he has endured a whole season’s worth of emotions during the opening two weeks of Everton’s campaign. INTERNET

“သတိပေးကြေငြာချက်”

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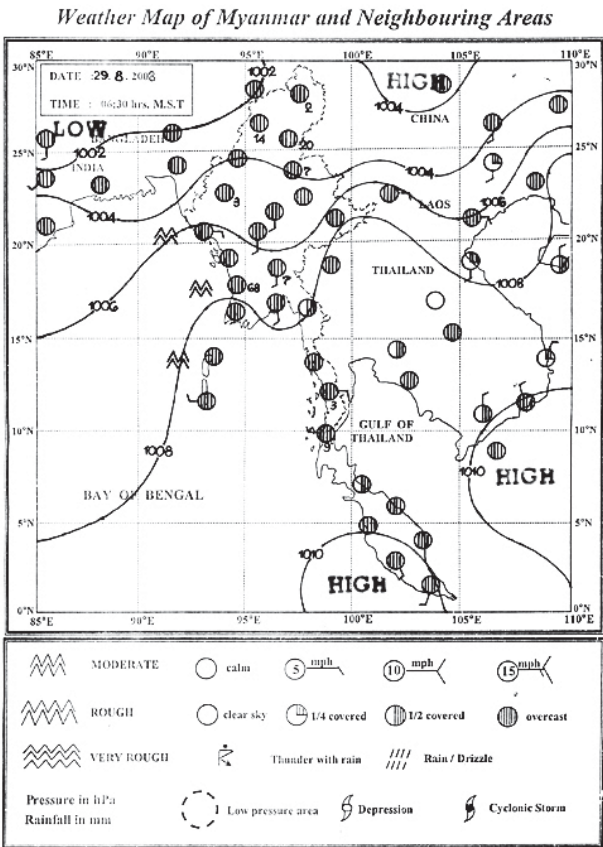
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Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Aug — Two US soldiers were killed in two separate attacks in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, the US military said on Thursday. A US soldier was killed when insurgents attacked his patrol with improvised explosive device in eastern Baghdad at approximately 11:00 am (0800 GMT) on Thursday, a military statement said.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Friday, 29 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayin States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (2.76) inches, Mogok (2.52) inches, Maungtau (2.29) inches, Kyauktaw (2.24) inches, Pyapon (1.81) inches, Myitkyina and Gwa (1.26) inches each, Zaungtu (1.22) inches and Bilin (1.06) inches.

Maximum temperature on 28-8-2008 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 29-8-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 29-8-2008 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 28-8-2008 was (2.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-8-2008 was (Tr) 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 (4) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 29-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 30-8-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Chin States, fairly widespread in Northern Shan State, upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Divisions and isolated to scattered 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: Increase of rain in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 30-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-8-2008: Likelihood of Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Daw Thein Pu (Mindon) Age 92

Wife of (U Than Gyoung), mother of U Hla Myint (Mindon) (Advocate) -Daw Mi Mi Thuzar, grand mother of U Soe Paing-Daw Yin Nwe Chaw, Capt Moe Htaik Kyaw-Daw Aye Nwe Chaw, and Daw Hnin Nwe Chaw, and great-grand mother of Thuta Ko Ko, Thuta Nyi Nyi, Thuta Aung Aung, and Thuta Naing Soe, passed away on 28-8-2008 (Thursday) at 6:00 pm, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon. Cremation will be held at Yayway Cemetary at 4:00 pm on 30-8-2008. (Busses will be leaved at 3:00 pm at the above address and corner of Merchant Street and 35th Street.

Bereaved Family

Vietnam to remove university entrance exams in 2010

HANOI, 29 Aug — The Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training said it will no longer organize university entrance exams from 2010, local newspaper Youth reported on Thursday.

Universities and colleges nationwide will base on results of graduation exams of high-school students to admit learners. The ministry will, in the 2008-2009 school year, issue a frame policy on student enrolments at universities and colleges.

Vietnam currently has 206 universities and colleges with a total of over 1.6 million students, or 188 students per 10,000 people, according to the ministry's latest statistics. — MNA/Xinhua



Saturday, 30 August View on today

7:00 am

- 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- 2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- 3. Morning news

7:40 am

- 4. “သတိနဲ့ယှဉ် အသိနဲ့မြင်” (ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလုံ၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဝေ၊ ဝိုင်းစိုင်းသိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေပြေဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

7:50 am

- 5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am

- 6. Song of national races

8:05 am

- 7. ၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၆)ကြိမ် မြောက်မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင် ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) အခြေခံ ပညာ ၁၅-၂၀ နှစ် (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)

8:30 am

- 8. International news

8:40 am

- 9. Islands of Dhamma

8:50 am

- 10. ဘဒ္ဒန္တတေဇနိယ (အဂ္ဂမဟာ ပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဇောတိကဓဇ) ရွှေတောင် ပါဠိ တက္ကသိုလ် ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ရေနံ ချောင်းမြို့နယ်၊ မကွေးတိုင်း ထံမှ နဝင်္ဂ ဥပေါသက သီလဝံယ ဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

11:00 am

- 1. Martial song

11:10 am

- 2. Musicalprogramme

11:25 am

- 3. Game for children

11:50 am

- 4. Round of up of the week's TV local news

12:00 pm

- 5. The race of dragon boats

12:45 pm

- 6. ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ (Telematch)

1:15 pm

- 7. “တစ်ပါးသီလ” (ဇော်လင်း၊ ခင်စိုးပိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နှင်းမိုး)

2:15 pm

- 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:30 pm

- 9. တေးဂီတအစီအစဉ်

2:45 pm

- 10. International news

4:00 pm

- 1. Martial song

4:10 pm

- 2. Song for uphold national spirit

4:15 pm

- 3. Games for children

4:35 pm

- 4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ်(၃) (အခြေခံ ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ စတုတ္ထ အကြိမ်မြောက်၊ ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွက်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆုံး) (အထက-၂ စမ်းချောင်း) (အမျိုးသမီး ဝတ်ရွက်အဖွဲ့)

5:00 pm

- 5. မြန်မာ့လေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

5:15 pm

- 6. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင် လွှင့်ပြင်

5:40 pm

- 7. ၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင် ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀ နှစ်ပြည့်မှ ၁၅ နှစ်အတွင်း) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)

6:00 pm

- 8. Evening news

6:30 pm

- 9. Weather report

6:40 pm

- 10. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm

- 11. တန်ခိုးတော်ထင်ရှား ကျိုက္ကမီ ဆုတောင်းပြည့်ရေလယ်ဘုရား

7:15 pm

- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၆)

8:00 pm

- 13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါး နတ်သမီးလေး” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

- 17. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်

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Motorcycle engines used for irrigation

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Aug—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin viewed broadcasting of fertilizer and folio fertilizer, sowing of quality rice seeds and transplanting of paddy at high-yield model 30 acre-plantation near Thittat village in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township this morning.

The quality rice yields 200 baskets per acre.

He presented a generator for the village through the chairman of village PDC and cash to damsels who participated in transplanting of paddy and farmers.

President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint briefed on development of agricultural sector and donated K 2 million and Kholon Leshaw national U Kyaw Myint quality paddy seeds worth K 2 million to the commander.

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin made a



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin views demonstration on paddy transplanting with the use of modern farm equipment at high-yield model 30 acre-plantation in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township.

speech on the occasion. He also observed the pumping of water with the use of motorcycle engines and farm implements.

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Kyauksauk Dam to contribute to local food sufficiency and greening of Pakokku District in accord with guidance of Head of State

YANGON, 29 Aug—Magway Division, an edible oil bowl of Myanmar, has 429 per cent of edible oil sufficiency and 320,000 acres have been put under monsoon paddy against the target of 932,096 acres this year; adding that efforts are being made for yielding over

100 baskets of monsoon paddy per acre, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council

Col Phone Maw Shwe said at the ceremony to inaugurate Kyauksauk Dam built by Irrigation Department

near Kyauksauk Village of Myaing Township this morning. (See page 8)

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Dramatic Play “80,000 Hermits” by Puppeteer U Po Chon In order to colonize a country, the colonialists employ three tactics.

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Kyauksauk Dam near Kyauksauk village in Myaing Township of Magway Division.

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