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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to King of Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — On the occasion of the 51st Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia, which falls on 31 August 2008, His Excellency Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Multafi Billah Shah, Yang di-Pertuan XIII of Malaysia.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates Malaysian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—On the occasion of the 51st Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia, which falls on 31 August 2008, His Excellency General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dato Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmed Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia.—MNA

Trees planted throughout Yangon Division

YANGON, 30 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence planted a Sal tree at the designated place in the precincts of Theingutara hill at the west archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda in the monsoon tree planting season this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Develop-

ment Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin also planted a Sal tree and a Gangaw tree.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint grew Linlun tree (*Buchanania latifolia*) and a toddy palm tree at the designated places in the northern platform of the pagoda.

Members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and religious associations grew over 1,500 plants including 54 Bo trees,

windbreakers, and flowering and fruit trees.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe also attended the monsoon tree-planting ceremonies in Kandawgyi Garden, the People's Square and People's Park, the Pyithu Hluttaw compound, Shwelinban industrial zone in Hlinethaya Township, Dagon Myothit (South) Township and Thanlyin Township and grew plants.

A total of 3,000 trees including Gangaw, star-flower, Pynma, mahogany, teak, Kanyin, tamarind, neem and Sal were grown in Kandawgyi Park, 4,600 plants in the People's Square and People's Park, 700 in the Pyithu Hluttaw compound and some 900 in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

Altogether 35,200 plants have been grown in Yangon West District, 48,000 in Yangon North District and 284,000 in Yangon South District.

In Yangon Division over 625,000 plants have been grown in the places of trees fallen due to the cyclone.

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**Lt-Gen
Myint
Swe
waters a
star tree
in a tree
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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

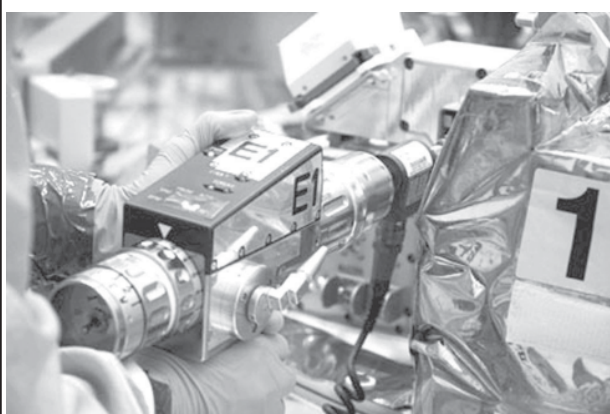
Four economic objectives

- * 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

Atlantis to be at Launch Pad on 2 Sept



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PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 31 August, 2008

Conserve woodlands for further regeneration

Myanmar is a country with a variety of abundant natural resources. Its forest coverage stands at more than 50 per cent of its area.

Various types of forests exist in many regions of the nation based on climate and geographical features. Forest products partly fulfil the basic needs of the people.

The government is now putting into action several plans it has laid down for conservation of the forests around the nation. The plans include the arid zone greening project, special teak plantations project, regeneration and conservation of mangroves, and watershed project.

Myanmar is blessed with many types of invaluable forests such as teak forests, evergreen forests, tropical deciduous forests, and mangroves. Therefore, the people are duty-bound to prevent deforestation.

People gain many benefits from forests and trees—prevention of landslides, clean water, scenic natural beauties, conservation of soil, protection of wildlife, conservation of watershed areas, and prevention of air pollution.

The people are therefore to protect and conserve the forests and trees for their sustainable development and further regeneration.

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Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu poses for a group photo at Myanmar-Vietnam Political Consultations Meeting.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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

Eggs yield snake antivenin

YANGON, 30 Aug—“Horses are to be bred systematically for producing antivenin”, said Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung while inspecting horse breeding and production process of horse blood at Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon) in Gyogon, Insein Township, here yesterday.

He also called upon them to vaccinate the horse against pandemic diseases and conduct research and development tasks for yielding antivenin against viper bite from poultry eggs. He later fulfilled their



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects breeding of horse for yielding snake antivenin.—INDUSTRY-1

requirements.

The factory is redoubling efforts for

researching the ways of producing antivenin against viper bite and

producing antidotes for human.

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Dy FM back from Myanmar-Vietnam Political Consultations meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back Yangon by air yesterday evening after attending the 4th Political Consultations between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in Hanoi from 25 to 28 August at the invitation of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Dao Viet Trung of Vietnam.

On 25 August, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu and party attended the

meeting and took part in the discussions. Myanmar and Vietnamese Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs exchanged views on mutually beneficial cooperation, ways to promote the existing friendship and cooperation between the two Foreign Ministries and the two countries, matters of mutual interests as well as for the benefits of the region as a whole.

In the afternoon, Chairman of Tripartite Core Group Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu met with Vice-Chairman of the Central Steering Committee of

Flood and Storm Prevention of Vietnam Mr Dao Xuan Hoc, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development and Central Steering Committee members. The two sides exchanged experiences in preventing and overcoming the consequences of natural disasters.

Accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu called on Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Pham Gia Khiem at the latter's office on 26 August

evening.

On 26 and 27 August, the deputy minister and party visited animal husbandary and freshwater aquaculture farm and foodstuff manufacture in Bac Ninh Province, Viettel Corporation and PetroVietnam Exploration Production Corporation in Hanoi and had friendly discussions with the respective personnel.—MNA

Moderate quake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued earthquake news that a moderate earthquake of intensity 5.8 Richter scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar (China) about 800 miles northeast of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 15 hrs 03 min 40 sec MST today.

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Egypt opens border crossing with Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY (Gaza Strip), 30 Aug — Palestinian officials say Egypt has opened its border crossing with the Gaza Strip, allowing hundreds of people to enter and leave

the coastal territory.

Egypt has opened the Rafah crossing for two days beginning Saturday.

Thousands of Egyptian citizens had been stuck in Gaza with the border

sealed. Egypt closed the crossing last year after militant Muslim group Hamas seized power of the territory.

Palestinian officials say they believe Egypt is opening the crossing as a goodwill gesture before the holy Muslim month of Ramadan which begins next week.

Officials will allow hundreds of Palestinians needing medical treatment to enter Egypt. Palestinians with foreign residency permits can also leave Gaza, while Palestinians who had been stuck in Egypt will be able to return home.—Internet



Revelers stand on a float decorated with flowers during the battle of flowers' parade in Laredo, northern Spain, on 29 Aug, 2008. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the battle of flowers' parade in Laredo. —Internet

Darling warns of economic crisis

LONDON, 30 Aug — The UK is facing its worst economic crisis in 60 years, Chancellor Alistair Darling has admitted.

He told the Guardian newspaper that the economic downturn would be more "profound and long-lasting" than most people had feared.

Using strong language, Mr Darling acknowledged voters

were angry with Labour's handling of the economy. Shadow Chancellor George Osborne said Mr

Darling had "let the cat out of the bag" about the state of the economy.

Internet

Explosion in Sri Lankan capital wounds at least 44

COLOMBO, 30 Aug — The Sri Lankan military says an explosion has rocked the capital, Colombo.

A military official says details on casualties were not immediately available after Saturday's blast.

Pushpa Soyza, a spokeswoman for a Colombo hospital, says 44 wounded people are receiving treatment there.

The military official spoke on condition of anonymity citing government policy,

Sri Lanka is immersed in a decades-long civil war in which more than 70,000 people have died.

The Tamil Tiger rebels have fought for an independent state in the north and east since 1983.

Internet

Philippine 2004 ferry blast suspect deported from Bahrain

MANILA, 30 Aug — A suspected terrorist who masterminded the passenger ferry blast that killed over 100 people south of Manila Bay four years ago was deported from Bahrain to the Philippines on Saturday, local media reported.

The Philippine National Police officials told local news network

ABS-CBN News that Ruben Omar Pestano Lavilla Jr., a listed terrorist of U.S. State Department, was arrested in Bahrain last July and the Bahrain government had decided to send him back to the Philippines.

Lavilla is the spiritual and the supposed founder of local terror group Rajah Sulaiman Movement, a

group of Christian converts or converts which authorities said has links with the Abu Sayyaf group and Jemaah Islamiyah.

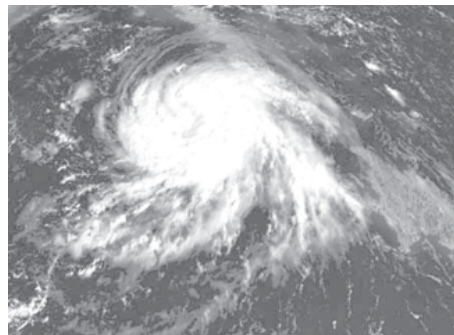
Police said Lavilla is included in the sanctioned list of the United Nation's Security Council. He is facing charges of rebellion and murder before a local court.

Internet



Team Australia presents their fireworks display over the country's landmark Seri Saujana Bridge, during the Malaysia International Fireworks Competition 2008, being held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, on 29 Aug, 2008.—Internet

Cuban leader verifies preventive actions to face hurricane threat



The center of Tropical Storm Gustav is pictured over the Caribbean Sea in this NOAA satellite image. —XINHUA

HAVANA, 30 Aug — Cuban leader Raul Castro Friday verified the preventive actions taken in the west of the country to face the tropical storm Gustav, which has a possibility to

become the biggest hurricane since the Katrina in 2005.

In the western province of Pinar del Rio, Castro talked with officials to know about the preventive action plan, and showed his confidence in the people's training to face the storm, according to a TV news bulletin.

Weather forecast showed Gustav was moving toward Great Caiman and Cuba on Friday noon, being expected to strike the center of the region with a wind speed of up to 150 km per hour.

Civil Defense National Staff received cyclonic alert in the west of Cuba, while the eastern side was still on the watch for rainfalls, flooding and state of the dams.

Internet



Models wear creations by high school student Yuko Yoshida (R) and Aika Sato during the High School Student Fashion Design Award 2008 in Tokyo on 30 Aug, 2008.—Internet

Putin: Western sanctions not to isolate Russia



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin

Moscow, 30 Aug — Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said the proposed Western sanctions against Moscow would not leave the country isolated. “I believe that a country—Russia in this case—that can enable its citizens to maintain their honor and dignity, protect their lives and fulfill its international legal commitments ... will not be isolated,” Putin said in an interview with German television

company ARD. “Europe and the United States are not the whole world,” he said in the interview, which was shown on Russia’s Channel One television on Friday evening. The premier also accused the European countries of being under the thumb of the United States. “If European states want to serve the foreign policy interests of the United States, I do not think they will gain anything thereby,” he was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying. Earlier this week, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev signed decrees recognizing the independence of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, which broke from central Georgian rule during wars in the early 1990s. Georgia, a former Soviet republic and a staunch US ally, has long been at odds with Russia over the two breakaway regions and its own bids to join NATO and the European Union. Earlier this month, Georgia sent in troops to reclaim South Ossetia, triggering a military counter-offensive from Russia. The conflict ended with a ceasefire agreement between Tbilisi and Moscow brokered by France. —Xinhua

Wall Street tumbles as personal income falls

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — Wall Street took a dive Friday, as the US government said personal incomes fell more than expected in July and Dell reported disappointing results. The US Commerce Department reported that personal incomes fell 0.7 percent in July. It was the first decrease since August 2005 and worse than the 0.1 percent decrease that analysts had expected. Meanwhile, consumer spending rose a modest 0.2 percent, in line with previous estimates. But the reading increased 0.6 percent in June. The decline of personal income overshadowed a better-than-expected reading of University of Michigan consumer sentiment index. Lower-than-expected earnings from Dell dragged down technology-heavy Nasdaq. Dell fell 14 percent, after the company’s profit margins came in well below what analysts had expected due to the decrease of product prices. Meanwhile, analysts from Citigroup and Bank of America cut target price for the world’s second-largest personal-computer maker. —Xinhua



A member of French tire manufacturer Michelin moves some of the 8,000 tyres stocked on the racing circuit the day before the Le Mans 24 Hours endurance race in Le Mans, France recently.—XINHUA

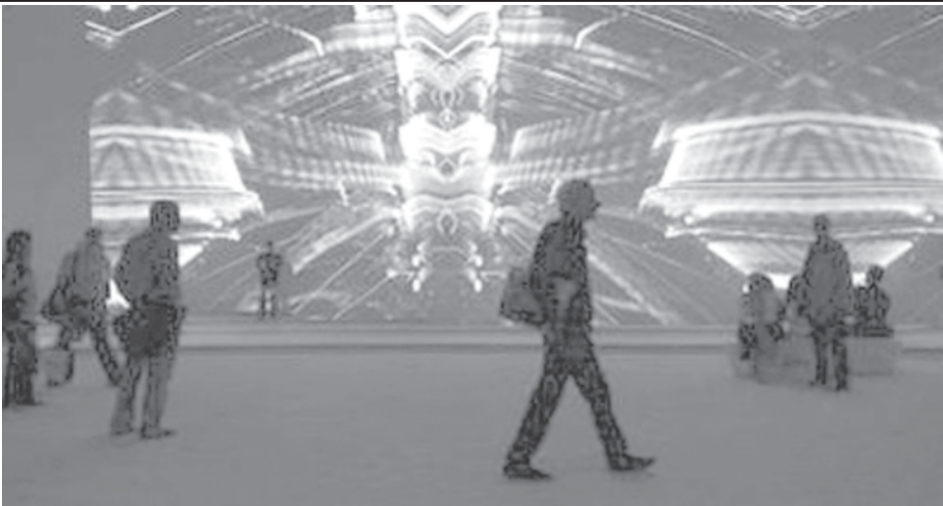
China, Turkmenistan to expand cooperation in various fields

ASHGABAT, 30 Aug — Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Turkmen counterpart Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov have agreed to expand cooperation in various fields so as to push the friendly ties forward, according to a joint statement issued here Friday. The two leaders noted with satisfaction that bilateral ties have enjoyed sound and steady

development and yielded rich fruits in recent years. They agreed further development and consolidation of bilateral ties will continue to guide the foreign policies of both countries. —Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) shakes hands with Turkmen President Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov before having talks in Ashgabat on 29 Aug, 2008.— XINHUA



Visitors watch a video presentation at the Sony exhibition stand at the International Funkaustellung (IFA) consumer electronics fair in Berlin Aug. 29, 2008. The IFA is the worlds largest consumer electronics exhibition and opens to the public from 29 Aug to 3 Sept, 2008. XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Malaysia’s rice production expected to meet 86% of needs by 2010

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Aug—Malaysia’s production of rice is expected to achieve 86 percent self-sufficiency level (SSL) by 2010 following additional allocations to maintain food security, Finance Ministry said in its economic report released on Friday. Paddy plantation acreage is projected to expand following the development of new paddy areas, land rehabilitation and improved agriculture infrastructure, including irrigation systems, the ministry said. Currently, Malaysia has reached SSL at 73 percent for rice. Xinhua

Death toll of listeria outbreak in Canada rises to 9

OTTAWA, 30 Aug — Another death has been linked to the current listeria outbreak that is sweeping across Canada, raising the total death toll to nine, health officials said Friday. The death happened in the western province of British Columbia, where a total of two people have died of the disease. The other six deaths occurred in Ontario province. According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, there are 29 confirmed cases of the outbreak strain in the country and 35 cases under investigation. The outbreak originated from the tainted meat products of Maple Leaf Foods, Canada’s biggest food company. The company has closed down its Toronto facility and issued a recall of 220 products. — Xinhua

Interview: French parliamentarian says world knows China better through Olympics

PARIS, 30 Aug — “The Beijing Olympic Games was a window through which people around the world gained a better understanding about China,” said Bernard Debre, a member of the French National Assembly, on Friday.

Debre, who attended the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics, told Xinhua that he was overwhelmed by the splendid performances.

“It was an unforgettable night,” he said, “the best thing about the opening ceremony was that it combined China’s traditional civilization with modernization.”

China has impressed the whole world not only with brilliant Olympics opening and closing ceremonies but also the excellent organization of the Games, said the lawmaker.

Beijing has adopted a series of measures to ensure the smooth proceeding of the Games, and the setting aside of special Olympic lanes has particularly facilitated the movement of the athletes around the city, he added.

The unique designs of the Olympic stadiums such as the Bird’s Nest and the Water Cube are also very impressive, he said. —Internet



Delivery of a second Airbus A380 to Emirates, the airline of the United Arab Emirates, will suffer a further delay of two months, French daily Le Figaro reported Saturday. Emirates put its first giant A380 into service on 1 August with a direct flight from Dubai to New York.—INTERNET



Chinese director Jia Zhangke (C) poses with other cast members during a photocall of his short film Cry Me a River at the 65th Venice International Film Festival in Venice, Italy, on 29 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

New York residents mark anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — New York City residents marked the third anniversary of Hurricane Katrina slamming into the Gulf Coast region of the United States Friday with a Manhattan march to support those displaced by the storm. According to a report available on www.ny1.com, the march through the streets of Manhattan was dubbed “A Call to Action, A Day of Unity,” and participants hoped to draw attention to the plight of the working class residents who have been displaced by gentrification.

In Washington Square Park, the Judson Memorial Church hosted a fundraiser for those displaced by the storm. Meanwhile, a new

report released Friday found that nearly half of the 1,000 Louisiana residents who died in Hurricane Katrina were aged 75 or older. Researchers from the Center for Disease Control and the Louisiana Office of Public Health were cited as saying that many elderly residents were ill-prepared for the aftermath of the storm or too frail to leave their homes.

Internet

Flood-affected villagers walk through Jankipur village in Poornia district, India on 29 August. At least 20 people are feared dead after an overloaded rescue boat capsized in the flood-hit eastern region where hundreds of thousands of people have been marooned.—INTERNET

Two killed, 16 injured in blast in central Turkey

ANKARA, 30 Aug — Two people were killed and 16 others injured in an explosion in a factory in central Turkey on Friday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

According to the report, the explosion, which occurred at 2:50 pm local time (1150 GMT), rocked a gunpowder plant of Turkish defense company MKE Barut Factory in Kirikkale province, leaving two people dead and 16 others injured.

Internet



Malaysian govt reiterates commitment to improve well-being of society

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Aug — To improve the people’s living standard, Malaysian government on Friday reiterated its commitment to improve accessibility to quality education and health care, enhance the provision of affordable and quality housing as well as increase coverage of water and electricity supply to the poor.

In addition, the network of transport facilities would also be

expanded, public safety enhanced and the environment protected, said the Economic Report 2008/2009 released by the Finance Ministry on Friday.

Given the challenges of rapid socio-economic development and its impact on families, policy initiatives would be taken

to promote a more caring society, said the report.

The government would expand and enhance social assistance programs in keeping with these policy objectives and to mitigate the impact of higher prices, especially among the vulnerable groups, the report said.

Internet

Indian boat mishap claims 20 lives

NEW DELHI, 30 Aug — In Indian Bihar, at least 20 persons were feared dead when an army boat carrying flood victims capsized in the swollen Kosi river in Madhepura district during rescue operation, NDTV reported on Saturday.

The boat, carrying over 60 flood victims and some personnel of the army, overturned and sank near

Mirganj in Murliganj block of the district Friday evening.

The tragedy occurred as the boat was overcrowded with people eager to reach a safe place. The boat had gone to rescue villagers from Murliganj area and when returning the boats were caught in swirl. Some of the rescued villagers jumped out of fear unsettling the boat, which caused the disaster.

The state disaster management department additional commissioner Pratyaya Amrit said while 32 of its occupants were saved by the rescue team, 20 others, including an army havildar, were reported missing and feared drowned. Additional rescue teams of the army and National Disaster Response Force have been pressed into service to locate the bodies and possible survivors.

Internet

The glass with half full of water

An Observer

Now, Myanmar's transition to democracy is going to come to fruition. To put it another way, the nation will transform from the rule of the Tatmadaw to the people's rule in two years.

It took many years for the nation to create the present conditions. It took longer than it should be due to various forms of difficulties, crises and disruptions. In the meantime, the disagreement between those who put their wishes in the fore and those who were gearing up for a prosperous future of the nation grew into conflicts.

The real desire of the people is to form a democratic human society. They understand and accept the situations that take place in the transitional period. They are worried that the nation's situations will go uncontrollable. So, they joined hands of their own accord with the Tatmadaw government to achieve the national goals.

In the process, the Tatmadaw government upholds the desire of the people; puts national interests in the fore; does not betray the motherland; builds a new nation; and implements the four political objectives, four economic objectives and four social objectives. The State's 12 noble objectives are very rewarding because they were laid down in the opportune time. Despite the hindrances created by local anti-government elements, the drive to realize the objectives is going smooth.

The events that took place in May 2008 gave profound evidence to reliability of the above-mentioned points. Moreover, they indicated to Myanmar's political improvement, economic growth and social vigour in tandem. In other words, they reflected the nation's achievement in implementing the State's political, economic and social objectives.

As the first political objective, community peace and rule of law were restored nearly cent per cent. Moreover, national reconsolidation was achieved. As

a result of discharging the duties based on these two achievements, the government could take necessary measures, announcing that it would hold the referendum for approval of the State constitution, the final stage of the political objective "Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution", on 10 May 2008.

However, while trying its best for transition and national development, Myanmar suffered a major setback triggered by the storm "Nargis" that devastated the southern part of the delta in Ayeyawady Division and some regions of Yangon Division. Had not the government carried out nation-building tasks much, the nation would have been in dire straits. Only with the achievements in the political, economic and social sectors, could the nation show resilience to the catastrophe.

The people's political awareness remained serene when they were in the face of the unprecedented natural disaster. Myanmar people by nature want to broaden their horizons and build a new one if the present one is out of order, and equip themselves with unwavering spirit. So, they kept on carrying out transition process. The referendum was held successfully in the 278 townships except the 47 townships that were in the process of being rehabilitated to recover from the natural disaster. Two weeks later on 24 May, the referendum was held in the 47 remaining townships.

That political movement was largely due to economic prospects of the nation, along with high morale and education standard of the entire people, dynamism of patriotic spirit, and preservation of the national character.

Some regions were paralyzed by the storm "Nargis", but the nation's economic policy eased the sufferings to a certain degree. Myanmar's economy is not a system which cannot endure the domino effect in the economic downturn.

- The nation is working hard to achieve

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development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of economy as well.

- It took measures to ensure that various regions, multi-purpose agricultural projects and other economic sectors can rely on each other to avoid a situation in which the whole nation relies on only one or two regions for the economy.
- It is working hard for proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system.
- Local and foreign technical know-how and investments are being made to an extent. (In that case, considerable success has been achieved despite economic sanctions and trade embargo imposed by some foreign countries).
- Now, the initiative to shape the national economy has been kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples.
- Besides, with a lot of experience, the State has been successful in implementing the border area development project, special construction project, rural development tasks, 24 special region development project, urban area development project and national economic development project. Likewise, State investments have yielded lots of benefits nationwide.

Therefore, relief and rehabilitation tasks have been carried out in the cyclone Nargis-hit regions keeping pace with the times. Most of the affected areas have mainly relied on the water transport since ancient times. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, a network of bridges were built and those regions can be accessible by road at any time thanks to the emergence of Bo Myat Tun Bridge, Twantay Bridge, Dedaye Bridge, Pyapon Bridge, Maubin Bridge and Myaungmya Bridge.

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The real desire of the people is to form a democratic human society. They understand and accept the situations that take place in the transitional period.

The glass with half full of water

An Observer

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With experiences gained from the history of Myanmar, there has always been cooperation of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw in every national defence duty and in every nation-building endeavour. Today's transitional period can be called the period of nation-building tasks. So machinery, workforce and expertise existing in the sites of nation-building tasks could be moved to and used in relief and reconstruction work of the storm-hit regions. The people on their part also actively participated in the tasks. As Tatmadaw members are always ready to serve the public interest anywhere anytime, they were able to reach the storm-affected areas the earliest to do rescue work.

Besides providing workforce, the State also sent enough State funds and food items to the storm survivors. Construction companies from various development projects moved to the affected regions in time to lend their helping hand. Various social organizations also rendered their humanitarian aid. National entrepreneurs made their generous donations for the well-being of the State as well as the people.

Similarly, the national people from all corners of the country helped as much as they could.

Myanmar has had a fine tradition that the government always protects the people and the Tatmadaw always participates in the public welfare tasks. The reconstruction effort in the storm-hit regions this time was far greater than the previous times. It is systematic and the people are well-disciplined with farsightedness.

Two fruitful results are that entrepreneurs came to put more energy into the State and the public welfare tasks as if they are national corporations and that the people from all walks of life came to give a helping hand in times of emergency. It means that social infrastructures have come into shape. In other words, it can be reviewed that the people of all backgrounds have concentrated on national politics without heading for party politics.

Myanmar was in a chaotic state in 1988 due to the repercussions of international incidents. However, the State, the people and the Tatmadaw managed to overcome all difficulties and Myanmar has been in a

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peaceful transitional period. Later, some big nations interfered in Myanmar's affairs to have a tremendous change. But Myanmar also overcame the hardship. Unexpectedly, the cyclone Nargis caused a shock to Myanmar. Again, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw were able to address the problem.

As regards the fourth objective of the four political objectives, it is time to build a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State constitution. At the same time, it is necessary to further consolidate the first three objectives. It is also needed to keep in the fore the four economic objectives and the four social objectives.

Today's Myanmar is making headway and its situation is like a glass that has been half-filled with water. It is our duty to fill remaining half. The prevailing objective conditions of the nation have proved that we have had confidence, wisdom, goodwill and energy to fill the glass to reach its rim.

Translation: MS+ST

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Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects engine parts at diesel locomotive shed (Ywahtaung).—MR

Rail Transportation Minister: Put all energies into work to hit targets

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug – Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin inspected coach and wagon workshop (Myitnge) yesterday.

Officials concerned reported on functions of the workshop and the deputy minister gave a supplementary report.

The minister gave

instructions on supervision of the work and carrying out the tasks to hit the targets in accord with the standard set.

The minister observed manufacturing of spare parts for carriages, flooring and roofing of the coaches, wagons, and sleepers for upper class, installation of led lighting system in the ordinary coaches and completion

of first and upper class coaches.

The minister inspected production process of set-squares and stockpiling of concrete sleepers.

The minister went to diesel locomotive shed (Ywahtaung) and inspected e-library and repair of locomotives and display of rubber spare parts.

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**FM U Nyan Win
felicitates Malaysian
counterpart**

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — On the occasion of the 51st Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia, which falls on 31 August 2008, His Excellency U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Ybhg Datuk Seri Utama Dr Rais Yatim, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.

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With noble mind

- In serving public interest
- Do not deviate from own way
- Because of slanders
- Just carry it on

(Venerable Shwe Hinthu Sayadaw)

Ministry gets PRC-aided Tech School

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—A ceremony to hand over Technical Training School (Mandalay) was held at the training school in Aungmye Thazan Township, Mandalay on 29 August morning.

Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Mr Guan Mu formally opened the training school and unveiled its stone inscription.

This was followed by the handover of the training school in which Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein expressed thanks and Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu spoke.

Next, Managing Director of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries U Soe Myint and Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Tang Hai of PRC Embassy signed the

agreement on handover of the facility and exchanged it.

After that, the minister presented gifts to the ambassador and guests and had a documentary photo taken together with them, which brought the ceremony to an end.

Afterwards, the minister and guests viewed lecture halls and workshops of the training school.

The training school, complete with one main lecture hall, laboratory, one

special learning hall, four workshops, one recreation room and one sub-power station, will conduct a one-year fundamental technical training course covering six-subjects and will be able to produce 200 technicians per year.

The training school was established with the grant of the PRC under the programme of providing aid between the Myanmar Government and the PRC Government.

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Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and PRC Ambassador Mr Guan Mu formally open Technical Training School (Mandalay).—MNA

**Women-to-women
assistance in Delta**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — As a token of sympathy for storm survivor women in Ayeyawady Division, CEC member Daw Ni Ni Win of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation handed over K 30 million donated by the federation to Ayeyawady Division WAO Patron Daw Win Win Maw and General Secretary Dr Daw Myint Kyi, relief supplies by All China Women's Federation to Chairperson of Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Aung and chairpersons of District WAOs.

Later, they discussed systematic allotment of cash to the women from storm-hit townships. — MNA

Cash and kind for the aged

YANGON, 30 Aug — As part of contributing to welfare services for Hninzigon Home for the Aged, the Organizing Department of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation served the aged with special refreshments and donated cash to the funds of the home in Bahan Township this morning.

Head of the Organizing Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo handed K 150,000 for the special refreshments and K 100,000 to the funds through officials.

Chairperson Daw Khin Myo Thu of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and party presented K 100,000 to the funds and Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Tin Nwe Oo, traditional medicines worth K 150,000. — MNA

**Basic
electrical
skill for staff**

YANGON, 30 Aug — A ceremony to conclude Basic Electrical Skill Course No. 1/2008 was held at the Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township, here, yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Director-General U Than Aye of the ICID make concluding speech on behalf of the Minister for Industry-1, and presented prizes and certificates to outstanding trainees.

A total of 76 trainees had attended the ICID-organized course.

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**Technical
Training
School
(Manda-
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**Donate
Blood**

Sports win over Culture by wide margin, Information and L&F in 2-2 draw

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — Sports Ministry trounced Culture Ministry 10-2 in the second round of the 2nd Inter-Ministry Football Tournament at Nay Pyi Taw No. 1 Football Ground.

At Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Paunglaung Sports Ground, Ministry of Information and Ministry of Livestock and

Fisheries held a 2-2 draw.

Among the spectators were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads, trainees of Basic Library Science Course of Information and Public Relations Department, departmental staff and family members.

On 1 September, Commerce Ministry will play against Defence Ministry at Nay Pyi Taw No. 1 Football Ground, while Religious Affairs Ministry will compete against Home Affairs Ministry at Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Paunglaung Sports Ground.

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Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan enjoys the match between Ministry of Information and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

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Health Deputy Minister inspects hospitals

YANGON, 30 Aug— A work coordination meeting on enhancing the quality of treatment of central level hospitals to keep abreast of international level took place at the University of Nursing (Yangon) on 28 August with an address by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

After the meeting, the deputy minister and party inspected medical check-up of pregnant women at OPD of the Central Women's Hospital.

Next, they looked into the use of ultrasound, functions of the Biochemistry Department, Microbiology

Department, Hematology Department and Parasitology Department, treatment given at intensive care unit, operation theatre, special child care unit and delivery room and gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at the Children's Hospital, the deputy minister and party looked into the use of X-ray, ultrasound, medical treatment given at the newly born child unit, Medical Ward-1, intensive care unit, Surgical Ward-3, and functions of blood bank, Hematology Department, and laboratory.

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Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo speaks at the meeting on enhancing quality of treatment of central level hospitals.—MNA

ASEAN-India Workshop discusses Development of Buddhist Pilgrimage Tourism

YANGON, 30 Aug— Myanmar hosted the ASEAN-India Workshop on the Development of Buddhist Pilgrimage Tourism in Bagan, Mandalay and Yangon from 25 to 28 August, attended by officials of Tourism Ministries of ASEAN countries and India, private tour operators and experts.

On 25 August, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Mr Nicholas Tandi Dammen and Undersecretary Mr Bani Brata Roy of Indian Ministry of Tourism formally opened the workshop at Bagan Nanmyint Tower.

In the first-day session of the workshop, Director-General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism presided over the workshop together with members of the panel of

chairmen Undersecretary Mr Bani Brata Roy of India and Director Mr Binh Vu The of Vietnamese National Tourism Administration. Experts explained flourishing of Buddhism and pilgrimage tours. Representatives of the ASEAN and India discussed development of Buddhist pilgrimage of their countries.

At Mandalay Hill Resort on 26 August, Director-General U Htay Aung presided over the workshop together with Dr Khin Maung Nyunt and market promotion expert Dr Zulkifli Bin Mohamad of Malaysia. The participants discussed seeking ways for joint

Buddhist pilgrimage between ASEAN and India and project process.

On 27 August, the meeting to review the workshop took place at Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon and the participants approved the discussion report and procedure on Development of Buddhist Pilgrimage Tourism Plan.

Representatives of ASEAN and India visited Shwedagon Pagoda, Mahasi Meditation Centre, Shwezigon and Ananda Pagodas, lacquerware houses, Maha Gandayon Monastery, Maha Muni Buddha Image and International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University in Yangon. —MNA

Childcare knowledge for families

YANGON, 30 Aug – Organized by Yangon Division Social Welfare Department, Basic Course for Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) will be conducted every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 12 September to 26 October. Those wishing to attend the course may contact Yangon Division Social Welfare Department at No 247/269 on Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township (Ph: 552957, 552927).—MNA

YESB serving local people, industries with electricity

Article & Photos: Kayan Soe Myint

Many overhead power lines of electricity supply network were damaged in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions due to the storm that hit there on 2 and 3 May. Most of the people thought that electricity might not be supplied to Yangon for quite some time. Thanks to concerted efforts of electricians and workers, main points of Yangon such as Military Hospital (500-bed), the Department of Medical Research and Myanma Radio and Television got electricity at night after the storm had hit. At night of 4th May, electricity could be re-supplied to Yangon General Hospital, City Hall, Shwedagon Pagoda and residential areas in Kyauktada, Pabedan, Latha, Bahan and Mayangon townships. One month later, all the storm-hit areas in Yangon Division could be supplied with electricity cent per cent.

Remarkable efforts of officials at different levels under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 were seen following the guidance of the Head of State.

I had interviews with officials of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board on its power supply to the local people and industries.

In shaping the Union of Myanmar as a modern and developed nation, electricity is essential. Electricity plays a pivotal role in undertaking sector-wise development of the nation. Indeed, only when efforts are to be made for consolidating the electricity sector, will the remaining sectors be developed.

In Yangon, power consumption of factories, workshops, industrial zones and modern housings become higher because they apply modern technology and electronic equipment in their livelihoods.

According to the data up to 1 January 2008 of the Yangon Division Immigration and National Registration Department, there were 1,238,168 households in Yangon Division. Yangon including industrial zones, waterworks of YCDC, CNG lines and fuel stations, state-owned factories, lamp-post lights and traffic lights, religious buildings and

diplomatic residential areas consume 512.5 megawatts in day time and 497 megawatts at night time. At present, YESB is fully supplying power to the power demands.

In line with the guidance of the Head of State, the YESB was formed with one chairman, one secretary, one joint-secretary and four heads of department — management, finance, supply and engineering — on 1 April 2006.

YESB keeps under its control five 230/66/33 KV power stations, 19 66/33/11 KV power stations, 263 33/11/6.6 KV power stations and 6,126 11/6.6/0.4 KV power stations. Moreover, overhead power lines such as 61.03 miles long 66 KV line, 3,203.67 miles long 33 KV line, 681.805 miles long 11 KV line, 393.75 miles long 6.6 KV line and 2,359.12 miles long 0.4 KV line are also under control of the YESB. Furthermore, the board has underground power cables — 22.39 miles long 66 KV line, 432.66 miles long 33 KV line, 120.13 miles long 11 KV line, 312.25 miles long 6.6 KV line and 162.14 miles long 0.4 KV line.

Due to higher power consumption in Yangon Division, the YESB built more 66/33/11 KV power stations, five power stations at MRTV-3, Tawwin, Waibagi, Shwepaukkan and Dagon Myothit (North) Township including a 66 KV power line, four transformers at Pathein Nyunt, Parami Bailey, Kyaikkasan and Hlawga and one 230/66 KV transformer and seven 66 KV power lines — Hsinmaleik-MRTV-3, Thakayta, Thakayta-Pathein Nyunt, Dagon (East)-Shwepaukkan, Dagon (East)-Waibagi, Dagon (East)-Industrial Zone and Kyaikwaing-Seinpanmyaing.

The YESB manages to supply electricity to 4,388 factories of 14 industrial zones in Yangon Division, 136 factories of ministries, 86 factories of Ministry of Industry-1, 35 embassies and organizations, 36 CNG filling stations, 42 waterworks, 47 hospitals including military hospitals, 134 traffic



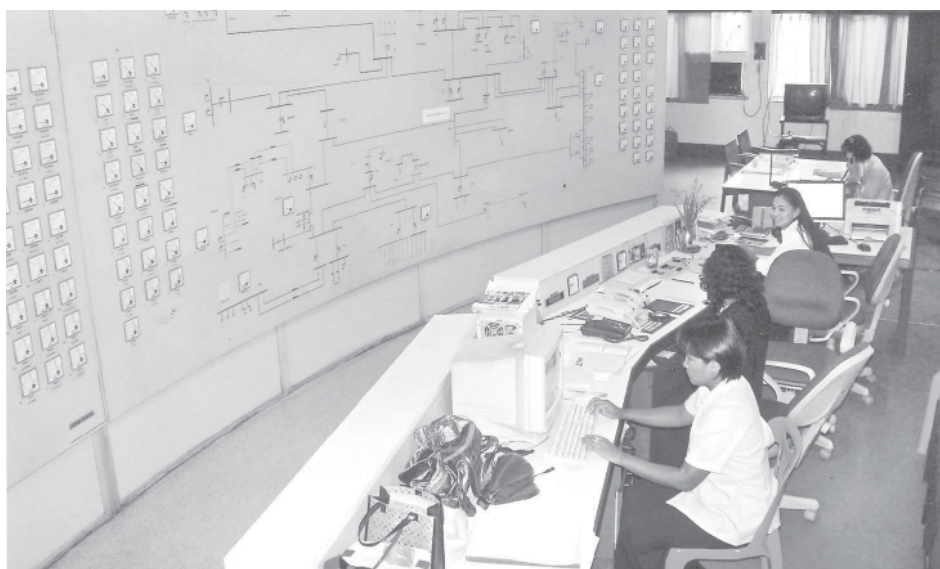
YESB Secretary Lt-Col Maung Maung Latt (Retd) explains current power supply system in Yangon.

lights, lamp-post lights and 747,600 houses including those who consume power by paying foreign exchange. In addition, the board installed paddy husk-fired power generators in Kamamat Village in Kayan Township and Thawuntaung Village in Twantay Township.

Electricity generated from natural gas turbines under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and hydropower plants under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 are purchased from the respective ministries at the fixed prices for supplying power to the people through the national grid system. The Power Control Division of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 sees to stabilizing of power supply functions through the power, line and carrier-PLC system.

With regard to the opportunities for more power consumption of the people and for installation of electric meters, Secretary of YESB Lt-Col Maung Maung Latt (Retd) explained that the board manages to install electric meters for the people and substitution of overhead lines and transformers in Yangon Division in line with the motto “Every power consumer must get electricity”; that power consumers are being provided with installation of electric meters with K 57,000 per home meter; and that the electric meters with the capacities of 10 kilowatts, 20 kilowatts and 30 kilowatts and industrial-use power meters are being installed at designated places within a day under supervision of the township electrical engineers. He continued to say that for further information and complaints, every power consumer may dial 01-229144 and 01-215048 of YESB, 09-51-00951, 01-215039 and 01-215047 of Inspection Department.

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Technicians of Power Control Division of MEPE discharging duties to ensure electricity supply to Yangon round the clock.

Senior Chinese leader urges better service, security work for Paralympics

BEIJING, 30 Aug—Senior Communist Party of China (CPC) official Zhou Yongkang Friday called for better services and security work for next month's Paralympic Games during an inspection of Beijing South Railway station.

Zhou, a member of

the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, on Friday toured facilities for the disabled at the station such as lanes for the blind and special lifts.

"We should spare no efforts in providing the best service and maintaining security for the

Paralympics," Zhou said.

Zhou then took the Beijing-Tianjin intercity express to the industrial city of Tianjin.

He inspected restrooms for the disabled on the train, stressing that the disabled should be respected, well cared for and better served.

Zhou said the Paralympics should lead to nationwide improvements for services for the disabled.

In Tianjin, he inspected a community in Nankai District, the Letters and Calls Reception Office in Hebei District and listened to a report on the city's social and economic development and social stability.

Zhou stressed that all security sectors shall continue efforts to maintain social stability and public order during the Paralympics, which will be held from 6 to 17 Sept.

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Several militants killed near Afghan capital

KABUL, 30 Aug—The US-led Coalition on Friday eliminated several militants in an operation to disrupt militant activities in Kapisa province, some 80 kilometers north from Afghan capital Kabul, said a Coalition statement released here on Saturday.

The force searched a compound in Nijrab district targeting a Taliban commander smuggling weapons into Afghanistan, as well as conducting IED (Improvised Explosive Device) attacks against international forces, the statement said.

"After receiving heavy AK-47 and RPG fire, Coalition forces instructed the militants to come out peacefully in order to de-escalate the situation when several women and children exited the compound and were moved to a safe area," it said. Coalition forces continued engaged militants with precision airstrikes, killing several militants, it added.

Internet



The schooner Bluenose II, of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada, is seen off the bow of the schooner Thomas E. Lannon, of Gloucester, Mass, on 29 Aug, 2008, off Gloucester, Mass. The Bluenose II was arriving for the 24th annual Gloucester Schooner Festival, which runs through, Sunday, on 31 Aug.—INTERNET

Three charged in plot to kill British Prime Minister

LONDON, 30 Aug—Three men charged in connection with alleged threats to assassinate Britain's prime minister appeared in court for the first time Friday.

All were ordered to be held until their next appearance at City of Westminster Magistrates Court. Ishaq Kanmi, 22, of Blackburn, England, was charged with soliciting murder, belonging or professing to belong to Al Qaeda, inviting support for Al Qaeda, and dissemination of terrorist publications.

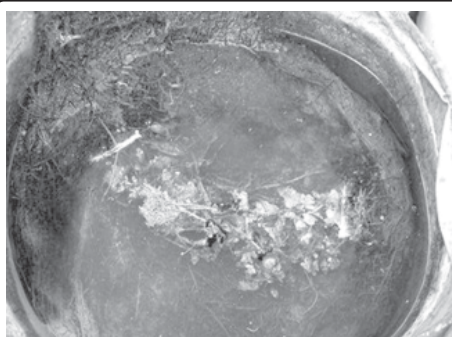
Abbas Iqbal, 23, and Ilyas Iqbal, 21, brothers from Blackburn, were charged with possession of an article suspected to be connected with an act of terrorism.—Internet

Truck crashes into Canadian sushi joint, kills two

OTTAWA, 30 Aug—A pickup truck crashed through the front window of a busy sushi restaurant in Canada, killing two women and injuring police said Friday.

The blue mid-size truck slammed through the Halu Sushi restaurant in Maple Ridge, British Columbia on Thursday night, scattering people as it crashed into tables and chairs, witnesses said. The 51-year-old driver was in police custody, but no charges have been filed. Cpl. Dale L. Carr said investigators were looking into whether it was an intentional act.

Candice Denoni, who saw the truck speed into the sushi restaurant, said the driver appeared to make no effort to slow down.—Internet



In this hand out image provided by Aristotle University of Thessaloniki a 2,300-year-old gold wreath among human bones in a water-logged gold jar found is seen. Archaeologists say the discovery, at the ancient city of Aigai in northern Greece, is very important due to the richness of the artifacts and the unusual circumstances in which they were buried.

Ancient gold treasure puzzles Greek archaeologists

The University of Thessaloniki said in a statement Friday that the "astounding" discovery was made during its excavations this week in the ruins of ancient Aigai. The city was the first capital of ancient Macedonia, where King Philip II — father of Alexander the Great — was assassinated.

Gold wreaths are rare and were buried with ancient nobles or royalty. But the find is also highly unusual as the artifacts appear to have been removed from a grave during ancient times and, for reasons that are unclear, reburied in the city's marketplace near the theater where Philip was stabbed to death.



Marcus Eriksen steps onto the pier in Honolulu on Wednesday, 27 Aug, 2008, after he and fellow eco-mariner Joel Paschal completed a three-month, 2,600-mile voyage from Long Beach, Ca., in a makeshift raft. The raft called JUNK was made of 15,000 plastic bottles and a Cessna 310 fuselage.

Love triangle behind Dutch hijack hoax

A telephone threat saying a Dutch holiday

flight would be hijacked turned out to be a hoax call by a jealous lover, Dutch news agency ANP reported on Friday.

The plane operated by Dutch budget airline Transavia was due to leave Rotterdam for Bodrum in Turkey on Tuesday but was evacuated after emergency services received a

phone call saying it would be hijacked.

The Dutch public prosecutor said on Friday there were no indications that the plane was at real risk, and it was now treating the case as a hoax.

A 31-year-old man held for questioning was released on Friday, but a man and a

woman are still being held on suspicion of supplying false information, the prosecutor said on its website.

ANP quoted the lawyer of the released man as saying the hoax call arose out of a love triangle consisting of his client and another man and woman.



Albanian artist Saimir Strati, 42, creates a cork mosaic of a guitarist at the Sheraton Hotel in Tirana 21 August, 2008. Strati is using 300,000 corks on a banner measuring 96 square metres, to create what he hopes will be entered into the Guinness World Records. The work will take around 27 days to complete.

Mattel awarded 100 million dollars in Barbie-Bratz spat

Mattel, maker of the ever-popular "Barbie" fashion doll, was awarded 100 million dollars in damages Tuesday, after a jury last month found MGA Entertainment in breach of contract for making the Barbie-rival "Bratz" doll.

"Mattel has pursued this case first and foremost as a matter of principle. We have an obligation to our employees and to our shareholders to defend ourselves against competitors who engage in unfair business practices against us," company CEO Bob Eckert said in a statement after a California jury announced the compensation award.

A 10-person jury on July 18 unanimously decided Bratz had been designed by Carter Bryant while he was still a Mattel employee, in breach of contract with the toy giant.

Bryant entered into a contract with California-based MGA, licensing Bratz to them in September 2000, while he worked for Mattel, which he left one month later.

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Workers put the final touches on seats in front of the completed three-storey pit building in Singapore recently. Singapore is giving workers in the tourism sector a tune-up before tens of thousands of auto racing fans descend on the city-state for the world’s first Formula One Grand Prix night race.—INTERNET

British Navy sailors fail drugs test

LONDON, 30 Aug — Eighteen sailors on a Royal Navy warship have failed a routine drugs test during deployment in the South Atlantic, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Thursday. It was the biggest such incident in the Navy’s history. The results came during a regular compulsory drug test onboard *HMS Liverpool*, a *Type 42 Destroyer*.

“The Royal Navy does not tolerate misuse of drugs by its personnel and internal action is under way against all 18 individuals,” the MoD said in a statement.

“Notwithstanding the numbers involved in this

single unprecedented incident, which is being treated very seriously, it has not affected the ship’s ability to do its job.”

HMS Liverpool, which has 240 crew onboard, has most recently been taking part in a joint exercise around the Island of South Georgia. She regularly patrols the Falklands.

In the past, the warship had been used in combating drug smuggling in the Caribbean, though there is no link with the current incident.

The 18 sailors were tested after having gone ashore during a break in Brazil, media reports said.

It is not clear what drugs were involved, and whether the 18 included women. —MNA/Reuters

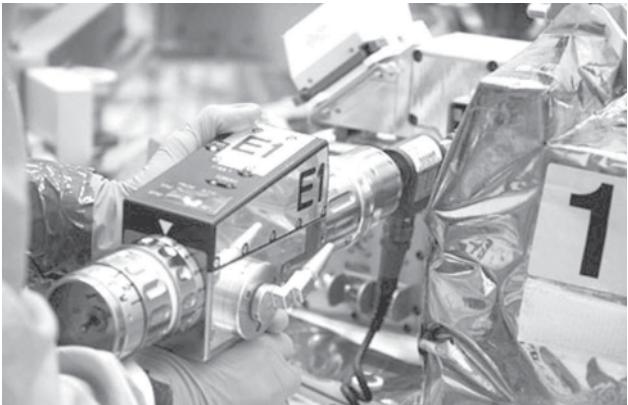


Image above: Workers at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida evaluate a sensor that will be part of a docking mechanism to be added to the agency’s Hubble Space Telescope during STS-125.

Atlantis to be at launch Pad on 2 Sept

NASA, 30 Aug — Space shuttle Atlantis is on schedule to be rolled out to Launch Pad 39A at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida on Tuesday after technicians resumed normal connection work to fasten Atlantis to the external fuel tank. Rollout will begin at 12:01 am EDT.

A shuttle interface test will be conducted over the Labor Day weekend before Atlantis is cleared to roll to the launch pad.

The shuttle and its crew of seven astronauts will upgrade key components and install state-of-the-art instruments on NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope during Atlantis’ STS-125 mission.

Work to prepare Endeavour for space also continues on pace. Final connections have been completed between the external tank for Endeavour and a pair of solid rocket boosters.

Endeavour is targeted to fly the STS-126 mission to the International Space Station in November. It will also be ready in the unlikely event Atlantis encounters an emergency in space.—Internet

Peru seizes 700 kilos of pure cocaine

LIMA, 30 Aug — The anti-drug police seized on Thursday 700 kilos of pure cocaine in an operation on the west coast of Peru, Peruvian Interior Ministry said.

Officials said the operation was carried out in Peru’s biggest port Callao, some 10 kilometres west of the capital city Lima. The drugs were found in a storehouse, hidden in several containers and covered with chili.

Two suspected drug smugglers were arrested during the operation. Traffickers often ship drugs from Callao via Mexico to the United States and Europe, police said. Data showed that Peru, sitting in the “Silver Delta” in South America with an annual production of some 300 tons of cocaine, is the world’s second biggest drug producer behind Colombia. — MNA/Xinhua

US jury acquits ex-Marine in Iraqi killings

LOS ANGELES, 30 Aug — A former US Marine sergeant accused of killing four unarmed Iraqi detainees was acquitted on Thursday of all criminal charges in the case, including voluntary manslaughter.

A federal court jury deliberated for six hours before finding Jose Luis Nazario Jr, 28, not guilty of charges that he unlawfully killed or ordered his squad members to kill the four Iraqis on 9 November, 2004, in the insurgent Iraqi stronghold of Fallujah.

Nazario led a 13-member squad of Kilo Company, 3rd

Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment in northern Fallujah in an attempt to retake the city from insurgent forces.

Two other Marines from the same squad face military courts-martial in the slayings. They were considered key witnesses

in the prosecution case but refused to testify, despite a grant of immunity, on grounds of constitutional protections against self-incrimination. The judge, however, has cited them for contempt.

MNA/Reuters

“Gustav” kills nearly 70 in Caribbean, aims at US

KINGSTON, 30 Aug — Tropical Storm Gustav was blamed on Thursday for at least 68 deaths in the Caribbean and US forecasters said it could hit New Orleans and Gulf of Mexico oil fields as a potentially powerful hurricane next week.

As Gustav churned through the Caribbean, Tropical Storm Hanna formed in the Atlantic Ocean with 40 miles per hour (65 kilometres per hour) winds. The eighth storm of a busy Atlantic hurricane season was on a track that could threaten the Bahamas and Florida, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Energy companies prepared for Gustav to deliver what could be the hardest hit to the heart of the US Gulf oil patch since the devastating 2005 hurricane season.

Oil prices rose above 120 US dollars a barrel in early trade on Thursday, adding to gains all week, as Gustav aimed deep into the heavy concentration of oil and natural gas platforms off Louisiana and Texas.

MNA/Reuters

New Mongolian Parliament sworn in

ULAN BATOR, 30 Aug — Mongolia’s new Parliament resumed its first session and swore in legislators Thursday.

Proceedings at the opening session on 23 July had been stalled when the main opposition Democratic Party staged a walkout alleging vote fraud in the June polls. The country’s two biggest parties, the Mongolian People’s Revolutionary Party (MPRP) and the Democratic Party, won 42 and 25 seats respectively in the 76-seat Parliament.

The new Parliament will elect a chairman soon and form a new government. Danzan Lundeejantsan, chairman of the last Parliament, said the new Parliament would confront major issues including the development of a social economy.— MNA/Xinhua

Mexican governor blames Gulf cartel for beheadings

CANCUN (Mexico), 30 Aug — The beheadings of twelve people in southern Mexico were probably the work of the powerful Gulf cartel based across the border from Texas, a state governor said on Friday. bodies with signs of torture

were dumped outside the city of Merida in the Yucatan Peninsula on Thursday. A 12th beheaded body was found 50 miles (80 kilometres) away in a small town to the east of Merida, also showing signs of torture.

“This seems to be the work of the Gulf cartel,” Yucatan Governor Ivonne Ortega told reporters, adding that she had received several threats from suspected drug gangs over the past three months. Authorities say the cartel controls drug smuggling in seven states along the Gulf of Mexico from southern Mexico into Texas.

MNA/Reuters

Lebanese helicopter hit by gunfire, one killed

BEIRUT, 30 Aug — An Lebanese Air Force officer was killed and several crew members wounded on Thursday when their military helicopter flying over southern Lebanon came under gunfire from unidentified gunmen, local Al-Manar TV reported.

Lebanese Army command said in a statement that “the helicopter was on a reconnaissance flight when it came under fire and was forced to land. Air force officer Samer Hanna was killed and several others wounded”.

Local OTV said that four crew members were wounded when the military helicopter was forced to land in Arab Salim.

Local Naharnet website said the helicopter was hit by unidentified gunmen over Sojod hills in south Lebanon, about 20 kilometres north of the Israeli border.

Intense Israeli military flights were also reported over the town of Jizzine in south Lebanon.

The Lebanese Army has been targeted recently. The latest incident was a bus bomb attack earlier in August in the northern city of Tripoli, leaving some 18 soldiers and civilians killed.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia says long-range missile test a success

MOSCOW, 30 Aug — Russia successfully tested a long-range *Topol* missile designed to avoid detection by anti-missile defence systems from its Plesetsk launch site, a Russian military spokesman said on Thursday.

“The launch was specially tasked to test the missile’s capability to avoid ground-based detection systems,” said Colonel Alexander Vovk of the Russian Strategic Rocket Forces.

Washington and Warsaw formally signed a deal last week to station elements of a US missile defence shield in Poland, a move that has aggravated Russian-Western tensions already raw from Moscow’s intervention in Georgia.

Russia has heaped scorn on the missile defence system, which the US says is aimed at Iran, and through its Foreign Ministry last week vowed “to react, and not only

through diplomatic protests”. The RS-12M *Topol*, called the SS-25 *Sickle* by NATO, has a maximum range of 10,000 kilometres (6,125 miles) and can carry one 550-kiloton warhead.

Last October former Russian President Vladimir Putin, now the Prime Minister, said the country was working on new types of nuclear weapons as part of a “grandiose” plan to boost the country’s defences. —MNA/Reuters



Russian Topol ICBMs missiles seen during a rehearsal for the nation’s annual May 9 Victory Day parade earlier this year. Russia has tested an inter-continental missile, reports said, heightening tensions with the West as France warned the European Union could slap sanctions on Moscow over the Georgia conflict.—INTERNET



A truck is trapped in mud caused by heavy rain brought by Tropical Storm Gustav in Fond Parisien village in Haiti, Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008. Gustav moved away from the island of Hispaniola, where it killed 23 people in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, and inched toward Jamaica’s low-lying capital, 80 miles (130 kilometers) to the west. Forecasters predicted it would hug Jamaica’s southern shore before making a near-direct hit on Grand Cayman.—INTERNET

Vietnam to move thousands from Mekong flood zone

HANOI, 30 Aug — Vietnam will spend nearly 2.4 trillion dong (145 million US dollars) between now and 2010 to build dykes and relocate thousands of rice farmers because of heavy seasonal flooding in its fertile Mekong River delta, the government said.

The programme, approved early this week, would help 33,000 families resettle in areas away from landslides and floods, the government said in a statement on Wednesday.

About 20 per cent of Vietnam’s 86.5 million people live in the Cuu Long River Delta, the Vietnamese name for the Mekong River, which

produces more than half of the country’s paddy output and supplies more than 90 per cent of its commercial rice.

Funding for the programme will come from the state budget, grants and soft loans from state-run Vietnam Development Bank.

The funds would be used for building dykes as well as foundations for new villages to ensure farmers’ homes stay above the Mekong floods’ peak level in 2000, the statement said.

MNA/Reuters

US sanctions could derail Airbus deal with Syria

DAMASCUS, 30 Aug — Airbus is finalizing a deal that could secure it a multibillion-dollar order from the Syrian Government, but US sanctions could torpedo the purchase, sources familiar with the talks said on Thursday.

Habib Feqih, president of Airbus Middle East, is in Damascus to sign the cooperation framework agreement, which involves the possible lease and purchase of a total of 54 aircraft between now and 2028, and help by Airbus to restructure Syria’s flag carrier Syrianair, the sources told Reuters.

But the US sanctions,

imposed on Syria in 2004 for its support for anti-American groups, could complicate any Airbus sale to Syria, if not make it impossible, since the planes use American components, an industry executive said. —MNA/Reuters



Tourists enjoy a buggy ride in the French Quarter in New Orleans on 28 Aug, 2008, as officials decide whether to evacuate the city as Hurricane Gustav enters the Gulf of Mexico.—INTERNET

Floods swam hundreds of homes in Central Japan

TOKYO, 30 Aug — Heavy rain flooded hundreds of homes in central Japan on Friday, leaving one elderly woman dead and prompting evacuation orders for more than half a million households, domestic media reported.

Some people fled their home in a boat as floodwater reached close to their waist, television pictures showed, and cars sank in muddy water. A 76-year-old woman was found dead in her flooded home in Okazaki, 230

kilometres (143 miles) west of Tokyo, while a train in the capital was hit by a landslide and derailed, Kyodo news agency reported. No one was injured in the derailment. Authorities told 140,000 households in Okazaki and around 360,000 households in nearby Nagoya to leave

their homes, national broadcaster NHK reported.

Japan has suffered repeated flooding in recent months and the government weather agency warned of more rain in eastern and northern Japan on Friday and Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

Iran offers nuclear help to Nigeria’s power sector

ABUJA, 30 Aug — Iran on Thursday offered to share its nuclear technology with fellow OPEC member Nigeria to help revive its dilapidated power sector, considered the biggest hurdle to economic growth in Africa’s most populous country. Nigeria welcomed the inter-national help, but was quick to distance itself from the controversy surrounding Iran’s nuclear programme. Teheran says

it is developing nuclear technology only to generate energy but some Western powers are sceptical.

“Nigeria is never entering into any agreement with Iran for any matter that has to do with weapons, but (will agree) to power, which is an urgent need of the Nigerian Government,” said Tijjani Kaura, Nigeria’s Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Cottagers sign Etuhu

LONDON, 30 Aug — Fulham have snapped up Sunderland midfielder Dickson Etuhu for an undisclosed fee. The 26-year-old Nigeria international has penned a three-year deal with Roy Hodgson's men.

Etuhu feels there are exciting times in store of the Craven Cottage outfit and is just delighted to be part of it. "It feels great to have signed for Fulham," Etuhu told



Dickson Etuhu

the club's official website. "These are exciting times at the club.

"The club has made some terrific signings over the summer, adding to an already talented pool of players. Last Saturday's win over Arsenal shows just how competitive Fulham are.

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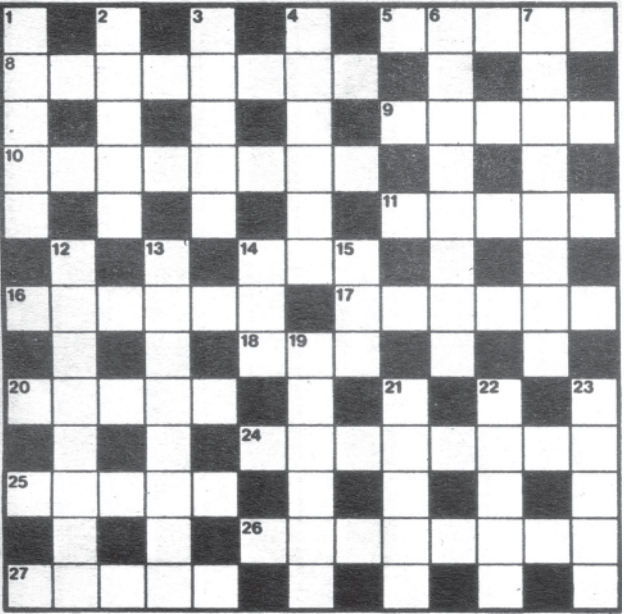
Dementieva safely into fourth round

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — Olympic champion Elena Dementieva secured her place in the fourth round of the US Open on Friday with a comfortable if unspectacular 6-3, 6-4 victory against unseeded Briton Anne Keothavong. The match started with three breaks of serve before the Russian kicked up a gear and started hammering in strong first serves to dominate the set.

Keothavong, 24, the first British woman to reach the third round of the US Open since 1991, put up a respectable defence, using her powerful forehand to good effect, but she made too many unforced errors.

MNA/Reuters

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Scolari in dark over Robinho



Luiz Felipe Scolari

LONDON, 30 Aug — Chelsea manager Luiz Felipe Scolari admits he is in the dark over his club's bid to sign Robinho from Real Madrid.

The Blues were hoping to tie up a deal for Robinho this week after chief executive Peter Kenyon revealed the club were optimistic over a move for the Brazilian.

However, Real are adamant that Robinho will not be leaving the Spanish capital and the player trained with Real on Friday morning.

Scolari is keen to bring in Robinho, but he is unsure if the club will be able to conclude a deal before the transfer window slams shut on Monday.—Internet



Ducati MotoGP rider Marco Melandri of Italy takes a curve during the second practice session for the San Marino Grand Prix at Misano racetrack on 29 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Ivory Coast call up Gosso, injured Drogba left out

ABIDJAN, 30 Aug — Monaco midfielder Jean Jacques Gosso has been called into the Ivory Coast squad for the first time for the World Cup qualifier in Mozambique next month.

Gosso is the only new face named by coach Vahid Halilhodzic, the Ivorian Football Federation said. Captain Didier Drogba and his long-time attack partner Aruna Dindane have both been left out because of injury, allowing a rare chance for Olympique Marseille's new signing Bakary Kone to feature in the starting line-up.

MNA/Reuters

Zenit beat United to lift European Super Cup

MONACO, 30 Aug — UEFA Cup holders Zenit St Petersburg became the first Russian team to lift the European Super Cup after beating Champions League winners Manchester United 2-1 on Friday.

Goals from Pavel Pogrebnyak and record signing Danny, on his debut, gave Zenit's Dutch coach Dick Advocaat victory over his old rival Alex Ferguson who was bidding to become the first manager to win the trophy for the third time.

Ferguson might have had a feeling it was not going to be his night when an official almost tripped him up on a rope as he took his seat in the dugout before kickoff at the Stade Louis II. His mood was not helped by midfielder Paul Scholes' 90th-minute red card for handball, his second caution.

United's best moment arrived when

defender Nemanja Vidic pulled a goal back 17 minutes from time but Zenit, playing in front of 7,500 of their own fans as well as Chelsea's billionaire Russian owner Roman Abramovich, held on for victory.

MNA/Reuters



Zenit St Petersburg's Danny (L) misses a goal against Manchester United during their UEFA Super Cup soccer match at Louis II stadium in Monaco on 29 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Federer overcomes plucky Alves challenge



Roger Federer rolled to his 29th straight US Open match victory and the women shuffled the chairs in the race to knock Ana Ivanovic off her No. 1 perch Friday on a marathon day five of the US Open.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — Four-times defending champion Roger Federer clawed his way into the third round of the US Open with a 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 victory over stubborn Brazilian qualifier Thiago Alves on Friday.

World number two Federer produced an uncharacteristic 46 unforced errors in the two-hour, 14-minute affair but denied he had a difficult time.

"I was never really in danger, so it was actually pretty good for me," Federer told reporters. "I knew the longer the match would go the more tired he would get."

Federer had 19 aces and lost his serve only once but clearly needs improve his form if he is to become the first man since Bill Tilden in 1924 to win five successive titles here.

MNA/Reuters

Davenport loses to Bartoli in third round

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — Local favourite Lindsay Davenport slipped out of the US Open in the third round on Friday, outpaced and outplayed 6-1, 7-6 by former Wimbledon runner-up Marion Bartoli.

In a match interrupted by rain, the former world number one and 1998 champion struggled to get a foothold against the French 12th seed and was plagued by double faults.

Davenport, a three-times grand slam champion who returned to action just three months after the birth of her son Jagger in June 2007, was roared on by the crowd packed into the Arthur Ashe Stadium court but Bartoli dominated the match.—MNA/Reuters

Marion Bartoli of France celebrates match point after beating Lindsay Davenport of the US during their match at the US Open tennis tournament at Flushing Meadows in New York, on 29 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET



Fuel tanker accident kills at least 10 in Cameroon

YAOUNDE, 30 Aug— A tanker truck carrying fuel has overturned and exploded in northern Cameroon, killing at least 10 people and severely burning many more, police said on Friday.

The tanker, which was transporting fuel from Nigeria to Chad, overturned and burst into flames late on Thursday at Limani, close to the Nigerian border, state radio quoted police officers as saying.

Many of the victims were local people who approached the overturned vehicle to collect leaking fuel which then caught fire, a

phenomenon which often causes death and injuries in West Africa.

“What is certain is that many people have died ... not less than 10, and about 20 others who sustained first and second degree burns were rushed to hospitals in Mora and Maroua for medical care,” one police officer said.

He added the death toll was likely to rise.

In 1998, around 200 people were killed when a train carrying fuel crashed near the capital Yaounde, attracting many nearby residents who were caught by fire as they tried to salvage the fuel.

MNA/Reuters

14 killed in road accident in N-E Thailand

BANGKOK, 30 Aug— A pickup truck crashed into a trailer truck while one of its tyres burst on Saturday morning in Thailand's northeastern province of Roi Et, killing 14 people and injuring two others on the pickup truck, local media reported.

According to *The Nation* news network, the pickup truck was rushing

to a sub-district administrative election when the accident happened. The tyre burst caused it to lose control and crash into the trailer truck in Phanom Phra District.

Fourteen people died at the scene and two others were injured. All were riding the pick-up truck.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian rocket sends five German satellites into orbit

Moscow, 30 Aug— Russia on Friday launched a *Dnepr* rocket to put five German satellites into orbit, news agencies reported.

The carrier was launched at 11:15 Moscow Time (0715 GMT) from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, said Alexander Vovk, head of the Press service of the Russian Strategic Missile Troops.

The launch vehicle *Dnepr*, based on the world's most powerful intercontinental ballistic rocket *RS-20*, is designed to put a load of up to 3.7 tons to orbit at an altitude of 300-900 kilometres.

The five *RapidEye* satellites were developed by the British company Surrey Satellite Technology for the German Space Agency.

Each satellite weighs 150 kilogrammes and is expected to work for seven years. The main function of the satellites is monitoring of agriculture crops and mapping. — MNA/Xinhua

Bolivia, Peru to cooperate in fighting drug trafficking

LIMA, 30 Aug— Bolivia and Peru signed on Friday an agreement to combat drug trafficking and smuggling.

According to reports reaching here from La Paz, the administrative capital of Bolivia, the agreement was signed by Bolivian Defence Minister Walker San Miguel, and his Peruvian counterpart Antero Flores-Araoz.

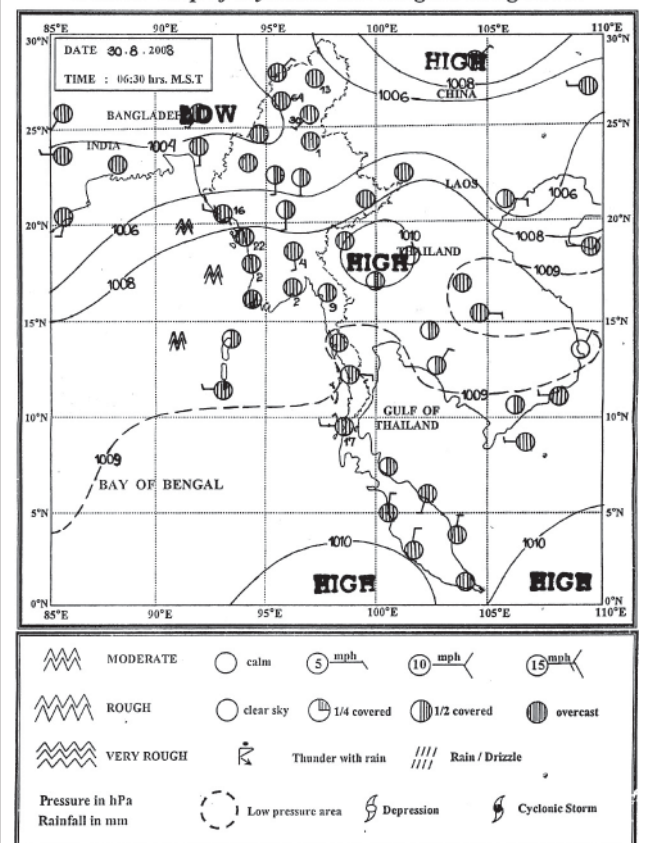
The two ministers also hailed both government's deter-

mination to strengthen the fight against drug trafficking. Bolivia launched a campaign with Chile to combat drug trafficking several days before the agreement with Peru was signed.

Despite “verbal excesses” between Bolivian President Evo Morales and Peruvian President Alan Garcia, the ties between the two nations are now “unsurpassable”, Flores-Araoz said when signing the agreement.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 30 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Yangon Division, fairly widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (2.52) inches, Myitkyina (2.21) inches, Belin (1.38) inches, Maungdaw and Kyaukpadaung (0.87) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 29-8-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 30-8-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 30-8-2008 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 29-8-2008 was (4.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 30-8-2008 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (79.92) inches at Mingaladon, (90.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.90) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (22:15) hours MST on 29-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 31-8-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, scattered in Shan, Chin, Mon and Kayin States, Upper Sagaing, Yangon 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: Weak monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 31-8-2008:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-8-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Sunday, 31 August
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:00 am**
6. Musical programme

- 8:15 am**
7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am**
3. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 11:40 am**
4. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 12:00 pm**
5. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် “ကြည်ဖြူ” (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မေဝင်းမောင်၊) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြီးမြင့်)
- 1:50 pm**
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:00 pm**
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 2:10 pm**
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:20 pm**
9. “နှစ်မွှာနတ်မိမယ်” (မင်းသူ၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်ကျော်)
- 2:45 pm**
10. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm**
2. Musical programme
- 4:20 pm**
3. Dance of national races
- 4:30 pm**
4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:40 pm**
5. Songs for uphold National Spirit
- 4:50 pm**
6. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 5:05 pm**
8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:20 pm**
9. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:00 pm**
10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
12. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:45 pm**
13. Musical programme
- 7:00 pm**
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၇)
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
- 16. International news**
17. Weather report
- 18. တပတ်အတွင်းမိုးလေဝသနှင့် ဇလဗေဒခန့်မှန်းချက်**
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါး နတ်သမီးလေး” (အပိုင်း-၁၈)**

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- VOA deceiving
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Operating of Bio-diesel Plant, livestock breeding farms inspected

Maj-Gen
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NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—At Bio-diesel Plant of Eastern Command in Taunggyi, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Ya Pyae on 28 August viewed generating of electricity with the use of two-way gasifier and production of physic nut oil.

After meeting with departmental officials at

the hall of Shan State PDC Office, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected poultry farm, pig farm and fish pond at Nanthida Camp No. 2 of the command by Shwenyaung-Nyaung-shwe road.

At Inkhaung Village in Kalaw Township, he attended the concluding of ploughing of Shan State (South) for 2008 and paddy transplanting contest. Next, he awarded outstanding paddy transplanting teams.

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the commander and party viewed breeding of earthworms and making of fertilizer of Myanmar Agriculture Service. On arrival at Leinli Bridge construction project site on Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Pinlaung road in Pinlaung Township, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected progress of tasks being undertaken with the use of heavy machinery.

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The glass with half full of water

The reconstruction effort in the storm-hit regions this time was far greater than the previous times.

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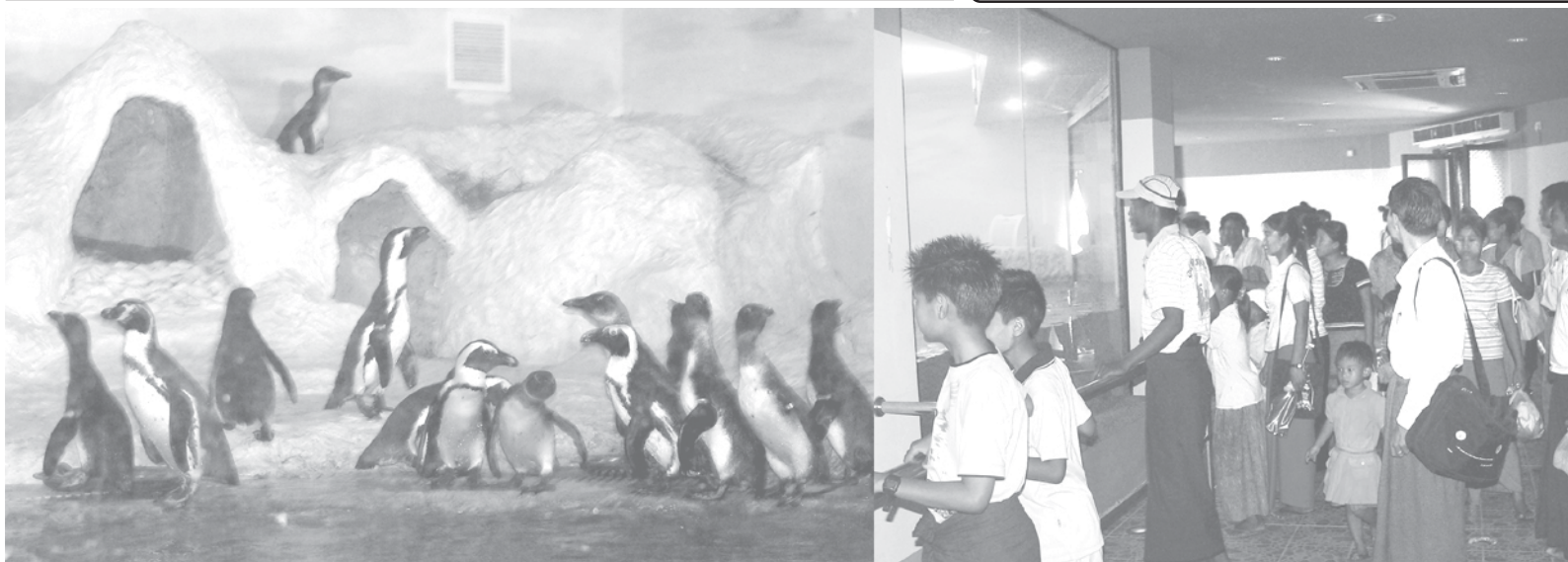
More penguins arrive in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug— Altogether 11 more penguins from the People's Republic of China arrived here today under the animal exchange programme between zoological gardens of Myanmar and Shanghai Zoo-

logical Gardens of the PRC.

The Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw) was packed with local people who were there to get their first glimpse of the animals and holiday-makers.

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Visitors view pen-
guins at Zoological
Gardens
(Nay Pyi Taw).

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