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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Uzbekistan

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept— 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 Excellency Mr Islam Abduganievich Karimov, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which falls on 1 September 2008.— *MNA*

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Libyan Leader

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept— 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 Excellency Colonel Muammar Al-Gadafi, Leader of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, on the occasion of the Revolution Day of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, which falls on 1 September 2008.— *MNA*

Lt-Gen Myint Swe offers provisions to monasteries, nunnery in Kyimyindine, Sangyoung Townships

***Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation from wellwishers at rice and provision offering ceremony in Sangyoung Township.*— MNA**

YANGON, 31 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence offered robes and provisions to members of the Sangha at the provision donation ceremony of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers to four monasteries held at Thadu Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Kyimyindine Township at 1 pm today.

Today's donations to the monasteries in Kyimyindine Township were 140 bags of rice, 48 viss of edible oil, 483 viss of iodized salt, 6058 bottles of traditional medicines, 527 tubes of toothpaste, 90 viss of gram, 100 packets of chili powder, 320 boxes of mosquito coils and K 6,888,000.

A similar ceremony was held at Koedatgyi Thantithukha Dhammayon of Koedatgyi Pagoda in Sangyoung Township to donate provisions of Tatmadaw families (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers to 15 monasteries and one nunnery in the township, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe.

Today's donations to monasteries and nunnery in Sangyoung Township were 233 bags of rice, 167 viss of edible oil, 1570 viss of iodized salt, 6960 bottles of traditional medicine, 314 tubes of toothpaste, 314 viss of gram, 432 tubes of Laser brand toothpaste, 320 boxes of mosquito coils and K 10,055,000.—*MNA*

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

PHOTO FROM NEWSALBUM

Workers are pictured at the base of the leaning tower of Pisa. **(News on page 5)**

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 1 September, 2008

Building irrigation facilities for boosting agricultural output

As Myanmar is an agro-based country, the main economic products come from agriculture. The government has laid down plans to build diversion weirs and dams in areas where there is scarcity of water and is implementing them for adequate supply of water in agriculture. It has built altogether 214 irrigation facilities throughout the country.

Kyauksauk Dam opened recently near Kyauksauk Village in Myaing Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division is the 55th project out of 71 being undertaken for irrigation and greening of Pakokku District.

In the past, only 98,000 acres of monsoon paddy and 11,000 acres of summer paddy were grown in Pakokku District. After completion of the dam, over 130,000 acres of monsoon paddy can be grown in the district for food sufficiency in the region.

The dam is located on Kyauksauk Creek about a mile west of Kyauksauk Village in Myaing Township. The catchment area is 1.5 square miles and annual inflow area is 350. The dam can store 519 acre feet of water at the highest level. Water storage capacity is 110 acre feet and surface area of water at full brim is 75 acre feet.

The government is building a number of dams for boosting agricultural production. By doing so, social economic life of the rural people will improve and production will also increase. Building of irrigation networks contributes towards serving national interests.

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**

Minister for Foreign Affairs sends felicitations to Uzbekistan

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Norov Vladimir Imamovich, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan which falls on 1 September 2008.

MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Libya

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept— On the occasion of the Revolution Day of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, which falls on 1 September 2008, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Abdelrahman Mohamed Shalgam, Secretary of the General People's Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.—*MNA*

Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport meets

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint addresses the work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport.— MNA

YANGON, 31 Aug— Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of Yangon Command on 29 August with an address by Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint.

Next, officials from universities and colleges, departmental officials and chairmen of private bus lines reported matters on transport services for university and college students, enforcement of traffic rules and regulations, arrangement being made for people to be free from traffic accident.

The meeting ended with the conclusion remarks by Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Brig-Gen Win Myint.

MNA

Plan under way to establish information network for brokerages

YANGON, 31 Aug— The Workshop on Development of Brokers took place at UMFCCI Tower in Lanmadaw Township yesterday morning.

UMFCCI President U Win Myint delivered a speech. General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing explained implementation of 74 points of decisions from the round-table discussion on emergence of modern and developed brokerage held at the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw, on 24 March.

Responsible personnel of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and brokers took part in the discussions. The workshop decided to establish information network and hold the workshops regularly for the brokerages.—*MNA*

President of UMFCCI U Win Myint speaking at the workshop on development of brokers.—NLM

Earthquake news issued

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued earthquake news that a moderate earthquake of intensity 5.6 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar (China) about 800 miles northeast of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 15 hrs 04 min 42 sec MST today.

MNA

UN says mines, unexploded ordnance kills 17 in Chad

NAIROBI, 31 Aug — A total of 17 people have been killed and 78 others injured by mines and unexploded ordnance (UXO)this year in Chad, the United Nations has said.

A statement from the United Nations received here Sunday said mines and UXO are taking a heavy toll on Chadian civilians, particularly children who make up the majority of the victims of the deadly scourge in the African nation.

"This is one more occurrence, in a fatal wave of UXO explosions affecting innocent civilians and especially children," said Jean-Franois Basse, Child Protection Specialist with the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) in the Chadian capital, N'Djamena.

In the most recent incident on Thursday, one child was killed and five others injured when a UXO they were playing with exploded in the eastern Chadian village of Tine, on the border with Sudan's war-torn Darfur region. Two of the five wounded children had limbs amputated.

But during the journey, which lasted over seven hours due to the heavy rains, one of them died. On arrival at the hospital, two of the five surviving children had limbs amputated.

"This is a sadly frequent event in Chad", said Christine Jamet, chief of Mission of Médecins Sans Frontières - Luxembourg (MSF-L) in Chad.

Internet

People make their way through a street covered by knocked down electrical posts and cables after Hurricane Gustav hit the area in Los Palacios, Cuba, Sunday, on 31Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Waves caused by the approaching Hurricane Gustav hit the sea front of Havana's 'Malecon' in Havana, on 30 Aug, 2008. Gustav swelled to a fearsome Category 3 hurricane with winds of 120 mph (195 kph) as it shrieked toward the heartland of Cuba's cigar industry Saturday on a track to hit the US Gulf Coast, three years after Hurricane Katrina.—INTERNET

Hurricane Gustav ravages Cuba

HAVANA, 31 Aug — Tropical storm Gustav strengthened into a Category 4 hurricane as it churned into western Cuba Saturday and is now on its way to the oil-rich Gulf of Mexico and the US coast.

Gustav, with 240 kmph winds, poured heavy rains, knocked down power lines and uprooted plants as it swept across Cuba's western Pinar del Rio province, the country's main tobacco-growing region.

Authorities have evacuated some 250,000 people in four western provinces. No lives have been lost due to the well-organized evacuation, Cuban officials said.

In the country's Havana province, where the capital is located, the storm emptied streets and severed power lines in many cities. Some 77,000 people have been evacuated across the province.

Forecasters predict the hurricane is likely to strengthen into a ferocious Category 5 as it tears into the Gulf of Mexico.

Internet

31 Taliban militants killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 31 Aug— Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF)in two-day's clean-up operation targeting Taliban militants activities in southern Afghan province of Helmand have killed at least 31 militants, said a police official on Sunday.

Mohammad Hussein Andiwal, the provincial police chief told *Xinhua* that ANSF clashed with Taliban militants in three separate districts, Gereshk, Nawad, and Nad Ali, in Helmand since Friday.

"At least 22 bodies of Taliban militants were still left in the fighting area," Andiwal said.

"Fire fight has stopped right now," he added," one police was also killed and four others were wounded in the clashes."

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

Internet

Two Chinese engineers missing in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 31 Aug — Two Chinese engineers had been missing since Friday in northwestern Pakistan and search and rescue work was under way, an official from the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad said on Sunday.

The two Chinese engineers from Zhongxing Telecommunication Equipment Company (ZTE) in Pakistan were found missing on Friday when they went to check the company's equipment in Lower Dir district of North West Frontier Province.

The ZTE has lost contact with the engineers since Friday and there is no clue about their whereabouts.—*Internet*

Stranded Sri Lankan fishermen return home after two months

COLOMBO, 31 Aug — Five Sri Lankan fishermen who were stranded in the maiddle of the ocean for more than three weeks and ended up on an island off the coast of Thailand were flown back to Sri Lanka Saturday morning, a local newspaper reported on Sunday.

According to The Sunday Times, the fishermen set out from Dondra harbor in southern Sri Lanka on 26 June in their fishing boat "Samanala". On the fourth day the engine failed, and the boat started to drift out to sea.

By the third week the men had run out of food and drinking water. They quenched their thirst by sucking on ice from the ice box in which the fish was stocked. Twenty-nine days later they spotted an island and swam out to it.

"We walked for more than five miles (about eight km) before we met anyone," Asanka Lakmal, one of the fishermen was quoted as saying.

"We told the man our story and he took us to the police. We were then taken to the mainland. We arrived after a two-hour journey," Lakmal said.

Internet

Palestinians wait to cross into Egypt from Rafah border crossing in the southern Gaza Strip on 30 Aug, 2008. Egypt opened its border crossing with the Gaza Strip on Saturday, allowing hundreds of people to leave the Hamas-controlled territory, Palestinian officials said.—INTERNET

Moderate quake jolts E Philippines

MANILA, 31 Aug— A magnitude-5.1 quake was felt in the eastern Philippine areas of Bicol and Northern Samar Saturday evening, but no casualties were immediately recorded, local media reported Sunday.

The earthquake's centre was estimated by Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) to have been at 36 kilometres northeast of Sorsogon province, local news network ABS-CBN News said.

It said the tremor which hit at 8:05 pm was tectonic in origin and had a depth of 11 kilometers.

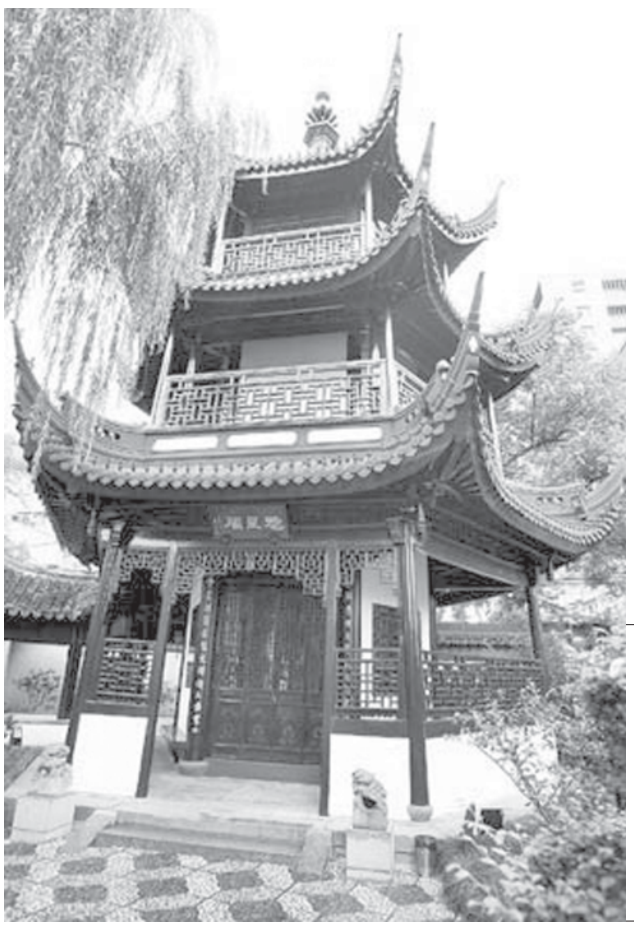
It added that no aftershocks were expected from the quake.

Internet

Culture on show for Confucius in Shanghai

BEIJING, 31 Aug — Two culture exhibitions will be held at the newly renovated Shanghai Confucian Temple near Yuyuan Garden on 27 September to commemorate the birthday of Confucius.

Confucius, one of China's greatest thinkers and the founder of Confucian culture, was born 2,559 years ago.



The temple building in which Kuixing God, the god of academics, is enshrined is reopened at the Confucius Temple after five months of renovations.—XINHUA

"A feast of Confucian culture will be open to the public," said official Wang Aizhen.

The exhibitions will feature Chinese characters on horizontal inscribed boards written by "Zhuang Yuan" — people who were the number one scholars in the highest imperial examinations. Craftsmen carved words on the rectangular wooden boards before the boards were hung in the temple in ancient times. Various other calligraphy works will also be shown.

The temple was established in 1294 as an imperial construction to worship Confucius. The current site was chosen in 1855. —*Xinhua*

Fishing boats march into the Taihu Lake, in eastern China's Jiangsu Province, as an annual fishing festival kicks off on 30 Aug, 2008. The festival, known by locals as "kaibu" or "begin to fish," lifted a seven-month fishing ban in the third largest freshwater lake in China. A cultural week showcasing the local fishing customs will be held alongside the festival. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

China's Arctic expedition team starts research in 87 degree north latitude

ABOARD XUELONG, 31 Aug — China's third Arctic expedition team started research operations in 87 degree north latitude, the northernmost part of the Arctica that the research team has ever arrived.

The scientific expedition team's helicopter landed on a large piece of a floating ice after an 87-minute flight.

The scientists took pictures and videos from the helicopter for further research.

Zhang Haisheng, chief scientist of China's third Arctic expedition team, said it was the first time that China has carried out research at such a high latitude, which showed China's improving ability in Arctic research.

The Arctic sea ice melting as a result of global warming helps the team successfully get deeper into this area and carry out a comprehensive study on the polar environment, he added. —*Xinhua*

DPRK says US, S Korea conduct over 180 cases of aerial spying against it in August

PYOGYANG, 31 Aug — The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has accused the the United States and South Korea of conducting more than 180 cases of aerial spying against it in August.

"The aerial espionage committed by them clearly indicate that the US and the South Korea remain unchanged in their aggressive ambition to stifle the DPRK by force of arms," the official KCNA news agency quoted a military source as saying Sunday.

Xinhua

4, 000 visitors flock to world's 3rd-tallest building on 1st public opening day

BEIJING, 31 Aug — A total of 4, 000 visitors, natives and foreigners, flocked to the Shanghai World Financial Center on its first opening day to have a sightseeing on Saturday, the Oriental Morning Post reported.

The Thursday-inaugurated Center stands aloof at 492 meters in the city's Pudong District, and is so far the biggest skyscraper in Chinese mainland and the third-tallest in the world after Burj Dubai and Taipei 101. The building had 101 floors above ground and three floors underground. The 94th to 100th floors were an observatory for sightseeing, according to its builder, the Shanghai Construction Group.

According to the Post report, the first 2, 008 visitors were given badge souvenirs. — *Xinhua*

Thousands evacuate New Orleans in advance of hurricane Gustav

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug — Thousands fled New Orleans, La., Saturday as Hurricane Gustav bore down on the US Gulf Coast.

Cars packed with children, suitcases and pet carriers jammed roadways leading north and west out of the city, US TV networks reported. By the end of the day, city officials hoped to evacuate at least 30,000 people who lack transportation or are too sick or old to get out on their own.

Gustav, strengthening into a Category 5 storm, was south of Cuba Saturday. The latest forecasts called for the storm to make landfall just west of New Orleans as early as Monday, but forecasters cautioned that Gustav could strike anywhere along the Gulf coast from Texas to Florida early next week.

Xinhua

Residents wait to board buses and trains to evacuate New Orleans, Louisiana, ahead of Hurricane Gustav, on 30 Aug, 2008. City officials could order a mandatory evacuation of New Orleans starting early on Sunday if Hurricane Gustav holds to its current course, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said on Saturday.—XINHUA

China's continuing telecom investment causes waste

BEIJING, 31 Aug — Continuing investment was a major problem in the nation's telecom sector as much waste had been caused by under-utilized cables and other infrastructure, China Times reported on Saturday.

The Beijing-based newspaper cited auditor-general Liu Jiayi reporting on Wednesday to the fourth session of the Standing Committee of the 11th National People's Congress, the country's top legislature.

He said the telecom sector had experienced huge growth in both network scale and capacity since the industry's reform and restructuring that started in 2002; repeated investment had dragged down performance. — *Xinhua*

People shops for products during the COMEX information technology and consumers technology exhibition in Singapore recently.—INTERNET

Somali pirates seize another Malaysian ship

NAIROBI, 31 Aug —A regional maritime official said Saturday that Somali gunmen have hijacked another Malaysian ship off the coast of the Horn of African nation in the latest attacks on the world's most dangerous waters. Andrew Mwangura, the east African coordinator of Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP), told *Xinhua* that the Malaysian vessel was seized on Friday night but could not confirm the name of the vessel and the nationalities of the crew members aboard. "The Somali gunmen seized another Malaysian cargo ship off the coast but I have not established how many crew members were aboard and their nationalities," Mwangura told *Xinhua* by telephone. "The cargo ship was hijacked on Friday night. We still don't know the owners of the ship but we believe it's a Malaysian bulk carrier," he added by telephone from Kenya's coastal city of Mombasa.

The global maritime body says at least 30 ships have been hijacked off the coast of the Horn of Africa nation so far this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Kadaffi, Berlusconi sign accord worth billions

BENGHAZI (Libya), 31 Aug — Libya and Italy signed an accord on Saturday under which Italy will pay billions of dollars in compensation and investments for colonial misdeeds during its decades-long rule of the North African country.

"This accord opens the door to the future co-operation and partnership between Italy and Libya," Libyan leader Moammar Kadaffi said at the signing ceremony at a palace which was once the headquarters of the Rome government's senior official during the 1911-1943 colonial rule.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said the accord ends "40 years of misunderstanding", adding that "it is a complete and moral acknowledgement of the damage inflicted on Libya by Italy during the colonial era".

Italy has had difficult relations with Kadaffi since he took power in 1969 but has backed Tripoli's recent drive to mend fences with the West. The "friendship pact" removes a major hurdle to an improvement in ties.

Libya says Italian troops killed thousands of Libyans and drove thousands more from their villages and cities during the colonial era. "In this historic document, Italy apolo-gizes for its killing, destruction and re-pression against Libyans during the colonial rule," Kadaffi said.

MNA/Reuters

Fireworks factory explosion in China kills 13

BEIJING, 31 Aug — An explosion at a fireworks factory in northern China's Inner Mongolia region has killed 13 people and injured six, according to state media.

The semi-official China News Service said that the explosion happened in Gu'aohan Banner on Saturday morning, but provided no other details other than that a probe into the cause of the blast was underway.

Blasts at firework factories, many unlicensed and run with little regard for safety, are common in China, where fire-crackers are let off enthusiastically at weddings and especially at the start of the Lunar New Year, or Spring Festi-val.—*Internet*

NEWSALBUM

Workers are pictured at the base of the leaning tower of Pisa.

Dutch say Pisa no longer Europe's most leaning tower

The Tower of Pisa is being challenged by a lesser-known 12th-century building in the northern Dutch town of Bedum as Europe's most steeply leaning tower.Retired geometrician Jacob van Dijk said measurements this week on Bedum's 36-metre church tower of Walfridus revealed it is now leaning more than its Italian rival, which lost part of its tilt following restoration works.

At a height of 55.86 meters, Pisa's tower leans about 4 metres, while Bedum's tower leans 2.61 metres on its height of 35.7 metres. If both towers were the same height, Bedum would have a greater tilt of 6 cm, Van Dijk argues.

Deadly Afghan spider hitches ride home with UK soldier, kills family dog

A British soldier's family have been scared out of their own home by a dangerous spider who bit their pet dog to death. The Griffiths are fighting the war at home against the giant arachnid, who was unwittingly transported back from Afghanistan in paratrooper Rodney's luggage.

They have already lost their beloved eight-year-old dog, Bella, to the camel spider. The family pet had to be put down after being bitten by the venomous attacker.

Lorraine Griffiths and her three children, aged 18, 16 and four, have been forced to leave their family home in Colchester, Essex. They are now refusing to return to the property until the killer spider is captured by the RSPCA.

Found in desert regions, camel spiders can grow up to 6 inches and reach speeds of up to 10 mph, making them devils to catch.

Camel spiders, or solifugae, inhabit warm and arid environments.

Lorraine Griffiths believes the spider hitched a ride into the UK in the personal belongings of her husband.

Rodney, 32, came home from duty in Helmand in June.

He has since returned for a further tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Man says he found dead shark in lake Michigan

There's no telling what might turn up in Lake Michigan.

Rich Fasi of Traverse City says he found a dead 2-foot shark in the water while fishing on West Grand Traverse Bay on Wednesday.

The saltwater fish was a juvenile blacktip shark, said Mark Tonello, a fisheries biologist from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Tonello said someone might have caught the shark off the Atlantic Coast and kept it on ice while bringing it to northern Michigan.

Another possibility is that the dead shark was dumped by someone who had kept it as a pet, Tonello said.

Baby boy born on airliner en route to Australia

An Indian woman gave birth to a healthy boy aboard a jet airliner while flying to Australia to reunite with her husband. Judith Hamel, one of four doctors who helped deliver the 6 pound baby aboard the Cathay Pacific flight from Hong Kong to the southern city of Adelaide, described the delivery as smooth.

"I think we all had fun once we knew it was all safe," Hamel told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio Wednesday.

Kids playing on the deinosuchus, or "terrible crocodile," at the Urzeitpark in eastern Germany, would have made an appetizing lunch for this long-lost relative of the modern crocodile. The massive reptile lived during the Cretaceous period, about 145 million to 65 million years ago. The park, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary, hosts about 200 plastic animals from earlier times.

We all have to honour people's desire

Kyaw Min Lu (Shwe Pyi Tha)

To the best of my knowledge, democracy is a system based on the people's desire. It is because in a country, the people represent the majority of the population. The force vested with the power of making a decision in a democratic way depicts the people. Therefore, it is required to respect the people's decisions and desire.

I was satisfied with the discussions about the three sorts of people's desire the leader of the Spokes Authoritative Team of the State Peace and Development Council the Minister for Information held in meeting with Mr Gambari during the latter's recent visit to Myanmar. I believed the talks represented the desire of the people.

If we ask each citizen what their strongest desire is, the answers will be various and different, such as to lead a life of luxury with a beautiful house and car; to be rich; and to be well-known. If various sorts of their desires are classified in general, the categories of their desires will support the three forms of people's desires the Minister discussed. Actually, the three points thoroughly cover all forms of people's desire.

Regarding the first point, we all favour peace and stability. None of us accept instability and terrorist acts that can destabilize the nation. The people have gone through the hell of internal armed strife, internal armed conflicts, protests, riots and have been in a state of panic many times. They are worried that they may face again armed conflicts, riots and anarchic acts without stability and peace that took place in the course of the nation's history. Frankly speaking, they are in great fear that they may experience such untold miseries. They are also frightened at the slightest comments about the 88 unrest. They just want to live a stable and peaceful life. Now, the people have enjoyed the fruit of stability and peace at the unprecedented level, and are pleased with that. In such a situation, any forms of attempts to disrupt already-achieved stability and peace and to destabilize the country are absolutely unacceptable to them. That is the real desire of the people.

In relation to the second point, every citizen favours a situation in which their country and the people are enojoying development. Every citizen by nature wants greater development of their motherland than any other foreign country. Similarly, every citizen wants to witness and take pride that the people enjoy the taste of development and affluence more than any other people. If a nation is a developed one, each citizen of the nation will be able to enjoy better social-economic life. Therefore, it is apparent that all the people except anti-government axe-handles want to see development of their country. National development and the wealth of each citizen go together. Therefore, no doubt, this is the people's desire too.

In retrospect, after regaining independence, the nation passed two periods—the parliamentary democracy, and Myanma Socialist Programme Party. In the parliamentary democracy period, many parties split into factions, and internal multi-coloured armed groups rose against the nation, and political parties were in rivalry and independently. In consequence, **the nation lacked stability and peace. Development tasks in the economic, social and education sectors could not be carried out effectively due to lack of stability and peace. The majority of the people were in dire poverty and in a state of panic due to internal armed insurgency. Thus, the people never again want to dream of such painful memories.**

In the time of the Myanma Socialist Programme Party, political situations showed improvement to a certain degree. However, **internal armed insurgency could not be wiped out yet. So, stability and peace could not be restored due to the armed strife, and the people were not in a position to expect national development. The people were impoverished and had to pass through real hard times. In fact, 40 years from 1948 to 1988 is long enough for the nation to enjoy stability and peace if the people work hard. However, there was no signs of national development.**

After 1988, the ruling government managed to restore stability and peace and enhance development in the political, economic, social, education, health, and transport sectors. It is the Tatmadaw government that could build peace with national race armed groups. Therefore, now the people have enjoyed the taste of stability, peace and progress. With stability and peace, the nation is on the track toward development. So, the people are now enjoying better living conditions. So, the people's desire represents the interests of the entire people.

With respect to the third point, each citizen wants to enjoy the right to do things freely in accordance with the law. The people expect a peaceful life and better living conditions, after choosing the job opportunities that are created in the framework of the law. Every citizen will try to improve their living conditions in accordance with the market economy. There have been many opportunities, and no one has ill-intention to violate the law. They are keen on working hard freely under the protection of the law to achieve maximum success. The people are looking forward to sooner achievement of the democracy goal, while expressing their wholehearted support for the government's political work programmes. That is why the people today have remained indifferent and stood firmly on the side of national concerns however much anti-government are trying to arouse the emotional feelings of the people.

As far as I am concerned, the three sorts of people's desire reflect the real desire of the people. Now, the government is taking measures to fulfil the three desires of the people. What the government is doing is known to the people, so I do not want to present all facts. Overall, the people believe and support that the government is capable of restoring stability and peace, and ensuring devemlpment of the nation and the people, and transforming the nation into democracy, as aspired by the people. The people are working in concert under the leadership of the government to achieve the common goal. That is evidenced by the fact that in the previous referendum, the State constitution (draft) was adopted with the approval of 92.48 per cent of the voters.

Our country's ultimate aim is to build a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The word 'peaceful' represents the people's desire (1) while 'modern and developed' indicates the people's desire (2). Likewise, the phrase 'building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation' reflects the people's desire (3). It can be said that our final goal is to realize the three people's desire. It is clear that what the government is doing to shape a bright future of the State in accord with the seven-step Road Map is the wishes of the people.

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We all have to honour people's …

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While the seven-step Road Map is reaching its fifth step, the wishes and decision of the people are becoming more and more important. Anti-government groups on their part need to follow the people's decision regardless of whether they like it or not. Only then, will it be democratic. The public approval of the constitution in the fourth step means that all the people have supported the seven-step Road Map. In other words, the people have opened up the way to democracy for all. Here, 'for all' means the government, the people and Tatmadaw as well as the anti-government groups. Myanmar's new constitution is the concern of all the people including those supporting and those opposing.

Now it is opportune time for national forces that have to march towards the goal of democracy to build national reconsolidation or to reach the true path of national politics. So it is important for the anti-government elements to grab the good opportunity created by the people if they value the people's wishes.

Today, we no longer need to argue who is right and who is wrong. It is not the time either to make sure our party comes into power. It is no longer necessary to stick to the outdated 1990 election results. To have the last word, it is not the time to say that the democratically-approved constitution cannot be accepted and recognized by declining the people's wishes. It is only needed to know the time and circumstance.

If I say, both the government and the people aspire democracy. Likewise, the anti-government groups once repeatedly said that they wanted democracy. So it can be said that we have the same want or the same goal. If so, why can't we march together to reach the same goal? Why not accept to march together? Unity is a success. The anti-government groups should notice this point.

Today, the State has been in a position to enjoy fruits of development. As I have said, with these fruitful results, it is necessary to redouble our efforts to keep abreast of others rising from the dire situation in which the country lacked development for 40 years due to the irresponsibility. Thinking highly of oneself or one's own party can lead to undermining the people's dream. No one will accept it. Anyhow, it is required to value the people's wishes.

It is known to all that nowadays, most nations are working very hard for their development. Really, they have developed. Many Asian tigers have emerged. So the time has come for us to endeavour for our future. Without arguing each other, we will have to work together so as to catch up with others. But if we waste our time arguing, opposing and instigating, I am worried that our country will have a dim future.

We should not forget the fact that Myanmar is on its way to the goal of democracy as wished by the entire people while building development infra-structures without harming peace and stability. The way in which the future of the State is decided by the people in the 2010 election is the most appropriate. If we do what we want regardless of what the people say, we will go round in circles. Employing wicked ways and unnecessarily arguing in order to jeopardize peace and stability may lead the people to live in a state of chaos, instability and fear. It can also lead the people to live again in poverty. If so, we can say 'it serves you right'. The people in no way want to go into the previous situation.

If we follow the desire of the people, the road ahead can be reached through a bed of roses. I wonder that parties are formed; the existing parties get prepared to put things right; they canvass for votes by expressing their stance and policies; they run for the multi-party democracy general election to be held in 2010; if elected, Hluttaw representatives emerge; and depending on the public votes, own parties and organizations will be able to stand tall. In my opinion, it will be better if the above-mentioned things are done.

In brief, I have mentioned the true desires of the people. I have also said it is necessary to value the desire and decision of the people who have made true democratic practice. I have suggested that today's ideologies should be in accord with the people's desire. Anyway, in doing politics, everything will be alright if we give the first priority to the State and the people and the second priority to own party or group. As far as I am concerned, I don't want the people's hopes diminish. I want the people's dream to come true. It is because among the people are you and me as well as the anti-government groups. Serving others' interest will help us answer our own wishes.

It is absolutely right to value the people's true desire.

Translation: MS+ST

***Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife being welcomed by Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dato' Mazlan Muhammad and wife at the reception to mark the 51st Anniversary of National Day of Malaysia on 31 August.*— MNA**

Rehabilitation and reconstruction of storm-hit regions discussed

YANGON, 31 Aug— "Efforts are being made for building the education infrastructure for new generations of storm-hit regions, especially in Ayeyawady Division". said Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe who is also Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee at the coordination meeting on requirements of repairing schools and school furniture in undertaking rehabilitation and reconstruction of storm-hit regions, at the hall of Fire Services Department in Mayangon Township, yesterday.

The minister also said that the plan is under way to rebuild the damaged schools. He urged the international organizations to focus on building schools and fulfilling requirements of school furniture.

Officials of the ministry and responsible persons of UN Agencies and INGOs reported on their respective sectors. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.—*MNA*

***Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe speaking at the coordination meeting on requirements of repairing schools and providing school furniture.*— SOCIAL WELFARE**

Township electrical engineer's offices inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug— Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 29 August inspected the electrical engineer's office in Meiktila, the electrical engineering office in Mahlaing and the electric engineering office in Taungtha where he met with officials and service personnel and stressed the need to serve the national interest straightforwardly, to collect meter bills systematically and to supply more power and attended to the needs.

In the evening, the minister proceeded to the 123 66/33/11 KV 90 MVA Myingyan Sub-Power Station in Myingyan where he heard a report presented by an official on distribution of power from the 123 KV Thazi-Myingyan Power Line to Myingyan, NyaungU, Natogyi, Taungtha and Mahlaing townships and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister looked into power supply of the Thazi 132 KV Power Line, the Nyaung U 66 KV Power Line, the Simeekhon 33 KV Power Line and the 33 KV Power Line.— *MNA*

Progress of Machine and Machine Tool Factory inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug— The Machine and Machine Tool Factory is under construction in Pakokku District of Magway.

Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein heard reports on construction of factory buildings and roads, supply of power and water presented by Project Director U Tin Tun Aung and arrival of machines and installation, test-running and transfer of technology by Factory Manager U Kan Chun.

Managing Director U Soe Win of Myanma Industrial Construction Services gave a supplementary report. The minister instructed officials to transfer technology.

The minister inspected forging workshop, mould and die workshop, fitting workshop, warehouse and other workshops of the factory. In meeting with officials of the factory, the minister gave instructions on efforts to be made for ensuring industrial development.

MNA

Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspects machine and machine tool factory in Pakokku.— MNA

The wise outstrips the intoxicated

Not intoxicated among the intoxicated and wide-awake among the sleeping, the wise one outstrips them as a swift horse outstrips a weak one.

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Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from India

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug— A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back in Yangon by air this morning after participating in the 10th Ministerial Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) held in New Delhi, India on 29 August 2008.

Deputy Director-General U Thant Kyaw of the International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Director-General U Than Aye of Agricultural Planning Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Director U Htin Aung of Energy Planning Department under the Ministry of Energy, Director U Kyaw Swa of the International Organizations and Economic Department, Assistant Director U Kyaw Tin Shein of the Minister's Office, Assistant Director U Aung Kyi of the International Organizations and Economic Department and subject in-charge U Lin Maung Maung Win of the Intenational Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also arrived back together with the minister.—*MNA*

All this needs to be known

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

New buildings for schools in Thakayta Township

YANGON, 31 Aug— USDA CEC member (Yangon Division in-charge) Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected reconstruction of 120x30 feet one-storey steel school building of No 46 Basic Education Primary School in Thakayta Township.

The storm-hit school is being rebuilt under the sponsorship of the Yangon Division USDA. He met volunteers at the site.

He also inspected reconstruction of Nos. 11 and 36 BEPSs in Thakayta Township. Altogether 67 buildings of the schools in Yangon Division were destroyed. New buildings are being rebuilt under the supervision of Yangon Division USDA. —*MNA*

Volunteers of Taninthayi Division who participated in rehabilitation tasks honoured

YANGON, 31 Aug — Volunteers of Taninthayi Division who participatied in the rehabilitation tasks in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions were honoured at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik yesterday.

Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo delivered an address.

Next, a member of Union Solidarity and Development Association and a fishing boat maker recounted their experiences.

The commander and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented certificates of honour and gifts to USDAs of Myeik and Dawei districts and Thaninthayi Division Fishery Department and Fishery Association and fishing boat makers.

Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein speaking at the ceremony to honour volunteers participating in rehabilitation works in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions.— L&F

A coordination meeting on boosting of fishery products of the division was held at the same venue with addresses by the commander and the minister.

Next, personnel of the fishing industries reported on their respective tasks and the commander and the minister fulfilled the needs.

Afterwards, the commander and the minister attended cash donation ceremony to fire victims of Thechaung Village at Division USDA office in Myeik.

At the cash donation, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented K 2 million and supplies, Chairperson of Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Than Htay and Chairperson of Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Aye Aye Kyaw 100 exercise books each to fire victims.— *MNA*

Cash donated for Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug — The first cash donation for the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2008 took place at the city hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of Finance and Prize Presentation Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe and Secretary of the Finance and Prize Presentation Sub-committee Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Tun Kyi accepted K 36.925 million donated by ministries, K 28.1 million by banks and 11.65 million by private companies and hotels and presented certificates of honour to them. — *MNA*

***Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin accepts cash donation for Performing Arts Competitions from a wellwisher.*— MNA**

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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

Paper reading session on ten traditional arts held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug— A paper reading session on ten traditional arts sponsored by the Ministry of Culture was held at the multipurpose hall of the ministry here this morning.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar National Culture Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint made a speech and formally opened the paper reading session.

In the morning session, goldsmith U Myint Tin (writer Hmatkyauk) presented paper on Myanma traditional goldsmith, goldsmith U Tin Hla paper on Myanma traditional silversmith, Assistant Lecturer of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Mandalay) Daw Mya Khet paper on Myanma Arts and Development and the paper reading session went into recess.

In the afternoon session, Professor of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) U Tin Maung Lwin presented paper on achievement of Myanma traditional arts in early 21st Century, Tutor Daw Khine Thazin Htwe of NCFAU (Mandalay) on Myanma traditional lacquer and technology, and U Thaung Tun paper on preservation of Myanma lacquer and combination of new fine arts, and replied to queries raised by those present on the occasion.

Next, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint dealt with the paper reading session and the ceremony ended.

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint delivers an address at paper reading session on ten traditional arts.

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Deputy minister looks into General and Teaching Hospital in North Okkalapa

YANGON, 31 Aug— Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo on 29 August inspected the OPD, eye patients unit (male), medical check-up room, blood donating room, labora-tory and ultrasound gamma machine of the General and Teaching Hospital in North Okkalapa and gave necessary instructions.

After that, the deputy minister viewed the use of x-ray machines, taking care of newly born children, renovation of medical ward for newly born children, delivery room, male medical ward, learning halls of medical students, intensive care unit, O & G ward and gave instructions to officials.

Next, the deputy minister looked into pathology department, parasitology department, laboratory, bacteriology department and learning of students and heard a report presented by Medical Superintendent Dr Chit Ko Tin on health care services of the hospital and left necessary instructions.

Afterwards, he inspected female medical ward-1, laboratory, X-ray unit, male medical ward, cardiac ward and intensive care unit.

On arrival at Sanpya Hospital (Thingangyun), he inspected departments and unit.

Yesterday morning, the deputy minister proceeded to the on-job health centre on Kyimyindine Road in Ahlon Township where he met with officials and inspected library, laboratory and modern medical equipment and fulfilled the requirement.

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AFF/ FIFA Coaching Course-Football Fitness concluded

YANGON, 31 Aug — The concluding of AFF/ FIFA Coaching Course-Football Fitness was held at Goal Hotel here yesterday.

The course was jointly conducted by FIFA, AFF and Myanmar Football Federation.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and Coach Mr Aleksandar Bozencko made speeches.

Next, the director-general gave certificates of honour to trainees and presented gift to the coach.— *MNA*

Small and medium enterprises important for development of industrial sector

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — Members of Monywa Industrial Zone Management Committee and industrialists met at Chindwin Yadana Hall of Thiha Tun Co Ltd in the industrial zone in Monywa on 29 August.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe delivered a speech. Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein said small and medium enterprises play an important role in the industrialized countries. Similarly, with the development of small and medium industries in the country, the industrial sector will gradually develop.

Therefore, he said, the government rendered monetary and technological assistance for establishment of modern foundry shops in Mandalay, Monywa and Taunggyi (Ayethaya) industrial zones and mould factories in Yangon.

He said efforts are to be made for development of industrial sector through cooperation and coordination among the private entrepreneurs, industrial zones and government departments.

He called for production of quality products and increasing the number of spare parts and enhancing the qualification of the workers.

Next, officials concerned reported on manufacturing of Chindwin Star vehicles in Monywa industrial zone. The minister fulfilled the requirements. The commander and the minister visited the foundry shops of Thiha Tun Co Ltd and inspected maintenance of the products.—*MNA*

Myanmar's cash assistance to Lao PDR

***Minister U Nyan Win hands over US$ 50,000 for flood victims of LPDR through Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A. Souphakhet.*— MNA**

YANGON, 31 Aug — The Union of Myanmar rendered cash assistance to Vientiane of Laos People's Democratic Republic and its ten neighbouring provinces that were flooded due to the rising Mekong River in August. The cash donation ceremony took place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here today.

It was attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Director-General U Soe Win of the Protocol Department and officials, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kouily A. Souphakhet, Military Attaché Colonel Khamsy Vongkhamsao and officials.

On behalf of the Union of Myanmar Government, Minister U Nyan Win donated US $ 50,000 to the Lao PDR through the Laotian ambassador, who then expressed thanks.

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Prizes awarded to students

YANGON, 30 Aug— Thuwunna Basic Education High School of Thingangyun Township held the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students this morning, attended by Secretary of Township USDA U Khin Wai, Headmaster U Aung Kyaw Mya, and ofificals.

Officials presented prizes to outstanding students in the matriculation examination for 2008. Patron of School Board of Trustees U Tun Tun-Daw San San Wai gave away certificates of honour to wellwishers.—*NLM*

Patron of School Board of Trustees U Khin Wai presents prize to five distinction winner Ma The Su San.

NLM

Minister for NPED arrives back from ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting

Minister U Soe Tha being welcomed back by Ministers Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Dr Chan Nyein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

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NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug – Myanmar delegation led by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha arrived back here this morning after attending the 40th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting and other related meetings held in Singapore from 25 to 29 August.

The delegation was welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw and officials.

On 25 August, Minister U Soe Tha attended working dinner of ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting at Shangri-La Hotel. Prime Minister of Singapore delivered and an opening address.

The minister participated in the discussions on ASEAN multi-purpose investment agreement, ASEAN on commodity trade agreement and matters relating to submitting the agreements to the ASEAN summit meetings.

The minister and those present took part in the discussions on formation of economic communities, implementation of the tasks, cases to be taken, services of trade, establishment of Free Trade Area between ASEAN and dialogue partners, and the forth coming 14th ASEAN Summit Meeting to be held in December 2008.

On 27 August, the minister attended the meeting of ASEAN Economic Ministers and ASEAN Economic Advisory Council and ASEAN-American Economic Advisory Council. In the afternoon, he attended coordination meeting of ASEAN-China.

On 28 August, the minister attended ASEAN+1 meeting and met economic ministers from India, Australia and New Zealand. He also attended ASEAN+3 Meeting and met economic ministers from China, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

On 29 August, the minister attended 10th ASEAN-Mekong Valley Cooperation Committee Ministerial level meeting. During the meeting, the economic ministers signed three programmes. Over 400 delegates attended the 40th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting and other related meetings.

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Kyauksauk Dam in Myaing Township benefits 150 acres of farmlands

Article: Kyaw Sein; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

U Myat Zaw Thein (Staff Officer) Assistant Director's Office of Irrigation Department

(from page 16)

At the dam, the news crew had an interview with Staff Officer U Myat Zaw Thein of Irrigation Department, "Please tell me the purpose of building Kyauksauk Dam and facts of the dam."

U Zaw Myat Thein: Construction of the dam was aimed at irrigating 150 acres of land in Myaing Township of Magway District and contributing to greening of the region. The dam is located on Kyauksauk Creek, one mile west of South Kyauksauk Village of Kyauksauk Village-tract in Myaing Township. It has 1.5 square miles of watershed area and 350 acre-feet of water flows into the dam yearly. The dam was built with earthen embankment measuring 25 feet by 2,900 feet. It can store 519 acre-feet of water at the highest level and 110 acre-feet at the lowest level. The concrete conduit is nine square feet and the spillway, 25 feet wide. The 7,000 feet long main canal can irrigate 150 acres of land. Construction of the dam commenced on 3 August 2007 and it was completed cent per cent on 23 March 2008.

He further explained, "Myaing Township is located in the arid area of central Myanmar. The irrigation facility by blocking the creek can benefit the area to some extent. The dam will benefit cultivation of summer paddy on the same land of current monsoon plantation. In addition to 59 acres of farmlands, 91 acres of croplands can be transformed to the farmland, totalling 150 with the use of water from the dam all the year round.

The news crew also made an interview with U Ni Tway of Kyauksauk Village who attended the inauguration ceremony of the dam.

He said, "I am U Ni Tway and I am 57 years old. I am a farmer. I grow paddy, green gram and cotton. I am pleased with construction of the dam for growing more acres of crops by using irrigation facility. Although my farm land has no access to the facility I am delighted for other farmers who can get water from the dam. All the local people are happy for construction of the dam by the government as we have been dreaming the taste of irrigation facility for many years."

Further interview was made with a woman farmer.

"Tell me your name, aunty"

"My name is Daw Hmin. I live in Kyauksauk Village. As a farmer, I cultivate groundnut, sesame, paddy and green gram. I grow 1.5 acres of paddy and five acres of groundnut. On completion of the dam, I will shift five crop lands to paddy field. All the villagers are pleased with construction of the dam as they will achieve food sufficiency. They also thank the government for implementation of the dam project."

Ko Kyi Khaing Oo (farmer) of Kyauksauk Village.

The main canal that will irrigate 150 acres of farmlands in Myaing Township.

The news crew also had an interview with a teacher.

"Tell me your name and where do you come from, teacher?"

"I am Daw Khin Khin Hnin. I am discharging duties as a teacher at Kyauksauk Village Basic Education Middle School (Affiliated BEHS).

"What is your view on construction of the dam?"

"I am pleased with construction of the dam as our region is an arid area. The conditions before and after building the dam are quite different. Before construction of the dam, students encountered many difficulties to go to school. Construction of the roads and bridges for implementing the dam project benefits transport facilities."

The news crew also made an interview with a girl student.

"What is your name and your village, and are you a student?

"My name is May Thanda Hlaing. I live in Kyauksauk Village and I am a matriculation student."

"Tell me your pleasure for construction of the dam."

"Before building the dam, we found it difficult to go to school in the rainy season. As the roads were constructed to build the dam, we can go from one place to another in three seasons. By saving time, we can concentrate on our studies. So, we thank the government for construction of the dam."

The news crew next had an interview with a villager who came from Kyauksauk Village.

"Excuse me. Tell me you name. Where did you come from?"

"I am Kyi Khaing Oo of Kyauksauk Village."

"Please express your view on construction of the dam."

Daw Khin Khin Hnin, JAT of Kyauksauk Village BEMS.

"I am hopeful of development of my village. I am 31 years old. Now, my dream comes true. Our village-tract located in the arid region of the country always needs potable water. There are over 2,000 people of over 400 households in the village-tract. The food sufficiency is important in the region. We all are pleased with construction of the dam that can irrigate cultivation of paddy and crops. If the dam benefits cultivation of crops, the village will have food sufficiency. Construction of the dam will reflect development of transport and education sectors. The dam will benefit economic, social and education sectors of the region, and so, I thank the government for its efforts and goodwill."

Daw Hmin (farmer) of Kyauksauk Village.

Ma May Thanda Hlaing, matriculation student (Affiliated BEHS), Kyauksauk Village.

Implementation of Kyauksauk Dam Project will boost agricultural production of the region and the socio-economic status of the farmers. That is why Kyauksauk Dam Project is beneficial to the State and the local people.

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Myanma Alin: 30-8-2008

25 feet wide RC spillway seen at Kyauksauk Dam.

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Residents watch a bridge that collapsed due to heavy rains caused by Tropical Storm Gustav in Kingston, Jamaica, on 29 Aug, 2008. Gustav ripped off roofs, downed power lines and pounded rain into Jamaica, triggering landslides and flooding but no reported deaths. —INTERNET

Study shows missile threat on Israeli bases not grave

JERUSALEM, 31 Aug — The ballistic missile threat to Israel Defence Force (IDF) bases in the central region and south is not as grave as thought, a recent study conducted by the Army's Planning Division said.

According to the study, the bases would not need to be evacuated in the event of a war in the north, *The Jerusalem Post* reported on its website Friday.

The study was conducted by a team of officers and included an advanced analysis of the missiles in the arsenals of Israel's neighbours, particularly Syria and Hizbollah.

It was initiated following the Second Lebanon War, when 4,000 Hizbollah rockets struck northern Israel.

The study shows that although Syria and Hizbollah have thousands of short-range rockets and long-range ballistic missiles, their accuracy is limited.

The study further concluded that due to the inaccuracy of the Syrian and Hezbollah missiles, Ramat David Air Force Base situated near Nazareth need not evacuate and transfer the aircraft deployed there to alternative bases in the south as thought.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia to maintain diplomatic relations with Georgia

MOSCOW, 31 Aug — Moscow believes it is essential to maintain diplomatic relations with Georgia, the Russian Foreign Ministry said Friday.

"Georgia's Foreign Ministry informed us of its decision to lower diplomatic contacts and to cut the number of diplomats at its embassy in Moscow to five people," Andrei Nesterenko, a spokesman for the ministry, told a Press conference here.

"We regret such decisions, as we are confident that under the current circumstances it is essential to maintain working diplomatic contacts," he was quoted by the *RIA* Novosti news agency as saying.

Nesterenko also warned that NATO's actions toward a confrontation with Russia would result in irreversible consequences.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexican governor blames Gulf cartel for beheadings

CANCUN (Mexico), 31 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.

Eleven beheaded bodies with signs of torture were dumped outside the city of Merida in the Yucatan Peninsula on Thursday.

A12th 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/Xinhua*

Weight loss may cut risk of colorectal growths

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — Obesity is associated with an increased risk of colorectal adenomas — growths or polyps that can become cancerous — but weight loss might reduce the risk, a study hints.

"Colorectal cancer is known to be associated with obesity," Dr. Yutaka Yamaji from University of Tokyo, Japan told Reuters Health. "Our data, together with previous reports, shows pre-cancerous lesions are also associated with obesity."

Yamaji and colleagues investigated the relationship between obesity and the prevalence of colorectal polyps and studied the effect of weight loss on the development of these abnormal growths after one year. Almost 8000 "average-risk" subjects had an initial colonoscopy, and about 2500 of them had a second examination a year later.

The prevalence of colorectal polyps at the initial colonoscopy increased proportionally with increasing body weight, the team found. Increasing body mass index, or BMI, was also associated with increasing numbers of colorectal polyps, but not with size or stage of the polyps.

MNA/Reuters

Bombs kill at least two Russian soldiers in Chechnya

MOSCOW, 31 Aug— At least two Russian soldiers have died in bombings in Chechnya, including a suicide attack on an Interior Ministry battalion base, Russian news agencies reported on Saturday.

One soldier died and 11 were wounded when two suicide bombers rammed a jeep packed with explosives through the fence of the base in Vedeno, south of the region's capital Grozny, a spokesman for the battalion was quoted as saying by RIA.

Another soldier died in a radio-controlled bomb attack in the village of Serzhen-Yurt, which lies between Vedeno and Grozny.

It was the second round of fatal attacks on Russian troops in the past week in Chechnya, a north Caucasus territory where Russia has fought two wars against separatist rebels since the breakup of the Soviet Union.

On Sunday, two senior Russian officers died after a gun and bomb attack on their convoy.

Russian security officials have predicted a rise in rebel attacks in Chechnya after Russia's military incursion into neighboring Georgia, to crush Tbilisi's attempt to retake its breakaway province of South Ossetia.

Analysts say Moscow's decision to recognize rebel Georgian regions as independent states will encourage separatist sentiments in Chechnya and elsewhere in the Russian north Caucasus.—*Internet*

Benefit of pelvic exercises on urine leaks wanes

NEW YORK, 31 Aug — In pregnant women, pelvic floor muscle training for bladder-control problems, though beneficial initially, is ineffective over the long term, research shows.

Stress-related urinary incontinence "is a risk factor for long-term leakage but not necessarily enough to require surgery," Dr Robert M Freeman from Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, UK told Reuters Health. Performing exercises before delivery designed to strengthen the pelvic floor muscles "does not seem to give good long-term results, and this is probably due to poor compliance", Freeman noted. The findings are based on 230 women who participated in two studies of the effectiveness of pelvic floor muscle training for preventing stress urinary incontinence after pregnancy. — *MNA/Reuters*

IAEA says nuclear leak did not reach environment

VIENNA, 31 Aug — A small amount of plutonium which leaked from an ageing International Atomic Energy Agency laboratory near Vienna did not reach the environment, according to an independent inquiry cited by the UN watchdog on Friday.

The 3 August incident at the Seibersdorf analytical lab, which occurred overnight and caused no injury, raised a stir in Austria, which hosts the IAEA but rejects nuclear energy itself as fundamentally dangerous.

In a statement, the agency said test samples of soil, plants and water provided by outside Austrian experts found no release of radioactive material into the environment from the incident.

A tiny amount of plutonium, a common nuclear bomb fuel, contained in an acid solution spilled from five small glass vials in a storage safe when one of them burst from a build-up of pressure, the statement said.

MNA/Reuters

Toyota vehicles wait to be loaded on a cargo ship for export. The world's first cargo ship partly propelled by solar power is set to take to the seas later this year in a joint project between two Japanese companies, an official said Wednesday.—INTERNET

Burning Man participants compete in the swimming leg of the annual Black Rock City triathalon at the Burning Man festival near Gerlach, on 30 Aug, 2008. Burning Man is an annual art event and temporary community based on radical self expression and self-reliance in the Black Rock Desert of Nevada.—INTERNET

Sri Lanka has first lady captain in aviation industry

COLOMBO, 31 Aug – With Anusha Siriratne being appointed as Sri Lankan Airline's captain recently, the South Asian island now has a lady captain in its aviation industry for the first time, the *Daily Mirror* reported on Friday.

The newspaper quoted SriLankan Airline's CEO Manoj Gunawardena as saying that the appointment "is a significant event for the national carrier".

Interestingly, Captain Anusha and her husband Captain Hemantha Siriratne also made history as the first husband-wife pilot duo in the country. Hemantha received his captain's appointment earlier this year.

Captain Anusha is modest about her appointment and brushed off her achievement, which had been her childhood ambition.

"Women have lagged behind in the field of aviation in Sri Lanka, in comparison to the rest of the world. Even in neighbouring countries such as India, women have been airline captains for many years now," she was quoted as saying.

"It doesn't make a difference whether you are a man or a woman when flying. The circumstances don't change, the weather is the same, and the aircraft doesn't know the difference!" she said.

MNA/Xinhua

APEC members pass declaration to promote SMEs

LIMA, 31 Aug — Ministers and officials from the 21-member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) signed a joint declaration Friday on promoting the development of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

"The ministers agreed to improve enterprise environments as well as policies and regulations to promote the establishment, growth and development of the micro, small- and medium-sized enterprises," said Peruvian Production Minister Rafael Ray.

The APEC countries emphasized the importance of promoting the SMEs growth as part of their sustainable economic development, Rey said.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Storm "Gustav" shutting oil, gas output across Gulf

HOUSTON, 31 Aug— Oil and natural gas companies shut production across the Gulf of Mexico on Friday as they moved workers out of the path of Tropical Storm Gustav ahead of what could be the worst hurricane to strike the nation's offshore oil patch since 2005.

Tropical Storm Gustav was expected to strengthen to a powerful Category 3 hurricane over the weekend before tearing into offshore production areas early next week.

With about a quarter of US oil output and 15 per cent of natural gas production in Gustav's path, US crude oil shot up 3 US dollars early Friday to above 118 per US dollars barrel as traders eyed possible supply disruption. As of Friday, 6.62 per cent of Gulf oil production and 1.84 per cent of natural gas production were shut in due to Gustav, the US Minerals Management Service said.

MNA/Xinhua

Strong earthquake in Tibet leaves no casualties

LHASA, 31 Aug — No casualties have been reported so far in the strong tremor measuring 6.8 on the Richter Scale that rocked Zhongba County, Xigaze Prefecture in Tibet on Monday, an inspection team leader Zhu Quan said on Saturday.

Zhu, the Tibet Seismological Bureau chief, said the team was continuing the assessment at the earthquake epicentre and found there is a big crack on the earth's crust.

"Some sections of the roads in the county are still blocked by mountain rocks that fell off in the earthquake, which impede the inspection team from entering six villages in the county," Zhu told *Xinhua* over phone. Guo Chunming, an emergency disaster relief official with the team said that the strong jolt caused no big damages to the county, which is a sparsely-populated plateau pasturing place.

MNA/Xinhua

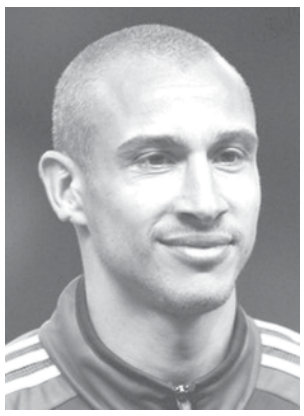
Rescuers help people to safer areas in Patna, India, on 30 Aug, 2008. A rescue boat filled with flood victims capsized and killed 20 people in northern India, where monsoon flooding grew worse because of heavy rain and water flowing from neighboring Nepal, officials said Saturday.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Larsson gets English offer

LONDON , 31 Aug — Reports in Scandinavia suggest Everton have made a firm offer for Henrik Larsson.

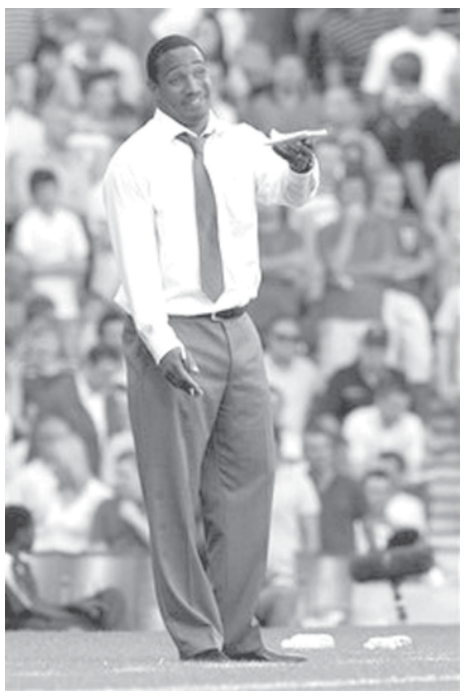
A number of clubs have been linked with the veteran Swede in recent weeks, but Everton are said to be fronting the queue which is also said to include Tottenham.



Henrik Larsson

Larsson has admitted to being flattered by the interest being shown in him from England - where he enjoyed a loan spell with Manchester United in 2007. "It is flattering that there is interest." Larsson told Expressen.

Larsson's agent Rob Jansen has confirmed that the striker has received an offer to move to England, reported to be from Everton.—*Internet*



***Blackburn Rovers Paul Ince shouts instructions to his team during their English Premier League soccer match against West Ham United at the Upton Park stadium, London, on 30 Aug, 2008.*—INTERNET**

PREMIER LEAGUE

(31-8-2008)

Aston Villa	**0 - 0**	**Liverpool**
Chelsea	**1 - 1**	**Tottenham**
Sunderland	**0 - 3**	**Manchester City**

Bruce remains realistic

LONDON , 31 Aug — Wigan boss Steve Bruce refused to get carried away after the Latics thumped Hull 5-0 at the KC Stadium to earn their first Premier League points of the campaign.

Steve Bruce

Following defeats to West Ham and Chelsea, it was a welcome three points to make sure the Latics do not get detached early on.

They took the lead after Sam Ricketts turned a Kevin Kilbane corner into his own goal on five minutes.

Antonio Valencia then added a second with a superb break-away goal following a Hull corner.

Hull spurned chances soon after the re-start before Amr Zaki made it three for Wigan in the 63rd minute.—*Internet*

Wenger lauds Gunners display

Arsenal boss delighted after 3-0 victory

LONDON, 31 Aug — Arsene Wenger heaped praise on his Arsenal side following the 3-0 victory over Newcastle.

Arsene Wenger

The Gunners were disappointing in defeat against Fulham last weekend but they returned to form as they put the FC Twente to the sword in the UEFA Champions League in midweek.

They were also at their fluent best as they beat the Magpies courtesy of a first-half brace from Robin van Persie and a third from Denilson.

A delighted Wenger said: "I am very pleased with the performance, both offensively and defensively. It was a complete one, there was great balance in the team, with movement.

"Apart from at the start of the second half, we were always in control and played the game we love, and showed the way we can play.

The Arsenal manager added: "The improvement comes from a completely different attitude.—*Internet*

Marseille go top after defeating Sochaux

PARIS, 31 Aug — Olympique Marseille went top of Ligue 1 after goals from Karim Ziani and Bakary Kone secured a 2-1 home win over Sochaux on Saturday.

Midfielder Ziani netted with an angled drive six minutes before halftime and Ivory Coast striker Kone made it 2-0 with a shot on the turn from a Mamadou Niang cross. Mevlut Erding reduced the arrears after 73 minutes before France goalkeeper Steve Mandanda pulled off a couple of brilliant late saves to deny Sochaux.

"He (Mandanda) is the one who made the difference," Sochaux coach Francis Gilot told Orange Foot television.

MNA/Reuters

Villa leads Valencia to victory over Mallorca

MADRID, 31 Aug — David Villa inspired Valencia to a 3-0 opening-day victory over Real Mallorca on Saturday to earn new coach Unai Emery his first Primera Liga win. Spain striker Villa, who signed an improved contract with Valencia in the week, put the home side ahead after 34 minutes when Pablo Hernandez's deflected cross left Euro 2008's top scorer with a free header.

Four minutes later Villa cut in from the left and his parried shot rebounded for Juan Mata to nod the second. Mallorca hit the post before the break but Valencia were always in command and Miguel Angel Angulo crossed for fellow substitute Vicente to kill off the game near the end. —*MNA/Reuters*

***Tim Clark of the US tees off on the 9th hole during the second round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Massachusetts on 30 Aug, 2008.*—INTERNET**

Robinho set to repeat wish to leave Real for Chelsea

MADRID, 31 Aug — Brazil forward Robinho is set to repeat his desire to leave Real Madrid for Chelsea at a news conference he has called for Sunday (1000 GMT), Spanish media have reported.

The 24-year-old was left out of Real's squad for their Primera Liga opener at Deportivo Coruna on Sunday, coach Bernd Schuster saying he would not be focused on representing the Spanish champions until the wrangling over his future was resolved. —*MNA/Reuters*

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Ten-man Benfica draw 1-1 with champions Porto

LISBON, 31 Aug — Benfica's new Spanish coach Quique Flores is still without a Portuguese Premier League win after his 10-man side salvaged a 1-1 draw at home to champions Porto on Saturday.

Benfica, who also drew 1-1 in their league opener last week at promoted Rio Ave, made a nervous start and fell behind after 11 minutes. Argentine midfielder Lucho Gonzalez put Porto in front, beating goalkeeper Quim from the penalty spot after a foul by Greek midfielder Kostas Katsouranis. Benfica rallied and their Argentine newcomer Pablo Aimar had a shot cleared off the line by Porto defender Fernando following 17 minutes after a defensive mixed-up. —*MNA/Reuters*

Japan's Kei Nishikori celebrates after defeating Spains David Ferrer during their tennis match at the US Open in New York, on 30 Aug, 2008.
INTERNET

US soldier dies in non-combat incident in N. Iraq

BAGHDAD, 31 Aug— An American soldier died of non-battle related incident in Nineveh Province in northern Iraq, the US military said on Saturday.

The soldier died on Thursday during operations in the Sunni-dominated province, a military statement said without providing further details.

Nineveh Province, including its capital Mosul, some 400 kilometres north of Baghdad, is said to be one of the last strongholds of al- Qaeda fighters in the war-torn country.

The province has been the scene of a major security crackdown carried out by US-backed Iraqi security forces aimed at uprooting the al-Qaeda militants and other anti-US insurgent groups.

MNA/Xinhua

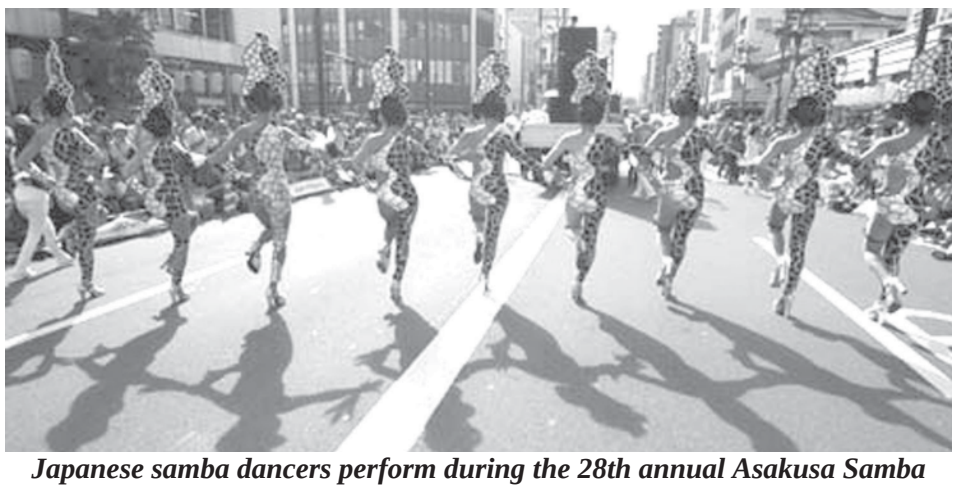
Iraq election law must pass mid-Sept for 2008 vote

BAGHDAD, 31 Aug — Iraq's Parliament must pass a contentious elections law by mid-September in order to allow anticipated provincial polls to be held thi year, the Electoral Commission said on Saturday.

"If the law is passed by September 9 or 10, we can hold the elections on December 22. If it's later than that, we will try for December 31," Commission head Faraj al-Haidari told *Reuters*. If the elections law has not been passed by then, the polls will slip into next year.

Further delays in the provincial vote, initially scheduled for October 1, are certain to frustrate Washington, which sees these elections as central to its efforts to help reconcile Iraq's rival factions and strengthen its fledgling democracy.

MNA/Reuters



Japanese samba dancers perform during the 28th annual Asakusa Samba Carnival in Tokyo on 30 August, 2008.— INTERNET

US military frees 11,000 detainees this year in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 31 Aug — The US military said on Saturday that it released more than 11,000 detainees from its prisons in Iraq so far in 2008.

The military will continue releasing detainees from the US-run prisons to reach the goal of more than 12,000 releases by mid-September, a military statement quoted Major Neal Fisher, spokesman for the US military's detainees operations in Iraq, as saying.

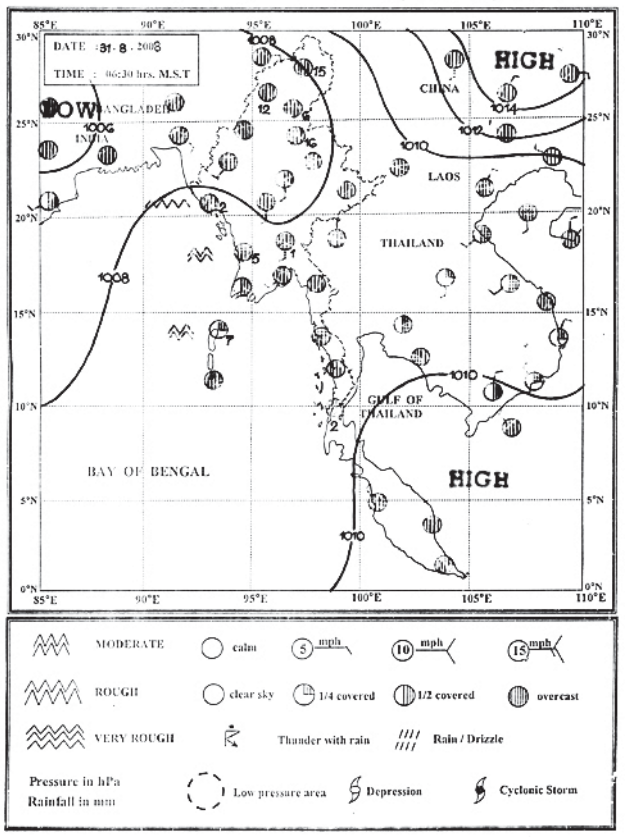
MNA/Xinhua

Flood News

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 31-8-2008)

According to the (11:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady river at Hinthada is (1369) cm and it has exceeded by (27) cm (about 1-ft) above its danger level. It is forecast to remain above its danger level (1342) cm during the next (2) day.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 31 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and Bago Division, scattered in Shan State, Yangon and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kayin and Mon States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (2.28) inches, Moekok (1.30) inches, Bago (1.14) inches, Katha (0.90) inch, Maungtaw (0.83)inch and Yangon (Central) (0.78)inch.

Maximum temperature on 30-8-2008 was 89˚F. Minimum temperature on 31-8-2008 was 71ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 31-8-2008 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 30-8-2008 was (2.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on31-8-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.78) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (79.92) inches at Mingaladon, (90.79) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.68) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southat (18:30) hours MST on 30-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespead in Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions. scattered in Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady 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 1-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

TV Myanmar

Monday, 1 September
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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am
5. မြန်မာ့အသံခေတ်ပေါ် တေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း

8:10 am
6. "စက်မှုခေတ်မှာ ကျွန်မ စက်ရုံလာတည်တော့မယ်" (ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ မိုးဒီ၊သင်္ဃနွင်းဆီ၊ ခင်မို့မို့အေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–တင်အောင်–သုတေသီ)

8:20 am
7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅–၁၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)

8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. Dance variety

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4.10 pm
2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4.20 pm
3. Song of national races

4.30 pm
4. Songs for uphold National Spirit

4:35 pm
5. "ရှင်နောင်းကျောင်းရောက်ပြီ" (ကြည်စိုး၊ ထူးသာ၊ ချောနုဝင်း၊ ကျော်မေဓမွန်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–ခင်ဇော်–ကေသီပန်)

4:55 pm
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:00 pm
7. Musical programme

5:15 pm
8. Cute Little Dancers

5:20 pm
9. "မီးမီးရဲ့ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်" (နေအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မေသဏ္ဍာဦး၊ ပြည့်ဖူးရိုင်၊ ဇာဇာမင်းထက်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–အောင်မိုး–ပဲရစ်)

5:30 pm
10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:40 pm
11. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလ ပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် ပထမတန်းအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)

6:00 pm
12. Evening News

6:30 pm
13. Weather report

6:35 pm
14. အလှရာမယ် အလှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

6:55 pm
15. မှုဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

7:20 pm
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပန်းပျိုးလက်" (အပိုင်း–၅)

8:00 pm
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်" (အပိုင်း–၅)

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Monday, 1 September, 2008

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

Rail Transportation Minister visits Locomotive Shed in Insein

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspected Insein Locomotive Shed in Insein Township today.

At the shed, General Manager (Shed) U Saw Valentine reported to the minister on construction of locomotives and progress of work. Next, Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin gave a supplementary report.

The minister said Myanma Railways is to make efforts for ensuring better passenger and freight services. He spoke of the need for the locomotive sheds to repair locomotives and to construct new ones.

He also called for making arrangements to conduct training course and workshops and seeking help of experts from factories of other ministries and industries.

Next, the minister looked into construction of DF-1200-02, DF- 1200-03 and DF-1200-04 locomotives, major repair of locomotives, construction of new locomotive shed, rolling stocks and production of traction motors.

At Diesel Locomotive Shed, the minister inspected locomotives, coaches and fulfilled the needs.

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Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects construction of new locomotive at Insein Locomotive Shed. — MR

INSIDE

We all have to honour people's desire

The people are looking forward to sooner achievement of the democracy goal, while expressing their wholehearted support for the government's political work programmes.

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KYAW MIN LU (SHWE PYI THA)

Kyauksauk Dam in Myaing Township benefits 150 acres of farmlands

Article: Kyaw Sein; Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

With the aim of developing the State economy and regions, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has been implementing the dam and diversion dam projects for supplying water to the regions, where water is scarce. From 1988 to August 2008, a total of 214 irrigation projects have been implemented.

A news crew of the Myanma Alin Daily made a trip to Kyauksauk Dam in Kyauksauk Village-tract in Pakokku District on 24 August.

Kyauksauk Dam was the 54th irrigation facility out of 71 being implemented to irrigate Pakokku District in accord with the guidance of the Head of State with a view to supplying water for agricultural purpose as well as contributing to greening of Pakokku District.

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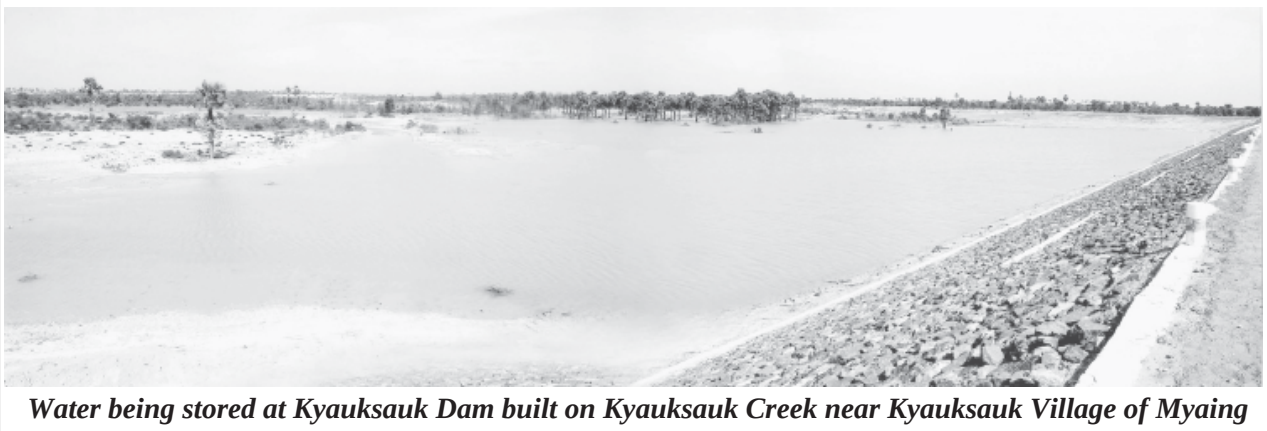
U Ni Tway (farmer) of Kyauksauk Village.



Water being stored at Kyauksauk Dam built on Kyauksauk Creek near Kyauksauk Village of Myaing Township, which can irrigate 150 acres of farmlands.