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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

Outstanding students honoured in Yinmabin Township

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept— A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2007-2008 was held at the hall of Yinmabin Basic Education High School in Yinmabin Township, on 2 September morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe, Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, officials of division, district and township level departments, members of social organizations, town-sellers, headmasters and teachers, outstanding students and their parents



Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe delivers address at the ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students in Yinmabin Township.—MNA

and guests.

The commander and the minister delivered speeches on the occasion and presented cash awards and certificates of honour to the students who passed with flying colours.

Next, the commander and the minister presented cash award to the school heads and

teachers from six schools. Yinmabin Township Education Officer U Soe Thit Aung spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Secretariat Member Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted those present.

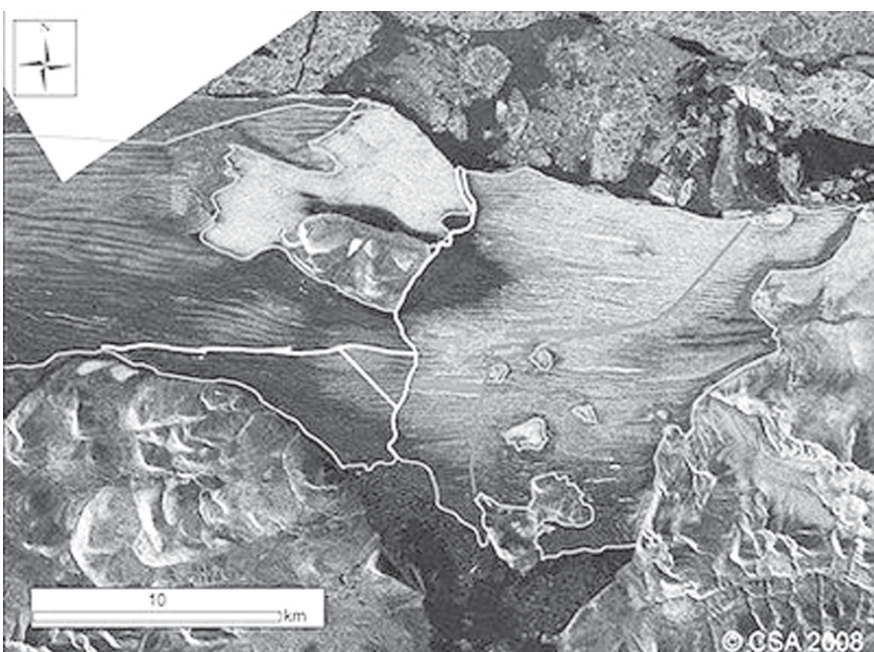
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19-square-mile ice sheet breaks loose in Canada

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Talks on PC based control system on 6 September

YANGON, 4 Sept — For ensuring Development of Communication and Information Technology, educative talks on PC based control system will be held at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township on 6 September.

It was organized by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, and Executive U Aung Soe Moe will give talks.

At the talks, documentation and control on window OS, easier user interface by applying PC, network functionings with other computer program and application of network functions of computer system to operate communication system will be discussed.

Enthusiasts may participate in the talks.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Work together to receive growing number of tourists

Myanmar is blessed with a large number of scenic natural beauties and has a wide range of cultural heritage.

The dry season is going to set in Myanmar soon, and the arrivals of tourists will rise in the open season.

Myanmar’s naturally beautiful scenery is fascinating to foreign tourists. It has many tourist attractions such as Bagan that is rich in archaeological and architectural works, Inlay Lake, and Ngapali, Ngwehsaung and Chaungtha beaches.

Bagan’s glorious sunset is well-known in the international tourism industry. MraukU in Rakhine State, an archaeological region, for instance, has a good global reputation for its numerous pagodas, stupas and temples.

Now, Myanmar is gearing up for promotion of its tourism industry to catch up with the international tourism industry. As part of the drive, national entrepreneurs have to take part in the international tourism exhibitions.

In order to achieve the goal, the Myanmar Hoteliers Association, the Myanmar Travels and Tour, and the International and Local Tourism Industry and Marketing Committee have to work in concert for increasing foreign tourist arrivals at the nation.

Tourism industry is a lucrative business, and national entrepreneurs, therefore, have to work hand in hand with the government for sustainable development of the nation’s tourism industry.

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

Pwegauk Dam Project, coffee plantations in progress in PyinOoLwin

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept— At the briefing hall of Pwegauk Dam Project near Yethayaukgon Village in PyinOoLwin Township, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 31 August gave instructions to officials on timely completion of the dam meeting set standards.

He looked into land preparations for the main embankment, the conduit and the spillway.

At Shwepazun Coffee Farm in Pwedaung of PyinOoLwin Township, the minister viewed thriving coffee plantations.

The plans are under way to grow 50,000 acres



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects power generating of a small-scale hydropower station at Doegwin Dam in PyinOoLwin Township. (AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION)

each of coffee plantations in PyinOoLwin and Nawngkhio townships. So

far, 602 private entrepreneurs have established 17,129.6 acres of coffee plantation in PyinOoLwin Township and 15,570 acres in Nawngkhio Township.

A total of 29,650 acres of coffee plantation out of 57,250 acres in States and Divisions produce 8,005 metric tons of coffee seeds.

At Doegwin Farm near Hsingaunggyi Village, the minister inspected generating of 5 kilowatts from a small-scale hydropower station at Doegwin Dam, medicinal orchids and horticultural works.

The minister looked into medicinal orchids and

tissue culture, menthol, saccharin, Artemisia plants, bags of dried orchids, tissue culture lab and parasitic culture at the medicinal orchid plantation and left instructions on transfer of orchid nurturing technology to the orchid growers.

Tissue culture labs at Doegwin Farm, Mingaladon Garden and Vegetables and Fruit Research Centre in Hlegu produce orchid strains through tissue culture and bud propagation system to enable the growers to systematically establish the orchid farms on a commercial scale.

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PRC relief supplies

YANGON, 4 Sept— Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation handed over relief supplies donated by All-China Women’s Federation at a ceremony held at the offices of MAAF on Thanlwin Street, Bahan township, here today.

Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay, vice-presidents of MAAF

and central executive members handed over 8 sets of water purifiers, child wears, women wears and toiletries presented by All-China Women’s Federation to storm victims of Yangon division through patron of Yangon division WAO Daw Kyin Myaing and the chairperson.

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MAWF members hand over relief supplies donated by All-China Women’s Federation to Yangon Division WAO.—MNA

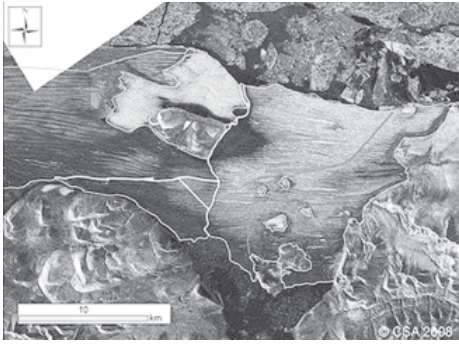
Health care service on water

YANGON, 4 Sept—A medical team comprising physician Dr Ni Ni Hlaing, Paediatrician Dr Tin Nwe Latt and Dentist Dr Konstan of Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital rendered health care service to 11 storm-stricken villages in Mawlamyinegyun township on Brown Cloud floating hospital from 18 August to 28 August.

They gave treatment to children, patients with dental and common diseases complaints totaling 874 in storm-affected villages.

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19-square-mile ice sheet breaks loose in Canada



This Radarsat-1 image of the Ward Hunt Ice Shelf in northern Canada obtained on 29 July, 2008 shows the network of cracks threatening the integrity of the ice shelf.—INTERNET

TORONTO, 4 Sept — A chunk of ice shelf nearly the size of Manhattan has broken away from Ellesmere Island in Canada's northern Arctic, another dramatic indication of how warmer temperatures are changing the polar frontier, scientists said Wednesday.

Derek Mueller, an Arctic ice shelf specialist at Trent University in Ontario, said that the 4,500-year-old Markham Ice Shelf separated in early August and the 19-square-mile shelf is now adrift in the Arctic Ocean.

Mueller reported last month that seven square miles of the 170-square-mile and 130-feet-thick Ward Hunt shelf had broken off.

"These changes are irreversible under the present climate and indicate that the environmental conditions that have kept these ice shelves in balance for thousands of years are no longer present," said Mueller.

The loss of these ice shelves means that rare ecosystems that depend on them are on the brink of extinction, said Warwick Vincent, director of Laval University's Centre for Northern Studies and a researcher in the programme ArcticNet.—*Internet*

Pakistan protests to US envoy over border raid

ISLAMABAD, 4 Sept—An angry Pakistan summoned the US ambassador to protest against a raid on a Pakistani border village in which officials said 20 people, including women and children were killed, an official said on Thursday.

The pre-dawn helicopter-borne ground assault on the village of Angor Adda in the South Waziristan region on the Afghan border on Wednesday, was the first known incursion into Pakistan by US-led troops since the inva-

sion of Afghanistan in 2001.

US ambassador Anne Patterson was summoned to the Foreign Ministry on Wednesday evening after Pakistan strongly condemned the raid as a gross violation of Pakistani territory that could undermine security cooperation, a ministry spokesman said.

"She said she would convey our concerns and the protest of the government of Pakistan to her government," said ministry spokesman Mohammad Sadiq.

Internet

China mine explosion reportedly kills 23

BEIJING, 4 Sept — A gas explosion at a mine killed 23 people in northeast China on Thursday, local authorities and state media said. The official *Xinhua News Agency* said the morning accident occurred in a coal mine in Fuxin, a city in Liaoning province.

Rescuers were searching for four other miners who were trapped in the mine, *Xinhua* said, citing local authorities.

A spokesman at the Fuxin safety bureau confirmed that the explosion occurred early Thursday but would not provide further details.

Internet

Haiti facing storm 'catastrophe'

HAITI, 4 Sept — Haiti faces a "catastrophe" after being hit by a series of storms in recent weeks, President Rene Preval has said.

Three storms in less than 21 days have killed 170 people and forced thousands to flee their homes in the Caribbean nation, officials say.

The latest, Tropical Storm Hanna, could prove even more deadly than one that killed more than 3,000 people in 2004, Mr Preval warned.

Hanna is now approaching the Bahamas, where storm warnings have been issued.

At 0030 GMT on Thursday, Hanna was

about 355 miles (575km) south-east of Nassau and moving north-west, the US National Hurricane Centre (NHC) says.

Internet



Argentina's Senate approves airline takeover

BUENOS AIRES, 4 Sept—Argentina's Senate approved the nationalization of Aerolineas Argentinas and its subsidiary on Wednesday, moving to return the financially troubled Spanish-owned airlines to state hands.

The 46-21 vote in favour of the takeover of Aerolineas Argentinas and Austral airlines was the final step in making the nationalization law. Argentina's lower house in August approved the measure,

which requires the state hold a majority of company shares.

The text approved by the lawmakers after more than 11 hours of debate states that

Argentina "will proceed in the rescue" of the airline to guarantee commercial air travel to the public.

Congress will now set the purchasing price for the airlines.—*Internet*



Aerolineas Argentinas 'airplanes sit at Buenos Aires' international airport, on 2 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Dubai helicopter crash kills seven, shuts oilfield

DUBAI, 4 Sept— A helicopter crashed into an oil rig off the coast of Dubai on Wednesday killing all seven people on board and forcing the closure of the Rashid

oilfield, the civil aviation authority and oil services company said. The helicopter, which was travelling from Dubai's main international airport to the oilfield around 70

kilometres off the coast of Dubai, crashed onto the deck of the Maersk jack-up drilling rig, they said.

"The aircraft then broke up and fell into the sea," Petrofac, the operator of Dubai government's offshore oilfields, said in a statement.—*Internet*



A helicopter crashed off the coast of Dubai on Wednesday killing all seven people on board, the civil aviation authority said on Thursday.

Assad says "crucial" talks with Israel postponed

DAMASCUS, 4 Sept— A round of indirect talks between Syria and Israel has been postponed, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said on Thursday. "There was supposed to be a fifth round, meant to be crucial, I think yesterday. The

resignation of the chief Israeli negotiator led to the postponement of this round, which would have defined the course of these negotiations," he said.

Assad made clear Syria did not want the Turkish-mediated talks to stop but did not say when the next round is expected.

Assad was speaking at the start of a summit in the Syrian capital to discuss efforts for a peace deal between Syria and Israel.

He and French President Nicolas Sarkozy joined Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan and Qatar's Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-

Thani for talks on Lebanon and Syria's talks with Israel.

Western diplomats said Israel could not send a team to the talks in Turkey due to the announcement of the resignation of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, which raised legal issues on how the Jewish state would be represented.

Syria and Israel said earlier this year they were holding indirect talks, months after Israeli warplanes raided a target in eastern Syria that the United States said was a nuclear reactor under construction.—*Internet*

Sri Lankan Army receives 19 bodies of soldiers killed by rebels

COLOMBO, 4 Sept—The military in Sri Lanka said 19 bodies of Army soldiers killed by Tamil Tigers rebels were handed over to the Army through the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) officials on Wednesday in the north. The Ministry of Defence said in a statement that Army authorities serving the Omanthai Entry/Exit received the partly disfigured and decomposed corpses of Army soldiers, which have been delivered to ICRC officials by the Tigers in the Mullaitivu district.—*Internet*



A South Korea-built crude oil tanker seen off the country’s coast. South Korea has launched an ambitious project to become Northeast Asia’s oil storage hub, which officials said will create new business opportunities and ensure energy security.—XINHUA

Ancient wall remains unearthed in Jerusalem, Israel

JERUSALEM, 4 Sept — The remains of the southern wall of Jerusalem which was built during the Second Temple Period (536 BC - 70 AD) have been uncovered on Mount Zion, the Israel Antiquities Authority announced Wednesday.

The 2,100-year-old wall, which was built by the Hasmonean kings of ancient Israel and was destroyed during the Jewish revolt against the Romans that began in 66 AD, is located just outside the present-day walls of the Old City in Jerusalem.

The wall, which is believed to have run six km around Jerusalem, was uncovered in an extensive excavation that is currently underway on Mount Zion.

Israeli archaeologists who started the ongoing excavation also uncovered the remains of a city wall from the Byzantine Period (324-640 AD) that was built on top of the Second Temple wall.

The project is being implemented as part of the master plan for the Jerusalem City Wall National Park, the purpose of which is to preserve the region around the Old City of Jerusalem as an open area for tourism.

Yehiel Zelinger, excavation director on behalf of the Israel Antiquities Authority, said that “in the Second Temple period, the city, with the temple at its centre, was a focal point for Jewish pilgrimage from all over the ancient world.” —Xinhua



The site of archaeological excavations in Jerusalem’s Mount Zion. Israeli archaeologists said on Wednesday they had rediscovered rare remains of the wall that surrounded Jerusalem more than 2,100 years ago after locating the site of a 19th century dig.—INTERNET

More than one mln tickets for Beijing Paralympics sold

BEIJING, 4 Sept — A total of 1.19 million tickets for Beijing Paralympic Games, or 72 percent of the Games total tickets, have been sold as of early September, said an official recently.

Sun Weijia, official with the media operation department of the Beijing Organizing Committee of the 29th Olympic Games (BOCOG), said as of 1 Sept, 1.19 million tickets of Beijing Paralympics had been sold and 6,325 journalists had applied to the organizing committee

for covering the up-coming Games.

On 2 Sept, some extra tickets for events in the Bird’s Nest and the Water Cube, the two most recognized venues of the Beijing Paralympics, were available to meet public demand and the tickets for events in the

Water Cube were again sold soon.

Some Beijing Paralympics events, such as track and field, wheelchair fencing, boccia, wheelchair basketball, as well as opening and closing ceremonies will be broadcast live, said Sun.

Xinhua

Crew on Malaysian hijacked tanker safe

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Sept — All crew on the Malaysian hijacked tanker *MT Bunga Melati Lima* are safe, local media reported on Thursday.

Malaysia International Shipping Corporation (MISC) said it confirmed this after establishing its first communication with the tanker master four days after pirates seized it in the Gulf of Aden, between Yemen and Somalia.

The crew were being well treated, it said in its statement.

“We were also informed that all Muslim crew ... are allowed to practice their religious duties during the fasting month of Ramadan,” the *New Straits Times* quoted MISC as saying.

Bunga Melati Lima, fully laden with petrochemicals, was heading towards Singapore from Yanbu, Saudi Arabia, when it was hijacked on

29 Aug.

It was the second MISC tanker to be hijacked in the gulf.

Following the second hijacking, MISC ordered its vessels not to enter the area. The Malaysian Armed Forces has also deployed a “crack” team to the gulf to “monitor” the situation.

Xinhua

Ten killed in traffic accident in east China

HANGZHOU, 4 Sept— At least ten people were killed and 36 others injured after their vehicle crashed into a tunnel in Zhejiang Province Thursday morning, according to the local traffic authority. A 44-sleeper shuttle bus carrying 46 people hit the tunnel head-on in Lishui City at 0:18 am, killing 10 on the spot.

The 36 injured, including a 5-year-old boy, had been rushed to local hospitals and none were in critical conditions, according to the municipal government.—Xinhua

Three NATO soldiers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 Sept— Three Canadian soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in insurgents attack on Wednesday in southern Afghanistan, said an ISAF statement released here on Thursday.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Finalists in the 10th Dunhuang International Model Competition stride down the catwalk set in an oasis near the scenic Crescent Lake in Dunhuang, Gansu Province on 3 Sept, 2008.

XINHUA

Six more cheeses recalled in salmonella breakout in E Canada

OTTAWA, 4 Sept— Six more cheeses have been added to a recall list after a salmonella outbreak killed one in Canada’s Quebec province.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency warned the public on Wednesday not to consume six more cheese products, after three others were recalled last week.

One person has died and nearly 90 others have fallen ill from the salmonellosis outbreak in the province. The disease was found in three regions of the province, south of Quebec City, the Eastern Townships and central Quebec.

Last week, provincial Food and Agriculture Ministry recalled a Quebec-made cheese that tested positive for Listeria.

A nationwide listeria outbreak has killed at least 12 people and prompted recalls of hundreds of food products.

Xinhua

China unveils plans for huge steel plant: report

BEIJING, 4 Sept—China has unveiled plans to build one of its largest steel plants at a cost of 30 billion dollars, state media reported Thursday.

The plant is to be located along the nation's eastern seaboard outside its industrial heartland and will require a total investment of 204.9 billion yuan (30 billion dollars), the *Economic Infor-*

mation Daily said.

The facility is the result of a joint venture between Wuhan Iron and Steel Group and the Guangxi regional administration's agency for the management of state assets, according to the paper. The plant is expected to have an initial annual capacity of 10 million tonnes, but that will eventually rise to 30 million

tonnes a year, it said.

The report said the plant's site would be Fangchenggang, a port city in the Guangxi region in China's south.

The *Xinhua* news agency said the first production line would become fully operational in 50 months, adding the plant was part of a major investment drive launched in 1999.—*Internet*



A view of Shougang steel works in the western suburbs of Beijing in mid July. China has unveiled plans to build one of its largest steel plants at a cost of US\$30 billion, state media has reported.—INTERNET

First Global Economic Symposium opens in Germany

PLOEN (Germany), 4 Sept—First Global Economic Symposium (GES) opened in Ploen Castle, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany on Wednesday, aiming to formulate concrete solutions to tackle global economic problems.

GES tries to provide a new collaborative setting for building communities to tackle global economic problems and it is "action-oriented" which aims to formulate concrete solutions, said Dennis Snower, President of Kiel Institute for the World Economy, one of the organizer of GES.

The GES will last till Friday and it has attracted about 300 experts or leaders in the circles of politics, business and academics, including four Nobel laureates and former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

During the symposium, the experts and leaders will discuss the problems such as climate change, energy securing, effects of globalization, global financial risk, and aging syndrome.

In order to encourage openness in exchanging ideas and information, most of the discussions are covered by the Chatham House Rule, which means "Participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speakers, nor that of any other participant, may be revealed."

Internet

Hong Kong is considering banning fishing trawlers in its waters to save fish stocks, a report said on 4 Sept, 2008. The drastic proposal comes as annual catches were estimated to be 30 percent above sustainable levels, the South China Morning Post said, citing a consultation paper from the Food and Health bureau.—INTERNET



Customers queue to buy Apple's new 3G iPhone in Tokyo. China Mobile, the country's largest handset operator, is in the final stages of talks with Apple to launch the iPhone in China, the world's largest mobile phone market, state media have reported.

INTERNET

Global econ fears send Asian stocks to two-year lows

HONG KONG, 4 Sept—Asian shares fell to new two-year lows on Thursday as further signs of a slowing global economy — from the United States to the euro zone — hit export-dependent sectors such as technology.

The dollar held steady at near an eight-month high against the euro ahead of the European Central Bank's (ECB) meeting later in the day, which is widely expected to result in no changes to interest rates.

Concerns that earlier

this year had centered in the United States are now expanding to other regions as well, contributing to the recent rebound of the dollar against other currencies.

Shifting expectations for global interest rates are playing a role as well. Investors are betting the ECB will cut rates later this year or next year, in contrast to the US Federal

Reserve, which is set to tighten monetary policy over 2009.

The steep rebound in the dollar, plus concerns over weakening global demand, have also hit oil prices, with crude dipping toward \$109 a barrel even as Hurricane Ike strengthened into an extremely dangerous Category 4 on its way towards the south-east US coast.—*Internet*

Uganda's largest oil deposit discovered in western region

KAMPALA, 4 Sept — Uganda's largest oil deposit with a flow rate of 14,364 barrels of oil per day (bopd) has been discovered in the Albert Basin near the country's border with the Democratic Republic of Congo, a company exploring for oil in the region said on Wednesday.

Heritage Oil said in a statement that test results from the Kingfisher-2 well in Block 3A have been successful, with record test production from any well drilled in the country.

"This is the third well in the Albert Basin to produce over 12,000 bopd under test and the second in Block 3A," said Tony Buckingham, chief executive officer of Heritage.—*Internet*

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial denies Lehman bid

TOKYO, 4 Sept—Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc (MUFG) on Thursday denied a news report that the Japanese megabank was considering bidding for a stake in troubled US investment bank Lehman Brothers.

"The report is not true," MUFG spokesman Takashi Miwa said without elaborating further.

The *Times* reported Wednesday that MUFG would make a bid for a "substantial" stake in Lehman, which suffered billions of dollars in writedowns and credit losses in the crisis triggered by the meltdown in US subprime mortgages.

It possibly even aims to take control of Lehman, the newspaper said.

Internet



China’s sole budget carrier scraps plan to slash baggage limit

BEIJING, 4 Sept—China’s only budget airline Spring Airlines has abandoned a plan to charge passengers for check-in or carry-on baggage exceeding 5 kg, an airline spokesman said on Thursday.

Zhang Lei, spokesman for the Shanghai-based airline, said the company had abandoned its plan to slash its baggage limit from 15 kg to five kg

because most passengers would not accept such a limit.

“We had such a plan to charge passengers for check-in or carry-on baggage exceeding 5 kg, and we contacted officials with the air transport authority. But now we have decided to give up the plan since most passengers will not accept it,” Zhang said.

Earlier in the day, the

English language newspaper *China Daily* reported Spring Airlines had applied to the air transport authority to start charging passengers for check-in or carry-on baggage exceeding 5 kg.

The airline said such a plan was aimed to help the airline to save fuel, which accounted for about 50 percent of its operating costs, according to the daily.—*Internet*

Honda passes Chrysler as Asia brands widen US share

SANTA MONICA, 4 Sept — Honda Motor Co passed Chrysler LLC in August to grab fourth place in US auto sales this year as cars won market share from trucks amid an industrywide slump.

Asia-based brands, led by Nissan Motor Co.’s 14 percent gain, raised their share of August US sales to 47.3 percent, beating General Motors Corp, Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler for a fourth month, research firm Autodata Corp. said yesterday. While Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda fell, they dropped less than the US trio.

Tokyo-based Honda may keep the No.

4 spot as a sluggish economy and fuel prices crimp demand for the light trucks that make up more than half of Chrysler’s volume. Honda’s 2008 US sales are up 1.7 percent, while Chrysler’s are down 24 percent.— *Internet*



A South Korean fleet, consisting of missile destroyer “Dae Jo Young” (Front) and supply ship “Chunji” arrives at the Harumi Pier in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 3 Sept, 2008, for a four-day visit. — XINHUA

Los Angeles offers \$0.5 mln for information about serial killer

LOS ANGELES, 4 Sept — The Los Angeles City Council on Wednesday offered a 500,000-dollar reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a serial killer believed to be responsible for at least 11 murders.

Dubbed the “Grim Sleeper”, the suspect has killed 11 people in Los

Angeles between 1985 and 2007, according to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD).

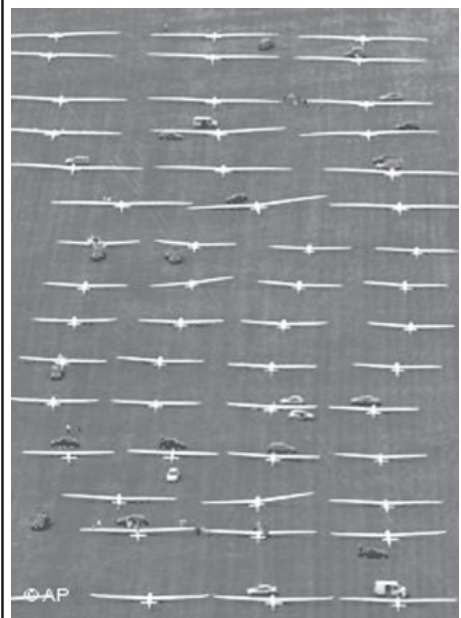
The LAPD established a cold case unit in 2001 to investigate unsolved homicides. It was not until 2006 that detectives discovered the 11 murders were connected through DNA and ballistics evidence.

Fifteen suspects have been eliminated as the serial killer, said LAPD Capt Denis Cremens.

“This individual committed several homicides from 1985 through 1988, and then there was a 13-year hiatus. What accounted for that gap we still don’t know,” Cremens said.

Internet

NEWSALBUM



An aerial view shows more than a hundred gliders preparing for take-off at the Luesse airfield, about 80 kilometres south of Berlin. The place is currently hosting the Gliding World Championships. The event has drawn more than 129 participants from 34 countries. But they won’t have an easy time because the current weather in Germany isn’t exactly suitable for gliding. Grey cloudy skies are said to hamper the creation of a sufficient thermal lift needed for the light aircraft.

Hundreds of high heeled women sprint for world record in Sydney

With three-inch high-heel shoes on feet, 265 ladies tore up an 80-metre race track at Sydney’s Circular Quay on Tuesday to break the world record for the most people running in a “stiletto sprint”.

Four hundred metre hurdler Brittney McGlone, 18, was first across the line, winning the 5,000 Aus dollar (4,250 US dollars) award.

She was closely followed by dozens of leggy blondes and brunettes in green shorts, some of whom came off second best with scratches and scrapes from a few spills, according to a report of Australian Associated Press.



Women wear stiletto heels in a race for a prize of 5,000 Australian dollars (4,250 US dollars) at Circular Quay in Sydney. Over 260 women broke the world record for the most runners in a high heels sprint, said organizers.



An elephant eats a meal of lettuce, apples, bread, carrots and bananas. A Japanese researcher has said that Asian elephants can do mathematics, proving their skill at addition in an experiment with their favourite food.

Michigan couple tie the knot at funeral home

It generally has flowers, and a clergyman is often present, but this was a first for a local funeral home. Jason and Rachael Storm held their wedding at Starks and Menchinger Family Funeral Home, where he is a funeral director.

Their reception, including dinner and dancing, also was held at the funeral home.

“This room is usually filled with sadness and contemplation, but today it is filled with joy and celebration,” the Rev Greg Prather said at the start of Saturday’s ceremony.

Human-elephant conflict cost lives in Sri Lanka

At least two people and an elephant have died in the human-elephant conflict prevalent in Sri Lanka’s rural north central and eastern areas, police said Tuesday.

Police said that a 45-year-old man was killed as a result of being attacked by a wild elephant at Sigiriya, about 165 km from here in North Central Province.

The ill-fated man was attacked at around 8 pm local time Monday while returning home.

US: funeral director didn’t know he died in 1976

A 63-year-old funeral director in America didn’t realize he had died in a Colorado flood in 1976 until he was contacted about placing his name on memorial.

Darrell Johnson told the *Fort Collins Coloradoan* newspaper for a story Friday he didn’t know he had been counted among the 144 victims of the Big Thompson Canyon flood until a resident called him last year. Barb Anderson said residents didn’t want his name on a memorial plaque without proof he was dead.

Honouring the International Literacy Day

Let's read to live long and healthy

U Aung Kyaw Kyaw (Health Education)



Today is the Age of Knowledge, and “Literacy for All”, thus, has become a must for the development of a nation. In this regard, the global community is working together to have mission accomplished. The year 1990 was designated as the International Literacy Year. The United Nations General Assembly held on 19 December 2001 passed a resolution to designate the decade from 2003 to 2012 as United Nations Literacy Decade. UNESCO, UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank, and WHO are playing a leading role in pursuance of the objective “Literacy for All”.

According to the statistics, the world’s illiterate adult

population stands at more than 700 million, and more than 70 million school-age children have not had access to school education yet. Therefore, “Literacy for All” is a global concern the world people have yet to achieve.

Myanmar’s literacy campaigns show that the nation’s literate population is going upwards year by year, and period by period. In 1948, the nation’s population was about 17 million, and among them, 35 out of 100 people were literate, and 65 were illiterate. Myanmar’s adult literacy rate increased to 94.83 per cent in 2008.

The literacy campaign also covered the whole nation including border areas, as evidenced by the fact that many nation-building tasks could be realized through education. And it was also the fruit of pursuing a national level education policy “Everyone must have

access to primary school education” and the objective “Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation”.

Now, the people are well convinced of the importance of the enlightenment of education, as supported by a growing number of three “Rs” courses and literacy campaigns across the nation.

So far, the nation has seen 2006 community learning centres, where the people, regardless of status, age and sex, can gain knowledge and skills of various fields with comfort at all times. Now, there has been a good headway in continuous education programmes – the post-literacy programme, income generation programme, quality of life improvement programme and equivalency programme – as a result of cooperation with wards and villages.



The world literacy campaign also consists of International Literacy Day commemorative ceremonies. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) organized a world literacy congress in Tehran, Iran, from 8 to 19 September 1965. The congress focused on measures for effective implementation of international literacy campaigns.

The congress held the following year designated September 8 as International Literacy Day. Myanmar has celebrated International

Literacy Days since 1966. The theme for 2008 is “Literacy is the best Remedy”.

Enlightenment of education helps a person enjoy good health. Health education is prescribed not only in the basic literacy but also in continuous education programme based on knowledge, attitude and practice.

Literacy is the key to prevention of infectious disease. Health education serves as a shield against such infectious diseases as AIDS, TB and malaria. People can live long free from diseases if they apply the knowledge of health they have gained while reading.

Through collaborative efforts, the people can improve the health sector and seek better ways and means for community-based health education, and that

is in conformity with Myanmar’s culture and traditions.

One can gain health knowledge through formal education, non-formal education and informal education. Post-literacy programme journal and literary works for adults also feature health education sections.

Prescribing health education subjects in the literacy programmes for building a better world is part of the drive to deal with the challenge of those infectious diseases that have reared their ugly heads again.

In conclusion, I would like to urge the people to contribute towards the drive for prevention of infectious diseases through literacy campaigns.

Let’s read to live long and healthy!

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organization shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Thant Kyaw	Director-General
Deputy Director-General	International
International Organizations and Economic	Organizations and
Department	Economic Department
Ministry of Foreign	Ministry of Foreign
Affairs	Affairs
(b) U Yu Lwin Aung	Chairman
Director-General	Social Security Board
Office of Central Inland	Ministry of Labour
Freight Handling Committee	
Ministry of Labour	

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Wise one protects non-intoxication as supreme treasure

Fools, men of little intelligence, betake themselves to intoxication. The wise one protects non-intoxication as a supreme treasure.

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Pale Tsp produces outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—A ceremony to present awards to outstanding students from Pale Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division who had passed the 2007-2008 matriculation

examination was held at Pale Yadana Hall in Pale Township on 2 September.

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-

West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Secretariat Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made speeches on the occasion.

Next, the Commander presented cash awards and certificates of honour to one five-distinction winner, three four-distinction winners, three three-distinction winners, five two-distinction winners, seven one-distinction winners and so did the Secretariat Member.

Afterwards, the Commander and the Secretariat Member presented cash awards to teachers at primary, middle and high school levels through respective schoolheads. The Secretariat Member later presented K 50000 to five-distinction winner Ma Aye Aye Htwe and cash assistance K 300,000 for two primary teachers who are teaching at self-reliant primary school in Thapyaykon village of Pale Township through officials.

There are two five-distinction winners, six four-distinction winners, six three-distinction winners, ten two distinction winners, 14 one-distinction winners for 2007-2008 academic year in Pale Towship, Monywa District, Sagaing Division.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe presents prize to an outstanding student.—MNA



USDA Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prize to an outstanding student at the ceremony to present prize to outstanding students in Pale Township.—MNA



USDA Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents award to an outstanding student. (News on page 1)

MNA

Livestock and Fisheries, Sports winners in Inter-Ministry Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—The group matches of 2nd of Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2008 of Group-BB continued at Paunglong Sports Ground today.

Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries routed Ministry of Culture 12-nil. Ministry of Sports beat Ministry of Information 4-1.

Among the spectators were departmental heads, officers and other ranks of related ministries, trainees of Basic Librarianship Course 2/2008 organized by Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information and football fans enjoyed the matches.

Ministry of Religious Affairs will play against Ministry of Defence to be

held at Paungloun against Ministry of Home Sports Ground of Group-CC. Ministry of Commerce will play Pyi Taw-1 Sports Ground of Group-CC.—MNA

Reproductive awareness raised in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 4 Sept —Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association conducted educative talks on reproductive awareness at the office of Mawlamyine Township MCWA in Mawlamyine on 25 August.

Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw Myint Myint Soe extended greetings and Dr Daw May Marla gave talks on HIV/AIDS concerning with reproduction.

Next, O & G Specialist Dr Daw San San Win gave talks on reproduction and MMCWA presented nutritious powder to township MCWA.—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



Patron of Rakhine State USDA Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye presents cash awards for USDA members through an official.—MNA

Members of Rakhine State USDA honoured

YANGON, 4 Sept—A ceremony to honour members of Rakhine State Union Solidarity and Development Association who took part in relief and rehabilitation works of storm-hit villages in Ayeyawady Division was held at the city hall of Taungup Township on 27 August. Patron of Rakhine State USDA, Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western

Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye presented gifts and cash awards for USDA members through responsible persons of Gwa Township USDA, Thandwe Township USDA and Taungup USDA.

After that, the commander gave a speech and cordially greeted USDA members and guests. In the evening, the commander and wife also attended the ceremony,

held at local battalion hall of Taungup battalion, to host a dinner in honour of USDA members.—MNA

Thakaytians get new road

YANGON, 4 Sept—USDA CEC member (Yangon Division in-charge) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Secretary U Aung Than Win and officials opened the repaved Yanpyay Road in South Ward 2 in Thakayta Township at noon today.

They sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque.

Repaved Yanpyay Road is 1,100 feet long and 12 feet wide.

The mayor viewed preparations for upgrading 2nd Yanpyay street to the concrete one. At Thakayta No. 4 Basic Education Primary School, the mayor inspected progress in construction of one-storey steel structure school building measuring 120 feet by 30 feet.

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Donate blood

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

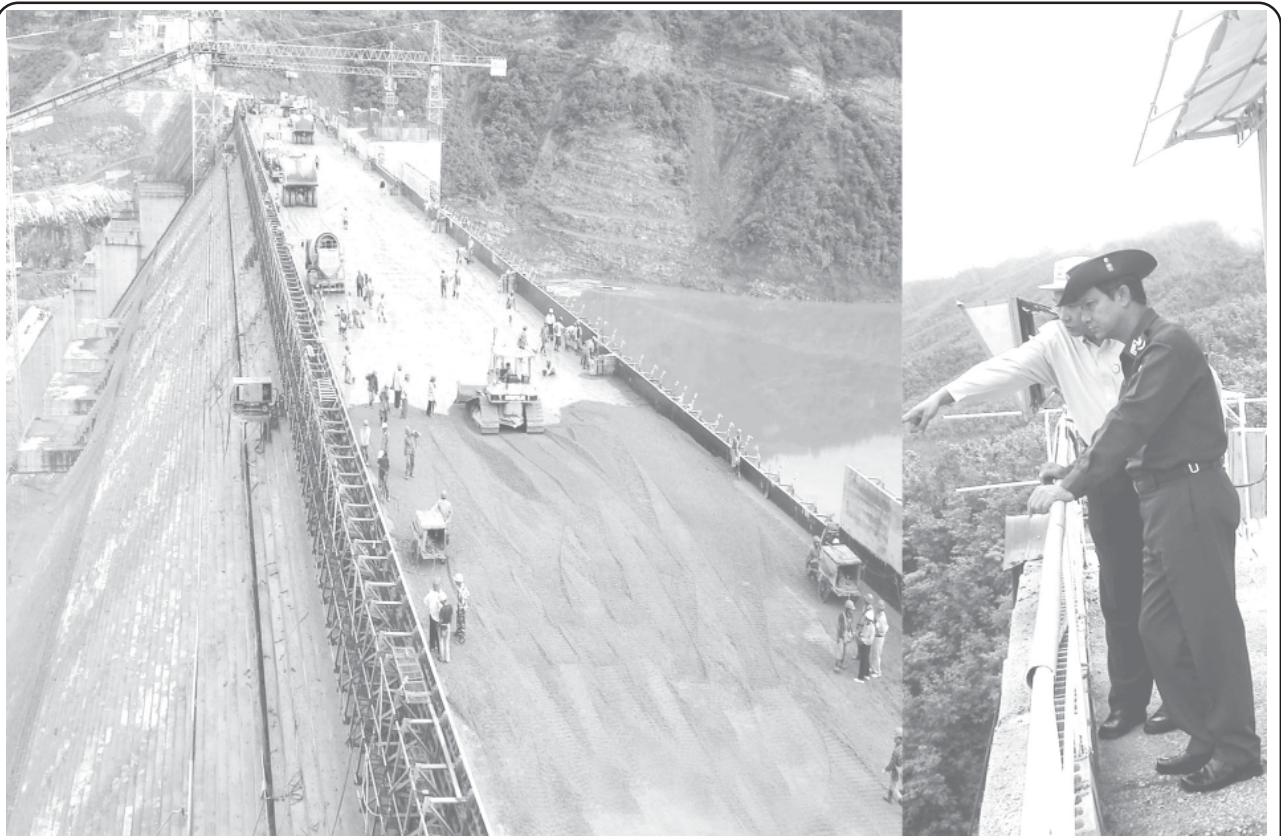
1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will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

Fingerlings put into Shwenattaung dam in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 4 Sept — A ceremony to put 200,000 fingerlings into Shwenattaung dam in Mawlamyine was held at the dam on 18 August.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win attended the ceremony.

Heads of district and township Fishery Department and officials and social organization members put fingerlings into the dam.—MNA



Minister Col Zaw Min inspects Yeywa hydropower project.—MNA

Yeywa hydropower project 65% complete

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, accompanied by officials concerned, inspected Yeywa hydropower project on Myitnge river near Ye-yaman village 31 miles south-east of Mandalay being implemented by Construction 1 on 2 September.

He looked into concreting over R.C.C (Stage-12) main dam and construction of power plant. He also inspected the site for construction of switch yard.

The minister heard reports presented by officials and gave instructions to make efforts for timely completion of the project, to ensure quality control for meeting the set standard, to minimize waste of construction materials.

The capacity of the project is 790 megawatts and can generate 3,550 million Kwh electricity. The construction of R.C.C dam has completed by 95 percent and 64.43 percent of the whole project is complete.

MNA

Fruits of rehabilitation work in Kyeinchaunggyi region

Article & Photos: Mawgyun Myint Aung (IPRD)

(from page 16)

In the distant view, the village was beautiful with the reflection of corrugated iron sheets of the houses. On arrival, I noticed the village was much like a town.

I visited Kyeinchaunggyi Village once two years ago. At that time, Strand road was the artery of the village and other two lanes were its reliable ones. A few houses were built with timber and roofed with CI sheets.

At present, development of Kyeinchaunggyi severely hit by the storm has changed for the better. Actually, Kyeinchaunggyi villagers

managed to recover from the damages caused by the storm.

We arrived at the village at 1 pm on 30 July. We were greeted by Police Captain Aung Soe Win who was supervising development of the village, Chairman of Kyeinchaunggyi Village-tract Peace and Development Council U Tun Aung Khaing, member U Naing Win, clerk U Kyaw Aye and Headmaster U Win Naing of Basic Education Post-Primary School.

In an interview, clerk U Kyaw Aye of the Village PDC said, "Kyeinchaunggyi is a gate to the sea. This is a centre like Kadon and

Ayeya for trading marine products. The village had been named as Kyeinchaunggyi for over 30 years due to the fact that long rattan plants were grown here. The village has access to Mawlamyinegyun along water way. The village is located 35 nautical miles from the town through Myattha River. In the past, the village-tract comprised 41 villages, and now, the area is formed with 25 villages. The houses have been allotted in the urbanized blocks and the streets named with variety of flowers."

I had an opportunity to interview Organizer U

Thein Htwe of Village-tract the Union Solidarity and Development Association. He explained, "USDA members joining hands with various organizations actively carried out relief and rehabilitation works as soon as the storm started to sweep the village. Our village disregarded the impact of the storm. Due to our concerted efforts, remarkable development can be seen in the village. Kyeinchaunggyi has become a model village much like a town."

Wide roads have been constructed in the village. A total of 120 rural houses were built along the left side of Pagoda Road.

Storm survivors were allowed to resettle at the rural houses.

At present, the living standard of the storm survivors has been improved with the wooden houses built with post shoes and CI sheet roofing.

Indeed, these development facilities were contributed by staff of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd. They have camped at Bogale and villages in the township since May 2008 and undertaking relief and rehabilitation works for the survivors.

Up to 30 July, a total of 15,164 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy in Kyeinchaunggyi



"Kyeinchaunggyi is a gate to the sea. This is a centre like Kadon and Ayeya for trading marine products."

U Kyaw Aye, Clerk of Kyeinchaunggyi Village-tract PDC.



An aerial view of houses built by Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Air Bagan Co Ltd in Kyeinchaunggyi Village-tract of Bogale Township.

Village-tract. Cultivation task is being carried out in the remaining areas. I witnessed thriving paddy plantations around Kyeinchaunggyi Village and some farmlands are under cultivation.

Actually, Kyeinchaunggyi region has been rehabilitated in a short time with the development images reflecting the nationalistic spirit and unity of the people.

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Finder of key hominid fossil disputes 7-million-year dating

PARIS, 4 Sept—A fresh storm has broken out over an ancient fossil presented by its defenders as a forebear of humanity and dismissed by its critics as the remains of a vulgar chimp.

Controversy has swirled around Toumai, the name given to the nearly-complete skull, ever since it was found in the Chadian desert in 2001.

Toumai's big defender is French

palaeontologist Michel Brunet, a professor at the prestigious College de France, who says Toumai walked the Earth shortly after chimpanzees and hominids diverged from a common ancestral primate.

Brunet has been roundly attacked in other quarters.

Critics are incensed that he has given a hominid honorific (Sahelanthropus tchadensis) to a creature whose cranium, in their

view, was too squashed to be that of a pre-cursor of Homo sapiens.

They calculate that Toumai's height was no more than 120 centimetres (four feet) — or that of an adult chimpanzee.

Brunet appeared to have scored a knockout blow in February this year, when radiological measurements estimated that the soil where Toumai was found was between 6.8 million and 7.2 million years old.—Internet



Undated handout photo shows the 3D reconstruction of the skull of Toumai. A fresh storm has broken out over an ancient fossil presented by its defenders as a forebear of humanity and dismissed by its critics as the remains of a vulgar chimp.

SAY NO TO DRUGS

Syria pledges to help France solve Iran dispute

DAMASCUS, 4 Sept — Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said on Wednesday that any attack on Iran would be a disaster and he pledged to help find a peaceful solution to the nuclear dispute between the West and Teheran.

“Nobody in the world will be able to bear the consequences of any action that is not peaceful because it would not result

in a solution but in a disaster,” Assad said after meeting French President Nicolas Sarkozy in the Syrian capital.

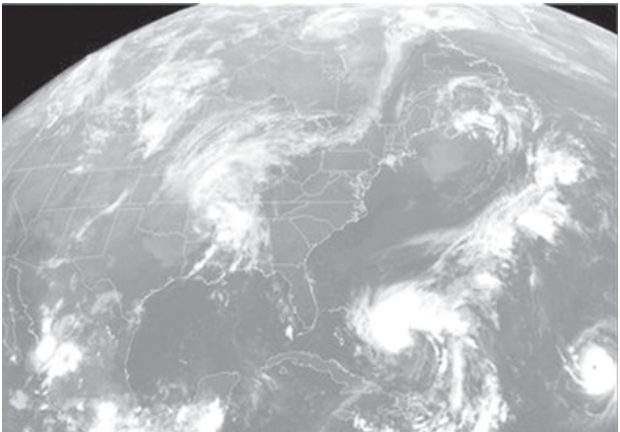
“Obviously there is a lack of confidence between Iran and the countries involved in this issue. We will continue our efforts for dialogue,” he said. Sarkozy had asked Assad to use Syria’s ties with its ally Iran to

urge the Islamic Republic to cooperate with Western powers over its nuclear programme, which they say could be used to develop nuclear weapons.

Iran says the programme is for peaceful purposes. But the United States and Israel have not ruled out military action if the dispute cannot be resolved through diplomacy.

Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak reiterated that position in an interview on Wednesday, saying that although there was still time for diplomacy to work, Israel was serious about using “any option” if it failed.

MNA/Reuters



This NOAA satellite image taken Thursday, on 4 Sept, 2008 at 1:45 am EDT shows Tropical Depression Gustav over Arkansas.

INTERNET

S Korea-EU agree to crackdown anti-competition

SEOUL, 4 Sept — South Korea and the European Union (EU) agreed on expanding cooperation to crackdown cartel and other unfair business activities, South Korea’s Fair Trade Commission (FTC) said Wednesday.

The agreement is to be signed between FTC and its EU counterpart on Thursday, according to FTC.

The new deal obliges both parties to share the results of investigations into anti-competition charges into the other’s companies. Moreover, both sides can conduct joint probes into such allegations if needed.

This kind of agreement is first for FTC but it plans to conduct similar deals with China, Japan and the United States in an effort to strengthen cooperation in the area of antitrust.— MNA/Xinhua

Oklahoma e coli outbreak sickens more than 200

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept — An e coli outbreak linked to a restaurant in northeastern Oklahoma has sickened more than 200 people and killed at least one, CNN reported on Wednesday.

In all, 206 people, including more than 50 children, are sick as a result of the outbreak. State health investigators are testing at the Country Cottage restaurant in Locust Grove, about 50 miles (80 kilometres) east of Oklahoma’s capital Tulsa. But an exact source of the contamination has not been pinpointed. What makes it hard for investigators is it is a form of e.coli unlike anything they’ve seen before.

The subtype of bacteria — called e coli 0111 — is “not normally found in this form of outbreak,” said Leslea Bennett-Webb of Oklahoma State Department of Health.— MNA/Xinhua

Chilean President declares emergency zones in south

SANTIAGO, 4 Sept — Chilean President Michelle Bachelet Wednesday declared the regions in the central south of the country as catastrophe and agriculture emergency zones, due to days of massive rainfalls in the area.

Bachelet visited the regions of Araucania, Bio Bio and Los Rios on Wednesday morning, and told the Press that “resources will be used to those in need, like we have done in other emergencies. The government will stay next to the people, like we always do”.

Bachelet also called on people in the disaster



Destroyed home in Kabul, Afghanistan is seen on 4 Sept 2008.—INTERNET

Shots fired at Pakistani PM’s motorcade

ISLAMABAD, 4 Sept — Shots were fired at Pakistani Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani’s motorcade near Islamabad’s Airport on Wednesday but officials and police said he was not

in it at the time.

The attack is bound to compound the fears of investors and allies, who have been worrying about chronic political instability and Islamist militant violence in the

nuclear-armed country.

Senior police official Rao Mohammad Iqbal said the motorcade was on its way to the airport to pick Gilani up at the time of the attack.

“The car was going towards the airport when it was fired upon from a small hill ... two bullets hit the driver’s window,” Iqbal said.

Earlier, the Prime Minister’s spokesman, Zahid Bashir, said shots were fired at Gilani’s motorcade but he was not hurt.

“Multiple shots were fired at the Prime Minister’s motorcade. The Prime Minister is safe, by the grace of God,” Bashir said.

The Prime Minister’s office said multiple sniper shots had been fired and television pictures showed two bullet marks a couple of inches apart on the cracked bullet-proof window. — MNA/Reuters



Three vessels that broke loose in the Industrial Canal during Hurricane Gustav, on 3 Sept, 2008, in New Orleans.

INTERNET



Actresses perform during the closing ceremony of the Luoyang segment of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic torch relay in Luoyang, a city of central China’s Henan Province, on 4 Sept, 2008. — XINHUA

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Denmark signs deal to build 20-km bridge to Germany

COPENHAGEN, 4 Sept — Denmark and Germany agreed on Wednesday to build a 20-kilometre-(12-mile) bridge connecting the two countries over the Baltic Sea's Fehmarn Strait. The bridge will cost 32 billion Danish crowns (6.2 billion US dollars), financed and owned entirely by Denmark. Construction will begin in 2012 and the cost will be recouped through tolls.

The bridge will have a four-lane highway and a two-track railway connecting Rodby in Denmark and Puttgarden in Germany. It will cut the four-and-a-half hour trip between Copenhagen and Hamburg by one hour when it opens in 2018. Some German environmental groups argued against the bridge, but Danish Transport Minister Carina Christensen said that it would lead to a reduction in CO2 emissions compared with the ferries that cross the strait now. — MNA/Reuters

China designates North Korea tourist destination

BEIJING, 4 Sept—China has officially recognized North Korea as a tourist destination for Chinese tour groups, the Xinhua news agency said on Tuesday, quoting Chinese tourism authorities.

North Korean tourism agencies will also be allowed to open representative offices in the northeastern Chinese city of Shenyang, it said.

Chinese individuals were allowed to travel to North Korea on tourism visas as recently as four years ago, but regulations were subsequently changed. However, Chinese tourists have continued to visit North Korea in small groups. China is the main trading partner with North Korea, whose closed economy faces the risk of famine in the next 14 months following several years of poor harvests. —MNA/Reuters

Tropical Storm Hanna takes aim at Bahamas

NASSAU, 4 Sept—Tropical Storm Hanna knocked out power to the southern Bahamas on Wednesday and officials from Nassau to South Carolina warned residents to prepare for possible evacuations as it moves north and grows into a hurricane.

The storm, with winds near 65 mph, turned to the northwest after lingering for days near Haiti, where it caused flooding that killed 26 people.

Bahamas National Security Minister Tommy Turnquest cancelled all leave for the Bahamas Royal Defence Force to keep soldiers on standby for disaster response.

"I now urge the general public to take the necessary precautions," Turnquest said at a news conference Wednesday.—Internet

Philippines receives nearly 2 mln tourists from Jan to July

MANILA, 4 Sept—Nearly two million foreign tourists visited the Philippines for the first seven months of this year, surpassing the records set over the past three years despite the global slowdown, the country's tourism agency said on Tuesday.

Tourist arrivals reached 1,919,130 in the seven months, 6.1 per cent more than that of the same period of last year. The months of January, March and July witnessed the biggest volume of visitors, at 293,803, 287,632 and 285,243 respectively, the Philippine Department of Tourism said in a statement.

South Korea, the United States and Japan earned the top three spots with a share of 20 per cent, 19 per cent and 11 per cent, respectively, of the arrival volume.

MNA/Xinhua

A man holding a child stands next to a big wave, on Paradise Island, on the northeast shore of Nassau, on 3 Sept, 2008. Many beaches were labelled as no swimming areas due to the approach of Tropical Storm Hanna into the Bahamas island chain.

INTERNET

Quake shakes east Turkey, buildings damaged

ISTANBUL, 4 Sept— A moderate earthquake with a magnitude of 5.1 shook eastern Turkey on Wednesday, causing damage to buildings in the southeastern province of Adiyaman, state-run Anatolian news agency reported.

It said the quake occurred at 05:22 am (0222 GMT) with its epicentre in the district of Samsat. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

MNA/Reuters

Study clears measles vaccine of autism link

CHICAGO, 4 Sept — Scientists who tried to replicate a study that once tied a measles vaccine with autism said on Wednesday they could not find any link and hope their study will encourage parents to vaccinate their children to combat a rash of measles outbreaks.

Parents' refusals to have their children vaccinated against measles have contributed to the highest numbers of cases seen in the United States and parts of Europe in many years.

Measles kills about 250,000 people a year globally, mostly children in poor nations.

Public health officials have been stressing the safety of the combined

measles-mumps-rubella, or MMR, shot and other childhood vaccines in the face of vocal groups who claim the immunizations may cause autism and other problems.

The US Institute of Medicine has issued several definitive reports showing no connection between autism and any vaccinations.

This study took a new tack. It attempted to replicate 1998 research by a team led by Dr Andrew Wakefield, then of Britain's Royal Free Hospital, in the *Lancet* medical journal that suggested the vaccine was linked to autism and gastrointestinal problems.

Internet



Students in the Special Education School of Jiaxing show the logo of 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games they painted in Jiaxing, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 3 Sept, 2008. Over 20 mentally and physically disabled students drew the Paralympic logo to extend their good wishes for the Games. —INTERNET

Ancient bronze mirrors stolen from museum

BEIJING, 3 Sept—A bronze mirror that is more than 1,600 years old was stolen from a museum in Dunhuang in northwest China's Gansu Province, the *Xinhua* news agency said Wednesday, citing a museum curator.

The mirror, dating from the Wei and Jin Dynasties (220-420 AD), and three others of lesser value went missing from the Dunhuang Municipal Museum during opening hours on 24 August.

The mirror, 11 centimetres in diameter and a mere 0.3 cm thick, has the Chinese characters "Wei Zhi San Gong," translated as "among top ranking officials," inscribed on the back.

Dunhuang was a wealthy oasis town along the Silk Road, and the frescoes and carvings of its Mogao grottoes are some of the best preserved examples of Buddhist art in China.

The museum's sole infrared security system was operating the evening before the theft occurred.

The exhibits were guarded by security personnel during the day, *Xinhua* said.

Internet

NASA seeks next Carl Sagan - and extraterrestrial life

NEW YORK, 3 Sept — The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, famous for its manned missions to the moon, announced the creation of the Carl Sagan Post-doctoral Fellowships in Exoplanet Exploration on Wednesday.

The fellowship is named after the late astronomer who popularized science through his books and television appearances.

The fellows will search for life on planets outside our solar system, the so-called exoplanets, more than 300 of which have



been discovered since 1994.

Many of the planets discovered orbiting distant stars are gaseous and icy giants believed unsuitable to support life. The challenge is to find Earth-

like planets orbiting Sun-like stars.

That search will be aided by NASA's Kepler mission, due for launch next year, that will survey 100,000 stars looking for smaller planets. —Internet

China to build first inland Antarctica station within 2 years

URUMQI, 4 Sept— China will set up a new observatory station in Antarctica at the region's highest peak within two years, official said here.

"The 25th Chinese Antarctic expedition starting in October will mainly focus on building a new station on Dome A and further exploration of the Antarctic plateau," said Wu Jinyou, party secretary with the Polar Research Institute of China.

Wu made the statement during a visit on Wednesday to the

northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region to promote environmental protection. Dome A is an Antarctic plateau 1200 kilo-metres inland, and is thought to be one of the coldest naturally occurring places on Earth with temperatures believed to reach 90 degrees Celsius.

Wu did not specify when construction of the new station would be finished. Earlier reports said the construction were expected to be completed by January next year, but the Chinese

Arctic and Antarctic Administration (CAA), affiliated to the State Oceanic Administration, said on its website that the construction might well last through 2010.

The station, once completed, will be China's first inland Antarctic research station.

Six countries, including the United States, Russia, Japan, France, Italy and Germany, have already built inland research stations in the Antarctica. —Internet



Ford vehicles sit on the lot of a new-car dealership in Glenview, Illinois. Automakers saw another painful slide in US sales in August with consumers cautious amid a weak economy, monthly data showed Wednesday, raising the odds for a government aid plan for the industry. —XINHUA

Dell to launch mini notebook Thursday

BEIJING, 4 Sept— Dell Inc (DELL.O) is set to announce a new mini notebook on Thursday dubbed the Inspiron Mini 9, a source familiar with the company's plan said as reported by media reports.

The unveiling of the new Dell model is part of an announcement with partner Box.net, which will provide online services like photo and document storage that will "come preinstalled on the Dell Mini."

Exact specifications of the Dell netbook are mostly unknown. According to a *Wall Street Journal* report, the Inspiron Mini 9 has a screen size under nine inches, and runs either Microsoft (MSFT.O) Windows or Linux operating system software.



A Dell notebook

The Dell "mini" would be a low-priced computer, to be sold for under 400 US dollars and will be put into competition with the Eee PC from Asustek Computer (2357.TW) and other rivals in Taiwan and Japan.

Internet

SPORTS

Nadal to face Murray in US Open semi-final

NEW YORK, 4 Sept—World number one Rafael Nadal advanced to his first US Open semi-final by battling back to defeat 35th-ranked American Mardy Fish 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 early Thursday morning.

The reigning Wimbledon, French Open and Olympic champion from Spain ousted Fish after two hours and 40 minutes, finishing at 2:10 in the morning and thanking the hearty fans who stayed to the end of a day full of long matches.

“For sure not the best conditions to play any match,” Nadal said. “Sometimes schedules are tough. Nothing to do, just accept, go on court and try my best.”

In Saturday's semi-finals, Nadal will face British sixth seed Andy Murray.—*Internet*



Rafael Nadal of Spain signs autographs for fans following his win over Mardy Fish of the US at the US Open tennis tournament at Flushing Meadows in New York on 4 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Private club puts wealthy drivers on fast track

MONTICELLO, 4 Sept—Bill McMichael braked his new Ferrari F430 Scuderia into the turn, downshifting as he went into the corner. Then he punched it on the straightaway. Pedal down, engine whining an octave higher, the sleek, black car closed in on 140 mph within seconds.

Acting like a lead-foot is OK here at the Monticello Motor Club. Actually, speeding is pretty much the reason the exclusive club opened this summer in the Catskills.

Down the road, gasoline goes for around \$3.70 a gallon and drivers think twice before making errands. But at this private club, work is going ahead full throttle to transform an old airport into a playground with pit stops for people who can pony up the \$125,000 entry fee. If Monticello's operators worry about launching a luxury club as the economy sputters, they don't show it.

They offer what they hope is a recession-proof offer to wealthy people with a Lamborghini or Lotus in their garage: Come and drive as fast as you can whenever you want.—*Internet*



Ari Strauss manoeuvres his Ford GT on a 'skid pad' where drivers learn how to control a vehicle at Monticello Motor Club in Monticello, NY, on 14 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Venus, Serena to risk suspensions for Indian Wells boycott

NEW YORK, 4 Sept—Venus and Serena Williams will face WTA Tour suspensions for their continued boycott of the Indian Wells tournament where they were booed in 2001 under new 2009 WTA rules announced Wednesday.

They have told WTA chief executive Larry Scott that they will continue to skip the event anyway, even though it will cost them bonus money and precious ranking points starting next year as long as they remain in the world top 10.

“It's a very unfortunate situation,” Scott said.



Venus and Serena Williams (seen here in July) will face WTA Tour suspensions for their continued boycott of the Indian Wells tournament where they were booed in 2001 under new 2009 WTA rules announced on 3 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

“They've both said they're not planning on playing Indian Wells.

I've had several hours of conversation with Venus and Serena.

I'm hopeful they'll play.

I would like to see them play.

“I don't think they will based on what they told me.”

The Williams sisters boycott stems from a 2001 Indian Wells semi-final when Serena was scheduled to meet sister Venus to decide who would play Belgian Kim Clijsters in the final.

Internet



Andy Murray (L) of Britain shakes hands with Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina after Murray won during the 2008 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in the Flushing neighbourhood of the Queens borough of New York City. Murray won 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/1), 4-6, 7-5.—INTERNET

Andy Murray advances to US Open semi-final

NEW YORK, 4 Sept—British sixth seed Andy Murray advanced to the US Open semi-finals on Wednesday with a 7-6 (7/2), 7-6 (7/1), 4-6, 7-5 victory over 17th-seeded Argentine teen Juan Martin Del Potro.

Murray ensured his rise to a career-high fourth in next week's ATP rankings, matching the highest spot any British man has ever held.—*Internet*

Chelsea's Drogha won't risk an early return

LONDON, 4 Sept—Chelsea striker Didier Drogha insists he won't rush back from the knee injury which has forced him to miss the start of the season. The 30-year-old has been sidelined with the problem since the club's pre-season tour to Asia and Russia. The Ivory Coast star continued his rehabilitation as he played in a reserve match against Arsenal on Tuesday, but he has no intention of risking his long-term fitness by playing before he is completely fit.

“I had good feelings,



Chelsea striker Didier Drogha (pictured in May 2008) insists he won't rush back from the knee injury which has forced him to miss the start of the season.—INTERNET

but it is a bit early to say I am in good shape,” Drogha told Chelsea TV.

“It is really hard because this is the first time for many years I have been out for three months and it is really difficult to come back.

“I need time, but the good thing is the club understand I need time to be fit because they know when I am fit, I will give everything for the team.”

Luiz Felipe Scolari would love to have Drogha back now after Manchester City hijacked his bid for Brazil forward Robinho. —*Internet*

Real Madrid 'refused Man City bid for Van Nistelrooy'



Sports daily Marca has reported that Real Madrid turned down a 'blank cheque' for their Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy (pictured earlier this year) from Manchester City after selling their Brazilian forward Robinho to the English side.—INTERNET

MADRID, 4 Sept—Real Madrid turned down a “blank cheque” for their Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy from Manchester City after selling

their Brazilian forward Robinho to the English side, sports daily *Marca* reported on Wednesday.

Manchester City and its new owner, billionaire Arab businessman Sulaiman Al-Fahim of the UAE, offered an “out of the ordinary” sum for the 32-year-old after sealing their purchase of Robinho on Monday for 42 million euros (61 million dollars), it said. Al-Fahim, who wants to turn Manchester City into the biggest football club in the world, said on Tuesday he was willing to pay 150 million euros for crosstown rival Manchester United's Portuguese winger Cristiano Ronaldo.

Internet

Redknapp fears foreign ownership will kill art of management



Portsmouth boss Harry Redknapp, pictured in August 2008, fears the increase in foreign ownership of Premier League clubs could reduce managers to little more than puppets for their mega-rich employers.—INTERNET

LONDON, 4 Sept—Portsmouth boss Harry Redknapp fears the increase in foreign ownership of Premier League

clubs could reduce managers to little more than puppets for their mega-rich employers.

Redknapp watched Manchester City's takeover this week by a United Arab Emirates-based group with concern because he believes it continued a trend of owners taking a dangerously hands-on role at their clubs.

The ink was barely dry on the memorandum of understanding signed by the Abu Dhabi United Group and City's outgoing owner Thaksin Shinwatra before the first major signing arrived at Eastlands on Monday.

Internet

Cluster bomb kills
Belgian peacekeeper in
Lebanon

BEIRUT, 4 Sept — A Belgian peacekeeper was killed on Wednesday while clearing cluster bombs that Israel dropped on southern Lebanon during its 2006 war with Hizbollah guerillas, witnesses said.

There are some 370 Belgian soldiers in the UN peacekeeping force, known as UNIFIL, that is helping the Lebanese Army patrol a border zone in the south under a UN Security Council resolution mandate that ended the 34-day war.

The witnesses said a second Belgian peacekeeper was lightly wounded.

The chief of public information for UNIFIL, Neeraj Singh, confirmed that a peacekeeper had died but would not disclose his nationality.

MNA/Reuters

S African bush fire death
toll rises to 23

CAPE TOWN, 4 Sept— Bush fires in South Africa’s KwaZulu-Natal Province in the east of the country have killed 23 people, an official said on Wednesday.

The fires hit 1,100 households, destroyed livestock and left swathes of crop and grazing land smouldering.

Tree plantations owned by Sappi Ltd, the world’s leading maker of fine paper used in glossy magazines, were destroyed.

“We have confirmed that 23 people died of fire in KZN by late afternoon,” Phindile Radebe, provincial police spokesmantold *Beuters*, adding the figure could rise. Andre Oberholdzer Sappi’s spokesman, said the company was assessing the cost of the fire in Kwa-Zulu Natal and the north-eastern Mpumalanga Province, “although at this stage it appears that Mpumalanga has been more severely impacted”.

Lennox Mabaso, a spokesman for the local government ministry said damages were expected to run into millions of rand (dollars).—MNA/Reuters

French Justice Minister
pregnant, will not name father

PARIS, 4 Sept— French Justice Minister Rachida Dati, one of the stars of President Nicolas Sarkozy’s Cabinet, announced on Wednesday that she was pregnant but declined to say who the father was.

The divorced daughter of North African immigrants, 42-year-old Dati has become the public face of Sarkozy’s drive to add some much-needed diversity to French politics.

Since taking office last year, she has appeared almost as often in the glossy magazines as the serious political Press, prompting criticism that she is seeking celebrity status rather than concentrating on her job. On Wednesday, she confirmed rumours that she was pregnant after the weekly magazine *VSD* splashed her on the front page saying she was expecting a child.

Being a single mother carries no social stigma in modern France and a census released earlier this year showed that for the first time in 2006 more children were born out of wedlock here than to married couples.

“I want to remain prudent, because it isn’t yet safe. I’m still in the danger zone,” the website of *Le Monde* daily quoted Dati as saying, referring to the risk of a possible miscarriage. “I am 42 years old and have always said that (having a child) was fundamental for me,” she said. “If it goes ahead, I will be happy and have the feeling I’ve looped the loop.”

Dati is photographed alone when she goes out for evening parties.

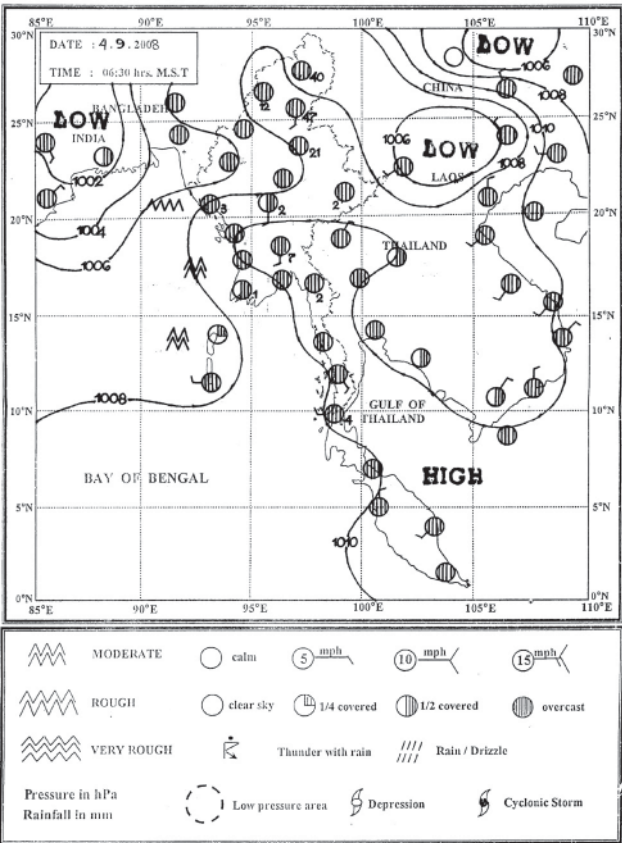
MNA/Reuters

Flood News

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 4-9-2008)

According to the (11:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (779) cm and it has exceeded by (29) cm (about 1ft) above its danger level. It is forecast to remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (3) days.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 4 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from Northern Myanmar areas. Rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Bago Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mandalay Division and isolated heavyfall in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.11) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyaygone) (1.89) inches, Machanbaw (4.17) inches, NyaungU (2.13) inches, Myitkyina (1.85) inches and Putao (1.69) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-9-2008 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 4-9-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-9-2008 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 3-9-2008 was (3.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 4-9-2008 was (0.31) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (81.18) inches at Mingaladon, (91.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.68) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (15:30) hours MST on 3-9-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 5-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Shan States, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery conditions in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 5 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. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ
- 7:55 am
5. Song of yesteryears

- 8:05 am
6. Song of national races
- 8:15 am
7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဖြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး၊ ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ပထမတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 8:30 am
8. International news
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial songs
- 4:10 pm
2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm
3. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 4:30 pm
4. The mirror images of the musical oldies

- 4:40 pm
5. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
- 4:50 pm
6. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:15 pm
8. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm
9. အသိနဲ့ယှဉ် သတိနဲ့ပြင် အပိုင်း(၂) (ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျှန်၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဝေ၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေးပြေဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 5:45 pm
10. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊

- အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး၊ ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ပထမတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 6:00 pm
11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဉာဏ်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနဲ့တိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား” (အပိုင်း-၂၆)

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

Paddy harvested in Hmawby Township

YANGON, 4 Sept—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint met with departmental officials, townselders and members of social organizations at the hall of Hmawby Township PDC this afternoon.

The commander and party viewed thriving 200 acres paddy plantations and harvesting of paddy at Shwemyaya Village and broadcasting of fertilizers in two acres of sample monsoon paddy plantation. At Hmawby Town-



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint views broadcasting of fertilizers in two acres sample monsoon paddy plantation at Shwemyaya Village in Hmawby Township.—MNA

ship Hospital, the commander and party visited the departments and units. MNA

Fruits of rehabilitation work in Kyeinchaunggyi region

Article & Photos: Mawgyun Myint Aung (IPRD)

In the dailies, I read the news that speedy rehabilitation and reconstruction works are being carried out in Kyeinchaunggyi area of Bogale Township, Ayeyawady Division. According to the infor-

mation from those who returned from Kyeinchaunggyi area, I learned that remarkable progress can be witnessed in that area with the emergence of new houses, roads, schools and shops.

I would like to visit

Kyeinchaunggyi to see the progress myself. On 30 July, my friend offered me a trip to Kyeinchaunggyi along with him by boat. Therefore, I willingly accepted his offer.

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Newly-built houses in Kyeinchaunggyi Village.

Book of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award distributed

YANGON, 4 Sept — The book entitled “Tatthi Leinmar Mingala” written by Nay Soe Thaw who won the first prize in the child literature genre of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award is being distributed to members of

Sarpay Beikman Book Association in Yangon and countryside. The members in Yangon may take out the book at the building of the association at 529/531 on Merchant Street, here. And the books are being sent to the members of coun-

tryside through postal service.

Those wishing to join the association may contact the Secretary of the association at 529/531 on Merchant Street, dialing 381448 and 249031.

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Talks held in Mawlamyinegyun

YANGON, 4 Sept— Talks on making field trip by township Red Cross members in cooperation with Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to storm-hit villages was held at Dhammayon of 14th street in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 1 September.

Field trip officer U Tin Oo of MRCS and the expert of IFRC discussed the matters for selection of township Red Cross members who will make field trip to those regions.

A total of 41 Red

Cross members—20 of Mawlamyinegyun Township and 21 of Wakema

Township—attended the two day's talks.

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NASA seeks next Carl Sagan - and extraterrestrial life



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