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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

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress of Mya Lake greening project in NyaungU Township



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence views transplantation of paddy in a field in NyaungU Township.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, heard reports on storage of water at Mya Lake at the foot of Tuyin Hill reported by officials in Bagan Archaeological Region in NyaungU Township on 30 July. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected in flow and storage

of water at the lake, greening of the lake's environs and cultivation of monsoon paddy. He viewed supply of water from Lawkananda Canal to farmlands and thriving paddy plantations along the canal.

At Shanmange Dam Project near Aungtha Village not far from Kyaukpadaung-Meiktila Road, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party heard reports on construction of the earth dam 6,800 feet long and 89 feet high, and storage of water presented by Director U Myo Tun of Construction-7 of Irrigation Department. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Shanmange Dam will supply water to Mondaing Dam with the aims of greening Meiktila Plains and preventing silting of Mondaing Dam in Meiktila Township.

The dam is being built on Shanmange Creek near Aungtha Village in Meiktila Township. The dam can store 21,910 acre-feet of water, and the 172 feet long and three-foot diameter reinforced concrete conduit and the 40 feet wide spillway will be built at the dam.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party left there and arrived back here in the evening.— MNA

INSIDE

A research conducted by Cambridge University in April 2006 says that an office worker needs an hour of jogging every day; that workers like hair dressers who with certain degree of physical activity require half an hour of walking exercise daily; and that for nurses and masons their physical activities during the working hours are enough for their health.

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DR KHIN MAUNG LWIN

Weather Forecast for (3-8-2006)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas	Yangon and neighbouring areas	Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Likelihood of isolated rain.	Some rain.	One or two rain.
Degree of certainty is (60%).	Degree of certainty is (80%).	Degree of certainty is (80%).

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 3 August, 2006

New garment factory for industrial development

Industrial development is the sine qua non for the emergence of a modern and developed nation. This being the case, the Ministry of Industry-1 is building more factories and mills to produce commodities to fulfil the basic needs of the people. At the same time, the Ministry of Industry-2 is also constructing new factories and plants that produce machinery, farm implements, vehicles and electrical goods.

For development of the private industrial sector, measures are being taken in order that industrial zones can produce quality items. Moreover, innovations are being made to manufacture import-substitute finished goods and export items based on agriculture.

Myanma Textile Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 opened the Garment Factory (Pakokku) on 28 July with the objectives of meeting domestic needs, producing import-substitute items, bringing about regional development, enhancing living standard, improving lifestyle, creating jobs and acquiring advanced technologies.

The factory has an 11-kv sub-power station, a water tank, a warehouse for raw materials and 704 machines including 526 sewing machines. The main building measures 340 feet by 150 feet and is 20 feet high. It has the capacity of producing 1.2 million jerkins, shirts, blouses and dresses for children plus mosquito nets and monks' robes.

We would like to call on the officials and staff of the factory and local people to work in concert for development of the industrial sector by producing quality items and maintaining the factory for long-term benefit.



U Pa and family of No 420, 16th Migathi Street, Ward 12, South Okkalapa Township, donated K 100,000 to Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Administrative Board of Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. — H

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

Cash presented to offer Waso robes and build new monastery in Loikaw

YANGON, 2 Aug — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Myint Shwe and party arrived at Maha Dhammawihara nunnery in Loikaw on 31 July, and attended the ceremony to present robes for nuns donated by Kayah State USDA, Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization.

Next, the CEC member, the Chairman of Kayah State PDC and MCWSC and WAO donated 10 bags of rice, 20 viss of edible oil, 100 packets of iodized salt and 160 robes for nuns. Afterwards, the CEC member and the Chairman of Kayah State PDC donated K 200,000 each to Nun Daw Therañani.

The CEC member and

the Chairman of Kayah State PDC attended the ceremony to donate desks for Basic Education Primary Schools in Dimawhso. They arrived at Myoma Parahita Monastery in Dimawhso and paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhana and donated K 600,000 for Waso robes and new monastery building. — MNA

CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung donates desks for BEPSs in Dimawhso.

FORESTRY

Fouth Year National Immunization Days to be launched on 3 Sept, 10 Oct

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug —The Central Organizing Committee for the Fourth Year Region-wise National Immunization Days held its meeting at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw on 31 July.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said Myanmar has been free from wild polio virus for six years and he called on the related ministries and social organizations to participate in launching the National Immunization Days for success.

Deputy Director-General of Health Department (Disease Control) Dr Kyaw Nyunt Sein reported on work programmes for the Fourth Year Region-wise National Immunization Days and project manager of vaccination project Dr Than Htein Win on assistance for success of National Immunization Days.

The National Immunization Days will be launched on 3 September and 10 October and polio vaccines will also be given to children under five of 80 townships — 31 townships in Mandalay Division, 14 townships in Magway Division, 18 townships in Sagaing Division, 14 townships in Shan State (North) and three in Kachin State. — MNA



Basic Computer Course, GPS Short Course conclude

YANGON, 2 Aug — A basic computer course and GPS course No 1/2006 concluded at the training school of Settlement and Land Records Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation yesterday.

Present on the occasion were directors, deputy directors, assistant directors, course instructors and 20 trainees.

First, Deputy Director-General of Settlement and Land Records Department U Win Tun Ni made a concluding speech. — MNA

UMFCCI officials meet Chinese guests

YANGON, 2 Aug — Responsible persons of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry held a meeting with trade delegation members of Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China at Hotel Nikko Royal Lake Yangon on 23 July.

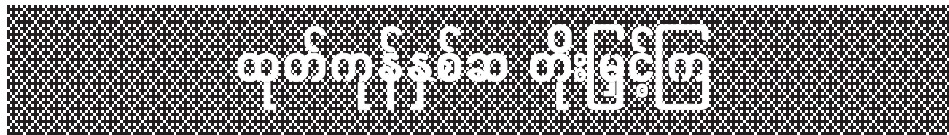
They discussed investment in production of finished wood, mining, agriculture, meat and fish and industries. They frankly held discussions on boosting of trade, coordination on border trade, investment opportunities of China and banking services. — MNA

AIDS ရောဂါ တားဆီးကာကွယ်ရေး နှိုးဆော်ချက် (၂)

AIDS ရောဂါသည် အသက်အရွယ်၊ လူမျိုး၊ ဘာသာ၊ အဆင့်အတန်းမရွေး ကူးစက်နိုင်သည်။ AIDS ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားစေသည့် HIV ဝိုး ကူးစက်ခံရသူများမှာ အသက် (၁၅)နှစ်မှ (၂၄)နှစ်အတွင်း လူငယ်များဖြစ်ကြသည်။ လူငယ်များသည် စူးစမ်းလိုသည့်စိတ်ရှိခြင်း၊ မှန်ကန်သည့်မျိုးဆက်ပွား ကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာများ မရှိခြင်း၊ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါး သုံးစွဲခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ရောဂါပိုမိုကူးစက်ခံရသည်။

- ထို့ကြောင့် AIDS ရောဂါ တားဆီးကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်-
 - (၁) AIDS ရောဂါ ကူးစက်ပုံအကြောင်း သေသေချာချာ လေ့လာ၍ မိမိတို့ အပြုအမူများကို ဆင်ခြင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
 - (၂) အန္တရာယ်ရှိမည့် လိင်မှုဆိုင်ရာ အပြုအမူများကို လုံးဝရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။ တစ်ကြိမ်တစ်ခါမှ မစွန့်စားပါနှင့်။
 - (၃) နောက်ကြောင်းရာဇဝင်မသိသူနှင့် လိင်မဆက်ဆံပါနှင့်။ မဆင်ခြင်နိုင်ပါက အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်း (ကွန်ဒုံး) အသုံးပြုပါ။
 - (၄) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (၅) ရောဂါကူးစက်မှုနှင့်ပတ်သက်၍ မရှင်းလင်းသည်များကို လူကြီးမိဘ၊ ကျန်းမာရေး ဝန်ထမ်းများ၊ ရောဂါ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးရေး အတွက် လေ့ကျင့်သင်ကြားထားသည့် သူငယ်ချင်း အပေါင်းအသင်းများနှင့် ဆွေးနွေးပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez(L) offers a sword, similar to that one used by Venezuela's hero Simon Bolivar, to legendary Vietnamese general Vo Nguyen Giap at his home in Hanoi on 1 August 2006. Chavez wrapped up a visit to Vietnam, hailing it as a model socialist state and praising it for the wartime defeat of the "US imperialist monster".—INTERNET

Brussels airport boosts security over EL Al threat

BRUSSELS, 1 Aug—Security measures were strengthened at Brussels airport on Monday after a letter threatening attacks on Israel's El Al airline was found there a day earlier, Belgian police said. "At the moment police patrols are rein-

forced," said Evie Claes, deputy spokeswoman for the Belgian federal police.

"Once the threat is evaluated we will adjust security measures," she added.

The Belgian news agency *Belga* said the letter, found in a toilet, referred to Israel's offensive

against Lebanon.

"It's a threat just like many we receive. We will follow this one up," a spokeswoman for the Brussels prosecutor's office said on Monday.

An El Al official said the airline's operations at Brussels airport were continuing as usual.

MNA/Reuters

ASEAN, China Attorney Generals meet in Jakarta

JAKARTA, 1 Aug—The Third China-ASEAN Attorney Generals' Meeting started here on Monday to strengthen their cooperation in combating transnational crimes like terrorism, corruption, money laundering as well as human and drug trafficking.

The ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) and Chinese attorney generals should boost judicial cooperation to severely punish transnational crimes and contribute to the regional security, said Indonesian Attorney General Abdul Rahman Saleh, after inaugurating the meeting together with Jia Chunwang, Procurator-General of the Supreme People's Procuratorate of China.

Fruitful cooperation could be expected as the member countries of the meeting shared one purpose of safeguarding the dignity of law and maintaining the

justice of society, he said at the opening ceremony of the meeting.

Meanwhile, Jia made some proposals for deepening exchange and cooperation, such as maintaining the exchange of high-level visits, promoting the system of public procurators' exchange of expertise and upgrading the professional quality of procurators.

Prior to the meeting, all participants were welcomed at the State Palace by Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who emphasized the importance of regional cooperation. The China-ASEAN Attorney Generals' Meeting was inaugurated by China in 2004 to bring about concerted efforts among ASEAN countries' and Chinese procuratorates to fight against transnational crimes.

MNA/Xinhua

Experts discuss Indian Ocean tsunami warning system in Bali

JAKARTA, 1 Aug— A meeting of 170 experts from 48 countries was held on Indonesia's resort island of Bali Monday to find the appropriate tsunami warning system in the Indian Ocean that can alert affected areas in time.

"The Indian Ocean gets the special attention because (tsunamis) recently occur more often

there,' Indonesian Research and Technology Minister Kusmayanto Kadiman was quoted by the Tempo online news service as saying. A tsunami triggered by an earthquake near Indonesia's Aceh killed more than 220,000 people across Asia and Africa on 26 December, 2004.

Only two weeks ago, another tsunami swept through the southern coasts on Java Island, killing 600 people. The tsunami warning system must be capable of alerting people within the most crucial period within 20 minutes, the interval between the earthquake and the subsequent tsunami as happened in Indonesia in the last two years, he said.

"The most important thing is how to optimize the 20-minute interval for quick and proper evacuation," he said on the sidelines of the UNESCO-sponsored meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil's military to airlift penguins back home

RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil), 1 Aug—Brazil's Air Force and Navy will transport more than 100 penguins to Antarctica next month after the flightless birds were stranded on Rio de Janeiro beaches.

Penguins arrive from the Antarctic Circle on ice floes that melt in the vicinity of Brazil's shore and the birds wash up on Rio beaches every winter. Typically many of the birds are sent to local zoos.

A plane carrying equipment for an Antarctic naval base will take the penguins to Brazil's southernmost region next month, an Air Force spokesman said on Monday. They will continue their journey on a naval ship, which will release them into the ocean in their Antarctic habitat.—MNA/Reuters

Heart disease highest among Australia's poor, report says

AUSTRALIA, 1 Aug—A new report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) has found that poorer Australians are dying from heart attacks and cardiovascular disease at higher rates than the rest of the community.

The report also found people in lower socio-economic groups are more likely to be taken to hospital for the disease. The report has tracked trends for the disease from 1992 to 2002.

Researcher Lynelle Moon says overall deaths have decreased but the proportion of those from lower socio-economic groups being affected has grown.

"We're monitoring both the level of inequality in cardiovascular disease but also looking at changes over time, so we can see how we are going over time, in terms of inequalities," she said.

"Looking at the trends, we found that the increased risk of dying or being hospitalised because of cardiovascular disease is tending to increase over time. "We found that the gap between the rich and poor is quite large, with rates for the most disadvantaged being around 35 per cent higher than the rates for the least disadvantaged."—Internet



Demonstrators protest in San Francisco, California against Israel's air strikes on Lebanon and the Gaza Strip on 1 August, 2006. — INTERNET

Bulgaria police net \$2m drugs aimed for Mid-East

SOFIA, 1 Aug—Bulgarian police said on Monday they had seized 100 kilos of synthetic drugs worth 2 million US dollars, in the latest of a series of raids that could help Bulgaria's bid to join the European Union.

"The three men were detained while loading 100 kilos of Captagon pills in a car that was supposed to leave Bulgaria through Turkey," a statement said, valuing the drugs at

around 2 million US dollars

Captagon is one of the most popular amphetamine-type stimulants among affluent youth in the Middle East. Two of the three arrested were Bulgarian, the third Turkish.

The raid on a house in the southern town of Plovdiv also netted equipment used in printing fake euro notes and visas.

MNA/Reuters



The space shuttle Atlantis arrives at launch pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 2 August, 2006. — INTERNET

UN postpones meeting to plan new Lebanon force

UNITED NATIONS, 1 Aug — The United Nations on Monday indefinitely postponed a meeting called by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to begin planning a new international peace-keeping force for Lebanon.

A UN official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the meeting, which had been scheduled for Monday afternoon, had been delayed “until there is more political clarity” on the path ahead in the

Middle East conflict. Organizers hoped to reschedule the meeting later in the week, but the timing remained uncertain.

Separately, the UN Security Council was poised to approve later on Monday a 30-day extension of the mandate of the existing peacekeeping mission in southern Lebanon, the 2,000-strong UN Interim

Force in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL.

Council members said the short-term extension would give them more time to work on the outlines of a new force.

UNIFIL has been in the area since 1978 but has been unsuccessful in preventing cross-border violence between Israeli forces and Lebanon’s Hizbollah guerillas.

MNA/Reuters

Six killed in car bomb blast in E Afghanistan

JALALABAD (Afghanistan), 1 Aug — A car bomb killed six people and wounded 16 others outside a mosque in eastern Afghanistan on Monday, but the apparent target, a provincial governor, was unhurt.

The blast took place in the city of Jalalabad where thousands of people, including the governor of Ningarhar, Gul Afgha Sherzai, were gathered in front of the mosque. Sherzai escaped unhurt.

“I was the target and it was the work of Afghanistan’s enemies,” he told Reuters, referring to a term usually used by Afghan officials for describing Taleban insurgents and their al-Qaeda allies.

MNA/Reuters



Toritto from Japan competes in the 23rd FISM World Championships of Magic in Stockholm on 31 July, 2006. 2,500 participants from 62 countries are taking part in the competition in Sweden. —INTERNET

Four British soldiers killed

LONDON, 1 Aug — Three UK soldiers were killed in Afghanistan today and one in southern Iraq in one of the deadliest single days for British troops since the “war on terror” began.

Militants armed with rocket-propelled grenades

and heavy machine guns killed three UK soldiers and seriously wounded a fourth in a major offensive operation in Afghanistan’s volatile Helmand Province.

In Iraq, a British soldier was also killed in the port city of Basra after a

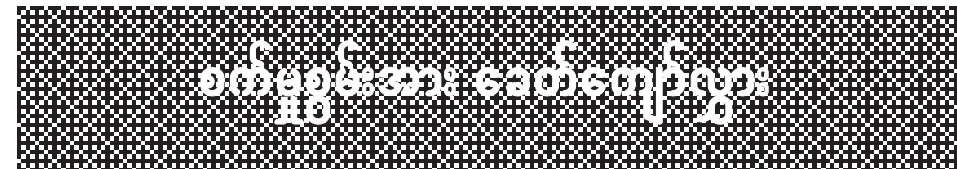


Photo taken on 1 August shows a twin of lesser pandas at the safari park in Hefei, capital of east China’s Anhui Province, on 31 July, 2006. The male twins, born on 16 June, began to receive artificial feeding on Monday. —INTERNET

International pressure grows for Lebanon ceasefire

PARIS, 1 Aug — International pressure for a swift ceasefire in Lebanon mounted on Monday, with France saying Israel’s pause in air strikes was not enough and Russia calling for an immediate suspension of hostilities.

Israel pledged a 48-hour halt to air strikes after an attack at the weekend killed at least 54 people in a Lebanese village, but said it would step up its drive against Hizbollah

guerillas until an international force was deployed in south Lebanon.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice won the Israeli air strikes suspension after widespread outrage over the raid, the deadliest single attack of Israel’s three-week-old offensive. She said in Jerusalem that a ceasefire was possible this week.

Russia, like France and the United States a permanent member of the UN Security Council with

veto powers, said Sunday’s tragedy showed it was time to stop the fighting.

“It is impossible to accept the logic and arguments of those who, under various pretexts, are dragging out (the declaration of a) ceasefire, especially as the international community is coming to a consensus on the framework for resolving the Israeli-Lebanese conflict,” the Russian Foreign Ministry said.

MNA/Reuters

Sumatra haze reaches Malaysia, Thailand

JAKARTA, 1 Aug — Haze from forest fires blanketing much of Sumatra Island in Indonesia has started to spill over into neighbouring countries, posing a health risk and disrupting flights both at home and abroad, a report said on Monday.

Over 130 fire “hot spots” have been detected in Riau Province in the last few days, affecting some 3,000 hectares of land, including one protected forest, said *The Jakarta Post* newspaper.

“Forest fires have occurred in Riau and North Sumatra, which is an annual occurrence,” Nursiwan Taqwim, head of the Sumatra Regional Centre for Environmental Management, was quoted as saying.

Haze has blanketed the Riau capital of Pekanbaru and parts of neighbouring North Sumatra and Jambi provinces, forcing thousands to wear masks and postpone air travel.

Malaysia’s meteorological authority said haze had reduced visibility and contaminated air in Port Klang, Penang and Perak—all on the Malay Peninsula—as well as parts of southern Thailand. Thai health authorities have warned people in southern Thailand to stay indoors to avoid the health-threatening haze.

Indonesian Forestry Minister Malam Sambat Kaban said in a radio interview Sunday that not all of the haze affecting neighbouring countries came from Indonesia.

“Malaysia also has hot spots, so it would be unfair to blame it solely on us,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua



The photo taken on 31 July, 2006 shows unearthened potteries from an ancient tomb newly found in the southern suburbs of Xi’an, capital of northwest China’s Shaanxi Province. —INTERNET

militant mortar attack on the coalition force base in the city at around 3am local time (midnight BST).

The deaths bring the total number of British troops killed in action in the two wars to 100. Including those who died of non-combat causes, the total is 134.

A spokesman for the Nato-led international security assistance force, Isaf, in Afghanistan said that militants had destroyed one vehicle and damaged another in an attack in the north of the Helmand province which began at 7.30am (4am BST).

It was the most deadly strike on British forces during five years of involvement in Afghanistan, and brings the number of British soldiers killed in Afghanistan in the past two months to nine.

Internet

China to promote peaceful development of cross-Strait ties



Soldiers perform during a reception held in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of China on 1 August, 2006. —INTERNET

BEIJING, 1 Aug—Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan said here Monday that China will promote the peaceful development of the cross-Strait relations, and work for the prospect of peaceful reunification.

Cao, also Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission and state councillor, made the remarks when addressing a reception in the Great Hall of the

People to mark the 79th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), which falls on 1 August. Cao said to safeguard China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and realize the complete reunification of the country is the core interest of China and the Chinese nation.

"We will resolutely implement the policies and principles of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) with regard to the settlement of the Taiwan question, continue to exert our utmost with the greatest sincerity to promote the peaceful development of the cross-Strait relations, and work for the prospect of peaceful reunification," Cao said.

Meanwhile, Cao said the PLA is determined to fulfill the sacred duty of safeguarding China's sovereignty, territorial integrity and security.

"We will never tolerate 'Taiwan Independence' and will never allow the secessionist forces seeking 'Taiwan Independence' to make Taiwan secede from the motherland by any means or under any pretext," Cao stressed.

"Peace, development and cooperation are the general trend in the world today, and the overall international environment remains one of peace and stability," Cao said, noting that on the other hand, uncertainty and instability affecting peace and development remain a source of concern, and the human society is faced with new challenges.—MNA/Xinhua

Japanese find rising costs of Chinese chopsticks hard to swallow

TOKYO, 31 July —It has been four months since China imposed a tax on wooden chopsticks because of concerns about deforestation.

That and rising production costs prompted Chinese exporters to raise chopstick prices by about 30 percent. This is causing indigestion in Japan, where most restaurant meals are eaten with disposable chopsticks from China.

Japanese have long cherished their disposable wooden chopsticks, known as "waribashi", and take credit for inventing them 130 years ago. Until a few decades ago, the waribashi was decidedly a Japanese product.

Gradually imports from China, where there were more trees and cheaper labor, knocked domestic utensils off the table here.

Now, at thousands of restaurants

across Japan waribashi are vanishing completely - the result of higher costs. China imposed a five percent tax on disposable chopsticks, in an effort to save trees, and manufacturers raised prices to cope with higher labor and shipping costs.

At many restaurants, customers' lips now touch plastic with every bite.

For patrons at Suikoden, such as Tsunehiko Ito, that leaves a bad taste in their mouths.

Ito says his primary concern is hygiene. He worries how well plastic chopsticks in restaurants are washed.

Some restaurants say they switched not because of cost, but out of environmental concerns - fears that disposable chopsticks contribute to deforestation in Asia and are wasteful.

Internet



Residents ski at an indoor ski arena in Shanghai, on 1 August, 2006. Temperatures hit 37 degrees Celsius (99 degrees Fahrenheit) in Shanghai on 1 Aug, 2006, local media reported.—INTERNET

100 Filipino kids lose eyesight each week

MANILA, 1 Aug—There are nearly half a million blind Filipinos, most of whom are poor, and 100 children each week lose their eyesight due to poor nutrition and birth complications, the health department said on Monday.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said there are 450,000 Filipinos who have gone blind and that "a significant number" of them are children.

He also said that, of the 450,000 Filipinos who are blind, 90 per cent are poor.

MNA/Xinhua

Telescope snaps image of Jupiter's Red Spot Jr

WASHINGTON, 1 August—Jupiter's Great Red Spot — a high-pressure storm on the big planet's surface — has been around for centuries, but on Monday astronomers released images of a new, smaller Jovian storm they call Red Spot Jr.

Using the Keck II telescope on Hawaii's Mauna Kea, scientists from the University of California, Berkeley, and the WM. Keck Observatory captured a high-resolution picture of both spots on 20 July.

Red Spot Jr is about as wide as Earth's diameter and formed from the merger of three white spots very recently, sometime between 1998 and 2000, and only turned red in December 2005, the astronomers said in a statement.

The Great Red Spot is nearly twice its smaller companion's size and has been circling Jupiter for at least 342 years. But the two are located in the same area and appear to be racing each other around the planet.

MNA/Reuters



Polio victims Aron Mahuka (L), 8, Singi Nombasi (C), 4, and Prefina Nzuzi, 5, await therapy at the International Polio Victim Response Committee (IPVRC) compound in Democratic Republic of Congo's capital Kinshasa on 31 July, 2006. Children remain among the main victims of a conflict that has killed some four million people since 1998.

INTERNET

Flood inundates hundreds of homes in N Thailand

BANGKOK, 1 Aug—Continuous rains have triggered a flood inundating hundreds of dwellings in Thailand's northern province Chiang Mai, official Thai News Agency (TNA) reported Monday.

Run-off from Doi Suthep, the mountain that overlooks Chiang Mai, caused flooding some 30-50 centimeters deep in the central Mae Rim District, forcing villagers to move their belongings to higher ground.

Floodwater in some areas in the provincial capital is as high as 60 centimetres, causing traffic jams. The Meteorological Department has issued a flash flood warn-

ing effective 31 July through 2 August in at-risk areas in northern and northeastern parts of Thailand. The southwestern monsoon covers the Andaman sea, the Gulf of Thailand, and the south-

ern region. Waves up to three-meters high are expected in the Andaman Sea and the upper part of the Gulf of Thailand, the Meteorological Department forecast.

MNA/Xinhua



Port workers unload humanitarian aid from the Red Cross from a ship that arrived from Cyprus, in the southern port city of Tyre (Soure) on 2 August, 2006—INTERNET



Shaolin monks pose for the cameras during a news conference in Beijing on 2 August, 2006, announcing the Second World Traditional Wushu Championship to be held in Zhengzhou in Henan province on 15-19 October, 2006. —INTERNET

Nepal launches environment, energy promotion cell for industries

KATHMANDU, 1 Aug— Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI) launched an Industrial Environment and Energy Promotion Programme (IEEP) on Monday to provide environment-friendly productivity tools for the industries, senior official at FNCCI said here Monday.

“IEEP is the permanent cell at the FNCCI secretariat, which provides consultancy and advisory services on energy and environment management,” Kush Kumar Joshi, second vice-president of the FNCCI, the largest federal non-government-organization of Nepal, told reporters.

“Saving energy and environment means maximizing profit, thus the IEEP’s concern would be on developing such tools that enhances productivity,” Joshi said. The IEEP would work to create awareness and introduce existing and evolving environment-friendly productivity

tools,” Joshi noted. “FNCCI aims to help the Nepali industries and businesses become globally competitive through efficient use and management of environment friendly productivity tools in a sustainable manner,” he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Protests against Israel held in London

LONDON, 1 Aug— Thousands of demonstrators staged a protest on Sunday in London against Israel’s strikes in Lebanon.

Ex-Labour member of Parliament Tony Benn told the demonstrators at Trafalgar Square that Israel had committed a “war crime with the support” of the British and US Governments over the deaths of Lebanese civilians. “As we talk, women and children are being killed in Lebanon by bombs sold and given by the US and passed through Britain airports with the support of the British government,” he said.

“What we are witnessing is a war crime committed by Israel with the support of the American and the British governments—that is the truth,” he added.

The demonstration in London was organized by several groups, including the Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Stop The War Coalition and the British Muslim Initiative, which also organized a protest on Sunday at Prestwick Airport near Glasgow, Scotland, against the refuelling of US flights to Israel.

Meanwhile, a pro-Israeli rally called “Yes to Peace, No to Terror” was held in Albert Square, Manchester. Speaking at the rally, Ehud Goldwasser, the father of one of the Israeli soldiers captured by Hizbollah fighters, appealed for his son’s safe return.

MNA/Xinhua



Thai officials take a blood sample from a nomadic duck in Bangkok’s northern suburb of Pathum Thani, on 1 August, 2006. Thailand is offering help to Laos in stamping out bird flu, a Thai official said on Monday, after Bangkok accused its impoverished neighbour of allowing the H5N1 virus to spread across the border. —INTERNET

Thousands in N Philippine displaced by tropical depression “Henry”

MANILA, 1 Aug— A total of 8,590 families from three Provinces in Central Luzon were displaced by tropical depression “Henry”, the Philippines’ National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) said on Tuesday.

Most of the affected families are from Tarlac, Zambales and Nueva Ecija, three provinces north of the capital Manila, the NDCC said in an updated report.

As of 6 a.m. Tuesday, 31 villages in five towns in Tarlac and Zambales were still flooded, it added,

saying that local authorities in the two provinces have postponed classes at the elementary and high school levels.

The NDCC said all units in Central Luzon are still on alert for possible landslides and flashfloods.

Meanwhile, the National Weather Bureau

said that “Henry” is moving away from the Philippines toward the South China Sea with maximum sustained winds of 55 kilometres per hour, but the disturbance will bring occasional rains over the western section of Luzon and Visayas.

MNA/Xinhua

At least 25 drown as boat capsizes in Sierra Leone

FREETOWN, 1 Aug— At least 25 people drowned after their boat capsized in heavy rain at the mouth of a river in Sierra Leone, the head of a boat owners’ association in the West African country said on Monday.

“A wooden boat with about 50 passengers... that left neighbouring Guinea for Sierra Leone on Saturday capsized along the Great Scarcies River when a wave struck it during a heavy downpour,” Osman Kamara said.

Fisherman and police officials rescued six passengers but recovered 25 bodies. The other passengers were feared drowned although a search was still underway, Kamara said.

Many of the vessels

plying trade and passenger routes on inland waterways and off Africa’s shores are poorly maintained, with accurate passenger manifests a rarity.

About 120 people drowned after a boat packed with passengers and good capsized on Ghana’s Lake Volta in April, a week after an overloaded vessel carrying three times the number of people it was built to take sank off Djibouti killing more than 100.

MNA/Reuters

Rainstorm hits Beijing, delaying flights, causing severe traffic jam

BEIJING, 1 Aug— Heavy rains hit Beijing early Monday morning, causing a severe traffic jam from downtown Beijing to the capital’s international airport and delaying all flights leaving from the airport.

The municipal meteorological observatory said at 8:45 am Monday that heavy rains had swept central and southern Beijing. It also forecast heavy rains or rainstorms would continue to hit the city until Monday night.

The strong rainfalls have caused many parts of the main roads inundated by water. By 1 pm Monday, traffic was almost stopped along the expressway from the downtown to the airport because of the rains. The car by a Xinhua reporter moved only two kilometres in an hour along the expressway on Monday morning due to the jam. According to a broadcast from the airport, all flights leaving Beijing were delayed because of the rainfall.

MNA/Xinhua



A Toyota MR2 Spyder is parked outside a Toyota dealership in Redwood City, Calif., Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006. US automakers said Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, their July vehicle sales plummeted from last year, when heavy discounts fueled a near record month for the auto industry.

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Walk for Health and Longevity

Dr Khin Maung Lwin

Officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department explained their experiences in organizing the mass sports month activities and mass walking, while experts in the sports field scientifically went through the benefits of walking.

We, the sports writers, presented a motto "Walk for Health and Longevity", pledging to publicize the benefits of walking with the use of pen.

The author of the book "Walk Around the World" that was the base of a radio play said that his work would be adapted to a video play if conditions permitted.

A representative of Information Ministry vowed to organize the public through the media, while the Health Ministry officials released the slogan "Let's Walk for Health and Longevity", adding, "Less physical activity invites diseases. Even walking for an average of half an hour a day every person young or old or rich or poor can prevent hypertension, cardiac disorder and obesity, gives happiness, strengthens muscles and bones, reduces fat and sugar content in blood."

We were holding meeting to organize the public to have greater interest and awareness in walking, presenting discussions, suggestions and opinions in turn for materializing the objective.

The presentation of Health Ministry officials was evidence-based facts.

A book published in London in May this year advises that regular walking exercise reinvigorates nervous system and muscle tissues; that walking briskly effectively benefits the nerves; and that everyone should walk at least two kilometres a day.

Although today's scientists are talking about the benefits of walking Buddhists have known the benefits of practising vipassana while walking since the time of Lord Buddha. One can practise vipassana in four positions — lying, sitting, standing and walking. Mindful walking in practising vipassana helps man attain Magga.

A study of Myanmar people showed that most of them know very little about the benefits of walking, some persons although knowing the benefits of walking never do regular walking exercise, many walk according to the requirement of their livelihood, only a minority take walking as an exercise, and some even do not know its benefits at all and never take walking exercise.

Based on the above study, we had drawn a conclusion that a medicine for the health of the entire nation was "walking for health". People should view that walking is good for health and thoroughly understand its benefits.

Many of the Buddhist monks enjoy longevity, and some even live up to 100 years or more as their every-day lives involve daily physical activities such as going round for alms food, fetching water, sweeping, practising vipassana through walking.

Researchers studying the lifestyles of saints in the East published a book "Chop Wood, Carry Water" presenting an opinion saying that chopping wood and carrying water are as good as aerobics for health.

A research conducted by Cambridge University in April 2006 says that an office worker needs an hour of jogging every day; that workers like hair dressers who with certain degree of physical activity require half an hour of walking exercise daily; and that for nurses and masons their physical activities during the working hours are enough for their health.

In the developed nations, walking or jogging to office has become a respectable practice. People use stairs as much as they can instead of taking a lift. Executives no more install calling bells at their office rooms. Office staff use telephone in standing position. Even tourists visiting Bagan take bicycles to get fresh air and more freedom while enjoying the picturesque countryside.

Nurses work indoor, but transplanters do their job outdoors under the burning sun. They walk back home after a day's work.

Nurses, transplanters and hard-working housewives walk about four miles a day while carrying out their task. It's their hard work that makes them healthy, fit and look pretty.

Walking brings health to the body and soul. Walking for health is a practice to take pride that refreshes the mind and body.

When the meeting ended I walked home feeling so happy for the opportunity to walk.

(Translation: TMT)

(Myanma Alin: 2-8-2006)

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Eastern United States swelters through heat wave

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — Parts of the eastern United States began sweltering through a forecast three-day heat wave on Tuesday with the mercury topping 100°F (38°C) in some areas and New York City electricity demand setting a new record.

The heat wave moved across the country from California, which suffered more than two weeks of triple-digit temperatures that killed at least 136 people and caused power failures.

Temperatures hit or hovered near 100 degrees Fahrenheit in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, with hotter weather forecast for Wednesday. Detroit, St Louis and Chicago were sweating it out in equally stifling temperatures. "It is miserably hot outside and hard on everyone," New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg told reporters. "This is a very dangerous heatwave. It's really more than just uncomfortable, it can seriously threaten your lives."

The National Weather Service issued excessive heat warnings and said the heat index — how hot it feels when the humidity is combined with the air temperature — was due to hit 115°F (46°C) in New York on Wednesday. — MNA/Reuters

Major world cities team up to fight global warming

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug — Los Angeles, London, New York, Seoul and 18 other cities joined forces on Tuesday in a global warming project aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Launched by former President Bill Clinton's foundation, the initiative will allow cities to pool their purchasing power and lower the price of energy-saving products and provide technical assistance to help them become more energy efficient.

Urban areas are responsible for more than 75 per cent of all greenhouse gas emissions, making reduced energy

crucial in the effort to slow the pace of global warming.

Energy-efficient traffic lights, street lighting, the use of biofuels for city transport, and traffic congestion schemes were some of the practical steps that cities are expected to take to reduce greenhouse gases.

"The world's largest cities can have a major impact on this. Already they are at the center of developing the technologies and innovative new practices that provide hope that we can radically reduce carbon emissions," said London Mayor Ken Livingstone,

who launched the initiative in Los Angeles with Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

MNA/Reuters



Children play near a fire hydrant in Chicago's south-side on 1 August, 2006, after a power outage left thousands without power as temperatures climbed to 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius). — INTERNET

USDA presents desks, benches to schools in Shan State (East)

YANGON, 2 Aug — Shan State East Union Solidarity and Development Association presented desks and benches to basic education

and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lin, senior

spoke on the occasion. The secretary of Shan State (East) USDA explained the purpose of donations. The additional education officer of the

and women's volleyball tournament was held in Kengtung the same day. The commander and party attended the ceremony and watched the matches.

The matches continued till 29 July.

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Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects benches donated by Shan State (East) USDA for BEPSs in Shan State (East). — MNA

primary schools in Shan State (East) on 26 July in Kengtung.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace

military officers, USDA members, local authorities, departmental personnel and others.

Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing

state accepted the furniture worth over K 4.3 million.

The opening ceremony of Shan State (East) PDC Chairman's Shield inter-district men's

Minister receives Chairman of Thai Airlines

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe received Mr Somchainuk Engrakul of Chairman of Board of Executives of Thai Airlines at the ministry here yesterday.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department, Director-General U Tun Hlaing of Department of Civil Aviation and Managing Director U Tin Maung Tun of Myanma Airways. — MNA



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe receives Mr Somchainuk Engrakul of Thai Airlines. — TRANSPORT

H&T Minister meets hoteliers and entrepreneurs in Kengtung



Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspects new Kengtung Hotel. — H & T

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing met with hoteliers and entrepreneurs of travel agencies in Kengtung and staff of new Kengtung Hotel at the hotel in Kengtung on 29 July.

Director-General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism reported on progress of hotels and tourism sector and Chairman of Golden Triangle Hotel Zone U Soe Shwe on undertakings of hotels industries and travels

agencies in Kengtung and Tachilek. The minister made concluding remarks and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister and party looked into decoration and services of new Kengtung Hotel.

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Commander, Minister attend ceremonies to donate desks to schools in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut and Joint-Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Electric Power No (1) Col Zaw Min on 30 July attended the ceremony to donate school furniture to basic education primary schools in villages of Shan State (North).

The ceremony

was held at No(4) Post-Primary School in Hsipaw.

The minister delivered an address. Next, Secretary of Shan State (North) USDA U Sai Naw Kham Oo explained the purpose of donations. Officials accepted cash and kind donations from well-wishers. The commander and the minister attended to the needs.

The minister also delivered an address at the ceremony held at No (1) BEPS in Kyaukme Township to donate school furniture to basic education

primary schools in townships and villages of Kyaukme District.

Secretary of Kyaukme District USDA U Ko Ko presented 315 desks to Additional State Education Officer U Myat Htut.

Township Education Officer U Hauk Shan accepted cash donations from well-wishers.

A total of 418 desks were donated to basic education primary schools in eight townships of Kyaukme District.

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USDA Joint-Secretary-General Minister Col Zaw Min delivers an address at a ceremony to donate desks to BEPSs in Shan State (North). — ELECTRIC POWER-1

Construction of new building for MMA (Pathein) nearing completion

YANGON, 2 Aug — The building of Myanmar Medical Association (Pathein) is under construction at 22/A on Maha Bandoola Road in Pathein, Ayeyawaddy Division, starting May 2005.

Construction tasks were completed by 90 per cent, spending K 40 million.

On completion, MMA (Central) will hold its annual general meetings at the new building. Those wishing to donate cash to the construction works are to contact Physiotherapist Dr Kyi Pe, Tel: 042, 24292, and Pediatrician Dr Aung Kyi Win, Tel: 042-21292. — MNA

Monsoon season tree planting ceremony held in Pyinmana Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug — The Monsoon Season Tree Planting Ceremony 2006 took place near TadaU Village in Pyinmana Township yesterday.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Zaw of Pyinmana District General Administration Department, officials, members of social organizations and local people.

They collectively grown 6,800 trees along the bypass.

A total of 10,800 trees have been cultivated along the 5 miles and six furlongs long bypass in Pyinmana.

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Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin plants a tree at Tree Planting Ceremony in Pyinmana. — MNA

Minister puts fingerlings into small dam

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — A ceremony to release fingerlings in small dams of the Ministry of Industry-1 was held in the compound of the Ministry yesterday. Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung attended the ceremony

and released the fingerlings into the small dams. Also present were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry and 35,000 fingerlings were released into the small dams. — MNA



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung releases fingerlings into a pond in the Ministry's compound in Nay Pyi Taw. — INDUSTRY-1

Mayor inspects preventive measures against DHF

YANGON, 2 Aug — A mass movement on preventive measures against Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever, organized by the Ministry of Health and Yangon City Development Committee, was launched in Hline Township, Yangon North District this morning.

Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa gave encouragement to those who participated in the DHF control.

First, the mayor, the vice-mayor and the deputy minister met with departmental officials and members of social organizations at the meeting hall of head office of development affairs.

During the meeting, responsible personnel reported on outbreak of the disease age-wise every



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin greets residents in Hline Township after inspecting the DHF prevention activities in the township. — YCDC

month, education and health, use of drinking water, combating of larvae and preventive measures against DHF with the help of charts. Next, the Hline Township education officer and the secretary of Hline Township Union Solidarity and Development Association

reported on participation of preventive measures against DHF.

Afterwards, the mayor, the vice-mayor and the deputy minister gave instructions on continuous cooperative measures with departments concerned and social organizations, keeping the

premises of basic education schools clean and clearing of larvae.

Next, the mayor, the vice-mayor and the deputy minister viewed preventive measures against dengue fever and educative talks on dengue fever.

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Minister for Electric Power No (2) inspects township offices

YANGON, 2 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board and officials, inspected the counter at Latha Township Office on 24th Street in Latha Township on 31 July.

At Pabedan Township Office, the minister heard reports on strength of staff, installation of transformers and overhead and underground cables presented by the Township Officer. Assistant Chief Engineer U Nyo Win of YCEPSB gave a supplementary report.

After inspecting tasks of Kyauktada, Pazundaung and Mingala Taungnyunt Township Offices, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with service personnel and gave necessary instructions.

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USDA CEC Member inspects breeding tasks in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein together with Director-General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department U Maung Maung Nyunt and responsible personnel went to a condensed milk factory of entrepreneur U Win Nyunt Aung and his milch cow farm in Meiktila, Mandalay Division on 29 July and viewed round the factory and attended to the needs.

Next, the minister and party viewed livestock breeding tasks in Tawma village of Meiktila Township and Yesu Block in Kyaukse.

Afterwards, the minister and party went to Patheingyi and inspected growing of mangoes and duren and fulfilled the requirements. Then they proceeded to entrepreneur U Maung Maung Lwin's milch cow farm. Next, the minister attended a meeting of breeders at the meeting hall of LBVD in Pyigyitagun, Mandalay on 30 July.

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Military Code of Conduct contest to mark 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day in progress at Yangon Command HQ on 2 August. A total of 80 officers and other ranks participating in the contest.

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Tasks to be implemented without delay to realize fourth five-year plan targets

Information Minister on tour of Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 2 Aug— Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made an inspection tour of Ayeyawady Division on 31 July.

He inspected the TV re-transmission station under Myanma Radio and Television in Kyaunggon in Ayeyawady Division, and called for expanded broadcasting, speedy completion of the arrangements for another channels that will link with MRTV-4, effective



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets with employees of the ministry in Ayeyawady Division. —MNA

implementation of growing vegetables, fruit and perennial crops. He also met with the

service personnel under the ministry at Patheingyi District Information and Public Relations Department in the evening.

Officials reported on progress in opening self-reliant libraries and information tasks, Patheingyi TV re-transmission station, and functions of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise in respective districts.

In response, the minister said that the staff are to make increased efforts to carry out their tasks. The minister said he was conducting field trips to extend opening of

rural libraries.

Endeavours are to be exerted with might and main to achieve the 14 objectives of the ministry.

And service personnel must implement the five work programmes for durability and sustainable progress of already-established libraries, he said.

The donations of cash, TV sets and radios are to be used beneficially for the public knowledge. Now, the ministry is implementing its fourth five-year plan. In this regard, tasks are to be implemented

without delay.

He said he will practise the reward and punishment approach, calling for cohesion among the staff and urged them to discharge duties by doing their bit.

Yesterday morning, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and the minister visited the Shwe Mutthaw Pagoda. The minister made cash donations to the funds of the pagoda through the commander.

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Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects a re-transmission station of MRTV in Kyaunggon. — MNA

Expert says streamlined Indian Ocean tsunami alert key

KUTA (Indonesia), 2 Aug — Indian Ocean nations must shed national pride and ensure a planned regional tsunami warning system is simple enough to work, a top official from the United Nations' science arm said on Tuesday. When the project first started in the wake of the 26 December, 2004 tsunami that killed around 230,000 people, many Indian Ocean countries wanted to host a regional alert centre, UNESCO assistant director general Patricio Bernal said.

"Everybody has their expectations that they would be able to be the centre. I think they are wrong," Bernal said on the sidelines of a meeting aimed at protecting Indian Ocean nations from the threat of tsunami.

"It will be complicating the protocols of transmission. If you have, say, eight centres, it will be self defeating. It will never work," he said, adding the Indian Ocean needed only one or two hubs to link up to national earthquake and tsunami centres.

After 18 months of work, government weather agencies in almost all members of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System have been connected. — MNA/Reuters

Workshops assembling locomotives and spare parts locally

YANGON, 2 Aug — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin on 31 July met with general managers and service personnel of Insein Locomotive Workshop, Ywataung Diesel Locomotive Shed and Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Workshop at Insein Locomotive Workshop. The deputy minister gave instructions on undertaking production of spare

parts and accessories of locomotives, preparedness to assemble locomotive locally and future programme and heard reports on production of locomotives and spare parts, technology transfer and import of raw materials, quality control and tasks being carried out with departments concerned.

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Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin gives instructions to officials of Locomotive Workshop (Insein), Diesel Locomotive Shed (Ywataung) and Carriage and Wagon Workshop (Myitnge). — MNA



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Safe birth ceremony held for Japan's Princess Kiko

TOKYO, 2 August — Japan's Princess Kiko, pregnant with a possible heir to the throne, donned a red and white silk "obi" sash in a traditional ceremony on Tuesday to pray for the royal infant's safe birth.

No male has been born into Japan's imperial family since 1965, and the possibility that Kiko—the wife of the emperor's younger son, Akishino—might bear a son has halted plans to revise a law to give women equal rights to inherit the throne.

Kiko, 39, is expected to give birth through a Caesarean operation ahead of her late September due date because of a complication in her pregnancy, the Imperial Household Agency said last month.

The brief "Chakutai

no Gi" ceremony is traditionally conducted in the ninth month of pregnancy on the Day of the Dog according to the zodiac calendar, because dogs are believed to have an easy time giving birth.

Japanese weekly magazines have speculated that the baby is already known to be a boy.

Plans for Crown Prince Naruhito and Crown Princess Masako to take a rare overseas holiday from 17-31 August have sparked speculation that Kiko's baby may be born then to

spare Masako the strain of the celebrations that would follow the birth of a boy. Naruhito and Masako, a Harvard educated former diplomat who has been suffering from a mental illness due to the stress of adapting to royal life including pressure to bear an heir, have one child, four-year-old Princess Aiko.

Aiko cannot inherit the throne under the existing law, which states that only males descended from an Emperor can ascend the throne.

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Tropical storm "Chris" could grow into hurricane

MIAMI, 2 August — The third tropical storm of the Atlantic hurricane season bore down on the Caribbean's northern Leeward Islands on Tuesday and could become a hurricane headed for the Gulf of Mexico later this week, US forecasters said.

Storm warnings were

posted for many of the small northeastern Caribbean islands and the US territory of Puerto Rico as Tropical Storm Chris' maximum sustained winds strengthened to 60 miles per hour (97 kilometres per hour), the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Chris was 45 miles

(75 kilometres) north-northeast of Barbuda by 8 pm EDT (midnight GMT), and moving toward the west-northwest at 13 mph (20 kph) — a pace that would take it near or over the northernmost Leeward Islands overnight.

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Cardiac arrest victims make viable kidney donors

NEW YORK, 2 August — People who are transplanted with a kidney from a victim of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest do very well, new research suggests.

In the United States, transplanted kidneys come from "beating-heart" donors, who include living individuals and those declared brain dead.

Previous reports have shown acceptable outcomes when using kidneys from in-hospital cardiac arrest victims, but it was unclear if the same applied to organs taken from out-of-hospital arrest victims.

To investigate, Dr Ana I Sanchez-Fructuoso, from Hospital Clinico San Carlos in Madrid, and colleagues compared the outcomes of 320 transplant patients who received a kidney from a non-beating-heart donor and 584 who received a kidney from a beating-heart donor, some of whom were older than 60 years of age.

The investigators report in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* that the survival rates of the grafted organ at 1 year and 5 years for the non-beating-heart group were 87 per cent and 82 per cent, respectively.

These rates were comparable to the corresponding rates in the younger beating-heart group, 91 per cent and 85 per cent, but significantly

better than the rates in the older beating-heart group, 80 per cent and 73 per cent.

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Hong Kong movie star Jackie Chan carries young actor Matthew during a news conference to promote his new movie "Rob-B-hood" in Hong Kong on 1 August, 2006.

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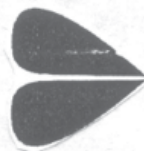
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Employment continues to grow in Singapore in 2nd quarter

SINGAPORE, 1 Aug— The employment in Singapore grew by 36,500 in the second quarter of 2006, higher than the 31,700 gained in the corresponding period of last year, according to the preliminary figures released by the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) on Monday.

“The favourable economic environment continued to bolster employment creation,” the MOM said in a statement, adding that the employment rose in all the major sectors. Some 24,200 workers found jobs in the services sector in the second quarter, comprising the bulk of

the employment growth, while the employment gains for the manufacturing and construction sectors were 8,300 and 4,000 respectively in the same period. The seasonally adjusted overall unemployment rate rose marginally to 2.9 per cent in June this year from 2.6

per cent three months ago, but still lower than the 3.4 per cent registered a year ago. A total of 2.4 million workers were employed here as of June 2006 and an estimated 87,600 residents were unemployed.

MNA/Xinhua

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Sino-Kazakhstan pipeline carries crude oil imports to Xinjiang refinery

BEIJING, 1 Aug — PetroChina has announced that a first batch of crude oil has been successfully piped from Kazakhstan to its oil tank field in northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region via the China-Kazakhstan Pipeline.

The oil reached the refinery at 5 pm Saturday.

The arrival of the first crude oil imports signals full commercial operation for China's first cross-country crude oil pipeline, said a circular

released by PetroChina.

The transnational section of the crude oil pipeline linking China to Kazakhstan is 962 kilometres long.

It joins a 246-kilometres dome-stic section, making a total length of more than 1200 kilometres.

The pipeline, which can carry 10 million tons of crude oil per year, starts at Atasu in west Kazakhstan.

It enters China at Alashankou port on the Sino-Kazakhstan border before reaching its

destination at PetroChina Dushanzi Petrochemical Company.

Jointly built by China National Petroleum Corporation, China's largest oil producer and the parent company of PetroChina, and construction companies from Kazakhstan, the pipeline will strengthen China's oil supply security by offering a land route.

It will also give China better access to oil in both Kazakhstan and Russia, according to analysts.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore calls for cessation of hostilities in middle east

SINGAPORE, 1 Aug— Singapore on Monday urged all sides involved in the Israel-Lebanon crisis to exercise restraint and immediately cease hostilities.

In response to media queries on the civilian casualties in the Israeli air strike on the Lebanese town of Qana, a spokesman from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement that Singapore is deeply shocked and saddened by the loss of innocent lives.

"We urge all sides to exercise restraint and immediately cease the activities that have triggered this cycle of violence," the statement said.— MNA/Xinhua

Colombian car bomb kills one in capital, hurts 15

BOGOTA (Colombia), 1 Aug —At least one civilian was killed and 15 soldiers injured on Monday by a car bomb targeting a military convoy in Bogota, the Army said.

The blast, a week before President Alvaro Uribe is set to start his second term, was set off by remote control in a working class part of northwestern Bogota as military trucks passed by.

It shattered windows in dozens of buildings and killed a man who had been collecting recyclable garbage on the street.

MNA/Reuters



Passengers walk in rain in Beijing, on 31 July, 2006. According to Beijing Observatory, Beijing has 27 rainy days in July, 2006. This number is the largest one in the recent 5 years and nearly 2 times of the numbers in the corresponding period in recent 30 years.—INTERNET

Japan launches earthquake early warning system

TOKYO, 1 Aug— Japan launched an early warning system for earthquakes on Tuesday which would give emergency personnel and train operators a head start — albeit several seconds — before the actual tremors strike.

Trains could be stopped and workers at construction sites can take cover using the advance information, said the Meteorological Agency, which is in charge of the system.

The system would send alerts once it detects primary waves, or the first waves of an earthquake that do not cause major rattling, but travel faster than secondary waves that are responsible for shaking.

The warning could precede the shaking by about 10-20 seconds and would also include the expected intensity of the tremor, but the grace period would be much shorter and in some cases none, if the focus of the tremor is close by, an agency official said.

The network kicked off with 41 institutions, including railway companies, construction firms, factories and hospitals, to avoid panic among the general public who may not understand the system, the agency said.— MNA/Reuters

Vietnam instructs state agencies to buy local "IT" products

HANOI, 1 Aug— The Vietnamese government has instructed organizations to prioritize purchase of information technology (IT) products locally produced or assembled when conducting IT projects using state budget, according to local newspaper Labour on Monday.

Under a recent government decision, the organizations, from August 2, should prefer made-in-Vietnam IT products to imported ones. For IT projects involving international tender, foreign

bidders must form a partnership with Vietnamese bidders, under which the local bidders should be in charge of at least 30 per cent of the tender's value.

Total value of Vietnam's IT industry was 1.4 billion US dollars in 2005, up 49.6 per cent over 2004, mainly due to robust growth of foreign-invested enterprises in the country.

The industry's software and service segment posted revenues of 250 million dollars, and hardware segment 1.15 billion

dollars last year, up 47.1 per cent and 51.3 per cent, respectively, Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City Computer Association told Xinhua recently.

Specifically, the software and service segment made domestic sales of 180 million dollars, up 61.1 per cent, and reaped export turnovers of 70 million dollars, up 47 per cent. The bigger domestic sales were partly attributed by strong development of online game services and mobile added value ones.— MNA/Xinhua



Want a beta version of Office 2007? Just pay for it, for Microsoft on 31 July, 2006 announced its intention to charge people 1.50 US dollars to download its Office 2007 beta 2 from next week.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Juventus lodge second appeal against relegation

ROME, 2 Aug— Juventus lodged a second appeal on Tuesday against their relegation to Italy's Serie B for match-fixing. Last week an appeals tribunal confirmed Juve should be thrown out of Serie A but reduced their points penalty at the start of next season to minus 17 from minus 30.

Juventus immediately announced they would appeal again to Italy's Olympic Committee (CONI). The appeal lodged on Tuesday is the last one the club can make to a sporting authority.

However Juventus, who were also stripped of the Serie A titles they won in the last two seasons, have said they are prepared to take their case higher by appealing to an administrative court.—MNA/Reuters

Reyes leaves door open for Real Madrid move

MADRID, 2 Aug— Arsenal's Spain forward Jose Antonio Reyes has said if Real Madrid made an offer for him it would be difficult to say "no", Spanish paper AS reported on Tuesday.

"I have always said to play for Real was one of my biggest objectives. It's something I can't hide and everyone knows that," Reyes was quoted as saying in an interview with the sports daily.

"They are a club who are difficult to turn down."

After securing the services of Italy defender

Fabio Cannavaro, Brazil midfielder Emerson and Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy last week, Spanish media report Real are now turning their interests towards the Arsenal forward.

Reyes's name was prominent with a number of the Real candidates during the club's recent presidential election, and his arrival would help add another Spanish face to a squad made up of players from around the world.

"I have read of their interest on the Internet but my agent hasn't said anything. I have left it all in his hands," Reyes added.

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Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand returns a shot against Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark in a match at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic, on 1 August, 2006, in Washington.—INTERNET

West Ham sign Ghana defender Paintsil from Hapoel

LONDON, 2 Aug— West Ham United signed Ghana defender John Paintsil from Israeli club Hapoel Tel Aviv on Tuesday, subject to the player receiving a work permit. West Ham said on their official website that the 25-year-old had signed a four-year contract in a deal costing up to one million pounds (1.87 million US dollars).

The London club said they expected the issue of the work permit and Paintsil's international clearance to be resolved shortly. Paintsil played in all Ghana's matches at the World Cup in Germany where the African nation reached the second round.—MNA/Reuters



Mexico's Chivas Guadalajara player Adolfo Bautista, center, controls a ball during a training session in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 1 August, 2006. Chivas and Brazil's Sao Paulo will play their Copa Libertadores semi-final match on 2 August, 2006.—INTERNET

Brazil name experimental squad to face Norway

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Aug— Brazil's new coach Dunga named an experimental squad for his first match on Tuesday with no place for Ronaldinho, Adriano, Kaka or Ronaldo.

The squad for the friendly away to Norway on August 16 included eight survivors from Brazil's World Cup squad and eight uncapped players. Brazil lost in the quarterfinals to France.

"I'm only going to talk about the players who are here," the 42-year-old Dunga told reporters. "There are logistical problems, some players won't have been training for long enough and we have organized ourselves around these problems," he said.

Dunga added: "Everyone will have a chance, the door isn't closed to anyone. It depends on them and on their performances, we want them to return to the Brazilian team in excellent form, determined and motivated."

World Cup captain Cafu and midfielder Emerson were also missing. Dunga's squad included a mixture

of the less experienced members of Brazil's World Cup squad combined with several untried players who have been performing well at home.

He also included three players based in Russia—Daniel Carvalho, Duda Cearense and Wagner Love plus midfielder Elano, who is based in Ukraine.

This marked a change in direction from predecessor Carlos Alberto Parreira, who only looked towards the mainstream European leagues.

"These players have done well at lower age levels and everyone will have equal chances based on merit," said Dunga. Dunga said he had resisted the temptation to make a clean sweep and pick only home-based players.

"We can't start from zero," he said. "It's been proved that radical change doesn't work — not just in

in football but in any walk of life."

"Brazil have lots of quality players who deserve a chance," he added. "We know about the risks, we have to test the players."

The World Cup survivors were Cicinho, Fred, Gilberto, Gilberto Silva, Juan, Lucio, Luisao and Robinho.—MNA/Reuters

Agassi ousted by qualifier in straight sets

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug— Five-times champion and sentimental favourite Andre Agassi lost in straight sets to Italian qualifier Andrea Stoppini in the Legg Mason Tennis Classic second round on Tuesday.

The 36-year-old Agassi, making his 17th and final appearance at the Washington event, had no answer to Stoppini's strong serve and crisp groundstrokes, losing 6-4, 6-3 in 62 minutes.

Stoppini, ranked 246th in the world, won his first career ATP match on Monday against Paul Goldstein before knocking out the fourth-seeded Agassi.

"I was very frustrated," Agassi, who will retire after this year's US Open, told reporters. "I wanted it really bad to get out there and be comfortable and hit my shots.

"But I felt with every point the court got smaller and smaller. I had a harder time keeping the ball in the court. I never found my rhythm."

The 26-year-old Stoppini recorded the only service break of the first set in the 10th and final game when the error-prone American punched a backhand over the baseline.

Stoppini, who had to win three matches just to qualifying for the main draw, raced into a 3-0 lead in the second set, making Agassi smash his racket on the court in disgust. "I didn't have a plan," said a grinning Stoppini. "I just tried my best, play loose and see how it goes."

Stoppini conceded he was nervous playing before a pro-Agassi crowd on the stadium court.

"When I entered the court, the atmosphere was unbelievable," he said. "The first two or three strokes, I didn't hit it in the centre of the racket. After that, I felt better.—MNA/Reuters



Russia's Vera Zvonareva eyes a backhand return to Japan's Ai Sugiyama during their Acura Classic match on 1 Aug, 2006, at the La Costa Resort Spa in Carlsbad, Calif.—INTERNET

Crisis-hit Lebanon pull out of Asian Cup

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 Aug— Crisis-hit Lebanon has withdrawn from qualifying for the 2007 Asian Cup because of the current unrest in the country, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said on Tuesday.

The Lebanon Football Association (LFA) sent a formal letter to the AFC on Monday, citing the "tragic circumstances" inflicted by Israeli air strikes for its decision to pull out. Several Lebanese players were also missing amid the destruction, a senior LFA official added. AFC officials are set to convene an emergency meeting to discuss the impact of the situation.

Lebanon were due to play Bahrain in Manama on August 16 with their next home game scheduled for September 6 in Beirut, also against Bahrain. Australia and Kuwait are the other teams in Group D.—MNA/Reuters



West Orange Stark's Kenneth Beasley, center, slams into Wink wide receiver Clay Fernandes during fourth-quarter play in the Texas High School Coaches Association all-star football game in Austin, Texas on 1 Aug, 2006.

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Parasitic disease control zones set up in China

BEIJING, 2 August — China's Ministry of Health on Monday announced the establishment of demonstration zones for prevention and control of parasitic diseases in 10 provinces and cities.

The demonstration zones include eight for geohelminths control in Guizhou, Hainan, Jiangxi, Anhui, Hunan, Yunnan, Guangxi and Sichuan, and two for control of liver fluke in Guangdong and Heilongjiang.

The aim of the demonstration zones is to reduce the infection rate of parasitic diseases in rural regions by raising public awareness of prevention and developing hygienic eating habits.

Renovation of rural drinking water systems

and public toilets will also be carried out in the demonstration zones.

Women and children are most under threat from infections caused by parasites such as hookworm, pinworm, roundworm, tapeworm.

Most sufferers live in underdeveloped western China or minority areas.

These diseases usually occur in children, causing malnutrition, anemia and stunted growth, which make them vulnerable to other diseases. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Portuguese firefighters struggle with forest blazes

LISBON, 2 August — Portuguese firefighters are desperately battling two forest fires that burned out of control in northern part of the country, close to the border with Spain, authorities said on Monday.

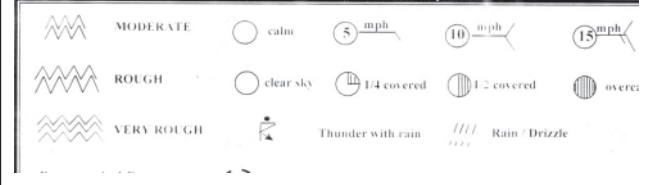
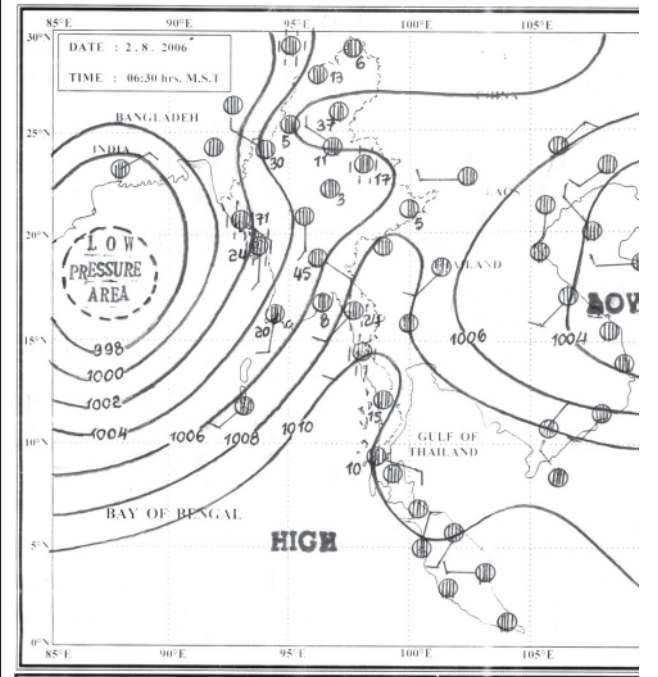
Eighty-two firefighters, backed by 20 vehicles

and three aircraft, are fighting the blazes in Miranda and the Peneda-Geres National Park, both of which started in the afternoon.

Although Monday's fires were serious, the season has seen less threatening flames than in the past, Portugal's Forest Resources Administration said.

Up to 15 July this year, 9,108 fires broke out: 1,117 serious forest fires and 7,991 small fires within a hectare. During the same period of last year, there were more than 35,000 fires, according to the statistics of the administration. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 2 August, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain have been scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo and Sittway (2.80) each, Myintkyina (1.81) inches, Taunggu (1.77) inches, Gwa (1.73) inches, Mogok (1.53) inches, Thaton (1.45) inches and Kalewa (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-8-2006 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 2-8-2006 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 2-8-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 1-8-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 2-8-2006 were (0.19) inch at Mingaladon, (0.32) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.55) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (55.51) inches at Mingaladon, (68.27) inches at Kaba-Aye and (73.03) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (11:20) hours MST on 1-8-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observation at (6:30) hrs MST today. Q low pressure areas has formed over the West Central Bay. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 3-8-2006: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls are likely in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely attimes off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 3-8-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 3-8-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 3-8-2006: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).


Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 2-8-2006) According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpan is (776) cm. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



A woman feeds her baby on a bus in Havana 1 August, 2006. Cuba's President Fidel Castro stepped down temporarily after intestinal surgery and handed over power for the first time to his brother Raul, the government said in a televised statement, signed by the Cuban leader, on Monday.

INTERNET



Thursday, 3 August
View on today

<p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayardaw U Ottamasara</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am 5. Dance of national races</p> <p>8:05 am 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:15 am 7. Dance Variety</p> <p>8:30 am 8. International news</p>	<p>8:45 am 9. Leg's Go</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold national spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. English for Every Use</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. Musical programme</p> <p>5:00 pm 5. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ခါတုပေး၊ သတ္တဗေ အထူးပြုများ) (ခါတုပေး)</p> <p>5:15 pm 6. Cute little Dancers</p> <p>5:25 pm 7. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:30 pm 8. “သစ်ကောင်းတစ်ဝင်” (နဒီစိုး၊ ပြည့်စုံလှိုင်၊ ကျော်မျိုးဟိန်း၊ မိုးယံ ထက်၊ ရန်ပိုင်စိုး၊ မောင်ဂဠုန်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မိုးထက်လှ (သစ်တော))</p>	<p>5:40 pm 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:45 pm 10. “ဟွန်းသံ” (ဧရာနုဇယာဉ်ထိမ်းရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့ဝင်များ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)</p> <p>5:50 pm 11. Musical programme</p> <p>6:00 pm 12. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm 13. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 14. သီရိဂေဟာ</p> <p>6:55 pm 15. သက်တံရောင်သံစဉ်</p> <p>7:10 pm 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်လိပ်ပြာလေး တစ်လည်လည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p>8:00 pm 17. News</p> <p>8:00 pm 18. International news</p> <p>8:00 pm 19. Weather report</p> <p>8:00 pm 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာသံစဉ်” (အပိုင်း-၇)</p> <p>8:00 pm 21. The next day's programme</p>
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Thursday, 3 August

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
-It's you

8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
-Simple thing

8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music:
-Learn to love again

9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
-Sweet love

1:30 pm News / Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-When there is no you
-The morning of you
-Dream baby
-Nickit story

9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Pourri
9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
-Honey come back
-I just called to say I love you
-Super star

9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 am PEL

Ceremony to mark World Breastfeeding Week 2006 held

YANGON, 2 Aug — A ceremony and quiz to mark World Breastfeeding Week 2006 conducted by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association took place at the meeting hall of MMCWA building at the corner of Parami and Thanthuma Roads in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Than Nwe, Vice-Presidents Daw Khin Lay Myint and Daw Khin Thet Htay, Honourary Pa-

and members, officials of the Ministry of Health, resident representatives of UN agencies, responsible persons of social organizations and Chairpersons of district/township MCWAs and MCWSCs.

Firstly, the quiz was held under the supervision of members of the Panel of Judges MMCWA Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, Pediatrician Prof Dr S Kyaw Hla, Obstetrician and Gynaecologist Dr Daw May Marlar Swe. Three members of MCWA each from four districts in Yangon Division participated in the quiz.

Next, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin

Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- To preserve Myanmar national character
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- To prevent influence of alien culture, and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo delivers an address at a ceremony to mark World Breastfeeding Week 2006. — MNA

trons of MMCWA, President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-Presidents Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Daw Aye Aye, CEC members, Yangon Division MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai

Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presents a prize to Yangon South District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee. — MNA



Win made addresses at the ceremony.

Later, MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win presented first prize to Yangon West District MCWSC, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, second prize to Yangon East District MCWSC, third prize to Yangon South District MCWSC and consolation prize to Yangon North District MCWSC and Vice-President Daw Aye Aye presented gifts to the members of the Panel of Judges. —MNA

President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win delivers an address at a ceremony to mark World Breastfeeding Week 2006.

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