

#### 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

## Fifth Meeting of the Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee concludes successfully

YANGON, 11 July — The first-day session of the Fifth Meeting of the Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee commenced at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin Hall on Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township yesterday.

Secretary of the SSMNC Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa read the Ovadakatha of Chairman of the SSMNC Magway Maha Withutaya Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha

Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara.

Joint-Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Jotikabhivamsa submitted the brief report of the SSMNC (Third Branch) to the meeting.

Next, members of the Sangha discussed religious and Vinicchaya affairs.

In the second-day session, Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Samvara, Agga Maha

Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kundala and Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vepullabhivamsa reviewed the submission on the Vinicchaya, religious and education affairs.

The participant Sayadaws of the meeting made decisions related to Vinicchaya and religious affairs.

Afterwards, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs.

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## Secretary-1 attends opening of 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament 2008



*Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo watching opening match of 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament 2008. —MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July — A ceremony to open the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament 2008 was held at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, here, this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace

and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and members,

deputy ministers, the director-general of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, the President of Myanmar Football Federation and responsible persons, footballers, staff families and guests.

First, the footballers saluted the Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic

Committee.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for

Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint said that staff football teams from 35

ministries will take part in the Second Nay Pyi Taw (See page 8)

### Labutta Township receives health care

YANGON, 11 July — A 15-member medical team provided health care to storm survivors in Labutta Township from 26 June to 2 July.

The team headed by Director Dr Ye Htut of the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) gave treatment to patients, organized educative talks on health knowledge and prevention of diseases and gave comfort to the survivors in two village-tracts. —MNA



## PERSPECTIVES

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### Strive to exceed crop targets for national economic development

The government has been reclaiming more land region-wise to promote rural socio-economy as the agriculture sector, the main livelihood of rural people, is of vital importance for national economic development. In addition, it has been helping farmers to conduct mixed-cropping and double-cropping and to increase per acre yield of crops.

Extension of irrigation facilities is another endeavour the government is carrying out with the aim of achieving rice surpluses and distributing enough edible oil for domestic market.

There is significant rise in the area of irrigated fields thanks to 210 dams commissioned into service so far. Irrigation also helps boost the nation's crop yield. Of the nation's total sown acreage of over 28 million, over five million acres are irrigated fields.

Crop output depends on adequate water supply, whether it comes from rain or irrigation. Now the nation can produce up to 1500 million baskets of paddy and 4.5 million tons of beans and pulses annually as it has extended cultivation land and irrigation facilities with greater momentum. Moreover, there is significant rise in the cultivation of edible oil crops and many other crops.

We all have witnessed the government making all-round efforts to boost agriculture output in the nation's interest. In this regard farmers on their part should contribute to strengthening national economy and their socio-economic life by striving to exceed crop cultivation and production targets.

### All this needs to be known

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

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## People's Desire

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

### Basic Librarian Course (1/2008) of IPRD concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended a ceremony to conclude Basic Librarian Course (1/2008) conducted by the Information and Public Relations Department held at the ministry here this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were heads of the departments and enterprises, deputy directors-general, head of office, instructors and trainees.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a concluding speech, saying that the course was conducted to produce qualified media persons, who serve the national interests, to contribute towards sustainable development of rural self-reliant libraries and to produce librarians who are well versed in their professions. All are to carry out the above-mentioned purposes. The trainees are to bring all their practical applications of librarian course and efforts are to be exerted for sustainable progress of rural self-reliant libraries as well as library works. In this regard, the trainees have to be equipped with the senses—being active, being dynamic and having initiatives in successfully carrying out the library tasks.

At present, some powers around the world have wielded their influence upon political, economic, social and cultural sectors of the small nations through media. To counter the influence, all the citizens must have a wide knowledge of current affairs all over the world. To gain the knowledge, libraries have been opened in all villages across the nation. The facilities must also be sustained for durability. Moreover, five work plans have been put into practice for progress of the rural self-reliant libraries in the long run. All are to strive for successful implementation of the work plans through the four strengths. It is a national duty that contributes towards the development of the State and the entire people. In addition, Library Supervisory Committees are to be formed in respective regions for sustainable development of the libraries, the minister said.

In conclusion, all the trainees are to successfully perform the tasks of the ministry through the skills and knowledge gained from the course. The trainees are to



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents a prize to a trainee of Basic Librarian Course.—MNA

make efforts for implementing the eleven objectives of IPRD for 2008-2009 in accord with the 14 guidelines to be followed by the staff, and for successful implementation of twelve objectives of the State and development of human resources.

Next, the minister presented the first prize to Daw Swe Swe Win, Librarian Grade-3 of IPRD in Budalin Township of Monywa District, Sagaing Division, the second prize to Daw Ei Ei Aung, TV Technician-3 of IPRD office in Nattalin Township, Thayawady District, Bago Division (West) and third prize to Daw Nan Myint, Librarian Grade-3 of Wetlet Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division and cash assistance to 54 trainees through Deputy Staff Officer U Saung Kam of Pansaung Township Office in Hkamti District, Sagaing Division.

Later, Director-General U Chit Naing presented gifts to the instructors through Demonstrator Daw Win Lei Lei Than of Yezin University of Agriculture, and completion certificates to U Saung Kam.—MNA

### International Co-operatives Day observed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July — A ceremony to observe the International Co-operatives Day was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Co-operatives in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 July morning.

First, Chairman of Organizing Committee for International Co-operatives Day Director-General U Soe Win of the Co-operative Department extended greetings on the occasion.

Afterwards, Member of the Board of Directors U Saw Andrew Pan read out the message sent by the International Co-operative Federation.

Next, the director-general presented awards to outstanding students of Co-operative Degree College and Co-operative Colleges for the 2006-07 academic year through respective principals.—MNA



Responsible persons of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association accepts K 180,000 donated by Poet Min Maung Nwe (Mon Htarni) on 11 July.

MWJA



## New iPhone hits shelves

TOKYO, 11 July—Apple's new iPhone made a glitzy debut on Friday as frenetic buyers in New Zealand and Japan, some of whom had camped in line for days, stormed outlets to get their hands on the gadget.

The new iPhone — a music and video player, cell phone and Web terminal in one — is an updated version of the original that sold to 270,000 people within days of its June 2007 launch. After New Zealand and Japan, the sales of the 3G iPhone will roll out to more than 20

countries across the globe.

Several hundred people waited outside Vodafone shops in New Zealand's three main cities, supplied with music, food and entertainment, before a spirited countdown saw the first person in the world politely ushered through the door to the counter.

A Vodafone New Zealand spokeswoman said more than 400 phones were sold in early morning trade.

Softbank Corp which sells the iPhone in Japan, said over 1,500 people lined up outside its

flagship store in Tokyo just before its launch.

Analysts expect the new iPhone to draw as many as 10.5 million buyers worldwide this year and— with 6 million of the older devices already in use— help Apple beat its target to sell 10 million iPhones by the end of 2008.

Internet



Softbank President Masayoshi Son, left, and a first customer hold up Apple Inc's iPhones in Tokyo on Friday morning, 11 July, 2008.—INTERNET

## Dangerous spacewalk successfully completed

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 11 July—In a daring spacewalk, two space station astronauts cut into the insulation of their descent capsule Thursday and removed an explosive bolt that could have blown off their hands with firecracker force.

*Russian astronauts complete a dangerous spacewalk to remove an explosive bolt on Thursday.—INTERNET*

Spacewalkers Sergei Volkov and Oleg Kononenko managed, in the end, to safely disconnect the bolt from the Soyuz capsule that will be their ride home this fall. They immediately slid it into a blast-proof container.

"It is in," one of the Russian spacewalkers called out.

"Good. Thank God," someone replied in Russian.

Before the spacewalk, flight controllers in

Moscow assured Volkov and Kononenko that the bolt would not explode and that the unprecedented job would help ensure their safe return to Earth in the Soyuz. Nonetheless, Mission Control repeatedly urged them to be careful as they worked near the explosives.

The two Russians will do another spacewalk on Tuesday to perform much more routine space station work.

Internet

## Bodies of two missing US soldiers found

DETROIT, 11 July—The bodies of two US soldiers missing in Iraq for more than a year have been found, their families said on Thursday.

The father of Army Sgt Alex R Jimenez of Lawrence, Mass, said the military told him that the remains of his son were identified in Iraq.

The stepfather of Army Pfc Byron W Fouty of Waterford, Mich, said the soldier's remains also were found there.

Jimenez, 25, and Fouty, 19, were kidnapped along with a third member of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division during an ambush in May 2007. The body of the third soldier, Pfc Joseph J Anzack Jr of Torrance, was found in the Euphrates River days later.

Internet



## Chile's Llaima volcano rumbles into action

SANTIAGO, 11 July—Chile's imposing southern Llaima volcano roared into action Thursday, spewing rocks, lava and clouds of ash and putting six nearby communities under a red alert, the National Emergency office said.

"Activity has strengthened, but it is all taking place in the Calbuco river sector, where we have all precautionary measures in

place," Cautin Province Governor Andres Jouannet told reporters.

He said the 3,125-metre (10,253-foot) volcano 700 kilometers (1,100 miles) south of Santiago erupted in the predawn hours, after six months of quiet following its initial eruption on 1 January. "You can see three (lava) flows heading for the Calbuco river, which is constantly being monitored for abnormal levels," the office said in a statement.

Internet

## West Nile virus found

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (USA), 11 July—Disease control researchers discovered mosquitoes carrying the West Nile virus in Covina and Arcadia, officials said Wednesday.

The discovery has increased concern about the virus's activity in the San Gabriel Valley, those officials said Wednesday. "We're being very vigilant," said Kelly Middleton of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District.

Internet

## Gunmen in Mexico kill 12 in brazen attack

MEXICO CITY, 11 July—Gunmen shot 12 people to death in broad daylight near the center of Culiacan on Thursday, marking one of the more bloody and brazen recent attacks in the capital of a state beset by drug trafficking and violence.

The Sinaloa state prosecutor's office said armed men opened fire in an auto repair shop about

11:20 am, killing six people inside and three more just outside the doors. Fleeing in sport utility vehicles, the gunmen then traded fire with police officers who gave chase in a busy commercial area filled with stores and fast-food restaurants.

The dead included three police officers. One was killed during the chase,

and the other two died in a hospital.

The gunmen escaped. There were no immediate arrests.

Home to the so-called Sinaloa cartel headed by Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman, the western state has a long history of drug violence. It has tallied more than 250 narcotics-related killings this year.—Internet



Authorities investigate the killings at an auto repair shop. The fleeing gunmen traded fire with police who gave chase in a busy commercial area. Sinaloa state is notorious for drug-related violence, but officials gave no motive for the shootings.—INTERNET



Chile's imposing southern Llaima volcano (seen here in February) roared into action on Thursday, spewing rocks, lava and clouds of ash.

INTERNET

## Nine British soldiers injured by friendly fire in Helmand

KABUL, 11 July—Nine British soldiers have been wounded in a "friendly fire incident" in Afghanistan, when an Apache attack helicopter mistakenly attacked them in a skirmish with Taliban fighters, the Ministry of Defence said last night.

Three members of the patrol were seriously injured when the helicopter fired on a position thought to be held by insurgents. The three were airlifted to Camp Bastion, the main British base in Afghanistan, for medical treatment. One was flown back to the UK, but last night was in a "stable" condition.

Internet





A tornado touches down northeast of Rolla , ND, in a store parking lot on 7 July, 2008. Residents say they were warned well before a tornado struck their small town, destroying six homes and damaging others.—INTERNET

### ECB chief says inflation in euro-zone worrying

STRASBOURG, 11 July— European Central Bank (ECB) President Jean-Claude Trichet said here on Wednesday inflation in the euro-zone was “worrying”.

“In the wake of renewed sharp commodities price increases, (inflation) arrived at the worrying levels of around 4.0 per cent in mid 2008,” Trichet told a European Parliament session in Strasbourg, France.

Due to soaring food and oil prices, inflation in the 15-nation eurozone reached a record high of 4.0 per cent in June, well above the ECB’s expectation of less than 2.0 per cent.

“Looking ahead, the annual rate is likely to remain well above the levels consistent with price stability for sometime, moderating only gradually in 2009,” Trichet said.

He said risks to price stability over the medium term “remain clearly on

the upside ... and have intensified in recent months”.

“The monetary policy stance will contribute to achieving price stability over the medium term,” he said, adding that the bank would continue “to monitor all developments over the period ahead”.

MNA/Xinhua



A boy stands by a vehicle destroyed in a car bomb explosion in west Baghdad’s Mansour neighborhood, Iraq, on 10 July, 2008. A parked car bomb went off Thursday afternoon in Mansour, targeting an Iraqi army patrol, killing two people and injuring ten others, police said.

INTERNET

### An American life worth less today

WASHINGTON, 11 July — It’s not just the American dollar that’s losing value. A government agency has decided that an American life isn’t worth what it used to be.

The “value of a statistical life” is \$6.9 million in today’s dollars, the Environmental Protection Agency reckoned in May a drop of nearly \$1 million from just five years ago.

The Associated Press discovered the change after a review of cost-benefit analyses over more than a dozen years.

Though it may seem like a harmless bureaucratic recalculation, the devaluation has real consequences.

When drawing up regulations, government agencies put a value on human life and then weigh the costs versus the lifesaving benefits of a proposed rule. The less a life is worth to the government, the less the need for a regulation, such as tighter restrictions on pollution.

Consider, for example, a hypothetical regulation

that costs \$18 billion to enforce but will prevent 2,500 deaths. At \$7.8 million per person (the old figure), the lifesaving benefits outweigh the costs. But at \$6.9 million per person, the rule costs more than the lives it saves, so it may not be adopted. Some environmentalists accuse the Bush administration of changing the value to avoid tougher rules a charge the EPA denies.—Internet

### Pentagon chief says US no closer to Iran confrontation

WASHINGTON, 11 July— The United States is no closer to confrontation with Iran after Teheran test-fired missiles it says could reach Israel and US assets in the Middle East, Defence Secretary Robert Gates said on Wednesday.

“No, I don’t think so,” Gates said, asked if the United States was any closer to confrontation.

“There is a lot of signaling going on. But I think everybody recognizes what the consequences of any kind of a conflict would be,” the Pentagon chief told reporters.

Gates was also asked about the possibility that Iran could soon obtain Russian air defence missiles. An improved air defence system would make a strike on Iran more difficult.— MNA/Reuters



Indonesian Embassy staff are seen, while locals work on the Indonesian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 10 July, 2008. The Embassy was partially destroyed in Monday’s suicide attack on the Indian Embassy in Kabul.—INTERNET

### China stands as “huge potential e-commerce market”

BEIJING, 11 July— Chinese internet users spend about 570 million hours online per day, making the country a huge potential market for e-commerce, the Boston Consulting Group (BCG) said in a report released here on Wednesday.

BCG calculated the number by assuming that 210 million-plus Internet users went online for 2.7 hours per day on average

last year.

“China has a large number of mobile and internet users. However, the penetration rate is still low,” David Michael, BCG’s Greater China head, said.

In 2007, the report said 615 million Chinese, or 47 per cent of the population, used digital devices such as mobile phones and personal computers.

In 2015, the figure was estimated to reach 1.2

billion, or more than 87 per cent, the report said.

The market scale of the digital service and equipment market stood at 580 billion yuan (about 84 billion US dollars) in 2007. It was expected to triple to 1.8 trillion yuan in 2015. Eight years from now, online advertising was expected to surge eight times to reach 85 billion yuan, the report said. —MNA/Xinhua



## Vietnam tightens imports to curb inflation

HANOI, 11 July—Vietnam has recently applied automatic import licences on automobile parts, vehicles and mobile phones in a move to tighten the imports to fight inflation, according to local newspaper *Vietnam News* on Thursday.

Automatic import licences enable the quantities of imported goods to be monitored. The Ministry of Industry and Trade can stop imports as soon as they pass a set limit.

Now, importers of automobile parts, vehicles and mobile phones must pay import taxes as soon as the customs for the goods are cleared, not 30 days later as previously.

Vietnam imported 42,000 completely-built automobiles, mainly cars, valued at 742.1 million US dollars in the first half of this year, recording respective year-on-year surges of 413.9 per cent and 354.5 per cent, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

It also spent 855.9 million US dollars importing automobile parts and components for assembly.

Vietnam imported 273 million US dollars worth of mobile phones in the first quarter of this year, statistics from the country's Ministry of Industry and Trade showed. It raised import tax rate on mobile phones to eight per cent last month from previous five per cent.

*Xinhua*



*The Touch Diamond is HTC's latest attempt to take on the 3G iPhone and appears to be Apple's strongest competitor to date. It features 3.5G HSDPA connectivity, a slick 'TouchFLO' interface, Opera Internet browser and 3.2-megapixel camera.*

INTERNET

## Morocco inks oil agreement with Canadian-German consortium

RABAT, 11 July—Morocco's Office of Hydrocarbon and Mines (ONHYM) signed on Monday an oil agreement with a consortium composed of Canadian company, Petro-Canada and German company, RWE DEA AG, local *MAP* news agency reported.

The agreement permits the companies to explore an area of about 19,951 square kilometres in the region of Bas Draa in southeast Morocco, the report said.

During an initial period of two-and-a-half years, the consortium will carry out a 2-D seismic survey and geological and geophysical studies, *MAP* said, quoting a Press release of the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

Petro-Canada had in 2006 signed a reconnaissance licence with Morocco in the same region before extending it to an exploration permit, while German DEA is operating for the first time in the north African kingdom. Eight oil agreements and five reconnaissance contracts were signed by ONHYM between 2007 and 2008 in order to boost the non-oil producing country chances of finding oil. Up to now, 28 companies have signed partnership agreements with ONHYM, the report added.

Morocco is the only north African country that does not produce oil, and the country economy has sustained heavy blows because of the global surge in oil prices.

*Xinhua*



*A hiker takes a picture on a snowfield near the Zugspitz plateau (2,600 Metre) in the Alps, southern Germany, during sunny weather on 10 July, 2008.*

INTERNET

## All items from Xinhua News Agency

### Mexico City seeks to attract more Chinese tourists

MEXICO CITY, 11 July—The Mexican capital is seeking to attract more Chinese tourists by simplifying the visa procedure, launching promotion programmes and training related staff, Mexican City's tourism secretary told *Xinhua* Tuesday.

Alejandro Rojas Diaz-Duran said his city has called for an adjustment to

Mexico's visa policy to make the visa procedure faster and less complicated to attract more Chinese tourists. He added that many Chinese have the intention to visit Mexico. "The United States receives 500,000 Chinese visitors per year and Mexico only gets 16,000," he said. "We want the 500,000 who visit

the United States to continue their trip in Mexico," Rojas said. He criticized Mexico's visa policy for being outdated and said he had discussed the issue with Mexican Tourism Minister Rodolfo Elizondo Torres, who is also in favour of modifying the policy to draw more Chinese tourists.—*Xinhua*

### EU starts procedure against Britain over deficit

BRUSSELS, 11 July—European Union (EU) finance ministers decided on Tuesday to start excessive deficit procedure against Britain, warning the country's deficit was set to breach an EU limit.

Britain notified to the EU in March that its public deficit was projected to reach 3.2 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in the financial year ending in March 2009, higher than the maximum three per cent allowed by EU rules, while the European Commission forecast 3.3 per cent. EU member states have committed themselves to keeping their public deficits below 3.0 per cent of GDP, but for countries like Britain which have not joined the euro zone, the procedure largely serves as a formal warning without any punishment. However, it added pressure on the British government led by Prime Minister Gordon Brown, which is struggling with a slowing economy and rising inflation.—*Xinhua*

### GM, Ford say China sales up steadily in first half

BEIJING, 11 July—Car makers General Motors (GM) and Ford said on Tuesday their sales in China grew steadily during the first half of 2008, a stimulus for the companies that have seen demand slump in their home market. GM, the largest US automaker, said it sold 590,126 vehicles in China in the first six months, up 12.7 per cent year-on-year.

Kevin E Wale, president of GM China, said the company's multi-brand strategy was taking effect. New models of brands such as Chevrolet, Buick,

Cadillac and Wuling all received positive feedback from Chinese consumers.

Ford said its sales rose 21 per cent to 172,411 units, of which sales of passenger cars produced by Changan Ford Mazda Automobile Co Ltd, a joint venture of Chongqing Changan Automobile Co Ltd, Ford Motor Company and Mazda Motor Company, rose 25 per cent to 116,903 units.

*Xinhua*

*The Sony Ericsson Xperia X1 is one of the most anticipated devices this year, boasting a new 'arc-slider' design, slide-out QWERTY keyboard and innovative interface.*

*But a relatively large form-factor prevents the X1 from being as svelte as the iPhone.—INTERNET*







**Runners are chased by Ventorrillo fighting bulls at the Mercaderes corner on the fourth day of the running of the bulls at the San Fermin festival in Pamplona on 10 July, 2008.—INTERNET**

## Iran says G-8 to blame for high oil price

TEHERAN, 11 July—Iran's OPEC governor said on Wednesday the oil market was saturated and blamed policies of the Group of Eight (G-8) rich countries for a price surge, the state broadcaster reported on its website.

Oil prices hit a record high last week above 145 US dollars a barrel, although they have since slipped around 10 US dollars.

This prompted G-8 states at a meeting in Japan to call for more output. Iran and other OPEC states have regularly said there is no shortage of crude and instead have blamed other factors, such as tensions

in the Middle East.

"He emphasized again that the oil market is saturated," the website reported, citing Iran's OPEC governor, Mohammad Ali Khatibi.

"Currently, OPEC supplies about 1.5 million barrels per day more than the market needs," he was quoted as saying.

Khatibi said G-8 countries were pursuing contradictory policies, such as supporting sanctions on Iran which analysts say has deterred foreign investment in its oil industry, while urging oil producers to increase production.

MNA/Reuters

## India says poor come first, G-8 must do more on climate

SAPPORO (Japan), 11 July—India said on Wednesday its first priority was spurring economic growth so that it could eradicate dire poverty and called on G-8 countries to keep their promises to deliver significant green house gas reductions.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told leaders at a meeting of 16 major economies in northern Japan that India must work to help its poor and could not even consider quantitative restrictions on emissions.

"The imperative for our accelerated growth is even more urgent when we consider the disproportionate impact of climate change on us as a developing country," Singh said, according to a transcript of his speech to a Major Economies Meeting that included Group of Eight rich countries and major developing ones.

India had "little choice but to devote even more and huge resources to adaption in critical areas of food security, public health and management of scarce water resources", he said.

Around 600 million Indians do not have access to modern energy sources and a quarter of its population lives on less than a dollar a day.

MNA/Reuters

## Medvedev hails rise in Russian arms exports

NIZHNY TAGIL (Russia), 11 July — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Wednesday hailed the growth of his country's arms exports, saying Russia has already become one of the world's key weapons producers.

"The consecutive annual growth of Russia's arms exports prove that Russia has become one of the leading weapon producers of the world," he said in a congratulatory

letter for the opening ceremony of an international arms fair in Nizhny Tagil, a city on the eastern flank of the Ural Mountains that is considered the home of Russia's weapons industry.

A total of 463 Russian companies, as well as those from 11 foreign nations are exhibiting hundreds of pieces of military equipment and parts in a forested range near the once-secret city located some 1,500 kilometres east of Moscow.

Following the opening session, dozens of military

weapons, including the T-80 and T-90 tanks, the major tanks of the Russian Army, armoured personnel carriers, howitzers, Su-27 fighter jets, Mi-24 military helicopters and military trucks conducted firing and maneuver practices that were applauded by the audience, mostly local residents.

The four-day exhibition also features civilian facilities, such as tractors, trucks, forklifts and fire engines besides military weapons, regional governor Edward Rossel said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Afghan MPs warn foreign troops on civilian deaths

KABUL, 11 July—Foreign troops led by NATO and the US military must exercise caution to avoid further civilian casualties while hunting militants in Afghanistan, or people will rise against them, lawmakers have warned.

Civilian deaths and house searches by foreign troops during anti-Taleban operations arouse much anger and are sensitive for Western-backed President Hamid Karzai, who has been leading the country since the Taleban were ousted in 2001. Over the past week alone, several dozen civilians, among them women, children and a would-be groom, have been killed in separate air attacks by foreign troops, provincial officials say.

The reported toll brings noncombatant deaths at the hands of the forces to more than 800 since the beginning of last year, according to aid agencies and Afghan officials.

The Upper House of the Parliament condemned civilian deaths in the latest operations on Tuesday, state-controlled media reported on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters



**Policemen inspect the site of a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad on 10 July, 2008. The attack killed one civilian and wounded four others, including three traffic policemen, police said.—INTERNET**

## Palestinian Attorney General says survives car bomb

RAMALLAH (West Bank), 11 July — Palestinian Attorney General Ahmed al-Moghani said he survived an assassination attempt when his car exploded on Tuesday in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Palestinian security officials said they were investigating the incident.

Moghani, who was standing a few feet away from his car when it exploded, was not injured in the blast outside his house.

"This is an assassination attempt. I do not accuse anyone at this stage. The security forces have begun an investi-

gation," Moghani told Reuters.

Moghani said he turned on the engine to warm up, then stepped away, when the bomb detonated.

MNA/Reuters

**Jackie Chan, left, and film director Rob Minkoff, waves at photographers during a press conference in Tokyo to promote their latest film 'The Forbidden Kingdom' on 10 July, 2008. The martial art tale that stars Chan and Jet Li will be released in Japan on 26 July. —INTERNET**





# Situations caused by 'Nargis' should not be exploited

*Maung De Doh*

**Mg De Doh:** Bagyi Phyto, there comes another attack.

**Bagyi Phyto:** What is that, Maung Doh? Is that the rumour that the whole Ayeyawady Division has been washed away and covered by sand in a tornado? I have already heard of that. That is just a broadcast a radio station, which claims itself to be a reliable news agency, has aired recently. Government-owned newspapers have rebutted that broadcast, haven't they?

**Mg De Doh:** It concerns the storm. But, I mean an announcement, not a rumour. NLD released another announcement dated 18 June.

**Bagyi Phyto:** That is not news. They have nothing to do, except such work. They are in the habit of releasing an announcement whenever there is even a small matter. They are like drunkards who always give one excuse or another to drink. In the end they are sent to hospital. So, I would say, their announcements are like the excuses of drunkards. I think they can get a lot of money if they sell all the announcements that have accumulated to the peddler.

**Mg De Doh:** You are right, Bagyi. I always read their announcements because they are very entertaining. This one, for example, is very funny.

**Bagyi Phyto:** Wow, come on. It is a long time I have not laughed these days because I am very sorry for the losses due to the storm Nargis.

**Mg De Doh:** It is like that, Bagyi. It was said that according to experts Myanmar suffered record losses in the storm Nargis. It said the disaster ravaged 40 per cent of the agricultural sector of Ayeyawady Division, the granary of Myanmar, and 20 per cent of the agricultural sector of the whole nation. To be short, hundreds of thousands of people were killed; a lot of houses, roads, bridges and economic infrastructures were ravaged; the disaster harmed the economy; the people suffered mentally, so the nation had to receive a great deal of international assistance in time; Myanmar alone was not able to solve the issue; Myanmar people were already impoverished for long; the disaster had a great impact on the nation's economy, and commodity prices were going up sharply with a high inflation rate. It implied that it would not work unless the issue was addressed politically, so the government had to hold a hluttaw (parliament) session as soon as possible to hand over power to them.

**Bagyi Phyto:** It was totally inconsistent.

**Mg De Doh:** That's why I said funny. As it was said about Nargis in the beginning, I thought they themselves were going to the storm-hit areas and were about to help the victims for their accommodation and farming. But, as usual, what they said was convening of the Hluttaw and handing over power to them.

**Bagyi Phyto:** They are like those with rheumatic complaints or dermatitis, and lepers whose complaints rear their heads when the sky is overcast. Their complaint of power craving rears its ugly head whenever the nation gets into trouble. In fact, Myanmar is used to such cases. The old man, who was desperate to be the prime minister till doomsday, did the same, didn't he? When his demand for the position of prime minister at the 33-member meeting for national reconsolidation was not fulfilled, he became an expatriate. But, his dream never came true. Then, he returned to the nation through the general amnesty. I thought he had given up his plan, then. However, when the 1988 unrest took place, he thought it was an opportune time for him and called for holding a hluttaw session and handing over power to him. So, the people found that so funny.

**Mg De Doh:** They are like that old man. Even the diplomats of the western embassies knew their words did not concern the problem, and they did not like their comments. A western diplomat in Yangon said that according to the current situations, NLD should look for a better future instead of looking back to the past bitter experiences. A western diplomat whose office is based in Europe said that hluttaw could not work out the issue of the storm. He said that only those who were able to solve the issue were the government, experts, donors and volunteers. I heard of it from a source of their group. Now, there is a disagreement between the two groups of representatives-elect in Yangon as to whether the demand of NLD, which called for a hluttaw session whenever it was opportune, is ripe. I learnt that some politicians in Yangon assume that their demand is like the saying that goes "without 'A', apple cannot be spelt".

**Bagyi Phyto:** If a person does not know when it is opportune to speak seriously, his words may be funny sometimes.

**Mg De Doh:** Moreover, I would say they exaggerated the situations too much. It is true that Ayeyawady Division was hit hard by the storm. But the storm was not as hard as they said that it affected the economy of the whole nation. It is not true that the storm destroyed the agricultural sector of the nation by 20 per cent. Leader of the survey group Albert Lieberg from FAO said at the press conference in Bangkok on 18 June that the damage to the agricultural sector was only about two per cent.

**Bagyi Phyto:** Their intention in that regard is just to build up to a tragic climax so that they can attract the sympathy of the international community.

**Mg De Doh:** Anyhow, their demand does not concern the destruction of the storm at all. To my knowledge, in times of emergency, world countries do not take any measures for regime changes, let alone political

reforms. All the parties coordinate and the ruling party continues to rule the country concerned. For instance, Prime Minister Winston Churchill of the Conservative Party ruled Britain throughout the Second World War. Past events have showed that in some democracy countries, if necessary in times of emergency, a civilian official was replaced with a competent military officer. When the US faced Katrina Hurricane in 2005, President Bush sent the civilian head of the federal emergency authority to the disaster-affected areas. However, the situations continued to deteriorate for nine or ten days, and that was followed by lootings and murders. Victims were stranded on the roofs of the houses and were helpless. Then, the news about the situations spread, so the official was recalled and a military officer with the rank of lieutenant general from the coastguard was assigned duties to address the issue. But, they said as if the situations could be remedied only if they played a leading role.

**Bagyi Phyto:** I do not think any humanitarian country will impose political restrictions to put pressure, exploiting the situations of thousands of storm victims.

It is very clear. Many people fell victim to the storm. Many other people with humanitarianism are giving generous assistance. But, their assistance has no strings attached, and any assistance should not be associated with political purposes.

**Mg De Doh:** Now, the UN and ASEAN are carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks with genuine goodwill in cooperation with the government. Any country wishing to donate relief supplies may make donations without reluctance. Now, relief supplies of internal and international donors are flowing to the storm-hit areas, aren't they?

**Bagyi Phyto:** Myanmar people accept willingly all forms of assistance that is given with generosity. However, I am sure none of the victims wants to rely on the assistance all the times, instead of trying to stand on his feet again.

In reality, as for the people who were born along the banks of the Ayeyawady River and who rely on the river to earn their living in their lives, the thing that they can rely on is the Ayeyawady River, not any foreign countries.

The delta is rich in natural resources. The dwellers of the Ayeyawady Division are hardworking with resilience to difficulties. So, if they have enough number of fishing nets, fishing boats, draught cattle and farm implements, they will soon overcome all the difficulties. Don't worry about that.

International community, the government and the people are providing assistance and relief aid in harmony, and there is nothing better than this time. If I were a young man, I would rush to the storm-hit areas and participate in the relief tasks. It is very stupid of them to demand repeatedly for handing over power, instead of giving assistance to the victims. The disease they are suffering from is incurable. Anyhow, I do not think they should exploit the situations caused by the storm Nargis.

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Secretary-1  
attends ...

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Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament. In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the football tournament will be organized with the aims of contributing the national fitness, ensuring the relaxation and unity of the service personnel and enabling the staff to actively discharge their duties.

He continued to say that the government is realizing the lofty objective: "Myanmar sports — the world to conquer". In addition, the aims such as "Uplifting the sport is safeguarding the State," "Success in the sports reflects development of the nation," and "Development of the sports reflects the prestige and integrity of the State".

He added that while uplifting the sports standard of the nation as a national duty, the government sets the plans to improve



Chairman of MOC Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint speaks at opening of Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament.—MNA



the football sports of the country. As part of efforts to shift the mass football sports to the outstanding one, today's competition is categorized as the staff level football tournament. Therefore, the staff members are to play the tournament friendly and happily. Moreover, the referees are to handle the matches in line with the prescribed rules and regulations without bias. In conclusion, the minister urged the players to take part in the tournament by showing off football skills and talents with the sporting spirit and to try hard to be-

come outstanding public service personnel.

After taking the sports oaths, the footballers left the sports ground.

Next, the Secretary-1 enjoyed the football match between the Ministry of Finance and Revenue team and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation team.

A total of 35 football teams will be divided into eight groups to play the matches at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Paunglaung Sports Ground.

The first round of

the tournament will be held from 11 July to 18 August, the second round from 25 August to 6 September and the quarterfinals from 10 to 13 September. The semifinals will be organized on 15 and 16 September and the third

place match on 18 September. The final of the tournament will be played at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground on 19 September.

In the opening match of the tournament, Finance and Revenue Ministry team was

beaten by Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry team 2-1.

Tomorrow, Ministry of Religious Affairs team will play against Ministry of Health team at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground.

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Industry-2 Minister receives Indian  
Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein received Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra,

Indian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar, at the Minister's office here on 9 July.

They cordially

discussed industrial and economic cooperation between the two nations.

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Medical team of Pun Hlaing International Hospital provides free health care in storm-hit villages.—MNA

Volunteers provide health  
care to storm victims in  
Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 11 July—Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Health, a medical team of Pun Hlaing International Hospital performed voluntarily health care to storm victims of the villages in Ngapudaw Township and Hainggyikyun, Ayeyawady Division from 23 May to date.

A new pre-fabricated shelter donated by Pun Hlaing International Hospital and Singapore Red Cross was built and main health base camp was opened at Thingankon village in Ngapudaw Township

Health base camps

were also opened at Thingankon, Ahtatpyun, Mangyibin villages in Ngaputaw Township and Thetkethaung and Chaungwa villages in Hainggyikyun region in order to perform health care to storm victims effectively. A 25-member medical team led by Dr U Ye Moe Myint provided health care to storm victims from 21 May to 3 June, a 23-member medical team led by Dr U Soe Than from 3 to 14 June, a 24-member medical team led by Dr U Tun Wai from 14 to 25 June, a 23-member medical team led by Dr U Lu Maw Win from

25 June to 8 July and a 20-member medical team led by Dr U Kyaw Soe Moe Naing from 8 July to date.

They performed giving medical treatment, organizing educative talks, training to local health staff, presenting cash and kind to storm victims, providing health care to school children, spraying insecticide, putting chlorine into drinking water and transporting patients to the hospitals by speed boats.

A total of 17,511 patients were given health care from 23 May to up to date.

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Chindwin falling below danger level

YANGON, 11 July—The water level of Chindwin River at Homalin has exceeded 78 cm (about 2.5 ft) above the town danger level and the water level is falling by 1.5 cm/hr in average at present. It is forecast to fall below the danger level of Homalin (2900 cm) during the next 36 hours.

The water level of Chindwin river at Mawlaik and Kalewa reached their peak levels and started to fall since this morning. It is forecast to fall below the danger level of Mawlaik (1230 cm) and Kalewa (1550 cm) during the next 5 days.

The water level of Chindwin River at

Monywa has exceeded the town danger level by 91 cm (about 3 ft) and may continue to rise about 10 cm more. The water level however may fall starting from 13 July. It is forecast to fall below the danger level of Monywa (1000 cm) during the next 6 days commencing today.

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## MWAF holds fourth Waso robe offering ceremony

YANGON, 11 July—Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held the fourth Waso robe offering ceremony at the meeting hall of MWAF on Thanlwin road in Bahan Township here this morning.

It was attended by MWAF President Daw Khin Khin Win, the Vice-Presidents and CEC members, the CEC members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, distinguished guests, the patron of Yangon Division WAO and members and members of MWAF.

The congregation received the Five Percepts from Sayadaw Maha Gandavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Dhamma Siri of Maha Bawdi monastery and members of the Sangha recited the partitas.

Next, the president, the vice-presidents and those present offered Waso robes and provisions to the members of the Sangha. The congregation shared the merits gained and they offered day meal to the members of the Sangha. — MNA



MWAF President Daw Khin Khin Win offers Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw. —MNA

## Progress of Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin) Project, preventive measures against floods inspected in Hinthada, Zalun

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July — Accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials, Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence inspected progress of Ngawun Bridge (Myokwin) construction project in Hinthada Township on 9 July.

Ngawun Bridge is being built with reinforced concrete beams and frames. The bridge will be 2,835 feet long and 34 feet wide, and it will withstand 60-ton loads. So far, the construction of the main bridge has completed by 90 per cent and the approach bridge by 50



Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspects construction of Ngawun Bridge in Hinthada Township. —MNA



per cent.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspected Water Sentry Post No. 2 of Ngawun embankment and U Par Ye embankment in Hinthada and gave instructions on maintenance of the embankments. While

in Hinthada, they paid homage to U Par Ye Pagoda.

Next, they inspected maintenance of U Moe Lay embankment in Hinthada and Hsandan embankment in Hsandan Ward of Zalun.

Officials reported on conditions of Zalun bank and maintenance of water way in Ayeyawady River near Zalun.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party offered gold foils to Manaungmyin Pagoda in Zalun and made

cash donations for renovation of the pagoda.

At Kazindaw Village of Danubyu Township, they viewed the broadcasting of fertilizers for first cultivation of double cropping on 2.17 acres of farmland of farmer U

Nyunt Maung. Later, Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspected preventive measures against floods in Kazindaw Village and gave instructions on harmonious efforts to be made for prevention against the floods.

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Health staff present insecticide-treated mosquito nets to the storm victims in Sutkyun village, Bogale Township.— MNA

## Medical team provides health care in Bogale Township

YANGON, 11 July — A medical team led by Dr Khin Than Win of Ayeyawady Division Health Department presented insecticide-treated mosquito nets to local people in Sutkyun and Pyinbogyi villages in Bogale Township on 3 July.

The health assistant and midwife of Sutkyun village vaccinated the children against measles and

hepatitis B and gave polio vaccine and performed medical treatment to the children.

The medical team

and local people built make-shift clinics with the contribution of UNICEF and gave educative talks on dengue fever. —MNA

## More international relief supplies arrive

YANGON, 11 July—Relief supplies for storm-hit regions are being sent from abroad. A total of 69.015 tons of relief supplies donated by Thailand-based World Food Programme (WFP) arrived at Yangon International Airport today.—MNA





## Fifth Meeting of the Sixth...

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Next, the Sayadaws held discussions on selection of State Vinaya Sayadaws and general matters.

Joint-Secretary

**SSMNC Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa reads Ovadakatha of SSMNC Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara at Fifth Meeting of Sixth 47-member SSMNC.—MNA**

Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Dvipitakadhara Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa explained the reviews of the Sayadaws on the report of the SSMNC (Third

Branch), and the meeting ended at 3 pm.

After the first-day session, U Kyi Nyunt (retired Deputy Minister)-Daw Aye Myint and family, U Win Thin and family of Latha Road and disciples of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manita offered meals to the Sayadaws.

Also present at the meeting were departmental heads of departments and International Theravada

Buddhist Missionary University and officials. Likewise, family members of West Maykha Street No. 2 of Mayangon Township in memory of late Col Hla Phone (Retd) and wife Daw Tin Tin and Daw Khin Swe Hlaing and family of Kanbawza Yeiktha of Bahan Township donated meals to members of the Sangha after the second-day session.

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**Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicates on religious matters at Fifth Meeting of Sixth 47-member SSMNC.—MNA**

## 19<sup>th</sup> World Population Day observed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July— The ceremony to commemorate World Population Day, jointly organized by Ministry of Immigration and Population and UNFPA, was held at Nay Pyi Taw City Hall at 10 am this morning, attended by Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Saw Lwin.

Also present were ministers, Chief Justice, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Deputy ministers, departmental heads, responsible personnel, diplomats of foreign embassies, residents representative of United Nations agencies, responsible persons of Union Solidarity and Development Association,

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, prize winners of 2008 World Population Day commemorative contest.

In his speech, Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Saw Lwin said that Myanmar has been commemorating World Population Day, which is 19th at its kind. The motto for this year World Population Day is "It is a right, let's make it real". The United Nations Member States recognized the right of individuals and couples to decide their family size. The international Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in 1994 called on all

countries to take measures to meet national requirements regarding reproductive health care and to provide, by 2015, universal access to a full range of safe and reliable methods. Goals and targets on reproductive health and services such as reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV, AIDS, malaria and other diseases, and developing a global partnership for development are also included in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Myanmar National Health Policy gives high priority on strategies that seek to encourage, strengthen and intensify actions for improving reproductive health. The Five-year strategic plan for

reproductive health in Myanmar (2004-2008) has been formulated and implemented by the Ministry of Health together with WHO, UNFPA and UNICEF to ensure a coherent and coordinated response to the reproductive health needs of the population. As adolescent reproductive health is one of the new areas to be focused, great attention has been paid to the youth to disseminating and sharing healthcare information among themselves through peer educators and conducting outreach programmes, especially the adolescent reproductive health care education programmes, for the general public.

Similarly, the MMCWA is also actively



**Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin speaking at World Population Day Ceremony.—MNA**

engaged in providing quality reproductive health counseling, services and advocacy on health reproductive health and sexually transmitted diseases. Myanmar is cooperating keenly with the nations of the world in promoting universal access to reproductive health and will also contribute to achieving the ICPD-PoA and MDGS, particularly to the cause of universal access

to reproductive health.

The minister thanked the United Nations agencies, international and national NGOs such as UNFPA, WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, WFP and MAAF, MMCWA, and MMA for their crucial role in attempting to achieve universal access to reproductive health within the country.

Country Director of UN AIDS Mr Brian Williams read out the message sent by Executive Director Ms Thoraya Obaid of United Nations World Population Fund. Next, the ministers presented prizes to prize winners of photo, article, poster and essay contest.

After the ceremony, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and guests viewed the 2008 World Population Day commemorative documentary photos.

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## Caffeine could be helpful to prevent MS disease

HELSINKI, 11 July— Mice exposed to caffeine were protected from developing symptoms of a disease similar to Multiple Sclerosis (MS), said a study by the Finnish and US researchers on Wednesday.

The researchers genetically modified mice so they would develop a disease which resembles the disease MS, and then gave the mice caffeine, but the mice did not develop MS symptoms later, local media reported.

The researchers believed that caffeine could block the molecule adenosine receptor.

The adenosine, which is present in all cells and influences many biochemical processes, allows for immune cells to enter the central nervous system, resulting in MS-like symptoms, said the researchers.

Caffeine would not necessarily provide the same effect in persons with MS, and the relationship between the disease and the stimulant should be researched further, they said. — MNA/Xinhua



*Sony Corp's OLED television sets are seen here on display at the 2008 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, in January. A Japanese government body said on Thursday it would fund a joint project of leading firms to develop a key technology to produce large, energy-saving organic (OLED) displays.—Internet*

## Drought worsens in Australia's food bowl

CANBERRA, 11 July — The drought in Australia's main food-growing region of the Murray-Darling river system has worsened with the driest June on record, the head of the government's administrator for the system said on Thursday.

"This is very disappointing and the likelihood of upper-Murray inflows being above average for the remainder

of winter and spring is very low," said Wendy Craik, chief executive of the Murray-Darling Basin Commission.

"Until there is significant rain and run-off, the prospects for irrigation and the environment in 2008/09 remain grim." After good early rains this year, which eased Australia's worst drought in 100 years, dry weather has set in again in

the past three months, plunging more rural areas back into drought.

The Murray-Darling river basin, an area the size of France and Germany, produces 41 per cent of Australia's agriculture and provides Australian dollars 21 billion (20 billion US dollars) worth of farm exports to Asia and the Middle East, including rice, corn, grapes and dairy.

MNA/Reuters

## Vietnam to host 2010 Miss World

HANOI, 11 July— Vietnam, which is hosting 2008 Miss Universe in central Nha Trang city, will be the venue for the world's biggest beauty pageant in 2010, according to local newspaper *New Hanoi* on Thursday.

On July 9 in southern Ho Chi Minh City, Julia Morley, the President of the Miss World Organization and Hoang Kieu, Vietnamese American general director of US firm RASS, signed a deal on hosting 2010 Miss World in the city in Khanh Hoa Province. All the proceeds from the beauty pageant will be spent on charity activities in Vietnam, the newspaper said.

Now, 80 contestants from continents are in the race to the crown of 2008 Miss Universe which will be handed over to the winner on 14 July morning.

MNA/Xinhua

## Small aircraft crashes in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, 11 July— A small aircraft crashed on Wednesday near the eastern city Uppsala of Sweden, leaving the sole woman pilot on board dead.

The aircraft is a sailplane and there was only one female pilot on board, according to local media reports.

The sailplane crashed

when it tried to land at Sundbro airfield to the north of Uppsala and the pilot died when the rescuers reached the scene of the accident, local police spokesman Bo Axelsson said.

The cause of the accident is unclear. The Swedish National Board of Accident Investigation has been informed and it will conduct an investigation.

MNA/Xinhua



*A visitor stands in front of the painting 'Landscape with animals and rainbow' by artist Franz Marc at the Franz Marc Museum in Kochel, southern Germany, on 10 July, 2008.*

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## Scientists find evidence of water in Moon's interior

WASHINGTON, 11 July— A team of US scientists have for the first time discovered evidence of water that came from deep within the Moon, a revelation that strongly suggests water has been a part of the Moon since its early existence — and perhaps ever since it was created by a cataclysmic collision between the early Earth and a Mars-sized object about 4.5 billion years ago.

In a paper published

in the July 10 issue of the journal *Nature*, the team, led by Alberto Saal from Brown University, believes that the water was contained in magmas erupted from fire fountains onto the surface of the Moon more than three billion years ago.

About 95 per cent of the water vapor from the magma was lost to space during this eruptive "degassing", the team estimates. But traces of

water vapor may have drifted toward the cold poles of the Moon, where they may remain as ice in permanently shadowed craters.

NASA plans to send its Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter later this year to search for evidence of water ice at the Moon's south pole. If water is found, the researchers may have figured out the origin.

MNA/Xinhua

*In this handout photo released by Miss Universe LP, LLLP, from left, Karol Castillo, Miss Peru 2008, Mariann Birkedal, Miss Norway 2008, Barbara Tataru, Miss Poland 2008, Jennifer Barrientos, Miss Philippines 2008, Giannina Ruffinelli, Miss Paraguay 2008, Ingrid Rivera, Miss Puerto Rico 2008, Angelica Lightbourne, Miss Turks & Caicos 2008, Samantha Powell, Miss New Zealand 2008, Thelma Rodriguez, Miss Nicaragua 2008, and Carolina Dementiev Justavino, Miss Panama 2008, tape a segment for the upcoming Miss Universe Competition in Nha Trang on 10 July, 2008. They will compete in the 57th annual Miss Universe competition, on 14 July, 2008.—INTERNET*





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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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စဉ်	ပစ္စည်းအမည်	အရေအတွက်
1.	News print Paper (48.8 Gsm) (28 1/4" x 30" x 40")	3960 Tons
2.	Woodfree paper (70/80 Gsm) (31" x 43")	25 Tons
3.	Art Card (ကြွေစက္ကူလူ)	32 Tons
4.	Art paper (ကြွေစက္ကူပါး)	10 Tons
5.	Web Offset Ink	
	(a) Black	13150 Kg
	(b) Yellow	1850 Kg
	(c) Magenta	680 Kg
	(d) Cyan	1715 Kg
6.	Sheetfed Offset Ink Black	950 Kg
7.	ပုံတူကူးဖလင်	
	(a) Orthofilm (22" x 32") (50 sht/pkt)	185 Pkts
	(b) Developer (5 Lit/Bot)	250 Bots
8.	Imagesetter film	
	460 mm x 60 m	105 Rolls
9.	Negative Plate & Chemical	
	(a) 915 x 626 x 0.3 mm	1700 Shts
	(b) 1035 x 740 x 0.3 mm	1000 Shts
	(c) 889 x 609 x 0.3 mm	3500 Shts
	(d) Developer (5 Lit/Bot)	100 Bots
10.	Positive Plates	
	(a) 635 x 745 x 0.3 mm	950 Shts
	(b) 1065 x 785 x 0.3 mm	510 Shts
11.	Wipe on Developer & Others	
	(a) Coating A+B	107 Sets
	(b) Developer	170 Litres
	(c) Gum Solution	250 Litres
	(d) Fountain Solution	50 Litres
	(e) Gum Arabic (20 Lit/Bot)	10 Bots
12.	Stitching Wire	
	(a) 23 Gauge	1600 Coils
	(b) 24 Gauge	650 Coils
13.	Riso Ink & Master Roll	
	(a) Riso Ink (Black) RA	14 Ctgs
	(b) Riso Ink (Black) RZ	7 Ctgs
	(c) Master Roll RZ	9 Rolls

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Slovak PM says US radar would never stand in Slovakia

PRAGUE, 11 July—Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico strongly opposed against the stationing of a radar base in the Czech Republic, the Czech news agency CTK said on Tuesday.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her Czech counterpart Karel Schwarzenberg signed the main treaty on the stationing of a US radar base on Czech soil on Tuesday despite protests from both the Czech public and Russia.

“We are a little nervous about it because we do not want to have either radars or missiles behind our backs,” Fico said, adding that he would not allow a similar base to be stationed in Slovakia.

“If any one asked us for it, we would say a clear no, never on our territory,” he said. “I do not consider it correct to move this shield from the United States to Europe,” he added.— MNA/Xinhua

Ecuador seizes private TV stations in debt disputes

QUITO, 11 July—The Ecuadorean Government Tuesday seized two private TV stations and almost 200 companies in a series of debt disputes linked to a bank collapse in the 1990s.

President Rafael Correa sent police to take over Gamavision and TC Television, along with some insurance and construction businesses, which belonged to the Isaias family.

Isaias brothers William and Roberto, former owners of Filanbanco, who were accused of embezzlement, fled to the United States after the bank collapsed in 1998.

Correa said the seized media and companies

owed the government millions of dollars when Filanbanco went under and will be probably auctioned off to repay the money.

President of the TV Channels Association Nicolas Vega said Gamavision has nothing to do with Filanbanco issues, adding that freedom of speech is in danger in the country.

The workers of the stations were worried about the interruption of transmission signals.

The current vice president of TC and Gamavision Jose Toledo said he would guarantee the emotional stability of the workers of both stations. Constituent Assembly of Ecuador recently prohibited the participation of bankers in the media.—MNA/Xinhua

Russian strategic bombers patrol Arctic, Atlantic Oceans

Moscow, 11 July—Four Russian strategic bombers are conducting an aerial patrol over the Arctic Ocean and Atlantic Ocean, *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported Wednesday.

“Four strategic missile carriers *Tu-95MS* took off from the Ukrainka airbase in the Amur Region overnight and are on a 14-hour patrolling mission over the Arctic Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean,” Air Force spokesperson Vladimir Drik was quoted as saying.


“Two fuel tankers *Il-78*, which flew from the Dyagilevo airbase in Ryazan, performed the air refuelling of the missile carriers on Wednesday morning,” he said, adding: “NATO fighters are escorting the strategic missile carriers during the patrolling mission.”

All flights were being carried out in accordance with international norms, without violating the borders of other countries, Drik said.

MNA/Xinhua

One of two white Bengal tiger cubs at the Saskatoon Zoo in Saskatoon yawns following feeding in Saskatoon, Sask, on 7 July, 2008.

INTERNET







*An Indian food vendor prepares a curry at his roadside stall in Mumbai. A London restaurant is serving up what it hopes will be confirmed as the world's hottest curry, with even the chef admitting it is "too extreme" to keep on the menu.—INTERNET*

## Another Croatian site added to World Heritage List

BELGRADE, 11 July — The Stari Grad Plain on the southern Croatian Adriatic island of Hvar has been added to UNESCO's World Heritage List, the 7th historical site in Croatia to be inscribed on the World Heritage List, Croatia's Culture Ministry announced on Tuesday.

The Croatian landscape was named a World Heritage site on Monday by the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee meet-ing in the Canadian city of Quebec, where the panel said ancient stone walls and shelters still bear "testimony to the ancient geometrical system of land division" used by ancient Greeks.

The plain has "re-mained virtually intact over 24 centuries", the com-mittee said. The Stari Grad Plain is the largest and most fertile plain on the Adriatic islands.

The original agricultural activity of this plain, mainly centering on grapes and olives, has been maintained since Greek times to the present.

MNA/Xinhua

## Faulty radar causes travel chaos at Dublin Airport

DUBLIN, 11 July — A faulty air traffic control radar caused major disruption at Ireland's Dublin Airport on Wednesday with many flights cancelled or severely delayed. The airport said that by mid afternoon only about half of the usual traffic was taking off and landing. "We are having some departures and there are flights arriving as well at the moment ... 12 per hour arriving and departing, each," an airport spokeswoman said. Ryanair, Europe's largest low-cost carrier, said it had been told that air traffic control capacity would be reduced by 66 per cent for the remainder of Wednesday.

"The issues with radar equipment at Dublin have been known for some weeks and it is unacceptable that there is no contingency or back up plan," Ryanair said in a statement.

The airline said it had so far cancelled 31 flights and diverted 8 inbound aircraft to other airports in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Rival carrier Aer Lingus said it had diverted 10 flights to Shannon, Cork and Belfast and cancelled all but five flights due to depart or arrive after 5 pm (1600 GMT). Dublin airport's website showed delays of two to four hours in most cases although one flight was nine hours late. — MNA/Reuters

## Hu thanks world support for quake-relief efforts

TOYAKO (Japan), 11 July — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Wednesday expressed sincere thanks to those governments and peoples that extended China sympathy and sincere help in the wake of the May 12 Wenchuan devastating earthquake.

Hu made the remark when addressing an outreach session of the Group of Eight (G-8) in the northern Japanese resort. The focus of

China's quake-relief efforts has been shifted to the settlement of dislocated people and post-quake reconstruction.

"The Chinese people have the determination and confidence to overcome this major disaster and help people

in the quake areas rebuild their beautiful homeland at an early date," the President said.

The Wenchuan earthquake, measuring 8.0 on the Richter Scale, has left nearly 70,000 people dead, over 374,000 others injured and almost 19,000 missing.—MNA/Xinhua

## Acute diarrhoea breaks out in N Vietnam

HANOI, 11 July — Vietnam has recently spotted a large number of acute diarrhoea infections, including 109 cases tested positive to cholera virus, in northern Nam Dinh Province, according to local newspaper *People* on Wednesday.

Most of acute diarrhoea patients live in the three districts of Nghia Hung, Truc Ninh and Xuan Truong. Provincial health agencies are disinfecting affected areas, inspecting foodstuffs at markets and restaurants, and raising public awareness about the disease.

Vietnam detected 3,700 cases of acute diarrhoea infections, of whom 582 were tested positive to cholera virus, nationwide in the first half of this year, according to the Preventive Medicine and Environment Department under the Vietnamese Ministry of Health.

Local people are encouraged to keep clean, separate raw and cooked food, cook food thoroughly, keep food at safe temperatures, and use chlorinated or boiled water for consumption and for cleaning of raw food.

MNA/Xinhua



*A woman takes a sniff of a perfume from Chanel in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 10 July, 2008. The German antitrust watchdog said on Thursday that it would levy fines against a number of cosmetics and perfume companies for collusion and price-fixing.—INTERNET*

## PKK kidnaps three German tourists in east Turkey

ISTANBUL, 11 July — Kurdish guerillas have kidnapped three German tourists on a climbing expedition in eastern Turkey, a local governor was reported as saying on Wednesday.

State-run *Anatolian* news agency reported Governor Mehmet Cetin as saying Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militants were behind the kidnapping of the three tourists, who were part of a 13-member climbing team, in Agri Province.

Kidnapping tourists is a rare tactic for the PKK whose activities are mainly focused on attacking military targets in southeast Turkey. Agri province borders Iran and is the site of Mount Ararat, a popular

destination for mountain climbers.

The governor said the climbers had arrived in the region three days ago and had established a camp at a height of 3,200 metres (10,500 feet) on Mount Ararat.

Five PKK militants approached the camp and kidnapped three people, he said. "The terrorists said they carried out this action because of the German government's recent moves against PKK associations and sympathisers," *Anatolian* reported the governor as saying.

He said gendarmerie forces were carrying out search operations in the region. The other climbers were taken to the nearest town. — MNA/Reuters

*Members of a German climbing team, three of whom were kidnapped by Kurdish rebels, arrive at the airport in Van, eastern Turkey, on 10 July, 2008. Kurdish rebels warned on Thursday that they would not free three kidnapped Germans until Berlin renounces a crackdown on the guerrilla group. Five rebels kidnapped the three, part of a 13-member German team of climbers, from their camp at 3,200 metres, 10,500 feet, late Tuesday.—INTERNET*





# SPORTS



*South Africa's Dale Steyn, facing centre, celebrates with the team after claiming the wicket of England's Michael Vaughan during the first day of the first test at Lord's cricket ground, London, on 10 July, 2008.—INTERNET*

## Federer, Nadal and Djokovic qualify for Masters Cup

LONDON, 11 July— Roger Federer, Wimbledon champion Rafael Nadal and Australian Open holder Novak Djokovic are the first three players to qualify for the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai, organizers said on Wednesday.

Nadal, who ended Federer's five-year Wimbledon reign in an epic final on Sunday, is the leading qualifier for the eight-man event which will be held at Shanghai's Qi Zhong Stadium from 9-16 November.

"I have never managed to win it so I am really looking forward for this year's event and as always I'll try my best knowing it won't be easy," world number two Nadal said in a statement. —MNA/Reuters

## Ugandan footballer signs for Egyptian side

KAMPALA, 11 July — Ugandan footballer Geoffrey Massa has completed his dramatic return to Egyptian football this week after joining Cairo-based premier league club Etesalat.

The Ugandan forward signed a two-year 200,000 US dollars deal on Tuesday with the top-flight side that is sponsored by Egyptian telecom.

"I am happy to have concluded most of the details with the club. The Egyptian league is the best in Africa and I hope it will continue to make me a better player," Massa was quoted by *New Vision* on Wednesday as saying.

Etesalat, formed in 2006, joined the First Division last year where they were 13 out of 16 teams. The club beat Zamalek and Ismaili to the signature of the Ugandan striker. "I have been given a fully contained house and the facilities are good," said the 22-year-old player. —MNA/Xinhua

## Real Betis agree to sign Turkey midfielder Aurelio

MADRID, 11 July— Real Betis have agreed to sign Brazilian-born Turkey midfielder Mehmet Aurelio who was out of contract with Fenerbahce, the Primera Liga club said on Wednesday.

The 30-year-old, who represented Turkey at Euro 2008 and who has 23 caps, will take a medical on Thursday before completing the move, Betis said on their website ([www.realbetisbalompie.es](http://www.realbetisbalompie.es)).

Spanish media reported he would sign a three-year deal, and he will become the Seville-based club's first new recruit of the close season. Aurelio joined Fenerbahce from Trabzonspor in 2003 and helped them to three league titles. —MNA/Reuters

## Zimbabwe turmoil adds to World Cup challenge

JOHANNESBURG, 11 July—Political turmoil in neighbouring Zimbabwe was adding to a long list of problems South Africa faced in its preparation for the 2010 World Cup finals, FIFA general secretary Jerome Valcke said on Wednesday.

"The situation in Zimbabwe has to be solved quickly. What is happening there is definitely terrible," Valcke told a media briefing in Johannesburg on Wednesday.

"It would have been nice for South Africa with all the other challenges they are facing not to have the problem of Zimbabwe on top of it all."

Valcke said FIFA backed various international initiatives to resolve the political impasse following the contested elections that returned president Robert Mugabe to power last month.

"We add our voice to concerns and we fully support what is being done by all international organizations."

But Valcke said he was unsure what the effect of possible international sanctions might be on Zimbabwe's national team, who are involved in 2010 World Cup qualifiers. —MNA/Reuters



*Argentina's Juan Martin del Potro returns a ball during a second round match against Italy's Simone Bolelli at the Mercedes Cup tennis tournament in Stuttgart, southern Germany, on 10 July, 2008.—INTERNET*

## Trezeguet ends rollercoaster career with France

PARIS, 11 July—Striker David Trezeguet, who ended his France career on Wednesday, hit the heights and plumbed the depths of international football.

Trezeguet, 30, scored the golden goal that gave France victory over Italy in the final of Euro 2000. But his miss in the World Cup final penalty shootout two years ago helped the Italians avenge that defeat. The scorer of 34 goals in 71 internationals, third on his country's all-time list behind Thierry Henry and Michel Platini, Trezeguet's international career was all-but ended when he was left out of France's Euro 2008 squad by coach Raymond Domenech. —MNA/Reuters

## Mickelson has two goals in mind ahead of Scottish Open

LOCH LOMOND (Scotland), 11 July—Phil Mickelson, effectively world number one with Tiger Woods likely to be sidelined by injury for the rest of the season, goes into this week's Scottish Open with two targets in mind. The American left-hander wants to make up for losing last year's playoff to Frenchman Gregory Havret on the banks of Loch Lomond and is also keen to make sure his game is in top shape for the British Open which follows at Royal Birkdale.

"Next week is in everybody's mind but part of getting ready is performing well this week, playing well and hitting shots sharply and crisply," the 38-year-old Mickelson told reporters on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

## Lampard is best professional I've worked with

LONDON, 11 July—Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho has said Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard was the best professional he had worked with in his coaching career.

"Frank Lampard is a different kind of person, not so extroverted. He is the best professional I have ever worked with," Mourinho said in an interview on [www.feelfootball.com](http://www.feelfootball.com).

"He's the player that trains better, has more concentration, more commitment and is always focused on himself."

New Inter coach Mourinho is keen to link up again with Lampard having won two Premier League titles with the 30-year-old while in charge at Chelsea.

However, the west London club said this week they would not enter into negotiations with the Serie A champions over the England player, who has a year left on his contract. —MNA/Reuters

## World Cup qualification a must for Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 11 July— Mexico have an obligation to qualify for the 2010 World Cup, said new coach Sven Goran-Eriksson on Thursday.

The former England coach, whose first match in charge will be a World Cup qualifier at home to Honduras next month, said Mexico were the better side but complained about the short period of time he would have to work with the team.

Mexico face Honduras, Canada and Jamaica in the first group phase of the CONCACAF World Cup qualifiers, which will be played between August and November.

The top two then progress to the final round of CONCACAF qualifiers, featuring six teams, next year.

"I think that qualifying for the World Cup is an obligation for Mexico, without doubt," the Swede told a media conference. —MNA/Reuters

## Beijing offers free bus, subway for Olympic ticket holders

BEIJING, 11 July — Beijing will offer free bus and subway services for Olympic ticket holders during the Games, as the Chinese capital gears up to provide swift transport for eight million athletes, media people and spectators.

In addition, the city will extend the operation time of more than 350 bus routes and open 34 new routes connecting the city with each of the Olympic competition venue, according to Zhou Zhengyu, Beijing Municipal Committee of Communications director. The authorities were still working on details for the free bus and subway services for spectators, reporters and Games' staff. —MNA/Xinhua



*Thongchai Jaidee from Thailand (C) hands his ball to a scorer at the 18th green after he finished green seven under par after his first round of the Scottish Open golf tournament at Loch lommond near Glasgow, Scotland on 10 July, 2008.—INTERNET*





The Israeli Eitam airplane is seen during an in-house exhibit at Israel Aerospace Industries near Tel Aviv on 10 July, 2008. Israel says the Eitam airplane, which is equipped with sophisticated intelligence-gathering systems can spy on Iran.—INTERENET

## UK urged to stop young asylum seekers' detention

LONDON, 11 July — Britain should stop detaining thousands of children of foreigners seeking asylum, the Independent Asylum Commission said in a report published on Thursday.

Calling for a comprehensive review of asylum seekers' treatment, the commission, a committee including politicians, lawyers and church leaders, was

particularly concerned by the detention of an estimated 2,000 children each year.

"We hope that policymakers will take note and look again at ending practices such as the detention of children," said the commission's co-chair John Waite, a former High Court judge.

The commission also warned against the

use of X-rays to assess young asylum seekers' age and called on the government to repeal a law that can be used to deny refused asylum seekers' families and to take their children into care.

"All those who seek sanctuary in the UK deserve to be treated with a dignity over which mere administrative convenience must never prevail.—MNA/Reuters

## Hurricane "Bertha" set to regain strength in Atlantic

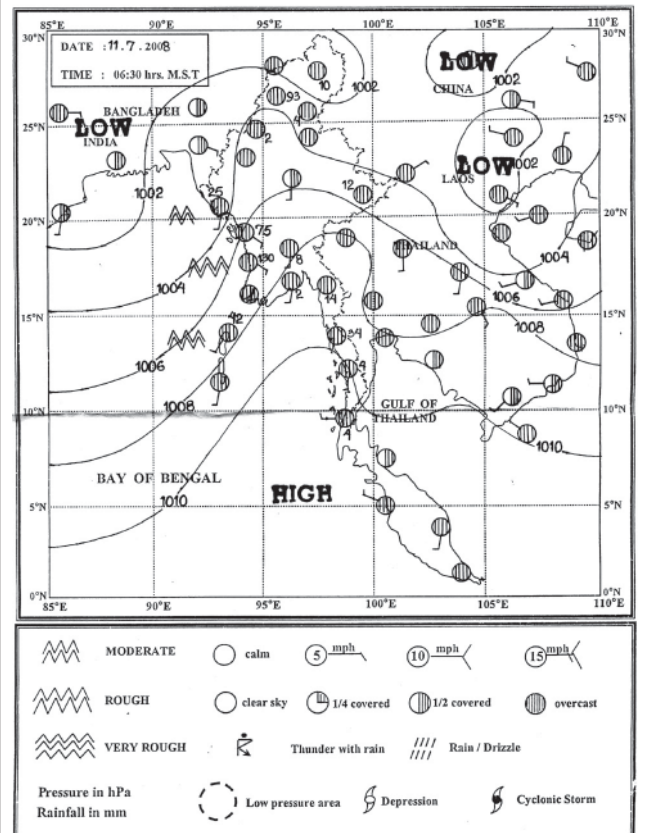
MIAMI, 11 July — Hurricane Bertha was expected to strengthen again as it neared Bermuda but it remained uncertain whether the first hurricane of the 2008 Atlantic storm season would actually hit the British colony, US forecasters said on Wednesday.

By 11 am EDT (1500 GMT), Bertha was still a Category 1 storm on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale of hurricane intensity as it churned 715 miles (1,150 kilometres) southeast of Bermuda.

But the US National Hurricane Centre said in its path lay warm waters, which provide fuel for tropical storms and hurricanes, and that unfavourable atmospheric wind conditions that had weakened Bertha abruptly on Tuesday were dissipating.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



### WEATHER

Friday, 11 July, 2008

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Chin State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Thandwe (5.12) inches, Hkamti (3.98) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.95) inches, Kyauktaw (2.91) inches, Maungtau (1.93) inches, Coco Island (1.69) inches, Thaton (1.54) inches, Dawei (1.46) inches, Hpa-an (1.38) inches and Sittway (1.37) inches.

Maximum temperature on 10-7-2008 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 11-7-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-7-2008 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 10-7-2008 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 11-7-2008 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.27) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (49.33) inches at Mingaladon, (59.21) inches at Kaba-Aye and (72.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from West at (00:30) hours MST on 11-7-2008.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 12-7-2008:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in southern Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and northern Shan States, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely attimes Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-7-2008:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-7-2008:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-7-2008:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Weather outlook for third weekend of July 2008:** During the coming weekend, one or two rain thundershowers are likely in Yangon Division. Likelihood of isolated rain thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 12 July  
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

- Musical programme

8:00 am

- အသွင်သဏ္ဌာန်တောက်သည့် သင်္ဃေတန်ပေါက်တံတား

8:15 am

- “ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာ အနုပညာကမ္ဘာ” (မင်းမော်ကွန်းလွင်မိုး၊ ဇာနည်ကင်းကောင်း၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့စိုး၊ လှအောင်လင်း၊ ဝင်းမိုး၊ ဝင်းမိုး)

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

11:00 am

- Martial song

11:15 am

- Musical programme

11:30 am

- Games for children

11:55 am

- Round up of the week's TV local news

12:30 pm

- ပြိုင်ပွဲအသုံးပြု ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား ထုတ်လွှင့်ခြင်းနှင့် နိုင်ငံတကာကျင့်ထုံးများ

12:45 pm

- ထူးချွန်အားထား မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ (အပိုင်း-၁)

1:10 pm

- Song of National Races

1:25 pm

- ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

1:40 pm

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

1:50 pm

- “ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါးတို့မစား” (ဧရာခိုင်သင်းကြည်၊ မေပိုးအိ၊ ညိုညိုစိန်၊ မြသက်ထား၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရဲဝင်းနီ)

2:00 pm

- Musical programme

2:10 pm

2:20 pm

- ကွန်ချောင်းရေလှောင်တံ

2:30 pm

- သက်တံ့ရောင်သံစဉ်

2:45 pm

- International news

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

- Musical programme

4:35 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:45 pm

- အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:00 pm

- Musical programme

5:15 pm

- မြန်မာ့မလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ

5:30 pm

- ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm

- ကရုဏာသံစဉ်ခရီးစဉ် ရင်မှပီတိပွန်းဆီထိ (အပိုင်း-၃)

7:10 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

8:00 pm

- News

14. News

- International news

16. Weather report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး” (အပိုင်း-၃)



**Make donations to the storm victims**

- ☐ Everybody may make donations freely.
- ☐ Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

- Certain internal and external anti-government elements, self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements are now seeking their self-interests by sending to the foreign news agencies stories about relief and rehabilitation work they have made up and shot on video.
- Storm victims are hereby warned to remain vigilant with nationalistic spirit against the deceptions of the self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements.

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

**Witness may inform about misappropriation of internal and international relief funds and supplies**

Anyone may dial the following phone numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated from abroad and at home to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes.

Head of Office	Ph: 067 404021 and 067 404022
Deputy Head of Office	Ph: 09 860 1002

**Situations caused by 'Nargis' should not be exploited**

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E** The delta is rich in natural resources. The dwellers of the Ayeyawady Division are hardworking with resilience to difficulties. So, if they have enough number of fishing nets, fishing boats, draught cattle and farm implements, they will soon overcome all the difficulties.

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**Waso robes offered to Sayadaws of Wa region**

YANGON, 11 July —The Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races organized the 11<sup>th</sup> Waso robe offering ceremony at Mahawun Dhamma Beikman of Maha Panthutheingi Pagoda in Pangsang on 6 July.

Acting Joint-Secretary U Khin Kyu of the Work Committee, departmental officials, national race leaders of Wa region and local people offered Waso robes to members of the Sangha.

At the ceremony, the Work Committee donated 1,500 sets of Waso robes and 260 robes for nuns worth K 11,858,500 to the Sayadaws.—MNA