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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

Maj-Gen Ko Ko attends cash and kind donations of Sitagu Missionary Group for monasteries, hospital and people in Labutta Township



Maj-Gen Ko Ko views 21-foot long boats for fishermen in Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — 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 on 7 August arrived in Labutta where they were welcomed by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut and officials.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander, Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung attended a ceremony to donate robes

and other supplies by Sitagu Missionary Group to monks and people of Labutta Township and hospital equipment worth

US\$ 50,000 to Labutta People's Hospital. Sitagu Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma

Jotikadhaja Maha Dhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Dr Ashin

Ñanissara gave Ovakakatha in connection with the donation of 2,200 sets of robes and medicines to 358 monas-

teries of the township, hospital equipment to the hospital and relief supplies to storm victims.

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Maj-Gen Tha Aye supervises regional development tasks in Hlaingbwe, Hpa-an

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Col Tin Maung Win of Hpa-an Station and officials, offered robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kusala of Koenawin Monastery in Kamamoung of Papun

Township on 5 August morning.

They also donated 100 bags of cement for construction of the refectory.

At Kamamoung Basic Education High School, they inspected learning of students at the

computer room and school library.

They gave instructions on cultivation of vegetables and physic nut and renovation of school buildings.

At Kamamoung People's Hospital, they comforted the patients and

presented cash assistance to them.

They met departmental officials and social organization members in the town. Maj-Gen Tha Aye presented cash assistance for exercise books and medical equipment to Headmaster U

Myint Oo of Kamamoung BEHS and Medical Superintendent Dr Kyaw Min Min Tun. At Myainggyingu Special Region BEHS, they present K 100,000 to acting headmaster U Shwe Lamin.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Projects for greening Meiktila Plain benefit the people

Myanmar produces more goods in the agricultural sector than in any other sector. Agriculture is the major business of rural residents. So, the government gives encouragement to and takes all possible steps for boosting production in the agricultural sector.

Kengkham Multipurpose Dam Project, one of the projects designed for greening Meiktila Plain, is now under way on the Namt-at Creek near Kengkham Village, Yaksawk Township, Shan State (South).

Kengkham and Zawgyi Multipurpose Dam Projects are in progress for greening Meiktila Plain, and Myogyi Multipurpose Dam Project in Ywangan Township, to supply more irrigation water to Meiktila Plain and the irrigated areas of Zawgyi Dam.

The multipurpose dam projects are intended to supply irrigation water and generate hydropower. Upon completion, the irrigation facilities will be able to support more water to Meiktila Lake. Therefore, local farmers will be in a position to enjoy better living conditions by growing crops on a broader scale by then.

Water resources across the nation contribute not only towards boosting agricultural production but also towards generation of hydropower. Local farmers, on their part, are to use irrigation water most effectively for boosting per acre yields of crops.

The projects aimed at greening Meiktila Plain benefit the people and help improve the living standard of the people. Departments concerned, local organizations and farmers have to work in collaboration for greening the whole arid zone including Meiktila Plain.

1,000 Buddha images for storm survivors

YANGON, 9 Aug — A total of 1000 Buddha images were donated to the storm survivors at Fire Services (Head office) near Buddha's Tooth Relics Pagoda in Mayangon township on 7 August.

Donors (U Thein Maung) and Daw Papa (Sandi Family for Traditional Medicine) donated the images through Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Chairman of cash and kind accepting and supervisory committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe.

Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and State and Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees donated K 11.4 million to set up 19 houses for the storm victims and Asia Pacific Lady Friendship Association, K 3.0 million to build 5 houses through MMCWA.

CEC Members of MMCWA Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, Daw Khin Nwe Nwe, Daw Thazin Nwe and Daw Khin Mya Win handed over the donation to the SWRR Minister, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and officials concerned who presented certificates of honour to the donors.

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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



Minister Dr Chan Nyein addresses ceremony to provide cash assistance for storm-survivor students.—EDUCATION

USDA CEC member presents cash assistance to students of YIE

YANGON, 9 Aug—The Union Solidarity and Development Association held a ceremony to provide cash assistance to storm-affected students of Yangon Institute of Education at the meeting hall of the institute,

here, on 5 August, attended by USDA CEC member Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, USDA CEC member (Yangon Division In-charge) Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo

Nyunt, the directors-general, the rectors, pro-rectors, professors and students.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address on the occasion.

Next the minister, the

vice-mayor and Pro-rector Dr Daw Malar Aung of University of Distance Education (Yangon) presented cash assistance to representatives of storm-affected students.—MNA

NDPCC member on inspection tour of villages in Labutta Township

YANGON, 9 Aug — Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut accompanied by officials went to Kanyinkwin village in Labutta Township by boat on 5 August and viewed ploughing for monsoon paddy in farmlands along water course and encouraged fishermen who were fishing with the use of fishing nets and

boats provided by the government on 5 August.

On his arrival at Kayinkwin village, the minister greeted local people and attended to the needs.

At village Basic Education Middle School (Affiliated), the minister met with teachers and students and presented exercise books to them.

Next, the minister heard reports on regional development presented by officials and fulfilled the

requirements at Betuk village.

At Po Thin village, the minister discussed

matters on repair of village monastery with town-sellers and attended to the needs.—MNA

Talks on Cyber Threats held

YANGON, 9 Aug — Myanmar Computer Professionals Association organized the talks on Cyber Threats at Room-205 of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township this afternoon.

U Aung Soe Moe of MCPA delivered a speech. Computer professional U Aung Zaw Myint gave talks on cyber threats, spyware, malware, hack, virus and warm and future cyber security.

Those present took part in the discussions.

NLM



Talks on Cyber Threats in progress.—NLM



Doves flutter around the Peace Statue in Nagasaki's Peace Park in Nagasaki, western Japan, during a ceremony commemorating the 63rd anniversary of the city's atomic bomb blast, 9 August, 2008.—Internet

Japan remembers Nagasaki atomic bomb victims

TOKYO, 9 Aug — Japan marked the 63rd anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki with a solemn ceremony on Saturday and a call for world powers to abandon their nuclear weapons.

Thousands of children, elderly survivors and dignitaries in the city's Peace Park bowed their heads in a minute of silence at 11:02 am (10:02 pm EDT), the time the bomb was dropped, to remember the tens of thousands who ultimately died from the blast.

Nagasaki was bombed by the United States on August 9, 1945, three days after the western city of Hiroshima, where the blast also killed tens of thousands immediately and many more later from radiation sickness.—Internet

Georgia declares state of war with Russia



A burning apartment building, damaged by a Russian airstrike is seen the northern Georgian town of Gori.—INTERNET

TBLISI (Georgia), 9 Aug — Georgia's parliament Saturday approved a request by President Mikhail Saakashvili's to impose a "state of war," as the conflict between Georgia and Russia escalated, Georgian officials said. Saakashvili accused Russia of launching an unprovoked full-scale military attack against his country, including targeting civilian homes,

while Russian officials insist their troops were protecting people from Georgia's attacks on South Ossetia, a breakaway Georgian region that borders Russia.

Russia's Interfax news agency said the death toll was at least 2,000 killed in the capital of South Ossetia and claimed the city has been destroyed.

Georgian officials said Russia has mobilized its Black Sea fleet off the coast of Abkhazia, another breakaway Georgian province.

The Georgian "state of war" order is not a formal declaration of war, and stops short of declaring martial law, according to Georgian officials.

Internet

Dozens killed in Vietnam floods

LAO CAI, 9 Aug — At least 62 people in northern Vietnam have been killed by flash floods and landslides caused by a tropical storm.

Dozens of people are missing and entire villages have been cut off in Lao Cai, the worst-affected province.

A rescue effort led by the army is under way but is being hampered by the severe weather.

Tropical storm Kam-muri, which came in from the Gulf of Tonkin and made landfall on Friday, hit China with rain and winds earlier in the week.

Officials in the

mountainous province of Lao Cai, which borders China, told news agencies that tens of thousands of people had been stranded after roads were washed away.

Further landslides have been predicted, sparking fears that the death toll could rise.—Internet

In Iraq, fault lines run deep over Kirkuk's future

KIRKUK, 9 Aug — The failure of Iraqi politicians to resolve competing ethnic claims for the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk is storing up explosive problems for the country's future.

After months of debate, parliament shut for a

summer break without agreement on a new law paving the way for the first provincial elections since 2005 — and it was divisions over how to hold the vote in Kirkuk that scuppered a deal.

"Postponing the election law will complicate the situation in Kirkuk and lead to a struggle between the factions and eventually a civil war may erupt," said Ali Ibrahim, an Arab.

"The parliament and the government has to work seriously to resolve the situation," he said.

Internet

Nine policemen killed in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 9 Aug — Armed suspected Taliban killed at least nine policemen in an overnight attack on a check post in Pakistan's northwest, the News Network International (NNI) news agency reported Saturday.

Security forces at a check post stopped a pick-up for routine search in Buner area of North West Frontier Province Friday night, but when they tried to search the vehicle, armed Taliban opened fire at the policemen, the report said.

Nine policemen died at the scene and several others fled, it added.

MNA/Xinhua

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,136

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — As of Friday, 8 Aug, 2008, at least 4,136 members of the U.S. military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,364 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The AP count is one fewer than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 am EDT. The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, South Korea, one death each.—Internet

A boy helps a policeman carry furniture out of a flooded police station in Allahabad, India, Friday, 8 Aug, 2008. Two days of heavy rainfall has resulted in severe water-logging in various localities of the city.—INTERNET



Rescuers try to retrieve passengers from the international EuroCity Comenius train that crashed into a part of a reconstructed road bridge, that fell down just before the passing train, in Studenka, some 360 kilometers east of Prague, Czech Republic, on 8 Aug, 2008. Seven people died and at least another 13 were injured.—INTERNET

Czech train crash kills seven, injures about 70

STUDENKA (Czech Republic), 9 Aug — An international express train hit a collapsed bridge at high speed in the Czech Republic on Friday, killing at least seven people and injuring about 70.

The EuroCity train, from the Polish city of Krakow to Prague, crashed at about 140 km per hour (87 mph) in Studenka, near the northeastern border with Poland.

"An international train from Krakow to Prague ran into a collapsed bridge which fell on the rails," said Czech Railways spokesman Radek Joklik.

Officials said six bodies were found in the wreckage and the CTK news agency reported that a seventh person, a Ukrainian, died in hospital. A rescue services spokesman said 13 people were seriously hurt.

The Czech and Polish prime ministers, Mirek Topolánek and Donald Tusk, visited the scene to observe rescue efforts. "There were many Poles on the train ... and unfortunately, apparently at least one of the dead is Polish," Topolánek said on Czech television.—Internet





A resident takes a look at the first-day cover he just bought outside the Nanjing Post Office in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 8 Aug, 2008. The commemorative postcards, stamps and first-day covers of the opening ceremony of the 29th Olympic Games were issued nationwide on Friday, the opening day of the games. —INTERNET

Czech anti-radar activists boycott US made products

PRAGUE, 9 Aug — Czech activists opposing the planned US radar base on Czech soil are trying to boycott products made by US companies, the daily Hospodarske Noviny (HN) said on Friday.

“We have selected the firms that are funding the US government. When the companies start feeling the losses, they will have to do something with it,” said Jan Bednar, one of the leading activists of the No to Bases group who recently went on an anti-radar hunger strike with his colleague.

Moreover, the radar opponents must also boycott the products that are traditionally considered Czech, such as the Sparta and Start cigarettes, as their producer is the Philip Morris company, and the Siesta biscuits, made by US Kraft Foods, HN pointed out. The logos of

all the banned products have been released on the anti-radar websites.

The radar opponents expect their step to annoy the US administration and, in the ideal case, make the companies persuade US President George W Bush to give up the radar base project.—Internet

CPP wins 58% votes in 4th general election of Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 9 Aug — The major ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) won around 58.11

percent of the votes in the fourth general election on 27 July, according to the preliminary official balloting results declared by the National Election Committee (NEC) here Saturday.

Altogether 3,492,374 out of the 6,010,277 actual voters cast their ballots for CPP, who had already translated the victory into 90 out of the 123 seats at the National Assembly (NA) and claimed to be the landslide winner of the nationwide political showdown.

CPP's winning rate during the past three general elections respectively stood at 39.63 percent in 1993, 41.67 percent in 1998 and 47.30 percent in 2003, said NEC.—Internet

Swiss engineers to remain in jail over nuclear probe

GENEVA, 9 Aug — The two Swiss engineers, Urs and Marco Tinner, suspected of involvement in an international nuclear mugging network were refused bail on Friday, the official Swissinfo news website reported.

The Swiss Federal Court upheld a ruling by the Criminal Court earlier this year which ordered the Tinner brothers to remain in custody pending the outcome of an investigation, according to the report. The pair, who

have been detained since 2005, had argued their alleged involvement could no longer be proven after the government ordered the destruction of documents on the case.

The brothers along with their father, Friedrich Tinner, are suspected of helping to supply parts for Libya's nuclear weapons program through a trafficking ring run by Abdul Qadeer Khan, the founder of Pakistan's nuclear program.

Internet



A total of 19 pairs of newlyweds from 12 cities of China hold a romantic group wedding on the sea in Olympic co-host city Qinhuangdao, north China's Hebei Province, at about 11 a.m. on 8 Aug, 2008, 9-hour countdown to the opening ceremony of the Olympics. —INTERNET

India court approves forest land for POSCO plant

NEW DELHI, 9 Aug — India's Supreme Court on Friday allowed South Korean steel firm POSCO the use of large swathes of forest land in the country's east to build a 12-billion-US-dollar plant.

The project in Orissa state, India's single biggest foreign investment, had also been left hanging for more than two years due to stiff opposition from farmers angry over losing their land.

“POSCO is permitted to continue the iron ore mining,” the Supreme Court said in a judgement.

Posco has so far been able to get about a quarter of the required 4,000 acres (1,600

hectares) of land. The court has allowed Posco use of another 3,000 acres of forest land.

Protestors claim the plant could displace 20,000 people, while the firm and government say it will create jobs in an impoverished part of the country. The stand-off over the project reflects a larger anger among Indian farmers fighting to save their land from factories as the country's economic priorities shift from agriculture to industry.

MNA/Reuters

Somali pirates free two German hostages

BOSASSO (Somalia), 9 Aug — Pirates on Friday freed two German tourists they had held hostage in remote northern Somalia since June, local elders and a source close to the gang said.

Hopes for their release rose this week as leaders in the breakaway region of Puntland tried to arrange for a ransom payment to be taken to the kidnappers.

Yusuf, a local man who described himself as an accomplice of the gang, said he was part of the group that carried one

million US dollars to their mountain hideout.

“They have released the two Germans,” Yusuf told Reuters by telephone from the small town of Las Qoray. “They are well and we will be taking them to Bosasso.”—MNA/Reuters

Seven killed in police clashes near Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, 9 Aug — Seven people were killed and unknown number of others wounded Friday in internal clashes among police forces near the capital, Mogadishu, local media reports.

The clashes involved newly trained police officers and their counterparts in Afgooye town in Lower Shabelle Province, 30 km west of Mogadishu, Shabelle Radio reported.

Internet

Dancers from the Gansu Provincial Song and Dance Company perform the Chinese classic six-scene dance drama “Flower Rains on Silk Road”, an episode on the Silk Road, at the Tianqiao Theater in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET





A customer chooses jewellery in Changchun, on 6 Aug, 2008. Platinum price in Changchun fell back sharply on Wednesday, dropping 10 percent to about 500 yuan per gram, due to the recent plunge of international oil price. —XINHUA

Japan Inc sees bigger profit fall than expected

TOKYO, 9 Aug — Japan Inc has forecast a bigger profit decline than its earlier estimate for the year to March 2009 due to price hikes and an economic slowdown at home and in the United States, a daily said Saturday.

Combined full-year group pretax profit is now seen falling 9.2 percent, compared with the initially estimated 5.6 percent, the Nikkei business daily said in its survey.

The newspaper covered 1,324 listed firms that had reported their April-June quarterly earnings by Friday.

Some 140 firms have recently downgraded their full-year earnings projections as rising fuel and material costs eroded earnings while the Japanese and US economies are slowing, the daily said.—Internet

Indonesian airline Merpati to get fresh funds from government

JAKARTA, 9 Aug — Indonesian Finance Minister Sri Mulyani said that the government would inject 300 billion rupiah (about 533 million US dollars) to the Indonesian Merpati Nusantara Airlines Inc after the company improved its performance.

The minister said President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono had ordered an audit on the state-owned airline.

“The president had asked that Merpati Inc, be audited to ascertain its current financial condition,” the minister was quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying here Saturday.

Besides, Merpati was also required to make a business plan first such as flight routes that should be maintained, operational fund reduction scheme and the needed

investment.

The business plan is required so that Merpati will have a sound financial balance under a good management, she added.

Internet

Berkshire Hathaway 2nd-quarter profit falls 8 pct



Warren Buffet

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc (BRKa.N)(BRKb.N) said on Friday second-quarter profit fell 8 percent, hurt by weaker results from insurance underwriting.

Net income for the Omaha, Nebraska-based insurance and investment company fell to \$2.88 billion, or \$1,859 per Class A share, from \$3.12 billion, or \$2,018, a year earlier.

Operating profit

declined 10 percent to \$2.27 billion, or \$1,465 per share, from \$2.51 billion, or \$1,625, a year earlier.

On that basis, analysts on average expected profit of \$1,370 per share, according to Reuters Estimates. Revenue rose 10 percent to \$30.09 billion.

Insurance underwriting profit fell 43 percent to \$360 million, although earned premiums rose 5 percent to \$6.23 billion.

Berkshire was able to boost insurance premiums following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, but Buffett has said prices and profit margins have since fallen.—Internet.

Oil slips below \$116 on strong dollar

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — Oil prices resumed their declines on Friday, as the US dollar surged to a six-month high against the euro and expectations of slowing global demand offset supply concerns over a fire on key Turkish pipeline.

The US dollar enjoyed a powerful rebound against the euro, after the European Central Bank and the Bank of England both left their benchmark interest rates unchanged, which made traders find reasons to sell.

Moreover, the central banks' actions also boosted speculations that economies around the world are slowing and will further dampen demand for oil.

Light, sweet crude for September delivery slipped 4.82 dollars to settle at 115.20 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange and continued to dip below 115 dollars a barrel in electronic trading after the close. Many traders regard 117 dollars a barrel as a key support level for crude oil. They say a move below this level suggests oil's recent slide is more than a brief pullback. —Internet



William Thorsell, director and chief executive of the Royal Ontario Museum, unveils a dinosaur exhibit erected by the museum at Pearson International Airport in Toronto on 6 Aug, 2008. — XINHUA

UBS settles \$18.6B auction-rate securities case

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — Swiss banking giant UBS AG agreed on Friday to buy back nearly \$20 billion in auction-rate securities from investors, a day after Citigroup Inc. reached a similar settlement with regulators for \$7 billion as part of a wide-ranging investigation into the collapse of the market for the bond-like investments.

UBS will repurchase all \$18.6 billion of the securities it sold and pay a fine of \$150 million as part of an investigation led by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo into whether banks misled

customers about the safety of the securities.

Cuomo said in an interview that his investigation into the troubled securities is continuing. Of the two settlements reached in as many days with UBS and Citigroup, he said: “We tend to start with the largest because that can make the greatest impact.”

As part of its settlement announced Thursday, Citigroup will also pay fines of \$100 million.

The bond-like investments were widely held by many institutional and individual investors and

were seen as highly liquid, money market-like investments. However the market for them collapsed in February amid the downturn in the broader credit markets.

The \$330 billion auction-rate securities market involved investors buying and selling instruments that resembled corporate debt, except the interest rates were reset at regular auctions, some as frequently as once a week. A number of companies invested in the securities because they could treat their holdings almost like cash.—Internet



2008 shows a novel-style dustbin on the newly-renovated Qianmen Street in central Beijing, China, on 7 Aug, 2008.—XINHUA

Makeshift bombs defused in French tourist hotspot

BAYONNE (France), 9 Aug—Police defused three makeshift bombs in a busy tourist resort and on a high-speed rail line in the French Basque country, officials said on Friday.

More than 1,200 tourists were evacuated in the middle of the night from their holiday homes after

firefighters received a telephone tip-off alerting them to a total of five explosive devices in the southwestern region.

Two were found in the Basque village of Arcangues, in a holiday resort and outside the tourism office, and a third on a TGV rail line near the

Atlantic town of Ondres, at the northern edge of the Basque country.

Officials said all three devices had been easily defused, and that holidaymakers had been allowed to return to their accommodation on Friday morning.

Internet



French firefighters stand on a road near a high-speed rail line in the Atlantic town of Ondres where a makeshift bomb was found on the line. Police defused three makeshift bombs in a busy tourist resort and on a high-speed rail line in the French Basque country, officials said on Friday.—INTERNET

China's consumer inflation may continue to fall



China's consumer inflation may continue to decline in July, marking the second consecutive month this year that it has dropped, according to economists' estimates.—XINHUA

Beijing, 9 Aug—China's consumer inflation may continue to decline in July, marking the second consecutive month this year that it has dropped, according to economists' estimates.

That may mean a departure from the rising spiral of inflation after it peaked at an annualized 8.7 percent in February.

Lehman Brothers economist Sun Mingchun said his team's research found the July consumer price index (CPI), the main barometer of inflation, may drop to 6.7 percent year-on-year from 7.1 percent in June. The domestic Bank of Communications research arm said the figure could fall at 6.4 percent, which is also the estimate of Southwest Securities.

Xinhua

Netcom offers historic Olympic hi-tech

Beijing, 9 Aug—China Netcom has developed eight innovations in digital communications used for the first time at the "hi-tech Olympics."

An ASON-based intelligent optical



CNC technicians adjust their facilities at a Beijing gymnasium.—XINHUA

transmission network is in use for the first time to improve the quality and security of the video transmission and special services for the Games.

It is also the first time light-compression high-definition (HD) video transmission technology has been used. Netcom is employing long-distance non-compressed methods to deliver original HD TV signal without any loss globally. The result is TV viewers can watch events almost as instantaneously as visitors on the spot, solving the problem of delay in TV transmission.

Internet



Dancers of the "Vertical Dance Company" practice their performance along the facade of the Swiss embassy in Berlin.

Bulgarian archaeologists discover ancient chariot

Archaeologists have unearthed a 1,900-year-old well-preserved chariot at an ancient Thracian tomb in southeastern Bulgaria, the head of the excavation said Thursday.

Daniela Agre said her team found the four-wheel chariot during excavations near the village of Borisovo, around 180 miles east of the capital, Sofia.

"This is the first time that we have found a completely preserved chariot in Bulgaria," said Agre, a senior archaeologist at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

She said previous excavations had only unearthed single parts of chariots—often because ancient sites had been looted.—Internet

Archaeologist works around a 1,900-year-old well-preserved chariot at an ancient Thracian tomb near the village of Borisovo, some 290 kilometers (180 miles) east of the Bulgarian capital Sofia, Thursday, on 7 Aug, 2008. The archaeologist Daniela Agre said her team found the four-wheel chariot during excavations near the village of Borisovo.



Woman wants protective thief as boyfriend

A woman in Nanning, capital of the Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, who has been robbed more times than she can remember, wants a thief for a boyfriend.

The woman, a college student, has been robbed of money, cell phones, ID cards, credit and debit cards; also the only picture she had of her late grandfather.—Internet



A competitor dives from a 21 metre-high bridge over the river Moraca during the annual "Vizier Bridge" high diving competition in Podgorica on 11 July, 2008.

Woman riding a donkey fights off a 500-pound lion with machete

A Mexican woman said she fought a 500-pound lion with a machete near the resort city of Acapulco and scared him away. Celsa Aleman said she and her 7-year-old niece were riding a donkey Monday along a road when the lion went after the animal's legs.

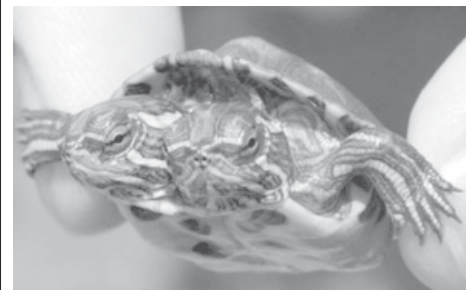
The 35-year-old woman says she found the courage to fight the lion because she thought it would attack her

niece. She hit the animal with a machete until the beast ran away. Aleman and her niece were unharmed.

The state government said in a statement that the lion had escaped from a private zoo owned by a former local congressman. It said the animal killed two dogs and ate a pig before it was sedated and taken back to the zoo.

Internet

NEWS ALBUM



A double-headed red-eared slider turtle "Takara," named after a boy who found it at a park nearby and meaning "treasure" in Japanese, is shown in Moriyama, western Japan on 27 May, 2008. Researchers say it is very rare for such a turtle to be found alive and added that it is highly unlikely that the cause was due to pollution but rather a natural phenomenon.

Ministry of Culture holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — The Ministry of Culture held a coordination meeting at the ministry, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint.

The Directors-General reported on implementation of the minutes of the previous meetings and future tasks, rectors of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) and (Mandalay) on staff affairs and academic matters, librarians of museums and libraries in States and Divisions on general matters.

After giving necessary instructions, the meeting ended with the concluding remarks. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint delivers a speech at work coordination meeting of Ministry of Culture.—MNA



National Joint Coordination Committee Meeting of the Animal Disease Control Project Phase II in progress.

MNA

National Joint Coordination Committee Meeting of the Animal Disease Control Project Phase II held

YANGON, 9 Aug— With the sponsorship of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the National Joint Coordination Committee Meeting of the Animal Disease Control Project Phase II was held at the meeting hall of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Insein Township here on 7 August morning with an address by Deputy Director-General of LBVD Dr Aung Gyi.

It was attended by officials of LBVD under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Second Secretary (Economy) of Japan Embassy Mr

Tetsuya Oishi, Second Resident Representative JICA to Myanmar Mr Sato Kohei, officials of JICA Regional Office led by Project Adviser Dr Nishino Shigeo, responsible personnel of Mandalay Division LBVD and representatives from Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation.

Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia are participating in the regional project that will last three years from 2008 to 2010. JICA will provide assistance in kind and expertise worth Japanese ¥102 million to

the project. The project covers PyinOoLwin Township and Amarapura Township in Mandalay Division and will benefit the tasks to improve the laboratory skills, to report information on animal infectious diseases, to detect the infectious diseases and control of the infectious diseases that can spread to human.

The project will also cover the surveying of TB and abortion common in dairy cattle and provide the target townships with medicines and necessities for setting up small-scale laboratories.—MNA

Olympic flame concludes its world tour at Bird's Nest

BEIJING, 9 Aug — Olympic champion-turned-entrepreneur Li Ning ignited the Olympic cauldron at the Bird's Nest National Stadium Friday night, concluding the 129-day world trip of the Olympic flame billed as a journey of harmony and peace.

The Beijing Olympic torch relay was meant to spread the spirit of peace, progress, equality, friendship, justice and partnership, which is the widely valued concept in the modern Olympic Games.

After being lit at the Olympic birthplace in Ancient Olympia, Greece, on March 24, the Olympic

torch travelled to the Panathinaiko Stadium in Athens before it was carried to Beijing on March 31.

Starting from the Chinese capital, the torch passed five continents, visited cities along the Silk Road that symbolizes ancient links between China and the rest of the world. It was also carried to the top of the world - the Mt. Everest peak.

The Olympic torch relay has achieved its goal to spread the Olympic spirit as well as the message of peace, progress and friendship. It also ignited the passion of the people around the

world in spite of the sporadic protests and melees.

The relay covered 137,000 kilometres (85,000 miles) as the longest ever trip of the sacred flame since the tradition started at the 1936 Olympics. The Olympic torch returned to Chinese territory on May 2 as tens of thousands of people turned out to cheer the flame in Hong Kong. Astronaut Yang Liwei kicked off the relay's home stretch on August 6. After three days of relay by 841 runners, the Olympic flame finally made it to the Bird's Nest.

MNA/Xinhua

UN issues commemorative stamps for Beijing Olympics

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Aug—The UN Postal Administration (UNPA) issued on Friday a set of six commemorative stamps in mini-sheet format on the theme "Sport for Peace" to mark the Beijing Olympic

Games. Three souvenir sheets and a Beijing Personalized stamp sheet were also released on the same day.

The overall theme and slogan for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games is "One World One Dream"

which fully reflects the essence and the universal values of the Olympic spirit — Unity, Friendship, Progress, Harmony, Participation and Dream, said a UNPA statement.

Internet

Oil falls to \$115 on economic worries, dollar gains

NEW YORK, 9 Aug—Oil dropped five dollars to a three-month low on Friday as the dollar surged and concerns about global economic growth weighed on demand expectations.

The fall came even as Russia sent forces into Georgia, a key energy transit region, to repel a Georgian assault on the breakaway South Ossetia region.

US light crude settled down 4.82 dollars to 115.20 dollars a barrel, before falling to 114.90 dollars in post-

settlement trade, the lowest level since early May. Prices have slid since hitting a record high over 147 dollars a barrel on July 11.

London Brent crude settled at 113.33 dollars, down 4.53 dollars.

"It seems that we've got a lot of selling based on the stronger dollar," said Peter Beutel, president of trading consultants Cameron Hanover.

Energy demand destruction and the dollar return have formed a quiet alliance

to bring the oil market down, and today the louder of the two is the dollar."

Strong demand from emerging economies like China sent oil on a six-year rally, with prices up sevenfold at their peak. More support came from investors rushing into commodities as a hedge against inflation and the weak dollar.

But mounting global economic problems and high fuel prices have begun to hurt demand.

MNA/Reuters

Maj-Gen Ko Ko attends cash and kind donations of...

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Maj-Gen Ko Ko donated alms to the Sayadaw. The commander and the ministers offered robes and alms to members of the Sangha. On behalf of the Sayadaw, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, officials and wellwishers handed over robes, medicines, offertories and cash to 358 monasteries.

German citizen Daw Uppalavanna presented hospital equipment worth US\$ 50,000 to Medical Superintendent Dr Ye Win of the hospital.

Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut offered a certificate of honour to the Sayadaw.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party inspected the new pontoon bridge at Labutta port.

At Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Labutta, Maj-Gen Ko Ko met with local authorities and heard reports on progress of the township and rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks.

Labutta Township has put 261,800 acres of land under monsoon

paddy against the target of 363,702 acres in 2008-09, accounting for 71.9 per cent. The remaining acres of farmland are being cultivated with the use of 893 draught cattle and 3,570 power-tillers. Emphasis is being placed on timely cultivation of the targeted areas.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party inspected the poultry farm of U Myint Aung-Daw Yi Yi Thant in Shukhintha Village of Myaungmya Township.


Myaungmya Township won the first prize (township level) for breeding of domestic chicken on 2003 World Food Day and the second prize for breeding domestic chicken on 2005 World Food Day. In the meat and fish sector, the township daily distributes 18,750 viss of pork and 65,000 eggs to Yangon. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, Myaungmya District is building the model buffalo breeding farm at mile post No. 19/2 on Labutta-Myaungmya road.

At rice mill port in Myaungmya Industrial Zone, Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party viewed construction of 21-foot-long boats for fishermen of Ayeyawady Division being undertaken by Bago Division Fisheries Department.

Altogether 50 workers from Bago Division have built 491 fishing boats against the target of 500 and distributed to 323 fishing boats to the local fishermen.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party looked into operating of Kyaw Rice Mill in Myaungmya Industrial Zone and storage of 100,000 baskets of paddy seeds and 129,000 baskets of reserve rice in Myaungmya District.

In Myaungmya District, 36 rice mills are running. Out of 5,204 rice mills in the division, 4,812 rice mills are working. A total of 12,264.45 tons of rice delivered by the State and 11,413.8 tons of rice donated by wellwishers at home and from abroad have been provided to the victims. At present, Ayeyawady Division has stored 65.8 million baskets of paddy and 23,896 tons of rice.—MNA



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Commander Brig-Gen Hla Min and USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo view learning of schoolchildren at BEHS in Ywale, Pyu Township.—A&I

New two-storey building for Ywale Basic Education High School (Branch) in Kanyutkwin opened

YANGON, 9 Aug—A ceremony to hand over and open a new two-storey building for Ywale Basic Education High School (Branch) in Kanyutkwin, Pyu Township, Bago Division, was held at the school yesterday morning.

Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo, Director-General of No. 1 Basic Education Department U Kyaw Thu and donor Managing Director of IBTCCo U Tin Maung Win formally opened the new school building.

Next, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of Southern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min unveiled the stone inscription of the building, and the commander, the secretary-general and guests sprinkled scented water onto it.

Next, the commander, the secretary-general and those present on the occasion viewed library, computer room, language lab and learning of students at the new building. That was followed by a ceremony to hand over the new school building and provide stationery at Shwemyitta Hall, and the commander and the sec-

retary-general made speeches on the occasion.

Next, the well-wisher explained the purpose of donation of the school building and handed over the related documents to Director-General U Kyaw Thu.

Later, the commander, the secretary-general and officials presented school uniforms and stationery to the students.

After that, Director of IBTCCo U Tin Oo presented K 2.5 million to the school through Headmistress Daw San Kyi, and Townselder U Aung Myint spoke words of thanks.

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Myanmar Institute of Certified Public Accountants holds AGM

YANGON, 9 Aug—The fourth annual general meeting of Myanmar Institute of Certified Public Accountants was held at International Business Center on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

It was attended by Patron of MICPA Chairman of Myanmar Accountancy Council Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, EC members of

MICPA, guests and certified public accountants.

First, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung made an address.

MICPA Vice-Chairman U Win Thin read out the report of executive committee for 2007-08 and Secretary U Thein Myint submitted the meeting minutes for approval.

Next, Treasurer U Than Tin presented finan-

cial report and audit report for 2007-08.

Afterwards, new EC members were chosen for 2008-09 and MICPA Chairman U Myo Myint made a speech of pledge on behalf of the newly-elected executive committee. After the meeting, Secretary U Thein Myint gave talks on Continuing Professional Education (CPE).—MNA



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung addresses the fourth annual general meeting of Myanmar Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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Maj-Gen Tha Aye views broadcasting of fertilizer in paddy field, Kanaungmyaing village.—MNA

Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport meets

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held its work coordination meeting at Yangon Command yesterday.

Chairman of Yangon

Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered a speech.

Officials of colleges and universities, departments and the bus line services reported on keeping traffic rules and road safety.

The commander fulfilled the requirements and the meeting ended.—MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint making speech at meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport.

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Maj-Gen Tha Aye supervises regional ...

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Maj-Gen Tha Aye viewed Hsinshweli sugarcane and monsoon paddy plantations in Shwegun Nawkaw Village of Hlaingbwe Township and Naungkanyaing Village of Hpa-an Township. They also inspected construction of War Veterans Village near Htilon Village of Hlaingbwe Township.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye offered robes and alms to Taungdale Sayadaw Ashin

Paññasami of Taungdale Pariyatti Monastery in Hpa-an Township.

In Hpa-an, he attended the coordination meeting of Kayin State Agricultural Supervisory Committee at Zwegabin Yeiktha and gave instructions on cultivation of monsoon paddy meeting the target to ensure local food sufficiency and extended growing of rubber and industrial crops.

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EP No. 1 Minister receives Chinese delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min received Chairman Mr Huang Guangmin of Yunnan United Power

Development Co Ltd (YUPD) and party at the ministry here yesterday afternoon.

Present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo

Myint, Heads of the Department and officials. They discussed matters related to Shweli-1 Hydro Electric Power Project.

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NELC holds certificate and prize presentation ceremony

YANGON, 9 Aug— A ceremony to present completion certificates and awards to those who passed Cambridge Young Learners' Exams under the arrangement of Nelson English language Centre (NELC) was held at Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

Teacher Nelson delivered an address and

Exam Services Manager U Kyaw Htin gave accounts of Cambridge Young Learners' Exams.

Next, responsible persons presented completion certificates and awards to students who completed starters, movers, flyers and KET courses.

NELC organized Class No. 1 for children aged 16 and above at No. 53 on Dhammayon street,

Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township (Ph: 534287, 504493), Class No. 2 for children of 5-15 years age group and children aged 16 above at Room No. 202, MGW Tower, Bo Aung Kyaw Road, Botahtaung Township (Ph: 256517), Class No. 3 children of 3-15 years age group at No. 3, Thabyaenyo Street, Sangyoung Township (Ph: 510612).—MNA

Water purifiers for storm survivors

YANGON, 9 Aug— Secretary of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Commit-

tee Chairman of Cash and Kind Accepting and Supervisory Committee Minister for Social Wel-

fare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and officials accepted 3,197 sets of water purifiers worth US\$ 39,985 donated by National Director of World Vision Myanmar Mr James Ltumbuan and party to storm survivors at Fire Service Department (Head Office) in Mayangone Township, here, yesterday.

The minister presented a certificate of honour to the well-wisher and expressed thanks.

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Saya Nelson presents completion certificate to a trainee.

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Ministry of Industry-2 holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— Ministry of Industry-2 held a work coordination meeting at the hall of the ministry here on 6 August with an address by Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein.

In his address, the minister said that efforts are to be made for running factories and workshops at full capacity, for timely completion of new projects and for minimizing loss and wastage. He stressed the need for

officials to inspect not only progress of work but also financial matters to see to it that they can be in place.

He added that personnel of the ministry are to be equipped with esprit de corps, to be united and to be straightforward in discharging the ministry's tasks.

Next, deputy ministers touched upon the salient points of meeting while managing directors reported on work carried out ministry-

wise in 2007-2008 and future tasks for 2008-2009.

After that, factory managers reported on work to be carried out in 2008-2009 and future tasks for boosting the quality of finished items and those in charge of projects in charges on the respective tasks.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein.—MNA

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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

Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein speaking at the meeting of Ministry of Industry-2.
INDUSTRY-2



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung visits Plywood Factory of Myanmar Korea International Ltd in Swa.—FORESTRY



Saw mills inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung this morning went to Plywood Factory of Myanmar Korea Timber International Ltd (MKTI) in Swa, Bago Division (East).

He inspected production process of plywood in the factory and then proceeded to Base Workshop of Engineering Division (Swa), Myanmar Timber Enterprise. He inspected warehouses and maintenance of vehicles.

The minister and officials arrived at No. 20 Saw Mill of Thagara under Myanmar Timber Enterprise, inspected running of the mill and sawn timbers, and gave instructions to officials.

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Deputy Minister inspects functions of universities, hospitals

YANGON, 9 Aug— Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe gave instructions to the rector, faculty members and trainees of University of Nursing (Yangon) yesterday morning.

At the Central Women's Hospital (Yangon), the deputy minister met with the head of department and officials at Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department and instructed them to disseminate reproductive knowledge to the people.

Next, he visited the maternity ward and the intensive care unit.

At Children's Hospital (Yangon), the deputy minister and party viewed progress in construction of four-

storey extended building. They also inspected the laboratory and main buildings of University of Medical Technology (Yangon) in Insein Township.

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Low pressure area in Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—According to the observation at 18.30 hrs Myanmar Standard Time, a low pressure area is formed in the north west and middle west of the Bay of Bengal.—MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe inspects construction work of University of Medical Technology (Yangon).—HEALTH



Czech marksman snatches first Olympic gold

Markswoman Katerina Emmons of Czech celebrates after women's 10m air rifle final awarding ceremony of Beijing Olympic Games at Beijing Shooting Range Hall in Beijing, China, 9 Aug, 2008. Katerina Emmons won the gold medal in the event with 503.5 points.



Chen Xiexia wins China 1st gold medal

Gold medalist Chen Xiexia of China shows the gold medal at the awarding ceremony of the women's 48kg weightlifting event at Beijing 2008 Olympic Games at the Beijing University of Aeronautics & Astronautics Gymnasium in Beijing, China, 9 Aug, 2008. Chen won the first gold for the Chinese.



Pang Wei wins the gold medal in men's 10m air pistol

Pang Wei (R) of China celebrates with his coach Wang Yifu after men's 10m air pistol final of Beijing Olympic Games at Beijing Shooting Range Hall in Beijing, China, Aug. 9, 2008. Pang Wei won the gold medal in men's 10m air pistol final.



Samuel Sanchez of Spain wins gold in man road race.

Spaniard Samuel Sanchez celebrates after winning the gold medal in the men's road race of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, 9 Aug, 2008.



Alina Alexandra Dumitru (blue) of Romania competes against Yanet Bermoy of Cuba during the women -48kg final of judo at Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, 9 Aug, 2008. Dumitru won the match and claimed the gold medal in this event.



Choi Minho of South Korea celebrates after winning Ludwig Paischer of Austria during the men -60kg final of judo at Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, 9 Aug, 2008. Choi won the match and claimed the gold medal in this event.

Overall Medal Standings(9-8-08)

Rank	NOC Name	Men				Women				Open/Mixed				Total				Rank by Total
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1	China	1			1	1			1					2			2	=2
2	United States					1	1	1	3					1	1	1	3	1
3	Korea	1	1		2									1	1		2	=2
4	Czech Republic					1			1					1			1	=4
4	Spain	1			1									1			1	=4
4	Romania					1			1					1			1	=4
7	Austria		1		1										1		1	=4
7	Cuba						1		1						1		1	=4
7	Italy		1		1										1		1	=4
7	Russian Fed.						1		1						1		1	=4
7	Turkey						1		1						1		1	=4
12	Argentina							1	1							1	1	=4
12	Croatia							1	1							1	1	=4
12	Japan							1	1							1	1	=4
12	Netherlands			1	1										1	1		=4
12	DPR Korea			1	1										1	1		=4
12	Switzerland			1	1										1	1		=4
12	Chinese Taipei							1	1							1	1	=4
12	Uzbekistan			1	1											1	1	=4
	Total:	3	3	4	10	4	4	5	13					7	7	9	23	



Cheering squad perform during the match between South Korea and Brazil of women's preliminary round group A at Beijing 2008 Olympic Games basketball event at the Beijing Olympic Basketball Gymnasium in Beijing, China, on 9 Aug, 2008. South Korea beat Brazil 68-62.—XINHUA

Charlie's Angels' star Bernie Mac dies



Bernie Mac, 50.

CHICAGO, 9 Aug — Comic actor Bernie Mac died early Saturday of complications from pneumonia,

according to a family member and his publicist. He was 50. He had been hospitalized in Chicago, Illinois, for more than a week with the lung infection. Mac — born Bernard Jeffrey McCollough — starred in the Fox television series "The Bernie Mac Show." His film roles included the "Ocean's Eleven" series, "Friday," "Get on the Bus," "Transformers" and "Bad Santa." *Internet*

Marine to stand trial over detainee killing in Iraq

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug — A US Marine is to face a military trial for murder over charges stemming from the shooting death of an unarmed Iraqi prisoner during fighting in Fallujah in 2004, the military said on Friday. A statement released by the US Marine Corps from their California base at Camp Pendleton said Sergeant Ryan Weemer would be tried at a later date on charges of unpremeditated murder and dereliction of duty. Weemer is the second soldier to be sent to court martial in the case. Another Sergeant, Jermaine

Nelson, was ordered to stand trial in May on identical charges. Weemer and Nelson are among three soldiers facing charges in the case, which occurred during fierce combat operations in Fallujah on 9 November, 2004. A third soldier, Jose Nazario, is being tried in civilian courts in California on manslaughter charges in connection with the shooting deaths of two Iraqi prisoners. Nazario, who denies the charges, is awaiting trial. *Internet*

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Nine arrested in alleged connection with Nepali twin blasts

KATHMANDU, 8 Aug — Nepali police have arrested nine people on suspicion of involving in Wednesday evening's twin blasts in a teashop in Pokhara City in western Nepal.

According to a leading website, nepalnews.com report, the identity of those arrested has not been revealed yet as police said the investigation was in initial stage.

As many as six people including two women and a minor were injured in the two blasts that came within the gap of half an hour in the city.

It was the first bomb attack in the western region ever since the country entered the peace process two years ago. The situation of the famous tourism city, some 200 kilometres west of Kathmandu, turned to be tense after the blasts.

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Kidnapped German-Afghan freed in Kabul

KABUL, 8 Aug — Afghan security forces freed a German-Afghan businessman in a raid on Thursday, nearly two weeks after he was kidnapped from the capital, the country's intelligence agency said.

Azizullah was seized by a group of armed men as he walked home from a hotel he owns in Kabul, the deputy head of the Directorate for National Security, Abdullah told reporters. Three armed men were arrested during the pre-dawn raid on a house where Azizullah was kept, Abdullah said, adding the abductors had demanded three million US dollars for his release.

The kidnapping of foreigners and Afghans has become a lucrative business for criminal gangs and Taliban insurgents amid rising violence in Afghanistan.

MNA/Reuters

Gunmen on motorcycle kill Philippine journalist

MANILA, 8 Aug — Two gunmen on a motorcycle killed a local radio commentator in the central Philippines, police said on Thursday, the second attack in a week and the third journalist killed this year.

Martin Rojas, 37, was on his way home from



A dancer performs during the opening ceremony for the Beijing 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Friday, Aug. 8, 2008.—INTERNET

ASEAN+3 to study preparation of oil stockpiling roadmap

BANGKOK, 8 Aug — ASEAN member countries (AMEM) plus 3 (China, Japan, and South Korea) has agreed to jointly study the preparation work for a regional oil stockpiling plan to prevent shortages and reduce impacts of oil price surges in the

future during the 26th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting held here.

Thai Energy Minister Poonpirom Liptapanlop said Thailand had pushed for a basic connection of energy sources under the ASEAN framework, Thai News Agency reported on

Friday. The project involves the international gas pipeline linkage from Indonesia's Nutuna gas field to Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam, and Malaysia, and the power transmission line connection.

Regarding an amendment of the agreement on assistance for oil importing countries in the face of the oil crisis, she said member countries saw a need to alter rules and regulations to ensure they are in compliance with the amended pact.

A signing of the agreement would take place at the ASEAN Summit to be hosted by Thailand late this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Rojas was described by his colleagues at Radio Mindanao Network as a hard-hitting commentator, criticizing local politicians, soldiers and police officers for alleged wrongdoings.

MNA/Reuters

Hollywood producer Bernie Brillstein dies at 77

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug — Hollywood producer and talent manager Bernie Brillstein, whose movie credits include "The Blues Brothers" and "Happy Gilmore", has died of lung disease at age 77, his company said on Friday.

Brillstein died on Thursday night in Los Angeles from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Brillstein Entertainment Partners said in a statement.

He was a talent

manager early in his career and helped guide the rise to stardom of Muppet creator Jim Henson, comic actors John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd and "Saturday Night Live" creator Lorne Michaels. He served as executive producer on many films including "The Blues Brothers", starring Belushi and Aykroyd, as well as TV comedies like the 1990s hit "NewsRadio".

MNA/Reuters



Pakistani youngsters play in a drainage channel after heavy rain fall in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Friday, 8 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Thai central province declared dengue disaster zone with 1,400 infected

BANGKOK, 9 Aug — Authorities in Thailand's central province of Rayong declared the province as a dengue disaster zone after 1,397 people were infected and two of them were killed this year, The Nation news website reported on Friday.

Rayong deputy

governor Siripong Hantrakul was quoted as saying that by declaring a disaster zone, the provincial administration could spend its emergency fund of 50 million baht (about 1.47 million US dollars) to fight the spread of the disease.

He said Rayong, some 150 kilometers from Bangkok, remained on top

of the provinces with the highest dengue spread rate, according to the report. Dengue or Dengue Fever is an infectious disease normally transmitted by mosquitoes, common in a tropical country like Thailand especially during its rainy season, which falls around June through October. —Internet



Pakistan army paramedics help Italian climber Marco Confortola, 37, upon his arrival at a military hospital in the northern Pakistani town of Skardu on 6 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

Early treatment is key to combating hepatitis C virus

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — A new study shows that patients, who receive early treatment for Hepatitis C virus (HCV) within the first months following an infection, develop a rapid poly-functional immune response against HCV similar to when infection is eradicated spontaneously.

Researchers from

University of Montreal in Canada published their results on Friday in the US Journal of Virology. In the study, researchers followed a group of intravenous drug users at high risk of HCV infection before and immediately after exposure to HCV.

They found that early treatment restores a rapid poly-functional immune response, characterized

by the simultaneous production of multiple anti-viral mediators.

Therefore, early treatment can restore immune response against HCV and help eliminate the virus rapidly, the authors conclude.

Internet

AIDS forum closes with calls for funds, action on prevention 9-8-08

MEXICO CITY, 9 Aug— The world AIDS conference ended here Friday with appeals for further funds to care for people infected by HIV and a scaleup of efforts to

root out AIDS stigma and prevent the lethal virus from spreading.

"Lives are being saved on an unprecedented scale," said Michel Kazatchkine, executive

director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, at closing ceremonies to the six-day parlay.

But, he warned, "We cannot leave Mexico with any sense of complacency."

Kazatchkine named three priorities: defeating the discrimination in which the AIDS virus flourished; focussing research on smarter, coordinated paths rather than a scattergun approach; and beefing up health systems in poor countries.

He named his fourth priority as ensuring that the surge in funding for fighting AIDS in poor countries, which began in mid-decade and in 2007 reached 8.1 billion dollars, was sustained.

Internet

Rabies from bats suspected in Venezuela deaths

CARACAS, 9 Aug — At least 38 Warao Indians have died in remote villages in Venezuela, and medical experts suspect an outbreak of rabies spread by bites from vampire bats. Laboratory investigations have yet to confirm the cause, but the symptoms point to rabies, according to two researchers from the University of California at Berkeley and other medical experts.

The two UC Berkeley researchers — the husband-and-wife team of anthropologist Charles Briggs and public health specialist Dr Clara Mantini-Briggs — said the symptoms include fever,

body pains, tingling in the feet followed by progressive paralysis, and an extreme fear of water. Victims tend to have convulsions and grow rigid before death.

Dr Charles Rupprecht, chief of the rabies program at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, agreed with their preliminary diagnosis.

Internet

Ghost ships' deaths an accident

QUEENSLAND (Australia), 9 Aug— Three sailors who disappeared from a yacht later found empty and drifting off the coast of

Australia died in a freak accident, an inquest found.

The vessel, Kaz II, was found with its engine running, food on the table, and its full complement of

lifebelts.

Derek Batten, 56, and brothers Peter and Jim Tunstead, in their 60s, left on an eight-week trip from Queensland to Western Australia in April last year. But their yacht was found adrift just three days later.

Now, after a week-long inquest, a coroner in Queensland has ruled that the men lost their lives in a freak accident and suggested they drowned in an unfortunate sequence of events. None of the men were good swimmers, the coroner concluded, and they would have struggled and then been lost beneath the waves. —Internet



Three men drowned in an unfortunate sequence of events, an inquest heard. —INTERNET

Gene raises risk of lifetime smoking habit

CHICAGO, 9 Aug — For most people, the first experimental drags on a cigarette bring on nausea, coughing and other signals from the brain that say, "Turn back. This is a bad idea." But for some, they bring a wave of pleasure.

Those in the second group likely bear a gene type that not only increases their addiction risk, but has been implicated in the development of lung

cancer, researchers said on Friday.

"If you have this variant, you are going to like your earliest experiences with smoking," said Ovide Pomerleau of the University of Michigan Medical School, whose research appears in the journal Addiction.

Pomerleau said the finding suggests that for some, smoking even one

cigarette is a bad idea. "It's a trap," he said in a telephone interview.

"What they don't realize is if they have this kind of genetic make-up, they are on their way to dependency," he said, and that raises their risk for lung cancer.

The research is part of a growing understanding of genetic factors involved in nicotine addiction and lung cancer. — Internet



In this file photo the Venus of Willendorf is shown at Vienna's natural history museum.

The Venus of Willendorf, a small Paleolithic statuette with a fleshy, distinctively feminine figure, was discovered 100 years ago on 7 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Holmes leads the PGA as the only player under par

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, 9 Aug—JB Holmes and his monster length turned out to be a good fit for Oakland Hills. With a black glove on his hand and a scowl on his face, Holmes hammered one tee shot after another Friday and kept most of them in the short grass, leading to a 2-under 68 for a one-shot lead going into the weekend at the PGA Championship.

Holmes was at 1-under 139, the only player to break par over two rounds on a course known as "The Monster." It was the first time since 1972 — at Oakland Hills, not so coincidentally — that only one player was under par through 36 holes of the PGA Championship.

"When I hit my driver like I did today, this is an easy sport," Holmes said.

It sure didn't feel easy to anyone else.

Sergio Garcia four-putted the 17th green late in the second round just as he was trying to catch Holmes, and instead dropped to a 73 and was three shots behind. Phil Mickelson struggled with a few bad drives, a few poor chips and not many putts, making three bogeys over the final five holes for a 73 that left him four shots behind.

Internet



J.B. Holmes hits his drive on the 18th hole during the second round of the 90th PGA Championship golf tournament on Friday, 8 Aug, 2008 at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township, Mich. Holmes finished 1-under par after two rounds.—INTERNET



Liverpool's French forward David Ngog(R) is challenged by Lazio's Alessandro Tuia during their pre-season friendly football match in Liverpool. Liverpool won 1-0.—INTERNET

Liverpool beat Lazio in Champions League warm-up

LIVERPOOL, 9 Aug — Liverpool, without injured captain Steven Gerrard, beat Lazio 1-0 at Anfield on Friday in a friendly warm-up for next week's Champions League match with Xabi Alonso in fine form.

Liverpool travel to Belgians Standard Liege for the first leg of the third qualifying round on Wednesday and thigh-strain victim Gerrard at this point looks unlikely to feature.

Liverpool fans chanted Alonso's name constantly during the match and the Spaniard responded with a fine all-action display of passing and running.

Liverpool were crisp and assertive with Alonso pulling the strings in front of a 43,062 crowd.

They made it eight pre-season games unbeaten, the winner coming in injury-time when Andriy Voronin volleyed home from Jay Spearing's pass.

Internet

Veteran Germany keeper Lehmann exits national squad

BERLIN, 9 Aug — Germany's veteran goalkeeper Jens Lehmann is handing in his international gloves after 10 years' service, the German football federation (DFB) said on Friday.

The 38-year-old Lehmann was the oldest player at Euro 2008 in Switzerland and Austria when Germany lost to Spain in the June 29 final.

The keeper, who quit Arsenal at the end of last season to join Stuttgart, decided to step down after a discussion with Germany's national coach Joachim Low and goalkeeping coach Andreas Kopke.

Lehmann explained he wanted to give a chance for another keeper to prove himself in time for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

"I was not able to guarantee to the national coach that I would still be playing football at the end of the coming season during



Germany's veteran goalkeeper Jens Lehmann, seen here in May 2008, is handing in his international gloves after 10 years' service, the German football federation (DFB) said on Friday. INTERNET

which I am under contract to Stuttgart," he said in the statement.

"In these conditions I proposed to him and to Andreas Kopke that they should no longer include me in the national squad. It has been a good period for me in the German team."

The Euro 2008 final on June 29 in Vienna will therefore have been Lehmann's final appearance for his country.

Internet

Johnson's goal: third Cup title and a road win

WATKINS GLEN, 9 Aug — After a slow start in his quest to win a third straight Sprint Cup title, Jimmie Johnson is coming up to speed as the Chase for the championship looms. Now, if he could only master a road course.

"When I wake up in the morning and look in the mirror, this is my challenge," Johnson said Friday before rain canceled qualifying for Sunday's Centurion Boats at The Glen. "I want to win on a road course, and it's the last chance I have this year to do it. That's what it really boils down to."

Johnson has two shots this weekend at Watkins Glen International — Sunday's Sprint Cup race and the Nationwide Series' Zippo 200 on Saturday. It will be only Johnson's second Nationwide start of the year.—Internet

Van Bommel takes over as Bayern captain

BERLIN, 8 Aug — Dutch international Mark van Bommel has been handed the captain's armband by Bayern Munich coach Jurgen Klinsmann, the German club said on Friday.

Speaking one week before the start of the new Bundesliga season, Klinsmann said: "Mark van Bommel is predestined for the role. Since training resumed at the end of June, I have been able to assess the excellent way in which he leads the team, to the point that he enjoys considerable respect from all the players, from the youngsters to the older ones."

The 31-year-old



Dutch international Mark van Bommel, seen here last month, has been handed the captain's armband by Bayern Munich coach Jurgen Klinsmann, the German club has said.—INTERNET

midfielder takes over the captaincy from Oliver Kahn who retired at the end of last season when Bayern Munich won the Bundesliga championship as well as the German Cup.

Internet

Del Potro powers through to Los Angeles final four

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug — Juan del Potro remained untouchable as the Argentine third seed stretched his summer vic-

tory streak with a 7-6 (8/6), 6-2 win to reach the ATP Los Angeles Classic semi-finals.

The breakthrough teenager, winner of his last two European clay events, moved into a Saturday match-up with sixth seed Mardy Fish.

The soon-to-be married American Fish demonstrated his current personal happiness on court, riding eight aces to a 6-4, 6-4 decision over Florent Serra

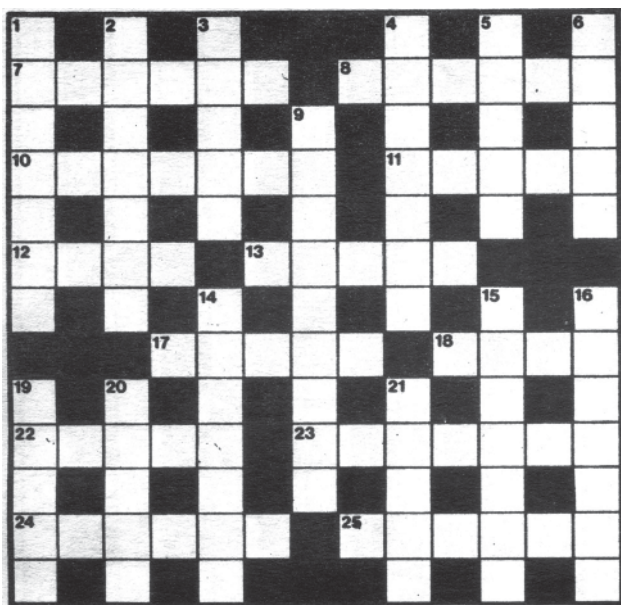
German outsider Denis Gremelmayr accounted for his second seed of the week, following up after beating number four Feliciano Lopez by taking out number five Marat Safin in a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 turnaround at UCLA.

Internet



Juan del Potro, seen here, remained untouchable as the Argentine third seed stretched his summer victory streak with a 7-6 (8/6), 6-2 win to reach the ATP Los Angeles Classic semi-finals.—INTERNET

CROSS WORDS PUZZLE



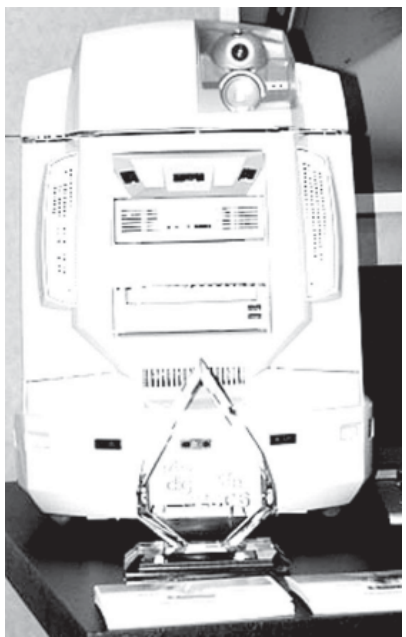
ACROSS

- 7. Dairy product
- 8. Frustrate
- 10. Avidly
- 11. Reason contentiously
- 12. Head cook
- 13. Store
- 17. Comical
- 18. Fable
- 22. Core
- 23. Feeling
- 24. Local inhabitant
- 25. Mix with

DOWN

- 1. Lack
- 2. reel
- 3. Cheerful
- 4. Trifling wound
- 5. Raised platform
- 6. Downright
- 9. Onlooker
- 14. Stealthy
- 15. Mock-orange
- 16. Altered
- 19. Intone
- 20. Trust
- 21. Redbreast

White Box Robotics showed a telepresence scenario featuring its 914 PC-BOT. The 914 was controlled via a Robotics Studio driven Web-based interface, accessible remotely over a network. INTERNET



US warns of muscle harm when heart drugs combined

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — US health officials warned the public on Friday about the risk of a rare type of muscle injury seen when the cholesterol drug simvastatin is combined with the anti-arrhythmia medicine amiodarone.

The Food and Drug Administration said it continued to receive reports of rhabdomyolysis, a type of muscle injury that can lead to kidney failure or death, despite a 2002 warning about combining the drugs.

Simvastatin is an ingredient in Merck & Co's Zocor and Abbott Laboratories Inc's Simcor, and is sold generically. It also is one of two components in Merck and Schering-Plough Corp's Vytorin. Amiodarone is an ingredient in Wyeth's Cordarone and is also sold generically. All drugs in the statin class of medicines, which includes simvastatin, carry a potential risk of rhabdomyolysis.

But compared with other statins, the risk is "more pronounced" when simvastatin is given with amiodarone, the FDA said. The risk increased with simvastatin doses greater than 20 milligrammes per day. — MNA/Reuters

Food crisis hits several western hill districts in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 9 Aug— Hundreds of local residents have been compelled to leave the country for survival as the food scarcity looms large at nine different hill districts in mid-western and far-western development regions in Nepal, *The Kathmandu Post* reported on Saturday.

Claiming the government was indifferent to such a grave problem, the victims said they had not alternative but to go to neighbouring India to fill their bellies.

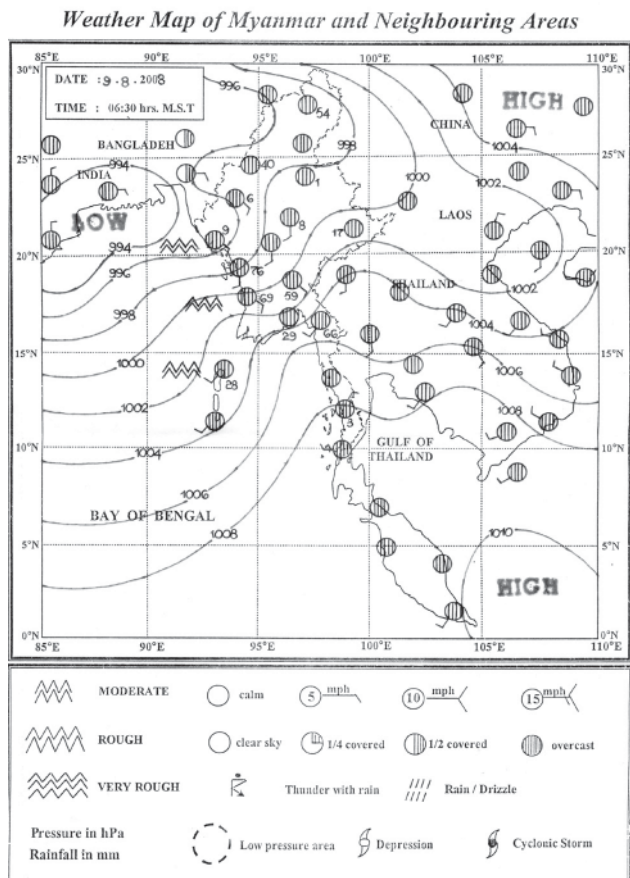
Informal Sector and Service Center claimed that about 50 locals at Pakha Village of Kalikot district have been displaced from the village due to food crisis.

"All of them have migrated to India to work for their livelihood now," said the report.

Similarly, in Achham district, about 2,000 locals from 25 villages in the eastern part have left for India due to food scarcity in the district.

I am going to India as there is nothing left at home to eat," said Chandrakanta Dhakal in the district.

They criticized the government for not supplying foodstuff though they had been demanding food for the last month. —MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Saturday, 9 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been fairly widespread in Kayah State and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Bago Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kayah State and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inch, Shwegyin (5.94) inches, Ye (5.11) inches, Bilin (4.53) inches, Thanton (4.33) inches, Theinzayat and Hpa-an (4.25) inches each, Zaungtu (4.13) inches, Gwa (3.54) inches, Nyaunglaypin (3.15) inches, Kyaukpyu (3.07) inches, Thadwe (2.99) inches, Naungoo (2.68) inches, Mawlamyine (2.64) inches, Hinthada (2.55) inches, Taunggu (2.32) inches and Putao (2.28) inches and Kyaukpataung (1.25) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-8-2008 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 9-8-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 9-8-2008 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 8-8-2008 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 9-8-2008 was (1.42) inches at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.02) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (69.22) inches at Mingaladon, (78.03) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.50) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 8-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10-8-2008: Rain will be fairly widespread in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihoods of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon, Kayah States and Bago Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experienced at time off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (40) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 10-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-8-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Aerial view of a flooded area in Trinidad in 2007, blamed on the "El Nino" weather phenomenon. US and British researchers have confirmed the link between warmer climate and an increase in powerful rainstorms, according to a study released on Thursday that underscores one of the challenges of global warming. —XINHUA



Sunday, 10 August
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 7:50 am
 5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am
 6. Cute little dancers

- 8:10 am
 7. Music programme
- 8:20 am
 8. “မျှော်သူမမောစေချင်” (စိုးသီဟ၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်လှမျိုး
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 11:00 am
 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am
 2. Musical programme
- 11:20 am
 3. Round up of the week's International news
- 11:30 am
 4. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 12:00 noon
 5. မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင်“ချစ်ခြင်းရင်ခုန် ယုံကြည်စွာဖြင့်” (ဒွေး၊ ရီဝေယံ၊ တင့်တင့်ထွန်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်) ဒါရိုက်တာ-လွင်မင်း

- 2:00 pm
 6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 2:20 pm
 7. Dance of national races
- 2:30 pm
 8. Musical programme
- 2:40 pm
 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:45 pm
 10. International news
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
 2. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 4:20 pm
 3. Musical programme
- 4:35 pm
 4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:45 pm
 5. Song for uphold National Spirit
- 4:55 pm
 6. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 7. Sing & enjoy

- 6:00 pm
 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 10. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:45 pm
 11. Musical programme
- 7:00 pm
 12. “စားသုံးဆီဖုလုံဖို့ မြေပဲ အထွက်တိုးအောင်စိုက်ကြစို့.”
- 7:10 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 8:00 pm
 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

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.**

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

Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— The first round matches of the Second Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament, jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation were held at designated venues here this afternoon.

At Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, Ministry of Information beat Ministry of Rail Transportation 5-2 in Group-C.

Among the spectators were Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, Managing Director of Myanmar Railways U Min Swe, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, staff of the two ministries and enthusiasts.

At Paunglaung Sports Ground, Ministry

of Construction routed Civil Service Selection and Training Board 4-0.

On 11 August, Ministry of Sports will play against Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground. At Paunglaung Sports Ground, Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs will meet with Ministry of Co-operatives.— MNA



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Gold medalist Chen Xiexia of China shows the gold medal at the awarding ceremony of the women's 48kg weight-lifting event.

Collective blood donation at Jivitadhana Sangha Hospital

YANGON, 9 Aug— The seventh collective blood donation ceremony to Jivitadhana Sangha Hospital took place at the hospital in Bahan Township here this morning.

Altogether 13 members of the Sangha, five nuns and 106 lay persons including staff members of the hospital donated blood at the ceremony. In Charge of Na-

tional Blood Bank of Yangon General Hospital Dr Daw Thida Aung and party accepted the blood which will go to warded patients of the hospital.

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Players of Ministry of Information team and Ministry of Rail Transportation team in action.—MNA

Weather Forecast for 10-8-2008

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