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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

# Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Thein Sein on his return from People's Republic of China

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomed back Prime Minister General Thein Sein who arrived back here by air after attending the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games held in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, at Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 3.50 pm today.

Also present at the airport together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Maung Shein, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win of the Ministry of Defence, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, senior military officers, directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and the Government Office and heads of departments.

Officials who accompanied the Prime Minister also arrived back here on the same flight.— MNA



*Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA*

# PERSPECTIVES

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## Promote health care for longevity of people

Social objectives of the State include education, health and cultural sectors and the government has laid down plans to improve every sector and is implementing health care promotion programmes to see that every citizen is healthy and strong.

The government is extending health care services to enable the people to enjoy longevity and to be free from any disease. New advanced general hospitals and specialist and teaching hospitals have been built in various parts of the country including border areas. Moreover, special equipment of international standard to provide accurate diagnosis and better treatment has also been given to these hospitals.

New hospitals, dispensaries and rural health care centres have been opened nationwide and specialists, doctors, nurses and health staff have been appointed. The government can now provide a wide range of public health care services in the whole country.

Prevention and control of disease is an important part of medical care. With the provision of the requirements on diagnosis and treatment occurrence of new diseases can be prevented. In addition, disease control programmes on AIDS, TB and malaria are being launched in cooperation with WHO. Eradication and treatment of drug addicts and rehabilitation tasks are being undertaken constantly.

With the greater efforts of the government for public health, the people will be able to live longer and enjoy higher health standard.

## Peoples' 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

## Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Alope Sen as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to the Union of Myanmar in succession to Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra.

Mr Alope Sen was born in 1950. He holds a post graduate degree in English. Mr Alope Sen joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1976. Since joining the Indian Foreign Service, he had served in various capacities in the Ministry of External Affairs as well as the diplomatic missions of India in Ankara, Dhaka, Ottawa, Algiers and Tashkent. He was a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi from 1997 to 2001 and he served as Ambassador of India to Turkey from 2001 to 2005. He is currently serving as Ambassador of India to Cambodia.—MNA

## Yangon Division Performing Arts Competitions commence

YANGON, 9 Aug—The 16<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (Higher Education Level) of Yangon Division were opened at National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) in Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint.

Rector of Yangon East University U Kyaw Ye Tun delivered an address and formally opened the competition.

Students of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) presented entertainment to the audience.

Later, the commander presented a basket of flower to the artistes.

MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presents flower basket to artistes.— MNA

## Outstanding students of Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — The Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 held the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students of staff who passed the matriculation examination for 2007-08 academic year, at the



Minister Col Zaw Min gives a prize to an outstanding student of staff family.— MNA

ministry, here, on 8 August.

Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min delivered an opening address and presented prizes to four-distinction winner Maung Hwin Nanda Aung and three-distinction winner Ma Theingi Kyaw.

Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and departmental heads also gave prizes to other outstanding students.

In the examination, 68 students of staff passed the examination. Of them, 10 students passed the exam with flying colours.

MNA

## Medicines donated to storm survivors

YANGON, 10 Aug — The Public Health Ministry of Thailand and Exodus Foundation of Australia donated medicines to be used in providing health care services to the storm survivors at the temporary control office of the Ministry of Health at Yangon General Hospital yesterday afternoon.

Director (Diseases Control) Dr Saw Lwin of the Department of Health accepted the donations and gave a certificate of honour to the wellwishers.

MNA

## All this needs to be known

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

## Georgia 'pulls out of S Ossetia'

TSKHINVALI, 10 Aug— Georgia has said its troops have pulled out of the breakaway region of South Ossetia and that Russian forces are in control of its capital, Tskhinvali.

But Russia said that while heavy artillery had been seen leaving the territory, Georgian troops were still present in other areas of the region.

Meanwhile, Russian warships have deployed near ports along the Georgian Black Sea coast,



including Poti, where Georgian wheat and fuel shipments are being blocked. Russia insists there are no plans to stop oil exports, but says it reserves the right to search

any ships.

In response, Ukraine has threatened to block the return of Russian warships to their Black Sea base at Sevastopol saying it does not want to be "drawn into a military conflict".

Georgia says an additional 10,000 Russian soldiers have crossed into South Ossetia and Abkhazia. The separatist authorities in Abkhazia have announced full military mobilization.

Internet

## Georgian breakaway city in ruins

TSKHINVALI, (South Ossetia), 10 Aug— Tskhinvali, the capital of the separatist Georgian province South Ossetia, lay in smoldering ruins Sunday after three days of fighting between Georgian troops and Russian forces.

Russia's deputy foreign minister said at least 2,000 people, mostly Russian citizens, have been killed in Tskhinvali.

The fighting had spread well beyond South Ossetia, with Russian airstrikes on Georgian cities and with thousands

of Russian troops in the breakaway province of Abkhazia.

Internet



A Georgian woman holding her baby cries at her damaged home in Gori on 10 August, 2008.

INTERNET



Visitors look at photos in the photo exhibition "Between Heaven and Earth: Mont-Saint-Michel and Sacred Mounts Around the World" in the abbey church on Mont-Saint-Michel in France, on 9 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

## Beef recalled after cases of poisoning

LOS ANGELES, 10 Aug— A hamburger packing plant in Los Angeles has recalled 153,630 pounds of raw beef after as many as 70 people in Virginia have come down with food poisoning, the Pasadena Star-News reported on Saturday.

The recalled beef was

suspected of being contaminated by E. coli bacteria which might originate from the S & S Foods company, the paper said.

Until the exact source was pinned down, the packing plant was voluntarily recalling the ground meat, said the paper.

But Virginia health

officials have identified the beef as tainted, and said at least 26 Boy Scouts from the Washington DC area have been hospitalized.

The meat has not been sold to retail shoppers, but was only wholesaled to institutional customers from some distribution centres in the nation, according to the paper.

Internet

## US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,138

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug—As of Saturday, 9 Aug, 2008, at least 4,138 members of the US 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 more than the Defence 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



Passers-by observe the scene of a roadside bomb which injured four Iraqi policemen in Maysalon square, Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday, on 9 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

## Russia bombs Georgian military airfield near Tbilisi airport

MOSCOW, 10 Aug— Russian planes bombed a military airfield early Sunday near the Georgian capital's international airport, news reports said.

There was no immediate report of casualties from the attack.

Georgian troops began a military action Friday against South Ossetia's forces in an attempt to re-establish control over the region. In response, Russian troops moved into the region to fight the Georgian forces.

The attack came as the UN Security Council failed again Saturday in its attempt to agree on a truce call for the parties involved in the bitter fighting South Ossetia

Internet



Smoke is seen over buildings after bombardment in Gori, 80 km (50 miles) from Tbilisi, on 9 August, 2008.—INTERNET

## Firemen pass out as fire rages plaza in downtown HK

HONG KONG, 10 Aug— Two fire fighters rescued when fighting a fire at a building in Mong Kok, a downtown area of Kowloon, Hong Kong Sunday morning.

More than 20 residents were rescued from the fire, among whom 10 were sent to hospital for physical examination or treatment, as fire fighters were still extinguishing the fire three hours after the outbreak of the fire.

A spokesman of the Fire Service Department said the department had mobilized more than 200 fire

fighters and 40 fire engines to the scene trying to extinguish the fire.

The fire broke out at Cornwall Court, Nathan Road at about 9:20am (0120GMT) Sunday when a fire started from a Karaoke store at the second floor soon raged through the building.

A witness said he tried to put out the fire with three extinguishers at the beginning of the fire but failed then he called the fire service department.

Internet

## UN chief urges peaceful settlement to conflict in Georgia

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Aug — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Saturday called on the warring parties in Georgia to immediately end hostilities and seek a peaceful settlement to the conflict.

"The Secretary-General urges all parties to immediately end hostilities and to engage, without delay, in negotiations to achieve a peaceful settlement," Ban's Press office said in a statement issued late Saturday.

"The Secretary-General is alarmed by the escalation

of hostilities in Georgia which have resulted in large numbers of casualties and massive destruction in South Ossetia and other regions of Georgia," the statement said.

In particular, the Secretary-General expressed concern about "violence spreading to areas outside the zone of the Georgian-Ossetian conflict," it said. Ban is "profoundly concerned over mounting tensions in the Abkhaz zone of conflict, including the bombing of the Upper Kodori Valley

and the ongoing military build-up along the security zone," it noted.

The Secretary-General "welcomes international efforts to assist the parties in resolving the situation" and "strongly believes that a lasting solution can only be found by peaceful means," it added. South Ossetia declared independence from Georgia in the early 1990s and was governed by a secessionist government since then although its independence has not been internationally recognized. —Internet



Two German tourists, who were named by German news magazine *Der Spiegel* as Juergen K (L) and Sabine M, held hostage by pirates, sit during a news conference after their release in Bosasso in northern Somalia's breakaway Puntland region on 9 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA



Lin Miaoke, a nine-year-old Chinese girl who lent her voice Friday night to the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics, returns to the Xizhongjie Primary School of Dongcheng District in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA

### All items from Xinhua News Agency

#### Sri Lankan PM: Terrorism must be eradicated before having talks

COLOMBO, 10 Aug — The Sri Lankan government is steadfast in eliminating terrorism before having talks with Tamil Tiger rebels, Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayake said on Saturday.

Addressing an election rally at Medirigiriya in the North Central Province, Wickramanayake said "terrorism must be eliminated before anything. Only after that we could talk of talks."

Wickramanayake said government troops currently engaging Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in the north have sent the rebels reeling. "We are now knocking on their doors, having limited them to just two districts," the prime minister said.

The troops said they have entered the rebel heartland districts of Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi where their administration was headquartered.

"We will be soon ending terrorism in the country and it is the duty of everyone to support the government at decisive moment," Wickramanayake stressed.

Xinhua

#### Bomb blast injures 3 kids in capital of Bangladesh

DHAKA, 10 Aug — A homemade bomb exploded Saturday afternoon in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka, leaving three children wounded, private news agency UNB reported

The kids, aged 5-10, were playing with the abandoned bomb after they found it near their homes. The victims were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital immediately after the explosion. —Xinhua

#### China's biggest broker, CITIC, reports 1H net profit up 13.3%

BEIJING, 10 Aug — CITIC Securities, China's largest listed broker, reported that its first-half net profit had risen 13.3 percent year-on-year to 4.77 billion yuan (647.4 million US dollars).

Revenue was 10.91 billion yuan, up 2.57 percent, with earnings per share of 0.72 yuan, the company said in a release to the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Underwriting income reached 27.15 billion yuan, up 96.94 percent, while income from the traditional brokerage business fell 30.44 percent to 4.62 billion yuan amid the broad decline of China's stock market.

The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index is down more than 57 percent since it peaked in mid-October.

CITIC's shares fell 4.55 percent to 21.39 yuan on Friday, down more than 80 percent from their peak in early November.

The company also announced on Saturday that 987.35 million non-tradable shares would be unlocked on 15 Aug. —Xinhua

#### NATO soldier killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 Aug — Clash between insurgents and NATO troops left one soldier of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) dead in southern Afghanistan on Saturday, said an ISAF statement released here Sunday.

However, it is ISAF policy to not release the nationality of any casualty prior to the relevant national authority doing so.

Meanwhile, three militants were detained during a US-led Coalition forces' operation to disrupt militant networks in eastern Afghanistan's Paktika province on Saturday, a Coalition statement said on Sunday.

The three militants were arrested during Coalition forces' searching compounds in Urgun district targeting a militant responsible for rocket attacks against Coalition forces, the statement said. —Xinhua

#### Nepali CA to start procedure on PM election

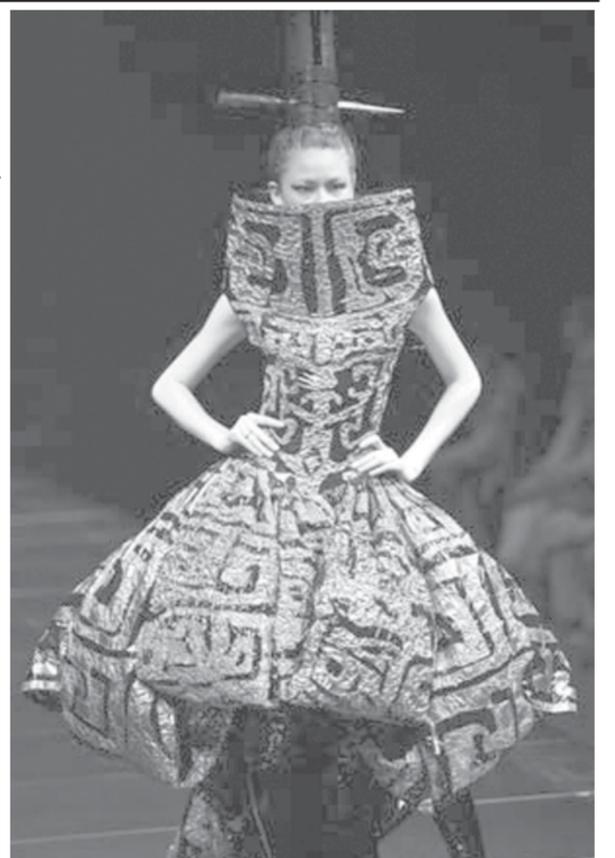
KATHMANDU, 10 Aug — The Constituent Assembly (CA) will start the procedure on the election of Nepali Prime Minister once it receives the formal letter from the president in this regard, local media reported on Sunday.

According to CA chairman Subas Nemwang, the relevant committee of the parliament will initiate the procedure of the election after getting the official letter, reported nepalnews.com website.

Earlier, the president was also elected by the CA.

As per the constitution, anyone able to show simple majority at the CA can be elected as the Prime Minister.

Since the political parties failed to reach understanding to form the government of consensus within prescribed time, the president has urged the CA to arrange the election. —Xinhua



A model displays a creation originated from costumes in ancient China's state of Chu during the Warring States period (475 BC to 221 BC) during "Olympic Beijing, Fashion China" fashion show in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 August, 2008. —XINHUA

## China's 5th national caring AIDS orphan summer camp opens

BEIJING, 10 Aug — About 100 children orphaned by AIDS/HIV came from 14 counties of six provinces to join in the 5th national summer camp for AIDS orphans which opened here Saturday.

The event was jointly organized by the China National Committee on Care for Children (CNCCC), the Chinese Association of STD and AIDS Prevention and Control and the United

Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). These orphans would live and play with about 200 peers and 20 compassion ambassadors of HIV/AIDS in the week-long camp. Their activities included watching Olympic games and visiting the National Postal Museum, among others.

Han Qide, vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress,

delivered the opening speech and expressed good wishes for the event.

"We should strive to create a conducive environment for the growth of our children," said Han, adding that the children affected by AIDS/HIV need special care from the society.

"The camp reflects our achievements in effectively protecting our children's rights," he said.

Internet



People walk down a road lined with Baobab trees, also known as the "tree of life", in Fandene, on 25 July. In Senegal, villagers have always known about the health benefits of baobab fruit, which only now have been discovered by Europe in what could spell magic for localities like Fandene.—INTERNET

## Bomb explodes near Baghdad bank, kills two

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug — Three separate roadside bomb blasts killed two people and wounded 17 others in Baghdad Sunday, an Interior Ministry official said.

A bomb exploded outside a bank in Kamaliya, a Shiite neighbourhood in eastern Baghdad, about 8:30 am. It killed two people and wounded 10 others, the official said.

Around the same time, a bomb targeting an Iraqi Army patrol exploded in east Baghdad's Zaiyuna district in east Baghdad, authorities said. The blast wounded two soldiers and two civilians.

About two hours later, another bomb targeting an Iraqi Army patrol went off over a bridge in Kadhimiya, another Shiite neighbourhood in northwestern Baghdad. The blast wounded three soldiers, the official said.

Also on Sunday, two mortars struck the International Zone, the centre of US offices in Iraq, the Interior Ministry said.

Internet

## Airline industry woes threaten O'Hare expansion

CHICAGO, 10 Aug — Soaring gas prices have claimed plenty of victims — from SUV sales to stock market portfolios.

They now threaten to claim another: the expansion of one of the world's busiest airports.

Chicago wants to complete the expansion of O'Hare International Airport, which relies heavily on revenue from cash-strapped airlines, by 2014 — two years before it hopes to host the Summer Olympics.

But carriers serving Chicago now appear reluctant to put up more money to finish the job because high fuel costs have cut so deeply into industry revenue, forcing airlines to raise fares, slash flights and lay off workers. Chicago officials say the expansion project is critical, and not just for the city and state economy.

New runways and a new terminal envisioned in the project, they say, will greatly reduce delays that now gum up air traffic nationwide. Critics have



A map showing the north area of construction at O'Hare International Airport is seen.—INTERNET

expressed skepticism for years about Chicago's ability to finance the project and meet its deadline, now just six years away.—Internet

## Malaysian power outage plunges two million into darkness

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Aug — A six-hour power failure across Malaysia's Sarawak state on Borneo island caused chaos and plunged more than two million people into darkness, reports said on Sunday. The electricity

outage hit on Saturday evening, darkening cities and towns across the state and causing massive traffic jams as signals failed. "The state government wants to find out the source of the massive blackout. We need to know exactly," Deputy Chief Minister George Chan told

The Star newspaper, describing the blackout as unprecedented in the state. A Sarawak Electricity Supply Corporation official told the daily that it believed the cause of the outage was a fault along the main power grid between the towns of Sibul and Bintulu.—INTERNET

## 6.6 earthquake hits Indian Ocean, no tsunami alert

NEW DELHI, 10 Aug — A 6.6 magnitude earthquake struck in the Indian Ocean on Sunday, but no tsunami warning was issued, the Indian Meteorological Department said.

Panic-stricken residents rushed out of their homes in Port Blair and stood out in the open waiting for the quake to subside.

"The earthquake lasted for about 6-7 seconds," said Sanjay Mandal, a local hotel owner. "My customers ran out into the open."

Power went off briefly in some parts of the town. "No loss of life or any damage has been reported so far," said S.N. Jha, chief of Andaman's disaster control cell.—INTERNET

## Algeria suicide bomb kills 8

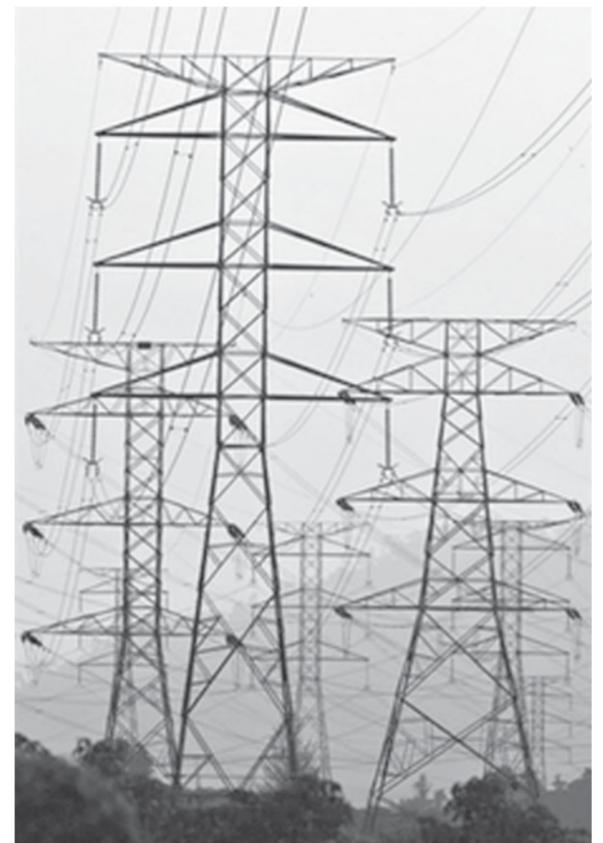
ALGIERS, 10 Aug — A suicide bombing killed eight people east of Algiers late on Saturday, OPEC member Algeria's official APS news agency reported on Sunday.

The attack, which also wounded 19 people, happened at about 10 pm. British time in the coastal town of Zemmouri el

Bahri 45 km (28 miles) east of the Algerian capital, the agency reported an Interior Ministry source as saying.

The blast also damaged several buildings, the agency said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast.

Internet



File photo shows high-voltage transmission lines in Terengganu state in Malaysia. A six-hour power failure across Malaysia's Sarawak state on Borneo island caused chaos and plunged more than two million people into darkness.—INTERNET



Georgian women cry as they leave their village near the town of Tskhinvali, some 100km (62 miles) from Tbilisi, on 10 August, 2008.

INTERNET

## Aid plane crashes in Indonesia's Papua, one dead

JAYAPURA (Indonesia), 10 Aug —An American pilot has died after his light plane delivering food aid in Indonesia's remote Papua province crashed, an official from the missionary organization said on Sunday.

Contact with the plane

was lost on Saturday in between the Taive and Nduduk districts, said Norbertus Tunyanan, aviation manager for the Association of Mission Aviation in Wamena, about 275 kilometres (171 miles) southwest of the provincial capital Jayapura. He said

initial reports indicated the pilot had died and rescuers were trying to reach the wreckage.

Air transport is commonly used in Papua, Indonesia's easternmost province, where land travel is often impossible.

MNA/Reuters

## Russia takes South Ossetian capital

TSKHINVALI (Georgia), 10 Aug — Russian troops and tanks took the capital of the separatist Georgian region of South Ossetia on Sunday after a bloody three-day battle as Georgian forces retreated and offered a ceasefire.

Russia ordered in soldiers and bombed Georgian targets after Tbilisi attempted on

Thursday evening to retake South Ossetia, a small pro-Russian province which broke away from Georgia in the 1990s.

Georgia's Foreign Ministry said it had told Russia on Sunday evening that it was ready "to immediately start negotiations" on a ceasefire and an end to

hostilities.

Russia confirmed it had received the note but said Georgia had not stopped hostilities and continued to shell South Ossetia. Georgia accused Russia of again bombing a military airport on the outskirts of Tbilisi on Sunday evening, after the ceasefire offer.

Internet

## Israeli Army arrests 4 Palestinians on Gaza border

GAZA, 10 Aug — Israeli forces arrested four Palestinians at the security fence with Gaza, Palestinian security sources said Sunday.

However, witnesses and Israeli media reported that the Palestinians have surrendered to the Israeli forces as they were waving white banners when they were heading for Kissufim crossing in

southeastern Gaza Strip.

The Israeli Army said the four men were taken for interrogation.

The Palestinian security sources said the four men were apparently fleeing the Gaza Strip for fears of being targeted by Hamas, which controls the territory since last summer.

When Hamas routed Fatah's security forces,

which are headed by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, many of Fatah supporters fled towards Israel to avoid Hamas revenge.

The same thing occurred last week when Hamas renewed a crackdown against Fatah in Gaza following a beachside blast that killed five Hamas members.

Internet

## Brazil teen loses right hand in shark attack

A shark ripped off the right hand of a teenager swimming along the coast of northeastern Brazil, fire department officials said Monday.

Pernambuco state fire department spokesman Marcio Maia said 14-year-old Wellington dos Santos was attacked on Sunday after he swam beyond a coral reef that keeps sharks away from the beach of Piedade near the state capital, Recife.

Lifeguards rescued dos Santos and rushed him to a hospital, where he was reported to be in critical but stable condition, Maia said. Besides severing dos Santos' hand, the shark "bit off a large chunk of his buttocks," Maia said.

"People insist on ignoring the sign posts warning of the danger of shark attacks, especially beyond the coral reefs about 150 meters (490 feet) from the beach," Maia said.

Internet



A mini metro train runs inside the new Red Star Macalline mall on Shanghai's Zhenbei Road.—INTERNET



A Shaolin Wu-Shu Warrior from The Chinese State Circus is seen balancing on pointed spears during a photocall for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival shows, Scotland.

INTERNET.

## NEWSALBUM

A police-trained dog wears boxing gloves during a demonstration before a military parade to celebrate Peru's Independence Day in Lima.

INTERNET



## Lost Aussie prospector eats termites to survive

A former pest exterminator lost in the remote Australian Outback and desperate for food survived by eating termites and other insects for four days before being found Tuesday by local Aborigines.

A weary-looking Theo Rosmulder told reporters that he found some relief from hunger at a giant termite mound.

"I just hit the top of the termite nest off and got stuck into them," Rosmulder said at a news conference in the southwestern Australian mining town of Laverton. "Termites don't taste too bad." Rosmulder, 52, was suffering from dehydration but otherwise in

"surprisingly good condition," Western Australia state police Sgt Graham Clifford said. He said the insects and termites provided Rosmulder a bit of moisture and some protein.

"He kept eating what he used to kill," Clifford said.

Rosmulder had been searching for gold with his wife and a group of other prospectors about 80 miles north of Laverton, police said.

Internet



British diver Paul Worsley shows off the giant crab he caught in Lyme Bay, off the Dorset coast. The crab weighed 63.82 kilogrammes (171 pounds) and had a shell width of 30.48 centimetres (12 inches) while each of its claws was as big as a man's hand.—INTERNET

Internet

# Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash and kind donation ceremony of Tatmadaw families

YANGON, 10 Aug — The cash and kind donation ceremony of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers to four monasteries in Dagon Township was held at Kyargu Dhamma Beikman of Kyargu Monastery on Shwedagon Pagoda Road, here, this afternoon, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered robes and alms to Chairman of Dagon Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Revata of Kaba Aye Monastery. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior military officers and officials donated provisions to members of the Sangha.

The commander presented offertories donated by Yangon Division PDC to the Sayadaw.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander and the vice-mayor accepted cash donations from the wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Today's donations to the monasteries were 62 bags of rice, 67 viss of edible oil, 378 viss of iodized salt, 54 viss of gram, 54 tubes of toothpaste, 684 bottles of traditional medicines, 500 packets of chilli powder and K 6,600,000.

A similar ceremony for nine monasteries and two nunneries in Yankin Township was held at Maha Bawdi Pariyatti Monastery on Moegaung Road this afternoon, attended by Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint.

The commander offered robes and alms to Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Dhammikayama (Kyaikpi) Sayadaw. The vice-mayor and officials also donated provisions to the Sayadaws.



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash from a wellwisher at donation of provisions to monasteries in Dagon Township.— MNA*

The commander, the vice-mayor and senior military officers accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Today's donations to the monasteries and nunneries

were 223 bags of rice, 127 viss of edible oil, 1,271 viss of iodized salt, 254 tubes of toothpaste, 2,067 bottles of traditional medicine, 254 viss of gram, 500 packets of chilli powder and K 10,226,500. — MNA



*Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint accepts cash donations at offering of provisions to monasteries and nunneries in Yankin Township.— MNA*

## Minister attends ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug— Member of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee USDA CEC member Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint attended the ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students who passed the 2007-2008 matriculation examination with flying colours held at Kyaukkalup Basic Education High School in Hyainggyikyun Township, Labutta District on 6

August.

The minister and officials presented prizes to outstanding students and teachers and accepted cash donated by well-wishers for the school.

At the briefing hall of Phonedawpyi Village, the minister met with officials and local people and heard a report on progress of the region. And he stressed the need to extensively engage in agriculture and regional development.

After that, the minister

attended prize presentation ceremony of Pyinkhayaing Village BEHS where he presented prizes to outstanding students and teachers.

At Chaungwa Village BEHS (Branch), the minister also presented prizes to outstanding students and teachers, and made a concluding speech.

Next, the minister and party inspected the construction of houses for storm survivors.

MNA

## Mayor participates in ceremony to plant trees in Kandawgyi Gardens

YANGON, 10 Aug— Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa attended a ceremony to plant trees held at

Kandawgyi Gardens this morning and planted sal, neem and Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) saplings in the designated places.

Next, members of Pale Health Family, families of embassies and staff of

YCDC planted trees in the designated places and then the mayor and the vice-mayor and committee members viewed planting of trees. A total of 2270 trees were planted today.

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## Golden Temple Sayadaw of Singapore donates K 30m for construction of houses

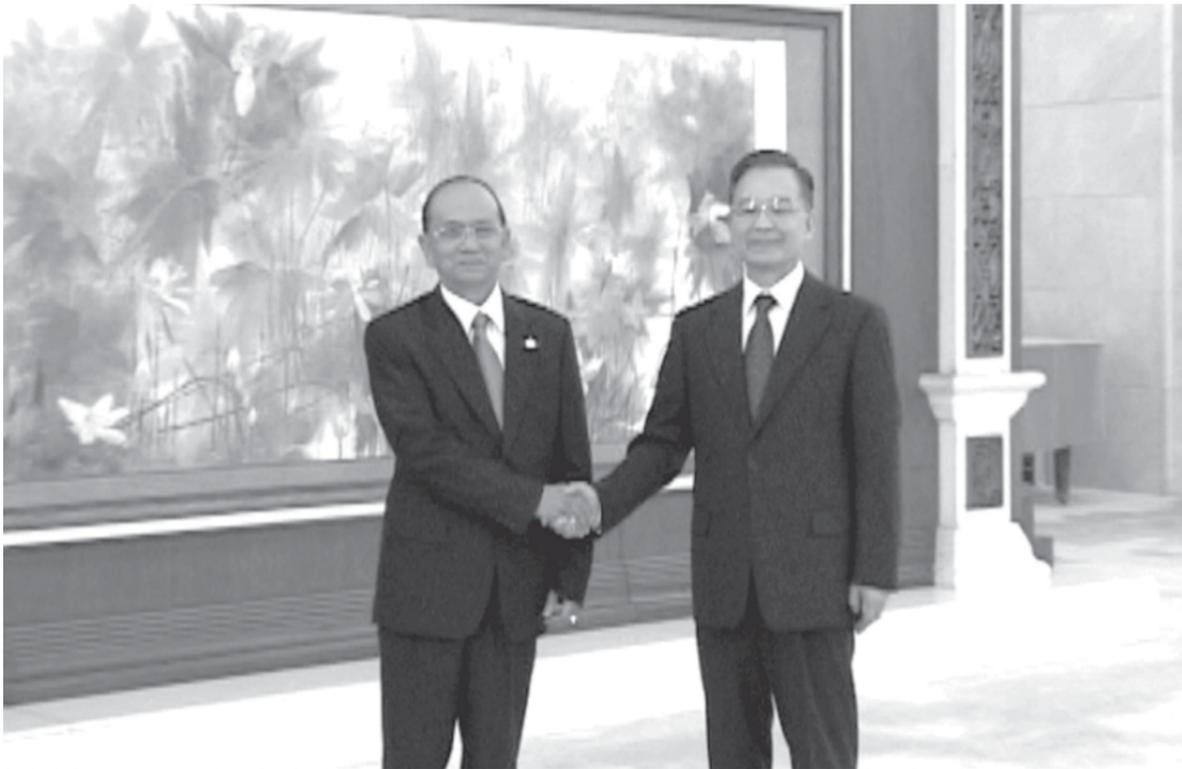
YANGON, 10 Aug — On behalf of Golden Temple Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Ven. Shifa Zhao of Singapore, disciples U Htein Lin and U Hla Thein donated K 30 million for

50 houses to be built in Ngwe Zinyaw Village of Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Division, at the Ministry of Religious Affairs (Yangon branch) on Kaba Aye Hill, here, at 3 pm

today.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted the donation and presented certificate of honour for the Sayadaw to the disciples. — MNA

## Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of People's Republic of China



*Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of PRC in Beijing.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein met Premier Mr Wen Jiabao of the State Council of the People's Republic of China at Hong Kong Hall of the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 8 August.

Present together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Myanmar Ambassador to the People's Republic of China U Thein Lwin, Deputy Director-General of Political Department U Kyaw Tin and officials.

Also present together with PRC Premier Mr Wen Jiabao were Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Yang Jiechi, Chairman of National Development and Reform Commission Mr Zhang Ping, Minister for Commerce Mr Chen Deming, Director of the Premier's Office Mr Qiu Xiao Xiong and senior officials.

At the meeting Mr Wen Jiabao said he was glad to welcome his counterpart to attend the opening ceremony of Beijing Olympic Games. China and Myanmar are neighbouring friendly nations. Better Sino-Myanmar relations will be beneficial to both nations. He said he wished further strengthening of bilateral relations.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein said the leaders of the Union of Myanmar, the government and the people were very pleased to see the successful holding of the 29<sup>th</sup> Beijing Olympic Games on a grand scale.

He explained measures taken for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks after the storm Nargis, work done for approval of the State Constitution and bilateral economic and social cooperation.

The Prime Minister said Head of State Senior General Than Shwe wished the Premier and the leaders of the PRC and the people both health and prosperity. The meeting ended at 10.50 am.

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## Prime Minister General Thein Sein arrives at Beijing of People's Republic of China

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and officials concerned, left for the People's Republic of China by air on 7 August afternoon to attend the opening ceremony of the 29<sup>th</sup> Beijing Olympic Games to be held in Beijing and arrived at Kunming International Airport of Yunnan Province at 6.30 pm local time.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed at Kunming International Airport by Myanmar Consul-General to China U Myo Tint and staff, Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Gu Zhaoxi, the Director-General of Foreign Department of Yunnan Province and officials. A girl from Myanmar Consulate-General and a girl from Yunnan Province presented bouquet to the Prime Minister.

Vice-Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Gu Zhaoxi hosted a dinner in honour of the Prime Minister and party at Best Lounge. The Prime Minister and party left for Beijing by air at 9.10 pm local time and arrived at Beijing International Airport at midnight.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed at the airport by the Vice-Minister of Land and Resources of PRC and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and embassy

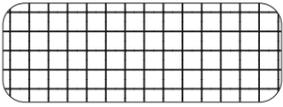


staff.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Diao Yu Tai State Guest House where they were going to put up.

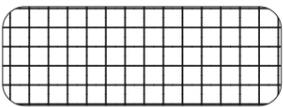
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*Prime Minister General Thein Sein being welcomed by the Vice-Minister of Land and Resources of PRC at Beijing International Airport.— MNA*



**Prime Minister  
General Thein Sein  
of the Union of  
Myanmar meets  
Premier Mr Wen  
Jiabao of the  
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China at Hong Kong  
Hall of the Great  
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## Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence tours Sagaing Division



**Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects progress of Manipura Dam Project in Kalay Township.— MNA**



long and it can withstand 20 tons of load.

They went to the site of Manipura multi-purpose dam project near Sedaw Village where Project Director U Victor and officials reported on the implementation of the project. Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and the commander inspected construction of the entrance to the diversion tunnel.

The project is being undertaken on Myittha River near Sedaw Village in Kalay Township. On completion of the project, it can supply water to about 50,000 acres of land and it can generate 1,903 kilowatt hours annually.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, the commander and party inspected the site of Kandaunt Dam in Pale Township. Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met officials and local people at women's vocational training school.

They also met local people in Yinmabin and urged them to cooperate with departments concerned for development of every sector.

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NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe and officials, paid obeisance to the Buddha Image at Sagahla Dhammayon Kyaungtaik in Kalay on 8 August.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, the commander and party presented robes and other offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Rajittha.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint went to Technological

University (Kalay) and presented K 200,000 for the faculty members to acting principal Dr Phone Kywe and officials.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, the commander and party

inspected construction of Myaungchaung Bridge on Kalay-Gangaw Road, maintenance, approach structure and flow of water. The reinforced concrete bridge is 186 feet

### Flood News

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—According to the (1:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Bago river at Bago is (882) cm and it is possible to reach its danger level (910)cm during the next (2) days.

According to the (11:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin river at Shwegyin is (735) cm and it has exceeded by (35) cm (about 1.1 ft) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (700) cm during the next (2) days.

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### Minister inspects installation of Tower No. 147

YANGON, 10 Aug—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 8 August inspected the substitution of towers with new ones at Tower No. 147 of Hlinethaya-Athoke power grid across Ayeyawady River near Kazintaw Village, Pantanaw

Township, Ayeyawady Division, installation of power lines and removing of old ones.

At the briefing hall, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and party heard a report presented by Project Director U Thein Hlaing of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise

on progress in substitution of Tower No. 147, installation of power lines along the power grid and other salient points.

Next, the minister and party looked into supply of power with the use of new power lines and gave necessary instructions to officials.—MNA

## Objectives of the 16<sup>th</sup> 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

## USDA S-G inspects Kanyutkwin Hospital

YANGON, 10 Aug — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo together with officials visited Thandi Thukha Moekaung Pagoda and donated provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silacara of

Ywale Monastery in Kanyutkwin on 8 August. Next, he supplicated on construction of religious buildings.

At Kanyutkwin Station Hospital, the USDA Secretary-General met with the medical superintendent and health

staff and then presented a day meal to patients.

After that, he inspected collective donation of X-ray ward, supply water and beautifying task in the compound of the hospital.

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## Deputy Minister attends 26<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay attended the 26<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting and its related meetings at Intercontinental Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand on 7 and 8 August.

Thai Energy Minister Lt-Gen Poonpiron Liptapanlop extended greetings at the meeting while ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and Thai Deputy Prime Minister Mr Somchai Wongsawat made opening speeches.

Present on the occasion were ASEAN Energy Ministers, Energy Ministers from ASEAN plus three dialogue partners China, Korea and Japan, Energy Ministers from India, and East Asian countries Australia and New Zealand.

Thai Energy Minister presided over the meeting

together with Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay. The meeting discussed energy cooperation in ASEAN community, renewable energy, efficient use of energy, coal sector, regional energy policies and management and nuclear energy security.

Next, those present approved cooperation programmes 2010-2015 on energy in ASEAN and signed agreement on oil security for ASEAN as well as sought approval to sign emergency projects at

ASEAN summit meetings.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay made clarifications to host the 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting in Myanmar in 2009. In the afternoon, the 5<sup>th</sup> ASEAN + Three Energy Ministers' Meeting and the Second East Asian Three Energy Ministers' Meeting continued. The Joint-Statement of Energy Ministers was approved.

Next, he attended the ASEAN's prize presentation ceremony held at



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay poses for documentary photo at 26<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting in Bangkok.

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## Provisions donated to monasteries, nunnery in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — Families of Defence service (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated rice and provisions to 16 monasteries and one nunnery at Ngwe Toung Tawya Monastery in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township today.

It was attended by Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, senior military officers, departmental officials and donors.

They presented provisions to members of the Sangha.

On behalf of families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air), Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Captain Naval Staff Captain Tin Aung

San and Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine and gram to Sayadaws. Wellwishers also donated rice and provisions to members of the Sangha.

At the cash donations to monasteries and the nunnery, Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, senior military officers accepted K 9,155,000 presented by wellwishers and gave certificates of honour to them.

Today's donation was 407 bags of rice, 162 viss of edible oil, 225 viss of gram, 1,129 viss of iodized salt, 226 tubes of toothpaste, 6,952 boxes of traditional medicine and K 9,565,000.

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Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung accepts cash donations from wellwishers at provisions for monasteries and nunnery in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.—MNA

Royal Thai Navy Hall and presented medals for energy management.—MNA

## Earthquake report

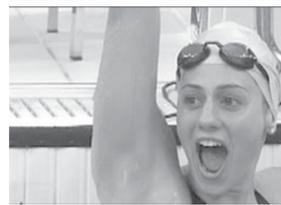
NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued an earthquake report today that a moderate earthquake of intensity 6.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar (Andaman Islands, India) about 500 miles southwest of Kaba Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at 14 hrs, 52 min and 25 sec MST today.—MNA



*Michael Pelps of USA, Australia's Stephanie Rice, South Korean Park Tae-hwan and Team Netherland bag golds in swimming competitions.*



*Chinese Guo Wenjun won the women's air pistol gold medal with 492.3 points, a new Olympic record.*



*Australian Stephanie Rice won gold in the Olympic women's 400m individual medley with a new world record and left hot favourite Katie Hoff back in third. Rice claimed victory in four minutes 29.45 seconds as she just edged out Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe.*

### Olympic Games celebrated worldwide



## Medal Standings (10-8-2008)

Sr	NOC Name	Men				Women				Open/Mixed				Total			
		G	S	B	T	G	S	B	T	G	S	B	T	G	S	B	T
1	CHINA	2	1		3	4	1		5					6	2		8
2	ROK	2	1		3	1	1		2					3	2		5
3	UNITED STATES	1		2	3	1	2	2	5					2	2	4	8
4	CZECH REPUBLIC	1			1	1			1					2			2
5	ITALY	1	2		3			1	1					1	2	1	4
6	JAPAN	1			1			2	2					1		2	3
7	AUSTRALIA					1		1	2					1		1	2
8	SPAIN	1		1	2									1		1	2
9	NETHERLANDS			1	1	1			1					1		1	2
10	BRITAIN					1			1					1			1
11	ROMANIA					1			1					1			1
12	THAILAND					1			1					1			1
13	RUSSIAN FED.			1	1		3		3						3	1	4
14	FRANCE		2		2			1	1					2	1	3	3
15	DPRK			2	2		1		1					1	2	3	3
16	CUBA			1	1		1		1					1	1	2	2
17	AUSTRIA		1		1									1			1
18	HUNGARY		1		1									1			1
19	SWEDEN						1		1					1			1
20	TURKEY						1		1					1			1
21	VIETNAM		1		1									1			1
22	ZIMBABWE						1		1					1			1
23	ALGERIA							1	1							1	1
24	ARGENTINA							1	1							1	1
25	BELARUS							1	1							1	1
26	CROATIA							1	1							1	1
27	GEORGIA							1	1							1	1
28	GERMANY							1	1							1	1
29	INDONESIA			1	1											1	1
30	SWITZERLAND			1	1											1	1
31	CHINESE TAIPEI							1	1							1	1
32	UZBEKISTAN			1	1											1	1
	TOTAL:	9	9	11	29	12	12	14	38					21	21	25	67



### Sprinter Thanou barred from Games

Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou has been excluded from the Beijing Games after the International Olympic Committee refused to accredit her. Thanou, 33, had been named in Greece's Olympic squad for the 100m. The IOC has blocked her participation because of her controversial withdrawal from the 2004 Games in Athens.



*Zhao Ruirui of China spikes during women's volleyball Preliminary Pool A against Venezuela of Beijing Olympic Games at Capital Gymnasium in Beijing, China, on 9 Aug, 2008. China beat Venezuela 3-0.*

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*Chinese divers Guo Jingjing (L) and Wu Minxia pose for picture during the awarding ceremony for women's synchro 3m springboard at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in the National Aquatics Centre, also known as the Water Cube in Beijing, China, on 10 Aug, 2008. Guo and Wu claimed the title in the event with a score of 343.50 points.*

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**Mudslide kills 31 in Burkina Faso**

OUAGADOUGOU (Burkina Faso), 10 Aug—At least 31 miners have died in a mudslide at an illegal gold mine in Burkina Faso, 500km (310 miles) from the capital, Ouagadougou. Rescue teams are at the scene in Boussoukoulou in the south-west, and miners are digging through the mud.

But officials said it was unlikely anyone would be found alive, due to flooding caused by heavy rain.

Internet

**Thai gang abducts five kids, kills one**

BANGKOK, 10 Aug—A gang headed by a policeman kidnapped five children in eastern Thailand as they were being driven to school, killing one girl so she would not identify them, a top police official said. Four kidnappers abducted a six-year-old boy and four girls aged three, six, 14 and 16, in

Chachoengsao province on Friday morning, said deputy national police chief Jongruk Jutanond.

The 39-year-old man driving the youths was also kidnapped, and the abductors demanded a three-million-baht (\$A100,000) ransom from the man's family. The driver was related to all of the kidnapped

children. The driver's 14-year-old niece was found dead on Saturday in Chonburi province near Bangkok, while his 16-year-old daughter survived with injuries and identified her father's captors to police." The policeman involved in the kidnapping was close to this family.

Internet

**Nigeria destroys fake drugs worth \$2**

LAGOS, 10 Aug — In furtherance of its determination to rid the country of menace of fake drugs, National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) has destroyed another round of fake drugs, substandard foods and other unwholesome regulated products valued at 250 million naira (2.136 million US dollars).

Local media reported Sunday that the des-

truction exercise being the 123rd operation carried out by NAFDAC has added up to a grand figure of 24.2 billion naira worth of fake drugs and unwholesome foods destroyed since Dora Akunyili assumed office as Director-General of NAFDAC seven years ago.

Speaking at the destruction field in Gombe, Akunyili disclosed that the latest destruction exercise

consists of fake, expired, substandard and unwholesome regulated products seized by NAFDAC Regulatory Officers in northern part of country in the course of their regulatory activities. She explained that the main purpose of the destruction exercise was to prevent the fake drugs and substandard products from finding their way into the homes of innocent and unsuspecting consumers.

Internet

**Indonesian villagers test negative for bird flu: Health Ministry**

JAKARTA, 10 Aug — Thirteen people in Indonesia suspected of having bird flu have tested negative for the feared disease, the

country's Health Ministry said Saturday. Experts from the World Health Organization (WHO) arrived Friday in the affected

village in North Sumatra to help investigate a possible outbreak after three people died and the 13 were admitted to hospital." All specimens collected from suspect cases have given negative results. They are all recovered," I Nyoman Kandun, director general of the ministry's communicable diseases department said on a text message. Officials and residents in Asahan district in North Sumatra province said villagers began showing symptoms of avian flu after a large number of chickens died suddenly last week in Air Batu village.

Internet



An actress performs acrobatics during the Trafalgar Square Festival held in London, Britain, on 7 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

**Beijing, Hebei fire 1,110 rockets to disperse rain for Olympic Opening**

BEIJING, 10 Aug — A total of 1,110 rockets were fired from Beijing and Hebei Province in two rounds on Friday afternoon and evening to disperse rain for the 2008 Olympics Opening Ceremony, said Beijing weather officials on Sunday.

The first round of rockets were fired between 16:00 to 17:30 to deal with the convective clouds, moving toward the northwest part of Beijing, which were weak and on small scales, but were feared to cause rain in the city, said Zhang Qiang, executive deputy-director of the Beijing Weather Modification Office at a Press conference on Sunday. Zhang said that the second round of firing began at 18:00, and targeted convective clouds in Beijing and those moving from Baoding area in Hebei Province toward Fangshan area in Beijing. The second round of firing lasted till 23:00. She said that silver iodide was used to disperse rain and clouds, but there was only 1 gramme of the chemical for every 1 square kilometres. So it would have caused no hazards to people.—Internet

## Angola, UNDP launch business information centre

LUANDA, 10 Aug— The Angolan Government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have jointly launched a business information centre in the capital Luanda with a view to boosting business activities in the country, Angola's official news agency *ANGOP* reported on Saturday.

Angolan Minister of Industry Joaquim David was quoted as saying that

the launching of the Angola Business Information Centre aims to help Angolan business people better understand the market and the relations between their activities and the country's macro-economic indicators.

"We believe that it (centre) is a powerful instrument as it will provide the business people with the knowledge and skills to be competitive," the minister said, adding that

he hopes the business people to recognize, make more use and take advantage of the initiative because it has the potential to help them.

According to the minister, the centre will provide business people and other economic entities all kinds of information to start and improve their businesses, especially micro, small and medium-sized undertakings.

MNA/Xinhua



The grooms carry their brides in a mass wedding in Wuhan in central China's Hubei Province Friday, on 8 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

## 125 dead, missing after storms hit northern Vietnam

HANOI, 10 Aug — At least 125 people were dead or missing in mountainous northern Vietnam on Sunday after heavy rains brought by tropical storm Kammuri triggered widespread flash floods and landslides.

Thousands of troops, police and emergency services were rushed to flooded towns in the poor and heavily deforested region to deliver drinking water, food and medicines to

people stranded on the roofs of their houses.

By early Sunday, two days after the rains first hit the area, 86 people were confirmed dead and

39 listed as missing, according to reports compiled by *AFP* from central and provincial emergency relief agencies.—*Internet*



Flood-affected Vietnamese people evacuate their village on a boat in northern Vietnam's Ha Hoa district on 9 August. At least 125 people are dead or missing in Vietnam's mountainous northern region after heavy rains brought by tropical storm Kammuri triggered widespread flash floods and landslides.—INTERNET

## Hamas frees 150 prisoners from Gaza jails

GAZA, 10 Aug — The Interior Ministry of the deposed Hamas Government said on Thursday that it freed 150 prisoners from its jails in Gaza, including rival Fatah movement's senior leaders.

The Ministry said in a statement that its police released 150 prisoners, who were arrested after a Gaza beach bombing attack, including governor of the central area of the Gaza Strip Abdullah Abu Samhadana.

Ministry spokesman Ihab al-Ghusein said in a written statement sent to reporters that the Interior Ministry has also ordered to reopen 20 charity organizations affiliated with Fatah movement in the Gaza Strip.

MNA/Xinhua

## Sadr to disarm if US withdraws on timetable

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug — Anti-American Iraqi Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr would dissolve his Mehdi Army militia if the United States started withdrawing troops according to a set timetable, a spokesman said. A car bomb in the northern town of Tal Afar killed 21 people and wounded 72, police said, an attack that demonstrated

the potential for violence that persists in a country that has become far more peaceful over the past year.

Police said the bomb struck a crowded vegetable market. The town is near the city of Mosul, in an area where US-backed Iraqi forces have launched a crackdown on al-Qaeda Sunni Arab militants in recent months.

US forces said 15 people were killed and 50 wounded. Sadr's decision to link disarming his militia to a US withdrawal comes at a crucial point in talks between Baghdad and Washington over a security pact to provide a legal basis for US troops in Iraq when a UN mandate expires at the end of the year.

MNA/Reuters

## Palestinians say Israel to allow bank notes into Gaza

GAZA, 10 Aug — Israel will allow banks to transfer 72 million shekels (20 million US dollars) into the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip to ease a shortage of bank notes, Palestinian officials said on Friday.

The cash infusion will replenish reserves used to pay this week's salaries of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Palestinian Authority workforce. The workers receive their salaries by withdrawing cash from bank tellers and machines.

Officials initially said Gaza banks did not have enough cash for all the withdrawals, but by borrowing among themselves they managed to pay the salaries without a cash transfer.

MNA/Reuters

## Lawyers for Guantanamo inmate sue Canadian PM

OTTAWA, 10 Aug — Lawyers for a young Canadian man imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay filed a lawsuit on Friday against Prime Minister Stephen Harper in a bid to force him to intercede with Washington on the inmate's behalf.

Harper has so far refused to ask the United States to repatriate 21-year-old Omar Khadr, who is due to go on trial in October on charges of killing a US soldier in Afghanistan in July 2002, when he was 15.

Critics say Khadr was a child soldier and should be helped rather than punished. Harper, whose right-wing Conservatives won power in January 2006 on a law-and-order platform, says the man is facing serious charges. — *MNA/Reuters*



A US Army soldier sets a mud hut on fire in a deserted village on the outskirts of Balad Ruz, in Diyala Province, some 75 kilometres (46.6 miles) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday, 10 Aug, 2008.

INTERNET

# SPORTS

## Fergie - Real made one Ron bid United boss reveals official approach from Spanish giants

LONDON, 10 Aug--Sir Alex Ferguson has revealed that Real Madrid did make one official bid for Cristiano Ronaldo this summer.

The future of the Manchester United star has dominated the headlines since the end of last season, but he has finally pledged to remain at Old Trafford for at least one more campaign.

Real made no secret of their desire to bring the Portugal international to Spain with a series of public statements from various members of the club's hierarchy, but never confirmed a bid had been lodged.

The Red Devils have always steadfastly refused to budge from their long-held position that Ronaldo is not for sale and would



Sir Alex Ferguson and Cristiano Ronaldo

be remaining in the Barclays Premier League.

United boss Ferguson insists the decision that their star man would not be leaving was taken at the start of the whole saga, and admitted that Real have made no attempts to make peace following the long-running battle for Ronaldo's services.

Internet

## Arsenal draw with Sevilla to win Amsterdam Tournament

AMSTERDAM, 10 Aug — Arsenal's second-string side drew 1-1 with Sevilla on Saturday to ensure the London club won the Amsterdam Tournament for the third time in four years. Mexican youngster Carlos Vela put Arsenal ahead after three minutes with an angled shot after winning the ball and using his strength to break into the area from the left flank.

Sevilla had lots of possession but were denied by Lukasz Fabianski, who was only beaten eight minutes from time when Jesus Navas set up Uruguayan Ernesto Chevanton to equalize. Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger had said on Friday, after a 3-2 win over hosts Ajax, that he would rest his first team on Saturday ahead of next week's Champions League qualifier. —MNA/Reuters

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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## Inler's agent in Wenger talks

LONDON, 10 Aug — Gokhan Inler's agent claims he has held 'very positive' talks with Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger.

Udinese midfielder Inler has been strongly linked with a move to Emirates Stadium as Wenger looks for one more signing.

Wenger is keen to increase his options in midfield after seeing Mathieu Flamini, Gilberto Silva and Alexander Hleb leave the club over the summer. Inler has been mooted as Wenger's top target, with the Switzerland international's agent Dino Lamberti recently stating he was due to meet Wenger.

According to Lamberti, the discussion has taken place and he is now awaiting a decision on whether



Gokhan Inler

Arsenal will firm up their interest.

"It is true to say that I have had a meeting with Arsene Wenger," Lamberti told Swiss newspaper *Blick*.

"We have already had a very positive discussion."

Reports have claimed that Arsenal are prepared to make Inler the most expensive footballer in Swiss history by paying 15 million euros (£11.7 million).

Internet

## Coloccini set for Magpies

LONDON, 10 Aug—Newcastle are closing in on the signing of Argentine defender Fabricio Coloccini.

Coloccini watched Newcastle's 2-1 win over Valencia on Saturday after Newcastle agreed a fee with Deportivo for the big central defender earlier this week.

Magpies owner Mike Ashley sported the name of Coloccini on the back of his shirt during the game with Valencia to signal that a move is close to completion.

Coloccini would join Danny Guthrie and Jonas Gutierrez as Newcastle's summer signings if he seals the move.

Magpies boss Kevin Keegan refused to confirm if a deal was close but is hoping to add at least a couple of more signings before the close of the transfer window.

"Yes I would like to think once that [Coloccini's deal] is completed then there will be two more and then we will see what happens," said Keegan

"I think there will be lots of comings and goings late on as clubs try to rebalance and somebody will become available who will be of interest and I think we will be in there pitching like anybody else." —Internet

## Rangers start season with narrow win at Falkirk

GLASGOW, 10 Aug — Lithuanian striker Andrius Velicka scored the only goal as Rangers scraped a 1-0 win at Falkirk in the opening fixture of the new Scottish Premier League season on Saturday.

Rangers, who made a shock exit from the Champions League qualifiers on Tuesday, struggled for long periods and survived a second-half Falkirk penalty when Michael Higdon's 50th minute spot-kick was turned away by keeper Allan McGregor.

Rangers failed to break down the Falkirk defence in the first half and had a real scare when McGregor sliced an attempted clearance across the face of his own goal in the 25th minute from Kirk Broadfoot's pass back.

Striker Kris Boyd nearly put Rangers ahead from point-blank range before the break, but Velicka made no mistake with a 63rd minute tap-in at the far post from Kyle Lafferty's low cross. —MNA/Reuters

## Chinese Guo wins women's air pistol gold

BEIJING, 10 Aug— Chinese Guo Wenjun won the women's air pistol gold medal with 492.3 points at the Olympic Games, a new Olympic record, on Sunday.

Natalia Paderina of Russia picked the silver in 489.1 points.

The bronze medal went to Nino Salukvadze of Georgia who scored 487.4 points. —Internet



Gold medalist Guo Wenjun (C) of China, silver medalist Natalia Paderina (L) of Russia, and bronze medalist Nino Salukvadze (R) of Georgia wave to spectators at the awarding ceremony of the women's 10m air pistol final of shooting at Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 10 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

## Parry defends Barry stance

LONDON, 10 Aug--Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry insists the club's American owners are not questioning Rafa Benitez's judgement in the

that the situation was 'not a question of money'.

However, there have been reports that Liverpool owners George Gillett and Tom Hicks are unwilling to spend £18million on the England international.

Parry is adamant the owners will back Benitez in the transfer market, but has stated the price being quoted for Barry is 'too high'.

"There has been a lot of comment today regarding our position with regards to Gareth Barry," Parry told the club's official website.

"This is not about questioning the manager's judgement or the ability of a particular player.

"The owners have clearly demonstrated throughout the year they are willing to back Rafa in the transfer market and will continue to do so.

Internet



Gareth Barry

pursuit of Gareth Barry.

Benitez has been keen to add Aston Villa midfielder Barry to his squad, but the Reds had been unable to agree a fee with their Premier League rivals.

Speaking after Friday's friendly win over Lazio, Benitez suggested he could still sign Barry and

## Thailand wins women's 53kg weightlifting Olympic gold

BEIJING, 10 Aug—PJaroenrattanakoon of Thailand won the women's 53kg weightlifting gold medal at the Beijing Olympic Games here on Sunday.

The Thai strongwoman lifted 95kgs in snatch and 126 kgs in clean and jerk for a winning total of 221 kgs.

South Korean Yoon Jinhee beat Belarus Nastassia Novikava on body difference for the silver medal as both made the two-lift total of 213 kgs. —Internet

## Internet programme helps diabetics monitor sugar

NEW YORK, 10 Aug — An Internet-based blood-sugar monitoring programme appears to help people with type 1 diabetes better manage their condition, researchers report.

Type 1 diabetes, also known as insulin-dependent diabetes, usually strikes people in their teens and twenties, and requires regular insulin injections and close monitoring of blood sugar, or glucose.

For the new study, researchers looked at whether an online

programme in “blood glucose awareness training” could help type 1 diabetics better manage the disease.

The programme, dubbed BGAThome, is an adaptation of well-studied programme that uses group sessions to teach diabetics tactics for predicting and preventing blood sugar ups-and-downs — such as keeping daily diaries on glucose levels and recording symptoms associated with sugar lows.

MNA/Reuters

## Hu meets Putin, proposing further cooperation

BEIJING, 10 Aug — Chinese President Hu Jintao met on Saturday with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin and proposed further bilateral and multilateral cooperation in diverse fields to achieve common development.

“China and Russia are forging ahead with the partnership of strategic cooperation toward their established goals, and the development of both countries are faced with opportunities and challenges at the same time,” Hu said.

The two countries should further enhance strategic cooperation in three aspects, Hu proposed.

First, the two countries should continue to jointly promote global multipolarization and democracy in international relations, and establish a fair and reasonable international political and economic new order.

Second, China and Russia should enhance political cooperation and cement multilateral cooperation.

Third, the two countries should seek mutual benefits and a win-win outcome, and work together for common development.—MNA/Xinhua

## India, ASEAN sort out differences over FTA

NEW DELHI, 10 Aug — India and South Asian trading block ASEAN have finally concluded talks on a free trade agreement (FTA), sorting out long-standing differences over proposed tariff cuts in sensitive farm products such as palm oil, the Economic Times website reported Saturday.

The India-ASEAN trade negotiations committee, which met in Brunei this week, managed to resolve pending issues and sealed the deal, which would result in tariff elimination on four-fifths of all traded commodities in a phased manner over the next 10 years.

Trade ministers from the 10 ASEAN countries and India will meet later

this month to formally approve FTA, following which the legal framework for the deal will be drafted. The agreement will be signed by heads of states during the next ASEAN summit in December in Bangkok.

The FTA with India is ASEAN’s fourth with a dialogue partner, following Japan, China and South Korea.

Trade between India and ASEAN reached nearly 20 billion US dollars last year and is expected to grow to 30 billion dollars by 2010 and create an ASEAN Economic Community by 2015, the NDTV said.

MNA/Xinhua

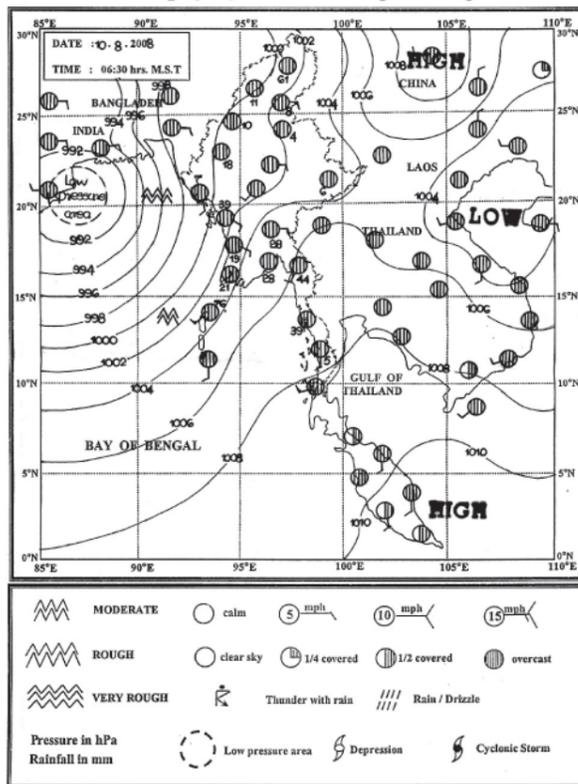
## Doctors fall short on heart disease prevention

NEW YORK, 10 Aug — Some doctors are not making the grade when it comes to helping their patients ward off heart disease, a new survey suggests.

The survey, of nearly 900 US primary care doctors, found that many do not follow practice guidelines on managing patients who are at elevated risk of heart and blood vessel disease. “Despite the benefits demonstrated for managing cardiovascular risks, gaps remain in primary care practitioners’ management of risks according to guideline recommendations,” conclude researchers in a report in the journal *BMC Family Practice*.

“Patients should talk to their physicians about setting goals together for reducing blood pressure and cholesterol and making a plan to achieve the goals,” lead researcher Dr Hamidreza Doroodchi, from Birmingham, Alabama-based Outcomes, Inc, noted in comments to *Reuters Health*. — MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



### WEATHER

Sunday, 10 August, 2008

#### Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Shan State and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.44) inch, Ye (3.15) inches, Kalay (3.11) inches, Shwegyin and Coco Island (2.99) inches each, Putao and Nyaunglebin (2.68) inches each, Maungtau (2.60) inches, Mawlaik (2.08) inches, and Theinzayat (2.04) inches.

Maximum temperature on 9-8-2008 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 10-8-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-8-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 9-8-2008 was (1.0) hour.

Rainfall on 10-8-2008 was (1.09) inches at Mingaladon, (1.18) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.48) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (70.31) inches at Mingaladon, (79.21) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.98) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from Southeast at (12:45) hours MST on 9-8-2008.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over North West and adjoining West Central Bay has slightly intensified into a tropical depression and it is crossing the Orissa Coast of India. It is forecast to move West-Northwest direction without further intensifying and cross inland of India on today’s evening. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and vigorous in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 11-8-2008:** Rain will be scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Magway Division, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with rough sea will be experienced at times off and along Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (45) to (50) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increase of rain in the Coastal areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-8-2008:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-8-2008:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-8-2008:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 11 August  
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုရေးရာ တော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Song of national races

7:50 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Musical programme

8:15 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Cute little dancers

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Dance variety

4:30 pm

4. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

4:40 pm

5. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:00 pm

7. Musical programme

5:15 pm

8. “ရှင်သန်ခြင်း” (မင်းဟိန်း၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး-ပဲရစ်)

5:30 pm

9. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

5:45 pm

10. Musical programme

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

6:45 pm

14. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:05 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မာယာများနှင့်လှည့်ကွက်” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)

8:00 pm

16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး ကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)

**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.

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

# Prime Minister General Thein Sein calls on President Mr Hu Jintao in Beijing

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug — Prime Minister General Thein Sein called on Mr Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China, at Great Hall of the People in Beijing at noon on 8 August.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein attended a luncheon hosted by President Mr Hu Jintao in honour of those who attended the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympic Games at the same venue.

Also present at the luncheon were heads of states and governments of foreign countries, dignitaries, those from international organizations and specially invited guests.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein calls on President Mr Hu Jintao of PRC at Great Hall of the People in Beijing.— MNA

**Beijing Olympics  
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