

Panditanañ ca sevana, to associate with the wise; this is the way to auspiciousness

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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 Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence meets Tatmadaw members in Aunglan Township



Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspects collective cultivation of paddy on the farm of farmer Daw Khin San at Kwanlon Village tract in Aunglan Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe met Tatmadaw members and their families at the regional battalion in Aunglan Township on 16 August.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw

also met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at Aungmye Shwewa Hall.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party inspected cultivation of long staple cotton at field No. 87 of farmer U Zaw Htet Aung in Ingon Village.

A total of 9,583 acres of cotton have been grown

in Aunglan, 44,618 acres in Thayet District and 115,818 acres in Magway Division.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspected pumping of water from the river at the Duyingabo river water pumping station in Aunglan Township.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party also inspected collective cultivation of

paddy on the farm of farmer Daw Khin San in Kwanlon Village tract with the use of power tillers. They cordially greeted the farmers.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspected Okshippin rail-

road section. Myanmar Railways is implementing the 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad project. The railroad will be in three sections—Kyangin-Thayet, Thayet-Pwintbyu and Pwintbyu-Pakokku.

Kyangin-Thayet Railroad project includes 40-mile Kyangin-Okshippin railroad section, 35-mile Okshippin-Kanma section and 35-mile Kanma-Thayet section.—MNA

Kyangin-Thayet Railroad project includes 40-mile Kyangin-Okshippin railroad section, 35-mile Okshippin-Kanma section and 35-mile Kanma-Thayet section.

Donations for storm victims

YANGON, 18 Aug—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 accepted K 27 million donated by service personnel of the Ministry of Industry-2. Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Khaing presented the donation for repair and furnishing of Basic Education Post-Primary

School in Phonetawpyae village Pyinkhayine village-tract Hainggyikyun township, Labutta district, Ayeyawady division to the minister at the Fire Services Department (Head Office) here this morning.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for improvement of socio-economic status

The government is redoubling its efforts for reconstructing the storm-hit regions with the participation of well-wishers and social organizations. As a result, the socio-economic life of local people in the affected areas returned to normal as they have been able to resume their livelihood.

Village-to-village roads are being constructed in Kungyangon, Pyapon, Bogale and Dedaye regions while roads and bridges on Dedaye-Pyapon road section, Pyapon-Bogale road section and Pyapon-Kyaiklat road section are being upgraded.

As the reconstruction tasks are in full swing, construction of houses in some villages of the storm-hit regions has been completed cent per cent. Making better use of facilities provided such as paddy seeds, power tillers and fuel, the cultivation of monsoon paddy in those regions has exceeded the target.

Having been supplied with fishing boats, fishing nets and other related items, some townships in the storm-hit regions are now able to engage in their fisheries business.

At present, the reconstruction of houses, schools, rural health centres and hospitals is being carried out in storm-stricken regions while station hospitals and basic education middle schools are being upgraded.

At a time when the government is reconstructing the storm-ravaged regions with the participation of well-wishers, all the local people are to try their utmost for improvement of their socio-economic status.



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint presents prizes to outstanding students of the staff families.—ELECTRIC POWER No. 2

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

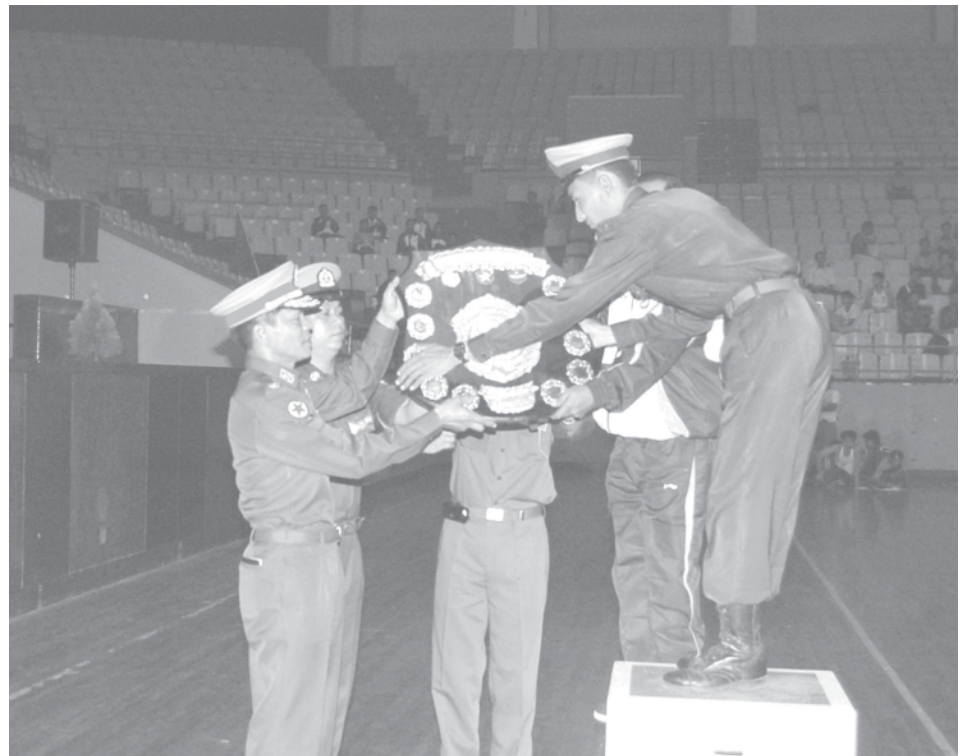
Winners of Tatmadaw Judo/Acrobatics competitions awarded

YANGON, 18 Aug—A prize presentation ceremony of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Judo and Acrobatics competitions for 2008 was held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna here this evening.

Among the spectators were Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing, Deputy-Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and wife, Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) senior military officers and wives, guests, officials of Myanmar Judo Federation and Myanmar Acrobatics Federation.

The deputy-commander and senior military officers presented awards to winners of the tournaments and the best players in Judo and Acrobatics tournaments. The deputy commander also presented gifts to MJF and MAF.

On behalf of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief, Commander of Yangon



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presents championship shield to acrobatics team of Yangon Command.—MNA

Command Brig-Gen Win Myint presented Championship Shield to Northern Command Team who became the champion of Judo tournament for 2008 and to the champion of Acrobatic tournament for 2008 Yangon Command Team.

The Northern Command Judo team has become the champion for two-consecutive years.

Yangon Command Acrobatics team could retain the crown for 19 years.—MNA

Prizes for outstanding ASEAN handicrafts to mark the 41st Anniversary of ASEAN Day

YANGON, 18 Aug—The prize presentation ceremony for outstanding ASEAN handicrafts to mark the 41st Anniversary of ASEAN Day was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Road, Dagon Township here yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Myanmar ASEAN National Cultural and Information Committee Director-General of the Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department U Sann Win, Rector of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) U Tin Soe, Secretary of Myanmar ASEAN National Cultural and Information Committee Pro-Rector of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) Daw Nanda Hmon, Chairman of Panel of

Judges for Outstanding ASEAN Handicrafts Competition, those from the ASEAN Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Culture and others.

Director-General U Sann Win made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Chairman of the Panel of Judges U Aung Thwin explained matters related to the participation of Myanmar in Outstanding ASEAN Handicrafts Competition held in Thailand in 2007.

Later, Director-General U Sann Win presented a prize to U Wunna Kyaw who won the ASEAN region level outstanding handicrafts competition.

Afterwards, U Wunna Kyaw spoke words of thanks.

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EP No. 2 Ministry honours outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 honoured outstanding students of employees of the ministry on 16 August.

At the ceremony to honour outstanding students held at the ministry here, Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Myint and Director-General of Electric Power Department Dr Thein Tun presented award in cash to students who passed the matriculation examination with distinctions for the

2007-2008 academic year.

Out of 256 matriculated students of the ministry, 51 won distinctions and the ministry spend K 47.1 million to honour them and to present cash assistance to students of the ministry this year.

The minister presented K 600,000 each to three six-distinction winners, the deputy minister K 500,000 to a five-distinction winner and Director-General Dr Thein Tun K 400,000 each to four four-distinction winners.—MNA

DPRK vows to beef up military power against US threats

PYONGYANG, 18 Aug—Under the threat to its sovereignty and security, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has no choice but to build up its military power, said the official *Rodong Sinmun* daily on Monday.

Claiming "dialogues" with the DPRK on the one hand, the US takes hard line against it on the other hand by holding military manoeuvres on the Korean Peninsula, said a commentary carried by

the newspaper.

The US should drop its anti-DPRK policy and stop military drill against the DPRK, and furthermore change the armistice into a peace treaty, it added.

The US and South Korea began Monday their massive annual joint military drill, codenamed Ulchi Freedom Guardian, in which about 56,000 South Korean troops and 10,000 US soldiers will participate. —*Internet*

Philippine President orders military actions against armed rebels

MANILA, 18 Aug—Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Monday called on government troops to fight against rebels in response to a surge of deadly guerrilla attacks launched in the south over the past few days.

According to local media reports, Arroyo labeled the attacks by rebels as "treacherous"

and a threat to regional peace and stability.

"Because of these sneaky and treacherous attacks, as your commander-in-chief, I have ordered the Armed Forces of the Philippines and Philippine National Police to defend every inch of Philippine territory against rebel forces and immediately restore peace in the affected areas," local

news network ABS-CBN News quoted Arroyo as saying.

"We will not tolerate and we will crush any attempt to disturb peace and development in Mindanao," she said, adding that an emergency meeting is being called on to assess the situation and come up with "concrete, decisive action." —*Internet*

UK troops 'kill Afghan civilians'

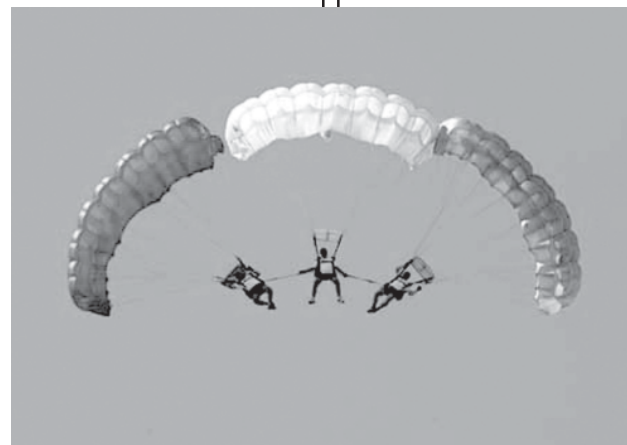
LONDON, 18 Aug—An investigation is under way after four civilians were apparently killed and three injured in Afghanistan in a rocket attack by British troops.

The incident involving the 2nd Battalion of the Parachute Regiment happened on Saturday in the Sangin district of Helmand province. An International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) spokesman said the patrol launched the rockets in self-defence. The Ministry of Defence said a full investigation would be carried out.

The spokesman added: "Our sympathies are with the families of the killed and injured civilians at this time."

The incident happened on Saturday morning when a patrol picked up a radio message calling for insurgents to converge on the area to attack the patrol, an ISAF spokesman said.

He said the patrol identified insurgents with weapons on the roof of a building preparing to attack. In order to protect themselves, the patrol launched three rockets, all of which hit the target. —*Internet*



Pakistan's Musharraf announces resignation

ISLAMABAD, 18 Aug—Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf announced his resignation Monday.

"I don't want the people of Pakistan to slide deeper and deeper into uncertainty," Musharraf said.

"For the interest of the nation, I have decided to resign as president," he said. "I am not asking for anything. I will let the people of Pakistan decide my future."

Musharraf has been a keen ally of the West in the fight on terror, receiving billions in military aid from the US

Former Maoist rebel sworn in as Nepal PM

KATHMANDU, 18 Aug—Pushpa Kamal Dahal, or Prachanda as he is popularly known and who led a decade-long bloody insurgency, took the oath of office as Nepal's new prime minister from President Ram Baran Yadav Monday.

He was elected prime minister last week, four months after elections in which his Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) became the largest party in the 601-member constituent assembly.

Instead of taking the oath in the name of God, as is customary in the overwhelmingly Hindu



Mr Prachanda

country, he did it in the name of the people.

Prachanda, 54, joined

politics when he was 17 and went underground in 1981. For the next several years, he led the Maoists through an insurgency to abolish monarchy. The 10-year conflict, that began in 1996, claimed more than 13,000 lives.

—*Internet*

5.2-degree earthquake hits Guatemala

MEXICO CITY, 18 Aug—A 5.2 Richter Scale earthquake hit Sunday a large part of Guatemala, mainly the west region, causing no casualties or damage. The earthquake took place at 8:25 local time (1425 GMT) and its epicentre was in the southwest of Guatemala, the National Institute of Seismology, Vulcanology, Meteorology and Hydrology said.

According to information reaching here from Guatemala City, the earthquake felt stronger in Quetzaltenango, San Marcos, Solola, Totonicapan, Mazatenango and Retalhuleu. —*Internet*

Car bombing outside US base kills, wounds 22 in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 Aug—Insurgents detonated a vehicle-borne IED (Improvised Explosive Device) outside a US base in eastern Afghan province of Khowst on Monday, killing nine Afghans and wounding another 13, said a Coalition statement. The explosion did not penetrate the base's perimeter and Afghan security forces thwarted an additional IED outside the base, the statement said. US forces assisted in evacuating the wounded to the base hospital and are providing medical care. —*Internet*

Five killed, 28 injured in bus accident in east Spain

MADRID, 18 Aug—At least five people died and a further 28 were injured in a bus accident Sunday afternoon in the municipality of Oropesa del Mar, Castellon, east of Spain, the Centre of Emergency Coordination said.

The accident occurred on the AP-7 highway, when the bus left the road. An air ambulance helicopter was sent to the scene.

According to Castellon Firemen Corp, the number of mortal victims could increase, and the Centre of Information said that from the 28 injured people, 20 were in a grave condition. —*Internet*

Suicide bomber kills 15 people in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 18 Aug—A suicide bomber struck a checkpoint manned by anti-Qaida fighters on Sunday night, killing 15 people and wounding 29 others, an Interior Ministry source said.

A suicide bomber on a bicycle blew up his explosive-belt at the local Awakening Council group members of the Sunni neighbourhood of Adhamiyah, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

—*Internet*



It’s all about wearing and owning smiles

BEIJING, 18 Aug— Jin Dongri’s sweet smile has earned her a new title at the Beijing Games. The youngest overseas volunteer of the Olympics will proudly bring home to Britain the nickname “Sunshine” as dubbed by audiences and fellow volunteers.

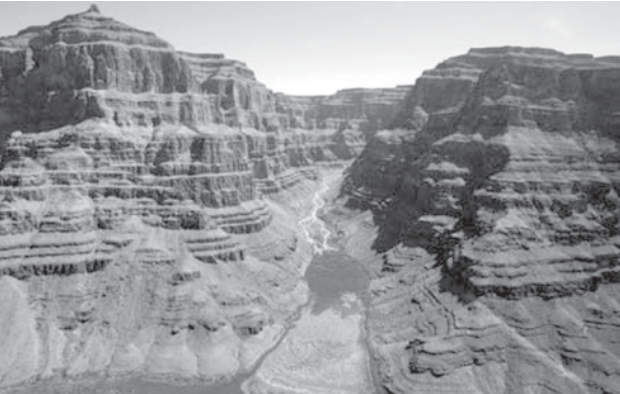


Jin Dongri (right) and Zheng Weiwei, a Chinese master student at a French university, stand in front of an Olympic billboard. —XINHUA

“I have heard too many unfair words like silent and shy when describing Chinese abroad,” said Jin. “I’m afraid many foreign people have no idea Chinese girls have the cutest smile.” The 18-year-old Beijing-born ethnic Korean moved to Europe eight years ago and currently studies at a British high school in Cambridge. Jin, who speaks Chinese, English and German, has kept busy during the Games translating Chinese humour for western audiences - and flashing her contagious smile.

Xinhua

Hundreds evacuated after dam breaks near Grand Canyon



A view of the Grand Canyon, Arizona.—XINHUA
LOS ANGELES, 18 Aug — A dam broke near the Grand Canyon in Arizona on Sunday, prompting the evacuation of hundreds of people, officials said. There was no immediate report of injuries from the burst which was caused by heavy rains, according to Grand Canyon National Park spokeswoman Maureen Oltrogge. The failure of the Redlands Dam caused some flooding in the village of Supai, where about 400 members of the Havasupai tribe live, Oltrogge said. —Xinhua

Venezuela to send fuel to Colombian border area

CARACAS, 18 Aug— The Venezuelan government will supply Colombia’s border region of Norte de Santander with 8 million litres of gasoline every month starting Thursday, Venezuelan state oil giant PDVSA said Sunday. The supply could be

further boosted to 19 million litres per month, the PDVSA said. The move, part of an agreement signed between the PDVSA and its Colombian counterpart Ecopetrol, is aimed at containing the rampant smuggling of Venezuelan oil into Colombia.

As one of the world’s top oil producers, Venezuela sells fuel in its domestic market for very low prices, which is around 0.15 US dollars per gallon. However, this has prompted the smuggling of cheap Venezuelan fuel into Colombia, which is suffering like many other countries amid soaring oil prices.

Xinhua

Fifteen year-old girl practices her aerial skills at Circus Smirkus camp in Craftsbury Common, Vermont recently. —XINHUA



Israeli Navy to turn back boats sailing to Gaza

JERUSALEM, 18 Aug— The Israeli Navy has been ordered to turn back two boats sailing to Gaza by US-based activists in an attempt to challenge Israeli blockade, the Jerusalem Post reported on its website Monday.

It was reported by Ha’aretz Sunday that Israeli military may use force to block the two boats but the Israel Navy has not received any instructions on how to treat the vessels at that time. The Navy officials Monday were quoted as saying the Navy had a number of options in dealing with the boats, which have set out from Crete, via a stop-over in Cyprus.

The boats, carrying 44 pro-Palestinian foreign activists trying to “break the siege of Gaza”, are due to approach the strip in the second half of this week. Since Gaza has been declared a combat zone, Israel is within its rights to use force against the seafarers. according to Israeli Foreign Ministry. —Xinhua

South China car maker to raise production capacity

HAIKOU, 18 Aug — FAW Haima Automobile Co Ltd, a car maker in south China’s Hainan Province, on Saturday began construction of a third factory. The factory will double the company’s annual production capacity of 150,000 cars, said Jing Zhu, chairman of the board of Haima Investment Group Shareholding Co Ltd, parent company of FAW Haima Automobile Co Ltd. Covering an area of 55.3 hectares, the factory will make products including 150,000 cars and 200,000 sets of gearboxes annually upon completion in 2010. —Xinhua

Five-year-old girl Zhang Luxi and her aunt pose for photo at the Tian’anmen Square in Beijing, capital of China, on 17 Aug, 2008. XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Indonesians try to grab prizes hung on top of greased poles during a game locally known as “Panjat Pinang”, as part of celebrations for the country’s 63rd independence anniversary in Jakarta on 17 Aug, 2008. —XINHUA





Leaders who attend the 28th summit of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), pose for a group photo in front of the theme motto of the Free Trade Area (FTA) in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 17 Aug, 2008. The SADC officially launched the Free Trade Area (FTA) under the theme “SADC Free Trade Area for Growth, Development and Wealth Creation” on Sunday. —XINHUA

Thai meteorological authority warns flooding

BANGKOK, 18 Aug—The Meteorological Department of Thailand on Monday morning warned residents living near the banks of Mekong and its branch rivers to brace themselves for possible flooding.

In its daily forecast issued on Monday dawn, the department said Mekong and its branch rivers running through northeastern provinces could overflow their banks and flood nearby areas Monday and Tuesday.

The department said the provinces expected to be severely hit by the flooding were Mukdahan, Amnart Charoen and Ubon Ratchathani. Since last week, Thailand’s northern and northeastern provinces along the Mekong River are now heavily hit by flooding as heavy rains continue in the two regions, causing damage to homes and farmsteads.—Internet

US helicopter crashes north of Baghdad

TIKRIT (Iraq), 18 Aug—A US helicopter apparently crashed in Salahudin province in north of Baghdad on Monday morning, a source from US and Iraqi liaison office said.

“We have received information that a US helicopter crashed in the Shwikhat area near the town of Dawr, 150 km north of Baghdad,” the source from the Joint Coordination Centre (JCC) in the province told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

“The helicopter crashed maybe due to technical failure because we did not see or heard any anti-aircraft fire before the incident,” the JCC source quoted witnesses in the rural as saying.

The US troops immediately cordoned off the area, he said.—Internet

Fire devastates theatre in Brazil

BRASILIA, 18 Aug—A fire Sunday destroyed the theatre “Cultura Artistica” in the centre of Sao Paulo city, southeast Brazil, causing no casualties.

The fire occurred at 4:00 local time (0700 GMT) in a nearby building and was brought under control around 8:45 local time (1145 GMT), firefighters said. The flames reached 20 metres high with huge columns of smoke.

The third floor, with the largest hall of 1,156 seats,

was the most seriously damaged, and its ceiling was completely destroyed. The second floor also suffered damage.

The first floor and the basement escaped the devastation, and a mural by the Brazilian artist Di Cavalcante in the front of the building also survived, firefighters said.

The building was

inaugurated in March 1950 and was one of the main cultural points of Sao Paulo, artistic director Gioconda Bordon said.

Sao Paulo authorities said experts will evaluate if the fire had weakened the structure of the building. Performances were indefinitely cancelled.

Internet

1918 flu survivors’ antibodies helpful for anti-bird flu fight

BEIJING, 18 Aug—Antibodies from survivors of the most devastating 1918 influenza pandemic still protect against the virus, providing a new approach to battle future epidemics that could be triggered by bird flu.

American scientists studied 32 people who lived through the 1918 flu, and found all had antibodies in their blood to kill the virus with surprising efficiency, reported the journal *Nature* Sunday.

The antibodies from the survivors, now aged 91 to 101, also protected mice from the killer virus, showing that 90 years on, the survivors of the epidemic are still protected. “It was very surprising that these subjects would still have cells floating in their blood so long afterward,” said Dr James Crowe of Vanderbilt University in Tennessee, who helped lead the study.

Crowe said his team is working to get antibodies from people vaccinated with experimental shots for the H5N1 avian influenza now circulating in Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Africa.—Internet



A giant fork sculpture, created in 1995 by Swiss artists Jean-Pierre Zaugg and Georges Favre, is pictured on the shores of Lake Lemman in front of the Alimentarium, the Food Museum, in Vevey.

Robbers wear thongs as masks

Police in Arvada, Colorado, are searching for two robbers who adopted a fashionable but less effective disguise-wearing women’s thong underwear as masks.

A surveillance video released by police showed two men stole an undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes inside a convenience store in Arvada around 5 am on 16 May.

Ancient moss, insects found in Antarctica

Mosses once grew and insects crawled in what are now barren valleys in Antarctica, according to scientists who have recovered remains of life from that frozen continent. Fourteen million years ago the now lifeless valleys were tundra, similar to parts of Alaska, Canada and Siberia — cold but able to support life,

researchers report.

Geoscientist Adam Lewis of North Dakota State University was studying the ice cover of the continent when he and co-workers came across the remains of moss on a valley floor.

“We knew we shouldn’t expect to see something like that,” Lewis said in a telephone interview.

17-year-old student fastest text messenger in Sweden

A 17-year-old student has won the Swedish text messaging championship after writing a 141-character SMS message in only 61 seconds, media reported Sunday.

My Svensson out-thumbed her nearest rival by seven seconds in the competition held in Stockholm. However, she failed to surpass her personal best of 50 seconds, achieved during the semi-finals.

“I was very tense in the finals when I realized how much money I could win,” said My. “Everyone was talking about how much money was at stake.”

My said the 25,000 krona (3,900 US dollar) prize will be used for a trip to France next year after she graduates from high school.



A snake charmer handles a poisonous snake during Jhapan festival in Bishanapur, about 200km (123 miles) west of Kolkata.

NEWS ALBUM



A De Brazza’s Monkey infant is seen with its mother in Tierpark Zoo, in Berlin. The little monkey of still unknown gender was born on 27 June, 2008.

Texas police say 12-year-old girl drove mom to bar

A 35-year-old Texas woman has been jailed after police say she made her 12-year-old daughter drive her to a bar.

Police in Longview say they watched a minivan turn into a driveway without signaling on Wednesday and bump into a home at a low speed. They say the car was driven by Jennifer Lynn Rosenberg’s daughter.

Police say the girl told an officer she had just dropped her mother off at a bar. They say they found Rosenberg at the bar and that she admitted having her daughter drive her there.

Rosenburg remains in the Gregg County Jail on a \$2,500 bond. A jail official declined to say whether she had an attorney.

Iran test fires rocket, says state media

TEHERAN, 18 Aug—Iran test-fired a rocket that it plans to launch later to carry a research satellite into space, state-run media reported Sunday.

The launch of Iran’s two-stage rocket, called Safir or “messenger,” was successful on Saturday and “paved the way for placing the first Iranian satellite in orbit,” the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The report of the test launch comes amid back and forth between Iran and Western powers on the country’s controversial nuclear programme, and concerned senior US officials, who said Iran could use the rocket to deliver warheads.

“The Iranian development and testing of rockets is troubling and raises further questions about their intentions,” said National Security Council spokesman Gordon John-droe.—*Internet*



The Safir (ambassador) satellite-carrier rocket is seen before launch at Iran’s space centre in Teheran on 17 August, 2008. —INTERNET

Gunmen kill 14 people in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 18 Aug — Mexican authorities Sunday launched a special operation to find the murderers of 14 people in the town of Creel in the northern state of Chihuahua.

A group of 12 people in three pickup trucks, dressed in black and wearing masks fired at 14 people outside a dance hall during a family party in

the mountain town Saturday. Most of the victims were members of the same family, police said.

The Command of the Fifth Military Zone requested the support of the General Prosecutor of Justice in Chihuahua and the State’s Public Security Ministry to find the attackers.

Checkpoints will be set up in different parts of

the municipality of Bocoyna and in nearby communities to catch the attackers. Authorities did not give a motive for the attack.

According to local daily *El Universal*, Chihuahua is the state most affected by violent organized crime, with a total of 1,026 people killed during 2008.

Internet

Hamas, four factions agree to launch dialogue immediately

GAZA, 18 Aug — Islamic Hamas movement and four Palestinian factions agreed in Gaza on Saturday to launch an internal dialogue immediately and welcomed the Egyptian and any Arab sponsorship of the dialogue.

Representatives of Hamas, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the Democratic Front, the People’s Party and the Islamic Jihad held a meeting in Gaza on Saturday to discuss ways to resume the dialogue.

The five factions said in a joint statement sent to reporters that they welcome the resumption of the inter-Palestinian dialogue immediately and welcomed the Egyptian or any Arab sponsorship of the dialogue.

The statement said that the representatives of the five factions agreed to launch the dialogue relying on the previous national agreements and the document of the national concordance.

The five factions agreed to end the status of

split between Gaza and the West Bank by forming a Palestinian government of national concordance and build up the security apparatuses based on professional and national rules.

The statement also agreed to activate the Palestinian Parliament, better known as the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC), rebuild the institutions of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) by democratic elections.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepali capital observes Cow Festival

KATHMANDU, 18 Aug — Nepali capital Kathmandu on Sunday is celebrating Gaii Jatra, the Cow Festival. Sunday is the day of Gaii Jatra Festival. It is the beginning day of Bhadra, a Nepali month according to the lunar calendar, which means Cow Festival.

The festival lasts for a week. The festival is mainly observed in the valley where capital Kathmandu is located, local newspaper *The Rising Nepal* reported on Sunday.

On the first day of the festival, either actual cows or human beings with oval shaped baskets with painted pictures of a cow and Ganesh on either side of the basket with straw horns to represent cows are sent round the town. Ganesh is the god of wisdom and the remover of obstacles, son of Shiva and Parvati, depicted as a short fat man with an elephant’s head, in Hindu religion.

This is generally done by the bereaved families under the belief that the

gate to the heaven will be pushed open with the horns of the cows for the free passage of the departed soul.

Earlier day of Gaii Jatra is Janai Purnima (on Saturday this year).

In Newari language, it is also called Gunupoonhi.

On this full moon day, all those Hindu males who have holy threads invested on their bodies bathe in the Bagmati or Bishnumati river or in Holy river and change their new holy thread for the old one.

MNA/Xinhua

Four killed, dozens feared trapped in landslide in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 18 Aug — At least four people were killed and dozens are feared trapped under debris following a landslide in Bangladesh’s south-eastern city of Chittagong, about 242 km southeast of capital Dhaka, early Monday. Police said rescuers so far recovered four

bodies including a child and a woman and continued frantic efforts to recover missing people under the mud.

The tragedy took place as the victims’ hill-foot thatched houses were damaged by the landslide early in the morning.

Police officer Farooq

in the city said monsoon rains caused the mudslide at Lalkhan Bazar in the port city of Chittagong.

Landslides take place easily in the country’s southeastern hilly areas following heavy monsoon rains usually from June to September every year.

Internet

Russian General says forces start Georgia pullout

GORI (Georgia), 18 Aug — Russian forces have started to pull out of Georgia, the Russian commander on the frontline, Major-General Vyachislav Borisov said on Sunday.

“The columns are moving from Tskhinvali

to Russia,” he told *Reuters* near the central Georgian town of Gori. “(Russian President Dmitry) Medvedev has said we are to withdraw.”

“You must understand there are a large amount of troops,” he said.

A Reuters correspond-

ent saw fewer soldiers than normal at the main Russian checkpoint outside Gori.

A Georgian official said the Russian soldiers had not withdrawn but had instead redeployed in the area.

MNA/Reuters



Dolls and sculptures related to tango are displayed at a tango bar in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 16 Aug, 2008. The 10th Buenos Aires Tango Festival was held from 15 to 24 Aug.

XINHUA

Iraqi Govt reserves right to prosecute Blackwater guards

BAGHDAD, 18 Aug — The Iraqi Government confirmed on Sunday that it reserves the right to prosecute six security guards of US private security firm Blackwater for their role in killing 17 civilians.

“There is information that six of Blackwater security guards have been accused of murdering 17 Iraqi civilians, and are to be prosecuted in Washington,” Ali al-Dabbagh, the spokesman of the Iraqi Government told reporters.

“The Iraqi Government confirm that Blackwater security company has committed a crime

against the victims and it (government) reserves the right to prosecute them,” Dabbagh said in a news conference in Baghdad.

The six guards were working as security contractors for the Blackwater and were assigned to protect a US diplomatic convoy through the Iraqi capital on 16 September. The shooting occurred as the convoy arrived at a busy square in central Baghdad and guards tried to stop traffic.

An Iraqi Government investigation concluded that the security contractors fired without provocation. Blackwater has said its

personnel acted in self-defence.

The foreign security firms working in Iraq are neither subject to the Iraqi law nor governed by US military courts, a situation that giving them the chance to operate with impunity. Dabbagh stressed that his government would not allow the companies’ guards to work with impunity. “The government would not allow any security firm to have immunity in Iraq,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills 10 police in Afghan south

KANDAHAR 18 Aug— Ten police were killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan’s southern province of Kandahar, police said on Sunday, in one of the deadliest recent attacks by insurgents amid rising violence in the country.

The policemen were killed when the device hit their vehicle during a patrol late on Saturday, Kandahar’s provincial police chief Mataiullah Abid told reporters.

Violence has surged in Afghanistan since 2006 when the ousted Taliban relaunched their insurgency to topple the government and drive out foreign troops backing it.

MNA/Reuters



Actress Jessica Alba presents fashion designer Narciso Rodriguez with the award for Special Achievement in Fashion during the taping of the 2008 “NCLR Alma” awards at the Civic Auditorium in Pasadena, California on 17 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

Dubai prosecution vows zero-tolerance on corruption

DUBAI, 18 Aug— Prosecutors in Dubai said on Sunday fighting corruption was a top priority for the Gulf Arab business hub and pledged a zero-tolerance policy on violations.

Police probes have been launched this year into alleged financial irregularities involving employees of companies affiliated with the government of the booming Gulf Arab emirate.

“There will be no immunity for any official

who abuses his position to make illicit gains,” the official WAM news agency quoted an unnamed senior prosecution official as saying.

“The government of Dubai has affirmed it stands resolutely against all forms of corruption, bribery and illegal gains in public and private sector institutions.”

The high-profile cases have attracted widespread local media coverage and threaten to mar the image of some

businesses in Dubai, part of the seven-member United Arab Emirates federation.

The official said results of the investigations would be announced to the public once concluded, WAM reported.

“The government of Dubai follows a policy of transparency towards these cases, and there are strict directives that there should be no leniency for all forms of corruption,” he said.

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A participant wearing a mask called “Gla” dances during a purification ceremony in Guiglo, western Ivory Coast on 16 Aug, 2008. The ethnic Guere gather to ask for forgiveness and blessings from their ancestors by saying prayers and performing sacred dances during the annual traditional ceremony to purify their land. —INTERNET

Nepali party alliance agrees on new govt programme

KATHMANDU, 18 Aug— The Nepali party alliance formed in Friday’s prime minister election reached an agreement on Sunday over the Common Minimum Programme (CMP) of the new government.

The CMP is to be signed and publicized on Monday morning.

The Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (CPN-M) Chairman Prachanda was elected

the first Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal on Friday with support from two other allies, the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist) (CPN-UML) and the Madhesi People’s Rights Forum (MPRF).

The leaders of the mentioned three-party alliance leaders forged an agreement on the CMP, through a series of

meetings among the parties.

“We have finalized the CMP that will be publicized tomorrow,” CPN-M leader Dr Baburam Bhattarai said at a Press conference in the Nepali capital Kathmandu, “We are close to a consensus on other issues”. MPRF leader Jaya Prakash Gupta said that their call was to form a consensus government.

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US, Israel agree on missile radar defence system

JERUSALEM, 18 Aug— The United States and Israel have agreed on the deployment of high-powered, early-warning missile radars in the Negev desert in southern Israel, local daily *Ha’aretz*

reported Sunday on its website. The radars, known as X-Band, will be linked to a US satellite-based alert network, *Ha’aretz* said, adding the new system could double or even triple the missiles’ range of

identification, which would be particularly useful if Iran launches an attack on Israel. Under the terms of the newly-reached agreement, US military staff will be permanently based in Israel for the first time.

According to an periodical Defence news, the radar will be operated by staff from its European Command of the United States, starting in early 2009. The system’s deployment may even be moved up to this autumn, in order to integrate it with the Arrow missile defence system. The Israeli Defence Force’s current early-warning system, known as Green Pine and a component of the Arrow network, has a range of 800-900 kilometres.

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China’s Xiao Qin performs on the pommel horse during the men’s apparatus final of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games at National Indoor Stadium in Beijing, China, on 17 Aug, 2008. Xiao Qin claimed the title of the event with a score of 15.875.

INTERNET



SWRR Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepts cash donated by families of Ministry of Industry-2. (News on page 1) —MNA

Coord meeting of Working Group for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction held

YANGON, 18 Aug — A coordination meeting of Working Group for Rehabilitation and Reconstruction including UN agencies and NGOs was held at Fire Services Department (Head Office) near Buddha's Tooth Relic Pagoda in Mayangon Township this morning.

The meeting discussed matters on the requirement of school furniture and the need to repair schools in the storm-hit regions.

It was attended by

Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Chairman of cash and kind receiving and supervisory committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, directors-general, representatives of UN agencies and NGOs and officials concerned.

On the occasion, the minister said that many schools in Ayeyawady Division were destroyed by the cyclonic storm. It was required to repair

schools in seven townships and most schools needed stationery and school furniture. All associations had to cooperate to fulfill the requirement of school children. Also, the ministry would give necessary help.

Officials from the departments of the Ministry, UN agencies and NGOs gave reports on respective programmes. The minister gave necessary instructions and the meeting ended.

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Deputy Minister inspects Eyes Hospital



Deputy Health Minister Dr Paing Soe inspects operation being performed in Yangon Eye Hospital. —HEALTH

YANGON, 18 Aug — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe met with eye specialists at Eye Hospital here today and fulfilled requirements of the

hospital.

During the tour of the hospital, the deputy minister inspected giving treatment to eyes disorders and the Skill Training Laboratory

and the surgery room.

He also comforted patients at wards and visited the X-ray room and Ultrasonic Retina Imaging Room. —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



Vice-chairman of Sanatan Dhamapalaka Hindu Federation (Yangon) U T K Paul makes a speech at the ceremony to forge loving-kindness of Hindu families at Mingala Dhamma Yeiktha in Kyaikin, Thanlyin on 16 August. —NLM

Health volunteers honoured

YANGON, 18 Aug — A ceremony to honour volunteers who provided health care services to storm victims was held at Office Tower of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) on Minye Kyawswa Street in Lanmadaw Township here this morning.

President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and Vice-Presidents U Aung Lwin and U Zaw Min Win made speeches on the occasion. Afterwards, Director Mr Osamu Sato of Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development (NICCO) (Yangon Branch) extended greetings on the occasion. The director presented certificate of honour to President U Win Myint for active participation and providing medical

equipment to health care services in storm-hit regions.

Next, Mr Osamu Sato presented medical equipment to the Chairman of Myanmar Medical Association Dr Kyaw Myint Naing and also presented certificate of honour to Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin, Secretary U Zaw Moe Khine and Joint Secretary Dr Thin Nwe Win of Myanmar

Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association for their active participation and donation of medical equipment for health care services in storm-hit regions.

Vice-Presidents U Aung Lwin and U Zaw Min Win and Mr Osamu Sato presented certificates of honour to the volunteers and donors.

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Director Mr Osamu Sato presents certificate of honor to President of UMFCCI U Win Myint. —UMFCCI

16th Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon West District open

YANGON, 18 Aug—A ceremony to open the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon West District was held at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Latha Township today.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing attended the opening ceremony.

Chairman of Yangon West District PDC U Aung Myin formally opened the ceremony and students entertained those present with songs and dances.

Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife awarded those artistes. Altogether 39 contestants are participating in the amateur event (level I) while 107 contestants are taking part in the amateur event (level II) of the 16th performing arts competitions of Yangon West District.—MNA

F & R Ministry honours outstanding students/athletes



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun presents prize to an outstanding student who passed matriculation exam with six distinctions.—F & R

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Ministry of Finance and Revenue honoured outstanding students and athletes of the ministry today.

The ceremony to honour them held at the ministry here was opened with an address by the Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

The departmental heads of the ministry presented prizes to the outstanding students who passed the matriculation

examination for the 2007-2008 academic year with three distinctions. Deputy-Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and Governor U Than Nyein of the Central Bank of Myanmar awarded the outstanding students who passed the exam with four distinctions in the 2007-2008 academic year.

The minister awarded the outstanding students who passed with five and six

distinctions in the 2007-2008 academic year.

Afterwards, the minister, the deputy minister and the departmental heads presented prizes to the outstanding athletes including disabled athletes. The prize winners spoke words of thanks.

The ministry has awarded altogether 52 outstanding students and 54 outstanding athletes at the presentation ceremony.

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Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing present prize to school children at the opening of 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition of Yangon West District.—MNA

First round last matches ended at 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug— The last matches of the first round of the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament went on at the designated sports grounds, here, this afternoon.

Ministry of Transport stood first in the group after a 3-2 win over Ministry of Commerce at Nay Pyi Taw football grounds while

Ministry of Forestry crashed Ministry of Industry-2 by 5-0 at Paunglaung sports grounds.

The first round group matches have already been finished. The tournament will be temporarily adjourned from 19 to 24 August and the second round will start with 16 teams that stood first and second places in the respective groups.

On 25 August, Ministry of Labour will play against Ministry of Rail Transportation at Nay Pyi Taw football grounds, and Ministry of Industry-1 against Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs at Paunglaung sports grounds.—MNA

Refresher course for deputy township judges opened

YANGON, 18 Aug — Refresher Course No. 6 for deputy township judges was opened at the Supreme Court's Training Department (Hlinethaya) here today.

Deputy-Chief Justice U Thein Soe made an opening speech on the occasion. It was also attended by the Supreme Court justices, the directors, the joint-directors, the deputy-

directors, Yangon Division judges, district judges and trainees.

The eight-week course is being attended by 60 trainees from state and division courts.

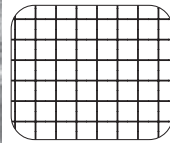
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Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe gives a speech at the opening ceremony of Refresher Course No. 6 for deputy township judges.—MNA

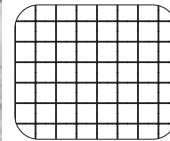


Import-substitute products from Thakayta Industrial Zone

Article & Photos: Ye Maung



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MBJ-02
Jeep.



During his inspection tour of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Division on 5 July, Prime Minister General Thein Sein gave instructions that the industrialists are to strive for development of firm agro-based industrial work for the economic growth of the State. Priority is being given to emergence of national industrialists, and industrial zones have also been established for industrial development. By opening technological universities, the State is making efforts for producing the needed technocrats in the industrial sector. In addition, the industrialists, are to re-double their efforts for keeping abreast of the latest industrial developments. It is necessary to produce high-quality and fair-priced items for domestic and global markets.

Nowadays, the government is rendering necessary assistance for ensuring equitable development of the industrial sector of the State and industrial zones established for improvement of the private industrial sector.

The government gathered the private-owned industries that had scattered in various regions of the nation by establishing industrial zones in the suitable regions. So far, a total of 19 industrial zones have been set up throughout the nation. Four industrial zones, namely Yangon East District Industrial Zone, Yangon South District Industrial Zone, Yangon West District Industrial Zone and Yangon North District Industrial Zone were founded in Yangon Division.

Yangon East District Industrial Zone comprises economic development zones and industrial zones in South Okkalapa, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan), Dagon Myothit (South), Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (East) and North Okkapala townships. Likewise, an industrial zone was set up in Thakayta Township.

Thakayta Industrial Zone is located not far from Ayeyawun Road near Thuwunna Bridge. A total of 190 industrial plots were allotted on 200 acres of land. Three State-owned factories and 130 private-owned factories are in operation on the industrial land. These factories are manufacturing personal and

household goods, raw materials, electrical and electronic equipment and automobiles for industrial and transport purpose.

Especially, the factories are manufacturing popular export products for foreign markets, meeting international standards. Similarly, import-substitute quality consumer products are being manufactured to customer satisfaction.

Manufacturing of trucks is one of the import-substitute industries. Automobile assembling industries, namely Nay Min Myanmar, Swan Htet, Sein Pan Khaing, Aung Naing Thu, Win Star and Myo are manufacturing quality vehicles and they have firm market shares in the local market.

The import-substitute automobile manufacturing industries in Thakayta Industrial Zone assembled about 200 jeeps and over 2000 light trucks in 2007-2008 financial year.

“Myo Automobile Industry manufactures the automobiles meeting set standards and norms prescribed by the Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee, and the products are made with high quality and sold at reasonable price for the

buyers,” said Managing Director U Myo Thant of Myo Automobile Industry at No 129 on Myananda Road in Thakayta Industrial Zone.

Myo Automobile Industry is manufacturing two types of jeeps namely MBJ-01 and MBJ-02 and light trucks. Quality materials are used in fitting frames and body of the vehicles installed with 2C/3C engines. Especially, Myo Jeeps (MBJ-02) are constructed through structure system of Hilux for convenience in driving on any roads in the country.

The jeeps have three doors for comfortable use. In addition, the jeeps are set up with the hard roof. As the cars are fitted with iron roof, it will be better than other types. The iron roofs prevent the possible dangers and contribute to safety of the users.

Managing Director U Myo Thant made further clarifications that engine and its related parts are systematically fitted at the vehicles to enable the users to enjoy comfortable and safe riding.

It can be witnessed that the quality of products, manufactured by industrialists at industrial zones that had been set up for over one decade, is higher. Moreover, priority is being given to manufacturing of import-substitute products. Hence, they have the opportunities to supply the products in accord with demands of the market, and their industries have achieved development.

In trying to bring about economic growth of the State, the government has established industrial zones for enhancement of the industries based on the agriculture sector. At the same time, efforts are being made for turning out national industrialists. The industrialists are trying to the best of their abilities for keeping abreast of all the latest industrial developments, taking innovative measures. As a result, Myanmar industries in the industrial zones are making progress gradually.

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MBJ-01 jeeps manufactured at Thakayta Industrial Zone.



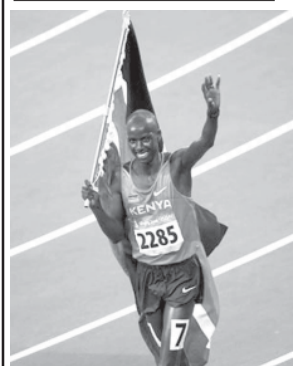
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Ma Lin of China celebrates after defeating Timo Boll of Germany during the men's team gold medal contest between China and Germany of Beijing Olympic Games table tennis event in Beijing, China, on 18 Aug, 2008. China beat Germany 3-0 and claimed the title in this event.



Brimin Kiprop Kipruto of Kenya celebrates after the men's 3000m steeplechase final at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, during Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 18 Aug, 2008. Brimin Kiprop Kipruto won the gold.

Medal Standings (18-8-2008)

Sr	NOC Name	G	S	B	T	Sr	NOC Name	G	S	B	T
1	China	39	14	14	67	39	Cameroon	1			1
2	United States	22	24	26	72	40	India	1			1
3	Britain	12	7	8	27	41	Panama	1			1
4	Australia	11	10	12	33	42	Thailand	1			1
5	Germany	9	7	7	23	43	Tunisia	1			1
6	Russian Fed.	8	13	15	36	44	Hungary		4	1	5
7	ROK	8	9	6	23	45	Sweden		3		3
8	Japan	8	5	7	20	46	Turkey		2	1	3
9	Italy	6	6	6	18	47	Austria		1	2	3
10	Ukraine	5	3	8	16	48	Greece		1	2	3
11	France	4	11	13	28	49	Uzbekistan		1	2	3
12	Romania	4	1	3	8	50	Algeria		1	1	2
13	Netherlands	3	5	4	12	51	Colombia		1	1	2
14	Spain	3	3	2	8	52	Croatia		1	1	2
15	Poland	3	3	1	7	53	Kyrgyzstan		1	1	2
16	Slovakia	3	1		4	54	Serbia		1	1	2
17	Canada	2	3	4	9	55	Chile		1		1
18	Kenya	2	3	2	7	56	Ecuador		1		1
19	Czech Republic	2	3		5	57	Estonia		1		1
20	Jamaica	2	2		4	58	Malaysia		1		1
21	Denmark	2	1	3	6	59	Portugal		1		1
22	New Zealand	2	1	3	6	60	South Africa		1		1
23	DPRK	2	1	3	6	61	Singapore		1		1
24	Ethiopia	2	1		3	62	Trinidad/Tobago		1		1
25	Switzerland	2		3	5	63	Vietnam		1		1
26	Georgia	2		1	3	64	Armenia			5	5
27	Cuba	1	5	5	11	65	Chinese Taipei			2	2
28	Belarus	1	3	7	11	66	Argentina			1	1
29	Kazakhstan	1	3	4	8	67	Egypt			1	1
30	Zimbabwe	1	3		4	68	Lithuania			1	1
31	Azerbaijan	1	2	2	5	69	Morocco			1	1
32	Norway	1	2	2	5	70	Mexico			1	1
33	Indonesia	1	1	3	5	71	Tajikistan			1	1
34	Slovenia	1	1	2	4	72	Togo			1	1
35	Bulgaria	1	1	1	3	Total:		185	186	210	581
36	Finland	1	1	1	3						
37	Mongolia	1	1		2						
38	Brazil	1		5	6						



Emma Snowsill of Australia crosses the finish line in the Women's Final of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games triathlon event in Beijing, China, on 18 Aug, 2008. Emma Snowsill won the gold medal with a time of 1 hour 58 minutes and 27.66 seconds.



Pamela Jelimo (Front, L) of Kenya competes during the women's 800m final at the National Stadium, also known as the Bird's Nest, during Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, on 18 Aug, 2008. Pamela Jelimo won the gold.

Georgia accuses Russia of starting forest fires

TBILISI, 18 Aug — Georgia accused Russia on Sunday of deliberately starting a fire which threatens to destroy a forest regarded by Georgians as a national treasure.

Russia's Defence Ministry denied any involvement.

Georgia's Interior Ministry said Russian helicopter gunships swooped over a region near the Borjomi-Kharagauli national park in central Georgia on Friday and dropped bombs that set fire to the densely forested hills.

"We're sure that the Russians started the fires in our woods," ministry spokesman Shota Utiashvili said.

Georgian Environment Minister Irakly Gvaladze also blamed Russian helicopters for starting the fires.

"Local people say that the fires were started by Russian helicopters. They flew over the forests and then the fires started," he said. "Now the Russians are not allowing aviation teams from Ukraine and Turkey to help put out the fires."

MNA/Reuters

Serbia says UN making mistake over Kosovo policing

BELGRADE, 18 Aug — Serbia's Foreign Minister said on Sunday it was a mistake for the UN mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) to hand over policing in the province to the European Union without the consent of Serbia and the UN Security Council.

"The process of UNMIK reconfiguration has begun...without consent of all interested parties and without explicit approval by the UN Security Council," Vuk Jeremic was quoted by Beta news agency as saying. "We think that this is a big mistake." UNMIK and the European Union mission EULEX are due to sign a memorandum of understanding on Monday on a plan which has been opposed by Serbia and Russia and split the Security Council. A 2,200-member EU police mission is waiting to deploy in Kosovo.

Kosovo, long a province of Serbia, was placed under UN administration in 1999 after NATO bombing drove out Serb forces accused of mass killings of civilians in a two-year war against separatist guerillas. The ethnic Albanian majority of Kosovo declared independence in February. Many Western countries recognized it, but Serbia and its big-power ally Russia declared the move illegal.

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Twin bombs in Philippines hurt at least three

MANILA, 18 Aug—At least three people were injured in two separate bombs that went off in travellers' inns in south Philippines Sunday afternoon, a military special task force commander said. The three people were injured in the first explosion which occurred at 5:30 pm in one of the rooms of a travellers' inn in the southern city of Iligan. About 20 minutes later, an explosion rocked another inn in the same city, said Hilario Atendido, commander of Joint Task Force Tabak. — MNA/Xinhua

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Japan seeks to arrest anti-whaling activists

TOKYO, 18 Aug—Japanese police have sought arrest warrants for three anti-whaling activists after their heated clashes with Tokyo's whaling fleet in the Southern Ocean last year, media reported on Monday.

Two Americans and a Briton from the hardline Sea Shepherd group are suspected of having obstructed Japan's whale hunt through protests such as jamming a ship's propeller with a rope, *Kyodo* News agency said.

Tokyo's Metropolitan Police is looking to placing the three on an international wanted list, *Kyodo* added.

A police spokeswoman declined to comment on the reports.

Japan's whale hunts have come under growing pressure from environmental groups, who say it is cruel and violates a 1986 global moratorium on commercial whaling.

MNA/Reuters

Chavez backs Russia in Georgia conflict

CARACAS, 18 Aug—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday praised Russia's military actions in Georgia, describing Moscow's offensive as a necessary response to US aggression.

Chavez, a persistent critic of the United States, said Washington was using its ally Georgia to weaken a resurgent Russia.

"The intention of the United States is to reduce Russia to its minimum expression," said Chavez, who has used higher revenue from Venezuelan oil production to buy weapons worth billions of dollars from Russia in recent years.

"The Russians did what they had to do, we recognize the courage of President Dmitry Medvedev, we are with Russia," Chavez said on his weekly television show. Chavez said Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin had told him by telephone that Georgian troops started the war by attacking Russian peacekeepers in breakaway South Ossetia. Russia responded by moving troops deep into Georgia proper.

Russia announced on Sunday it would start pulling out its forces on Monday, after the conflict dealt a humiliating blow to Georgia and raised fears about fuel supplies to Europe. The conflict has pitted Russia against the United States and European countries who see Georgia as a key strategic partner. A major fuel pipeline runs through Georgia.—MNA/Reuters

First UN aid convoy reaches Gori, reports looting

GENEVA, 18 Aug—A United Nations aid convoy managed to enter Gori on Sunday, the first time UN organizations have reached the Georgian town since fighting started last week, and found signs of "massive looting".

"While the buildings did not appear to be very damaged, there are clear signs of massive looting of both shops and private accommodations," the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said in a statement. UNHCR staff reported Gori was deserted except for 50 to 60 people gathered in the centre waiting for assistance and the agency was not sure if it would be able to bring more aid in the coming days.

The UNHCR, which said some 158,600 people had been displaced by recent fighting in Georgia, is also aiming to start airlifting non-food items to Batumi, on Georgia's Black Sea coast, on Monday.

MNA/Reuters

Bidders line up to buy Gatwick Airport

LONDON, 18 Aug—International infrastructure groups have approached British Airports Authority (BAA) with offers to buy London's Gatwick Airport for up to three billion pounds (5.62 billion US dollars), the *Sunday Times* reported without citing sources.

A BAA spokeswoman declined to comment.

Germany's Hochtief, Global Infrastructure Partners, the GE-Credit Suisse investment fund, Australia's Macquarie and Britain's Manchester Airport Group have all indicated their interest to Ferrovial-owned BAA ahead of the Competition Commission's report expected this week, the paper said.

The competition watchdog is expected to say that the group's ownership of London's three largest airports—Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted—is against the public interest and experts believe it could be asked to sell two of the London hubs and one of its largest Scottish airports, it added. — MNA/Reuters





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 Theatre in Beijing, capital of China recently. —XINHUA

Lack of energy in old age associated with health problems

LOS ANGELES, 18 Aug — Lack of energy in old age may be associated with health problems and higher rates of hospitalization and death, according to a new study in the United States.

Although feeling listless is an expected part of aging, there are reasons people are tired, researchers at Columbia University Medical Centre (CUMC) said in the study published in the August issue of the *Journal of*

Gerontology.

The study of more than 2,100 New York City residents, aged from 65 to 104, found that almost one in five reported so little energy and they spent most of the day sitting on the sofa. "For clinicians, the message from our study is that a lack of energy is widespread in the elderly, but it's not normal," said senior author Dr Mathew Maurer, an associate professor of the clinical medicine at the CUMC.

In this study, participants were classified as anergic if they said they sat around due to lack of energy and agreed with two of the six following statements: "I recently have not had enough energy;" "I felt slowed physically in the past month;" "I did less than usual in the past month;" "My slowness is worse in the morning;" "I wake up feeling tired;" "I nap more than two hours aday."

Internet

Study: Less rain linked with warming of Indian Ocean

DARES SALAAM, 18 Aug — The decrease of rainfall along the eastern seaboard of Africa is now linked with the warming-up of the nearby Indian Ocean as a study conducted by the American space centre has suggested.

The study done through computer models and observations for more than half a century has concluded that rainfall in eastern Africa during the annual rainy season had declined by 15 percent since the 1980s.

Statistical analyses showed that the decline of rainfall was due to irregularities in the transport of moisture between the ocean and land. The study done by

the Goddard Space Flight Centre under NASA has found that declines in rainfall had been posted in such eastern seaboard African countries as Ethiopia, Malawi, Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, according to reports received here on Monday.

The rainfall decline over land was linked to rainfall and temperature increases over the ocean, the study said.

"We can be quite certain that the decline in rainfall has been substantial and will continue to be," said co-researcher Chris Funk, "This 15-percent decrease every 20-25 years is likely to continue." —*Internet*



Azerbaijani rider Jamal Rahimov falls from his horse Ionesco de Brekka during the jumping individual 2nd qualifier competition of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games equestrian events in the Olympic co-host city of Hong Kong, south China, on 17 Aug, 2008. Rahimov was eliminated from the competition due to his falling. —INTERNET

Venezuela to launch Simon Bolivar satellite in Nov

CARACAS, 18 Aug — The Simon Bolivar satellite will be launched into the space on 2 Nov, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Sunday.

Chavez made the announcement in his latest TV and radio programme "Alo, Presidente."

The satellite, made in China, was named after "Simon Bolivar," a hero who played an important role in winning Latin America's independence.

Chavez said the Simon Bolivar satellite would benefit Venezuela's TV, internet as well as other communication systems, and increase its educational

and medical levels. Its coverage will reach other Latin American countries, he added.

Chinese Ambassador to Venezuela Zhang Tuo attended as a guest at the TV and radio programme, during which Chavez thanked China for

supporting this project.

Chavez said his programme "Alo, Presidente," which is now being broadcast through a Dutch satellite, would be broadcast through the Simon Bolivar satellite from November.

Internet

Road accident kills at least 10 in Egypt

CAIRO, 18 Aug — At least 10 people, including a three-year-old boy, were killed and 11 others injured in a traffic accident in northern Egypt, the official MENA news agency reported on Sunday. The tragedy occurred near the Delta city of Benha, north of Cairo, when a minibus crashed into the back of a truck carrying steel bars, said the report. Ten people were killed on the spot and 11 others were seriously injured, said the report, adding the injured have been rushed to

nearby hospitals for treatment. Traffic accidents are common in Egypt with an estimated death toll of some 6,000 annually.

At least 44 people were killed and 35 others wounded on 16 July when a train collided with a number of cars near the Mediterranean coast city of Marsa Matruh.

Internet

Workers unhook a round-mouthed food vessel with four loop handles in ancient China, that is set here as a new landmark of Gui Street, the famous food and beverage street, near Dongzhimen overpass in Beijing, capital of China recently. —XINHUA



Tropical storm "Fay" moves to Mexico, Cuba

MEXICO CITY, 17 Aug — Tropical storm "Fay" moved over the Caribbean Sea, heading toward Cuba and Mexico, Mexican Civil Protection and National Meteorology Service said Sunday.

The two institutions said the tropical storm, at 10:00 a m local time (1600 GMT), was located some 865 km east of the Mexican coastal city of Cancun, and some 125 km southeast of Cuba's central city of Camaguey.

According to reports by a local radio station, Fay is producing heavy rains in Miami, Florida, and flights in the International Airport of Miami have been suspended.

Meanwhile in Cuba many towns have been evacuated amid concerns of flash floods.

The Cuban authorities said domestic flights to eastern Cuba have been temporarily suspended.

Meteorologists said that Fay would take strength and become a hurricane during the coming 48 hours.

To the moment the storm has killed three people in Dominican Republic and another one in Haiti.

Internet

SPORTS

Rovers plan Fowler deal Striker set for six-month contract

LONDON, 18 Aug — Blackburn Rovers boss Paul Ince has revealed the club are close to agreeing a deal with Robbie Fowler.

Fowler has been training with Rovers all summer after leaving Championship side Cardiff.

Ince is keen to have Fowler at Ewood Park and he believes his former



Robbie Fowler

Liverpool team-mate can still cut it in the Premier League.

"We are close to doing something with Robbie. He's been different class in training in the last few days," said Ince.

"Robbie is a Premier League goalscorer and he always will be, but the only issue is getting his sharpness back."

Blackburn are believed to be ready to offer the 33-year-old an initial six-month deal which could become a permanent contract if he impresses Ince.

Internet



Fukuhashi Ai of Japan competes during the women's team bronze medal contest between Japan and the Republic of Korea of Beijing Olympic Games table tennis event in Beijing, China, on 17 Aug, 2008. The Republic of Korea beat Japan 3-0 and won the bronze medal in this event.

XINHUA

Harry rubbishes Hammers link Redknapp staying put at Pompey

LONDON, 18 Aug — Harry Redknapp has dismissed suggestions he is being lined up to return to West Ham.

The pressure is seemingly on Hammers boss Alan Curbishley at Upton Park and he is one of the early favourites to be the first Premier League boss to lose his job this season.

West Ham opened their league account on Saturday with a 2-1 win over Wigan, but despite that reports still insisted that the club were on the lookout for possible replacements.

Redknapp's name has been strongly linked with a return to the club he previously managed and played for.

But the Pompey chief, who shunned a move to Newcastle last year, insists he has no intentions of quitting the South Coast.

"I am not interested in going anywhere else," he is quoted by the *Daily Star*.

"I have had some offers before but I am happy where I am."

Internet

Chelsea start with win but Man United only draw

LONDON, 18 Aug — Champions Manchester United were held to a 1-1 draw by Newcastle United but Chelsea crushed Portsmouth 4-0 when the two favourites for the title began their Premier League campaigns on Sunday. United, without Cristiano Ronaldo, Carlos Tevez and Owen Hargreaves, were rocked when Newcastle went ahead at Old Trafford, the unmarked Obafemi Martins powering home a header after 22 minutes.

United were level, though, inside two minutes when Darren Fletcher put the finishing touch to a fine sweeping move. In contrast to the champions' faltering start, Chelsea, who finished as runners-up to United last season, gave their new Brazilian coach Luiz Felipe Scolari the perfect start with a stunning four-goal rout of Portsmouth at Stamford Bridge.

Nicolas Anelka took advantage of slack Portsmouth defending to head them 2-0 ahead in the 26th minute and Frank Lampard made it 3-0 from the penalty spot just before halftime after Sylvain Distin was harshly judged to have handled a cross from Cole. Television replays showed the ball hit his arm while his face was turned away and he made no attempt to stop the cross.

Deco, named the man of the match afterwards, capped an excellent debut when he powered home an 89th-minute strike from 25 metres which James could only help into the net. — *MNA/Reuters*

Boro back for Harper Southgate ups bid for midfield ace

LONDON, 18 Aug — Middlesbrough boss Gareth Southgate admits he is still trying to prise James Harper away from Reading.

The former Arsenal midfielder has started the Championship season with Reading, despite interest from Boro and Bolton over the summer.

Boro have seen the likes of Fabio Rochemback, George Boateng and Lee Cattermole depart this summer and with Julio Arca sidelined - Southgate knows he need midfield reinforcements.

Southgate has already seen a couple of bids turned down by Reading - who are standing firm on their valuation of the player, believed to be

around £5million.

Boro's previous bids have been under £4million, but reports now claim they have returned with a final £5million offer.

"We've been back a few times because I know he would be good for us," said Southgate.

After unveiling new signing Justin Hoyte before Saturday's opening day win over Tottenham, Southgate will now hope to seal a deal for Harper before the weekend's trip to Liverpool. — *Internet*

Berba confirms United 'dream' Striker ready for Old Trafford switch



Dimitar Berbatov

LONDON, 18 Aug — Dimitar Berbatov has confirmed that joining Manchester United is his 'dream'.

Sir Alex Ferguson is keen on landing the Bulgarian striker and has been chasing him for most of the summer, but as yet no deal has been agreed between the two clubs.

Tottenham boss Juande Ramos left Berbatov on the bench for their opening day defeat at Middlesbrough, and there was a distinctly mixed reaction

from the travelling support when Ramos brought him on.

Now Berbatov has admitted that moving to Old Trafford would be a 'dream' move for him.

"I'm now in Tottenham but no one can disagree with me wanting to follow my dream," said Berbatov - who insisted he was not annoyed at being left out of Spurs' starting line-up at the weekend.

"I'm not angry about the decision of Juande Ramos to name me as a substitute. I'm not crying.

"I only show my emotions to my close friends and family. "But if I was laughing when I was on the bench, people would say I was an idiot.

"I noticed that Eric Cantona never smiled but I don't know if anyone ever asked him why he didn't look happier." — *Internet*

US swimmer Michael Phelps talks with reporters during a credit card promotional event in Beijing on 18 August, 2008.
INTERNET



Del Potro wins fourth title in row

WASHINGTON, 18 Aug — Argentine Juan Martin Del Potro beat Viktor Troicki of Serbia 6-3, 6-3 to win the ATP event in Washington on Sunday and claim his fourth successive title.

The second seed rallied from an early break down in the opening set to make it back-to-back hard-court titles and take his winning streak to 19 matches.

"Today I was very, very nervous because I was the favourite to win the tournament," Del Potro said in a television interview.

"In a final, if you play your best you can win, for sure, but I think today I played more with my mind than my body."

The Argentine, who won in Stuttgart, Kitzbuehel and last weekend in Los Angeles, is the first man in ATP Tour history to win his first four finals.

MNA/Reuters



China's Xu Yapin, front, and behind from left, Zhong Hongyan, Yu Lamai and Liang Peixing paddle to place second in the Kayak four 500m women at the Beijing 2008 Olympics on 18 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET

Brazil happy for healthy kidnapped Vietnam diplomat

BRASILIA, 18 Aug—Brazil's Government said Sunday it was delighted to hear that a Vietnamese diplomat who had escaped kidnappers the day before was in good health.

In a statement, the Brazilian Foreign Ministry said Sunday afternoon that it had been informed that Vu Thanh Nam, an official from the

Vietnamese Embassy to Brazil, had returned to his hotel without injuries.

The statement said "when being informed on Saturday of the kidnapping, the Ministry asked the federal authorities and the state of Rio de Janeiro to rescue (the diplomat) as soon as possible".

The Vietnamese diplomat was kidnapped

Saturday by a group of armed men while in a taxi heading to the Christ the Redeemer Statue in Rio de Janeiro.

Vu reappeared Sunday afternoon after he escaped from the house where he was being held in the slum Complexo do Alemão.

Rio de Janeiro is the most popular tourist destination in Brazil, but it is also a city with a high crime rate. Rio's governor has requested federal troops to patrol the streets of the city to prevent violence. — MNA/Xinhua

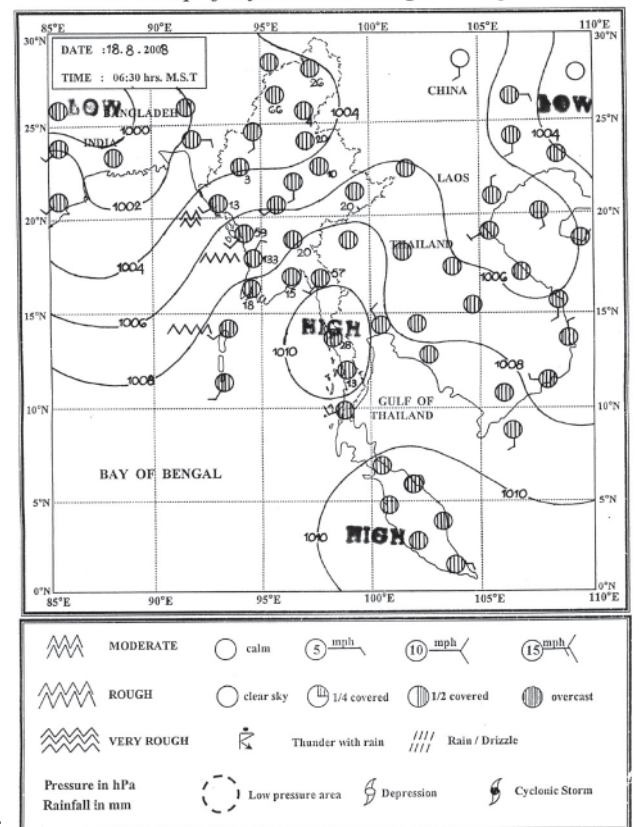
Troops in Indian Kashmir on alert to halt protests

SRINAGAR, 18 Aug—India authorities deployed more troops across Kashmir on Monday to prevent a planned march by separatists to a United Nations office to protest against New Delhi's rule in the disputed Himalayan region.

A row over land for Hindu pilgrims visiting a shrine in Kashmir has snowballed into full scale anti-India protests, uniting separatists and reviving calls for Kashmiri independence.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 18 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain have been isolated in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy fall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.43) inch, Thandwe (5.44) inches, Thaton (4.17) inches, Kyauktaw (3.19) inches, Maungtau (2.87) inches, Hkamti (2.68) inches, Mawlamyine (2.48) inches, Kyaukpadaung (2.32) inches and Hpa-an (2.01) inches.

Maximum temperature on 17-8-2008 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 18-8-2008 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-8-2008 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 17-8-2008 was (0.6) hour approx.

Rainfall on 18-8-2008 was (0.59) inch at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (75.39) inches at Mingaladon, (85.51) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.67) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 17-8-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 19-8-2008: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavy fall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-8-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-8-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Venezuela to receive Russian military float

CARACAS, 18 Aug—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Sunday that his government was ready to receive a Russian military float and dismissed difficulties in negotiation with Russia on purchasing the equipment.

Chavez made the announcement at Sunday's TV and Radio programme "Alo Presidente." He added that the Russian float could arrive at the Guaira Port, north of Caracas, and Cabello Port, in the central coast of Venezuela.

Chavez said that his government would evaluate acquisition of submarines and new Russian aircraft to guard the Venezuelan territorial sea and aerial space.

Chavez said that his government was coordinating the acquisition of K-8 planes to train Venezuelan pilots.

This military equipment is due to the US blockage on replacements supply.

"The US is sabotaging. *The Hercules* planes of US fabrication do not have replacements," Chavez said when talking about the difficulties that the pilots have to flight these aircraft. When referring to the Russian weapons, Chavez said "we've got the *Sukoi* fighters and now we consider buying Russian submarines to patrol our waters", and he added that "we really need them here".

MNA/Xinhua

Tropical Storm "Fay" batters Cuba, threatens Florida

HAVANA, 18 Aug—Tropical Storm Fay raked Cuba's southern coast with gusty winds and heavy rains on Sunday while tourists fled the Florida Keys as the storm threatened to reach the United States as a likely hurricane.

The sixth storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, Fay has already killed dozens. Around 50 people died in Haiti when a bus tried to cross a river swollen with rain, adding to the toll after five deaths in Haiti and the Dominican Republic on Saturday. A middle-aged couple drowned in the Jamaican capital Kingston when their car was caught in a flooded crossing.

The US National Hurricane Centre said the storm's maximum sustained winds were 50 miles per hour (80 kilometres per hour), but Cuban forecasters said gusts up to 66 miles per hour (110 kph) had been recorded at Cabo Cruz, which juts into the Caribbean. Fay was cruising over warm Caribbean Sea waters at 10 mph (17 kph) about 200 miles (330 kilometres) southeast of Havana and 265 miles (430 kilometres) south-southeast of Key West, Florida, the hurricane centre said.

MNA/Reuters



Tuesday, 19 August
View on today

7:00 am

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7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- "အလျော်အစား" (အကယ်ဒမီဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ ငွေစင်သွန်း၊ ခင်သန်းနွယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်ဇောလင်း)

8:00 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- Song of yesteryears

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:10 pm

- Musical programme

4:20 pm

- Dance of national races

4:30 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:35 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:40 pm

- "ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ်" "ဒီအိုတီအက်စ်"

- (လွင်မိုး၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇော်၊ ခင်သန်းနွယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စိုးကျော်ဆန်း)

5:00 pm

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

5:05 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm

- ဆိုကြမယ် ပျော်ကြမယ်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:50 pm

- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

7:00 pm

- သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဉာဏ်ရှင်

7:15 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ပန်းပျိုးလက်"

(အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm

- News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်"

(အပိုင်း-၂)

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

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

UN Secretary-General's special advisor arrives Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug —Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari and party arrived Yangon by air this morning.

Mr Gambari met with Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win at

National Defence College at 1 pm, diplomats and officials of foreign missions in Yangon at Seinle Kantha State House at 2.15 pm, International Committee of the Red Cross at 3 pm and Tripartite Core Group at 3.55 pm

separately. Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win hosted a dinner for

Mr Gambari and party at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel.—MNA

Weather Forecast for 19-8-2008

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Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ibrahim Agboola Gambari meeting with members of Tripartite Core Group at Seinle Kantha State House.—MNA

Beijing Olympics Special on page 11



Ma Lin of China celebrates after defeating Timo Boll of Germany during the men's team gold medal contest between China and Germany of Beijing Olympic Games table tennis event in Beijing, China, on 18 Aug, 2008. China beat Germany 3-0 and claimed the title in this event.

Import-substitute products from Thakayta Industrial Zone



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