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## Prime Minister sends felicitations to Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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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

## Construction of Nay Pyi Taw-Taungnyo-Magway Road in progress

YANGON, 1 Sept — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun together with officials of Public Works inspected maintenance tasks at Patheingyi Road sections such as Kazunma-Yepya section and Padan-Kazunma section and along Seikphyu-Salin-Minbu Road on 30 August.

At Ayeyawady Guesthouse briefing hall of the Ministry of Construction on 31 August morning, the minister heard reports by Minbu District Senior Engineer

U Toe Khaing and Magway District Senior Engineer U Saw Thein on maintenance of Kani-Minbu-Salin-Tanyaung Road, construction of Bridge No. 1/27 across Yin Creek on Taungdwingyi-Myothit-Natmauk Road, construction of Nay Pyi Taw Taungnyo-Myothit-Magway Road and future tasks.

After giving necessary instruction, the minister oversaw construction of roads and bridges along Magway-Taungdwingyi-

Taungnyo-Nay Pyi Taw Road. — MNA

## Biofertilizers help boost production of crops in seawater-flooded farmlands

Article by Maung Maung Myint Swe



*Paddy fields in seawater-flooded areas can produce better per acre yield if biofertilizers are used systematically.*

Being an agro-based country, Myanmar is taking a variety of measures to improve the agricultural sector. Many farmlands in Ayeyawady Division were flooded by seawater due to the storm that occurred in early May this year. In this regard, an interview was conducted with some agriculturalists.

Regarding seawater floods triggered by the storm, General Manager (Retd) Dr Win Htin (PhD) of the Land Resources Utilization Department (See page 10)



PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for development of border areas and national races

According to geographical conditions, there were transport barriers between border areas and inland areas of the nation in the past. As a result, the country lagged behind in development.

At present, the government is building infrastructures in transport, education, health and economic sectors for development of border areas and national races.

Meanwhile, technical training schools were opened in border areas with a view to equipping national races with technical skills and producing qualified workers for ensuring urbanization and industrial development.

The opening of technical training schools in Sittway, Laukkai, Panghsam and Mongla has contributed a lot to the emergence of technicians such as carpenters, masons, mechanics, electric welders, etc.

In the same way, arrangements have been made for national races in border areas to be able to pursue domestic science. Basic domestic science training course, advanced sewing course, domestic science course (rattan) and domestic science course (bamboo) of Women's Domestic Science School in Lashio, Shan State (North) were opened on 25 August.

Likewise, courses of women's domestic sciences schools in Kachin State, Shan State (East), Kayah State and Sagaing Division were opened on the same day.

With the extended opening of technical training schools and women's domestic science schools, it is certain that national races in border areas will be able to enjoy the fruits of regional development and higher socio-economic status.

Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at work proficiency course No. 35 for heads of township revenue department.

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People's Desire

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

Malaysian hockey assistance for Myanmar

YANGON, 1 Sept — Sheiphia Holding Co Ltd of Malaysia cooperating in agricultural sector with Shwe Thanlwin Company donated Hockey sport gear at a ceremony on 27 August.

Present were Chairmen of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, secretary U Khin Maung Tun, Dr Ebrahim and Dr Rohani, chief executive directors of Sheiphia Holding SDN. BHD, resident representative U Kyaw Naing (Excellent Performance in Social Field-Third Class), general manager U Min Swe of Shwe Thanlwin Co Ltd, responsible



persons and guests.

Resident Representative of Sheiphia Holding SDN. BHD U Kyaw Naing explained purposes of donation and facts about the Hockey

sport gear. Lt-Col Maung Maung Myint, on behalf of the commander, accepted 24 hockey sticks, 15 hockey balls and goalkeeper suit worth k 2.2 million.—MNA

Chief executive directors of Sheiphia Holding donating hockey gear.

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Pyapon gets more schools

YANGON, 1 Sept—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspected construction of primary school building in Hmawby Village donated by Dr Naing Tun Aung in Pyapon Township on 30 August.

The minister viewed rain-fed paddy plantations of farmer U Myint Soe in Aungthaya Village and inspected Basic Education High School.

Next, the minister looked into construction of primary school building of Thamainhtaw Theingon Village donated by wellwisher Daw Than Than Lay and school building of Pyapon No. 1 BEHS.

In Pyapon, the minister met with chairmen of District/Township/Ward Peace and Development Councils and departmental officials of Kyaiklat and Pyapon townships.

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High tide, but no danger

YANGON, 1 Sept—The public are hereby informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.18 feet to 20.95 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 30<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008. That it is

not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2006 and 2007, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.

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Work proficiency course opens

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Work proficiency

course No. 35 for heads of township revenue departments of the Internal Revenue Department, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, was opened at the ministry here this morning. Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addressed the course opening ceremony and cordially greeted the trainees.

The four-week course is being attended by a total of 51 heads of township revenue departments.

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## Japanese PM Yasuo Fukuda resigns

TOKYO, 1 Sept.—The Japanese prime minister, Yasuo Fukuda, today resigned from the post after less than a year amid deadlock in his coalition government.

The increasingly unpopular 72-year-old has been struggling to cope with a divided parliament in which opposition parties control the upper house and can delay legislation.

Speculation that Fukuda would have to go has been simmering for some months as his popularity slumped in the face of rising fuel and food prices.



*Mr Yasuo Fukuda.*

Last week, his government unveiled plans for tax cuts and a major injection of government spending to cushion the blow of inflation, but the latest opinion polls showed support for him and his

government was continuing to fall.

Fukuda's resignation will not necessarily trigger a general election.

His party, the Liberal Democratic party, must pick a new leader and win the confidence of parliament's lower house in order to continue leading Japan's coalition government.

Fukuda's decision adds to a period of political instability for Japan. He took over following the sudden resignation of his predecessor, Shinzo Abe, who lasted only 12 months.

*Internet*

## Georgia admits dropping cluster bombs

NEW YORK, 1 Sept.—Georgia has admitted dropping cluster bombs during its attempt to regain control of its breakaway province of South Ossetia, a human rights group said today.

Human Rights Watch said it had received a letter from the Georgian defence ministry acknowledging the use of M85 cluster bombs near the Roki tunnel that connects South Ossetia with Russia.

Georgia launched its ill-fated campaign to retake South Ossetia last month, prompting Russia to invade Georgia and occupy Georgian territory.



*An armoured vehicle enters the Roki tunnel in South Ossetia.*

The South Ossetia conflict was the first time cluster bombs were deployed since the Lebanon war in 2006, when M85s were used extensively by Israel against Hizbullah.

Cluster munitions, which contain dozens or hundreds of smaller submunitions or bomblets, have been condemned because of their capacity

to kill and maim civilians. Many do not immediately explode, causing civilian casualties for months or years to come.

The convention on cluster munitions agreed in May comprehensively bans the use, production, trade and stockpiling of the weapon. It will be open for signature in Oslo on December 3.

*Internet*

## 10 killed in shelling in Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABA, 1 Sept. — At least 10 people were killed as a shell hit their house in Pakistan's tribal area on Monday, the News Network International (NNI) news agency reported.

The 10 people, mostly women and children belonging to the same family were killed when a shell fired by security forces against the militants landed at their house at the town of Enayat Qila in Bajaur tribal region, according to NNI.

Interior Advisor to Prime Minister Rehman Malik last week said security forces would halt operation against militants with respect to the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which will begin on Tuesday.

*Internet*

## Death toll rises to 40 in SW China earthquake

HUILI, Sichuan, 1 Sept — Two more deaths were reported Monday afternoon in Huili County, bringing the death toll from the 6.1-magnitude quake that struck southwest China's Sichuan and Yunnan provinces on Saturday to 40, according to local authorities.

The county in Sichuan reported 25 deaths as 8 a.m.

Monday. The Ministry of Civil Affairs announced on Monday night that the quake had injured 675 people as of 4 p.m. Monday in the two provinces.

More than 392,000 houses collapsed or were destroyed and about 181,000 people were evacuated. A total of 941,000 people were affected, said the ministry.



*An elderly woman sits beside her damaged house, following an earthquake which hit the Lazha Village in Panzhihua of southwest China's Sichuan province Sunday, on 31 Aug, 2008.*

The quake jolted Huili and Panzhihua, both in Sichuan, and autonomous prefectures of Chuxiong, Dali, Lijiang and Zhaotong cities, all in Yunnan Province. Kunming, the capital of Yunnan, was also hit. Most of the fatalities were in Huili, Chuxiong and Panzhihua, which sit on the southern end of the fault line involved in the massive May 12 quake that left more than 69,000 people dead and nearly 18,000 missing.

More than 15,120 tents, 20,000 quilts and 15 million yuan (about 2.2 million US dollars) in aid have been allocated to the quake areas in Sichuan. The Yunnan provincial government will allocate 30 million yuan for quake relief apart from tents and quilts, according to the ministry.—Xinhua

## Blast in Philippine bus terminal kills 6

MANILA, 1 Sept — A powerful blast ripped through a bus at a terminal in the troubled southern Philippines on Monday, killing six people and injuring 27 others, army and police said.

Cesario Darantinan, police chief in Davao del Sur province on Mindanao, said the bus was waiting for passengers at a terminal in the town of Digos when an explosive device went off inside the vehicle.

"It could have been a crude bomb that was set off remotely," Darantinan said. "The explosion was so powerful that the bus was almost broken into two."

Twenty-seven people were wounded, Lieutenant-Colonel Lyndon Paniza, commander of an



army battalion in the area, told reporters, adding that troops were checking hospitals in the vicinity to verify if there were any more victims.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, the second such incident since July this year.

Darantinan said the owners and managers of a local bus firm operating in the area had been receiving threats after they had turned down extortion attempts by a criminal gang known as "al Khobar".

*Internet*

## 5 children killed in military actions, furthering anti-US tension

KAUBL, 1 Sept.—Foreign and Afghan forces killed five children in two separate incidents Monday, further inflaming tensions in the country over the killings of civilians by troops from the US and other countries.

NATO said it accidentally killed three children in an artillery strike in eastern Afghanistan. It said

NATO forces fired the rounds after insurgents attacked its patrol in Gayan district of Paktika province and one of the rounds hit a house, killing three children and injuring seven civilians.

In a separate incident, foreign and Afghan forces killed a man and his two children and during a raid near Kabul, police and witnesses said. Angry men gathered at the

victims' house in the Utkheil area east of the capital, where the three bodies were displayed inside a mud-walled compound. The man's wife was wounded in the operation, said Yahya Khan, a cousin.

The latest deaths deepened strains between the Afghan government—under pressure from an increasingly irate public—and foreign forces in the

country who are accused of killing dozens of civilians only in the past few weeks.

*Internet*

*A boy carries his belongings next to the rubble of his home which was destroyed in a US airstrike in the village of Azizabad in the Shindand district of Herat province, Afghanistan.*





# Venezuela rejects visit of US anti-drug chief

CARACAS, 1 Sept—The Venezuelan Foreign Ministry has rejected a visit by John P. Walters, director of the US National Drug Control Policy office, calling the proposed trip useless and ill-timed.

A ministry statement issued Sunday said the American anti-drug chief

“would better use his time to control the flourishing drug trafficking and abuse in his own country.” Venezuelans are displeased with the visit, it added. The fight against drugs has actually seen “significant progress in Venezuela in the last few years, especially since the

Bolivarian government ended the cooperation programs with the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA),” the statement said.

Venezuela ended cooperation with the DEA in 2006, accusing it of espionage. The government of President Hugo Chavez reaffirmed Sunday that the DEA operated in an illegal way on Venezuelan territory, and openly conspired against the South American country’s democratic and constitutional order.

# N Lebanon clashes kill one Imam, wound three others

BEIRUT, 1 Sep— A gun battle between Sunni Muslims and Alawites in a north Lebanon village mosque on Sunday left one Imam killed and three others wounded, Local Naharnet website reported Monday.

Automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades were used in the fighting in the village of Sheikhlar, which left Imam Ezzedine Qassem killed and was “triggered by dispute between villagers,” the report said.

Security officials said that rescue workers had not been unable to enter because of the intensity of the fighting at the time, the report added.

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Sailing ships are seen in the port of Bremerhaven, northern Germany, at the windjammer meeting ‘Lutte Sail’, on 31 Aug, 2008. Over 200 sailing ships from 19 nations took part in the five-day event that attracted nearly one million spectators.—INTERNET

# Iran’s Supreme Leader calls for air force fleet upgrade

TEHERAN, 1 Sept—Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Sunday called on the newly-appointed Iranian air force chief to further enhance the fleet’s equipment, the English-language Press TV satellite channel reported.

Khamenei on Sunday appointed Brigadier General Hassan Shah-Safias the new chief commander of Iran’s Air Force, replacing Brigadier

General Ahmad Miqani. Khamenei recommended the new commander to boost combat preparedness of the air force and proceed with programs in line with self-sufficiency and updating hardware of the air force, in response to Western threats of a military air strike on Iranian nuclear facilities.

The United States and its allies have accused Iran of trying to develop

nuclear weapons under the cover of a civilian nuclear program. Iran has denied the US charges and insisted that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only.

Earlier in August, Miqani, former commander of Iran’s air force, announced that the country had revamped its fighter jet fleet to fly 3,000 km without refueling.

Internet

# Olmert, Abbas still cling to peace deal within 2008

JERUSALEM, 1 Sept—Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Sunday agreed that the two sides still aim to reach a peace deal within 2008, local daily Ha’aretz reported.

The two leaders met in the early afternoon in Jerusalem for the second time since probes-plagued Olmert announced on 30 July that he would not contend in the upcoming primary of his ruling Kadima party and would resign upon the election of his successor.

During the meeting, the pair pledged to continue the negotiations for a peace pact by the end of this year, as they promised at a US-hosted peace conference at Annapolis last November when they resumed the long-stalled peace talks, according to the report.—Internet



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert (R) meets with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at the former’s official residence in Jerusalem, Israel, on 31 August, 2008. The two leaders met on Sunday and agreed that the two sides still aim to reach a peace deal within 2008. XINHUA

# 5.8 magnitude earthquake hits New Zealand North Island

WELLINGTON, 1 Sept—An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale struck New Zealand’s North Island on Monday, the GNS Science said.

The quake, which occurred at 1:21 pm local time (1:21 GMT Monday), was centered 10 km southeast of the central North Island town of Turangi and 260 km north of Wellington at a depth of 80 km. No casualties or damage were reported.

It was felt throughout the central North Island and as far south as the Kapiti Coast.

Internet

# Anti-war protesters set to stage massive rally at opening day of Republic convention

ST PAUL, The United States, 1 Sept—Anti-war protesters said Sunday that they will still stage a massive rally as the Republican National Convention (RNC) kicks off here on 1 Sept.

The convention’s scaled-back activities and a series of law enforcement raids will not force them to change the rally plan, Jess Sundin, a spokeswoman for the Coalition to March on the RNC and Stop the War, told reporters. “Plans for tomorrow’s massive antiwar march are well in hand,” he said, “People will not let the RNC gather in St Paul without aloud and clear response from us.” The coalition’s protest will begin at 11 am (1600 GMT) with a rally at the Minnesota State Capitol building and continue with a march past the Republican convention headquarters at the Xcel Energy Center in St Paul.

Organizers have said they expect as many as 50,000 people to participate. The event comes a day after convention organizers announced that they will scale back Monday’s activities because of the expected landfall of Hurricane Gustav on the Gulf Coast.

Internet



Members of the Ecuadorean rescue police squad walk near the debris of a Venezuelan cargo plane that crashed in Latacunga on 31 August, 2008. A Venezuelan plane with a handful of people on board has gone missing in Ecuador, officials from both South American countries said on Sunday.—INTERNET



# China to produce world's fastest bullet train

BEIJING, 1 Sept — China will produce the world's fastest bullet train for the Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway, a senior railway official has said.

Zhang Shuguang, deputy chief engineer with the Ministry of Railways, said the domestically developed train will run at 380 kph, the highest speed for any railway in the world.

And if the project materializes, the travel time

between the two metropolises will be cut from five to around four hours, enhancing the rail network's competitive edge against airlines, he said.

Previously, China planned to run trains at 350 kph on the 1,318-km Beijing-Shanghai line, the same speed as on the Beijing-Tianjin intercity passenger railway that opened a month ago.

And the travel time is estimated at five hours, about half of the current

time. Manufacturing 380-kph trains in China is already possible in terms of technology, he said.

China has established a comprehensive system for bullet train manufacturing, including basic theory, design, manufacture, maintenance and appraisal, he said. —Xinhua



*The first intercity train between Beijing and Tianjin departs from Beijing South Railway Station for Tianjin, Beijing, capital of China, on 1 Aug, 2008. China will produce the world's fastest bullet train for the Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway, a senior railway official has said. —XINHUA*

## Indonesian energy firm eyes \$800 mln power projects

JAKARTA, 1 Sept— Indonesian state-owned energy company Adhi Karya sought a possibility to develop four steam power plants projects worth 800 million US dollars, a paper said here Monday.

Director for finance of the company Indradjaja Manopol was quoted by *Bisnis daily* as saying that the funds to finance the projects would be from rights issue of the shares of the company.

"Now, we are conducting negotiation to get the projects," he said.

The director expected that the negotiation would be completed before the year end.

Indonesian State-Owned Enterprises Minister Sofyan Djalil said that the government was ready to purchase the shares released by firms as soon as at the end of this year.

Xinhua

## S Africa Tourism Exposition postponed to 2009

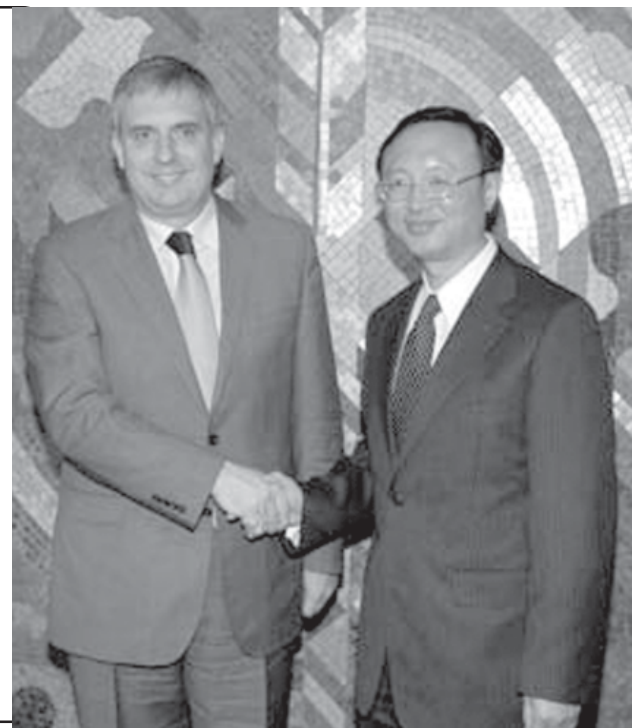
LUSAKA, 1 Sept— The Southern Africa Tourism Exposition (SATX), which was scheduled to take place in Zambia's Livingstone this month, has been postponed to the next year.

The exposition would now be held between April and May, 2009, according to *Times of Zambia* on Monday. The total budget for the exhibition is 1.9 billion Kwacha (540,000 U.S dollars), although not all the funds were in place yet.

Exhibitors from the Southern African development Community and across Africa had been invited to the event, organizers said.—Xinhua

*Bulgaria's Foreign Minister Ivailo Kalfin (L) shakes hands with Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi during their meeting in Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, on 31 Aug, 2008.*

XINHUA



## All items from Xinhua News Agency

## Report: Melting Kilimanjaro glaciers flood farms

DAR ES SALAAM, 1 Sept — Farmers near the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro have been reporting floods caused by the melting Kilimanjaro glaciers even during the dry season of the year.

Local English newspaper *The African* on Monday quoted a Mwanga farmer as saying that the amount of water from the mountain had

been enormous this year to have submerged farms and roads.

"I have never seen such a thing for the last 45 years of my life," said Mwanganga Juma who added that the situation was even worse at Kapori near the main road leading up to Marangu where all the farms are under water.

Irrigation technician

Wilfred Mangale explained to the newspaper that this year's melting snow on the mountain was sending more water volume down than the area had got during the heaviest of all rainy seasons in the past.

Another local farmer, Aziz Kavugha Mchomvu, said that even the underground water table had been raised by the floods.

Xinhua

## Shenzhen plans to build six new ports

BEIJING, 1 Sept— The southern city Shenzhen will accelerate its integration with Hong Kong with the construction of another six ports linking it with the special administrative region.

Cao Shaoye, director of Shenzhen Port Office, was quoted by Hong Kong-based newspaper

Ta Kung Pao as saying that the scheme had received initial backing from the National Development and Reform Commission and concrete construction plans are under deliberation.

According to the newspaper, the six ports to be constructed are Liantang Port, Longhua

Railway Port, Fujian Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Passengers Port, Dachan Gulf Harbor Port, Nan'ao Tourists Port and a port connecting the airports in Shenzhen and Hong Kong via an under-sea tunnel. The ports will link Shenzhen and Hong Kong by land, sea and rail.

Xinhua



*Russia's Prime Minister Vladimir Putin (L) holds a five-year-old tiger's head as scientists put on a collar with a satellite tracker on the animal in the academy of sciences Ussuri reserve in Russia's Far East, on 31 August, 2008. —INTERNET*

## Tokyo stocks dive

TOKYO, 1 Sept—Tokyo stocks dived Monday.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average lost 238.69 points, or 1.83 percent, from Friday to 12,834.18.

The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange was down 24.07 points, or 1.92 percent, to 1,230.64. On the First Section, declining issues out-numbered

advancing ones 1,485 to 194, with 41 others remaining unchanged.

Trading volume on the main section came to 1,342.13 million shares, down from Friday's 1,779.25 million.

Value leader Mizuho Financial Group plunged 9,000 yen, or nearly 2 percent, to 461,000 yen.

Volume leader GS Yuasa, a manufacturer of

batteries, climbed 18yen, or over 3 percent, to 580 yen. The TSE's Second Section index was down 9.04 points, or 0.35 percent, to 2,555.02 on a volume of 27.97 million shares.

On the Osaka Securities Exchange, the near-term September Nikkei 225 index futures contract was down 220 points to 12,840. —Internet



# Literacy For All: A Global Initiative

U Tin Nyo



**Education as Social Elevator**

As EDUCATION is regarded as social elevator, literacy, the main foundation of education becomes a global challenge to overcome for all countries in the world. Due to the tremendous and continuous efforts the statistics show improvement during last decades, but the challenge remains a threat to some countries where the situation does not favour. There are estimated 774 million illiterate adults and two thirds of whom are women and most of them are from low-income, often heavily indebted countries with widespread household poverty. The lowest literacy rates are found in Africa, South and West Asia and the Arab States.

**The definitions of literacy**

The definitions of literacy vary from countries to countries based on their own context such as basic literacy, post-literacy, functional literacy, and skills-based literacy and so on. In some countries, even the term computer literacy is used to scale up the potential of the citizens for the social and economic development. But basic literacy is by no means the minimum prerequisite for life long learning society to face the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With the change of concept, one futurist refers to literacy as ‘the illiterates of the 21<sup>st</sup> century won’t be those who can’t read and write but those who can’t learn, unlearn and relearn’.

**Education for All plan and literacy**

After the declaration of EDUCATION for ALL in 1990 in Jomtien, the nations with close cooperation and support of UN agencies and organizations initiated their own plans to combat illiteracy. This movement was being reinforced by another global commitment of Education for All plan to be continued from 2000 to 2015 after the Global Education Forum held in Dakar, Senegal.

Education for All (EFA) plan in all countries encompasses Literacy and Continuing Education as one of the six goals to be implemented for all countries. The fourth EFA goal is “achieving a 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women, and equitable access to basic and continuing education for all adults.” This also means that there will be a lot of illiterates after the year 2015 creating an unaccomplished task for all countries. The challenge will continue for centuries.

**Reaching the Unreached**

The most difficult task for all countries is to facilitate the remaining adult illiterates to become literates. For this, UNESCO is trying to encourage all countries to prepare EFA Mid-Decade Assessment Report in 2007-08 focusing on the unreached and underserved groups. In this regards, the theme “**Reaching the Unreached**” is adopted as the theme for all countries to identify the groups whom to be given top priorities for the implementation of EFA. Now UNESCO, SEAMEO and ASEAN has jointly initiated a common task to address the unreached and underserved groups in South East Asian countries and to facilitate these countries for the realizing of EFA 2015 goals.

**International Literacy Day**

September 8 was proclaimed **International Literacy Day** by UNESCO on November 17, 1965. It was first celebrated on 1966. The aim is to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies. The theme International Literacy Day changes from year to year and the theme for 2008 is “**Literacy and Health,**” placing special focus on the vital relationship between literacy and health. In particular, International Literacy Day 2008 has a strong emphasis on Literacy and Epidemics with a focus on

communicable diseases such as HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria, some of the world’s most important public health concerns. This reminds us that only basic skills of reading, writing and numeracy are not enough for the improvement of not only the individual but also the family and the community wellbeing. Literacy is an empowering process and essential to development. Right health care practices can help develop the healthy world.

**UNESCO Literacy Prizes**

UNESCO is evaluating literacy programmes and projects around the world and literacy organizations are awarded for their excellent performance in literacy programmes yearly. For the year 2008 UNESCO Literacy Prizes are awarded to literacy projects as follows:

- \* UNESCO International Reading Association Literacy Prize is awarded to the Curitiba City Council in Brazil
- \* The UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize goes to the People’s Action Forum from Zambia
- \* UNESCO Confucious Prizes for Literacy to Operation Upgrade of South Africa and the Adult and Non-formal Education in Ethiopia.

**UN Initiatives**

As mentioned above, EFA, a global initiative was first introduced in 1990 jointly sponsored by UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF and the World Bank. International agencies together with all the governments give the highest priority in combating the illiteracy and widening the scope depth and breadth. Thus, **Literacy for All** is a common agreement of all countries as a minimum prerequisite for Education for All and all countries have been taking more serious effort to eradicate illiteracy. To energize the task towards the reaching of the goal of

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## Literacy For All:

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50 percent improvement in adult literacy rates by 2015, United Nations Literacy Decade was designated starting from 2003 to 2012. This year marks the mid-way of this initiative. The United Nations Organization initiates regular monitoring mechanism to achieve the eight UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) ranging from halving poverty to halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and providing universal primary education — all by the target date of 2015.

### Literacy in Myanmar

One of the six Myanmar EFA goals is “achieving significant improvement in the levels of functional literacy and continuing education for all by 2015”. Literacy is given high priority in Myanmar and programmes have been adopted in line with longterm basic education development plan, EFA programmes and also with the UN Millennium Goal. Efforts are made for ensuring literacy for all citizens. Emphasis has also been given to the remote and border areas where most of the ethnic groups lagged behind for many years regarding access to education and development of reading and writing skills. As a result the adult literacy rate of the country in 2008 has been increased to 94.83% due to the concerted effort of the Ministry of Education and other line ministries, International Agencies, INGOs, GOs, regional and local authorities and the communities. Special arrangements are being made for the states and divisions to increase literacy rates. Special 3Rs programme in border areas initiated in Myanmar in 1996 is regarded as one of the best practices in Asia and the Pacific Regions. Initiation of Community Learning Centres (CLC) helps the newly literate learners to gain a good foundation for basic literacy. CLCs are now being introduced under the supervision of the Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau (DMERB).

A CLC can be regarded as an information centre, a vocational training centre, a discussion club, a reading centre, a library, a cultural centre and an entertainment centre. Continuing education programmes are being conducted to upgrade literacy skills, generate more family income and to improve quality of life of the literate people. **Self-reliance village libraries initiated by the Ministry of Information are of great support for neo-literates for the attainment of literacy and other literate persons for the enrichment of their knowledge and information aiming for rural development.** To help support the literacy related activities, the Myanmar Literacy Resource Centre (MLRC) was established in March 2000. One of the functions of MLRC is the training of NFE personnel at various levels by conducting training workshops.

### The Way Forward

With the complexity of the changing world, Continuing Education (CE) Programmes comprising post-literacy, functional literacy, income generating programmes, quality of life improvement programmes and equivalency programmes need to be reinforced and strengthened mobilizing resources for the socio-economic development of the individuals, communities and societies at large. The organizers need to utilize the existing facilities such as village self-help libraries, and Community Learning Centres (CLCs).

Since illiteracy is still a challenge, tremendous efforts have to be made in the interest of the country at all levels: regional, national, and local. For the reduction of illiteracy rate the following approaches should be adopted:

- \* expand quality basic education for all girls and boys
- \* scale up youth and adult literacy programmes
- \* develop rich literate environments

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## Officials, elders share town development means



**Brig-Gen Win Myint views broadcasting of fertilizer in 13-acre model monsoon paddy field in Mingalon village.—MNA**

YANGON, 2 Sept—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint met departmental heads and townselders at General Administration Department in Tada, Kyauktan township here on 31 August.

He explained development tasks undertaken for the township and presented supplies to them. He later looked into the hospital and BEHS in Tada. He gave instructions on requirements concerning upgrading of 2 miles 4 furlongs long earth road to late rite road connecting Tada and Sinmakaw village.

The commander and party proceeded to the thriving 13-acre model monsoon paddy plantation of peasant U Soe Naing in Mingalon village and looked into broadcasting fertilizer. Next, he viewed giving new castle vaccine and eye drop to the poultry under the arrangements of Livestock breeding and Veterinary Department and the commander fulfilled the needs and inspected telecommunication station of the village. The commander then went to the office of Thoungkwa township PDC in which gave instructions to departmental heads and townselders.

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**Leader of Working Group on Protection and Rehabilitation of Women Daw Tin Tin Nwe gives a speech at an educative talk in domestic science training school.—MNA**

## More ways to protect women

YANGON, 1 Sept—An educative talk sponsored by Working Group on Protection and Rehabilitation of Women of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at domestic science training school of Social Welfare Department on Dhammazed Road in Bahan Township today.

Leader of the group Daw Tin Tin Nwe spoke on the occasion. Member of rehabilitation and resettlement sub-group Dr Aye Myat Lwin, member of anti-trafficking in persons group Daw Khin Mya Win and writer Kyu Kyu Thin gave talks.

Member of Young Women Group Daw Aye Aye Mu presented educative books to Daw Tin Tin Nwe.—MNA

## New Orleans evacuates for “Big ugly storm”

NEW ORLEANS, 1 Sept—Tens of thousands of people in New Orleans and the US Gulf Coast fled their homes on Sunday as Hurricane Gustav moved within 24 hours of striking land, possibly with a weaker punch than 2005's Hurricane Katrina.

The oil industry from Texas to New Orleans was taking no chances either, shutting down nearly all offshore platforms and many refineries as Gustav threatened the region that pumps a quarter of the US oil supply.

Long lines of cars and buses streamed out of New Orleans after Mayor Ray Nagin ordered mandatory evacuation of the city of 239,000 and told residents, “This is still a big ugly storm, still storming and I encourage everyone leave.”

Forecasters projected Gustav would land west of New Orleans around midday on Monday, and the Louisiana coast could see strong winds and rain Sunday evening. But it was no longer expected to be a Category 4 hurricane of the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale.

MNA/Reuters



Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept —On the occasion of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, which falls on 2 September 2008, His Excellency U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Pham Gia Khiem, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.— MNA

The wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication

When the wise one dispels intoxication through non-intoxication, he having ascended the tower of wisdom —being himself free from sorrow and being himself wise—looks at the sorrowing people and the unwise as one, standing on a mountain, views those on the plains.

Dhammapada-28



Foreign Minister U Nyan Win and ministers of BIMSTEC countries pose for a documentary in 10th ministerial meeting of BIMSTEC in New Delhi on 29 August. (News reported)—MNA

Power for irrigation

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept —Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint went to Kyawzi river water pumping project in Myingyan Township on 30 August.

At the project, the minister inspected control room, switchyards and running of pumping engine.

Senior Engineer U Thein Myint and Assistant Engineer U Than Myint reported on facts about the projects, Chairman of Myingyan

District Peace and Development Council U Soe Soe Shwe on catchment areas of farmland in the district, power supply. And then, Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Tin Aung and Electrical Engineer U San Myint of Mandalay Division gave supplementary reports.

Next, the minister inspected tasks of river water pumping being carried out and fulfilled the needs.

At Myingyan District

Electrical Engineer's Office, officials of the district and township electrical engineer's office reported on supply of power, collection of electric bill and power supply to the river water pumping station to the minister.

On arrival at Natogyi Electrical Engineer's Office, Engineer U Tin Tun Aung reported on power supply and collection of electric bill to the minister who fulfilled the needs.

MNA

Copyright system for promotion of Publishing Industry discussed

YANGON, 1 Sept— A WIPO National Seminar on the Role of the Copyright System in Promoting the Publishing Industry jointly organized by Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and World Intellectual Property Organization was opened at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Phaya Road this morning.

On behalf of the Minister for Information, Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing extended greetings.

Next, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and Director of WIPO Mr Jorgen Blomqvist also spoke on the occasion.

Member of Central Executive Committee of MWJA U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) explained the objective of the seminar.

Local and foreign resource persons submitted their papers and they replied to queries raised by the participants.

The seminar continues till 3 September.—MNA

Ministry distributes domestic science

YANGON, 1 Sept — Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs this morning opened Management Course

No. 29/30, Advanced Domestic Science Training Course No. 19, Domestic Science Training Course No. 6 and Clerical Training Course No. 56/57.

Director-General of the Education and Training

Department U Than Win attended the course opening ceremony and inspected the hostel, lecture halls and the mass hall for the trainees. A total of 160 trainees are attending the courses that will last 12 weeks.—MNA

A seminar on sector of intellectual property in promotion of publishing industry.

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## Mon beats Taninthayi in ISD U-15 Football Tournament opener

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug— A ceremony to honour athletes who are to take part in the 13<sup>th</sup> Inter State and Division U-15 Football Tournament was held at the Mon State Hall in Mawlamyine, Mon State yesterday morning.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the ceremony and made speeches.

Next, the minister presented sport gear for athletes in ten townships of Mon State and seven townships of Kayin State and sport equipment worth K 600,000 for footballers of three football teams of Mon and Kayin States and cash for coaches.

Under the youth football development, football gear worth K 1.4 million

for Mon and Kayin State and cash for coaches were provided and sports equipment worth over K 1.6 million for the state and township sports and physical education committees of Mon and Kayin State were provided.

Later, the 13<sup>th</sup> Inter State and Division U-15 Football Tournament took place at the Mon State Sports Ground in

Mawlamyine at 3 pm.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min presented K 100,000 each and Hometauk Construction Co K 20,000 each to 16 football teams.

In the first match, Mon State beat Taninthayi Division 2-0.—MNA



*Sports Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint gives a speech at the opening ceremony of Inter State and Division U-15 football tournament.—SPORTS*



## Minister inspects mineral extraction in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint inspected Kyadwinye Mines in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, on 30 August.

During the tour of Mandalay Division, the

minister visited coffee and Physic nut plantation and chicken farms in the compound of the steel mill on 31 August.

He also inspected steel production at the mill. Afterwards, the minister went to the

limestone mine in Patheingyi Township and extraction of limestone there.

The minister also inspected grinding mineral at a factory in Thazi Township.

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*MFF president U Zaw Zaw and coaches of FIFA taking part in discussions.—NLM*

## USDA CEC Member supervises...

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In the evening, they met with secretaries and members of township USDAs in Kayah State at the office of Kayah State USDA. They met with local people at Basic Education Middle School in Dimawhso Township on 31 August.

At the meeting, Secretary of Loikaw Township USDA presented membership applications for USDA to Secretary of Kayah State USDA U Kyaw Swe. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Brig-Gen Win Myint also presented K 700,000 to the school.

Afterwards, they went to Dimawhso Township BEHS and inspected construction of a new school building and made cash donation to the school. During the tour of Dimawhso, they also inspected construction of a library in the township.

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## FIFA launches 1<sup>st</sup> management course in Myanmar

YANGON, 1 Sept—A campaign to discuss management and the role of executives and designating duties among member countries of FIFA was launched at Youth training camp in Thuwunna here today. It was attended by coaches of FIFA, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw, General Secretary

U Tin Aung and executives

The two-day campaign is the first of its kind conducted by FIFA in Myanmar. Coaches Urs Zonitti, David Borja and Windsor John of FIFA will take part in the campaign. Such similar campaign will take place in Cambodia with the participation of

President of MFF U Zaw Zaw, General Secretary U Tin Aung, Treasurer U Than Zaw, Chairman of Referees Committee U Tin Aung (Goalie), Technical Director U Soe Myint Lwin and Chairman of the Contests Organizing Committee U Khin Tun in addition to those from FIFA.

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# Biofertilizers help boost production of crops in seawater-flooded farmlands

Article by Maung Maung Myint Swe



*“Organic and biofertilizers are only things that can regenerate the fertility of paddy fields.”*  
(Dr Win Htin)

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under the Myanmar Agriculture Service said, “The storm was large in area, and it moved slowly at the speed of just about 10 miles per hour. So, the flooded areas were silted up with large amount of sand and salt. The tidal waves went inland, and sand and salt were left in many parts.”

Due to the entry of seawater together with tidal waves, the soil of an affected area loses not only fertility but also nutrients and humus. Moreover, that kills microscopic living things that encourage soil.

He said, “Organic and biofertilizers are only things that can regenerate the fertility of paddy fields because fertilizers contain humus. If we put fertilizers on a land, the land will regain various types of fertility it has lost. In addition, fertilizers can improve the propagation process of microscopic living things in a field.”

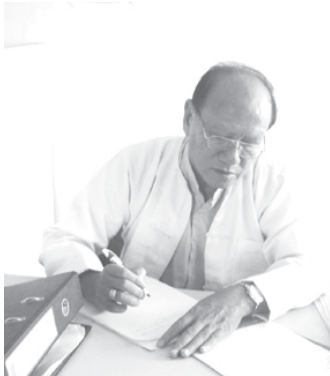
In Myanmar, the delta, and coastal regions

in Yangon and Taninthayi divisions and Rakhine State can be flooded by seawater. Salt solution rate can be measured with the use of an EC metre. Paddy grows well in a field with salt content of two millimoores. If a paddy field has salt content of 4.8 millimoores, the paddy yield can fall by 50 per cent. In Myanmar, salt solution reaches its peak at the rate of about 10 millimoores from March to May.

“Paddy cultivation methods are of two kinds: nursery method, and sowing method. A field put under paddy with nursery method is more affected by salt solution than a field with sowing method. A paddy plant is affected by salt solution most when it is in leaf. If a paddy field has adverse effect of high salt solution rate, it will produce a large amount of under developed grain.” Said Dr Win Htin.

Paddy agriculturalist U Zaw Than of the Myanmar Agriculture Service said, “We should

choose bio-supreme fertilizer to regenerate farmlands and paddy fields that have been flooded by seawater because the microscopic living things in bio-supreme fertilizers shape the sodium in the water into small crystals. Bio-supreme fertilizers can



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(U Zaw Than, (Retd) Myanmar Agriculture Service)

prevent paddy plants from having their tubes to gain nutrients blocked by salt crystals, sodium poisoning, thirsty, and lack of potassium and magnesium.”

Super-K fertilizer should be put at least once every 15 days on the seawater-flooded paddy fields in order that paddy plants will regain their strength.

He said, “On average, we should use two to four bags of bio-supreme fertilizers for an acre of paddy field. If we want to regenerate a field before growing paddy and when paddy plants propagate and they are affected by fungus, we should put two bags on an acre of paddy. If we use *pale* fertilizer and bio-supreme fertilizer in combination, the potency of *pale* fertilizer can be increased about

three times. The benefit reaches its peak if we combine two bags of bio-supreme fertilizer and eight small baskets of *pale* fertilizer.

Soil expert U Aye Tun of the Myanmar Agriculture Service said, “We should get real raw materials to produce biofertilizers. Such fertilizers needed to have high temperature to kill germs. It is needed to control the quality of the products. The ratio of carbon and nitrogen should not be more than 20-30 to 1. Otherwise, the microscopic living things cannot grow.

“And we should use correct production method in order that we can get quality fertilizer. Moreover, we should have a laboratory for quality

control.”

Farmer Daw Myint Myint Maw of Hse Village in Thongwa Township, Yangon Division, who uses biofertilizers said, “Here, Hsin-thwe-lat and Yakyaw strains of paddy are mostly used in the seawater-flooded fields. The average paddy yield of a field is about 60 baskets an acre. I used two bags of bio-supreme fertilizer and four small baskets of *pale* fertilizer in combination, and the paddy yield increased to more than 70 baskets. In the past, paddy did not

*“I used quality biofertilizers and could boost per acre yield of paddy remarkably.”*  
(Farmer Daw Myint Myint Maw, Hse Village, Thongwa Township)

grow well if they were grown as mixed crop with beans and pulses. Now, we find monsoon paddy fields successful when we use bio-supreme fertilizer.”

Using bio-supreme fertilizer not only in seawater flooded fields but also in other farmlands, farmers can boost production of crops. So, farmers should maintain their fields and use fertilizers systematically.

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A farmer ploughing his paddy field, using biofertilizer.



## Venezuelan President Chavez admonishes US ambassador



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez.—INTERNET

CARACAS, 1 Sept—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday warned the US ambassador to his country not to interfere in its domestic affairs or he would be expelled.

Chavez said his government will not accept any interference or disrespect, referring to recent criticism from Ambassador Patrick Duddy on the rise of drug-trafficking in Venezuela.

During his Sunday TV and radio program “Hello, President,” Chavez said the United States was the biggest producer of marijuana in the world and its plantations are located in the state of Virginia.

The US’ drug shipments leave from Colombia, where the United States has military bases, he said.

He accused the US Drug Enforcement Agency of collaborating with drug dealers, adding that Venezuelan Vice President Ramon Carrizales will hold a press conference on the issue Monday. —Internet

## New 600 km road to link four Cambodian provinces along Thai border

PHNOM PENH, 1 Sept—Cambodian military officials hoped a new road will bolster local populations and improve security in four provinces along the Cambodian-Thai border, local media reported Monday.

The more than 600 km road will link Banteay Meanchey, Oddar Meanchey, Preah Vihear and Stung Treng provinces, the Phnom Penh Post said.

“We will build the road through the four provinces as soon as the rainy season passes,” Kvan Siem, head of general command headquarters for military engineers,

was quoted as saying.

“I received orders from Prime Minister Hun Sen to build the road to help people settle their homes along the border and farm their lands,” Kvan Siem said, adding that he completed a study of the projected gravel road earlier in August.

The proposed road will run between one and four kilometres from the Thai border, with a second road planned closer to the border once Thailand and Cambodia complete negotiations over new border demarcations.

Internet

## Flood situation worsens in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 1 Sept — The overall flood situation in Bangladesh has deteriorated suddenly recently and experts say the situation could worsen in the next couple of days.

Fresh areas in northern and central parts of the country were inundated Sunday marooning tens of thousands of people, leading newspaper The Daily Star reported Monday.

Water levels of all major rivers are expected to continue to rise in the next three days by six inches a day. This would inundate many areas of 20 northern and central districts out of total 64 districts in the country, officials said at a press conference here on Sunday.

“The next 48 hours is very crucial. If the situation does not improve within this time, the flooding may linger like in 1988 and 1998,” said engineer Saiful Islam, director of Flood Forecasting and Warning Center (FFWC). —Internet

## Ban calls for next US president to show greater leadership

GENEVA, 1 Sept— The next US president should show greater leadership in tackling the global climate change challenge, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said here on Sunday.

“Now with the expected change of the administration of the United States, of course I would expect that the future president, whoever may be, will have to exercise greater leadership,” Ban told journalists after attending a ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

MNA/Xinhua

## Ten killed in cattle raid in northern Kenya

NAIROBI, 1 Sept — At least 10 people were killed and several others wounded in Kenya’s northern district of Turkana by suspected cattle rustlers from Toposa, southern Sudan on Saturday.

According to local administrators, the raiders armed with AK-47 rifles have struck Mogila area in Lokichogio division and stole 732 animals.

Turkana North District Commissioner Jack Obuo confirmed the deaths and said will ascertain the extent of the raids.

“I am on the ground with other security officers to ascertain what is going on but the minister will issue a statement about the recent raids,” Obuo said on Sunday.

Tension is high in the area on Sunday as contingents of heavily armed police officers pursued the raiders.

“It appeared they crossed over to Ethiopia but we are still pursuing them,” a senior police officer said.

Eight of those killed were area residents who were shot by cattle rustlers at about midday on Saturday while the other two were raiders who were shot and seriously wounded during the confrontation.—Internet



Pigeons fly near an antenna in central Beijing, China, on 31 Aug, 2008. Beijing saw an extra bright sunshine on 31 Aug.—XINHUA

## Colombian divers recover cyanide can sunk in river

BOGOTA, 1 Sept — Divers of the Colombian army retrieved on Sunday the first of 100 cyanide cans that fell into the country’s principal Magdalena River in a ferry accident early Saturday.

The recovered can was “unbroken”, which Environment Minister Juan Lozano said was “good news”.

“It is in good state. This allows us to think that the rest will be taken out very soon,” he said.

At least seven trucks sank in the river in the accident that took place near the city of Gamarra in the northeastern province of El Cesar. As there were cyanide and other fuels on one of the sunk trucks, all the river’s aqueducts were ordered to be closed.

A group of 14 divers are now working to bring afloat the rest of the cans. Lozano said he would visit the zone soon together with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe.

Rio Magdalena Cor-

poration, the company that was in charge of the transportation of the trucks, said “the ferry’s obsolesces or a nightly back current” were the possible causes of the accident.

Luz Amanda Pulido, director of the Attention and Disasters Prevention Bureau, alerted the riverine municipalities in El Cesar and nearby provinces for the consequences of a probable contamination.

Internet



A villager checks a tractor buried by debris in Sanxingdian Village in Zigui County, central China’s Hubei Province, on 30 Aug, 2008. Torrential rains had been slashing central China’s Hubei Province since 28 Aug. —XINHUA



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Highway accident kills eight in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 1 Sept—Eight people travelling in a van were killed on Sunday when the vehicle was rammed by a passenger bus on a highway in northwest Argentina, police said.

The accident took place Sunday morning on the No. 14 national highway near the city of Curuzu Cuatia in the province of Corrientes. Authorities were trying to figure out the cause of the accident since visibility and the road conditions were good at the moment of the accident, which killed the people in the van on the spot.

The people in the bus, which was heading from Buenos Aires to Puerto Iguazu in the province of Misiones, were safe.—MNA/Xinhua

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Bulgaria sends 43 tons of humanitarian aid to Georgia

SOFIA, 1 Sept—Bulgaria has shipped 43 tons of humanitarian aid for the Georgian people who have suffered loss and damage due to the military actions in the region, local Sofia news agency reported Saturday citing the Bulgarian Government Press centre.

The aid was decided by the Government last Monday. It consists mostly of medicaments and is valued at nearly 254,000 leva (about 191,000 US dollars).

The sending of more Bulgarian aid, in the form of financial assistance for the South Ossetia refugees is also forthcoming. The humanitarian aid provided by the Bulgarian Government is a timely expression of solidarity with the affected population of Georgia, including people who are in the territory of the Russian Federation, the Government said last Monday in a Press release.—MNA/Xinhua

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The skyline of Indonesia's capital city, Jakarta. A Canadian citizen has been detained in Indonesia over the death of five workers after a maintenance platform plunged 50 metres (160 feet) from a television tower, a report said Saturday.—INTERNET



Hundreds leave Gaza as Egypt opens border

GAZA, 1 Sept—Egypt opened its border crossing with the Gaza Strip on Saturday, allowing hundreds of people to leave the Hamas-controlled

territory, Palestinian officials said.

Egyptian security and border sources said the Rafah crossing would stay open for two days to allow Gazans with foreign residence permits and humanitarian cases to cross into Egypt.

Egypt closed Rafah after the Islamist movement Hamas seized control of the Gaza Strip more than a year ago, and hundreds of Egyptian citizens have been stuck in the coastal enclave.

With the reopening, some 500 people have crossed into Egypt and 700 have returned home to Gaza, the Egyptian sources said.

Palestinian officials said more than 1,000 Egyptians and Gazans with foreign residency permits had crossed into Egypt.

Hamas wants Egypt to open Rafah permanently to ease the Israel-led blockade on Gaza, but under a US-brokered accord it cannot do so without the consent of Israel and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, whose Fatah movement is Hamas's rival.

"The opening of Rafah for a few days will alleviate the suffering of our people," said Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri.—MNA/Reuters

Drive with care



## Bangladesh calls global solution of climate change

DHAKA, 31 Aug — The Bangladeshi Government Saturday called for urgent measures for global solution of climate change as the country is likely to be the worst victim in South Asia due to the phenomena.

At a concluding session of the six-day 'International Symposium on Climate Change and Food Security in South Asia' held here, caretaker government Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed put

forward a 12-point recommendation, including deeper cuts to greenhouse gas emissions by developed countries and adequate additional resources support by developed countries, to tackle the problems caused by climate change.

"The world is more united than ever before in addressing the threats of climate change. We cannot afford to remain idle until this misfortune actually unfolds. The time

for action cannot be delayed. We must turn our words into deeds," he told the function.

The Chief Adviser hoped that the international community, particularly the high greenhouse gas-emitters would come forward to provide assistance in tackling the losses of lives and livelihoods by climate change to help cope with adverse impacts and maintain food security.

MNA/Xinhua



*Tourists take photos at the Mudanjiang Global Geopark in Mudanjiang, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 30 Aug, 2008. The Mudanjiang Global Geopark, elected as a global geopark at the 2nd International Geography Press in September 2006, opened on Saturday.—INTERNET*

## High waters, heavy rain hamper Indian flood relief

PATNA (India), 1 Sept — Indian authorities, hampered by heavy rain and damaged roads, were struggling on Saturday to get aid to millions of displaced villagers in the eastern state of Bihar, hit by the worst flooding in 50 years.

The Kosi River burst a dam in neighbouring Nepal earlier this month, deluging Bihar and drowning village after village in its path as authorities failed to evacuate millions in time. About 85 people have been killed and more than two million displaced by floodwaters that have smashed houses and destroyed 100,000 hectares (247,000 acres) of farmland. "Rains are killing our rescue and relief efforts," Bihar Disaster Management Department Minister Nitish Mishra told Reuters.

"Our helicopters were barely able to fly for most of the day yesterday as it continued raining heavily till 4 p.m.," he said. On Friday, an overcrowded Army boat carrying dozens of flood victims overturned in the swollen river, drowning at least 20 people and leaving 10 unaccounted for. Some 350,000 people have been evacuated over the past 10 days and thousands are marooned, said Pratyay Amrit, a Bihar disaster management official. —MNA/Reuters

## Police break up Bangladesh protesters, 50 hurt

DHAKA, 1 Sept — At least 50 people were injured when Bangladesh police fired teargas and used batons to disperse textile workers protesting against the sacking of fellow-workers on Saturday, police and witnesses said. Five policemen were also among the injured, hit by missiles thrown by workers who also ransacked a garment factory and damaged several vehicles on a road in Gazipur, 40 kilometres (25 miles) north of Dhaka. Eighteen workers at a local garment factory were sacked on Friday for violating factory rules and colleagues walked out to demand their reinstatement. —MNA/Reuters

## McCain criticizes Bush on torture of prisoners

ST LOUIS, 1 Sept — Republican presidential candidate John McCain, a former prisoner of war in Vietnam, on Sunday issued some of his harshest criticism to date of the use of torture against terrorism suspects during President George W. Bush's Administration. In an interview on *Fox News*, the Arizona Senator laid out his differences with Bush on a number of issues, citing torture as a key sticking point between him and the current president.

"I obviously don't want to torture any prisoners. There is a long list of areas that we were in disagreement on," McCain said of Bush. *Fox* interviewer Chris Wallace asked McCain if he was suggesting that Bush did want to torture prisoners.

"Well, waterboarding to me is torture, OK?" McCain responded. "And waterboarding was advocated by the administration, and according to a published report, was used." Bush has said the United States does not

practice torture. But the Central Intelligence Agency has admitted using waterboarding, a form of simulated drowning, and a recent Justice Department probe cited cases of sleep disruption, "short shackling" and other physical techniques against terrorism suspects captured after the 11 September attacks.

McCain suffered torture at the hands of his captors during more than five years in a Vietnam prison camp.

MNA/Reuters

## Taking stairs instead of lift could save life

GENEVA, 1 Sept — Banning the use of lifts and escalators led to better fitness, less body fat, trimmer waistlines and a drop in blood pressure, a study of 69 people found.

This translates to a 15% cut in the risk of dying prematurely from any cause, calculate the University of Geneva team.

The results were revealed at a meeting of the European Society of Cardiology.

Before the study, the 69 participants had what the researchers described as a sedentary lifestyle, meaning they did less than two hours of exercise or sport each week and climbed fewer than 10

flights of stairs each day.

Over the 12 weeks of the study, the volunteers, who were hospital employees at the university, were asked to use the stairs exclusively at work instead of taking the lift.

On average, the number of flights of stairs - classed as climbing up or down one storey - rose from five per day to 23.

After the three months of the trial, tests showed they had better lung capacity, blood pressure and cholesterol measurements.

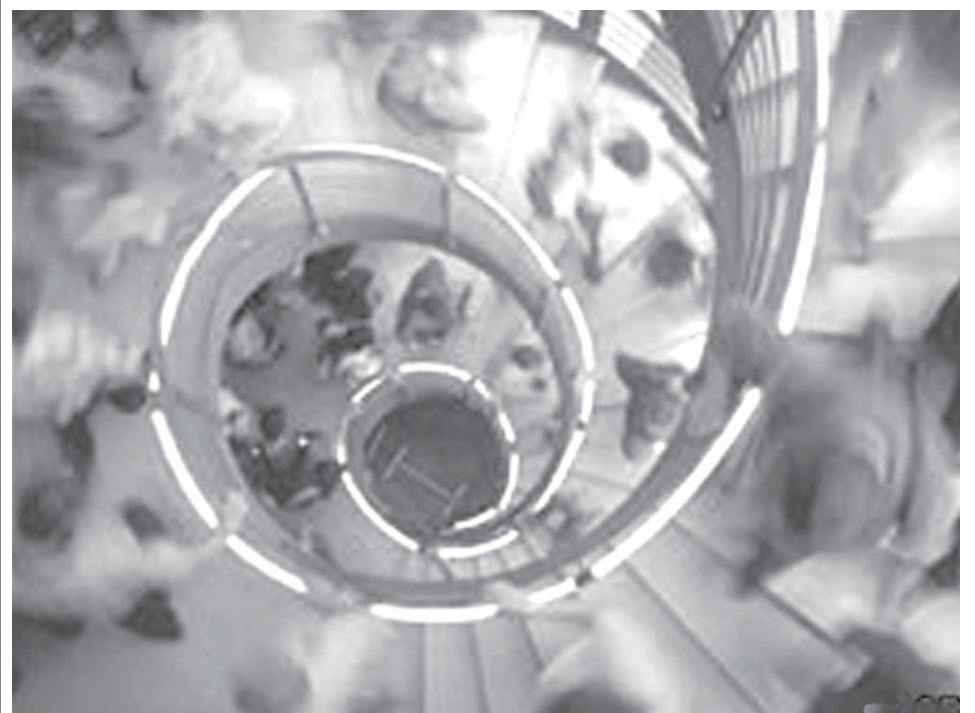
Their weight, body fat and waist measurements also dropped, and their capacity for doing aerobic exercise improved.

Taken together, this equates to a 15% reduction in the chances of dying young, say the investigators.

Lead researcher Dr Philippe Meyer, said: "This suggests that stair climbing can have major public health implications."

He said the findings now needed to be confirmed with larger studies.

Professor Adam Timmis, consultant cardiologist at Bart's and The London NHS Trust, said: "It's a small study but valuable because it provides a practical way for busy working people to increase their exercise capacity.— Internet



*Climbing stairs improves fitness levels.*

INTERNET



# SPORTS

## Donk set for Baggies deal West Brom to sign Dutch stopper on season-long loan



**Donk**

LONDON, 1 Sept — West Brom have agreed a deal to sign Dutch defender Ryan Donk, according to AZ Alkmaar.

The Eredivisie club claim Donk will join the Premier League new boys on a season-long loan deal.

Baggies boss Tony Mowbray has moved to bring in highly-rated Donk as he looks to shore up his defence. Mowbray has been busy in the transfer market having signed Jonas Olsson NEC Nijmegen on Sunday and Donk looks set to become the club's 11th new face of the summer.

The Holland Under-21 international will join compatriot Gianni Zuiverloon at The Hawthorns if he successfully comes through a medical. —*Internet*

## Magpies agree Xisco deal Spaniards claim fee agreed for striker



**Xisco**

LONDON, 1 Sept — Newcastle are reported to have agreed a deal to sign Deportivo La Coruña striker Xisco.

Deportivo have claimed that they have accepted a £5.7million fee with Newcastle for the Spain Under 21 international.

Xisco has been linked with Aston Villa, but appears Newcastle have stolen a march on their Premier League rivals by luring the 22-year-old to St James' Park.

The highly-rated striker has scored 12 goals in 44 games for Deportivo and he will link up with former team-mate Fabricio Coloccini on Tyneside.

Newcastle boss Kevin Keegan has been looking for a new forward to bolster his attack and he will be hoping to tie up a deal for Xisco before the close of the transfer window on midnight on Monday.

—*Internet*



*Chelsea's Juliano Belletti (R) challenges Tottenham Hotspur's Luka Modric (C) during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in London on 31 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET*

## Pavlyuchenko pens Spurs deal Russia ace signed five-year White Hart Lane deal

LONDON, 1 Sept — Russia international striker Roman Pavlyuchenko has signed a five-year contract with Tottenham Hotspur.

The 26-year-old jetted in for talks with the White Hart Lane outfit at the weekend after a £17million (£14million) was agreed with Spartak Moscow for his services.

Spurs have been keen to bolster their attack following Robbie Keane's exit to Liverpool, although they are likely to still be in the market, possibly for Andrei Arshavin, if Dimitar Berbatov joins Manchester United before the close of the transfer window.

However, they have brought in one new face in the shape of Pavlyuchenko, who could now make his Premier League debut against



**Pavlyuchenko**

Aston Villa on 15th September following the upcoming set of World Cup qualifiers.

Pavlyuchenko, who has been capped 22 times by Russia, began his career with FC Dinamo Stavropol before moving to FC Rotor Volgograd in the top flight in 2000.

He switched to Spartak Moscow in 2003 and topped the goalscoring charts in Russia's Premier League in 2006 and 2007.

—*Internet*

## Nolan keen to apologise Wanderers midfielder sorry for confrontation



**Nolan**

LONDON, 1 Sept — Kevin Nolan is keen to apologise to the Bolton Wanderers fan he confronted after Saturday's goalless draw with West Brom.

After being heckled following the draw, Nolan lost his cool as he made his way off the pitch at The Reebok and called the fan down from the stands to exchange words.

However, Nolan regrets his actions and if possible would like to meet the fan to apologise for his behaviour and settle their differences. "One of our fans was having a go and we had a few words," Nolan told

the *Daily Mail*. "He was upset, I was upset and it got heated. I shouldn't have done it. I'd like to see him now to apologise."

"I won't tell you what he shouted. But I called him down to say, 'Come on, you explain to me what we're doing wrong'."

"I knew it was wrong straight away and I walked away. I'm an emotional lad and I love this club. I genuinely wanted to know what more he wants me to do? 'I'm running my socks off and trying my best. But fans pay to watch us win and have a right to have a go.' —*Internet*



*Olympique Lyon's Sydney Govou (L) challenges Mouhamadou Dabo (R) of Saint-Etienne during their French League 1 soccer match at the Geoffroy Guichard stadium in Saint-Etienne on 31 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET*

## Bologna stun Milan on Ronaldinho's debut

ROME, 1 Sept — Francesco Valiani scored a stunning goal as promoted Bologna beat AC Milan 2-1 at the San Siro on Sunday to spoil Ronaldinho's Serie A debut. Midfielder Valiani blasted the ball home from outside the box in the 79th minute after Massimo Ambrosini had cancelled out Marco Di Vaio's goal for Bologna in the first half. —*MNA/Reuters*

## Inter Milan to sign Porto winger Quaresma

PORTO, 1 Sept — Jose Mourinho's Inter Milan have agreed to sign Portuguese winger Ricardo Quaresma from Porto on a three-year contract for a

total of 24.6 million euros (36.26 million US dollars), Porto said in a statement on Sunday.

Porto said the fee was made up of 18.6 million

euros plus the transfer of Portuguese midfielder Pele from Inter to Porto, valued at six million.

"Porto...informs the market that it has arrived at an agreement in principle with Inter for the definitive transfer of rights to Quaresma," the Portuguese champions said. —*MNA/Reuters*



*Elena Dementieva, of Russia, returns to Li Na, of China, at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on 31 Aug, 2008. —INTERNET*

## Chelsea, Liverpool held to draws

LONDON, 1 Sept — Chelsea and Liverpool, the only teams to start the Premier League season with two wins, lost their 100 per cent records on Sunday when they drew with Tottenham Hotspur and Aston Villa respectively.

Chelsea had scored five goals and conceded none in their opening wins, while Spurs lost both theirs but they drew 1-1 at Stamford Bridge after Darren Bent cancelled out Juliano Belletti's opener for the home side.

Liverpool, who needed a late extra-time goal to get past Standard Liege in their Champions League qualifier in midweek, looked short of inspiration in a goalless draw at Villa Park.

Chelsea gradually took charge and Michael Essien thumped a dipping 25-metre shot against the bar before they went ahead in the 27th minute when Bent fluffed his attempted clearance of a near-post corner and Belletti bundled it in. —*MNA/Reuters*



## Three EU premiers call for Caucasus peace, stability

BELGRADE, 1 Sept— The premiers of three European Union member countries — Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Latvia — on Sunday called for peace and stability in the Caucasus and the region's accession

to the EU.

"We are united on the need to ensure peace, stability, territorial integrity in Georgia and the broader region and to give the region a European perspective," said Slovenian Prime Minister

Janez Jansa after talks with his Czech and Latvian counterparts Mirek Topolánek and Ivars Godmanis at the Slovenian lake-side resort of Bled.

The prime ministers agreed that the international community needs to get involved to prevent further escalation of the conflict that has caused a rift among the West and Russia and that is reminiscent of the Cold War, the Slovenian news agency STA reported. The three premiers held their talks at the Bled Strategic Forum, where the recent conflict topped the agenda due to its influence on European energy security.

The talks came only one day before EU leaders meet for an emergency summit to discuss the Caucasus crisis.

MNA/Xinhua

## Mexican President fractures shoulder in bike fall

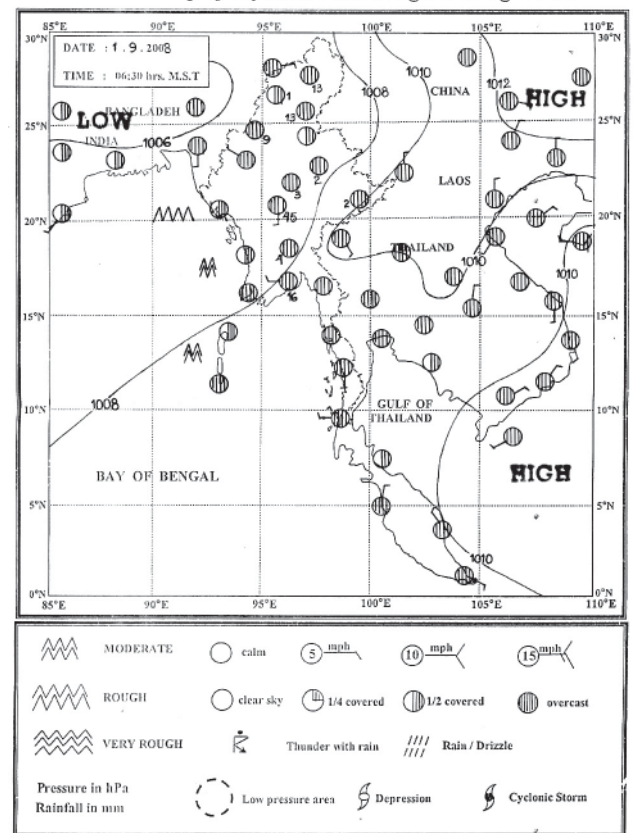
MEXICO CITY, 1 Sept — Mexican President Felipe Calderon fractured his shoulder after falling from his bicycle, his office said on Sunday.

Calderon 46, skidded on a wet and slippery surface while doing his morning exercise on Saturday, and tumbled to the ground fracturing his left shoulder and also hurting his left knee.

The former energy minister is expected to recover from the fracture in six to eight weeks, the presidential office said in a statement.

The accident did not appear to interrupt Calderon's agenda. On Sunday, he received the organizers of a huge march to protest a wave of gruesome murders and kidnappings which attracted more than 150,000 Mexicans on Saturday night. — MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



### WEATHER

Monday, 1 September, 2008

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay (0.51) inch each, Theinzayat (3.03) inches, Meiktila (1.78) inches, Shwegyin (1.73) inches, Putao (1.34) inches, Loilem (1.18) inches and Lashio (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-8-2008 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 1-9-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 1-9-2008 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 31-8-2008 was (9.6) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 1-9-2008 was (0.71) inch at Mingaladon, (0.63) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (80.63) inches at Mingaladon, (91.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.68) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (20:40) hours MST on 31-8-2008.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is feeble to weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 2-9-2008:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of withdrawal of southwest monsoon from the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-9-2008:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-9-2008:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-9-2008:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Students from quake-affected Dujiangyan City of Sichuan Province arrive at Shanghai Railway Station on 31 August, 2008. They will study at vocational schools in Shanghai. — INTERNET

### ASLEEP IN JESUS

Rev. Brother Jerome Peter (F.S.C.)

Age (70) Years & 44 years in Religious Life

Rev. Brother Jerome Kyi Win, son of (U Anaclitus Htun Hlaing and Daw Magdalena Htoo Po) passed away peacefully at 04.50 P.M., on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2008 at St. Mary's Cathedral Compound, 372 Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon. Holy Mass and funeral service will be held at 1.00 p.m on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 at St. Mary's Cathedral and thence to burial place at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Tamwe, for entombment.

De La Salle Brothers,  
Myanmar.

## Flood News

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 1-9-2008)

According to the (11:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin river at Hpa-an is (771) cm and it has exceeded by (21) cm (about 9-inches) above its danger level. It is forecast to fall below its danger level (750) cm during the next (3) days.



Tuesday, 2 September  
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. “ရေမြင့်ကြာတင့်” (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ဧရာ၊ ဂုဏ်ပျောကြော်၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ထင်ပေါ်၊ ဂွမ်းပုံ၊ မျိုးမိုးချီခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

8:20 am

7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး နှင့် ဓေတီဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ပထမတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)

8:30 am

8. International news

8:40 am

9. Song of yesteryears

8:50 am

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial songs

4:10 pm

2. The mirror images of the musical oldies

4:20 pm

3. Dance of National Races

4:30 pm

4. စစ်တောင်းတံတား (မုပွလင်)

4:45 pm

5. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:55 pm

6. “မြူတိမ်ကင်းသောနေ့” (ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ မင်းထက်ကျော်စင်၊ နီနီကြည်၊ ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန် (ဖိနပ်) (၆၇)

5:05 pm

7. Sing & Enjoy

5:35 pm

8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန်

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6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညက်ရှင်

7:15 pm

13. Musical programme

7:30 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပန်းပျိုးလက်” (အပိုင်း-၆)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်”

(အပိုင်း-၆)



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

### University application 18 Sept-3 Oct

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept— Those who passed the 2008 matriculation examination can draw in person their mark list, record of qualifications, a guide book for admission of the university and application forms from the supervisors of the respective examination centres (headmaster or headmistress of basic education high schools) beginning 18 September (Thursday).

The university admission application forms are to be submitted to Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) between 18 September and 3 October inclusive of Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, contact Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar), Thaton Road, Kamayut Township or dial 502258 or 525612.

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### Commerce, Home Affairs winners in Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament

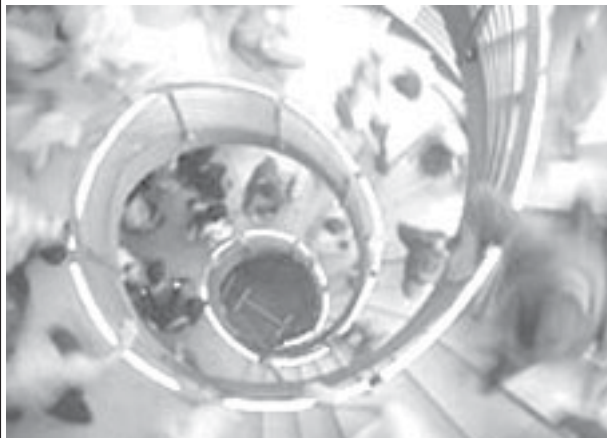
NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sep— The 2<sup>nd</sup> round matches of Group-CC of Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2008 continued today at Nay Pyi Taw sports ground and Paungloun sports ground.

At Nay Pyi Taw sports ground, Ministry of Commerce edged out Ministry of Defence 3-2. At Paungloun sports ground, Ministry of Home Affairs beat Ministry of Religious Affairs 2-1.

Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will play against Ministry of Health at Paungloun sports ground at 2 pm while Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement will play against Ministry of Transportation at Paungloun sports ground at 4 pm tomorrow.

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### Taking stairs instead of lift could save life



*Climbing stairs improves fitness levels*

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## USDA CEC Member supervises development tasks in Kayah State



*Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung looks into making of EMBOKASHI Humas in Htayngarhlya village in Loikaw—MNA*

YANGON, 1 Sept—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung went to Kokway Timber Extraction Camp in Taunggyi on 29 August and urged officials concerned to make efforts for afforestation and meeting the objectives of the Forest Department.

At the meeting, Deputy General Manager of Shan State (South) Timber Extraction U Sein Win reported to the minister on tasks for extraction of timber from Shan State (South) and Director of Forest Department U Kyaw Soe Khaing on forest plantation and conservation of reserve forests and seizure of timber smuggling.

Member of the Central Executive Committee of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint attended a ceremony to conclude transplanting paddy seedlings at Htayngarhlyar Village in Loikaw Township on 30 August. After the ceremony, they inspected natural fertilizer, paddy strains and natural and chemical insecticides produced by Myanma Agriculture Service and farm equipment produced by Agricultural Mechanization Department displayed at the ceremony.

During the tour of Kayah State on 30 August, CEC Member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung, and Brig-Gen Win Myint also attended a ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for the 2007-2008 Academic Year. At the ceremony, they presented prizes to

two five-distinction winners, four four-distinction winners, six two-distinction winners and 33 one-distinction winners.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Chairman of Kayah State PDC Brig-Gen Win Myint attended a ceremony to open a new school building of No. 5 Basic Education High School in Dawnoku Ward in Loikaw and delivered speeches. They donated K 500,000 and exercise books to the school.

They also attended a ceremony to open a new building of No. 6 Basic Education Post Primary School and handed over exercise books and K 900,000 to the school.

In the afternoon, they went to Kayah State Home for the Aged and donated medicine and cash to 23 aged men and women.

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