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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

Lt-Gen Ko Ko attends ceremony of completion of ploughing, views transplanting skills contest

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony of completion of ploughing and viewed transplanting skills contest in Ayeyawady Division at the 1000-acre

model near Kyonwa village in Myaungmya township this morning. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command

Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe, departmental officials at division, district and township levels, members of social organizations and locals.

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Rubber farms in Shwegyin Township to add natural beauty to Bago Division

Article, photos: Reporter Peinzalok Thein Nyunt



A rubber farm in Chedawyar Village, Shwegyin Township, Bago Division.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Actively participate in activities of Nutrition Development Week and World Breastfeeding Week

A ceremony to mark Nutrition Development Week and World Breastfeeding Week, organized by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Mines, WHO and UNICEF, was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw on 2 August.

The purpose of the simultaneous launching of activities for World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Development Week is to provide health care services to children under five and their mothers. The world breastfeeding activities are to be held in the first week of August and the nutrition development activities from the first to the last week of August.

The motto for this year's World Breastfeeding Week is "Breastfeeding: A Vital Emergency Response, Are You Ready?". The systematic breastfeeding during the nutrition development weeks will help reduce the cases of malnutrition, diarrhea and forsaking children. And the object of holding these ceremonies is to ensure feeding of vitamin A tablets to all children under five in the nation, to cultivate a habit of having balanced diet among pregnant women, nursing mothers and children and to prevent infection.

In the third week of August, iron tablets, vitamin B and B-1 tablets will be distributed to pregnant women and vitamin B-1 tablets to nursing mothers for their nutrition development.

Members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, public health workers, midwives and local people are to actively take part in the activities of Nutrition Development Week and World Breastfeeding Week and make them a complete success.

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

South-West Command Commander views broadcasting fertilizers at paddy fields in Ingapu



Commander Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe views villagers of Bok village-tract broadcasting fertilizers.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of

Refresher course for district level judges concluded

YANGON, 3 Aug — A refresher course No. 4 for district level judges was concluded at the Supreme Court (Yangon) here today. Deputy Chief-Justice U Thein Soe made a speech at the concluding ceremony. A total of 25 trainees attended the eight-week course.

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South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe accompanied by officials viewed broadcasting fertilizers at paddy fields in Bok village tract of Ingapu Township and left necessary instructions on 22 July. The commander inspected the construction

of Thidakonpyin station hospital in Yekyi Town of Ngathaichang Township, looked into Digital Auto-exchange office of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, and inspected the installation of CDMA phone lines. On arrival at Kyankhin cement

factory, the commander heard the report presented by the factory manager and left necessary instructions.

The commander inspected Myinwataung forest camp on Patheingyi Monywa-Ye U on 23 July.

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Attempted robbery exposed

YANGON, 3 Aug — Two men who attempted to rob a taxi driver at knife point on Alanpya Pagoda Road near Bahan Roundabout in Dagon Township were arrested within hours. The taxi driver, Aung Khin Hsint, together with his assistant Nay Min Aung, while driving his car with license plate AA/4443 from North Oakkalapa Township to the city centre, were stopped and hired by

two young men at Thanda Bus Stop for K2,000 to go to a restaurant near Yangon Zoological Gardens in Mingala Taung Nyunt Township at about 1.30 am yesterday. While the car was on Alanpya Pagoda Road near Bahan Roundabout, the man from the seat behind the driver's seat started to threaten the driver at knife point. But assistant driver Nay Min Aung grabbed the knife

from the man and they were locked in a fight. As the driver stopped the car, the two men got out of the car and ran off. Members of Bahan Police Force as informed by the driver searched the surrounding areas with the help of passers-by, found Ye Aung Tun, 23, of North Oakkalapa Township among the tress beside the zoo and arrested him along with a six-inch knife.

According to the investigation, the accomplice of Ye Aung Tun is Tet Pu, who lives in the same ward. A combined team of Dagon Township Police Force and North Oakkalapa Police Force apprehended Tet Pu at his house. Dagon Police Station has filed a lawsuit against the suspects. In order not to cause similar cases, Yangon Division Police Force is giving talks on crime prevention.

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Myanmar delegation leaves for Thailand to attend ASEAN Collaboration on Sericulture Research and Development conference

YANGON, 3 Aug — A Myanmar delegation led by Director U Maung Lwin of Cotton and Sericulture Division of the Myanmar Industrial Crops Development Enterprise under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation left here for Thailand by air this morning to attend the ASEAN Collaboration on

Sericulture Research and Development Conference and Silk Wear Show to be held in Thailand from 4 to 10 August. He is accompanied by Sericulture Farm Manager Daw Yi Yi Hlaing, Khaing Tha Zin Silk Wear Centre proprietors U Aung Shein and Daw Thitsa Shein.

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Myanmar delegation members seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure for Thailand to attend ASEAN Collaboration on Sericulture Research and Development.—MNA

Two new Mozart works presented in Austria

SALZBURG, 3 Aug—Technically demanding and at times furiously paced, two newly identified Mozart works unveiled on Sunday are helping scholars complete their assessment of the maestro's very early achievements. The childhood creations — an extensive concerto movement and a fragmentary prelude — provide yet more proof the Salzburg native was a true prodigy. And maybe a bit

of a showoff.

"We have here the first orchestral movement by the young Mozart — even though the orchestral parts are missing — and therefore it's an extremely important missing link in our understanding of Mozart's development as a young composer," said Ulrich Leisinger, head of research at the International Mozarteum Foundation after a presentation of the pieces in Mozart's native

Salzburg. Mozart, who was born in 1756, began playing the keyboard at age 3 and composing at 5. By the time he died of rheumatic fever on 5 Dec, 1791, he had written more than 600 pieces. Leisinger said Mozart likely wrote the two newly attributed pieces when he was 7 or 8 years old, with his father, Leopold, transcribing the notes as his son played them at the keyboard.

Internet



Two newly discovered pieces of music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart are seen for the first time in public in a house where the master composer once lived, in Salzburg on 2 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET



The site of a bomb blast in Herat. A bomb targeting Afghan police guards exploded in the heart of Afghanistan's western city of Herat.—INTERNET

Bomb blast in Afghanistan kills at least ten

KABUL, 3 Aug—The Taliban killed at least 10 people and critically injured a local police chief in western Afghanistan's main city on Monday with a remote-controlled bomb hidden in a trash can, officials said.

The bomb was set on a crowded street near a fruit market in Herat.

It killed 10 civilians and two police, according to Noor Khan Nekzad, a

spokesman for the Herat provincial police.

The attack appeared to target the police chief for nearby Injil district who was driving into town, said Raouf Ahmedi, the top police spokesman in western Afghanistan.

He said the district chief, Mohammad Issa, was being transferred to a NATO-run hospital in critical condition.

Ahmedi said only 10

people were killed in the blast, including a woman, a young girl and six men. There was no immediate explanation for the different police counts. At least 30 people were injured in the blast, which blew windows out on a 100-meter (yard) radius, he said.

A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, said the group had targeted the police chief.—Internet

Russia-led security group seeks transformation

ALMATY, 3 Aug—The Russia-dominated Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) is standing at a crossroads and Moscow is trying to transform the loose security alliance into a fully-fledged group.

The presidents of seven ex-Soviet states ended their second informal summit at a lakeside resort in Kyrgyzstan on Friday after concluding discussions on cooperation within the organization, as well as joint combat against extremism and terrorism in the region.

Just as CSTO Secretary General Nikolai Bordyusha put it in

April last year, the security grouping was going through a transformation from a military-political group into a multi-functional international organization.

At the summit, Russia won an agreement to station more Russian troops in Kyrgyzstan as the Kremlin seeks more military influence in Central Asia.

The memorandum signed between Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and his Kyrgyz counterpart Kurmanbek Bakiyev said Kyrgyzstan had "approved a proposal by Russia to house an additional Russian military contingent in Kyrgyzstan."—Internet

Two Canadian soldiers killed by roadside bombs in Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 3 Aug—Two Canadian soldiers were killed on Saturday in southern Afghanistan when a roadside bomb exploded near a patrol, military officials said on Sunday.

The incident occurred approximately 15 kilometres west of Kandahar City on Saturday afternoon, the Department of National Defence said in a press release.

The soldiers had dismounted from their vehicle during their patrol when they touched upon the bomb. Another soldier was seriously injured and is in stable condition in hospital. Since 2002, 127 Canadian soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan mission.—Internet

New Utah uranium mine controversial

SALT LAKE CITY, 3 Aug—Two US environmental groups said on Sunday they want the US Bureau of Land Management to prohibit mining in the Daneros uranium mine. *The Salt Lake Tribune* said the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and Uranium Watch want to block Utah's first new uranium mine in 30 years.

The groups said they also want to prevent White Canyon Uranium, an Australia-based company, from mining until Selma Sierra, the federal agency's Utah director, decides whether the BLM has examined the environmental ramifications sufficiently.

"There are a lot of issues associated with uranium mining that were not adequately assessed before the permits were issued," said SUWA attorney Liz Thomas. "The project needs more thorough reviews of its potential impacts on water and air," said Sarah Fields, Director of Moab-based Uranium Watch. "For instance, the BLM did not look at the possible emissions of radon."

Internet

A mountain gorilla, a member of the Mubare gorilla group, searches for food in the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in Uganda on 2 July, 2009. INTERNET



Gorillas found to be source of HIV for 1st time

BEIJING, 3 Aug—Researchers have discovered an HIV infection in a Cameroonian woman which is clearly linked to a gorilla strain as against the previous research that showed the HIV, the main source of human infections, originated from a virus in chimpanzees, according to media reports on Monday.

HIV originated from a similar virus in chimpanzees called Simian Immunodeficiency Virus (SIV) which have been reported in other primates, including gorillas.

French doctors treating the 62-year-old Cameroonian woman who was living in Paris said her case showed the infection was more closely related to SIV from gorillas than HIV from humans, *Nature Medicine* reports.

Internet

Trade barriers no solution to crisis

BEIJING, 3 Aug— Increasing trade restrictions against Chinese products signify a discordant resurgence of protectionism - a development that will not only hurt China, but also hamper global economic recovery.

Ministry of Commerce data show 15 countries and regions initiated 60 investigations against Chinese products for dumping and over-subsidizing goods and other suspected reasons in the first half of this year. The number of probes and the value of the

goods, \$8.276 billion, are record high.

Not surprisingly, those targeted were products of the steel, rubber, footwear, and aluminum industries, in which China has spent decades in building up some advantages. Since last year, investigations against Chinese steel products have forced them to beat a retreat from markets in more than a dozen countries and regions.

Complaints against made-in-China products have spread like a contagious disease from the developed markets to the developing ones. It is to be noted here that a number of countries have imposed incipient protective measures such as increasing export subsidies, fund offers and currency devaluations on the pretext of rescuing their economies or issuing stimulus packages.

Internet



A child experiences moon walking at the Euro Space Centre in Luxembourg Province, some 130 kilometres southeast of Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 1 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA

African economies hit by global slowdown

KIGALI, 3 Aug— Investments in Africa are drying up because global economic woes have hit the continent hard, economists say.

In one example, plans announced last year by Dubai World to invest \$230 million in Rwandan tourism have been scaled back to include only two of eight proposed projects, with a luxury hotel in Kigali hotel and an "ecolodge" in Akagera among the portions being dropped, *The New York Times* reported on Sunday.

Internet

Tourists enjoy the scenery on sand hills in Wuhai City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 2 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA



Greenhouses for vegetables were in flood in Changlin township of Xichong county, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 1 Aug, 2009. Xichong county had been suffering from rainstorm since Friday, which had damaged crops and vegetables badly.—XINHUA

China's urban fixed asset investment to rise 40% in 2009

BEIJING, 3 Aug— China's urban fixed asset investment was likely to rise by 40 percent year on year in 2009, Lian Ping, chief economist of Bank of Communications (BOCOM), told *Xinhua* on Sunday.

Government figures showed that benefiting

from the massive government spending in the construction of railways, roads and infrastructure, China's urban fixed asset investment rose 33.6 percent in the first half of this year, the largest increase in five years.

"Investment will surge in the second half of this year in China due to abundant liquidity, and this would become a major driving force for the gross domestic product (GDP) growth," Lian said.

Chinese banks lent a record 7.37 trillion yuan (1.08 trillion US dollars) in the first half of this year to shore up the economy, exceeding the full-year target of five trillion yuan.

The country's economic development was expected to accelerate the pace and expand at 9 percent in the third quarter and 9.8 percent in the fourth quarter, according to a report released here on Saturday by the BOCOM, the country's fifth largest commercial lender.

Internet

1.5 million to exhaust jobless benefits

WASHINGTON, 3 Aug— Hundreds of thousands of laid-off US workers will be exhausting their unemployment benefits in the coming months, figures indicate.

Projections issued by the National Employment Law Project, a private research group, contend that as many as 1.5 million workers who have lost their jobs and been unable to find work will lose their final bulwark against foreclosures and destitution in the coming months, *The New York Times* reported on Sunday.

The group said many more workers will join tens of thousands who have already exhausted their benefits, even after they were extended in some states for up to 79 weeks.

"If more help is not on the way, by September a huge wave of workers will start running out of their critical extended benefits, and many will have nothing left to get by on even as work keeps getting harder to find," Maurice Emsellem, a policy director of the employment law project, told the *Times*.

The *Times* said calls for yet another extension of benefits are rising in the US Congress at a time when the national unemployment rate is approaching 10 percent.—Internet

Bilingual education key for development

BEIJING, 3 Aug— Zhang Qiang has made countless friends over the 20-some years working in different ethnic minority areas and promoting bilingual education.

One of them, a Uygur, told Zhang that he would never have had the opportunity to explore the world outside his small village if he had not learned Mandarin.

"This is why we promote learning Mandarin among ethnic minority people," Zhang, now deputy director of the ethnic education department at the Ministry of Education, told *China Daily*.

"We encourage them to master their own ethnic languages first to preserve and develop their own cultures," said Zhang, who worked for the education department of the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region several years ago.

But Mandarin-learning programmes are also introduced in many schools to "help enhance education quality, boost the local economy and improve communication among the Chinese of different ethnic groups and with the outside world," Zhang said.

Internet



China conducts stringent tests of would-be spacemen

BEIJING, 3 Aug—No scars, no history of serious illness in the last three generations of your family, and no tooth cavities — China imposes tough standards on its future astronauts.

They must be close to perfection to meet the standards set for the men and women who will lead China into outer space, on Monday's *China Daily* reported.

Officials from the No

454 Hospital of the People's Liberation Army in Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu Province, was quoted by *China Daily* as saying that over the weekend they had already completed preliminary tests for candidates to carry out the country's future space missions.

The hospital is one of the five medical institutions across the country conducting the second round of tests for its second batch of astronauts.

An employee of the No. 454 Hospital, who refused to be named, said that about 100 hopefuls from the Nanjing Compound, all of whom are well-educated fighter pilots, are vying to become China's future astronauts.

These 100 candidates will also be put through about 100 tests that push them to their mental and physical limits before they can go to the next round.

Xinhua



Children read books in a book bar in Fuzhou, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 2 Aug, 2009. Students are enjoying their summer vacation in China.—XINHUA



All items from Xinhua News Agency

Plane loses contact in Indonesia's Papua

JAKARTA, 3 Aug—A plane lost contact on Sunday while flying from Sentani airport in Jayapura, the capital city of Indonesia's Papua Province, to Oksibil, the capital city of Pegunungan Bintang regency, the *Kompas* daily reported on Monday.

The Twin Otter plane, belonging to the national flight carrier Merpati Nusantara Airways, was estimated to have lost contact in 100 nautical miles from Sentani. The plane carried 13 passengers and three crews. The victims' families have arrived at Sentani airport to seek certainty of their destiny. However, until on Sunday evening they still got no news. Merpati was still trying to contact the lost plane via radio. The company planned to deploy five planes on Monday for the searching operation.—Xinhua

Rescuers search for bodies of the victims in mudslides in Jinyang of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 1 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

US pilot found dead 18 years after Gulf War

BEIJING, 3 Aug—The remains of the first American casualty of the first Gulf War have been found, the Pentagon revealed on Sunday. US Navy Captain Michael "Scott" Speicher had been shot down in the open hours of the Gulf War but his fate remained a mystery. It wasn't clear if he had died in the crash or if he had been taken captive. His remains were discovered in the desert sands of Anbar Province by military researchers acting upon information handed to them by an Iraqi. Ac-

ording to the Pentagon, the Iraqi had disclosed that a number of other local Iraqis had witnessed the plane crash and that a group of Bedouins had buried the pilot. Led to the burial place by a number of witnesses, the US military team found a jaw bone which matched the dental records of Captain Speicher.

The Iraqi government under the leadership of Saddam Hussein persistently refused to discuss the case, thus fueling the theory that Captain Speicher had

been captured. President Clinton also added to the belief Captain Speicher was alive when he declared the US had new information and changed the pilot's status from "killed in action" to "missing in action". In autumn 2002, as the US prepared for a second war in Iraq, the navy again without explanation changed his status to "missing/captured," leading some critics to speculate the Bush administration was trying to build a case for invasion.

Xinhua

Forest fire erupts in central Syria

DAMASCUS, 3 Aug—A forest fire erupted on Sunday afternoon in the forests of Abu Kbeis in Hama Governorate in central-western Syria and north of Damascus, the *Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA)* reported. Fire fighters, civil defense teams and helicopters are fighting for controlling and extinguishing the flames, the report said. Commander of the Hama Fire Department Maj Thaer al-Hasan said the fire was large and difficult to extinguish due to rough terrain in the fire area and hardness of enveloping the fire, despite the massive efforts made by rescue teams, *SANA* said.—Xinhua

One injured in small plane crash in eastern Canada

OTTAWA, 3 Aug—A man was slightly injured after his small plane crashed in a lake in eastern Canada on Sunday, reports reaching here said.

The plane went down in Lake Panuke, located near Halifax, capital of Nova Scotia Province, in the morning. Cottagers nearby saw the plane crash and contacted police, a rescue official said.

The middle-aged man suffered minor injuries in the crash. He is now in hospital.—Xinhua

China Southern Airlines opens Dhaka-Guangzhou flight

DHAKA, 3 Aug—China Southern Airlines Company Limited opened Dhaka-Guangzhou flight on Sunday. A *Boeing 737-800* carrying 17 passengers from Guangzhou arrived at Zia International Airport in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka early morning on Monday.

Gao Bo, China Southern Airlines Bangladesh representative, told

Xinhua while receiving the inaugural flight that they have only one flight at the beginning. "Hopefully we will increase the number of flight very soon," he said.

Gao Bo said in order to attract passengers, they sell the ticket at very favourable price at the beginning. "One return ticket from Dhaka to Guangzhou is only 19,000

taka (about 271 US dollars). The normal price is around 590 US dollars," he said.

Iqbal, a Bangladeshi businessman who took the inaugural flight to Guangzhou, told *Xinhua* when checking in that the opening of Dhaka-Guangzhou flight will bring convenience for him.

Xinhua



People act as Chinese chess pieces in Xuzhou of Jiangsu Province, east of China, on 2 Aug, 2009. International grandmasters of Chinese chess Lu Qin and Xu Tianhong played a match here on Sunday, as actors performed as chessmen simulating the game. Lu won the game.—XINHUA



Thousands of young people wait for the beginning of a free concert at the Angel of Independence in Mexico City, on 2 Aug, 2009.
INTERNET

Loneliness drives elderly to theft

TOKYO, 3 Aug. — Isolation and loneliness drive many elderly people to shoplift and many juveniles see shoplifting as a game, research conducted by Tokyo police indicated. Japanese law enforcement has seen a rapid rise in shoplifting by the elderly. The number of elderly people convicted of theft in 2007 was 31,573 — a three-fold increase over 1998. Tokyo police surveyed 1,050 people involved in shoplifting cases between April 20 and June 30, the *Kyodo* news agency reported. Police said they found, out of a group of 204 people age 65 or older, 24 percent said they were driven to shoplift by feelings of loneliness.—*Internet*

Garment makers' waste toxic in Africa

MASERU, 3 Aug—An environmental expert in Lesotho says US companies' wastes are health risks to the country's people, who are already plagued by AIDS and other diseases. *The Sunday Times* of London reported Chinese companies serving large foreign garment manufacturers — notably Gap Inc and Levi Strauss & Co — were polluting water sources and dumping and burning toxic and otherwise dangerous materials, contrary to regulations prohibiting such activities.

Tseliso Tsoeu, an environmental expert on Lesotho's Council of Nongovernmental Organizations, said Lesotho law bans discharge of "any poisonous, toxic or chemical substance into our waters." "The Chinese have come here and have basically done what they wanted," Tsoeu said. "They make enormous profits from employing black Africans on behalf of respectable western companies who advertise the highest standards of production but in reality don't really know what is going on here." Gap Inc Senior Vice President of Global Responsibility Dan Henkle said the company ordered an investigation when it learned of complaints.
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Ohio home may have housed 70,000 bees

CINCINNATI, 3 Aug— Two residents of Green Township, Ohio, say their family home was infiltrated by up to 70,000 honey bees.

Susan and Doug Hayes said while they have had problems with bee swarms around their home since 2007, they were unprepared to learn tens of thousands of them were residing within their home's walls, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reported on Saturday.

"I love nature, bees are important to our ecosystem" said Susan Hayes, whose home underwent a thorough bee removal at the hands of beekeeper Bill Jones. "It breaks my heart that I destroyed their home, but they were destroying mine."

Jones was unable to simply exterminate the invasive insects since honey bees are considered endangered.

Using a so-called bee-vac machine that sucks the bees into a box without injuring them, Jones was able to clean out the house's walls.—*Internet*

Heavy rain lashes Shanghai, causing flight delays

SHANGHAI, 3 Aug— Heavy rain lashed Shanghai on Sunday, causing delays of more than 20 international flights, aviation authorities said.

Some parts of Shanghai reported rainfall of nearly 200 millimeters, three days after it was lashed by the heaviest rainstorm in almost 70 years.

More than 20 outbound flights at Shanghai Pudong International Airport have been delayed and dozens inbound planes failed to land in the rain.

Following the heavy rain, water in the Taihu Lake near Shanghai has risen 0.28 metre above the alarming level.

The water level is under control, but more typhoons in August could complicate flood control efforts, local maritime authorities said.

Floods in northwestern Qinghai province and southern Guangxi province have damaged some roads and disrupted traffic.—*Internet*



An auction tag placed on a catfish sculpture is on display at 20th Century Props in North Hollywood, California. Hollywood's second-largest prop house is going out of business with its owner saying he has fallen victim to film and TV production leaving California for other US states that lure producers with tax incentives and fewer restrictions.

Cigarette packaging design impacts safety

A majority of consumers say cigarettes are less hazardous when the packs display words such as "silver" or "smooth," Canadian researchers find.

Study leader David Hammond of the University of Waterloo calls for the list of words banned from cigarette packaging to be expanded beyond the current prohibition of "light," "mild" and "low-tar." Hammond also suggests that other pack design elements may need to be eliminated to prevent consumers erroneously believing that one brand is less harmful than another.

"Our study found that commonly used words not covered by the bans, as well as other packaging design elements such as color, the use of numbers and references to filters, were just as misleading, which means there's a loophole that needs to be closed," Hammond says in a statement.

The researchers studied the perceptions of 312 smokers and 291 non-smokers recruited in a shopping mall using nine pairs of fictitious cigarette packet replicas. Each pair differed in only a single design aspect — either a word such as "silver" versus "full-flavor."

Man sleeping in dumpster gets picked up with trash

Authorities said a man, who had been sleeping in a Dumpster, sustained minor injuries after he was picked up by a garbage truck along with the trash. Authorities said that when firefighters and paramedics arrived, they heard Kevin Hallaran, 52, banging on the metal sides of the sanitation truck asking for help.

Hallaran had been sleeping inside a Dumpster behind a restaurant on Sunday night and had been unknowingly dumped along with the garbage from restaurants and other businesses into the truck early on Monday.

Li Enhai, a Chinese chef who has set the Guinness world record in which he made a 2,852-km-long noodle with one kg of flour, presents his skill in noodle stretching at the opening ceremony of a local hotel in Keshikten city of north China's Inner Mongolia Region.



A 12-day-old Nile hippopotamus plays with its mother, Chombi, at Malaysia's National Zoo in Kuala Lumpur on 29 July, 2009. The baby hippopotamus has not been given a name.

NEWS ALBUM

Drunk men allegedly steal water for outdoor slide

Two men face theft and public intoxication charges after allegedly stealing water from a fire hydrant for an outdoor water game. Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Department spokesman Sgt Dwayne Ritchie said the men were arrested after a trailer pulled behind the pickup they were driving blew a tire, sending the pickup and trailer into a ditch.

According to authorities, the trailer was hauling a 15-hundred gallon tank filled with water allegedly stolen from a fire hydrant in Underwood. Ritchie said a witness saw the men filling the tank from a city hydrant and reported the action to police.

Ritchie said the men indicated they were going to use the water for a water slide.



Rubber farms in Shwegyin Township to add natural beauty to Bago Division

Article, photos: Reporter Peinzalok Thein Nyunt

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On my recent tour of Shwegyin Township, in Bago Division, to inform the public my first-hand knowledge of regional development, I noticed rubber farms thriving in the township.

In Myanmar, Bago Division has the largest rubber farming acreage after Taninthayi Division and Mon State. Rubber grows well even at the regions standing at an altitude of more than 2000 feet.

Shwegyin Township lies at an altitude of 96 feet with an area of 605,084 acres. It has a vast area of vacant lands to grow rubber.

I interviewed Manager U San Yu Kyi of Shwegyin Township Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise and Assistant Manager U Min Swan Yi from the Ministry of Industry-1. U San Yu Kyi said that Shwegyin Township was working



U San Yu Kyi, Shwegyin Township Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise.

hard to put 30,000 acres under rubber to contribute towards Bago Division's target of meeting 100,000 acres of rubber farms; that up to 2008-2009, the township had grown 23,795 acres of rubber and tapped latex from rubber plants of 3529 acres; that the township produced 1,672,675 pounds of rubber latex with per acre yield of 473.98 lbs; that the township was trying to hit the target of 10,000 acres of rubber farms by 2009-2010; that the Township Myanmar

Perennial Crops Enterprise was pursuing the target of 78,800 saplings, and the Ministry of Industry-1, 50,000 saplings, and private enterprises, 177,500 saplings and 97,500 grafts of high-yield rubber species; and up to 15 July 2009, the township had grown 3532 acres of 24, RRIM623, RRIN717, PB 260, BP 235 and GT-1.



Assistant Manager U Min Swan Yi from the Ministry of Industry-1.

rubber; and that the common rubber strains in the township were BPM- yield strains and advanced agricultural methods, keeping a fixed distance

between two plants and between two rows of rubber, growing crops among rubber plants to earn incomes before the farms were at harvest, keeping the moisture of the soil, and fire preventive measures.

He added that due to their turning to high-yield rubber species, local rubber farmers were making higher profits, leading to higher living standard and further regional development; and that farming rubber on a massive scale was a lucrative business and it contributed to environmental conservation.

Assistant Manager U Min Swan Yi said that the Ministry of Industry-1 had 997 acres of 62,122 mature rubber plants and 292 acres of young rubber plants; and that they had a target of 60,000 rubber seedlings and 25,000 grafts for 2009-2010. Then, he conducted us round the rubber farm.

We then visited the farm of U Aye Lwin in Chedawyar Village-tract in Shwegyin Township. He said that he started his rubber farming with 25 acres in 2005-2006; that he also had a 100-acre rubber farm in Ingani Village; that the rubber strain he chose was BPM-24, and was expected to yield latex at the age of six to seven years.

He conducted us round his farm. He added that their region had many gold mines; that he used to be gold miner; and that gold mining was not much reliable for him, so he had made up his mind to farm rubber on a large scale.

Without any doubt, rubber farms in Shwegyin Township will add natural beauty and attraction to Bago Division in the near future.

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The Ministry of Industry-1 receives orders for rubber grafts in Shwegyin Township.

Dementia induced and blocked in Parkinson's fly model

ST. LOUIS, 3 Aug — Parkinson's disease is well-known for impairing movement and causing tremors, but many pa-



Turmeric powder.

tients also develop other serious problems, including sleep disturbances and significant losses in cognitive function known as dementia.

Now researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis have modeled Parkinson's-associated dementia for the first time.

Scientists showed that a single night of sleep loss in genetically altered fruit flies caused long-lasting disruptions in the flies' cognitive abilities comparable to aspects of Parkinson's-associated dementia. They then blocked this effect by feeding the flies large doses of the spice curcumin.—Internet

Newly discovered faults illuminate earthquake hazard

SAN DIEGO, 3 Aug — New research by a team of scientists from Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) offers new insight into the San Andreas Fault as it extends beneath Southern California's Salton Sea. The team discovered a series of promi-

nent faults beneath the sea, which transfer motion away from the San

Andreas Fault as it disappears beneath the Salton Sea.—Internet

A seismic map of the Salton Sea area.





Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence views transplanted skills contest in Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ko Ko attends ceremony...

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Lt-Gen Ko Ko explained agricultural matters and made a speech on the occasion. Next, the head of Division Land Records Department briefed Lt-Gen

Ko Ko on cultivation of monsoon paddy and the completion of ploughing. Afterwards, district chairmen presented respective reports on completion of ploughing to the commander.

The division manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service later explained rules of the competition and marking scheme. Next, the competition of transplanting skills followed and Lt-Gen Ko Ko encouraged the

contestants and inspected monsoon paddy model farm and pilot farms.

Viewing educative booths on farming and farm implements, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party presented power tillers to the farmers. Next, they put fish into the farm lands. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party presented prizes to winning teams at the end of the transplanting skills competition.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Vice Minister Mr Lin Qi of National Energy Administration for China of PRC.—MNA

Energy Minister meets Chinese, Thai delegates

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met with Vice Minister of National Energy Administration for China Mr Lin Qi and party arriving in Mandalay to attend 27th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel in Mandalay on 28 July morning. They cordially discussed the energy sector of two nations.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise U Aung Htoo and officials from the Ministry of Energy.

The minister also received Minister of Energy of Thailand Mr Wannarat Channukul and party arriving in Mandalay to attend 27th ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay on 28 July. They cordially discussed matters on bilateral energy plans.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Aung and officials from the Ministry of Energy.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Minister for Energy Mr Wannarat Channukul and party of Thailand.—MNA

Vocational Training Schools and Youths Training School inspected in Kayin State

YANGON, 3 Aug—Deputy Director-General Dr. Soe Thein of Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs looked into the progress in construction of the Women's Vocational Training Schools in Myaingyingu, Hlaingbwe Township and in Htotkawko, Kawkareik Township, Kayin State on 27 and 28 July. Director U Aung Kyaw Min of Development Affairs Committee of Kayin State reported on matters related to construction in progress.

On 29 July, the Deputy Director-General inspected the ongoing courses at the Women's Vocational Training School in Pha-an, mess, hostels and the greening of the school. On 30 July, the Deputy Director-General met with students of the Nationality Youths Development Training School and encouraged them. He also inspected hostels, mess and tree plantation in surrounding areas of the school. Afterwards, he met with staff and urged them to train the students to become outstanding youths with high nationalistic spirit.

MNA

Shwe Naing-Ngan Journal in circulation

YANGON, 3 Aug— No.8 Volume.6 of Shwe Naing-Ngan Journal comes out today.

It covers reports on launching of the rail transport from the Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station, rehabilitation in Storm Nargis-hit areas after 14 months and others, articles on print media and politics and other articles and local and foreign news.

The journal is available at Sarpay

Beikman Building on Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township, Pannshwepyi Book Store of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise and the book store of the News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Street, Botahtaung Township. Those wishing to send manuscripts may contact No.8, 2nd floor of Pangyan Tower at the corner of Dhamma Zedi Road and Barkara Road in Sangyoung Township, Ph: 538302.—MNA

Educative talks on traffic rules held

YANGON, 3 Aug—Organized by Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, the educative talks on traffic rules was held at the room-15 of Mawlamyine University on 31 July.

Law officer Daw Thit Thit Win of Mawlamyine Township talked on penalties for vehicles and member of

Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee traffic police captain Myint Aye on traffic rules.

Next, traffic police captain Myint Aye presented a tape on traffic rules and pamphlets to Rector Dr Htay Aung and the latter spoke words of thanks.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint attends opening ceremony of concrete bridge at Kyutawwa village in Pyawbwe Township.—MNA

MMCWA marks ceremony of Nutrition Development Week and World Breastfeeding Week

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held a ceremony to mark Nutrition Development Week and World Breastfeeding Week for division, district and township levels were recognized for all-round development of 60 percent of the State's population of mothers and children in the health, education, economic and social modern developed one.

Next, the Deputy Minister, the president of MMCWA, the vice-presidents and executives presented iodized salt, iron tablets, vitamin tablets and cloths to

Culture Minister attends opening ceremonies of bridge and artesian well in Pyawbwe

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint attended the opening ceremony of concrete bridge in Kyutawwa Village of Pyawbwe Township, Mandalay

Division yesterday. The minister formally opened the bridge and unveiled the stone inscriptions. Next, the minister attended the opening ceremony of artesian well sunk by Ministry for

Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. The minister unveiled the stone inscriptions, sprinkled it with scented water and opened the taps of the well.—MNA

Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe gives a speech at the ceremony to mark Nutrition Development Week and World Breastfeeding Week 2009.
MNA



2009 at the meeting hall of the association in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township, here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, President of MMCWA Daw Nila Thaw, Vice-President Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and executives, officials of the Ministry of Health, resident representative of UNICEF Dr Siddharth Nirupan, chairpersons MMCWA of of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe townships and members, pregnant women and guests.

Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe made a speech on the occasion, saying that effective performances of the MMCWA (Central) and associations at state,

welfare sectors. The World Breastfeeding Week activities are held in the first week of August and the Nutrition Development Week from the first to the last week of August. Health development tasks for children under five and their mothers were carried out across the country at the same time. All associations at different levels in collaboration with the Ministry of Health would undertake the activities of World Breastfeeding Week for 2009.

The Ministry of Health is always making efforts for the emergence of healthy human resources. Only if the human resources have developed, will the State surely reach the new

pregnant women who were present.

Afterwards, the Deputy Minister and those present viewed photos on activities of the associations at different levels.

The president of MMCWA made a speech at the second session. Next, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon township associations demonstrated on breastfeeding and nutrition development.

Afterwards, Deputy Director Dr Daw Aye Aye Thaw of Nutrition Department of the Ministry of Health talked on breastfeeding and nutrition development. Gifts were presented to officials of the ministry and those who participated in the demonstration.—MNA

Two powered schooners sunk by strong winds, six missing

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—It was reported that two powered schooners sank and six people were missing due to strong winds in Gwa and An townships a few days ago.

While the powered schooner was leaving Panlinmaw village for Kyunnanttha village in Gwa township, it was sunk by the strong winds and five

people were missing at 8.30 am on 25 July.

Similarly, another powered schooner leaving Tattaung village for Taungsitha village at 1.30 pm on 29 July was sunk by strong winds near Taungsitha village jetty in An township and U Soe Shwe Thein, helmsman, was missing.—MNA

Insurgents shoot vehicle, one innocent person dead

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—A hired van six passengers on board with U Zaw Tun Aung at the wheel left Mongshu, Shan State (South) for Taunggyi. When the car arrived at a place between Mongnaung and Wanphon in

Mongnaung township, two insurgents wearing camouflage uniforms shot U Kyaw Win, aged 56, seated at the front of the car to death at 1.45 pm on 31 July.

Tatmadaw columns are in pursuit of these two insurgents.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Self-reliant village libraries erected for rural residents to enhance reasoning power, catch up with international community

Cash and kind donated to self-reliant village libraries in Shan State (South)



Commander Maj-Gen Yar Pyae addresses the ceremony to provide buildings, funds, publications and periodicals for self-reliant village libraries in Shan State (South).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—The donation of buildings, cash and publications to self-reliant village libraries in Shan State (South) took place at City Hall of Taunggyi yesterday morning. In his address, Chairman of Shan

State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae said that the government is setting up self-reliant libraries in all villages to widen the horizons of the people, apart

from such rural areas development programmes as supply of safe water, health care and education, calling for follow-up programmes for sustainable progress of the already-established libraries. He exhorted local people to

keep on working in harness for development of wards and villages concerned in carrying out tasks mobilizing the four major forces to achieve the goal.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that today is the Age of Knowledge, so societies are making good use of technological advancements in productivity, education and health care; that in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, self-reliant village libraries are being erected for enabling rural residents to enhance their intellectual and reasoning power and catch up with international community; that in order to meet the goal, it is required to implement the five work programmes—to organize rural people to turn to reading; to maintain publications and to raise funds to scale up the number of publications; to provide

buildings for villages where there is no specific building for library; to furnish libraries; and for the Information and Public Relations Department to equip libraries with competent librarians—in combination with the four forces, namely, local authorities, local people, well-wishers and social organizations; and that service personnel and the entire people have to pursue the lofty goal as a national duty. He called for learning lessons from the untold miseries the people went through from 1948 until 1988 and stepping up prosperous objective conditions in implementing the public goal of building a modern, developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. The commander presented cash donations, and publications to the libraries through the minister. The minister presented cash donations,

publications and DTH TV sets to the libraries through Head Daw May May Ni of Shan State IPRD.

Secretary of Shan State PDC U Yan Myo Aung presented cash donations to 336 libraries through U Naing Tun of the News and Periodicals Enterprise for subscribing newspapers for six months.

IPRD Director-General U Ye Htut accepted publications donated by Director of Shan State Immigration and National Registration Department U Thaug Shwe and Shan State Judge U Win Myint; K 4 million by Yadana Tun Co Ltd; cash donations and publications by Taunggyi, Loilem and Lingkho district PDCs; publications by Taunggyi Township Union Solidarity and Development Association; K 260,000 and publications by Shan State NPE and newspapers agents in the (See page 11)



Locals watch MRTV-3 and MRTV-4 programmes with DTH system receiver in Pyinnya Gonyaung self-reliant library of Innge village in Pintaya Township.—MNA



Installation of DTH system receiver in Pyinnya Gonyaung self-reliant library in progress.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents cash, publications, DTH system receivers for self-reliant libraries.—MNA

Self-reliant village...

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state; K 100,000 by Shan State Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and video entrepreneurs; and cash and kind and publications by Taunggyi, Nyaungshwe, Kalaw and Hopang Township PDCs.

Daw May May Ni accepted cash donations by Ywangan and Pintaya Township PDCs and Kyauktalone Township General Administration Department; publications by Yaksawk, Hsihseng and Pinlaung township PDCs; TV sets, radios and video players by Naungtaya Township GAD, and VCD player by Indaw Township GAD.

After the ceremony, the commander and the minister observed the wall magazine.

The donations of cash and kind amounted to K 101,911,500.

Now, with the DTH TV receivers donated by IPRD, Shan State (South), Taunggyi District, Pintaya Township, Inn-nge Village Pyinnya Gonyaung Library receive programmes with sharp pictures and clear sound from MRTV, MRTV-3 and MRTV-4.

MNA

UMFCCI President receives UN Under-Secretary-General

YANGON, 3 Aug—President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint received United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Dr. Noeleen Heyzer and party at the office of UMFCCI on 1 August.

Also present at the call were Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win, U Aung Lwin, U Thaug Tin, U Mya Han and U Htun Aung; Secretary-General Dr. Maung Maung Lay; Joint-Secretaries U Myint Soe, U Tin Maung Win, Dr. Myo Thet, Dr. Pwint Hsan and CEC members.—MNA

President U Win Myint of UMFCCI receives UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Dr. Noeleen Heyzer and party.—MNA

Confluence of Maykha and Malikha rivers, a picturesque place in Kachin State

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

(from page 16)

We left Myitkyina from its northern exit, along the road leading to Putao. The tarmacked road goes as long as more than 10 miles from Myitkyina, so we noticed

transport facility. The tarmacked road is linked with a three-mile gravel road, which is fine enough for motorcycles, three-wheel motorcycles and robust trucks.

Soon after that, we

Kyeinkharan and Tanphaye, which have a rural station hospital and basic education schools. Tanphaye Village has an affiliated basic education high school along with a new building under construction.

About one mile east of Tanphaye Village is the confluence of the Maykha and Malikha rivers. To the north from the village is Sumprabum.

The confluence resort is over 27 miles north of Myitkyina. Just as we approached the resort, we enjoyed the natural beauty of the Ayeyawady River flowing swiftly through the impressive mountains and forests. There, we saw a motorized boat moving downstream the



Some food stalls at a port in the confluence of the Maykha and Malikha rivers.

that the fine road was coping with a stream of traffic especially motorcycles. It is very convenient for local people to travel between the two townships due to the

found the 12-foot-wide tarred road built by Myitkyina District Public Works. We made headway as it was a fine facility, passing through many villages including

Ayeyawady River from the mouth of the Malikha River, and two motorized boats with goods and passengers moving upstream the Maykha River. We learnt that the vessels' destination was Tiyanzut for gold mining. Upstream the Maykha River are In-gyan-yan, and upstream the Malikha River are Liyan and Lapha regions in Sumprabum. In-charge U Zaw Twe of the resort said that the conflu-

ence resort received a flow of local and foreign tourists.

At the resort, we saw a string of restaurants and lodging houses. Near the port downstream the confluence were a chain of restaurants. The place was found teeming with holidaymakers and gold miners.

The confluence is so picturesque that it is like an artistic picture. The Maykha River and the

Malikha River flow vigorously into the Ayeyawady River. The foot of lush mountain ranges were covered with gathering mist, thus forming an impressive natural scenery.

So, it is safe to say that the confluence of the Maykha River and the Malikha River is well worth a visit as it is a land of awe-inspiring sites.

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A motorized boat moving downstream the Maykha River.



Restaurants and lodging houses with country styles in the confluence.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Somali pirates release Malaysian ship

Malaysian ship

NAIROBI, 3 Aug—Somali pirates have freed a Malaysian tugboat and its 11 Indonesian sailors after a ransom was paid to end the second longest hijacking off the coast of Somalia, a maritime watchdog said on Monday.

The tugboat TB Masindra 7 and its attached Indonesian barge ADM 1 had been operating under a contract from French oil giant Total when it was seized eight months ago on December 16, said Kenya-based Ecoterra International.

"The Malaysian tugboat TB Masindra 7 with its attached Indonesian barge ADM1 is free," the non-governmental organisation said in a statement. The crew of 11 was "all right, given the circumstances", said the statement, adding that "a ransom was paid".

Somali pirates attacked more than 130 merchant ships last year, a rise of more than 200 percent over 2007, according to the International Maritime Bureau. International navies have been deployed to the region to stop the pirates, who still hold about 15 ships and 200 sailors. In the longest hijacking, a Nigerian tugboat was released in June around 10 months after it was captured.

Internet

Donate Blood

Profit in China's steel enterprises to hit 20 b yuan in July

BEIJING, 3 Aug—Chinese steel mills' profit in July is expected to exceed 20 billion yuan (2.93 billion US dollars), as the monthly growth of steel prices rose to an eight-year high, analysts said on Monday.

Steel prices jumped in July, prompting profit in steel enterprises to expand, according to Xu Xiangchun, chief analyst with industry information provider MySteel.com.

The benchmark index of MySteel.com. for domestic steel prices rose 11.9 percent in the month.

Net profits in hot-rolled coil and cold-rolled coil are estimated to stand at 600 yuan and 1,400 yuan per tonne, as their prices gained by 376 yuan and 473 yuan per tonne in July, respectively, said Xu.

Full-year profit of China's steel makers will reach 100 billion yuan if steel price remains stable in the second half, said Xu.

A revival in demand and the government's continuous economic stimulus will help stabilize the steel prices, said Qi Xiangdong, vice secretary-general of the China Iron and Steel Association (CISA).

Profit in China's 71 major steel enterprises totalled 3.55 billion yuan in June, expanding from May when they turned profitable after seven-month losses.

Internet

China urges Australia to respect law over Rio case

SYDNEY, 3 Aug—A top Chinese official has called on Canberra to respect China's legal system, saying a mining executive held in Shanghai would have broken Australian law if his alleged crimes had occurred here. Chinese authorities detained Australian citizen Stern Hu and three other employees of mining giant Rio Tinto on 5 July and accused them of bribery and stealing state secrets during iron ore contract negotiations.

China's Vice Foreign Minister, Liu Jieyu, who is visiting Australia, defended his government's highly-contentious arrest of Hu and urged Canberra

not to interfere in the case." The facts of the case would constitute a violation of Australian laws were the facts (to) happen here in Australia," Liu told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) late on Sunday.

"The Chinese government respects the independent judiciary of the Australian judicial system. I think we would expect that the same from other countries," he told the public broadcaster.

No charges have yet been laid against the accused employees, but China has told the Australian government it has "sufficient evidence" that they stole state secrets.—*Internet*



Israeli workers unload the belongings of a Palestinian family in a street after they were evicted from their house in the east Jerusalem neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah, on 2 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

50 Palestinians evicted from their Jerusalem homes

JERUSALEM, 3 Aug—Israeli police evicted two Palestinian families in east Jerusalem on Sunday, then allowed Jewish settlers to move into their homes, drawing criticism from Palestinians, the United Nations and the State Department.

Police arrived before dawn and cordoned off part of the Arab neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah before forcibly removing more than 50 people, said Chris Gunness,

spokesman for the UN agency in charge of Palestinian refugees. UN staff later saw vehicles bringing Jewish settlers to move into the homes, he said. Israeli police cited a ruling by the country's Supreme Court that the houses belonged to Jews and that the Arab families had been living there illegally. Gunness said the families had lived in the homes for more than 50 years.

The status of east Jeru-

salem is one of the most explosive issues in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Israel took control of east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast war and annexed it, a move not recognized by any other country. Since then, Israel has boosted the Jewish presence there, building neighbourhoods where about 180,000 Jews live. The Palestinians want east Jerusalem as the capital of their hoped-for state.

Internet



Offices of miner Rio Tinto in Shanghai. A top Chinese official has called on Canberra to respect China's legal system, saying a mining executive held in Shanghai would have broken Australian law if his alleged crimes had occurred here.—INTERNET

Kids: Wear bright colours on walk to school

CINCINNATI, 3 Aug — A US safety expert advises parents not let a child under age 10 to cross the street alone and be sure children wear brightly coloured clothing when walking.

Injury prevention coordinator Susan Laurence of Trauma Services at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Ohio also says bright colours might make a child more visible to traffic.

"As children begin preparing to return to school, it's important for parents and children to go over safety tips together," Laurence says in a statement. Laurence recommends parents help children:

— Choose the safest route and walk it with them.

— Learn to recognize and obey all traffic signals and markings, to cross at

corners or crosswalks and be sure to look in all directions.

— Remember never to enter the street from between parked cars or from behind bushes or shrubs and to be extra alert in bad weather.

— Cross the street only at a corner or crosswalk.

— Be extra alert in bad weather.

— Never dart out into traffic.—Internet



People take part in an activity named "Slowup" alongside the Lake of Geneva in Geneva, Switzerland, on 2 Aug, 2009. People could ride or walk on the 26-km-long road alongside the Lake of Geneva on Sunday, while the passage of motor vehicles was forbidden on the road. The activity aimed at improving the awareness of environment protection.—INTERNET



Tourists enjoy sand bath in Suma Bay beach in Lianyungang, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 1 Aug, 2009. Thousands of people flocked to the bathing beach to cool themselves.

INTERNET

Singapore reports 6th A/H1N1 related death

SINGAPORE, 3 Aug—Singapore reported on Sunday the country's sixth case of Influenza A/H1N1 related death.

According to Singapore's Ministry of Health, the fatality is a 29-year-old Indian female with no other known underlying medical conditions other than being overweight. She was admitted to local hospital on 25 July with a four-day history of flu-like symptoms and having fainted that morning. She was transferred to the intensive care unit on 26 July because of low oxygen saturation. She passed away Sunday morning and the cause of death is pneumonia with renal failure, with Influenza A/H1N1 infection as a contributing factor.—Internet

Iraq registers 58 A/H1N1 flu cases

BAGHDAD, 3 Aug—The number of A/H1N1 flu cases in Iraq increased to 58, including 38 cases detected among the Multi-National Forces in Iraq, an official Iraqi newspaper reported on Sunday.

"The total number of swine flu cases registered in the country climbed to 58 after detecting ten new cases for Iraqi students who returned from the United States where they studied," the state-run newspaper of al-Sabah quoted Ihsan Jaafar, spokesman of the Iraqi Health Ministry, as saying.—Internet

Vietnam's A/H1N1 flu cases rise to 936

HANOI, 3 Aug—Vietnam's Ministry of Health has confirmed 68 more cases of A/H1N1 influenza, raising the total number of flu patients in the country to 936, the local newspaper the *People's Army* reported on Monday. Among the newly-reported cases, 57 patients were detected in the south, two in the north, nine in the central highland provinces of Vietnam, said the ministry.

Amid the increasing cases of A/H1N1 flu, the National Steering Committee for Human A/H1N1 Influenza Prevention of Vietnam put forward measures to prevent the community-level transmission in the country.—Internet

67 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 3 Aug—A European health agency said on Sunday that 67 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours. Of the new cases, 29 were confirmed in Portugal, nine each in the Czech Republic and Luxembourg, eight each in Slovenia and Hungary, and four in Poland, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.—Internet

Pluto likely to remain a pariah

RIODEJANEIRO, 3 Aug—Pluto's lowered celestial status will probably stick at an upcoming meeting of astronomers in Rio de Janeiro, an American astronomer predicted on Sunday. Pluto was reduced from a full-fledged planet—the ninth in the Earth's solar system—to dwarf planet at a meeting of the International Astronomical Union three years ago in Prague, Czech Republic.

The Houston Chronicle reported Stephen Maran, co-author of the recent book "Pluto Confidential," says politics may keep the only planet discovered by an American astronomer, Clyde Tombaugh, from regaining its former celestial status.

Maran suggests the meeting in Prague, coming during the Iraq war, was tainted by a bit of anti-Americanism, and the union twisted the knife by deciding dwarf planets such as Pluto were not planets. "No resolution was submitted in the past

months, so it is unlikely that the Pluto issue, or any other solar system naming matters, will come before the General Assembly," said Robert Williams, an astronomer in Baltimore who is the group's president-elect.

In Prague, a majority of the 424 who attended voted to lower Pluto to the level of a dwarf planet. Pluto was stripped of its name and given the identifying number of 134340.

Internet

Sleep linked to Parkinson's dementia

ST LOUIS, 3 Aug—A single night's sleep loss caused long-lasting cognitive disruptions in fruit flies comparable to Parkinson's-associated dementia, US researchers say.

The study, published in the journal *Sleep*, modeled Parkinson's-associated dementia in genetically altered fruit flies. The researchers not only found a single night of sleep loss causes long-lasting disruptions in the flies' cognitive abilities comparable to aspects of Parkinson's-associated dementia, but they are able to block this effect by feeding the flies large doses of the spice curcumin. "Clinical trials of curcumin to reduce risk of Parkinson's disease are a future possibility, but for now we are using the flies to learn how curcumin works," study author Dr James Galvin of Washington University in St Louis said in a statement. "This should help us find other compounds that can mimic curcumin's protective effects but are more specific."—Internet



Swimmers take water and prepare to cross over the Qiantang River in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 2 August, 2009. A total of 1300 swimmers took part in the activity of crossing over the Qiantang River on Sunday.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Wenger calms Wilshere hype



Arsenal's English midfielder Jack Wilshere celebrates scoring the third goal against Rangers during the Emirates Cup competition at the Emirates Stadium in London. Arsenal won 3-0.—INTERNET

LONDON, 3 Aug—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger attempted to put a lid on the growing hype surrounding teenage striker Jack Wilshere after the 17-year-old produced a sensational display against Rangers. Wilshere scored the opening goal in the 3-0 win over the Scottish champions which gave the Londoners the Emirates Cup and was a danger all afternoon, a timely display in front of watching England coach Fabio Capello.

INTERNET

Man United deny stealing French teen

MANCHESTER, 3 Aug—Premier League champions Manchester United have dismissed claims they stole 16-year-old midfielder Paul Pogba from French club Le Havre.

United have been accused of offering very large sums to the parents of the teenager, who has captained the national team at under-16 level, to induce him to end a contract he has until the end of this season.

In an angry statement Le Havre said: "This act is even more unacceptable as it comes from a club with such stature."—INTERNET



Premier League champions Manchester United have dismissed claims they stole 16-year-old midfielder Paul Pogba from French club Le Havre.
INTERNET

Carragher wary of rejuvenated Owen

LIVERPOOL, 3 Aug—Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher admitted Sunday he was wary of the threat posed by former teammate Michael Owen at Manchester United. Carragher believes that United boss Sir Alex Ferguson could have pulled off a masterstroke in signing the 29-year-old striker who had an injury-plagued spell at relegated Newcastle.

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INTERNET



Aston Villa stun Juventus to win Peace Cup

SEVILLE, 3 Aug—Aston Villa overcame Italian giants Juventus to win the Peace Cup on penalties on Sunday after both sides had failed to score at the end of extra time.

The Italians, who beat Real Madrid 2-1 in Friday's semi-final, put Martin O'Neill's up-and-coming team under intense pressure in a fast-paced game, played in the southern Spanish city of Seville, in which both sides failed to convert a host of chances. In the end, Carlos Cuellar scored for Villa while Nicola Legrottaglie missed the last spot-kick to give the English Premier League side a 4-3 win on penalties.

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Aston Villa's Nigel Reo-Coker (R) vies with Juventus's Mauro Camoranesi during the final of the Peace Cup Andalusia football match at Olympic's stadium in Seville. Aston Villa overcame Italian giants Juventus to win the Peace Cup on 4-3 penalties.—INTERNET

Beckham ready to turn other cheek to abusive fans

LOS ANGELES, 3 Aug—David Beckham says



David Beckham of the Los Angeles Galaxy walks onto the pitch for a warm up before a friendly match against FC Barcelona at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.
INTERNET

after two clashes with abusive football fans just days apart, he's ready to turn the other cheek and walk away if it happens again.

"He insulted my wife," Beckham said of a spectator at recent MLS game in Kansas City. "If you insult my family members I am going to stick up for my wife and family." But if it happens again I wouldn't even look at him. It is not worth the time and energy."

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Woods wins Buick Open title

WASHINGTON, 3 Aug—World number one Tiger Woods lifted his 69th PGA Tour title on Sunday as the American seized the Buick Open. Woods clinched a three-under 69 on Sunday after finishing at 20-under 268, leading Roland Thatcher by three shots who fired a 64. Greg Chalmers (68) and John Senden (70) followed in third and fourth places.

It was Woods' third victory in the Buick Open and fourth this season. On Sunday, he chased down and caught Thatcher who finished in a much earlier group. Woods made a birdie at number

four to take the sole lead and he doubled his lead with a short birdie putt on number seven.—INTERNET



Tiger Woods holds up the championship trophy after winning the Buick Open PGA golf tournament at Warwick Hills in Grand Blanc, Michigan on 2 Aug, 2009.

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Spurs' Redknapp eyes top four finish

HONG KONG, 3 Aug—Spurs boss Harry Redknapp insists his side can break into the Premier League's top four this season but admits it will be tougher than ever with mega-bucks Manchester City an added threat.

Manchester United, Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal have monopolised the top four places in the league for the past four seasons — and with it the lucrative Champions League qualification berths. Redknapp has tipped Manchester City, bankrolled by their Abu Dhabi billionaire owners, to make a major impact this season but is confident that with a few additions to his squad, Spurs can be challengers.—INTERNET

English Premier League team Tottenham Hotspur's Kyle Naughton (L) succumbs to a clash with Hong Kong club South China's Kwok Kin Pong (R) during their Panasonic Invitation Cup football match at Hong Kong Stadium on 2 August.
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Davydenko brushes aside Ferrero to win Croatia Open

BELGRADE, 3 Aug—Russian top seed Nikolay Davydenko eased to the Croatia Open title on Sunday as he thrashed Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-3, 6-0 Sunday in Umag.

Davydenko, fresh from German Open victory, won nine straight games to close the match in just 51 minutes for his 16th career title. He had returned to playing in Hamburg last week after missing nearly four months due to injuries.

He didn't drop a set all week in Umag and is now 18-3 since the French Open. Fifth seed Ferrero was playing in his first event since reaching the Wimbledon quarterfinals.—INTERNET

Bartoli upsets Williams to capture Stanford tennis

STANFORD, 3 Aug—Marion Bartoli avenged a Wimbledon loss to Venus Williams, winning a marathon final at the WTA Bank of the West Classic 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 at the American's expense. Frenchwoman Bartoli was beaten by Williams for the All England club final two years ago. Bartoli's bitter memory was still fresh as she struck back in the three-set thriller lasting two and three-quarters hours in northern California.

"It was great to play

Venus again," said the Frenchwoman, "I have a lot of good memories from Wimbledon." Bartoli lost the title match here a year ago to Canadian Aleksandra Wozniak. She was unable to beat Williams in straight sets while leading a set and 5-4, failing to serve out the victory. Bartoli will move up two spots in the rankings to 12th on Monday after claiming her second title of 2009 and the fifth of her career.—INTERNET

Marion Bartoli of France returns a shot to Venus Williams during the first set of their final match of the Bank of the West Classic in Stanford, California. Bartoli upset Williams 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.—INTERNET





Two visitors look at the miniature of rocket Ariane 4 made by European Space Agency, at the Euro Space Centre in Luxembourg Province, some 130 kilometers southeast of Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 1 Aug, 2009.

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China steel makers striving for unified price

BEIJING, 3 Aug—China's steel industry association said on Friday that it plans this year to unify the spot and long-contract prices for the country's iron ore imports.

It will also set a ceiling for charges levied by import trading firms, as part of an effort to regulate the market.

The proposal was the top item of discussion at the steel industry body's two-day semiannual meeting, said Luo Bingsheng, deputy chairman of the China Iron and Steel Association (CISA), at a press conference.

The term prices negotiated with global miners should become a benchmark unified price, and the import agencies could charge 3-5 percent in commission on top of the term prices, Luo said.

The move aims to regulate excess iron ore import by steel makers and trading firms, which distorted the supply and demand balance and disrupted the annual contract talks, Luo said.

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MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (4-8-2009) (Tuesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

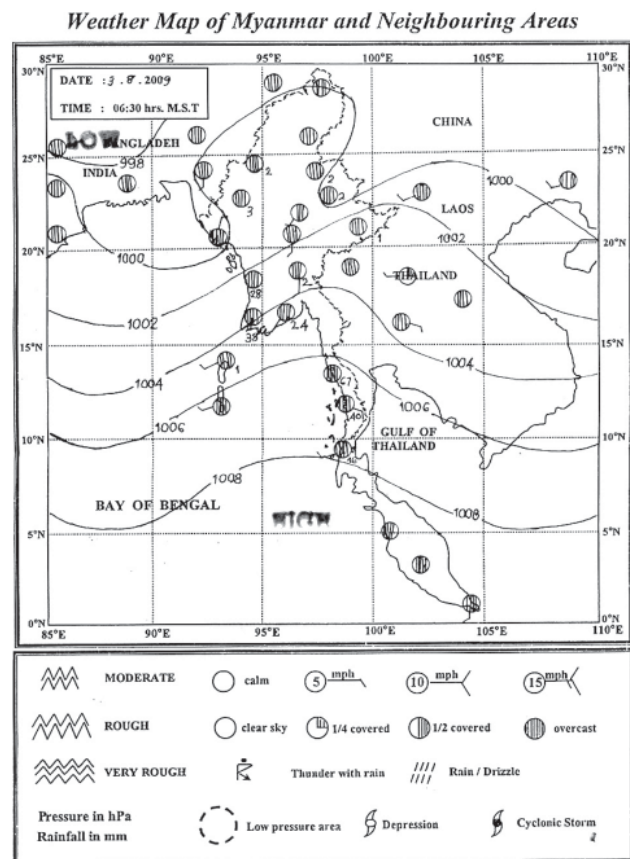
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Myanma Art of Making items in gold
- * Thabotseik Village on Seaside
- * Myanmar Traditional Morionette Theatre (Part- VIII)
- * In All the Ananda's Glory
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Myanma Art of Making items in gold
- * Myanmar Traditional Morionette Theatre (Part-VIII)
- * Wonderful Tofu
- * In All the Ananda's Glory
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Pickled Featherback
- * Gibbon Survey (Part-I)
- * National Dance
- * Myanmar Handcrafted Instruments made in Leather
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Rakhine Traditionals Wrestling
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Monday, 3rd August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State, fairly widespread in Shan State and Upper Sagaing and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (0.23) inch, Thaton (5.27) inches, Lounglon (4.69) inches and Dawei (2.79) inches, Hpa-an (2.13) inches and Minbu (0.07) inch.

Maximum temperature on 2-8-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 3-8-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 3-8-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 2-8-2009 was (1.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-8-2009 was (0.90) inch at Mingaladon, (0.98) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.10) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (74.13) inches at Mingaladon, (82.44) inches at Kaba-Aye and (85.04) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (21:30) hours MST on 2-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 4th August 2009: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States and Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-8-2009: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-8-2009: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-8-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Time	Programme
7:00 am	1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ခေါ်ပရိတ်တရားတော်
7:15 am	2. အပွင့်လှပစိမ်း (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း၊ တေးရေး-ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
7:25 am	3. To Be Healthy Exercise
7:30 am	4. Morning News
7:40 am	5. Nice & Sweet Song
7:55 am	6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:00 am	7. Song of Yester Years
8:25 am	8. Dance of National Races
8:40 am	9. International News
8:45 am	10. “ကျွန်းမာသန်ထူးညက်မြင့်မား”
4:00 pm	1. Martial Song
4:10 pm	2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
4:20 pm	3. Musical programme
4:30 pm	4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံ

ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပဉ္စမအကြိမ် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ဒုတိယဆု) (အထက်(၁)သန်လျင်) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)	5:45 pm	10. တန်ခိုးကြီးမားထင်ရှား အကျော်ရာမဏိစူဠာ ကောင်းမှုစေတီတော်	
4:50 pm	5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)	6:00 pm	11. Evening News
5:05 pm	6. Songs for uphold National Spirit	6:10 pm	12. Weather Report
5:10 pm	7. “မင်းမသိသေးပါဘူးကွာ”	6:15 pm	13. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
5:25 pm	8. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies	6:30 pm	14. ဆိုလိုက်ကြဆို
5:40 pm	9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ	7:00 pm	15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တစ်နေ့နိုးဖူးစာ” (အပိုင်း-၄)
		8:00 pm	16. News
			17. International News
			18. Weather Report
			19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေ့မေတ္တာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Shwegyin River water level to fall below danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug — According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is 7.6 cm and it has exceeded by 16 cm (about 0.5 foot) above its danger level. It may fall below the danger level (700 cm) during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

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Confluence of Maykha and Malikha rivers, a picturesque place in Kachin State



Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

Kachin State in the northernmost part of Myanmar is an area full of mountain ranges, natural forests, rivers, creeks and lakes, where the Ayeyawady River flowing from north to south rises.

The region where the Maykha River and the Malikha River meet to form the Ayeyawady River, Sumprabum and Putao are famous tourist attractions in Kachin State.

On our recent tour around Kachin State, our media crew from the Myanma Alin dropped in the confluence of the Maykha and Malikha rivers, accompanied by Township Reporter U Hla Than Myint (Maung Pyone Myint, Balu) and U Sein Win of Myitkyina District Red Cross Society.

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The confluence of the Maykha River and the Malikha River.

Seventh patient infected with A(H1N1) discharged

Remaining six getting better

No more infected patient found

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Aug—Of the 13 A(H1N1)-infected patients, six were discharged from hospitals as they had recovered from their illness. The remaining seven were still under treatment – three at Waibagi Hospital, two at Yangon General Hospital, one at Yangon East Hospital and one at Insein General Hospital.

The seventh 25-year-old infected man was discharged from the hospital today and surveillance measures against the patient's family members were halted. Now there are only six patients being treated—two at Waibagi Hospital, two at Yangon General Hospital, one at Yangon East Hospital and one at Insein General Hospital. They are kept in separate rooms of the hospitals and they are getting better now. The Ministry of Health continues screening flu-suspected persons and no more patient has been found.—MNA

Human language and dolphin movement patterns

ABERDEEN, 3 Aug — Two researchers from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC) and the University of Aberdeen in the United Kingdom have

shown for the first time that the law of brevity in human language, according to which the most frequently-used words tend to be the shortest, also extends to

other animal species. The scientists have shown that dolphins are more likely to make simpler movements at the water surface.

"Patterns of dolphin behaviour at the surface obey the same law of brevity as human language, with both seeking out the simplest and most efficient codes", Ramón Ferrer i Cancho, co-author of the study published in the journal *Complexity* and a researcher in the Department of Languages and IT Systems at the UPC, tells SINC.—Internet



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