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Theme for ASEAN Day celebration this year is "Green ASEAN" ASEAN member states should maintain green environment, give prior to its development

Senior General Than Shwe sends congratulatory message on occasion of 42nd Anniversary of ASEAN Day

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—It gives me great pleasures to extend my warmest congratulations to the Association of the Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the occasion of the 42nd Anniversary of the founding of the Association.

I am delighted to note that ASEAN, formed on 8 August 1967 with the founding members of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, now embraces 10 Southeast Asian Nations and its peoples are living together in peace, stability, friendship, sharing mutual understanding and trust, and engaging in comprehensive and closer cooperation.

The entry into force of the ASEAN Charter in December 2008 and the signing of the Cha-am Hua Hin Declaration on Roadmap for the ASEAN Community in March, 2009 were significant milestones in the history of ASEAN. Through the Charter, ASEAN will

be able to enshrine the values and principles that had been shaped by its history and experiences in the last four decades. And the Roadmap for the ASEAN Community which replaces the Vientiane Action Programme shall ensure the promotion of ASEAN peoples to benefit fully from the process of ASEAN integration and community building.

ASEAN has experienced many challenges such as terrorism, financial crisis, food and energy price instability, climate change, pandemic diseases and territorial disputes and has demonstrated its collective resilience and vigilance to these crises.

The recent ASEAN+3 agreement to increase the size of Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralisation (CMIM) would contribute to regional financial stability and safeguard the region from the global financial crisis. Since agriculture plays an important role to provide food security, alleviate

poverty and ensure sustainable development, we look forward to strengthening joint collaboration and transfer of technology in this field. For energy security, it is required collaborative efforts by regional and global community to ensure greater security and sustainability.

As the theme for the ASEAN Day celebration this year is "Green ASEAN", the ASEAN member states should maintain the green environment and give prior to its development. The Green ASEAN encompasses elements of an ASEAN Community that is environmentally friendly and economically resilient in the face of the global financial crisis.

While congratulating the 42nd anniversary of the ASEAN Day, I would like to express my best wishes for achieving the noble goals of the ASEAN Community with peace, stability and social and economic developments for the peoples of ASEAN.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe congratulates Indonesian President

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on his re-election as President of the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein congratulates Indonesian President

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on his re-election as President of the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

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Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addresses meeting (1/2009) of CCDAC

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addressed the meeting (1/2009) of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control

(CCDAC) held at the headquarters of Myanmar Police Force here this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of CCDAC Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo,

Vice-chairmen Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, (See page 7)



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PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 8 August, 2009

Eliminate narcotic drugs with people's power

The problem of narcotic drugs is a concern of every country and every region in the world. Narcotic drugs bring harm not only to the users themselves but also to their families and the social environment. Therefore, it is the duty of every individual and every nation to work together to eliminate the danger of narcotic drugs.

Production of and traffic in narcotic drugs such as raw opium, opium oil, liquid opium and marijuana is widespread all over the world. Various kinds of stimulant tablets produced with chemicals are also being widely used. Therefore, Myanmar is trying to curb narcotic drugs production and trafficking with the power of people.

In Myanmar, the government is implementing the 15-year plan for eliminating narcotic drugs and, due to the active and enthusiastic participation of the entire people, its anti-drug campaigns are meeting with success. The government is still raising the momentum of its fight against narcotic drugs. On 1 August, the special anti-drug squad of Shan State (South) seized about 200,000 stimulant tablets.

Not only that, more than eighty acres of poppy plantations in Loilem, Pinlaung and Pekhonn townships in Shan State (South) were also destroyed with the cooperation of local people. Poppy plantations destroyed in various states and divisions this year have exceeded nine thousand acres.

As opium, heroin and other narcotic drugs, including stimulant tablets produced with chemicals, is threatening the entire mankind and the social environment, the government and the entire national people will have to continue their fight against narcotic drugs till the danger is totally wiped out.

1031 kg of caffeine powder seized in Shan State (South)

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—Members of security force from Kenglat of Shan State (South) during their patrols seized 26 bags of white powder weighing about 1031 kg assumed to be narcotic drugs put in a canvas bag on 4 August while searching for Eton car heading to Kenglat from Tarlay.

According to the investigation of authorities concerned, it is known that; the owner of the car is U Aik Mon, 33, son of U Aik In, who lives at No 3/290, Wankyain ward of Kenglat; the seized drugs were brought from the site near Mekong river about last three days and then put on the car; the car was seized by authority concerned while delivering the drugs to Tarlay; the seized white powder is caffeine powder used in production of narcotic drugs; authority concerned is making investigation into the case in order to expose car owner U Aik Mon and accomplices.—MNA

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

Supervisory Committee for Secure and Smooth Transport meets

YANGON, 7 Aug—A coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Secure and Smooth Transport took place at the meeting hall of Yangon Command this evening. Chairman of the committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint gave an opening speech on to traffic rules enforcement, secure and smooth

transport.

Next, responsible persons from Universities and Colleges, departmental officials and chairmen of the private bus lines reported on ferry service for students, traffic rules enforcement, secure and smooth transport. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the commander.

MNA

A&I Minister receives guests



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Mr. Liu Yanhua and party of China Gezhouba Group Co. Ltd.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug —Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Vice-Chairman Mr. Sumit Mazumder of Myanmar Tractors Ltd and party and Vice-Chairman Mr. Liu Yanhua and party of China Gezhouba Group Co. Ltd of the People's Republic of China at his office here at 3.30 p.m. and 4 p.m. on 4 August separately.

Also present at the call were departmental heads.—MNA

F&R Ministry holds 6th monsoon tree-growing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Aug—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended 6th monsoon tree-planting ceremony held at head office of Internal Revenue Department here today.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun grew a tree and so did Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor U Than Nyein of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Directors-General, Managing Directors and staff of Internal Revenue Department.

Similarly, staff grew plants at the plantations of Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanmar Economic Bank and Budget Department.

Altogether 2,260 plants were grown at 6th monsoon tree-planting ceremony. Altogether 17,375 plants have been grown so far.

In the afternoon, the minister delivered an address at coordination meeting on of the Ministry held at the meeting hall of the ministry.

Directors-General and Managing Directors reported to the minister on tasks being undertaken by each department and so did the deputy minister. Afterwards, the minister made a concluding remark.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun plants a tree.

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Seminar on sciences held

YANGON, 7 Aug — Seminar on sciences (4/2009) was held in commemoration of 10th anniversary of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Sciences at the Arts Hall of Yangon University this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Sciences U Than Oo gave an opening speech and Professor Dr Tin Tun of Yangon University extended greetings. Patron of the seminar Rector Dr Soe Yin of

Yangon University explained the objectives of the seminar and introduced participants to those present.

Next, Rector (Retd) Dr Maung Di, Professors (Retd) Dr Kyaw Htin, Dr Maung Thein, Dr Sein Tun, U Kyaw Myint Oo and Dr Kyaw Thein discussed Learning and Research for a Better Tomorrow and answered the quarries raised by those present.

MNA

Uruguayan President rejects US military bases in Colombia

MONTEVIDEO, 7 Aug—Uruguayan President Tabare Vazquez voiced his opposition on Thursday to a pending US-Colombia deal on boosting US military presence in Colombia.

Vazquez expressed his stand while meeting with his Colombian counterpart Alvaro Uribe, said a press release issued by Vazquez's office.

The Uruguayan president "reaffirmed" the long-term stand his country has held "against

the existence of the establishment of foreign military bases not only in Paraguay but also in any part of Latin America," it said.

Vazquez also said that there must be the "full observance of the non-intervention principle on internal issues of countries."

Vazquez met Thursday morning with Uribe during the latter's whirlwind seven-nation tour which was designed to head off regional

concerns over the pending deal. Under the pact, Washington could gain access to at least seven Colombian military bases by the year 2019, and in return, Washington would offer Bogota some 5 billion US dollars in aid.

Though Washington and Bogota have said the plan was designed to strengthen Colombia's anti-drug and anti-rebel efforts, many South American countries have voiced their concerns.

Xinhua



People walk past a post office in New York, the United States, on 6 Aug, 2009. The US Postal Service (USPS) has been struggling with a sharp decline in mail volume as people and businesses switch to e-mail both for personal contact and bill paying. USPS is planning to close several hundreds of post offices, the latest cost-cutting step for its scrambling to deal with a projected 7 billion USD deficit this fiscal year and larger losses in 2010. —XINHUA

Iraq's Kirkuk explosion kills five, wounds 36

BAGHDAD, 7 Aug—At least 5 people were killed and 36 injured on Thursday during an explosion in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, police source said.

A car bomb was detonated near a restaurant in Rehim Awo, northern district of Kirkuk, some 250 kilometres north of Baghdad. The blast killed 5 and wounded at least 36 people.

Sporadic attacks continue in Iraqi cities despite the US and Iraqi officials announced a relative lull in violence during the past months.

Xinhua



A wounded man is treated in a hospital in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, where an explosion occurred, killing 5 people and injured 36 on 6 Aug, 2009. —XINHUA

Indonesian police nab hotel cook linked to bomb attacks

JAKARTA, 7 Aug—Indonesian police have arrested a hotel cook in Jakarta for his alleged role in the recent Kuningan hotel bombings and possible connection with the country's most wanted terrorist Noordin M Top,

local media reported on Friday.

Yayan, 28, worked as a cook at Gran Melia Hotel. He was arrested at home on Wednesday, the *Jakarta Post* quoted a police officer as saying on Friday.

However, Jakarta police spokesman Comr. Chrysnanda Dwi Laksono did not comment on the arrest by saying "If we shared every detail of the investigation then, it could be counterproductive to our efforts." —Xinhua

California company recalls beef linked with salmonella outbreak

LOS ANGELES, 7 Aug—A beef company in Fresno, central California is recalling hundreds of thousands of ground beef products suspected of being linked with an outbreak of salmonella, sources at the company confirmed on Thursday.

Earlier, the US Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service USDA announced that Beef Packers Inc is recalling 825,769 pounds of ground beef produced between 5 June, 2009 through 23 June.

This was the biggest beef recall so far this year.

The beef has been distributed to retail distribution centers in Arizona,

California, Colorado and Utah, according to the department.

The recall involved beef products which bear the establishment number "EST. 31913" printed on case code labels.

Because the beef was repackaged under different retail names, consumers should check with the store they bought beef from to determine if they've purchased any recalled beef, the USDA said.

The investigation began after a Salmonella outbreak in Colorado. USDA officials traced it back to the Fresno plant.

Xinhua

Roadside bomb kills four US troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, 7 Aug—Four US soldiers were killed on Thursday in a roadside bomb attack in western Afghanistan, NATO forces said.

The four troops "died after their vehicle struck an improvised explosive device (IED)," NATO said in a statement.

NATO didn't release more details of the attack.

The incident came as new NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen made his first visit to Afghanistan on Wednesday.

Xinhua

US cost in Afghanistan may soar

KABUL, 7 Aug—US costs in Afghanistan could soar if it is decided to boost substantially the size of the Afghan military and police force, experts warn.

Such a situation could arise if a policy review by US Commander Gen Stanley McChrystal concludes with a recommendation to increase the combined strength of the army and police to 400,000, the *Financial Times* reported. The cost could be about \$20 billion over five years.

The report said current Afghan national army strength is about 86,000 and there are about 80,000 police.

"Afghan security forces need to grow to somewhere in the neighbourhood of 400,000, which is being looked at by the McChrystal review," retired Gen Jack Keane, one of the architects of the surge in Iraq, told the *Financial Times*.

"The Afghan army has to increase significantly," Sen John McCain, R-Ariz, has said. "And that's going to be a huge cost."

Internet



A worker dusts a Japanese auto giant Toyota Motor's hybrid Prius at the company's showroom in Tokyo. Nissan's upcoming all-electric car could outsell hybrids like Toyota's Prius even though it can't drive more than about 100 miles (160 kilometers) without stopping to recharge, a senior executive said. —INTERNET



Chinese Hong Kong freighter *Jin Zhou* berthes at the port of Karistos, Greece, on 5 Aug 2009. The cargo freighter of *Jin Zhou* clashed with a Greek freighter on 4 Aug, with both slightly damaged in the accident.

XINHUA

S Korea, India sign bilateral trade pact

SEOUL, 7 Aug—South Korea and India signed a bilateral trade pact here on Friday to cut duties and boost cooperation between the two countries, according to *Yonhap's* report. The two sides agreed to cut duties on such goods as auto parts and electronics, said the report.

Having launched negotiations in March 2006, the two countries have been pushing for the so-called comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) to lower import tariffs on cars and other manufactured items.

The CEPA, a similar form of free trade agreements, includes trade in goods and services and investments, along with chapters on competition and intellectual property rights. The two countries expect the accord to go into effect early next year after South Korea's parliament ratifies the pact, according to the report.

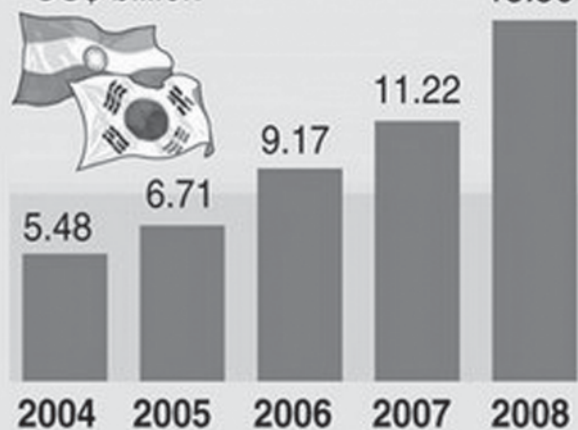
Overall, the CEPA is expected to boost bilateral trade by as much as 3.3 billion US dollars annually, according to estimates of Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP).—*Xinhua*

India-S.Korea trade

Free trade pact between the two countries signed Friday

Trade balance

US\$ billion



Source: Korea International Trade Association

070809 AFP

Chart showing annual trade value between South Korea and India 2004-2008. Asian economic powerhouses South Korea and India Friday signed a pact to scrap or reduce most trade tariffs over the next decade, giving Seoul a head start over its rivals in a market of 1.1 billion people.—INTERNET

Emerging economies to grow stronger

SINGAPORE, 7 Aug—Emerging economies are likely to grow as the world's largest economies over the next 10 to 15 years, said Government of Singapore Investment Corp (GIC) deputy chairman and executive director Tony Tan on Thursday.

He said that the emerging economies will displace the G-7, even if per capita incomes will still lag behind the developed economies, adding that

this relative outperformance will be driven by larger savings and domestic demand potential, relatively healthy public and private sector balance sheets, policy flexibility, and room for significant productivity catch-up.

"The current great crisis has markedly accelerated such trends," he said.

Speaking at the annual Economic Society of Singapore dinner, he said that medium-term prospects for China and India are positive, even as they face

difficult structural challenges going forward.

Beyond China and India, prospects vary across Asia. Countries that are more dependent on exports and capital inflows, have less healthy balance sheets, and have significant structural impediments such as political uncertainty will fare less well. By contrast, economies with large potential internal markets and which are also more complementary to China and India will benefit.

Xinhua



People queue at Development Bank of Singapore (DBS) automated teller machines to withdraw money in Singapore. DBS Group said on Friday net profit fell 15 percent in the June quarter from a year ago, beating expectations but analysts voiced concern over growing non-performing loans.

INTERNET

Nasdaq, Bats to shut down flash order system

NEW YORK, 7 Aug—Nasdaq OMX Group Inc, one of the largest US stock exchange, and Bats Global Markets said on Thursday that they will stop allowing brokerages to make so-called flash orders, which gave some investors an unfair advantage.

Nasdaq will shut down the system on 1 Sept, while Bats will also quit the practice on the same day, according to reports.

As a trading technique, flash orders give high-frequency traders using lightning-fast computers an unfair advantage.—*Xinhua*

Brazilian economist calls for new international economic order

BRASILIA, 7 Aug—A new international economic order, with more technology transfer and regional power centers, is necessary to achieve equality among countries, a Brazilian economist said on Thursday.

Marcio Pochmann, president of the Institute of Applied Economic Research (Ipea), told *Xinhua* that the Brazilian government's social policies have boosted the domestic market, reduced poverty in the middle of the ongoing economic crisis and promoted the country's economic growth in 2009.

"The policies implemented in Brazil during the economic crisis have regulated its domestic market and will help the country go through the crisis without depending on other countries," said Pochmann.

He also noted that the new economic order is related to better integration between trade and production, as well as technology transfer which can reduce the dependence on technology-owner countries.—*Xinhua*

EgyptAir orders 737s, drops order for 777s

SEATTLE, 7 Aug—Boeing Co and EgyptAir announced on Thursday that the airline has ordered eight more 737-800 planes, dropping a previous order for two 777s.

EgyptAir has seven 737-800s in operation and is taking delivery of an additional five 737-800s this year. And it has five 777s in its fleet and is scheduled to receive six 777-300ERs beginning next year.

EgyptAir Chairman Capt Tawfik Assy said the airline is pursuing a fleet plan that will allow it to expand its regional markets and offer passengers "extensive international routing options."—*Internet*

Japan Airlines books \$1 billion loss in 1Q

TOKYO, 7 Aug—Japan Airlines Corp said on Friday it posted a \$1 billion loss in the April-May quarter, larger than its loss for all of last year, as ticket sales suffered due to the weak economy and swine flu fears.

Asia's biggest airline said its net loss was 99 billion yen (\$1 billion), versus a 3.4 billion yen loss a year earlier. Sales fell 32 percent to 334.9 billion yen from billion yen.

JAL, which is in the midst of a massive restructuring, said income fell across both domestic and international routes, as well as its shipping business. The company said the losses came despite lower outlays for fuel and wages, in part because of lower income from fuel surcharges during the period.—*Internet*



Japan Airlines (JAL) planes taxi at Haneda Airport in Tokyo. Japan Airlines, Asia's biggest carrier, announced Friday a net loss of 99.04 billion yen (1.0 billion dollars) for the fiscal first quarter, blaming the global economic downturn and swine flu.—INTERNET



An employee presents a gold model of "China Pavilion" in Shanghai, east China, on 6 Aug, 2009. The first gold model of "China Pavilion" of Shanghai 2010 World Expo was issued here on Thursday.—XINHUA

Islanders' concern over climate change is worrisome

CAIRNS, 7 Aug—Almost half of the islanders are living about 1.5 km to seashore and their concern over climate change is worrisome, Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said here on Friday.

Delivering opening remarks at the 21st Post Forum Dialogue Partners' Plenary Session held after the conclusion of the 40th Pacific Islands Forum, Rudd briefed the session about the Forum Commu-

niqué issued at the end of the Forum on Thursday.

He renewed Australia's stance to tackle climate change and new challenges posed on small islands of limited access to water, security of pacific communities, greater health of islanders, and obliteration that threatens some habitats and island states.

Wang Yongqiu, special envoy for the China-Pacific Islands Forum Dialogue, Chief of Chinese

delegation was present in the plenary session. He will deliver a speech on Future-oriented Relationship between China and the Pacific Island Countries later in the day.

The 40th Pacific Islands Forum concluded here on Thursday with 15 heads of the island nations calling for strengthening development coordination in the pacific region and action on climate change.

Xinhua

Two Canadians, one Filipino killed in flood in N Philippines

MANILA, 7 Aug—Two Canadian tourists and a Filipino were killed when they were swept away in a flashflood along a river in the northern Philippine province of Tarlac Thursday afternoon amid strong rains, local media reported on Friday.

The bodies of the Canadians — a man and a woman — and the Filipino were found along the O'Donnell River on Friday morning but have yet to be identified, Governor Victor Yap was quoted by the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* in an online report.

The victims were part of three groups of nine Canadians and three Koreans who went there for a trek to Mt Pinatubo's crater, Yap said. Mt Pinatubo is a volcano about 90 kilometers north of Manila on the Philippine island of Luzon. The volcano erupted in June 1991 after more than five centuries of slumber.—Xinhua

20,000 evacuated in SE China for typhoon Morakot

FUZHOU, 7 Aug—More than 20,000 people have been evacuated from their homes in southeast China's coast of Fujian Province where strong typhoon Morakot is predicted to land on Saturday.

The provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters said on Friday morning that about 34,000 vessels had been recalled to harbors and 21,190 people in the cities of Ningde, Putian and Fuzhou had been relocated to safe areas.

Waves as high as 6 meters were already hitting the coastal area on Friday, and the provincial meteorological observatory said they could reach up to 9 meters as the typhoon came closer.—Xinhua



Soldiers help fishermen go to safe zone in the rain in Taizhou City, east China's Zhejiang Province, 6 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Three injured in NZ shooting

WELLINGTON, 7 Aug—Three people were shot and injured after a fight at a house in New Zealand's North Island city of Palmerston North early on Friday morning.

The two women and one man, all in their 20s, were taken to Palmerston North Hospital. None had life threatening injuries, a police spokesman said.

A police statement said the shooting was likely to be "gang related."

Xinhua



Some children perform with the symphony 'You and Me', the theme song of Beijing Olympics, in a musical concert at Beijing Olympic Forest Park to commemorate the first anniversary of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, capital of China, on 6 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

29 foreign warships to participate in Indonesia's marine activities

JAKARTA, 7 Aug—As many as 29 foreign warships will participate in Indonesia's Sail Bunaken 2009, an international event for sharing new experience and exploring the marine beauty, in Indonesia's North Sulawesi Province, the *Kompas* daily quoted an official as saying on Friday.

The warships will take part in the main programme of Sail Bunaken 2009 on 14 to 19 Aug. One of them would be USS George Washington, a famous mother ship from the United States.

All warships are scheduled to arrive in waters of North Sulawesi's Bitung on 14 Aug and will take turn to berth at Bitung port for public visit.

On 19 Aug evening, the warships, including 10 Indonesian ones, will pass the podium where President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono will give salute.

The Sail Bunaken will also perform attraction of fighter jets that will take off on the USS George Washington's runway.

Other activity will be an effort to break the world's record of diving where 2,200 divers will be in the water for Indonesia's independence commemoration ceremony in Manado's Malalayang waters. The previous world's record was booked by 958 divers in the Maldives waters in 2007.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Two suspected bombers arrested in Nepali capital

KATHMANDU, 7 Aug—Nepali police arrested two armed group members with explosives — including an Indian national — in capital Kathmandu, local newspaper *The Kathmandu Post* reported on Friday.

The two people belong to Janatantrik Tarai Mukti Morcha-Rajan Mukti Samuha (JTMM-R, Rajan Mukti Samuha faction of "Terai Democratic Liberation Front"), an underground armed outfit active in south Nepal's Terai plains.

They were arrested with three grenades, two socket bombs, and two hand grenades from Nagdhunga on Tuesday.

According to a senior police officer, the arrests have "prevented potentially heavy casualty inside the Valley."

The arrested were identified as Prakash Kumar Karna and Mithilesh Kumar Yadav. Karna is in charge of JTMM-R Saptari district in south Nepal, while Yadav is from India.

Based on the duo's confessions, Nepali police said they had planned to plant the bombs in different public places inside Kathmandu.—Xinhua

We will keep rowing the boat - - - - - we will soon have peace and quiet

Maung Hmat

As far as I know, development is directly related to peace and stability. Without peace and stability, there can be no development at all. Accordingly, the government of Myanmar has given priority to peace and stability in its drive for development. Needless to say, peace and stability is vitally important to our nation and its entire people.

The entire Myanmar people really value peace and stability their nation has already achieved. Everyone who is no stranger to unrest and instability will realize the value of peace and stability.

In fact, no one desires unrest and violence. Throughout the history of their nation, Myanmar people have experienced the perils of political splits, internal insurgencies, wars, strikes, violence and anarchy. The period between 1948 and 1988 was fraught with fighting and killings. I wouldn't like to experience the events and situations in that 40-year period again even in a dream.

It is known to all that the Tatmadaw government, since its assumption of State responsibilities, has done everything possible for peace and stability in the interest of the nation and the people. As a result, peace and stability the entire people have longed for is prevailing all-over the nation. They are now in a position to be able to enjoy the fruits of development that accompanies peace and stability. **There isn't anyone who is not happy with health, education, social and economic improvements. This being the case, it is natural that we are against any kind of instigation, attempts and acts that could jeopardize peace and stability already achieved.**

I have every reason for saying these things. Recently, it is heard, there have been some people who are trying to instigate violence and riots by capitalizing on the news report that the court postponed passing the final sentence in the case of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the grounds that

there were some legal points to be reviewed. Some said that the government postponed the verdict just because it wanted to avoid 8 August when disturbances broke out in 1988. Some speculated that there were some weaknesses in the law regarding this case. Some even tried to make political profit out of the situation. Anyhow, it is obvious that there are people within and without who are plotting to do something unscrupulous.

Anti-government groups in the nation gathered to pray for the release of Daw Suu Kyi, lighting candles and reciting mantras. I could not but hear some people saying that they would do this and that if Daw Suu Kyi was given a prison sentence. It was said that the so-called Pyithu Hluttaw-representing committee was about to write to US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to demand the release of Daw Suu Kyi. There were even some people who were trying to instigate violence and riots by saying, "August 8 may be avoided but people's anger and anti-government sentiments can't."

These are the campaigns carefully orchestrated by local and foreign media. Expatriates are trying to get themselves ready to grasp the chance and profit from the situation with "a very noble political belief". Moreover, the so-called Sasana Regency based in a foreign country declared that they would stage an international campaign for the release of Daw Suu Kyi by organizing the international community, by meeting international governments and by holding discussions with Myanmar monks with the use of telephone, television and internet. They even say that they would wage a protest stronger and more violent than that of September 2007 if Daw Suu Kyi was given a prison sentence. It is like challenging someone by showing a fist from far away.

Not only that, the so-called All-Myanmar United Force of Sangha, in one of its announcements, called on Myanmar people to get ready as it would stage a violent protest. I hear that it is trying to make use of the student mass as a

major force in the possible protest. Foreign media are competing with each other in broadcasting the voices of anti-government groups.

In fact, the legal proceedings against Daw Suu Kyi will have to go on in accord with the law. However, it is obvious that anti-government groups are trying to make a political attack. They are trying to create a situation to make political profit out of it. In my opinion, it is something that should not be done.

Now, let's consider the possible consequences of their acts. Supposing a crisis occurred the way they want, what would happen? At the thought of a crisis, the first scenes that appear in my mind's eye are those of the 1988 crisis 20 years ago. People took to the streets. They chanted anti-government slogans. They made discordant demands. They killed one another. They destroyed factories and broke into godowns. The entire government machinery went defunct. Troups became powerful. No one could trust or rely on anyone. No one could say definitely whether he would see the morning dawn or not. People had to live in fear. Just the thought of all these chills me to the bone.

Who can say the instigation and acts of anti-government groups would not push the country to those situations again? **Who would take the responsibility for the consequences if people took to the streets and violence and riots broke out? Anti-government groups? Media? Expatriates? International gentlemen who say they are interested in and concerned about Myanmar affairs? If the situation came to this pass, no one would take responsibility and could. It is only our people who will have to take care of our domestic affairs. It is our people who will have to take the consequences, good or bad.** You've made your bed and you must lie on it and a burnt child dreads the fire, as the sayings go.

It is easy to do something violent and destructive. It takes years to nurture a plant till it becomes a big tree but it takes just a little while to fell and destroy it. In the same way, it has taken about 20 years of strenuous effort to achieve peace, stability and development of our country. However, if we let anti-government groups have their own way and destroy peace, stability and development of our nation, all would collapse in a minute. The government and the people have had to work hard together for a long time to make our nation what it is today. Therefore, we can't let anyone to destroy it. We have nurtured a tree and now it is bearing flowers and fruits. At such a time, we can't turn a blind eye to those who are sharpening their knives to chop and fell the tree.

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ministers, deputy ministers, deputy attorney-general, chairmen and members of work committees of CCDAC, and guests.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said that CCDAC was founded in 1976 under the chairmanship of Home Affairs Minister. Since then, it was reformed in sequence and was last reformed on 2 January 2009 with 24 members.

Today's meeting is to focus on review on attempts for accomplishment of 15-year drugs elimination plan which is now in first year of third phase 5-year-plan, encouragement of poppy-substitute farming for elimination of poppy cultivation.

In accordance with the objective of the State, drugs elimination plan designed as 15 year plan from 1999 to 2014 have been undertaken with two strategies and three tactics. A total number of 51 townships in Shan State, Shan State (East), Shan State (North), Kachin, Kayah, and Chin States were set as top prioritized regions of the plan and drug elimination tasks are well under way.

Myanmar signed MoUs on Drug Abuse Control with China, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam in 1995 and is participating in regional drug abuse control activities. Myanmar became a member of ASEAN in 1997 and attended the 20th ASEAN High-ranking officials' Meeting on Drug Abuse Control as the member country. Myanmar is also actively taking part in drug elimination activities in ASEAN region.

Establishment of Drug Free ASEAN 2015 was agreed at 33rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting held in July, 1998 and work plan for supply and demand reduction in ASEAN nations in 2015 is under way. Thus, Myanmar as a member of ASEAN country will also strive for successful realization of Drug Free ASEAN 2015 goal.

In order to expose and destroy poppy cultivation

with greater momentum, Myanmar is undertaking works for surveying poppy cultivation in cooperation with UNODC and have been working in collaboration with NNCC since 2006.

Works such as cultivation, breeding and creation of other job opportunities to earn a living, better transport for competitiveness of the products in market, promotion of health and education knowledge and extended construction of infrastructures of such sectors, and promotion of convictions of "As the threat of Drug is concerned with everybody, We will have to drive it out from the land" are to be implemented from all aspects for poppy growers so as to dissuade them from cultivating poppy and help improve socioeconomic life and raise the earnings of family. Cooperation with regional and international organizations is a must while effective utilization of own resources is instrumental in doing so.



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Ministry of Public Security of People's Republic of China has proposed to Myanmar for further cooperation in poppy- substitute farming. It was agreed that PRC would establish 5 model farms in Kachin and Shan States for reduction of poppy cultivation and ensuring long-term benefit. Meanwhile, works committees are to give necessary assistance in realizing plans for improvement of socioeconomic status of the locals in the region.

As part of its programme for successful implementation of 15-year plan for elimination of narcotic drugs, Supervisory Committee for alternative development work chaired by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs and Work Committee for substitute development work chaired by Director-General of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department will be reformed in order to swiftly and successfully implement substitute development work.

Duties of Supervisory Committee are making supervision and taking responsibilities for policy matters of substitute development work that will be made in cooperation with international bodies. And coordination with international organizations and respective

departments and accessing work are duties of the Work Committee.

It is required to maintain prevailing conditions such as acquiring the information and expose the case based on acquired information, making more cooperation with international community and expose money and properties relating to the narcotic drug cases according to Money Laundering Law.

In conclusion,

- Successful implementation of CCDAC's plan being a national goal, members of CCDAC all Ministries are to do their bits for meeting the target of 15-year plan for elimination of narcotic drugs.
- Works are to be coordinated in order to be in harmony with present conditions.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo said that; today being the first year of the third five-year plan out of 15-year plan for elimination of narcotic drug, tasks to be carried out during the third five-year plan are to be discussed.

Reporting on the substitute cultivation, the minister said that it was found that distribution of annual crop strains, perennial crop saplings and the use of fertilizer, pesticides, insecticidal powder in the second phase 5-year plan rose much more than that of first phase 5-year plan. He reported on breeding tasks, saying that it was able to perform more than target with cash funded by the CCDAC and the ministry in first phase 5-year plan. In second phase 5-year plan, cows, pigs, hens and goats were distributed to SSA U Lwe Mung group, SSNA, PaO YaLaLaPha group, U Phado Aung San, U Saw Thamu He Kayin region, Wanpan region, SSA U Mainsin Shan group, Homain



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region, and SSNA Wanrain (breakaway), KNU/KNLA, Shan State, Shan State (North), Shan State (East), and Kachin States. Model chicken breeding farms were established by Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Product Enterprise in Kutkai, Kaungkha, and Kachin Special Region-5.

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In reality, those who are instigating violence and riots are those who seek only their self-interest. They would not think twice about sacrificing the life and property of people if they were to be in power. Should riots break out, they would not take the front line but just give orders, staying in a safe place. We should know better than to believe the instigation.

Now is the time when most of the nations in the world are working harder for their

development. It is because of peace and stability and diligence of their people that these countries are developing. Some of our neighbouring countries have become Asian tigers that can attract the global attention. Therefore, it is time for us to work in concert for the future of our country and people. It is time for us to work harder for the development of our nation. The government, on its part, have created favourable environments such as peace and stability for development. We can't let anyone to destroy the peace and stability of our nation. It is the duty of us all to nurture the tree of development in the environment of peace and stability.

At a time like this, we must be careful of those trying to stop our progress by instigating violence and riots through various ways and means. It is necessary for us not to make two wrongs. We need to oppose and get rid of the destructive elements. We have to continue our journey. I would like to quote some words from a song. "We will keep rowing the boat - - - - we will soon have peace and quiet." In the same way, we will have to continue our journey in our Union boat in peace and quiet. To be able to do this, we must not believe the instigation of anti-government groups and take the wrong path.

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The minister then reported on healthcare services, saying that there were 26 main healthcare centres, 40 sub healthcare centres, and 2 rehabilitation centres, totalling 68. Healthcare services are being rendered in Shan State (North) with therapies based on community. Researches and training courses were conducted with the assistance of WHO in the second phase 5-year plan. With the aid of WHO, alternative therapy with methadone have been rendered at Yangon Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital and rehabilitation centres in Myitkyina, Mandalay and Lashio since January 2006, with a view to decreasing of evil consequences due to abuse and injection of drugs.

As regards disseminating education to the public, the chairman of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association was added to the Education Dissemination Committee as member on 31 December 1997.

To disseminate education on the menace of narcotic drugs to students, a training on anti-narcotic drugs was given to teachers in Nay Pyi Taw District as an education dissemination task.

As to the rehabilitation tasks, although no courses were conducted at Shwe Pyi Aye and Shwe Pyi Tha Youth Rehabilitation Centres directly commanded by the CCDAC, training were conducted for three times at Shwe Pyi Thit Youth Rehabilitation Centre from 3-12-2007 to 3-4-2009. Now, arrangements are being made to recruit new trainees to conduct Course No. 4/2009.

With respect to law enforcement, work momentum will be accelerated in cooperation with neighbouring countries and international organizations.

Concerning the international cooperation, the Declaration for Drug Free ASEAN 2020 was signed at the 31st ASEAN ministerial meeting in 1998, and the year 2015 was designated as the year to realize the Goal No. 2 instead of 2020 at the 33rd ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in 2000.

At the 28th ASOD meeting held in Hanoi in

Vietnam in 2007, an agreement was reached to draw a work plan for ASEAN Drug Free 2015, and a draft work plan with 55 work programmes has been made.

ASEAN work plan will emerge by adding the current projects implemented by the respective countries into the regional cooperation.

The ASEAN Work Plan was clarified to the respective work sub-committees under CCDAC and based on this work plan, a National Work Plan has to be made.

As regards international cooperation, meetings on trans-border crimes were held and the 11th meeting on trans-border crimes between Myanmar and Thailand was held on 5 and 6 July in 2006 in Samoi Island of Thailand and Myanmar hosted the 12th meeting on trans-border crime on 17 and 18 December 2007 in Nay Pyi Taw. Similarly, the 6th Myanmar-China Trans-border meeting was held on 7 January 2008 in Nay Pyi Taw and the seventh meeting was hosted by China on 17 and 18 December 2008 in Teng Chong, the People's Republic of China.

During the visit of Deputy Minister Mr Zhang Xinfeng of the Ministry of Public Security of PRC from 9 to 13 November 2008 to discuss matters on drug control, agreements were reached to establish five model farms in five special regions, to implement extensive cultivation of elephant foot yam in Kengtung region and to set up orchid farm in Muse, Tima. Now, a work committee comprising experts from both countries is undertaking the tasks for cultivation of substitute-crops.

To reduce infection of HIV/AIDS through drug abuse in countries in the region and to share information, Myanmar sent its delegation abroad three times for study tour, held workshop two times, hosted a meeting and sent trainees to attend courses one time. Jointly organized by UNODC and CCDAC, two projects to reduce HIV/AIDS infection and projects of MANA have been implemented in Tachilek, Taunggyi, Lashio, Muse and Hsenwi regions with added momentum according to the international standard.

As regards conducting survey on poppy cultivation and opium yield, a ground survey has been made in cooperation with UNODC for illegal poppy cultiva-

tion. Moreover, in cooperation with NNCC of PRC, ground surveys on illegal poppy cultivation were made yearly starting from 2006.

In accordance with the strategic goal of total elimination of narcotic drugs in 2014, efforts will be made to hit the target of the third five-year plan to eliminate supply and demand, to ensure law enforcement, to organize locals to cooperate in drug elimination campaigns and to enhance international cooperation.

Next, Vice-Chairman of CCDAC Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on measures being taken for border areas development along with measure for drug elimination, cooperation with UN agencies and INGOs, cultivation of poppy-substitute crops and regional development tasks, health, education and human resource development, income generating and public-based rural development drives.

Vice-Chairman of CCDAC Minister U Nyan Win clarified matters on cooperation with international organizations in the drives for anti-narcotic drugs.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of CCDAC Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe reported on destruction of seized drugs and poppy fields, youth rehabilitation tasks and education dissemination tasks.

On behalf of the Secretary of CCDAC, Deputy Chief of MPF Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win touched upon matters related to progress in implementation of the decisions made at meeting No. 1/2006 of CCDAC held on 5 August 2006.

The chairmen and officials of the Work Committee for Cultivation of Substitute Crops, the Work Committee for Livestock Breeding, the Work Committee for Disseminating Knowledge to Student Youths, the Information Work Committee, the Work Committee for Rehabilitation, the Work Committee for Law Enforcement, the Work Committee for Control of Chemicals, the Work Committee for International Relations and the Work Committee for Giving Treatment reported their respective works.

The Secretary-1 made comments on their reports and the meeting came to a close.—MNA

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Taking advantage of that case, internal and external anti-government groups and subversive groups were plotting in collusion through groundless accusations to incite riots and terrorist acts. Since 14 May 2009, there have been 20 court hearings, and throughout the period, security forces have been taking security measures day and night to ensure stability and peace. We also took all necessary measures in order to avert a gross distortion of the objective conditions due to the attacks of anti-government media. Some media, persons and organizations are reporting that security is being tightened in Yangon with the

intention of deceiving the people into misunderstanding the conditions. We managed to expose some information that terrorist groups based in foreign countries would commit terrorist acts in the nation. I would like to present some of them.

Naing Aung, Kyaw Htet and Zaw Zaw Tun of FDB in Maesot, Thailand, Wai Lin of DPNS, and Kyaw Ko and Aung Thu of ABSDF held a clandestine meeting in the early 2009. They held talks on plans for cooperation to revive their movements, which they have carried out since September 2007, such as political, terrorist and mass protest campaigns in 2009, and to blast strate-

gic sites in Yangon. And they made a decision to accomplish the operations without fail.

At about 3.55 am on 24 May 2009, an electrical staff member exposed a time bomb planted in the ceiling of upper class coach No (5) of down-train No (32) that was due to leave Nay Pyi Taw for Yangon at 5 am. So, we could avert a tragic event that might harm the lives of innocent people.

Tenant U Win Hlaing of No 295 (A), Yaypya Street, Ward (18), Shwepyitha, Yangon, found 65 detonators kept in a white plastic container while he was digging the earth in the compound on 25 May 2009. The detonators belonged to student warrior No 54 Gadon (a) Thet Oo Win of VBSW, (See page 9)

Press Conference on measures taken for security and prevalence of law and order held

YANGON, 7 Aug—Press Conference on measures taken for security and prevalence of law and order of the State was held at Drugs Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady Street and Kyuntaw Street in Kamayut Township here this afternoon. Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Chief of Myanmar Police Force, gave account on present undertakings for security and prevalence of law and order of the State.

The Press Conference was participated by Deputy Attorney General U Myint Naing, departmental heads of ministries, Ambassadors, charges d' affaires, diplomats of embassies, resident representatives and personnel of UN agencies, personnel from social organizations, members of Foreign Correspondent Club, editorial members of local journals and magazines, guests.

Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Chief of MPF gave account on current undertakings for security and prevalence of law and order of the State. (The clarification of Brig-Gen Khin Yi is reported separately.)

Next, Chief of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi replied to the queries raised by those present and the Press Conference came to an end at 3:15 pm.

Afterwards, diplomats, journalists, and guests observed documentary photos on destructive acts of terrorists, photos on explosion in No 18 Ward of Shwepyitha Township occurred at 17:30 hrs on 19-10-2008, documentary photos of American citizen John William Yettaw who entered Myanmar and committed illegal acts, announcements on terrorist acts of VBSW, critical remarks of foreign media on security operations, documentary photos on plots that were exposed in advance, photos and records on exposing terrorist and destructive acts at home.

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Documentary photos on terrorist acts, explosion in ward 18, Shwepyitha Township, US citizen Mr John William Yettaw, announcements on terrorist acts of VBSW, attacks of foreign media over security measures, exposing of subversive and destructive acts



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 who died in the accident that happened while he was planting a time bomb in Yangon on 19 October 2008. Gadon (a) Thet Oo Win hid the explosives to be used in terrorist attacks in the earth while he was staying in the house. If Gadon (a) Thet Oo Win had not died of the accidental bomb explosion and the explosives had not been found, many innocent people would have fallen victim to terrorist attacks. That event shows that we must take security measures thoroughly and constantly

in order to protect the people.
 We were informed that on 9 June 2009, KNU designated a famous pagoda near Mawlamyine-Yangon-Pyinmana Road as a gathering point to meet members of Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors (VBSW), who would enter the nation along Phaya Thonzu-Mawlamyine Road via Thailand to launch bomb attacks. They also had a plan to organize some hardcore people along the route, who would commit terrorist acts on their behalf.
 In addition, anti-government groups outside the nation plotted to commit terrorist acts during United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's visit to Myanmar, and VBSW announced that it would step up

terrorist attacks if Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was convicted.
 We also exposed that Mr John of Maesot gave instructions on phone to the hardcore members in the nation to launch bomb attacks in Yangon by 20 July 2009 and in Nay Pyi Taw by 20 June.
 We exposed that Ko Nyan (a) Bo Nyan and Ko Kein (a) major Kein of ABSDF were active in Bangkok, Maesot, Chiangmai, Mae Hong Son and Maesulin in Thailand, and they held discussions with KNPP leaders in Maesulin in May 2009 and agreed to work together for bomb attacks in the run-up and during the 2010 election. ABSDF is planning to enter the nation through various routes for terrorist attacks in
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Yangon and Mandalay. Therefore, it is apparent that terrorists always conspire to commit destructive acts with the intention of undermining stability and peace. Surely, there will be casualties and tragedies once the nation lacks security. Therefore, we must carry out community based security in order to protect the public, and that is a plan we must implement effectively.

Destructive elements turn completely to terrorist and subversive acts because they are allergic to the rule of law, community peace and stability in Myanmar. Security forces of the Myanmar Police Force managed to save the nation from a grave danger due to the cooperation of the people who favour stability and peace. In the case, the terrorist group plotted to launch bomb blasts and incite a demonstration during the visits of United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and distinguished guests to Myanmar and on the days Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's case is heard.

In that case, duty-conscious citizens informed us that Htay Aung (a) Aung Myat (a) Aung Paing, who is anxious to commit terrorist attacks and had completed subversive and explosives courses, would re-enter the nation for bomb attacks. So, our forces systematically took security measures in cooperation with the people. As a result, we arrested Htay Aung (a) Aung Myat (a) Aung Paing, 30, son of U Tin Shwe, No 978, 4th Yanpyay Street, 2/South Ward, Thakayta Township, near Konzaydan Market on Konzaydan Street in Pabedan Township at 10.30 am on 2 July 2009. And the security members seized a detonator kept in the roll of the trim of his jean trousers and two detonators kept in his slippers, two packets of C-4 gunpowder and wire from him. The seizures are on display on the board for the knowledge of you journalists and guests.

According to the admission of Htay Aung, under the instruction of leader Thura (a) Ye Thiha (a) San Naing of VBSW (Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors) and CPPA (Committee for Promoting of People's Activity) on bomb attacks in suitable sites as Yangon would see a State visit on 3 and 4 July 2009, he re-entered the nation with the explosives on 1 July 2009. Then, he was under arrest by security members while he was in Yangon on 2 July 2009.

Terrorist Htay Aung made contacts with ABSDF, and collected information inside the country, sent trainees to the other country in order to take explosives courses, attended explosives course himself and made arrangements to carry out destructive acts with the financial assistance of ABSDF.

The lessons terrorist Htay Aung and others had learned at the explosives course were making of various kinds of bombs such as pull mine, poster mine, bobby traps, time bomb and cassette mine. Detailed lessons are shown on the board to study. They had learned assembling and dismantling of various kinds of small arms, shooting methods and training for military tactic and raid with the use of VCD. On 29 June, 2009 evening, Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing went to Htay Aung's place and instructed him to make a plan for explosive operations during the trip of the UN Secretary-General in Yangon on 3 and 4 July, to explode hand-made mines at courts, in the environs of Insein Jail and USDA office as targets, to undermine law and order inside the country, to launch the explosives operations in the first week of July, not to detonate the all three targets by Htay Aung alone and to meet Zaw Zaw (a) Khine Mar who was inside the country and to assign explosives duty to Zaw Zaw to explode the court, to keep Zaw Zaw's phone, to carry out the operation, weather permitting after the target is set, to contact him one or two days ahead at an opportune time before the operation started, to assign



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duty to Nyi Nyi to bomb the environs of Insein jail when he arrived in the country, to explode the environs of USDA office by Htay Aung, to inform him with evidence after the operation is successfully concluded and to contact Nyi Nyi when he arrived in the country. He said he would meet Nyi Nyi later who was assigned to detonate the environs of Insein Jail. Terrorist Htay Aung was given Identity Number 999961 and terrorist Nyi Nyi, 999972. On 30-6-2009, Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing gave Htay Aung K 150000 and eight sets of old dresses and instructed him to re-enter the country.

According to the instructions of Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing, Htay Aung left Maesot on 1 July and arrived back in Yangon at about 3 a.m. on 2 July 2009. He went to Mingalar Market and made contact with Khine Mar (a) Zaw Zaw who was in Yangon in advance through public telephone and he told Khine Mar (a) Zaw Zaw to meet him near Konzaydan bus stop. They were arrested at about 10.30 a.m. by members of security force while they were in conversation. As terrorist Htay Aung was arrested together with explosive devices and his accomplices, a number of lives of innocent people were saved. This has shown that systematic security measures in connection with tip-offs were taken.

Terrorist Htay Aung took an explosives course from 3 May to 30 June 2009, about two months, in Maesot. While he was in Maesot, he met and held discussions on destructive acts with Thura (a) Ye Thiha (a) San Naing, leader of VBSW/CPPA, Ko Myo (a) Myo Aye, explosive course instructor, Aung Aung (a) Ko Aung, instructor of small arms training course, Khin Maung Cho, leader of Myanmar Public Movement Committee for destructive acts and confrontation programme, Mone Naing of NLD-LA, Ei Shwe Zin Nyunt, Myint Soe, Tun Aung Kyaw of ABSDF, Thange, Kyaw Ko Ko of Myanmar Unity Council, Nay Win of FDB, Ngwe Lin of Lu Baung Thit and Than Dote of BLSO.

Terrorist Htay Aung made arrangements to settle in a sparsely-populated ward running an ordinary business and to designate his house as a gathering point for terrorist groups and to collect arms and ammunition as much as he can. Besides, at an opportune time, they had planned attack vehicles of police force that are carrying out security measures inside the country. Thura (a) Ye Thiha (a) San Naing of VBSW agreed to do the plans presented by Htay Aung and promised to find a house for Htay Aung inside the country and sent Htay Aung to go into to the country.

Thura (a) Ye Thiha (a) San Naing recruited active youths to carry out destructive acts in the county and sent them to the other country batch by batch via illegal route to take explosives courses. Trainees were sent back into the country secretly to carry out destructive acts with the use of improvised explosive

devices. A total of 15 terrorists including Htay Aung were arrested during this year following the investigations of members of security force. Charts showing the links are on display to study.

The mastermind behind terrorist Htay Aung was Thura (a) Ye Thiha (a) San Naing of VBSW (Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors). He stuck to terrorist attacks in his life. He was born in Thonze, Thayawady District, Bago Division and he went underground in 1988. He hijacked XY-ADW F-28 plane owned by Myanma Airways on (Yangon-Myeik) flight and took it to Thailand on 6 October 1989. He was a member of a terrorist group named Lion and arrested together with explosives by Thai police force at Bangkok on 23 January 1993.

Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing formed VBSW with the membership of foolhardy youths. He led together with Johnny (a) Kyaw Oo in the raid on Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok together with members of God's Army on 1 October, 1999. He accompanied by members of God's Army raided Ratchpuri Hospital in Thailand on 24 January, 2000. After the Ratchpuri Hospital incident, VBSW collapsed and members of VBSW went into hiding where possible places as Thai government cracked down on God's Army and VBSW. Starting from 2002, Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing cooperated with ABSDF and accelerated the destructive acts in the country together with hardcore terrorists of ABSDF. He moved to Maesot on 2002 and he got contact with VOA reporter Aye Aye Mar, wife of Lwanni of ABSDF. He sent Aye Min Naing (a) Aung Htoo, central committee member of ABSDF, to Pyay in order to commit destructive acts as a hardcore and then he sent explosive devices through various means. Moreover, terrorists trained by Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing contacted Aye Min Naing several times from 2005 to 2008 and did terrorist acts in Yangon for 14 times. The declaration of VBSW in which they claimed responsibility for bombings was shown on the board to study. In fact, ABSDF did subversive acts under the name of VBSW using Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing as a tool. The masterminds behind such subversive acts were FDB, NCUB, DPNS, PDF, NDD in addition to ABSDF. Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing, leader of VBSW and CPPA and member of ABSDF, used terrorist Htay Aung and his accomplices as well as he was used by Secretary-General Dr Naing Aung of FDB.

Since there have been news about terrorist acts and destructive elements as mentioned above, our security forces are working round the clock with a sense of duty to protect the innocent people. Indeed, speeding up security operations is for the sake of the State and the people. The successful security operation cannot be carried out by the security force alone.

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It also calls for public cooperation and there have been clear in this regard. This is why we would like to request the people to continue their cooperation in security operations of our security force members although there have been some people jealous of peace and stability of the State criticizing our country for tightening the security too much.

There have been accusations that the incident in which Mr John William Yettaw under court trial today illegally intruded into the restricted compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi happened in sync with the State and that such incident intentionally took place to detain her again at a time when her restrictions are nearly to be lifted. There has also been a piece of fabricated news broadcast and printed by some media, persons and organizations that a cruel story has been invented to assassinate Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and whether the incident was a trick.

Simply thinking about such an accusation, the first point is that Mr John William Yettaw is a real American citizen who was born of Jerome William Yettaw and Elizabeth Bouchop Fogo Yettaw in Detroit, Michigan, the USA. Besides, he was a Vietnam War veteran retiring from the US Army. He is also an educated person studying to obtain a PhD degree in Psychology. You, journalists, will know that it was not possible at all for the State to use a person whose nation is many miles distant from our country and whose culture, custom and faith are different from ours.

Another point is that in this incident, when Mr Yettaw was questioned after being arrested from Inya Lake on 6-5-2009, 21 items including a camera and six memory cards were seized from him. Moreover, 61 items were seized from Diamond Room on the fifth floor of Beauty Land he stayed at. All the seized materials were displayed with photos at the press conference held on 25-6-2009. It has been disclosed at the press conference that Mr Yettaw swam across the lake to try to secretly enter the house by using a five-litre drinking water bottle, flippers, a forehead torch and swimming glasses. If we collaborated with Mr Yettaw as accused from outside, he could enter the house easily and did not have to use such aids. So the accusation is groundless.

Mr Yettaw stayed at Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house for three days from 4-5-2009 till 6-5-2009 when he was arrested. In the event, Mr Yettaw, when he secretly came out of the house, was all of a sudden, found and arrested from the surface of the Inya Lake near the residence of the charge'd affairs of the US

Embassy. If there was a case of conspiracy, he would be arrested red-handed just by checking the house for security purposes while he was in the house.

Another point is that when the photos seized from Mr Yettaw were checked, it was found that he was posed together with a woman at AAPP in Maesot, Thailand. In order to check his statements and expose his background history, our security force members looked for the woman in the photo. She was found at a house of Myawady at 6.30 pm on 3-7-2009. According to the interrogation, she said that she met Mr John William Yettaw at Medaw Clinic in Maesot while she was residing in Myawady in 2008; that she had a photo taken together with him when she arrived at the clinic for the second time; that while she was in Myawady, she had phone contacts with him; that he told her he would be staying at Beauty Land 2 Hotel on 33rd Street, Kyauktada Township when he arrived in Yangon and to come and see him at the airport; that he arrived in Yangon on 10-11-2008 and put up at Diamond Room of Beauty Land 2 Hotel; that on that day he went to meet a foreigner, aged over 50, at Sakura Housing on Inya Road and gave him a parcel; that Mr Yettaw proceeded to Mormon Church near 8th Mile on Pyay Road; that he went to the Thai Embassy together with her on 11-11-2008; that then he went to the US Embassy by himself; that he said he would be meeting Daw Aung San Suu Kyi while they were walking from the Shwedagon Pagoda to the hotel; and that she told him not to go there and he would be arrested if he went there. The links between Mr Yettaw and the woman and their background events are under investigation.

In this incident, you, journalists, will clearly know that the facts that Mr Yettaw had repeated contacts with AAPP, anti-government organization, based in the border region, that he was familiar with the said woman keeping in touch with illegal organizations in the border region and that he informed a woman not concerned with him of his attempt to secretly meet Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who was under restriction are not associated at all with the State.

The press conference held on 25-6-2009 explained that Mr Yettaw committed a transnational crime as he had already made plans in the other country to do lawless acts by violating the existing laws of Myanmar; that he would not be able to commit such a crime by himself; that the attempt was not possible if there was not any assistance; that according to law, if a crime involved more than three persons, it could be called a transnational organized crime; that his act greatly affected the nation; that the attempts of the internal and external anti-government groups to get our nation into trouble and undermine peace and stability of the State were causing negative impacts on

our nation; and that the rule of law and peace and tranquility of our nation were adversely affected due to Mr Yettaw's acts. Therefore, the incident that affected the nation in all aspects was not organized in league with the State.

The seized video camera documents have shown that Mr Yettaw was videoing the situations in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi putting himself in the background while he was there on 5-5-2009. In his video recordings, he said: "I am here in Daw Suu Kyi's house. I asked her to have herself videoed to be put on You Tube but she looked frightened and refused to be videoed. I already ran her into difficulties while I was here on 30 November 2008. I hope I will be able to give her authority and force. I left my family. I believe the God is here with me and will protect me. I am here in Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house. I have offered to video her to be put on You Tube. She has refused it as she has been scared. I will have to admire her. She will not allow me to have her videoed or taken photos. I don't blame her. I spent the night here last night. It is on the sixth of May. If I can make it today, I hope I will be able to flee to Thailand tomorrow as far as I can. Thanks for my being here." In this context, it is likely that Mr Yettaw would show the organization behind the curtain and aid-giving organizations the evidence of his being in the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. If we invented this story as said from outside, it was not necessary to try to report on Mr Yettaw's presence in her house with evidence.

In conclusion, I would like to say that now is the time when we are building infrastructures for the emergence of a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation. For this drive, the most important and fundamental requirement is stability of the State, community peace and tranquility and the rule of law. Only through community peace and tranquility, can development of the State be achieved. Every person who wants the rule of law, peace and stability, democracy and national development is to cooperate with our security force members in fighting against and crush destructive elements manufacturing false news to incite unrest and violence and undermine community peace and tranquility.

Now, my clarifications have just shown that the accusations of some media, persons and organizations against our activities are not true and groundless. In the case under trial, Myanmar Police Force, the prosecution of the State has carried out its own duties in accord with law showing the respect for the law. If you put yourselves in our police force's place, you will know our moves very well. I would like to conclude that in the current trial, the court only will decide who is guilty or who is not guilty.—MNA

Questions and answers in press conference

YANGON, 7 Aug—The following are the questions raised by the attendees and answers given by Chief of the Myanmar Police Force in the press conference on clarification of measures for State security and the rule of law.



U Aung Hla Tun
(Reuters News Agency)

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Q: I learn that Mr John William Yettaw is in bed in Yangon General Hospital. Do you think the trial will be put off if he does not get better?

A: Now, Mr John William Yettaw is under health care by specialists. His health condition is

according to their remarks. The trial is the concern of the court, so I don't need to answer the question.

U Ko Ko (Yangon Times)

Q: I have learnt that the four including Daw Aung San Suu Kyi are on trial according to this press conference and previous one. I would like to know if action is taken against the security members, and if it is, I would like to know how they are punished.

A: We have taken action against the security members in accordance with the police law. It is on 30 November 2008 when Mr Yettaw entered the compound of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house. Four days after his entry, Dr Tin Myo Win informed that. Two days after his informing us, on 6 December, a tribunal team led by a police colonel was formed and it questioned 24 security members. The assumption of the tribunal was that the event took place on the 3rd Waxing

of Nattaw, so it was dim and it was impossible to see things clearly. Another point is that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's house is a little distant from the edge of the compound, so there were no sound of his footsteps on the creepers, grass and water hyacinth. And the case was reported four days after his entry, so the line of footsteps disappeared. Another point is that if he had shouted, as they said, without doubt the security members would have heard of his voice. In 1990, security members misunderstood regarding a case associated with a serviceman, so it was assumed that the case might be a misunderstanding case. As I said at the press conference on 25 June, if we had known that Mr Yettaw gave Daw Aung San Suu Kyi the book "Mormon", the tribunal would have exposed some points. So, the tribunal team came to the conclusion that the event was not certain much, and it might be merely a misunderstanding matter, so there was not any action taken against the security members.

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But, police battalion No (6) that was on duty in the period was replaced with a new one immediately. In the second time, Mr John William Yettaw was arrested in Inya Lake on 6 May. Soon after his arrest, legal affairs was being carried out, and an investigation tribunal led by a police colonel was formed on 2 June. It interrogated 62 policemen, and we took brief written evidence on inefficient discharge of duties over eight security members held responsible. Then, we formed a police court and delivered a sentence to them. Regarding the November 30 case, an investigation tribunal was formed and it investigated the case. Another investigation tribunal was then formed with a police colonel as the leader, and it interrogated 31 policemen. We took brief written record of the complaints of 12 members from police battalion No (6) who were held responsible for the case, and action was taken against them. We investigated the cases thoroughly and punished 12 members including the battalion commanding officer in the first case, and eight members including the battalion commanding officer in accordance with the police law enforcement law. We interrogated 24 members in the first time, and 62 members in the second time. Then, the first case resurfaced and we interrogated 32 members. They each faced a three-month term with hard labour in the police custody. Then, they were posted to other places. Similarly, police corporals faced one-step demotion, and they were posted to



U Khin Win
(Trust Journal)

other places. We came to the conclusion that the battalion commanding officers commanded their subordinates improperly, and demoted one step and posted them to other places. They are now police lieutenant-colonels.

U San Nyein Thaw (Modern Journal)

Q: Which organization was bomber Htay Aung from? I would like to know why he wanted to detonate bombs during Mr Ban Ki-moon's visit.

A: Locally, bomber Htay Aung is a Thakayta NLD member. According to his admission, he is from Hsheson Ward in Mawlamyine. He is single. His educational qualification is 4th standard. He joined Thakayta NLD in July 2006. In September 2008, he had contact with Mone Naing in Maesot who went underground from Bahan NLD. Mone Naing is a member of NLD-LA that has been declared an unlawful association. Then, he proceeded to Maesot. Then, he had contact with terrorist groups there. Then, he re-entered the nation illegally. After that, he left and re-entered the nation time and again, and he organized



U San Nyein Thaw
(Modern Journal)

some young NLD members in the nation and took them to explosives courses many times. He is a member of Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors. His plan was to launch bomb attacks in Yangon during the visit of UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon who would come here on 3 and 4 July. However, he arrived in Yangon 2 July, and while he was making arrangements for bomb attacks, we arrested him

the same day. So, we could avert casualties of the people. He admitted that then he would stay in a sparsely-populated ward in Yangon. He would make his house a gathering point of terrorists. He would collect arms and ammunition. If opportune, he would launch armed attacks especially on the vehicles of policemen on security duty. That is his admission. So, at home, Htay Aung is a Thakayta NLD member, but outside the nation, he is a bomber. VBSW ranked him bomber No 999961.

According to his admission, the reason why he chose Mr Ban Ki-moon's visit was to tarnish the image of the government. To view the case in connection with the nature of terrorists, he would cause many casualties of policemen of us, and innocent people, and then he would tarnish the image of the country.



U Kyaw Thu
(Myanmar Times)

U Aung Kyaw Min (Thitsar Journal)

Q: I am interested in Htay Aung?

I would like to know VBSW masterminding Htay Aung?

A: The man who masterminded Htay Aung to explode during the trip of Mr Ban Ki-moon is Leader Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing from VBSW. VBSW stands for Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors. VBSW was formed in July 1999 and based in Tagoling village in Thai-Myanmar border. It had five members when formed and have reached to 30 members later. Leader Ye Thiha (a) Thura (a) San Naing himself is only a terrorist and his native place is Thooze, Thayawady. He went underground starting from 1988. He hijacked a flight of Myanmar Airways in 1989. Similarly, he made a raid on Myanmar Embassy in

Thailand in October 1999 and so did the hospital. VBSW was formed with the young man who fled to the other country and those from KNU and ABSDF. VBSW together with God's Army made a raid on embassy in October 1999. Likewise, VBSW carried out raid on Rushbury Hospital in January 2000. VBSW was on the verge of collapse when Government of Thailand cracked down them.

So, VBSW cooperated with ABSDF then. VBSW committed bomb attacks for 14 times in Yangon from 2005 to 2008. And they committed bomb attacks in the compound of bus



Ma Nyein Nyein Naing
(Seven Days Journal)

terminal and Panorama Hotel in 2005.

During the year 2009, bomb attacks in USDA offices were the acts of VBSW. I would like to inform you of all that these are organizations announced by Myanmar Police Force and Interpol as terrorist ones.

U Kyaw Thu (Myanmar Times)

Q: I know that Mr John William Yettaw's case is related with transnational crime. So, which evidences are there for the case? With which sections will he be taken action? And will he be taken action against transnational crime?

A: There are a lot of definitions about transnational crime. The first point is that if a plan to commit a crime in a certain country is made in any other country, it can be called a transnational crime.

Mr Yettaw made preparations in Thailand to illegally enter the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. In his statements, he has already admitted to that. Preparing for the crime to be committed in our country in the other country

can be defined as a transnational crime. So we can say that Mr Yettaw's case is a transnational crime. As I had explained previously, if the crime was not committed by Mr Yettaw alone but committed by a group of more than three, it can be called a transnational



U Ko Ko
(Yangon Times)

organized crime. He is now under trial in accord with the existing law of Myanmar. The reason we did not charge him in accord with the transnational crime was because our nation is still drawing anti-terrorism law.

Ma Nyein Nyein Naing (Seven Days Journal)

Q: I would like to know about the health of Mr John William Yettaw.

A: He was arrested and detained on 6 May. Two days later, he started to eat nothing but water. Those caring for him and doctors and authorities concerned requested him not to do so as it could affect his health. But he insisted refusing.

U Myat Khaing (Snap Shot Journal)

Q: I would like to know the name of the woman who became friendly with Mr Yettaw in Myawady and came to Yangon together with him.

A: We did not arrest her. We are only questioning her. We have still questions to ask her. This is why we will disclose it at an appropriate time to protect her security and dignity.

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U Myat Khaing
(Snap Shot Journal)

as he went into convulsions.

According to the specialists of the hospital, he suffered epilepsy. A team comprising seven specialists is closely taking care of his health. Required medicines for him as well as his demands are being fulfilled. Mr Yettaw met Mr. Colin P Furst of American Embassy on 5 August. Details about his health are according to the remarks of specialists concerned.

U Khin Win (Trust Journal)

Q: I heard that the blast that occurred in the back lane of the Traders Hotel was recorded with a video camera. I would like to know whether the incident could be exposed or not.

A: According to the investigation, we know who is responsible for this. But we cannot disclose that as it was the case in which no suspect was arrested. Please understand us.

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U Aung Kyaw Min
(Thitsar Journal)

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOYNO (9030) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 8.8.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Nine die in Colombian mine explosion

BOGOTA, 7 Aug—At least nine miners died in an explosion that occurred in a private coal mine in Colombia's northwestern province of Antioquia, authorities said on Thursday.

The explosion was caused by an accumulation of methane in the mine, 3 km away from the city center of Amaga, according to Amaga's Health Secretary, Carlos Aguirre.

"There were about 15 to 20 miners working in the hollow when the accident happened," he said. "Several injured miners have been sent to hospital."

Amaga is rich in coal. The most serious accident in this city occurred in 1977, when as many as 86 miners working in another coal mine died of the same cause.

Xinhua



Injured residents of a retirement home are evacuated in Melle, Belgium, on 6 Aug, 2009. A fire has raged through a retirement home close to Brussels. A city alderman says nine people are dead and three more in critical condition.—INTERNET

Nine die in fire at Belgian convalescent home

BRUSSELS, 7 Aug—Nine elderly people died and three more were seriously injured in a fire at a convalescent home in Belgium, local mayor Dirk De Maeseneer and police said.

The victims, seven women and two men, were all residents of the Kanunnik Triest home in the Flemish town of Melle and died of smoke inha-

lation when the fire broke out Thursday, according to an investigator.

The lives of the three injured people were in danger, a police source said. Thirty more had been admitted to hospital although there were no details of their injuries.

Firefighters brought the fire under control, said Melle's deputy mayor Dany Cottenie, quoted by

the *Belga* news agency.

According to a nurse quoted by the online edition of the newspaper *De Standaard*, the fire was caused by a fan on the second floor of the modern building that housed around 90 elderly residents.

An investigator blamed the fire on a television exploding and setting a mattress alight.—*Internet*

GM to introduce plug-in hybrid Buick in 2011

CHICAGO, 7 Aug—The largest US automaker General Motors Co (GM) will introduce a plug-in hybrid Buick crossover vehicle in 2011, the company said on Thursday.

Tom Stephens, GM vice chairman of product development, made the announcement during a seminar at Traverse City in Michigan state.

According to a *Detroit News* report, the vehicle will be delivered to the Energy Department for fleet testing in early 2011 and will go on sale to retail customers later that year.

The company said the yet-to-be-named Buick crossover will launch in late 2010 with a direct-injected gasoline engine, followed in 2011 by the plug-in hybrid model.

Xinhua

Indonesian prominent poet dies at 74

JAKARTA, 7 Aug—Indonesian top poet figure Willibrordus Surendra Broto Rendra, or popularly known as WS Rendra, died here on Thursday night at age of 74 after being admitted in a hospital for his cardiac disease. The poet was popular for his poems that siding up the poor and were critical to the policies implemented by the previous Indonesian government led by the then president Soeharto.

He was imprisoned by the Soeharto regime for his critical poetry during the students uprising in 1978.

Some pieces of his poetry were regarded as masterpieces in world's literary and were translated into various languages, among others English, Dutch, German and Japanese.—*Xinhua*

Wolves menacing sheep in Switzerland

BERN, 7 Aug—Wolves are moving into Switzerland from Italy and posing a danger to sheep herds, experts from the Federal Environment Office in Bern said.

Wolves were driven out of Switzerland in the 19th century, but are returning. Although there are many more wolves in the French and Italian Alps, Swiss authorities believe the number there will rise in the coming years. Since mid-May 100 sheep were slaughtered by wolves.

In one case, 15 sheep were killed in an attack in canton Valais. The flock was in an enclosure and watched over by two mountain dogs and a donkey. Experts say wolves rarely attack sheep under the watch of dogs.

Xinhua

Temptation more powerful than people think

EVANSTON, 7 Aug—People say they have more restraint than they actually possess — leading to poor decisions when tempted with greed, lust or drugs, US researchers said.

Study leader Loran Nordgren of the Kellogg School of Management in Evanston, Ill, examined

how an individual's belief in his or her ability to control impulses — such as greed, drug craving and sexual arousal — influence responses to temptation.

"People are not good at anticipating the power of their urges, and those who are the most confident about their self-control

are the most likely to give into temptation," Nordgren said in a statement. "The key is simply to avoid any situations where vices and other weaknesses thrive and, most importantly, for individuals to keep a humble view of their willpower."

Xinhua



A little girl releases a lantern on the Motoyasu river, beside the Atomic Bomb Dome (R) in Hiroshima, Japan, 6 Aug, 2009, to mark the 64th anniversary of the atomic bomb blast in Hiroshima.—XINHUA

SPORTS

Fulham qualify, Roma, Galatasaray swap rivals in Europa League

PARIS, 7 Aug — English Premier League Fulham reached the Europa League play-off round on Thursday where they were joined by free-scoring Roma and Galatasaray. Andrew Johnson scored twice to add to Dickson Etuhu's opener as Fulham saw off Vetra of Lithuania 3-0 for a 6-0 aggregate win in their third qualifying round, second leg clash at Craven Cottage.

"We were good value for our three goals as we were in the first leg," said Fulham coach Roy Hodgson.

"I am pleased with our attitude, pleased with the quality of our play and pleased with our passing."

Galatasaray of Turkey, coached by former Barcelona boss Frank Rijkaard, crushed Israel's Maccabi Netanya 6-1 for a 10-1 aggregate with Congo striker Shabani Nonda grabbing a hat-trick. Veteran striker Francesco Totti, who scored twice in the first leg, also claimed a hat-trick as AS Roma beat AA Gent 7-1 in Belgium for a 10-2 aggregate. —Internet



Roma's Francesco Totti celebrates after scoring a goal during the return leg of the third round qualifying match for the UEFA football Europe League game KAA Gent vs AS Roma. —INTERNET

Roddick wins 500th career match at ATP Washington

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug — US top seed Andy Roddick captured the 500th match victory of his career, defeating countryman Sam Querrey 7-6 (7/4), 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals of the ATP Washington Classic.

Roddick became the 36th Open-Era player to reach 500 match triumphs and the fourth active player at the mark, the ninth-year professional joining Federer with 657, Spain's Carlos Moya on 573 and Australian Lleyton Hewitt with 511.



Andy Roddick celebrates a point in the final game against Sam Querrey during day 4 of the Legg Mason Tennis Classic at the William HOG. FitzGerald Tennis Center, on 6 August, in Washington, DC. INTERNET

"It's a pretty small number who have gotten there, an elite group," Roddick said.

"Moreso, I got there with enough time to add to it significantly.

It's just a nice validation of the consistency I've been able to have in my career."

Fifth-ranked Roddick, who turns 27 later this month, won his only Grand Slam title at the 2003 US Open.

He seeks a 29th career crown this week and fourth Washington title to go with the cake he received for his 500th match victory.

Internet

Pampling leads Legends Reno-Tahoe Open

RENO, 7 Aug — Rod Pampling shot a 5-under 67 in swirling mountain wind Thursday to take the first-round lead in the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open, a stroke ahead of a group that included two-time winner Vaughn Taylor and former Nevada player Rich Barcelo.

Two-time Reno runner-up Jonathan Kaye, Steve Pate, Grant Waite, Spencer Levin and rookie Marc Leishman matched Taylor and Barcelo with 68s at Montreux Golf and Country Club on the edge of the Sierra Nevada.

Former PGA Championship winners Paul Azinger, Steve Elkington and Shaun Micheel were another shot back at 69 along with defending champion Parker McLachlin, Jeff Quinney, James Nitties, Robert Garrigus, Ryan Palmer and Jonathan Byrd.

Internet



Rod Pampling, of Australia.

Real Madrid forward Huntelaar joins AC Milan

MADRID, 7 Aug — Real Madrid sold striker Klaas-Jan Huntelaar to Italian side AC Milan this Thursday. Real Madrid has confirmed the news with an official communique on the club website.

Huntelaar, who joined Real Madrid for 20 million euros in December 2008, scored eight goals in just 20 Primera Liga appearances for the club. He didn't play for them in the Champions League after an error by Real Madrid meant he was unable to be included in the squad for the second phase of the competition as he had already played for his former club Ajax in Europe.

The price is reported to be between 15 million and 18 million euros, a substantial loss for Real Madrid, as the Spanish club has an agreement to pay 7 million euros from any transfer to Ajax. Milan Director General Adriano Galliani told Italian TV Station "Sky" that Huntelaar would sign a contract keeping him at the club until 2013. — Xinhua

Antonio Valencia has plenty to prove at ManUtd

LONDON, 7 Aug — As if joining Manchester United as Cristiano Ronaldo's replacement wasn't enough of a challenge for Antonio Valencia, the Ecuador winger must also live up to his billing as the figurehead of the Premier League's Latin invasion.

When Ronaldo moved to Real Madrid for a world record 80 million pounds in June, United boss Sir Alex Ferguson was quick to spend 17 million pounds of that fee on luring Valencia from Wigan.

Valencia, 23, first caught Ferguson's eye during a 20-minute cameo for Wigan against United in 2006. That substitute appearance made Ferguson aware of how Valencia's dynamic runs and incisive crosses could hurt opponents and he regularly dispatched scouts to check on his progress over the next two years.

Internet



Manchester United's Antonio Valencia.

Crouch admits World Cup gamble at Spurs

LONDON, 7 Aug — Peter Crouch insisted on Friday that his move to Tottenham will not torpedo his hopes of playing in the World Cup finals. The 28-year-old beanpole striker will compete with Jermain Defoe, Robbie Keane and Roman Pavlyuchenko for a starting place in Harry Redknapp's Spurs line-up. At previous club Portsmouth, he was a guaranteed starter.

"I have confidence in my own ability and that, when given the opportunities, I will take them," said Crouch who has scored 16 goals in 34 England appearances. "I've been in and out of the England side but when I've played I've always felt I've done well and scored goals. I'm confident that I'll be playing every week and doing all I can to make sure I'm on that plane to South Africa (for the World Cup).

Internet



Peter Crouch. INTERNET

Hardy sets 50m breaststroke world record at US Open

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug — American Jessica Hardy set a world record of 29.95 seconds in the 50-metre breaststroke on Thursday at the US Open Championship, setting the mark as a split time in the 100m breaststroke.

Hardy broke the prior mark of 30.09 seconds set by Russia's Yuliya Efimova last Sunday at the World Championships in Rome.

Canada's Amanda Reason had just in July trimmed the world mark of 30.31 by Australian Jade Edmiston from 2006.

Xinhua

Wenger no closer to Vieira deal

LONDON, 7 Aug — Arsene Wenger admits Arsenal have yet to step up their bid to bring former captain Patrick Vieira back to north London. Gunners boss Wenger had hinted he may make a move for France midfielder Vieira after the Inter Milan star expressed an interest in returning to the Premier League.

But Wenger, who ended Vieira's nine-year stay in England when he sold the Arsenal legend to Juventus in 2005, has made little progress towards completing a deal. "Not at the moment, no," Wenger said on Thursday when asked if they were close to signing Vieira. "We can still make do with one or two players more. One could be in the defensive areas, and one in the attacking areas."

Wenger, speaking at Arsenal's charity launch at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, added: "We make a few enquires for players, but we are nowhere near to signing anybody at the moment.

"Usually the transfer market speeds up from 26 August up to midnight on 31st, especially in the last two hours."

Internet



Arsenal former captain Patrick Vieira.

Newcastle's Bassong signs for spurs

LONDON, 7 Aug— Tottenham have completed the signing of Newcastle centre-back Sebastien Bassong after the 23-year-old defender passed a medical and agreed personal terms.

Spurs boss Harry Redknapp made an eight million pound bid for Bassong on Thursday after learning that centre-backs Michael Dawson,



Newcastle centre-back Sebastien Bassong

Jonathan Woodgate and Ledley King were all likely to miss the start of the season.

"I like him very much. He is young with a good future," Redknapp said Thursday.

"The chairman (Daniel Levy) is talking. I don't get involved on that side of it. I identify a player and the chairman does everything else."

Bassong joined Newcastle from French club Metz in July 2008 and produced some impressive displays despite his club's relegation.

But he will miss the first two games of the season for his red card against Fulham last term.

Paris-born Bassong, who was called up by Cameroon for the first time recently, admitted a move to White Hart Lane would be ideal for his international prospects.

"Playing for Newcastle was a real honour in front of the supporters at St James' Park," he told the Newcastle Evening Chronicle.

"But I have always said that I wanted to play in the Premier League and that wasn't possible with Newcastle."

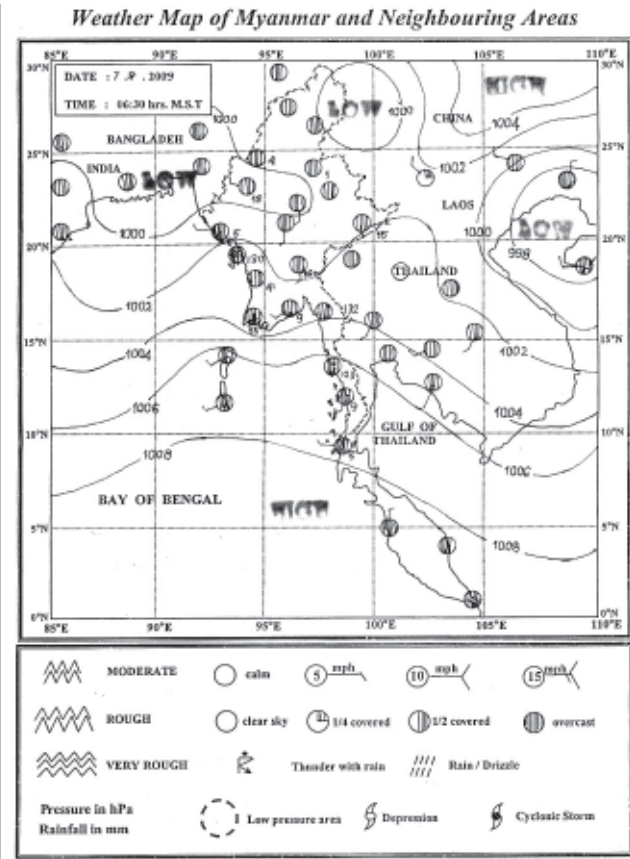
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MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (8-8-2009) (Saturday)

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
 - * Travelogue "Sagaing"
 - * Poem Garden "Stand up"
 - * Mandalay with Arrays of Arts
 - * Maintain Marine Resources for Development of Fish and Meat Sector
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

- Europe/ North America Transmission**
- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * Travelogue "Sagaing"
 - * Poem Garden "Stand up"
 - * Mandalay with Arrays of Arts
 - * Myanmar's intricate arts and crafts...silk fabric with wavy patterns
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Byalah (Mythical Antelope)
 - * Glazed Earthen Pot
 - * Myanmar Movies Impact
 - * Maintain Marine Resources for Development of Fish and Meat Sector
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Come and Visit our Khami Land (Rakhine State)
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Friday, 7th 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 fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with Locally heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon State and Taninthayi Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State, Magway and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.36) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (0.16) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.07) inch, Paung (8.27) inches, Launglon (6.38) inches, Kyaukpyu (5.83) inches, Maungtaw (5.71) inches, Dawei (5.55) inches, Taunggup (5.51) inches, Mawlamyine (5.32) inches, Shwegyin (4.41) inches, Gangaw (1.61) inches and Magway (1.30) inches.

Maximum temperature on 6-8-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 7-8-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-8-2009 was 96%. Total Sun shine hours on 6-8-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 7-8-2009 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.36) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.27) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (77.17) inches at Mingaladon, (85.79) inches at Kaba-Aye and (88.62) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (04:00) hours MST on 7-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8th August 2009: Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Kayah States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon, Kayin States 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: Continuation of strong monsoon.

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

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

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

Weather outlook for second weekend of August 2009: During the coming weekend, rain will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division, widespread in Yangon Division.



Saturday, 8 August View on today

- 7:00 am**
- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရား၏ ဥပ္ပိတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am**
- To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
- Morning News
- 7:40 am**
- အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေး တင့်အောင်)
- 7:50 am**
- Nice & Sweet Song

- 8:00 am**
- “စက္ကူနှင့်ပျော့ဖတ်စက်ရုံ (သာပေါင်း)”
- 8:15 am**
- Musical Programme
- 8:30 pm**
- “လှေကားသုံးထပ်ဆင်းတဲ့အခါ”
- 8:40 am**
- International News
- 8:50 am**
- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 11:00 am**
- Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
- Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**
- ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကစားကြမယ်
- 11:45 am**
- Yan Can Cook
- 12:10 pm**
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဟာသကမ္ဘာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 1:05 pm**
- Dance of National Races
- 1:15 pm**
- “ဆီးချိုသွေးချိုကာကွယ်ပါ”
- 2:00 pm**
- သက်တံရောင်သံစဉ်

- 2:15 pm**
- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:45 pm**
- International News
- 4:00 pm**
- Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
- အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:20 pm**
- နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
- 4:30 pm**
- Musical Programme
- 4:45 pm**
- အဖေသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာ အထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)
- 5:00 pm**
- Songs to Uphold National Spirit
- 5:10 pm**
- “သုံးပင်နှစ်ဆယ်” (စောမင်းနောင်၊ ခဲဝင်းအောင်၊ မေသူအောင်၊ မြတ်မြတ်မော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးအေး)
- 5:25 pm**
- မူတန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

- 5:40 pm**
- ချစ်စရာအရွယ်ကစားကြမယ်
- 6:00 pm**
- Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- အလှရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:35 pm**
- ပဉ္စလက်ကျောင်းတော်
- 7:00 pm**
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပေါ်ဖြူလာအချစ်” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 8:00 pm**
- News
 - International News
 - Weather Report
 - ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် “ဒိုင်နိုဆောမိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း” (အပိုင်း-၃၁)
 - နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အဖြူရောင်အောက်က အကြင်နာနှလုံးသား” (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
 - ဝီတတ်ခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

- ★ 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

- VOA, BBC - sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB - generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

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

Security forces of Myanmar Police Force managed to save nation from grave danger due to cooperation of people who favour stability and peace

YANGON, 7 Aug—The following is a translation of the clarification of measures for State security and the rule of law made at the press conference by Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi.

The Myanmar Police Force is responsible for State security, community peace and the rule of law.

So, we are taking security measures day and night in the regions where we are assigned duties to accomplish our mission. At about 5.40 am on 6 May 2009, we arrested Mr John William Yettaw, who had stayed illegally and left the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in restricted area, in Inya Lake, about 50 yards from old

Kanthaya hospital and 30 yards from the house of the charge d' affaires of the US embassy. In the case, a lawsuit was filed against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, her companions Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Win Ma Ma, and Mr John William Yettaw on 14 May 2009.

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Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi clarifies measures for State security and the rule of law at press conference.—MNA