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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Ukrainian President

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Viktor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine, which falls on 24 August 2009.—MNA

Prime Minister felicitates Ukrainian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Yuliya Tymoshenko, Prime Minister of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine, which falls on 24 August 2009.—MNA

It is necessary for local people themselves to work hard for their own economic improvement and successful agricultural undertakings

Prime Minister inspects agricultural undertakings, supply of irrigation water in Mandalay Division

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



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views pumping out of tube-well in Shinmein Village of NyaungU Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Prime Minister General Thein Sein left Nay Pyi Taw at 3 pm on 21 August by car and arrived at Pyawbwe in Yamethin District, Mandalay Division, at 4.30 pm. He was accompanied by Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for

Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads.

Accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and departmental officials, the Prime Minister and party visited the farm of farmer U Myint Oo in the filed No 233 of Twin Village in Phayangahsu region of Pyawbwe Township (See page 8)

PERSPECTIVES

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Create more and more inspired literary works

Today, literature is embodied deeply in the social life of human beings as the national cause and culture. Myanmar has been safeguarding and promoting own literature and cultural heritage in the course of the nation's history.

From time immemorial, Myanmar has stood tall with own literature, culture, customs, traditions and national character in the global community due to its literature that came into being in parallel with its history.

The people equip themselves with a sense of correct concept and etiquette as a result of sustained efforts patriotic people including literati have been making throughout the successive periods in the national interest.

Indeed, the role literati play is like the lifeblood of the nation and the people. Literati form part of the national force that work hard for uplifting the national culture and enabling the motherland to stand tall with fine national character in the international family.

Myanmar managed to regain independence and sovereignty, driving in unison the colonialists out of the soil of the nation due to the inspiring literary works national literati had created to rekindle patriotic spirit of the people in the independence struggles.

Literati are, therefore, duty-bound to help broaden the horizons of the people, boost public morale and create more and more inspired literary works on nation-building endeavours for improvement of Myanmar literature and achievement of national goals.

New way to reproduce a black hole?

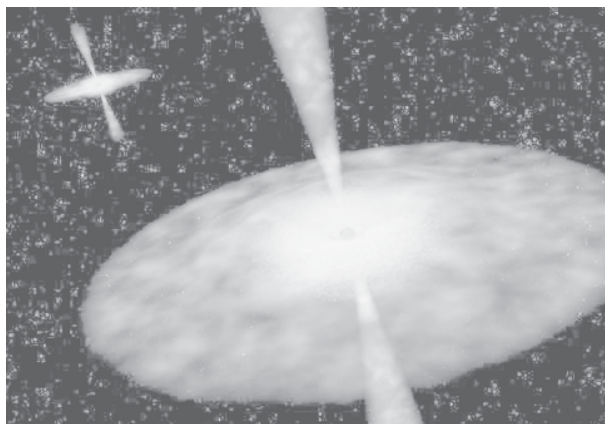


Illustration of a binary black hole system.

SCIENCE DAILY, 22 Aug—Despite their popularity in the science fiction genre, there is much to be learned about black holes, the mysterious regions in space once thought to be absent of light. In a

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

Paddy transplanting contest held in Shan State (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Shan State (East) organized a monsoon paddy saplings transplanting competition at Mongphone Village-tract in Tachilek Township on 16 August.

Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyto delivered an opening address and watched the competition.

The commander and officials awarded the prize-winning teams.

After the contest, the commander inspected artificial chemicals and pesticides on display, and gave instructions on agricultural work.

Next, the commander inspected the repairing of the road in Sethmu Ward and the new surgical ward of the Township People's Hospital and presented stationery to the Youths Development Centre.

MNA

Yangon Mayor inspects maintenance of roads

YANGON, 23 Aug—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning visited Thudammar Road near Chaukgwe junction in North Okkalapa Township where he inspected the undertakings for smooth transportation carried out by Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) of YCDC.

Next, the mayor looked into maintenance tasks of roads at junction of Parami road and Kaba-Aye road in Yankin Township, Ayeyawun road near Myananda junction in Thakayta Township, Bayintnaung road in front of Bayintnaung spare parts and machinery camp in Mayangon Township and along Hline River road from the junction of Bayintnaung road and Hlaing River road to Aungzeya bridge. He then attended to the needs.

MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Ukrainian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—UNyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Volodymyr Khandogiy, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine which falls on 24 August 2009.—MNA

Sports Minister attends Inter-University /College swimming contest

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the opening ceremony of Inter-University/College swimming contest held at Yadanabon swimming pool in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay Division on 22 August morning.

Director-General Dr Soe Win of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar In-charge) extended greetings and inaugurated the contest taken part by 57 participants from Mandalay University, Yadanabon University, Taunggyi University, University of Foreign Languages (Mandalay) and Mandalay Education College.

Next, the minister met with over 1500 locals of five villages at Nyaungpintha Village in ChaungU Township and presented sports gear and exercise books to the villages, publications to library, and cash for construction of school buildings in Chaungmanar Village and Pauktaw Village.—MNA

Fire kills three, injures six in Hlegu

YANGON, 23 Aug—A fire broke out in Hlegu Township, here, at 7.05 pm yesterday due to the explosion of a boiler at the Myanmar Distillery, leaving three dead and six injured.

The raging fire was under control at 00.15 hours and put out at 3 am today.

Officials concerned, over 200 firefighters, 47 fire engines and 10 supervisory vehicles rushed to the scene and extinguished the fire.

An investigation is being made into the case.

MNA

All this needs to be known

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

Former US soldier apologises for Vietnam massacre

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug — After more than 40 years, the former US army officer found guilty of organizing mass killings in the Vietnamese community of My Lai during the war has made a public apology.

“There is not a day that goes by that I do not feel remorse for what happened that day in My Lai,” former lieutenant William Calley told members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Columbus, Georgia. “I feel remorse for the Vietnamese who were killed, for their families, for the American soldiers involved and their families. I am very sorry.”

Calley spoke on Wednesday, but due to a restricted audience his

remarks did not become known until now.

The killings that occurred on 16 March, 1968 in the South Vietnamese hamlet of My Lai prompted widespread outrage around the world. They are also credited with advancing the end of the Vietnam War because they significantly undermined US public support for the war effort.

The massacre began when men of Charlie Company under the command of Lieutenant Calley opened fire on civilians during a “search and destroy” mission in My Lai and neighbouring villages.

The targets of the killings were mainly old men, women and children — all unarmed — as most younger males of the community were working in the fields.

Internet



Two women look at photographs showing massacre scenes as they tour the My Lai massacre museum in the central Vietnamese province of Quang Ngai in 2008. After more than 40 years, the former US army officer found guilty of organizing mass killings in the Vietnamese community of My Lai during the war has made a public apology.—INTERNET



Somali government soldiers clash with militants in the capital Mogadishu, on 22 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Explosion kills four Afghan police in north

KABUL, 23 Aug — An explosion carried out by Taliban militants in Baghlan Province in the north of Afghanistan on Saturday left four policemen dead and two others injured, a local official said.

“Anti-government militants organized a roadside bomb in Baghlan-e-Markazi area this morning leaving four police dead and injured two others. All the dead bodies and injured men have been taken to hospital,” director of hospital in the area Khalil Narmgoi told *Xinhua*.

Meantime, Taliban purported spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack and in talks with media from undisclosed location via telephone said seven police were killed in blast.—*Xinhua*

Three Iraqi soldiers killed in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 Aug — Three Iraqi soldiers were killed and seven people were wounded in separate attacks in Baghdad and Diyala Province on Saturday, a police source said.

In Baghdad, unknown gunmen in their car opened fire in early morning on Iraqi soldiers manning a checkpoint in Baghdad’s northern district of Adhamiyah, killing two soldiers and wounding another, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Xinhua

Five killed in violence in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, 23 Aug — Militants attacked a government checkpoint in Somalia’s capital on Saturday, sparking a gunbattle that killed at least five people on the first day of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Militants seeking to overthrow Somalia’s Western-backed government have been threatening to increase attacks during Ramadan, a monthlong period of prayer, reflection and sunrise-to-sunset fasts.

A minibus driver, Idle Haasan, said he saw five corpses lying in the road after Saturday’s attack. The road where the attack started is the supply route for African Union peacekeepers.

“Early in the morning Islamist

militias attacked our base,” Somali Defense Minister Yusuf Mohamed Siad told *Associated Press Television News*.

Somalia has been ravaged by violence and anarchy since warlords overthrew dictator Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991, then turned on each other. The al-Shabab militants group, which has foreign fighters in its ranks, operates openly in the capital and seeks to overthrow the government and impose a strict form of Islam in Somalia.

Saturday’s violence follows a week in which more than 60 people were killed across the country as militants and government forces try to hold onto their territory.

Internet



Houses are threatened by a fire that broke out in the village of Kaletzi, north of Athens. Hundreds of firefighters battled wildfires in Greece and Portugal on Saturday, with scores of homes under threat on the rural outskirts of Athens. INTERNET

Greek forest fire rages near Athens, damages homes

ATHENS, 23 Aug — A large wildfire raged out of control on the outskirts of Athens on Saturday, burning several homes and thousands of acres of forest.

Greek authorities declared a state of emergency after the fire, which broke out late Friday in the village of Grammatiko, about 40 km (25 miles) northeast of the Greek capital, spread to neighboring villages and threatened Athens’ northern suburbs.

Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis chaired a meeting at the fire fighters’ operations centre in Athens and opposition party politicians rushed to the affected areas to offer support.—*Internet*

CIA’s abuses detailed in secret report

LOS ANGELES, 23 Aug — The CIA staged a mock execution and brandished weapons, including a gun and a power drill, during interrogation sessions with detainees the agency was desperate to persuade to talk, it was reported on Saturday.

The CIA’s abuses were detailed in a long-secret internal CIA report expected to be released Monday, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

The prisoner confronted with the gun and power drill was identified by current and former US government officials as Abd al Rahim al Nashiri, the alleged plotter of the attack on the US destroyer Cole, said the paper.

Nashiri was also one of three prisoners who was subjected to the simulated drowning interrogation method known as waterboarding.—*Xinhua*



This 2008 file picture shows a grandmother and her grandchild preparing a meal together. Italian parents whose own parents look after their children while they are at work and help round the house save 50 billion euros a year, a study by the Milan Chamber of Commerce has said.—INTERNET

Indian government to import food items to plug drought-triggered shortage

NEW DELHI, 23 Aug — With the production of food grains and agricultural commodities set to fall because of drought, Indian government will import those items that will be in short supply to meet the demand, and a top government official told the media on Saturday.

“Decision is already there that whichever commodity will be in short supply, to maintain demand-supply mechanism, we shall go for imports,” Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee said.

He said that there is already a short supply of pulses and edible

oil in the market.

Mukherjee, however, said that the government will not announce the timing of the import to ensure that prices are not jacked up artificially by the international players.

“The moment news is spread that India is going for big import, the market prices are jacked up,” he said.

On the impact of drought, the Finance Minister said that “it does not affect only production, it has an overall cascading impact. Scanty rainfall will affect recharge of ground water.”—Xinhua

Kenya woos Chinese investments in infrastructure, energy sectors

NAIROBI, 23 Aug — The Kenyan government on Saturday called for more Chinese investment especially in the areas of infrastructure and energy.

Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka said Kenya is positioning itself to benefit from the 5 billion US dollars which the Chinese government is investing in Africa through the China-Africa development Fund.

Musyoka noted that the partnership between

the Kenyan and Chinese governments in the High Grand Falls power generation project along Athi and Tana basins would inject additional 200 MW to the national electricity grid.

He said when the project is completed it would not only boost electricity power capacity, but also provide enough water for irrigation besides environmental conservation.

“We need this project

to revolutionize our food production from over-dependence on rain fed farming to irrigation. We can overcome the perennial famine situation and ensure constant food security,” he said in a statement.

The statement came after he received Chief Executive Officer of the China-Africa Development Bank Chi Jianxin, who paid him courtesy call.

Xinhua



Children crouch under their desks during an earthquake drill at a Tokyo elementary school in 2008. Around 20 percent of the world's most powerful earth-quakes strike Japan. The megacity of Tokyo in particular sits on the intersection of three continental plates — the Eurasian, Pacific and Philippine Sea plates.

INTERNET

Swine flu looms over global economic recovery

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug — Markets around the globe have started to celebrate the first signs of economic recovery, but experts have warned that a possible resurgent swine flu could still take a toll of productivity and financial systems.

First reported four months ago, the new A(H1N1) influenza virus spread by June into a global pandemic with some 1,800 deaths and now affects more than 170 countries, according to the World Health Organization.

Though the number of cases reported to WHO has topped 182,000, the United Nations health watchdog cautions the real number is higher because countries are no longer required to test and report individual cases.

Health officials are gearing up for a resurgence in cases as the northern hemisphere enters winter. So far swine flu infections generally have been relatively mild, with typical flu symptoms that last about a week.

However, the pandemic virus could mutate into a more deadly form. Officials are projecting a shortfall in vaccines being rushed to market in hopes of warding off a potential global health disaster.

Faced with the unpredictable nature of flu viruses, economists say it is difficult to assess the impact of swine flu on the delicate global economic recovery taking shape amid the worst world recession since World War II.

“As the severity of A(H1N1) is so far not severe, we would not expect the magnitude of the shock to the economy to be large relative to GDP (gross domestic product),” said Simonetta Nardin, a spokeswoman at the International Monetary Fund.—Internet

Turkey to see declining exports in 2009

ISTANBUL, 23 Aug — The global economic crisis will likely continue to take a toll on Turkish economy and exportation this year despite some positive signals, according to *Daily News* here on Saturday.

The warning was issued by the Turkish Confederation of Employers' Unions (TISK) in its report submitted to the Economic Coordination Board (EKK) on economic developments.

The report said that exports to Germany, Turkey's top importer for the period between January and June, declined 34.7 percent to 4.51 billion US dollars, compared to the same period last year. Exports to France, Italy and Britain followed with 2.76 billion, 2.67 billion and 2.39 billion US dollars respectively, according to the report. The growth forecasts concerning Turkey's most significant trade partners reveal that export performance will continue to sour this year, the report warned.—Xinhua



A doctor checks patients at the National Institute of Respiratory Diseases in Mexico City. Markets around the globe have started to celebrate the first signs of economic recovery, but experts have warned that a possible resurgent swine flu could still take a toll of productivity and financial systems.—INTERNET

More efforts urged to combat drought

BEIJING, 23 Aug—China's anti-drought authority has demanded more efforts to fight drought in the north, and warned possible drought in the south as affected regions continued to experience high temperatures and less rainfall.

A long-lingering drought in China was threatening 133 million mu (8.67 million hectares) of crops, the office of State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters has said.

About 58.28 million mu of crops are seriously affected by the drought. A total of 4.61 million people and 4.05 million heads of livestock faced difficulty in accessing to drinking water, as of mid-day of Friday, according to the headquarters on Saturday.

Xinhua



A helicopter carrying four Chinese naval soldiers from the Zhoushan missile frigate of the Chinese escort flotilla flies to protect merchant vessel "Weiyuan" from pirates in the Aden Gulf, on 21 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

S Korea's rocket moved to launch pad

SEOUL, 23 Aug—S Korea's first space rocket was moved to its launch pad for its blastoff arranged for 26 Aug, the state-run aerospace institute said on Sunday.

According to Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI), responsible for the launch, the rocket made it to the launch pad, located at the Naro Space Center in the southern part of the nation.

The rocket will be set up by 3:50 pm (0650 GMT) and later be connected with all mechani-

cal and electrical cables by 09:00 pm (1200 GMT) for thorough check-ups, the KARI said.

The Korea Space Launch Vehicle-1 (KSLV-1), South Korea's first satellite-carrying rocket, will be fired on Tuesday around 05:00 pm (0800 GMT), if there are no last minute problems with the weather or the systems.

KARI said that if there are no last minute problems with the weather or

launch systems, the country's first satellite-carrying rocket will blast off on Tuesday around 5:00 pm.

South Korea has earlier notified of the blastoff to both the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization, with reserving a "launch window" until Wednesday in case of contingencies.

Xinhua



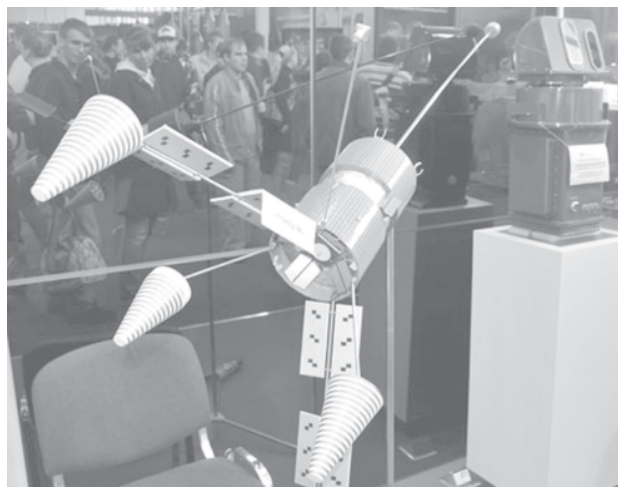
Box girders of the East Loop Railway are being installed at the work site of Wanquanhe Bridge in Qionghai City of south China's Hainan Province, on 22 Aug, 2009. A total of 122 box girders needed to be installed on the 3974-meter-long Wanquanhe Bridge, a section of the East Loop Railway of Hainan Province, which was started in Sept. of 2007 and planned to be completed in late 2010.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Canada's oldest ethnic Chinese building designated as national historic site

BARKERVILLE, 23 Aug—The Chee Kung Tong Building, the oldest surviving ethnic Chinese building in Canada, was officially recognized as a Canadian national historic site in a plaque-unveiling ceremony on Saturday.

The simple two-storey building is located in Barkerville, a gold rush town in the western province of British Columbia. It was built in the mid-1870s by Chee Kung Tong, a secret fraternal society, as a social gathering place for Chinese laborers, who came to the British Columbia during the 19th century to seek fortune by mining or working on railroad construction.—Xinhua



Russia's new type of communication satellite is displayed in the Moscow International Air Show (MAKS) in Zhukovsky outside Moscow, Russia, on 22 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Colombian police detains rebel who kidnaps, kills Americans

BOGOTA, 23 Aug — Colombian police have detained a rebel accused of kidnapping and killing US citizens, authorities said on Saturday.

Jose Armando Cadena Cabrera, alias "Bronco," was arrested during an operation in the capital launched by the police on Friday, said Luis Gabriel

Ramirez, commander of the Criminal Investigation Office of the National Police. Cadena was a member of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), Colombia's largest anti-government group.

He was accused of kidnapping three Americans and killing another American and a member of the Colombian military, said the police. A plane carrying four US nationals and a member of the Colombian military had an accident in woodland in southern Colombia in February 2003. The rebels seized them and subsequently killed US citizen Thomas Jannis and Colombian Luis Alcides Cruz, in which Cadena allegedly participated.

Xinhua

Bodies of seven more missing seaman in ship fire found

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Aug—Bodies of seven more Chinese seamen who went missing after their oil tanker collided with a bulk carrier off Malaysian coast in Malacca Straits have been found, said an official of the Chinese Embassy to Malaysia on Saturday.

The official said the bodies were found at around 9:30 p.m. local time and had all been taken back to the land. Their identity needs further confirmation, the official added.

A naphtha-transporting tanker owned by a Taipei company collided with a bulk carrier 18

Aug night near Port Dickson in the Malacca Straits and caught fire in seconds.

Sixteen of the 25 Chinese seamen on board the tanker escaped in life boats and nine others went missing. Bodies of two victims were found Friday.—Xinhua



Bolivian immigrants dance during the folk art festival in Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, on 22 Aug, 2009. The annual folk art festival was opened on Saturday. —XINHUA

Competition lacking among private health insurers

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug — One of the most widely accepted arguments against a government medical plan for the middle class is that it would quash competition — just what private insurers seem to be doing themselves in many parts of the US.

Several studies show that in lots of places, one or two companies dominate the market. Critics say monopolistic conditions drive up premiums paid by employers and individuals.

For Democrats, the answer is a public plan that would compete with private insurers. Republicans see that as a government power grab. President Barack Obama looks to be trapped in the middle of an argument that could sink his effort to overhaul the health care system.

Even lawmakers opposed to a government



An unemployed and uninsured woman waits to get tickets for a free health clinic in Inglewood, California. Obama would like to win some Republican support for his bid to cut health care costs, expand access and rein in insurance giants, in line with his vow to drain the partisan bile from Washington.—INTERNET

plan have problems with the growing clout of the big private companies.

“There is a serious problem with the lack of competition among insurers,” said Republican Sen Olympia Snowe of Maine, one of the highest-cost states. “The impact on the consumer is significant.”

Internet

WHO seeks flu vaccine donations for poorer nations

BEIJING, 23 Aug — The World Health Organization's flu chief urged drug makers on Saturday to donate swine flu vaccines to the world's poorest countries, which are more vulnerable in the fight against the pandemic.

Dr Keiji Fukuda said the agency is working hard to lobby the world's rich nations and flu vaccine makers for donations.

“It is clear that the poorest countries in general are just the most

vulnerable to any number of diseases, and so it is a big concern,” Fukuda said on the sidelines of a symposium of health officials and experts in Beijing. “We're continually hoping that more of the companies will step up and agree to donate more of the vaccine.”

WHO says the swine flu virus — also known as

H1N1 — has killed almost 1,800 people worldwide as of 13 Aug.

For the moment, swine flu is generally mild and most people recover without needing treatment. But it could have a more devastating impact in countries where populations are also fighting AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and other diseases.—*Internet*

Californian pilot dies at British air show

LONDON, 23 Aug — A leading US stunt pilot was killed on Saturday when her light aircraft crashed at an aerobatic show in central England.

Vicki Cruse, 40, from Santa Paula, Calif, died in an accident during the World Aerobatic Championships at Britain's Silverstone motor racing circuit.

Cruse, who was president of the International Aerobatics Club, is a former member of the US national aerobatics team and was the first woman to qualify to race in her class at the Reno National Championship Air Races.

Team manager Norm DeWitt said Cruse had been carrying out a qualifying flight when she lost control of her aircraft.

Internet

Nigeria rebel group to resume attacks, ends talks

YENAGOA, 23 Aug — Nigeria's main rebel group said on Saturday it would resume attacks against Africa's biggest energy industry next month, overshadowing the surrender of hundreds of arms by rebels in a federal amnesty programme.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), responsible for attacks that have wrought havoc on the OPEC member's oil operations, said it would resume its campaign of violence on 15 September.

Internet

Fire engineers of the Stone Age

People in southern Africa 72,000 years ago heated stones in preparation for toolmaking.

Stone Age toolmakers didn't need motivational speakers to get fired up at work. People living on the southern tip of Africa 72,000 years ago decided on their own to heat stones with carefully controlled fires in order to make the rock more suitable for tool manufacturing, a new study finds.

Coastal residents of southern Africa may even have heated stones as a first step in toolmaking as early as 164,000 years ago, say Kyle Brown, an anthropology graduate student at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, and his colleagues.

Until now, evidence of heat treatment extended back no further than about 25,000 years ago in Europe, Brown's team notes in the 14 Aug *Science*.



An unheated piece of silcrete stone, left, is contrasted with an ancient stone tool that was shaped from silcrete. The stone changed color and texture after being heated and chipped into an implement. New analyses of such artifacts suggest the technology of using heat to make tools was being used in Africa at least 72,000 years ago.

Return to sender: two Austrians rescued from mailbox

Austrian authorities aren't about to give these pranks their stamp of approval.

Frustrated officials say rescuers have been deployed twice this week to break open large mailboxes after two children locked themselves inside in separate incidents.

Firefighters in the westernmost province of Vorarlberg say the latest incident occurred in the village of Schwarzach, where an 8-year-old boy climbed inside a mailbox and couldn't get out.

Postal officials weren't able to find the key, so rescuers used welding torches and bolt cutters to open the box and free the child. He was uninjured.

Authorities say an almost identical incident happened in nearby Feldkirch, where a 4-year-old boy locked himself inside a mailbox.

Ill man jailed for yawning freed after 3 weeks

An Illinois judge has freed a man who had been in jail for three weeks after letting loose a loud yawn during a sentencing hearing. Thirty-three-year-old Clifton Williams of Richton Park was found in contempt of court and jailed on 23 July after yawning in Will County Judge Daniel Rozak's court. He could have been jailed for six months.

Williams was in court for his cousin's sentencing on a drug charge. A prosecutor in court at the time described the offending yawn as “loud and boisterous.”

As Williams stood before the bench in shackles, the judge gave him a short lecture. He told Williams he wasn't in custody for simply yawning but for making a sound “that was offensive to the court.”

NEWS ALBUM



Germany's Transport Ministry has launched a 115-million-euro (\$163 million) programme to promote "electro-mobility" in eight regions of the country. The idea is to test and market vehicles that run on electricity. This man was doing his own testing on an electric scooter in Dresden, one of the areas where the project is taking place.



These window-cleaners on a nearby building have a marvellous view of the Berlin Central Railway Station. The steel and glass building was opened in 2006 to provide a new central station for the capital. Six tracks cross above ground from East to West and eight tracks cross below ground from North to South, making it the largest multi-storey station in Europe.

Kanbalu: Land of Development and Prosperity

Article & Photos: Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)



Construction of the Out-patient Ward of Kanbalu Township 100-bed Hospital in progress.



The sketch of Kanbalu Township 100-bed Hospital.

Education has flourished throughout the nation together with the improvement of the health sector every citizen is enjoying. We have seen with our own eyes that not only urban but rural areas are enjoying remarkable development wherever we tour.

We, Myanma Alin news crew, visited Kanbalu in Shwebo District of Sagaing Division recently. Despite the fact that the town is a small one, it is making progress in education and health sectors. Kanbalu was lively with students as we

arrived there during school hours. Kanbalu is a township which set education as top priority and is comprised of 273 villages from 86 village-tracts.

There are four Basic Education High Schools, three BEHSs (Branch), two affiliated BEHSs where 102 high school teachers are teaching 2,923 high school students. A total of 30,424 middle school students are learning at six Basic Education Middle Schools, 38 BEMSs (Branch), 20 affiliated BEMSs staffed with 967 middle school

teachers whereas 34 Basic Education Post-Primary Schools, 170 BEPSs, 23 BEPSs (Branch) and 22 affiliated BEPSs in every village and the township are providing education to 47,031 basic education primary students with the service of 1,430 basic education teachers. The teacher-student ratio stands at 1:32.

It is honourable that 643 students of Kanbalu Township passed matriculation examination of 2008-2009 academic year, 49 of whom got distinctions including four

and five-distinction-winners.

That the educational funds of the township have been raised up to K 100 million and stipends are granted to medical students of Kanbalu and Kyunhla Townships every year significantly reflect the encouragement and emphasis upon education of the township.

The sign of the progress in education sector of Kanbalu Township is that the emergence of new No. 2 Basic Education High School on 1 June of 2009 which cost over K

300 million funded by grant of Education Department and regional development funds of townelders plus cash donated by wellwishers.

When looked at the health sector of the township, the township can be seen well equipped with one Township Hospital, two station hospitals, five rural healthcare centres, 37 affiliated rural healthcare centres, one Maternal and Child Healthcare Department and one traditional medical clinic which are providing healthcare service

wards—out-patient ward, ward, medical ward, OG ward, children ward and surgical ward.

Kanbalu Hospital, Zigon Station Hospital, Malei Station Hospital have their own medical funds and it is learnt that over K 22.7 million fund have been saved in Kanbalu Hospital alone. Anti-venom injections are also kept ready in rural healthcare centres for farmers of the villages.

In spite of Kanbalu being in the arid region, the township has witnessed unprecedented de-



The construction site of a new building of Kanbalu Township 100-bed Hospital.



Photo shows new No. 2 Basic Education High School.

for Kanbalu Township and its village-tracts.

At present, Htoo Trading Company is constructing 100-bed People's Hospital at the corner of Tabinshwehti Street and Myoshaung Street making a donation to the township and it is learnt that the works will be completed at the end of December, 2009. The hospital is comprised of six

velopment like other townships due to moderate rainfall and irrigation water which resulted in increased production of paddy, edible oil crops and other crops in addition to efforts of Tatmadaw Government for promotion of education and health sectors.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspecting construction of Thazi-Nyaungyan gravel road.—MNA

It is necessary for local people themselves...

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and inspected cultivation of Thukhayin paddy strains with the use of water from an artesian well. Next, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the local people, enquired about regional rainfall, rate of crop per acre yield and income and water availability for cultivation purposes and encouraged them to work hard for economic improvement.

Then, he inspected flow of water from the artesian well of tube well PB-001 (A) sunk by the Water Resources Utilization Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Lt-Gen Tha Aye, Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials reported on plans to sink 50 tube wells for boosting cultivation of crops and greening of Phayangahsu region and supply of water from already-sunk wells.

The Prime Minister inspected Pyawbwe-Phayangahsu road, inter-district road

Minister visited the thriving 8.50 acre-plantation of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton owned

making use of resources such as water supply and education, health, road and communication

village.

After viewing collective cultivation of paddy at the plantation at the entrance to Mahlaing,

means to get water resources and for using bio-fuel to provide electricity. The Prime Minister gave away gifts



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views farmer U Myint Oo's plantations cultivated with the use of water from artesian well in Phayangahsu region of Pyawbwe Township.—MNA

No 2 and Thazi-Shwenyaung road section and paving of gravel on Thazi-Nyaungyan road and left necessary instructions. After looking round in Thazi of Meiktila District, the Prime

by farmer U Myint Aung in Apyauk Village field No 1820.

Then, the Prime Minister met with the local farmers and urged them to strive for their socio-economic development

infrastructures built by the government. Next, he inspected cultivation of monsoon paddy at the 2.35-acre model plantation in Kongtaung village field No 1819 in Thazi Township and presented gifts to the local farmers.

Yesterday morning, the Prime Minister and party left Meiktila and arrived at the monsoon paddy plantation of farmer U Aung Thein in the field No 280/2607 in Legyi village-tract in Mahlaing Township. There, the Prime Minister met the local farmers and instructed them to extend agricultural undertakings and to use modern integrated farming system and bio-gas for the development of the

he inspected thriving plantations of paddy and seasonal crops along Meiktila-Mahlaing-Taungtha road.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Kyaukka Taunggon village in Taungtha Township in Myingyan District where they were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Myo Myint, Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, departmental officials and the local people. The Prime Minister met with chairmen of Village PDCs, townsenders and the people of the villages in Taungtha Township and gave instructions on efforts for regional development, for earning more income, for seeking

to the local people and instructed responsible persons to provide irrigation water by pumping from Welaung Dam and Thametku canals.

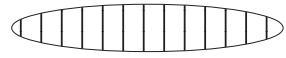
The Prime Minister and party visited Welaung Station Hospital and they were welcomed there by Head of Taungtha Township Health Department Dr Tin Maung Oo, officials and local people.

The Prime Minister encouraged the specialist team led by Deputy Director-General Dr Kyee Myint of the Health Department making field trips to provide medical treatment.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted the local people and (See page 9)

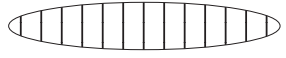


Farmer U Tun Tun's sunflower plantation seen in Popa Village-tract, Kyaukpadaung Township.—MNA



**Prime Minister
General Thein Sein
inspects thriving
Ngwechi 6 long
staple cotton farm in
Thazi Township.**

MNA



It is necessary for local people themselves...

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presented medicines for the hospital to the medical superintendent. Next, the Prime Minister and party presented spectacles to eye patients free of charge.

In the afternoon, the Prime Minister and party visited the sunflower plantation of farmer U Tun Tun in Popa Village-tract in Kyaukpadaung Township, met with the local people of Popa, Kanlwin Myauk, Indaw, Siyinsu and Kanthaya villages, enquired about agricultural undertakings and annual rainfall and presented gifts. Then, he inspected the tube-well in Gyanhlee village in NyaungU Township and carrying of water by the local people and left necessary instructions.

The tube-well was sunk under the technology cooperation for rural water supply project of dry region jointly implemented by the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and JICA of Japan. It

provides 10000 gallons of water a day.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party

NyaungU Township, 225 tube wells have been sunk in 218 villages and water is being provided to the

paddy cultivation by taking an example of thriving paddy plantations in the regions where paddy

by spending a lot of money.

At the briefing hall of the project, the director-general of the Water Resources

irrigation water. Lt-Gen Tha Aye and the commander gave supplementary reports.

The Prime Minister gave necessary



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects dredging of Kanma Lake in NyaungU Township. — MNA

went to Phonedaw village in Taungzin village-tract in NyaungU Township and inspected use of water by local people from the village tube-well and repair of Kanma Lake and greeted the local people.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Shinmein Village and inspected carrying of water from the village tube-well. For supplying of water to

local people.

The Prime Minister and party visited the 2.8-acre paddy plantation in the field No 1565 of Kanpauk village in Phwasaw village-tract through Mya Lake at the foot of Tuyin Hill. There, they inspected cultivation of paddy with the use of water from Lawka Nanda riverwater pumping project and instructed the local people to boost

did not grow well and to effectively use the river water pumping project undertaken by the State

Utilization Department and officials reported on progress in completion of the project and supply of

instructions and the pumping of water of the project.

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The State will render all necessary assistance not only for water supply but also for education, health and transport sectors. The farmers on their part are to work hard for their own businesses.



Prime Minister General Thein Sein looks into local people who are carrying water at tube-well in Gyanhlee Village of NyaungU Township. — MNA

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Lawka Nandar project is to benefit more than 10000 acres of land. In meeting with the local people of Pyawbwe, Mahlaing, Taungtha, Kyaukpadaung and NyaungU townships, the Prime Minister said the State is giving priority to supply of irrigation water, transformation of farmlands from crop lands, and per acre high yield. The success of agricultural business depends on geographical conditions and hard work and

perseverance of growers. While the lower regions are having rainfalls more than necessary, the arid regions have to face difficulty as their regions do not have enough rainwater. This is why arrangements are being made to undertake dam, river-water pumping and underground water tapping projects for cultivation purposes. More tube-wells are being sunk not only for drinking water but also for irrigation water. Farmers on their part are to work hard by making use of the facilities built by the

government. It is necessary for the local people themselves to work hard for their own economic improvement and successful agricultural undertakings. It is also required to choose and grow crops that can thrive depending on geographical conditions. The State will render all necessary assistance not only for water supply but also for education, health and transport. The farmers on their part are to work hard for their own businesses.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein gives spectacles to patients with eye complaints at Welaung Station Hospital in Taungtha Township.—MNA

Sagaing Division War Veterans Organization preliminary conference (2009) held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe together with Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung attended the Sagaing Division War Veterans Organization Preliminary

Conference (2009) at the city hall in Monywa on 17 August.

Next, the commander, the minister and the deputy minister cordially greeted members of the War Veterans Organization.

After that, the commander inspected progress of Kyweye junction roundabout and tar making of the

roundabout.

Moreover, the commander attended weekly work coordination meeting between Sagaing Division PDC and departments concerned in Monywa. The officials reported the progress of their tasks.

Later, the commander delivered a concluding remarks.

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Commander attends prize presentation for football tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern

Command Maj-Gen Hla Min attended the final match of the Southern Command Commander's Shield football tourney at the sports

ground of the command headquarters in Ketumati on 17 July. After the match, he presented prizes to the winning teams.—MNA

Parasites persuade immune cells to invite them in for dinner

SCIENCE DAILY, 23 Aug—The parasites that cause leishmaniasis use a quirky trick to convince the immune system to effectively invite them into cells for dinner, according to a new study published today in *PLoS Pathogens*. The researchers, from Imperial



Leishmania parasites enter the bodies of humans and other animals through sand fly bites.

College London, say their findings improve understanding of the way *Leishmania* parasites establish an infection and could aid the search for a vaccine against this neglected tropical disease.

Leishmania parasites are transmitted by sand flies. After the parasites infect a sand fly, they make a sticky gel so that when the fly bites a human, it regurgitates this gel into the body. Today's research, which was funded by the Wellcome Trust, shows that the gel persuades immune cells known as macrophages to feed the parasites, rather than killing them.

Leishmaniasis is an infection caused by *Leishmania* parasites that affects around 12 million people per year, mainly in tropical and sub-tropical countries. Symptoms include disfiguring and painful skin ulcers and in severe cases the infection can also spread to the internal organs.—Internet

Number of A (H1N1)-hit people...

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A (H1N1), and the test said A (H1N1) virus found, bringing the total figure of A (H1N1)-infected people to 25.

The 99 passengers on the same flight and 131 airport staff are now under surveillance in their homes.

A 21-year-old female A (H1N1) patient was discharged from Waibagi Hospital today as she had made a full recovery from the disease. So, the process of keeping in home quarantine of her four family members who came into contact with here was over.

So far, Myanmar has

seen 25 A (H1N1) cases, and 21 patients have recovered from the disease. The remaining four are still under intensive care.

And the National Health Laboratory has screened 187 A (H1N1) suspects, and confirmed 25 cases.—MNA

Ministry of Education holds swimming competitions

YANGON, 23 Aug—The Ministry of Education held final swimming events of universities, colleges and education colleges in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at Yangon University's Swimming Pool this morning.

Inter-University/College/Education College Swimming competitions of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) of the ministry were held from 21 August to date.

The swimming competitions included 100-M freestyle, 50-M breaststroke, 50-M butterfly and 50-M backstroke in the men's events and 50-M freestyle, 50-M breaststroke, 50-M butterfly and 50-M backstroke in the women's events. A total of 122 male students and 70 female one took part in the competitions.

Directors-general, rector, pro-rectors, President of Myanmar Swimming Federation Dr Khin Shwe, Secretary of MSF Deputy Director of Sports and Physical Education Department U Kyaw Oo and officials, guests, teachers and students enjoyed swimming events.

After the final events, officials presented prizes to winning swimmers. Next, Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department presented commemorative items to President of MSF Dr Khin Shwe and Director-General U Zaw Htay of Higher Education

Department (Lower), certificates of honour to officials of MSF.

Ma Nyein Nyein Kyaw Thung (Dagon University) won the best swimming prize with four gold medals and Maung Lin Htet Aung (Mawlamyine Education College) with one gold and one silver. Dagon University secured the championship shield with five gold, one silver and two bronze medals scoring 48 points.

Similar competitions for Upper Myanmar were held at Yatanabon Swimming Pool at the same time on the same day.

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Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—A moderate earthquake of intensity 5.6 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Indonesia) about 1200 miles of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 13 hr 54 min 28 sec MST today, said Hydrology and Meteorology Department.—MNA



People walk on the Champs-Élysées in Paris. Empty terrace tables at Parisian cafes. Fewer sunbathers scattered along Italian and Spanish beaches: The global economic crisis has cast a dark cloud over Europe's top tourist destinations.—INTERNET

China likely to be world's largest beer producer for eighth straight year

QINGDAO (Shandong), 23 Aug—The China Alcoholic Drinks Industry Association said on Sunday the country is hopefully to become the world's largest beer producer for the eighth straight year this year with the production of 20.5 million tonnes for the first half.

The association's director Wang Yancai made the remarks at the ongoing Qingdao International Beer Festival in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province.

Wang said the country's breweries made 20.5 million tonnes of beer for the first six months, up 6 percent from the corresponding period last year.

China has been making 40 million

tonnes of beer annually in recent years, compared with 24 million tons by the world's second largest producer, the United States, and 12 million tons by Germany that has a long history of beer production.

China became the world's largest beer producer in 2002. It has 251 beer companies and 550 breweries, whose products are mainly for domestic consumption.

The market potential of beer was shown at the ongoing Qingdao International Beer Festival, a famous annual event held in the coastal city Qingdao since 1991, with 250,000 visitors drinking 68 tons on 15 Aug, the first day of the festival.— *Internet*

Beijing grants 311 foreigners permanent residence status

BEIJING, 23 Aug— Beijing has granted 311 foreigners permanent residence status since China adopted a policy akin to the "green card" in the United States in 2004, police said on Sunday.

The Beijing municipal public security bureau has accepted 371 applications for

permanent residence status over the past five years, of which 311 have been approved, said Xu Jie, an officer in the exit-entry management division of the bureau.

Among the 311, 39 were granted the status for working in the country, 37 for making outstanding contribution, 123 for

family re-union and the rest 112 were expatriates.

Famous scientists, scholars, athletes, artists and other talents, as well as investors, are eligible to apply for the permanent residence status.

Spouses of Chinese citizens or foreigners who have been granted permanent residence status can apply for the status after having been married and resided in China for over five years with no less than nine months in China each year.— *Internet*

Southwest monsoon vigorous in W India

PUNA, 23 Aug—The southwest monsoon has been vigorous in Marathwada in west India and active in north-eastern states like Assam and Meghalaya and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim, the Met office said on Saturday.

It has been subdued over west Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, west Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat state.— *MNA/PTI*



In this August 2009 handout photograph provided by The Denver Zoo, emperor tamarin monkey twins Lara and Lucy look on from their home in the zoo's nursery. The twins are being cared for by zookeepers after they were orphaned on 30 July when their mother died from cancer, three weeks after giving birth to the pair.—INTERNET



Soccer City, the site of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.—INTERNET

Egyptian fishing boats returned home with eight captured pirates

CAIRO, 23 Aug—Two Egyptian fishing boats returned home with 34 fishermen and eight captured pirates on board on Sunday, after having been seized by Somali pirates for five months.

The two boats, Momtaz 1 and Samra were welcomed by thousands of chanting and singing Egyptian people who gathered in the coastal city of Suez.

These Egyptian fishermen escaped on August 13 without paying the one-million-dollar ransom. They managed to free themselves and their ships and arrested eight of their captors.

"The pirates treated us badly during the five months as they fed us with rotten rice and hot water," local Nile TV quoted one of the fishermen as saying.

"We managed to get some of their guns while they were sleeping, and freed our boats in a 15-minute battle," he added.

The eight Somali pirates caught by the Egyptian fishermen will be tried in Egypt according to the International Law.— *Internet*

Helicopter crash in Italy's Dolomites kills four

ROME, 23 Aug—A helicopter belonging to a medical emergency service crashed into a mountain near the ski resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo in the north of Italy on Saturday killing all four people on board, the fire service at Belluno said.

The spokesman said the helicopter appeared to have hit a cable, adding weather conditions in the area were bad.— *MNA/Reuters*

Members of a midget troupe act the shadow play "the Red Boy" in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 Aug, 2009. INTERNET



Alternative medicine practitioners offer tips to prevent H1N1

BANGALORE, 23 Aug—With the increase in number of swine flu cases across the country, propagators of alternative drugs have claimed the ancient Indian medicine system can build the human immune power to combat the H1N1 virus.

Dr Salma Banu, Assistant Professor at the Government Unani Medical College, said drops of U-viral, a concoction made of thymol, menthol and camphor (mixed in equal proportion) could be put on a handkerchief or tissue paper and inhaled frequently by people including children.

Demonstrating the concoction in the presence of Karnataka Minister for Health B Sreeramulu, Banu said this could be an alternative to those who are healthy and do not want to wear a mask while travelling or interacting with crowds. Three drops could be taken internally by putting them on betel leaves and eaten twice a day for five days, she said.

Another Unani decoction to boost the immunity is boiling in 100 millilitre water three gms of neem, giloe, chirayata (swertia) and half gram of siya mirch (black pepper) and one gram of sont (dry ginger). The water has to be boiled till it reduces to 60 millilitre and consumed in morning on empty stomach for a week.

Ayurvedic powders—triphala, trikatu, madhuyasti and amruta—in equal quantity, one teaspoon with warm water followed by a glass water, twice a day after food will help to boost immunity and reduce high fever, Dr R Shylaja Kumari, Assistant Professor, Department of Panchakarma, said.— *MNA/PTI*

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An Inuk woman eats seal meat laid out on a table during a community event in Iqaluit, Nunavut in the Canadian Arctic on 22 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Daniel Guirola performs to attract customers to a restaurant in El Salvador's touristic town of Ataco, on 22 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET

Japanese drug traffickers arrested in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, 23 Aug— Istanbul police forces cracked down a Japanese organized crime syndicate, or yakuza, operating in Istanbul, local daily Today's Zaman reported here today.

The report said that the police launched five operations last month against criminal organizations attempting to establish drug trade among Iran, Turkey and Japan. Eight Iranian and four Japanese drug smugglers were arrested, according to the report.

Anti-smuggling and Organized Crime Bureau

officials got information that the Japanese gangs were trying to smuggled methamphetamine they have bought from Iran to Japan. The police were able to trace the route of the drug smugglers. The Iranian and Japanese drug smugglers were closely monitored, and the police launched their operation when the drugs were brought to Istanbul from Iran.

In the first three operations, several Japanese and Iranian drug smugglers were caught with a total of 350,000 methamphetamine tablets.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman walk past a bullet riddled police vehicle after a shooting in Tijuana, Mexico, on 22 Aug, 2009. Four Tijuana police vehicles were shot early Saturday leaving at least one officer injured and one suspect arrested.—INTERNET

India, Nepal sign new treaty to boost trade

NEW DELHI, 23 Aug— India and Nepal signed a trade treaty on Saturday to allow Nepali goods duty-free access to India and agreed to bolster security along their border to thwart militant attacks,

officials said. India will allow Nepal to use the southern port of Vishakhapatnam for foreign trade, Indian officials said. Trade between the two neighbours stood at 1.9 billion US dollars and

they hope it will more than double in a few year time. India is Nepal's sole fuel supplier and is the Himalayan nations main foreign investor.

The treaty was signed during a visit to India's capital New Delhi by Nepal's new Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal.

The moderate Communist leader was chosen by Nepal's Parliament as Prime Minister in May, three weeks after Maoist leader Prachanda resigned.

The two countries also agreed to boost security along a 1,750 kilometres (1,000 miles) border, which security officials say is being used by militants to enter India via Nepali territory.

MNA/Reuters

Latinas, Asians lead Miss Universe poll



Miss Canada Mariana Valente

NASSAU, 23 Aug— Beauties from Latin America and Asia emerged as the crowd's favorites as the quest for the next Miss Universe neared.

An online poll sponsored by contest officials favored Miss Indonesia Zivanna Letisha Siregar, followed by Miss Brazil

Larissa Costa and Miss Guatemala Lourdes Figueroa, on the eve of showdown among 15 Miss Universe finalists.

Observers cast tens of thousands of anonymous votes by Internet. Latin American contestants held 11 of the 15 top slots in the informal poll. Reigning Miss Universe Dayana Mendoza hails from Caracas, Venezuela.

Contest officials closed a comment section of the online poll because more than 50,000 submissions were recorded in the first couple of days. "It was just so excessive," said Carl Althoff, a spokesman for the pageant. "We weren't able to monitor them."

Internet



Death toll in Nigerian cholera outbreak hits 52

KANO, 23 Aug—A cholera outbreak in northern Nigeria has killed 13 more people, taking the death toll to 52, the health commissioner said on Saturday.

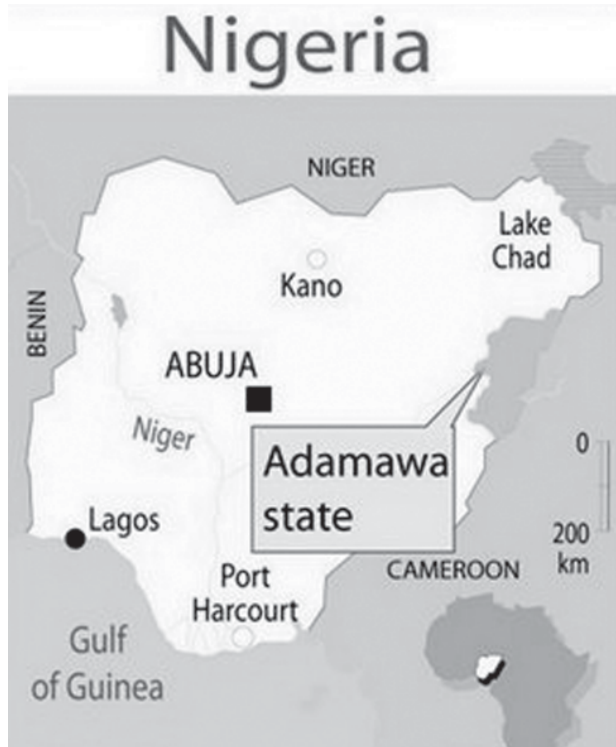
“We recorded more cases of cholera outbreak in the state in the last five days,” Zainab Baba Kwanci told *AFP* of the outbreak in Adamawa state.

“In Demsa, we have recorded nine deaths while 120 people are hospitalised. In Fufure, we recorded four deaths and 18 hospitalised.”

On Tuesday, 39 people were reported killed by the disease in Maiha, according to local government official Yahaya Hamman-Julde.

He said “scores of people” had been hospitalised as a result of the disease, stressing that an ongoing strike by medical workers in the state was hampering efforts to assist the sick.

Julde could not pinpoint the cause of the outbreak, but recalled that a similar one in June killed 20 people in the area. Cholera is an intestinal infection that causes serious diarrhoea and vomiting leading to dehydration. With a short incubation period, it can be fatal if not treated in time.—*Internet*



A map of Nigeria locating Adamawa state in the northeast of the country. A cholera outbreak in the state has killed 13 more people, taking the death toll to 52, the health commissioner said on Saturday.—INTERNET

Over 10 tons of rancid chicken meats destroyed

PHNOM PENH, 23 Aug— Over 10 tons of rancid chicken meats were confiscated and destroyed by Cambodian provincial police, *DAP News* reported in its website on Saturday.

The crackdown was led by Mork Pichrith, Patrol Department general director, and the Pursat Police Commissioner on Friday after checks revealed the chickens were inedible. These chicken meats destined for sale in capital Phnom Penh were burned and buried by Pursat provincial police authorities on Friday.

The total amount of rancid chicken meats were 1,048 kg and were exported from Thailand. “Those who exported these banned products, according to relevant laws, will be fined five million to 10 million riel (about 2,268 US dollars),” Mork Pichrith said.

It was crackdown by the police and we have prepared related documents for the court,” he confirmed. He also warned those involved to stop this business and called for all Cambodians to carefully check their food before buying.

Xinhua

Report says African population reaches one billion

DAR ES SALAAM, 23 Aug— Africa’s population has reached 1 billion as the continent’s population is growing by about 24 million a year,

according to a latest report from a nonprofit organization.

This was announced by the report published by the Washington-based the

Population Reference Bureau jointly with the US government aid agency USAID, which expects African population to double to nearly 2 billion by 2050. Although population growth has slowed in North African countries such as Egypt and Tunisia, on average women in sub-Saharan Africa have more children than women elsewhere, the local daily the *Guardian* on Saturday quoted the report as saying.

“While globally the average woman has 2.6 children, in sub-Saharan Africa she has 5.3 children (which is down from 6.7 children in around 1950), the world’s highest,” the report said.

Internet



Chinese herders walk on a dried-up reservoir in Gulang, northern China’s Gansu Province in July. The worst drought to hit parts of north China in six decades has left nearly five million people short of water, while officials warn of another dry spell further south, state media reported on Sunday.—INTERNET

Hong Kong reports 299 new cases of A/H1N1 flu

HONG KONG, 23 Aug — Hong Kong confirmed 299 cases of A/H1N1 flu in the 24 hours to 02:30 pm on Saturday, with the total number of infections reaching 8,834 in the city, medical authorities said.

A spokesman from the Centre of Health Protection said the new cases involve 143 males and 156 females, aged between six months and 71 years old.

Meanwhile, the city’s Hospital Authority said currently 72 confirmed patients are staying in public hospitals for treatment. Among them, 58 are in stable condition, four in serious and ten in critical condition. —*Xinhua*

Over 300 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 23 Aug— A European health agency said Saturday that 311 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 279 were confirmed in Italy, 26 in Switzerland, five in Slovakia and one in Slovenia, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The cumulative number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries increased to 42,099, with 13,740 cases in Germany, 12,957 in Britain, 1,987 in Portugal, 1,538 in Spain and 1,473 in Netherlands, the ECDC said.

The total number of fatal cases rose to 80, with one new fatal case from Spain, the ECDC added. The ECDC publishes a daily situation report about the H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries.— *Xinhua*

Weaker Hurricane Bill moves towards eastern Canada

HAMILTON, 23 Aug— Hurricane Bill, weaker but still a large storm, headed northeast toward Canada’s Atlantic regions on Saturday, buffeting the New England coast of the United States as it passed with heavy swells, surf and rain.

The US National Hurricane Center earlier downgraded Bill to a Category 1 storm packing top winds of 85 miles per hour (140 km per hour). Category 1 storms are the mildest on the five-step Saffir-Simpson intensity scale but are still potentially threatening.

The track forecast for Bill, the first hurricane of the 2009 Atlantic season,

would take it on a northward path off the New England coast over Saturday night, moving over or near Nova Scotia in Canada on Sunday, the Miami-based NHC said. Bill was expected to slowly weaken in the next 24 hours as it moved over cooler waters and encountered increasing vertical wind shear which would reduce its intensity, it said.—*Internet*

Works and Engineering crews clean up a road on the Southshore from debris and seaweed that was left from the waves after Hurricane Bill passed some 150 miles off Bermuda on 22 Aug, 2009.—INTERNET



SPORTS

Pato, Ronaldinho inspire Milan to opening win



AC Milan's Pato of Brazil

ROME, 23 Aug—Brazilians Pato and Ronaldinho proved there is life after Kaka as they inspired AC Milan to a 2-1 victory at Siena in coach Leonardo's

opening Serie A match in charge of the Italian giants on Saturday.

Pato scored a brace but it was his Brazilian compatriot Ronaldinho who created both goals to help countryman Leonardo begin his reign with a win and instantly ease the pain felt by Kaka's switch to Real Madrid. The teenage Pato paid tribute to his strike partner.—Internet

Federer beats Murray to reach Cincinnati ATP final

CINCINNATI, 23 Aug—World number one Roger Federer snapped a four-match losing streak against second-ranked Andy Murray to book his berth in the Cincinnati Masters final. Federer downed Murray 6-2, 7-6 (10/8), his first victory against the Scot since his triumph in last year's US Open final.

Since then, Murray had bested the Swiss superstar four times, including twice this year.

In the final, Federer will face fourth-seeded Serb Novak Djokovic who swept past Spain's Rafael Nadal 6-1, 6-4 in the other semi-final.—Internet

Nistelrooy, Diarra set to return for Real

MADRID, 23 Aug—Ruud van Nistelrooy and Mahamadou Diarra both return from several months out injured to join the Real Madrid squad for Monday's Bernabeu Trophy match against Rosenborg, the Spanish club said.

Van Nistelrooy, bought from Manchester United in 2006, has been out of action since last November, when he underwent an operation on his right

knee. The Dutch striker has scored 45 league goals for Real, four of them last season before being injured, and was the top scorer in the league for 2006-07 with 25 goals in 37 matches.—Internet



Ruud van Nistelrooy

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Wenger sweats over Fabregas's fitness

LONDON, 23 Aug—Cesc Fabregas is a major doubt for Arsenal's Champions League clash with Celtic after the midfielder was forced out of the 4-1 win over Portsmouth with a hamstring injury.

Fabregas played just 45 minutes of Saturday's victory that was kick-started by two goals from Abou Diaby and wrapped up with second half strikes from William Gallas and Aaron Ramsey.

And Gunners manager Arsene Wenger admitted after the game that his captain had only a slight chance of appearing in this week's European play-off

second leg and could be out for up to three weeks.—Internet



Arsenal's Spanish midfielder Cesc Fabregas (L) gets away from Portsmouth's South African player Aaron Mokoena (R) during the Premier League football match between Arsenal and Portsmouth at The Emirates stadium in London. Arsenal won 4-1.—INTERNET

Adebayor repays City with another victory strike

MANCHESTER, 23 Aug—Emmanuel Adebayor repaid another slice of his huge transfer fee as the Manchester City striker's goal clinched a 1-0 victory over Wolverhampton on Saturday. City boss Mark Hughes raised eyebrows when he paid 25 million pounds to sign Adebayor from Arsenal in the close-season, but the Togo international has made an impressive start with his new club.

He marked his debut with the opening goal in last weekend's victory at Blackburn and smashed in his second of the campaign to kill off last season's Championship win-



Manchester City's Togolese striker Emmanuel Adebayor

ners at Eastlands. Hughes is still keen to sign England defender Joleon Lescott from Everton to bolster his back-four, but City are certain to produce plenty of goals judging by the contributions of Adebayor, Robinho and Carlos Tevez, who made his first start following his switch from Manchester United.

Internet

Dementieva to meet Sharapova in Toronto WTA final

TORONTO, 23 Aug—Elena Dementieva avenged a tough Wimbledon defeat with a straight-sets victory over second-seeded Serena Williams to reach the final of the two million-dollar WTA hardcourt tournament here.

Fourth-seeded Dementieva defeated Williams 7-6 (7/2), 6-1 will face Russian compatriot Maria Sharapova in Sunday's final.—Internet



Russia's Maria Sharapova celebrates her victory in the semi final match against compatriot Alisa Kleybanova at the Rogers Cup at the Rexall Centre in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Sharapova won 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. INTERNET

Celtic's Mowbray turns thoughts to Arsenal

GLASGOW, 23 Aug—Celtic manager Tony Mowbray says he has already settled on the side that will face Arsenal on Wednesday as he watched the Hoops warm up for their crucial Champions League tie with a 5-2 thrashing of St Johnstone. The win, which sends the Old Firm giants top of the Scottish Premier League, came four days after they lost the first leg of their play-off match against Arsene Wenger's side 2-0 in Glasgow.

Now, with a place in the lucrative group stages of the competition at stake, Mowbray knows his side need to score at least twice at the Emirates Stadium if they are to have any hope of going through.—Internet

Celtic's manager, Tony Mowbray watches team play Arsenal during an UEFA Champions League, play-off round, first-leg football match at Celtic Park, Glasgow, Scotland, on 18 August.

INTERNET



Fergie expects 100-goal Rooney to get even better

WIGAN, 23 Aug—Sir Alex Ferguson believes Wayne Rooney will score "many more" for Manchester United after he joined a select band of players to net 100 goals for the club. Rooney reached the milestone after opening the scoring during his side's 5-0 victory at Wigan on Saturday.

The England striker ended the match with two goals as United's season exploded into life after a low key start, which included a surprise 1-0 defeat at newly-promoted Burnley.—Internet



Manchester United's English forward Wayne Rooney controls the ball during the English Premier League football match between Wigan Athletic and Manchester United at the DW Stadium in Wigan. Manchester won 5-0.—INTERNET

Bayern humbled by Mainz, Leverkusen rout Freiburg



Mainz's Austrian midfielder Andreas Ivanschitz (L) and Mainz' Burkinan striker Aristide Bance celebrate scoring their second goal during the German first division Bundesliga football match FSV Mainz 05 vs FC Bayern Munich in the western German city of Mainz.—INTERNET

BERLIN, 23 Aug—Bayern Munich were humbled 2-1 by promoted minnows Mainz in the Bundesliga on Saturday while the Bavarians' rivals Bayer Leverkusen routed Freiburg 5-0 to lead the table. Bayern's new coach Louis van Gaal is still waiting for his first Bundesliga win since taking charge in July as his side were outplayed by Mainz. Van Gaal left unfit midfielder Franck Ribery out of his squad, but the Frenchman is expected to be given game time for next Saturday's clash with champions Wolfsburg with Bayern badly needing their playmaker back.

Internet

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Burnley 1 - 0 Everton
Fulham 0 - 2 Chelsea

West Ham United 1-2 Tottenham Hotspur



Junior Stanislas of West Ham United gets tackled by Vedran Corluka of Tottenham Hotspur.—INTERNET

LONDON, 23 Aug—Tottenham Hotspur made it three wins from their first three matches with victory at Upton Park.

The Hammers were leading through Carlton Cole's spectacular volley but the England striker's backpass then set up Jermain Defoe to level against his former club.

Another mistake led to Aaron Lennon's winner, with Jonathan Spector slipping at the vital moment and the winger taking full advantage to rifle into the bottom corner.—Internet

Drive with care



Monday, 24 August
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း) (တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:05 am

7. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာ နိုင်ရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)

8:40 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. Cute Little Dancers

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Dance Variety

4:30 pm

4. Musical Programme

(The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

4:40 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရှုပေဒအထူးပြု) (ရှုပေဒ)

4:55 pm

6. Songs to Uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

5:10 pm

8. Dance of National Races

5:20 pm

9. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊

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5:35 pm

10. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

11. Evening News

6:15 pm

12. Weather Report

6:20 pm

13. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တစ်နေ့နိုးဖူးစာ"(အပိုင်း-၉)

8:00

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather Report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

MRTV-3

Programme Schedule
(24-8-2009) (Monday)

Transmissions

Times

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

Local Transmission

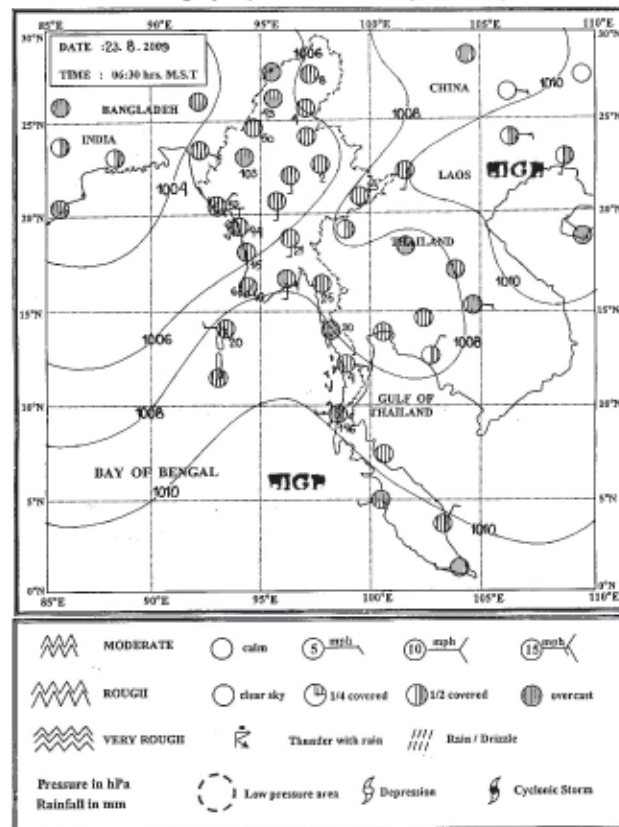
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- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * A Visit of A Laungdaw Kassapa in Modern Days
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- * Myanmar Modern Song "The Heart of Wetland"
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Fried Sour Shrimp"
- * Thanakha, a Myanmar Cosmetic
- * Fresh-water Fish breeding industry
- * Culture Stage "The Ogre Dance"
- * Shwe Nan Daw Cultural Museum
- * Song "To Golden Mandalay"
- * Hukaung Valley Rattan Survey (Part II)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 23rd August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Mandalay Division, scattered in Kayin State, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions, and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.39) inch, Kawthoung (6.85) inches, Maungtaw (5.82) inches, Kalaywa (4.18) inches, Mawlaik (2.71) inches, Homalin (2.44) inches, Namhsam (2.28) inches, Kyauktaw (2.20) inches, Sittway(2.05) inches and Kanbalu (1.26) inches.

Maximum temperature on 22-8-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 23-8-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-8-2009 was 85%. Total Sun shine hours on 22-8-2009 was (2.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 23-8-2009 was Tr at Mingaladon, (0.04)inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (81.30) inches at Mingaladon, (93.07) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.82) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (03:30) hours MST on 23-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 24th August 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-8-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-8-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-8-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

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

Health Ministry provides free medical treatment in Taungtha Township



Prime Minister General Thein Sein views free medical service being provided to local people of Taungtha Township at Welaung Station Hospital.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Ministry of Health in cooperation with local authorities and social organizations conducted free medical treatment to patients with eye and dental complaints of Taungtha Township, Mandalay Division at Welaung station hospital

on 22 August.

The Prime Minister and party viewed and encouraged the free medical treatment on 22 August morning.

The free medical treatment team, comprising division health officer, three eye specialists and four dental specialists, led

by the deputy director-general of Health Department gave medical care to 528 eye patients from Taungtha Township and provided glasses for 50 patients free. They then arranged medical scheme for 50 patients with eye complaints and 110 dental patients.—MNA

Number of A (H1N1)-hit people touches 25 One more patient released from hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—The Airport Health Centre transferred a 58-year-old woman with flu-like symptoms

to Waibagi Hospital yesterday.

She arrived back by Flight No. MH-740 from Malaysia the same day.

Her blood sample was thus sent to the National Health Laboratory to test for New Influenza (See page 10)