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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to President of Ukraine

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 Yanukovich, President of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine, which falls on 24 August 2010.—MNA

Prime Minister U Thein Sein felicitates Ukrainian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—U Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mykoia Azarov, Prime Minister of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine which falls on 24 August 2010.—MNA

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

Officials to distribute quality strains to farmers and educate them to apply correct cultivation methods



*Prime Minister
U Thein Sein inspects
research farm of
Myanma Rice
Research
Department of
Myanma Agriculture
Service under
Ministry of
Agriculture and
Irrigation.*
MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — Prime Minister U Thein Sein on 21 August morning left Nay Pyi Taw by car and inspected Pyay-Paukkhaung-Taungoo road conditions. On arrival at Kyatmanit Camp of Public Works at mile post No.80/2, the Prime Minister heard a report by Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint on completion of the upgraded 125 miles and 1 furlong long tarred road by 12 groups of Public Works and 4 private companies within 5 months, and maintenance work. Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min gave a supplementary report.

In response, the Prime Minister stressed the need for constant supervision of maintenance to ensure all-weather

road, improve drainage system and for vehicles to follow the traffic rules. After inspecting maintenance of and establishment of plantations by the Forest Department and thriving private teak plantations, the Prime Minister and party went to Pyay by car.

Yesterday morning, the Prime Minister attended the opening of Pyay (Shwedaga)-Paukkhaung railroad section held at Shwedaga Station in Pyay and proceeded to the agriculture education camp of Khittara Hinthar rice company in Yephyu village, Kinponchyon village-tract, Paukkhaung township. In the meeting with the local people, the Prime Minister enquired about agricultural, education and health matters, fulfilled the needs.

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PERSPECTIVES

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National railroad network to emerge soon

Smooth transport is the lifeblood of regional development. For instance, it gives impetus to trade, education, health and social sectors and cements amicable relations among national brethren.

Now, the setting up of road and railroad networks covering the whole nation is in the process. As a result, Putao in the northernmost part and Kawthoung in the southern tip of the nation are easily accessible by car and by train from each other. And people can travel by car between Muse, Lashio and Kengtung in the easternmost end and Sittway in the western part of the nation in all seasons.

Bago Region sees a large number of mountains, ravines and gorges. Due to the mountain range in the central Myanmar which poses a natural barrier to Bago Region, the eastern and western parts had only distant relations to each other in the past. So far, there have been seven roads passing through the mountain range, along with a railroad under construction.

Pyay (Shwedaga)-Paukaung section of Pyay (Shwedaga)-Toungoo (Kyaydaw)-Nay Pyi Taw Railroad Project was inaugurated the other day. The 20 miles long section has five stations including Shwedaga station.

Passengers and goods can be transported by train at low costs in a short time. So, the Myanmar Railways is improving railroads, passenger and wagons and coaches.

Now, more and more new railroads are being built across the nation. So, in the near future, the nation will see regional economic growth and smooth transport at the unprecedented level with emergence of a national railroad network.

All this needs to be known

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

20,387.04 acres of poppy fields destroyed

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug.—From 1 September 2009 to 13 August 2010, a total of 20,384.04 acres of poppy fields were destroyed in the 2009-2010 poppy cultivation season. From 14 to 20 August 2010, three more acres of poppy fields near Nautawng Village in Loilem Township, Shan State (South), were destroyed, thus bringing the total acreage to 20,387.04.—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

Special Refresher Course No. 72 for basic education teachers opens



On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivering an address.—MNA

YANGON, 23 Aug.—Special Refresher Course No. 72 for basic education teachers was opened at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region this morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung made an opening address at the ceremony.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, the rector of the institute, pro-rectors, faculty heads, instructors and trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Thaung said that the Government, to build up peaceful, modern, discipline-flourishing democratic nation, is endeavoring to bring about booming economy, food security, and sector-wise development.

However, modern developed nation can be established only when the entire nation strive in unison by harmoniously combining powers of knowledge, and strong Union Spirit with powers of science and technology, he said.

Today, each and every global nation of IT Age, he continued, while trying to keep in touch with ever-developing science and technology, had to pay serious attention to secure its national policy, interests and characteristics as a result of globalization.

He went on that it can be seen that the world

today was facing conflicts over racism, and religion, civil wars, and terrorism and some certain nations were interfering in internal affairs of other nations to spread its influence over the globe, which resulted in more complicated conflicts and new issues.

Facing these circumstances, powerful national strength became essential to overcome obstacles and challenges in different forms, only then the nation could stand shoulder to shoulder with global nations by its own, maintaining national integrity, and policies, he said.

The government, he said, was working with might and main so as to keep pace with international community as well as for perpetual existence of the Union handed down from ancestors. In other words, the government, as a sovereign nation, was striving on its own for progress of the nation to be able to stand tall in international community without any string-attached.

Teachers were therefore to do their bits in transforming the nation into modern developed one by educating the public to keep going on correct national trend, he stressed.

In conclusion, he stressed the need for success of long-term 30-year national education promotion programme, success of seven-step Road Map, and further study to accomplish tasks for emergence of peaceful, modern and developed nation.

A total of 1,502 teachers from states and regions in lower Myanmar are attending the five-week course.—MNA

EP-2 & Construction Minister meets staff in Pyay

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug.—Minister for Electric Power No.2 and for Construction U Khin Maung Myint met Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electric Power Supply Enterprise, Deputy Managing Director U Kyaw

Hlaing of Public Works and service personnel of the ministries at Electrical Engineer's Office in Bago Region (West) on 21 August.

The minister heard the reports presented by Deputy Chief Engineer U Kyaw Thu and urged the staff to shoulder their duties dutifully.

MNA

8 killed on hijacked Philippine tourist bus

MANILA, 23 Aug— A 12-hour hostage drama aboard a Philippine bus ended in bloodshed Monday, with at least seven Chinese tourists dead along with the disgruntled ex-policeman who hijacked the vehicle and demanded his job back, officials said.

At least six captives survived, four of whom were seen crawling out the back door of the bus after Philippine police stormed it Monday evening when the hos-

tage-taker started shooting at the 15 Chinese tourists inside, said police Senior Superintendent Nelson Yabut.

He said the hostage-

taker was killed with a sniper shot to the head after he wounded a police sharpshooter. The crisis began when the dismissed policeman, Rolando

Mendoza, 55, armed with a M16 rifle seized the busload of Hong Kong tourists to demand his reinstatement in the force.

Internet



Rolando Mendoza, a disgruntled ex-policeman who hijacked a bus in the Philippines, hangs dead out the bus door after being shot by police.

INTERNET

33 miners in Chile are alive, but stuck for months



Chilean President Sebastian Pinera holds a note from the thirty-three miners trapped in a deep underground copper and gold mine in Copiapo, 725 km.

INTERNET

COPIAPO, 23 Aug— For 33 men found alive after 17 days trapped deep in a copper and gold mine, the toughest challenge now may be preserving their sanity during the months it may take to carve a tunnel big enough for them to get out.

Chileans were euphoric Sunday after a narrow drill broke through 2,257 feet (688 metres) of solid rock to reach an emergency refuge where the miners had gathered. The trapped men quickly tied two notes to the end of a probe that rescuers

pulled to the surface, announcing in big red letters: "All 33 of us are fine in the shelter."

"Today all of Chile is crying with excitement and joy," President Sebastian Pinera said at the mine.

And where many were beginning to give up hope, the scene above ground became a celebration on Sunday night, with a barbecue for the miners' families, roving musicians, lit candles and Chilean flags making the barren landscape seem festive.

Internet

Excavators are used to finish repairing the last part of a landslide-hit road in Mianzhu City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 22 Aug. 2010. As rescuers have repaired the road to Qingping village of Mianzhu City on Sunday, relief supplies could be sent to all landslide-hit areas after heavy rain triggered mudslides in Sichuan on 13 Aug.—XINHUA

One US soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 Aug— A US soldier was killed during an operation in Iraq's southern province of Basra on Sunday, the US army said.

"A United States Forces — Iraq — soldier was killed today in Basra Province while conducting operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," a military statement said without giving further details.

The latest death brings the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to 4,417, since the breakout of the US-led war on Iraq in 2003, according to media account based on Pentagon figures.

The latest death came as the US military is withdrawing its combat troops from the country as planned by US President Barack Obama who set the end of August as the deadline to end combat operations in Iraq.

Xinhua

Two NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 Aug—Two soldiers of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed in Afghanistan on Monday in the relatively peaceful northern and restive southern regions, the military alliance said in a Press release issued here on Monday.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in northern Afghanistan today," the statement added.

It also said that the second ill-fated trooper was killed in similar bomb blast in Afghanistan's volatile south, the stronghold of Taliban militants.

Xinhua



Four Taliban militants, five civilians killed in N Afghanistan

BAGHLAN (Afghanistan), 23 Aug—Clash and explosion left nine persons dead including four Taliban militants elsewhere in north Afghanistan, officials said on Sunday.

In the first incident which took place early Sunday morning; four Taliban militants were killed as troops stormed their hideout in Baghlan Province.

"Security forces raided Taliban hideout in Karkar area outside provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri early this morning killing four rebels and detained another," spokesman for police in Baghlan Province Jawed Basharat told Xinhua.

He also added that some arms and ammunition including two assault rifles were seized from their possession.—Xinhua

Eight Iraqis wounded, gunmen seize 600,000 dollars in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 23 Aug—Eight people were wounded in four bomb attacks across Baghdad, while gunmen stole at least 600,000 dollars in cash in a heist outside a government bank in western Baghdad on Sunday, an Interior Ministry source said.

Four people were injured in a bomb explosion in Baghdad's southern district of Saidiyah, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A total of four more people were wounded in three bomb attacks across the capital, the source added.

Xinhua



A ship is seen close to the site of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill zone in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana. Nearly 80 percent of the oil spilled from a ruptured oil pipeline is still in the sea there, US scientists have estimated, challenging a more optimistic assessment by the US government earlier in the month.

INTERNET

3 bombs kill 36 in northwest Pakistan

PARACHINAR, 23 Aug— Three bomb attacks in northwest Pakistan — two in tribal regions near the Afghan border and a third near the region's main city of Peshawar — killed at least 36 people Monday, officials and a witness said.

The attack on the outskirts of Peshawar killed the leader of an anti-Taliban militia, Israr Khan, and two aides as he passed through a market in the village of Matni, said po-

lice official Khurshid Khan. Three more people were injured.

The deadliest blast was a suicide attack at a religious school in South Waziristan that killed 26 people and injured 40 more, said an intelligence official in the region. Earlier, a bomb exploded inside a school during a meeting of elders in Kurram tribal region, killing seven people.

Internet

Science

Cassini spacecraft photographs three saturn moons

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug—NASA's Cassini spacecraft swung by three Saturn moons in cosmic triple play and beamed new photos of the satellites home to Earth. The newly released photos from the flyby reveal the surfaces of Dione, Enceladus and Tethys in intriguing detail. The images, taken between 13-14 Aug, are still in their raw form and have yet to be processed by Cassini mission scientists, yet still reveal the terrain of three very different Saturn moons.

One snapshot of Dione, taken 13 Aug from 74,000 miles (119,000 km) away, shows the many craters pocking the moon's water-ice surface. Dione is about 700 miles (1,120 km) in diameter, and it orbits at 234,000 miles (377,000 km) from Saturn—about the same distance as our own moon is from Earth.

Tethys shares many characteristics with Dione; it's nearly the same size – 662 miles (1,066 km) across and is composed mostly of water ice. And like Dione, Tethys boasts a rugged, crater-laden beauty, which the Cassini spacecraft captured in another photo.

Cassini was about 24,000 miles (38,000 km) from the surface of Tethys when it photographed Penelope crater, which at 90 miles (150 km) wide is the moon's second-largest crater. Enceladus, however, is a different beast than Dione and Tethys entirely.—*Internet*



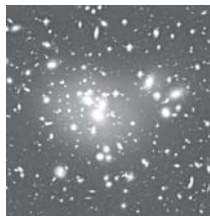
Wind turbines operate at the newly built Capital Wind Farm near Tarago, about 35 kilometres (22 miles) north of Canberra in this 30 October, 2009 file photo. Australia plans to build the southern hemisphere's biggest wind farm by 2013 as it scrambles to harness its abundance of clean energy sources.

INTERNET

Astronomers use galactic magnifying lens to probe elusive dark energy

New York, 23 Aug—An international team of astronomers using gravitational lensing observations from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope has taken an important step forward in the quest to solve the riddle of dark energy, a phenomenon which mysteriously appears to power the Universe's accelerating expansion.

Normal matter like that found in stars, planets and dust clouds only makes up a tiny fraction of the mass-energy content of the Universe. It is dwarfed by the amount of dark matter — which is invisible, but can be detected by its gravitational pull. In turn, the amount of dark matter in the Universe is itself overwhelmed by the diffuse dark energy



This image shows the galaxy cluster Abell 1689, with the mass distribution of the gravitational lens overlaid (in purple). The mass in this lens is made up partly of normal (baryonic) matter and partly of dark matter. Distorted galaxies are clearly visible around the edges of the gravitational lens.

INTERNET

that permeates the entire Universe. Scientists believe that the pressure exerted by this dark energy is what pushes the Universe to expand at an

ever-increasing rate.

Probing the nature of dark energy is, therefore, one of the key challenges in modern cosmology. Since its discovery in 1998, the quest has been to characterise and understand it better. This work presents an entirely new way to do so.

Eric Jullo, lead author of a new paper in the journal *Science* explains: "Dark energy is characterised by the relationship between its pressure and its density: this is known as its equation of state. Our goal was to try to quantify this relationship. It teaches us about the properties of dark energy and how it has affected the development of the Universe."

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Technology

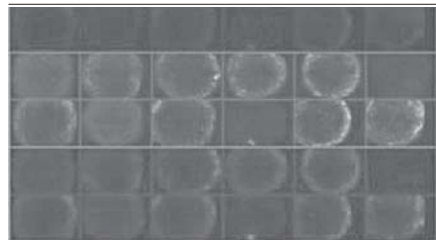
Apple files for patent to disable jailbroken iPhones

New York, 23 Aug—Apple has applied for a patent covering various methods for identifying and disabling unauthorized use — including jailbreaking and other hacks — of electronic devices, such as its popular iPhone and iPad products. Currently, the Cupertino, California-based tech company automatically revokes its warranty on all iPhones that have been subject to jailbreaking and other hacks.

The patent, which was filed in February and published on Thursday, primarily focuses on measures for identifying stolen devices and protecting the kinds of sensitive information, such as credit card numbers and passwords, stored on those devices. Upon learning that a customer's iPhone has been stolen, for instance, sensitive data stored on that customer's device could be sent to one of Apple's remote storage servers and then erased entirely from the phone.

However, the patent also covers methods for identifying devices that have been hacked, jailbroken, unlocked or had their SIM cards removed, such as monitoring sudden increases in memory usage that could "indicate that a hacking program is being run and that an unauthorized user may be using the electronic device." Theoretically, Apple could then wipe personal data from these devices and then alert AT&T to "shutdown any telephone service to the electronic device, shutdown the electronic device itself, or otherwise suitably extract the functions of the electronic device."

Internet



This image shows human embryonic stem cells grown on a synthetic surface developed by MIT researchers. The cells at top (blue) are stained to reveal their nuclei, while the cells in the middle and bottom are stained for proteins that are known to be present when cells are pluripotent. Green cells are stained for Oct4 (using green fluorescent protein) and red cells are stained for SSEA-4.—INTERNET

Self-cleaning technology from Mars can keep terrestrial solar panels dust free

BOSTON, 23 Aug—Find dusting those tables and dressers a chore or a bore? Dread washing the windows? Imagine keeping dust and grime off objects spread out over an area of 25 to 50 football fields. That's the problem facing companies that deploy large-scale solar power installations, and scientists have now presented the development of one solution — self-dusting solar panels — based on technology developed for space missions to Mars.

In a report at the 240th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS) on 22 August, they described how a self-cleaning coating on the surface of solar cells could increase the efficiency of producing electricity from sunlight and reduce maintenance costs for large-scale solar installations.

"We think our self-cleaning panels used in areas of high dust and particulate pollutant concentrations will highly benefit the systems' solar energy output," study leader Malay K Mazumder, PhD said. "Our technology can be used in both small and large-scale photovoltaic systems. To our knowledge, this is the only technology for automatic dust cleaning that doesn't require water or mechanical movement."

Internet



Researchers have developed technology for large-scale solar power installations to self-clean.—INTERNET

Health

Adding fish oil to low-fat/high-carb diet may improve cholesterol

NEW YORK, 23 Aug—For people with the metabolic syndrome — a cluster of risk factors such as obesity, high blood pressure, high levels of blood fats or triglycerides and high blood sugar — adding a little fish oil to a diet low in saturated fats and high in complex carbohydrates might be just the ticket, a new study suggests.

“When you add omega-3 to a high carbohydrate, low-fat diet, you can prevent the long-term adverse effect that a high-carbohydrate diet induces on [blood fats],” said study author Dr Jose Lopez-Miranda, a professor of medicine at the Reina Sofia University Hospital and the University of Cordoba, Spain.

The study is



published in the September issue of the *Journal of Nutrition*.

Lopez-Miranda and his team looked at 117 people with metabolic syndrome, which raises the risk of heart disease and stroke. They assigned them to one of four diets for 12 weeks. The diets were: high fat/ rich in saturated fats; high fat/ rich in monounsaturated fats (such as fish and olive oil), low fat and high in complex carbohydrates (such as whole grains, fruits, vegetables), low fat and high in complex carbs but with the fish oil supplement included.

Internet

Inner workings of gene tied to breast, ovarian cancer revealed

NEW YORK, 23 Aug—For the first time, scientists have succeeded in isolating the lengthy protein encoded by the BRCA2 gene. Dysfunction of this gene can up the risk for both breast and ovarian cancer. By separating the protein from the rest of the components of human cells, researchers were able to study it more closely and figure out exactly what it does in the body.

“Since BRCA2 is such a large protein, it has a lot of different domains and it has never really been clear how the different domains work together,” explained Wolf-Dietrich Heyer, senior author of a paper appearing online in the journal *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology* and co-leader of the Molecular Oncology Programme at the University of California, Davis, Cancer Centre.

“With having the entire protein purified now, one has a chance to actually understand the whole protein,” he said. “It’s a huge protein. People were studying individual pieces but never got the full picture. Now we can really start to analyze its mechanisms.” That analysis should help illuminate the underpinnings of breast and ovarian cancers and point the way, someday, to better prevention and treatment.

Internet



A patient waits in the hallway for a room to open up inside the emergency room at Ben Taub General Hospital in Houston, Texas on 27 July, 2009.

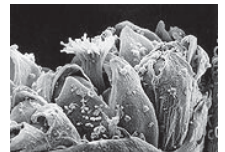
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Sneezing again? avoid ragweed

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug—If you’ve been sneezing your way through August, ragweed may be the culprit.

Ragweed season usually starts around mid-August and tends to torment allergy sufferers until the first frost sets in. Because ragweed counts are the highest between 5 am and 10 am on hot, dry and windy days, consider avoiding outdoor activities during that time, says an expert from the Saint Louis University Medical Centre.

Seasonal allergy triggers abound, and knowing which ones affect you can help you avoid them to reduce the risk of annoying symptoms such as sneezing, stuffy nose and itchy eyes, Dr James Temprano, assistant professor of internal medicine at the university, said in a university news release.



Electron micrograph of ragweed pollen.

INTERNET

If you’re not sure what’s causing the problem, consider a skin test to determine which allergens are affecting you, Temprano suggested. For these tests, he said, doctors place small amounts of various allergens on or below the surface of your skin and watch for any reactions.

Once your seasonal allergies (such as ragweed, pollen and grass) are pinpointed, you’ll know when you’re most likely to experience symptoms and need to take preventive measures, such as keeping your windows closed.

Internet

Business

Oil rises above \$74 in Asia amid hurricane risks



Labourers work at a construction site of a gas pipeline in Noida, northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh on 19 August, 2010.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Aug— Oil prices rose above \$74 a barrel on Monday in Asia as Tropical Storm Danielle in the Atlantic threatened to become a more potent storm, providing a reminder that hurricane season can disrupt crude

production in the Gulf of Mexico.

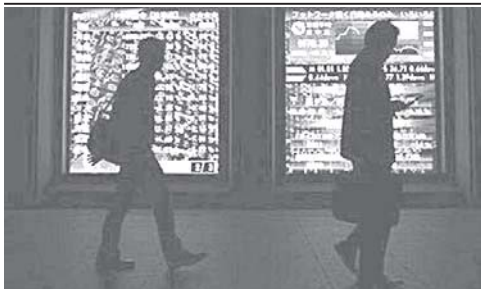
Benchmark crude for October delivery was up 36 cents to \$74.18 a barrel at midday Kuala Lumpur time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The contract lost 97 cents to settle at \$73.82 on Friday.

Crude prices rose amid concerns that Tropical Storm Danielle is strengthening in the Atlantic and could become a hurricane by late Tuesday.

But forecasters have said it appears to be heading toward Bermuda and will not threaten any major land area.

Internet



People are silhouetted against a board showing Japan's stock price index outside of a brokerage in Tokyo, on 20 August, 2010.

INTERNET

SABMiller and Asahi eye foster's beer unit

SYDNEY, 23 Aug—Beverage giants SABMiller (SAB.L) and Asahi Breweries (2502.T) are looking at Foster's Group's (FGL.AX) beer operations, valued at more than \$10 billion, but have not yet made any formal offers, sources said.

Long-running interest in the Australian brewer's beer business resurfaced on Monday after Britain's *Sunday Times* reported that SABMiller was considering buying the unit.

Fund managers are divided over whether a suitor would emerge before Australia's largest brewer formally splits off the wine division in 2011 or wait, with complex debt and structural issues to be resolved.

Foster's has one of the highest-margin brewing operations in the world with brands



Bottles of Foster's beer are seen in a refrigerator at a liquor store in Melbourne in this 16 February, 2010 file photo.—INTERNET

including Foster's Lager, Victoria Bitter and Pure Blonde.

Analysts say Foster's beer business is an attractive target for drinks firms such as Molson Coors (TAP.N), which owns a 5 percent stake in Foster's, and Coca-Cola Amatil (CCL.AX).

“SAB and Asahi are the two names that keep popping up and given the demerger process in train you would expect people who ever thought they

might look at Foster's to get teams together to do so,” said one source familiar with the situation. He declined to be named as he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Another source said Asahi, Japan's No2 brewer after Kirin Holdings (2503.T), remained interested. Nomura and Rothschild are advising Asahi on this. Asahi declined comment.

Internet



Personal information of participants are displayed during Tujia ethnic group's traditional blind date event in the Minzu Square of Enshi, central China's Hubei Province, on 21 Aug, 2010. Nearly 10,000 young men and women took part in the event.

XINHUA

Suspected anthrax outbreak in Bangladesh, 112 affected

DHAKA, 23 Aug—At least 112 people have so far fallen ill with suspected anthrax contracted from consuming meat of ill domestic animals recently in northwestern Bangladesh, health officials said on Monday.

"Some 89 residents in Sirajganj District, some 134 km northwest of capital Dhaka, are suspected to be affected with anthrax after they consumed beef from sick cows recently," Ramiz Uddin Ahmed, programme officer of the district's civil surgeon office, told *Xinhua* on Monday.

Some 23 additional people in the neighbouring Pabna district, some 216 km west of capital Dhaka, are also undergoing treatment. KM Ashrafuzzaman, civil surgeon of Pabna, told *Xinhua* Monday that preliminary tests showed that these people may also have been infected with anthrax.

Ahmed said about four days ago some residents of a village in Sirajganj came first to the hospital with anthrax symptoms. "We sent health officials to the village and found more people having the similar symptoms," he said.

Xinhua

Organ transplant to be done with family consent

TOKYO, 23 Aug—A woman who was undergoing treatment at a hospital in central Japan has been declared brain dead. Her organs will be donated for transplant with her family's consent.

This is the 3rd organ donation that will be done without the donor's written permission since the revised organ transplant law took effect last month.

The first organ transplant under the revised law was carried out on 9th August.

The Japan Organ Transplant Network says the woman was in her 50s and was suffering from a cerebral vascular disorder.

The organization says a transplant coordinator confirmed she had no intention to refuse a brain death diagnosis and organ donation, after hearing from her family and checking her health insurance documents.

She was declared brain dead at 5:41 AM on Sunday.

According to the transplant coordinator, her family said they are happy if her organs can help other people and parts of her body survive in them.

Internet

China's largest port posts 52% growth in profit for H1 on foreign trade recovery



SHANGHAI, 23 Aug—Shanghai International Port Group (SIPG), China's largest commercial port and one of the country's major gateways for foreign trade, reported a 52 percent increase in profits during the first half of the year.

Net profits for SIPG were 2.6 billion yuan (385 million US dollars) from January to June, up 52.4 percent year on year, the company said in a statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange on Saturday.

Further, earnings per share rose 52 percent from a year earlier to 0.12 yuan, according to the statement.

The company attributed the growth mainly to China's robust trade performance in the first half of the year.

During the first half of 2010, China's exports rose 35.2 percent to 705.09 billion US dollars while imports increased 52.7 percent to 649.79 billion US dollars, according to the General Administration of Customs.—*Xinhua*

Tourists row rafts over water in the Shimenjian scenic spot of Lushan, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 21 Aug, 2010. People play rafts here to cool themselves and look for excitement.

XINHUA



Rain batters China; 250,000 evacuated in flood

BEIJING, 23 Aug—Flooding has forced the evacuation of more than a quarter-million people in northern China along its border with North Korea, state media said on Monday.

Heavy rains over the last several days caused the Yalu river, which marks the border, to breach its banks, although the water level had started to fall late Sunday, the official *Xinhua News Agency* state media said on Monday.

It said four people died, including a couple in their 70s and a mother and son, after their homes in Dandong were swept away by flash floods. *Xinhua* said 253,500 residents have been evacuated after the Yalu rose to its highest level in a decade.

An official with the Water Resources Department in Liaoning Province, where Dandong is located, confirmed that four people had died though he was unable to provide details. He refused to give his name because he was not authorized to speak with the media. North Korea's official *Korean Central News Agency* said torrential rain and water from the overflowing Yalu — or Amnok as it is known in Korean — swamped houses, public buildings and farmland in more than five villages near Sinuiju, the city opposite Dandong.—*Internet*

Japan festival begins in ancient Vietnam town

TOKYO, 23 Aug—A festival to introduce Japanese culture has begun in the central Vietnamese town of Hoi An.

The World Heritage town prospered from trade in ancient times and has historical ties with Japan. Japanese merchants visited Hoi An during the 16th to 17th century and some of them lived there.

The annual event commemorates Japan's assistance in efforts to preserve its townscape, including the relics of the so-called Japanese Bridge. On Saturday, 600 locals and tourists attended the opening ceremony.

A Vietnamese representative said Hoi An thrived as a trade hub, and that it aims to serve as a center for cultural exchange.

A Japanese delegation performed traditional dances and sang folk songs. Lanterns were set afloat on a nearby river to add to the festive mood at the venue.

During the event, Vietnamese people will have a chance to learn how to wear Japanese cotton summer kimonos, try calligraphy and traditional tea ceremony.

Internet

Concrete Sleeper Factory (Oakshippin) commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — The opening ceremony of Concrete Sleeper Factory (Oakshippin) built by Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at the compound of the factory in Oakshippin in Padaung Township, Pyay District of Bago Region this morning with an addresses by Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and Vice-Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council

railroads are essential for all national races to contact each others, he added. So the Head of State called for construction of railroads that links all states and regions. Upon completion, a national railroad network will emerge. The ongoing railroad projects are 320-mile Kyangin-Pakokku, 257-mile Minbu-An-Sittway, 98-mile Katha-Bhamo, 95-mile Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway, 226-mile Mongnai-Kengtung,



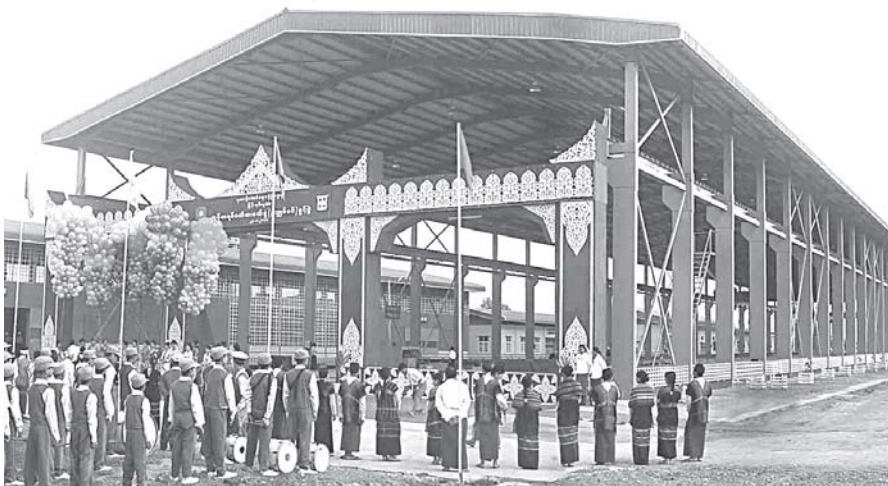
Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and Vice-Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint look around production process of sleepers in Concrete Sleeper Factory (Oakshippin). —MNA

sleepers, 11 concrete sleeper factories are under construction. Upon completion, 2.2

million concrete sleepers will be produced per year. Five sleeper factories— Myitnge, Pyuntaza, Mottama, Pakokku and Oakshippin— will produce 1 million concrete sleepers yearly. It took two years to complete the construction of Oakshippin concrete sleeper factory which is located on the area of 15.09 acres. The factory will produce 200,000 concrete sleepers per year. Concrete sleepers of the factory will be

used in Kyangin-Pakokku, Hinthada-Nyaungdon and Patheingyi-Hlinethaya railroad projects, he said.

Then, Brig-Gen Sein Myint gave a speech. U Thaung Myint, a native of Oakshippin expressed thanks and the minister and party cordially greeted the local people. Later, the minister, Brig-Gen Sein Myint and the deputy ministers formally opened the Concrete Sleeper Factory (Oakshippin). — MNA



Opening ceremony of Concrete Sleeper Factory (Oakshippin) held at the compound of the factory in Oakshippin in Padaung Township.

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Brig-Gen Sein Myint.

It was also attended by Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, senior military officers, region/district level departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

In his address, the minister called for national consolidation and genuine national patriotic upholding Our Three Main National Causes adopted by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

Motor ways and

132-mile Dawei-Myeik, 89-mile Patheingyi-Begarat-Hlinethaya, 48-mile Hinthada-Nyaungdon, 120-mile Pyay-Toungoo, 120-mile Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon-Pinlaung, 475-mile Myittha-Bhamo-Hsipaw-Namhsan, 135-mile Kalay-Kalewa-Yagyi-Monywa, 150-mile Toungoo-Yado-Loikaw railroad projects. Out of 2265 miles, 321 miles have been put into service so far and 1944 miles are under construction.

With the aim of substituting wooden sleepers with concrete



Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Vice-Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint and Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than formally open the factory.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein hears report on location and axis of Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Painzaloke (Penwagon) road and ongoing tasks presented by Construction Minister U Khin Maung Myint.

MNA

Officials to distribute quality strains to farmers...

(from page 1)

Next, he spoke of the need for working hard for improvement of their socio-economic life, practising thrifty and for the children to complete basic education. He then viewed spreading of fertilizers for growing monsoon paddy and cordially greeted local farmers.

for extensive practice integrated farming, maintenance of infrastructures built by the State for regional development and maintenance of already-achieved peace and stability in cooperation with administrative bodies.

Pyay and Thayawady districts have grown 12,37,384 acres of monsoon paddy accounting for 97.88 percent. The Prime Minister and party went to Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Painzalok (Penwagon) road project briefing hall in Minhla Township. The construction minister reported on

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to the briefing hall of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago road project in Taikkyi Township in Yangon Region. Minister U Khin Maung Myint reported on construction of the tarred road by Public Works and Chairman of Yangon Region PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint gave a supplementary report. The Prime Minister left necessary instructions. The road is 42 miles and 7 furlong long.

On arrival at the research plantation of Myanma Rice Research Department of Myanma Agriculture Service under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Hmawby Township, the Prime Minister inspected Bokashi natural fertilizer, worm-cast humus, EM liquid fertilizer, keeping records of quality paddy strains, high yield of paddy strains from international organizations and their immunity to pests and findings.

The Prime Minister instructed the officials to distribute quality strains to farmers and educate them to use correct cultivation methods. Later, the Prime Minister and party left there and arrived in Yangon in the evening.

MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein meeting local people from Kinpunchon village-tract of Paukkaung Township.—MNA

The Prime Minister and party attended a ploughing and fertilizer-spreading ceremony held at farmer U Win Oo's farm in Pantin village, Okpo Township, Thayawady District. In the meeting with local people, the Prime Minister stressed the need

the facts about the project and the Prime Minister gave instructions on timely completion of the project and systematic implementation of the project tasks. The road is 86 miles and 6 furlong long passing through Bago Yoma.

Pyay and Thaya-wady districts have grown 1,237,384 acres of monsoon paddy accounting for 97.88 percent.



Photo shows Minhla-Seinkantlant-Myochaung-Painzaloke (Penwagon) road section being built by Special Projects Construction Group (1) of Public Works of Ministry of Construction. —MNA



Prime Minister U Thein Sein views weeding, ploughing and broadcasting of fertilizers in U Win Oo's farm in Pantin village of Okpo Township.

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MNA



Local farmers broadcasting fertilizers in monsoon paddy fields in Kinponchon village-tract, Paukkaung Township of Pyay District. (News on page-1)—MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Ukrainian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kostyantyn Gryshchenko, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine which falls on 24 August 2010.—MNA

New Perspectives on Tuberculosis on 28 August

YANGON, 23 Aug — The Microbiology Group of Myanmar Medical Association will organize an educative talk on New Perspectives on Tuberculosis at the Hall (A) of the association on Theinbyu Road here from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on 28 August.

Professor/Head Dr Kyi Kyi Thin of Microbiology Department of University of Medicine (1), Professor/Head Dr U Win Naing of Lung and Respiratory Medicine Department, Professor/Head Dr U Saw Win of Pediatric Medicine Department of University of Medicine (2) and Specialist (Retd) Dr Daw Ti Ti of National Anti-tuberculosis Project will give educative talks.

Enthusiasts may register at Microbiology Department of University of Medicine (1), Lanmadaw Township and Microbiology Department of University of Medicine (2), North Okkalapa Township during office hours and Hall (A) of MMA on 28 August morning.

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Insurgent's landmine wounds innocent civilian

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — The explosion of an old, landmine planted by insurgents injured a civilian of Thabyegon village in Thandaunggyi Township of Kayin State on 20 August morning.

U Sein Mya's right ankle was cut in the blast caused on his trip to catch fishes between Thabyenyunt

and Moketi villages 8 miles far from Thabyenyunt village. The victim is being hospitalized at Toungoo Township Hospital. From 1 January till 20 August, eight civilians including six men and two women lost lives and 48 people including 42 men and six women were injured in land mine blasts nationwide.—MNA



Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min and Vice-Chairman of Bago Region Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint at Concrete Sleeper Factory (Oakshippin). (News on page-7)

MNA

MWJA to start new journalism course on 1 Sept

YANGON, 23 Aug — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association will launch one month long Journalism Course No (1/2010) for reporters from periodicals on 1 September.

Journalists who are

eager to take the class may bring together with the recommendation letter of CEO or Chief Editor of respective periodical and the fee is K 30,000 for enrollment.

The class hours are designed to be from 8 am

to 11.30 pm. The designated application form may be sent to MWJA, No. (529), Upper Floor, Merchant Street, Sarpay Beikman Building, here, not later than 4 pm on 26 August.

MNA

Border Guard Force formed at Hti-hu-than village in Kawkareik ...



Gen Thet Naing Win and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn delivered speeches and presented cash assistance to the members through the commandant of the border guard force.

Members of the border guard force enjoyed themselves in dances and songs together with troupes, students and local people.

The commander

and party and local national race leaders posed for documentary photos. The commander cordially greeted local people and presented cash awards to local Kayin traditional dance troupe.

A luncheon was hosted in honour of the border guard force members. On the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Maj-Gen Maung Maung

Ohn delivered addresses and cordially conversed with the attendees.

Members of the border guard force are proud to discharge national defence duties with a sense of Union Spirit for perpetual stability and peace of border areas thanks to the formation of the border guard force by the government.

In like manner, local people welcomed and encouraged the formation of border guard forces for better social-economic conditions and security and perpetual peace of border areas.

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Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn decorate an officer of Border Guard Force with Tatmadaw insignia.—MNA



Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and party enjoy dance of BGF members, troupes, students and local people.—MNA

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Director-General of Central Military Accounts Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint, senior military officers, heads of department, the vice-chairman of DKBA and members, war veterans, local people's militias, members of Fire Bri-

gade, service personnel, townselders, members of women's affairs organization, maternal and child welfare association, Red Cross Society, traditional dance troupes, bands and troupes.

Commander Maj-

Gen Thet Naing Win, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Maj-Gen Than Soe and Maj-Gen Hlaing Myint of the Ministry of Defence decorated border guard force members with military insignia of Tatmadaw.

Commander Maj-

Members of the border guard force are proud to discharge national defence duties with a sense of Union Spirit for perpetual stability and peace of border areas thanks to the formation of the border guard force by the government.



Members of Border Guard Force taking four oaths as a Tatmadaw member at the formation ceremony of BGF in Hti-hu-than village in Kawkareik Township in Kayin State.

MNA

Iran launches production lines of two high-speed assault boats

TEHERAN, 23 Aug—Iranian Defence Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi opened on Monday the production lines of two home-made, high-speed assault boats, the local satellite Press TV reported.

The production lines for the Seraj (Lamp) high-speed boat and a new generation of the high-speed Zolfaghar (named after Shiite Imam Ali's sword) boat were launched on Monday by the minister, the report said.

The boats have been designed to conduct immediate strikes on enemy ships, said the report. The new version of Zolfaghar boat is capable of launching missiles and sailing at a speed of 70 knots (82 mph), according to the report.

The Zolfaghar can operate in an average wave height of 1.21 meters while its missiles will effectively work at a height of 1.25 metres, according to Press TV. Iran has already said that it plans to mass-produce updated version of the Zolfaghar boats. Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the boats, the defence minister said the Seraj is a fast and offensive rocket launcher designed for regions with tropical weather, according to the official IRNA news agency.

Xinhua



A model wears the South Korean traditional dress Hanbok, a creation by designer Park Sul-nyeo, during an underwater Hanbok fashion show in Seoul, South Korea, on 22 Aug, 2010. The underwater fashion show was held as part of a promotional event for a department store's new opening. It's the world first underwater Hanbok fashion show, they said.

INTERNET

S Korea's listed firms report 19 pct export growth in H1

SEOUL, 23 Aug—Public companies in South Korea saw their exports expand 19 percent year-on-year during the first half of 2010 thanks to a global economic recovery, the bourse operator said on Monday. According to the Korea Exchange (KRX), the total exports by listed companies amounted to 110.8 trillion won (94 billion US dollars) between January and June, up 18.7 percent from a year ago.

The figure was based on a survey report on 377 manufacturing firms that were listed on the key stock index, KOSPI. The growth in exports came as tech companies, including chipmakers, saw brisk export conditions, the KRX said.

Meanwhile, listed companies saw a 19.6 percent year-on-year growth in sales in the local market, posting 101.2 trillion won (86 billion US dollars) during the cited period, the bourse operator added.

Xinhua



A bare-arm Argentine woman rides a bicycle in Buenos Aires on 21 Aug, 2010. Temperature reached 30 degrees centigrade in the winter time of Argentina.—XINHUA



Farmers dry lotus leaves in the open air in Chengzi Town, Jiujiang County of east China's Jiangxi Province on 20 Aug, 2010. As the slack farming season comes, local farmers collect lotus leaves and seedpods, and process them into herbal drugs, wrappers, drinks and craftworks, by which they can earn extra incomes.

XINHUA

Bangladesh's mobile phone users hit over 61 mln

DHAKA, 23 Aug—The total number of Bangladesh's mobile phone subscribers reached 61.845 million at the end of July 2010 with 9.415 million new users in the first seven months of this year, official data showed on Sunday.

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) data showed the

country's six mobile phone operators sold new connections of 1.865 million in July, 1.62 million in June, 2 million in May, 1.66 million in April, 380,000 in March, 490,000 in February and 1.4 million in January this year.

The BTRC data showed the number of subscribers of the six mobile phone operators Grameenphone, Bangla-

link, Robi, Citycell, Teletalk and Warid — at the end of July this year stood at 27.276 million, 16.804 million, 11.326 million, 1.996 million, 1.147 million and 3.296 million respectively.

In 2009, these companies added 7.79 million new subscribers against the addition of 10.27 million users in 2008.

Xinhua



Hasina holds a mobile phone to her daughter Meem's ear, to talk to her grandfather, at a slum beside a railway line in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 24 June, 2010.

XINHUA

Two of nine trapped dolphins rescued in Bolivia river

RIO PAILA (BOLIVIA), 23 Aug—Dozens of biologists and environmental activists rescued two freshwater dolphins Sunday among nine that have been trapped in a river by low water levels for more than a month.

The two dolphins were caught in nets and brought to shore. They were put in padded, water-filled aluminum containers and driven on all-terrain vehicles about two miles downstream, where they were put in a pen in deeper water.

"This first rescue operation succeeded in transferring two freshwater dolphins weighing between 30 and 40 kilos (66-88 pounds)," Rodrigo Quintana, an environment manager, Associated Press.

He said the two rescued dolphins would be kept in the pen until they could be reunited with the other seven. He estimated it would take two or three days more to round up all of the dolphins.

The nine dolphins were trapped in early July in



After being rescued, a pink dolphin (Inia boliviensis) is transported by Colombian biologist Mariana Escobar and rescue worker team leader Runny Callau, top, from the Pailas river to the Grande river in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, on 22 Aug, 2010.—INTERNET

a tributary of the Rio Grande, north of the city of Santa Cruz, when drought caused water levels to drop. The rescue operation is being mounted by biologists from the Noel Kempff History Museum, with financial support from Bolivia's state oil company, foundations and others.—Internet

Somalia rebels looking increasingly like Taleban

MOGADISHU, 23 Aug—

Men are forced to grow beards. Women can't leave home without a male relative. Music, movies and watching sports on TV are banned. Limbs are chopped off as punishment, and executions by stoning have become a public spectacle.

Somalia is looking more and more like Afghanistan under the Taleban — two rugged countries 2,000 miles apart, each lacking a central government, each with a hard-line militia that cows the public into submission.

Al-Shabab in Somalia and the Taleban in Afghanistan—their tactics increasingly mirror each other. Those tactics worked for the Taleban until the US invasion overthrew it in 2001, and now they are making a comeback. Meanwhile, al-Shabab has gained control over large swaths of this arid Horn of Africa country.

In the latest adoption of tactics long used by the Afghan militants, al-Shabab is ordering households in southern Somalia to contribute a boy to the militants' ranks. Childless families have to pay al-Shabab \$50 a month. That's Somalia's per capita income.—Internet

ADDENDUM

In the Cautionary Notice which appeared on 23 July 2010, please note that the following registration numbers for 1996 should be added:

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Man jumps to death at US concert

SANTA CLARA, 23 Aug — A 32-year-old man has jumped at least 20 feet (6 metres) to his death onto the stage of a Northern California concert in front of hundreds of horrified music fans, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office says. The Swell Season was playing an outdoor show at the Mountain Winery in Saratoga in front of a crowd of about 1,900 when Michael Edward Pickels of San Jose jumped on Thursday night. Authorities are treating Pickels' death as a suicide, sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Rick Sung said.

Sung said the man left a friend in the audience and soon appeared on a roof that covers the stage. Witnesses say he jumped off the roof and landed on stage near the band's lead singer, Glen Hansard.

Internet

Woman breaks text message record

MANCHESTER, 23 Aug — A British woman is feeling "GR8" after smashing the world record for typing the fastest text message, a mobile phone com-



Melissa Thompson, 27, who has apparently broken the world's fastest text record in Manchester.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV LIAN HUA VOY NO (1001)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV LIAN HUA VOY NO (1001) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.8.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T./SPW where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Ice cream can trigger emotions linked to its place of origin, according to a survey.— INTERNET

Ice cream 'can trigger emotions'

LONDON, 23 Aug — Ice cream can trigger emotions linked to its place of origin, according to a survey. Cornish ice cream may conjure up visions of beaches and seaside towns while Italian ice cream with its swirls cre-

ates images of "bright and interesting" Naples, the study found. The emotions generated vary from one kind of ice cream to another, according to a study of 10,000 adults by Kelly's of Cornwall Ice Cream, which was fol-

Alien hunters 'should look for artificial intelligence'

LONDON, 23 Aug — A senior astronomer has said that the hunt for alien life should take into account alien "sentient machines". Seti, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, has until now sought radio signals from worlds like Earth. But Seti astronomer Seth Shostak argues that the time between aliens developing radio technology and artificial intelligence (AI) would be short.

Writing in Acta Astronautica, he says that the odds favour detecting such alien AI rather than

"biological" life. Many gesting extraterrestrials would not only not look like us, but that they would not at a biological level even work like us.

Internet

Van Gogh painting 'still missing' after Cairo museum theft

CAIRO, 23 Aug — Egypt has stepped up the search for a Van Gogh painting valued at more than 50 million dollars stolen from a Cairo museum, an official said on Sunday, as two Italians arrested over the theft were released. Police were focusing their search on the country's air and sea ports and working with the help of museum staff, the security official told AFP on condition of anonymity, adding that the public prosecutor had launched a parallel investigation. The work identified as "Poppy Flowers" and valued at more than 50 million dollars (39 million euros), was stolen from Cairo's Mahmoud Khalil museum on Saturday, after it was cut out of its frame. The official said security cameras and alarms at the museum had been out of order for a long time prior to the theft.

Internet



Egypt confirmed Sunday that two Italians arrested for the theft of a \$50 million Van Gogh painting had been released, and that the search for the masterpiece was still on.— INTERNET

Scientists' trial brings them 'closer to Ebola drug'

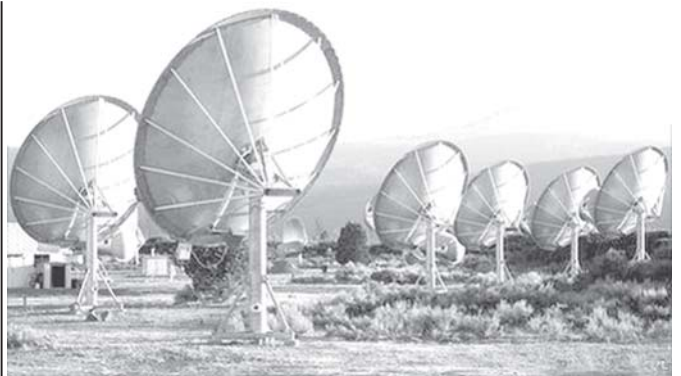
WASHINGTON, 23 Aug — A drug to treat the Ebola virus is reported to be one step closer after US scientists were given permission to conduct human trials.

Clinical trials have been approved after a new drug was proven to be effective on monkeys.

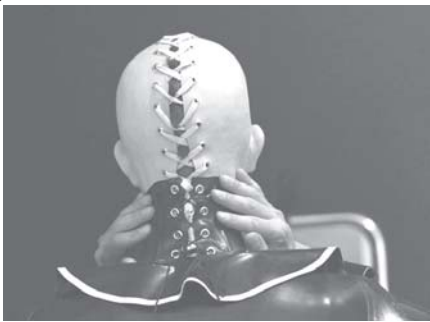
Ebola causes death in 90% of human cases, but is always fatal to apes. Around 1,200 people have died of the disease since 1976, but it is feared that it could be used as a bioweapon by terrorists.

Ebola is transmitted via bodily fluids. Sufferers experience nausea,

vomiting, internal bleeding and organ failure before they die. In the latest tests, scientists found that the new drug cured the virus in 60% of rhesus monkeys. It proved 100% effective in treating the closely-related Marburg virus in cynomolgus monkeys.—Internet



The Alien telescope array will comprise 350 telescopes listening for ET signals.— INTERNET



Rubberdoll 'Latex Yvonne' of Germany adjusts his face mask before a Rubberdoll contest at the rubber and fetish event 'Latexpo 2010' in Hamburg late 21 August, 2010. Rubberdolls are mostly men wearing a female shaped bodysuit made of latex or rubber and dressed in fetish related dresses. The Latexpo runs August 20-22 and designers will present new materials and styles. There will also be fetish parties, a fashion ball and a Rubberdoll contest.

XINHUA

'Little Leaguers' make up 1973 game

Carolyn King says she had "a blast" playing in the outfield at the replay of her 1973 Little League all-star game in Michigan.

"We knew we were going to win." The 49-year-old Toledo resident told the *Detroit Free Press*. "It was absolutely a blast."

King may not have been the star of the softball game held on Frog Island in Ypsilanti, but it probably would not have been played had she not been at the centre of a controversy over allowing girls on the field back in the 70s.

Ypsilanti lost its Little League charter when local organizers allowed King to play. The move came shortly before the all-star game and created a national controversy, the *Free Press* said.

About 100 spectators watched Saturday's game, which was played in a steady rain.

There was plenty of good-natured razzing about receding hairlines and pitching to girls, but the contest ended with a lot of smiles and King's side taking a narrow 15-14 victory.—*Internet*

Stolen bike turns up 12 years later

A mountain bike stolen 12 years ago has turned up in a town hundreds of miles away, Swedish police say.

The bicycle belonging to Fredrik Sandqvist, 35, was stolen in 1998 from the tiny town of Overkalix, close to the Arctic Circle, not long after he purchased it for about \$335, Sweden's news agency TT said on Sunday.

Police in Gavle, in eastern Sweden, found the bicycle in a lost-and-

found, and were able to trace it to Sandqvist through a personal identification number engraved on its frame.

Sandqvist, now living in Oskarshamn, was surprised when police contacted him, but he said doesn't want the bicycle back, the report said. "I was really astonished when they called," he said. "I've decided to donate it to a charitable organization in the town."

News Album

Woman gets third tattoo at 101

It took a while to get going, but 101-year-old Mimi Rosenthal now has her third tattoo, courtesy of a Florida tattoo artist.

This one went on her left arm, and next time she might get one on her butt, she said in an interview in the *St Petersburg Times* (Fla.).

Times.

The first tattoo came at 99; it was a dime-sized butterfly; at 100 she had a small flower tattooed on her other leg. This time she picked a sunflower, perhaps in recognition of Kansas, where she was born.

"Her skin is so fragile, it's like

uncharted territory," said Spring Hill, Fla., tattoo artist Michelle Gallo-Kohlas, who is responsible for all of Rosenthal's inkings.

The work took longer than expected, but Rosenthal liked the results. "It's pretty," she said in the interview. So, will there be a next time?



A baby reacts in the final of a swimming competition for babies of 0-3 years of age in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, 22 Aug, 2010.

Will 'Glee' hit a sour note at TV's Emmys?



The cast of the television series "Glee" poses backstage after winning the best TV comedy award at the 2010 People's Choice Awards in Los Angeles 6 January, 2010.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 23 Aug—If life was like a TV show, the young misfit characters from "Glee" would burst into song at the Emmy Awards, wow the audience, and dance off with the coveted best comedy series trophy after one triumphant season.

Yet, although the madcap but dark musical comedy goes into this

year's highest television honors with a leading 19 nominations, victory for "Glee" at the August 29 primetime Emmy Awards ceremony is far from a foregone conclusion.

"Just because a show has the most buzz across America, it doesn't mean that translates into Hollywood circles," said veteran awards watcher Tom O'Neil of website The Envelope.com.

That's because Emmy voters tend to be older and more conservative than the fans that have helped make the Fox high-school comedy the most-talked about TV show of the year.

Although "Glee" is a leading contender for the best comedy Emmy — and actress Jane Lynch is seen as a shoo-in to

win best supporting comedy actress for her role as scheming cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester — the quirky show faces a tough challenge from the more traditional "Modern Family" (14 nominations) and three-time Emmy champion "30 Rock".

Internet

Ou Est frontman leaps to death at Belgian music fest

LONDON, 23 Aug—The lead singer of British pop band Ou Est Le Swimming Pool jumped to his death after playing at a music festival in Belgium, British authorities have confirmed.

Charles Haddon, 22, leapt from a telecommunications mast behind the main stage at the Pukkelpop festival and fell to a parking area below on Friday. Belgian police are treating the death as suicide. "We can confirm the death of a British national on 20 August in Hasselt, Belgium," a British Foreign Office spokeswoman said.

The band had performed at the three-day festival in Hasselt shortly before Haddon climbed up the mast. The band played the Glastonbury and Bestival festivals last year and were due to start a British tour in October.—*Internet*

Faith Evans arrested on drunken driving charge

LOS ANGELES, 23 Aug—Grammy-winning singer Faith Evans has been arrested after being stopped at a drunken driving check-point in the Los Angeles area.

Officer Cleon Joseph of the LAPD says the 37-year-old Evans was arrested on Saturday night near Marina del Rey on suspicion of misdemeanor drunken driving. He says Evans was held for a few hours and released on bail Sunday morning. Her car was impounded.

The R&B singer is the widow of rapper Christopher Wallace, also known as the Notorious B.I.G. She won a Grammy in 1998 for the song "I'll Be Missing You."

A reality series chronicling Evans' life is

reportedly in production, and a new album is scheduled for release in October.

A message left with Evans' agent Sunday was not immediately returned.

Internet

In this 7 Jan, 2009 photo singer Faith Evans attends the premiere of 'Notorious' in New York. INTERNET



US soccer coach Bradley 'keen to manage Aston Villa'

LONDON, 23 Aug — United States coach Bob Bradley would be honoured to manage English Premier League club Aston Villa, he told the BBC.

Bradley, who led the United States to the last 16 of the World Cup, has

had no formal talks with Villa's American owner Randy Lerner but his representatives have made contact with the club, he said.

Asked on BBC Radio Five Live's Sportsworld programme whether he would be interested in the job, Bradley said: "Of course, I think Aston Villa is a massive club with great history and a great following and those type of opportunities would of course be of interest."

"I would certainly be honoured to have that conversation but I'm impressed with the way things have been handled so far and we'll see what the future holds."

Internet



US coach Bob Bradley.—INTERNET

Celtic join Rangers and Aberdeen on top

GLASGOW, 23 Aug — Celtic joined rivals Rangers and Aberdeen at the top of the Scottish Premier League with a comprehensive 4-0 win over St Mirren at Celtic Park on Sunday.

The Hoops gained revenge for their 4-0 defeat at the hands of the Buddies last season as goals from Joe Ledley and Shaun Maloney gave them a first-half lead before superb strikes from Jamie Forrest and Ki Sung-Yeung completed the rout.



Shaun Maloney of Celtic.—INTERNET

They join their Old Firm rivals on six points after a Kenny Miller second-half hat-trick secured a 3-0 away win for Rangers over Hibernian in a game where both sides ended with ten men.

Internet

McEwen axed from Australian cycling team

SYDNEY, 23 Aug — Robbie McEwen has been sacked from the Australian road team to race in the world championships in

Australia in October, reports said on Monday.

McEwen, ranked 44th on the last UCI world rankings and the winner of 12 stages of the Tour de France, said he was told of his axing by the chairman of selectors Shayne Bannan at the Eneco Tour stage finish in the Dutch city of Roermond on Saturday.

"I'm absolutely gutted and really, really disappointed," McEwen told The Australian from the Netherlands.—Internet



Robbie McEwen. INTERNET



Johnathan Greening (R) fail to stop a goal by Manchester.—INTERNET

Fergie fears United will regret Fulham frustration

LONDON, 23 Aug — Sir Alex Ferguson conceded Manchester United could live to regret their frustrating 2-2 draw against Fulham at Craven Cottage.

Nani's late penalty miss denied Ferguson's side the opportunity to establish a 3-1 lead with six minutes remaining and was punished when Fulham defender Brede Hangeland headed home an equaliser in the 89th minute.

United manager Ferguson admitted his side hardly deserved to claim all three points after failing to build on Paul Scholes's low drive that gave the visitors a 12th

minute lead and paid credit to Fulham's resilience in fighting back.

But Ferguson believes Nani's penalty, which was saved by Fulham keeper David Stockdale, proved to be the turning point and expressed his surprise the Portugal winger had taken the kick when Ryan Giggs was on the pitch.

Internet

Ballack back for Bayer, but unsure of Germany spot

BERLIN, 23 Aug — Midfield star Michael Ballack made his return to the Bundesliga on Sunday to help Bayer Leverkusen open their season with a 2-0 win at Dortmund, but admitted he is playing for his Germany place.

The 33-year-old is

back in the Bundesliga after four years in the Premier League with Chelsea after an ankle injury ruled him out of last month's World Cup, where Germany finished third.

Having lost the captaincy to Philipp Lahm, Ballack admits he is not sure he will be included in the Germany squad for next month's Euro 2012 qualifiers with national coach Joachim Loew set to name his squad on Friday. "I'm still not 100 percent, but I think I will be part of the team," said Ballack after his Bundesliga return.

Internet



Leverkusen's defender Gonzalo Castro (R) and midfielder Michael Ballack celebrate scoring.—INTERNET

Joe Hart 'to be offered £18 mln pay deal'

LONDON, 23 Aug — Joe Hart will be given a mammoth £18 million pay deal to recognise his new status as Manchester City's number one goalkeeper, the News of the World reported on Sunday, without naming its source.

The England keeper, who has three years left on his contract, has been one of the lowest-paid members of the Eastlands squad on a reported £28,000 a week, the tabloid newspaper said.

But now the club plans to offer Hart of a five-year deal worth £70,000 a week, according to the report. Hart, 23, appears to have won the battle with Shay Given for the starting place after the Republic of Ireland international was told he could leave the club. — Internet



Manchester City Joe Hart (in green shirt), punches the ball clear of goal during the English Premier League.—INTERNET

Fish, Pavlyuchenkova withdraw from rain-hit event



Mardy Fish reacts after losing a point to Roger Federer of Switzerland.—INTERNET

NEW HAVEN, 23 Aug — American Mardy Fish, coming off a runner-up showing at the ATP Cincinnati Masters, pulled out of the rain-hit ATP and WTA New Haven hardcourt event on Sunday, citing fatigue.

Fish, who lost to world number two Roger Federer in the Cincinnati final, is 15-2 since Wimbledon with titles at Newport and Atlanta.

Pulling out of the

women's side of the final tuneup for the US Open that begins in New York on August 30 was Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, who had a hip injury. She was to face Melanie Oudin in an opening-round match Sunday.

Rain washed out all three women's main-draw matches on Sunday, including Russian fourth seed Elena Dementieva's meeting with Spain's Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, and four of six men's matches were unable to start.—Internet

Results on 22 August

English Premier League

Newcastle U.	6 - 0	Aston Villa
Fulham	2 - 2	Manchester U.

Germany Bundesliga-1

Mainz	2 - 0	Stuttgart
Borussia Dortmund	0 - 2	Bayer Leverkusen

France Ligue-1

Montpellier	0 - 0	Caen
Sochaux	0 - 0	Lille
Paris S.G.	1 - 2	Bordeaux

International club friendlies

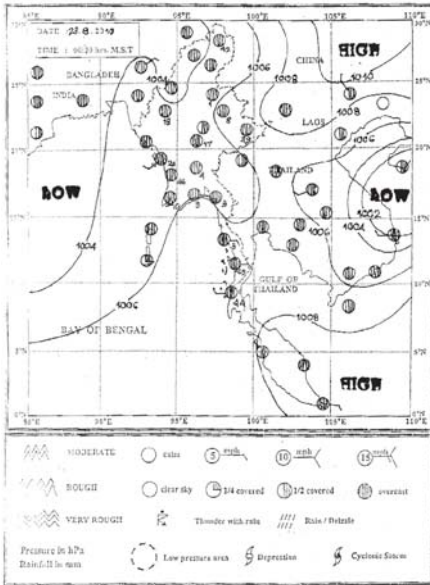
Osasuna	0 - 1	Real Sociedad
Catania	0 - 3	Athletic Bilbao
AC Milan	0 - 0	Juventus *
Hercules	1 - 3	Real Madrid

S P O R T S

Ai Miyazato, of Japan, waves to the crowd after making her putt on the second hole during the final round.—INTERNET



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 23rd August, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, Ayeyawady Region, scattered in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon States, Bago and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Mon State and isolated heavy falls in lower Sagaing and Magway Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (0.95) inch, Bilin (3.23) inches, Theinzayat (3.19) inches, Myeik (2.72) inches, Pakokku (2.48) inches, Kawthong (2.40) inches, Monywa (2.32) inches, An (2.17) inches, Thandwe and Zaungtu (1.81) inches each and Putao (1.66) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 22-8-2010 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 23-8-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 23-8-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 23-8-2010 was (0.47) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather

Maximum temperature on 22-8-2010 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 23-8-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on

23-8-2010 was (74%). Total Sunshine hours on 21-8-2010 was (2.0) hours.

Rainfall on 22-8-2010 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (52.48) inches at Mingaladon, (58.82) inches at Kaba-Aye and (71.18) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (14:30) hours MST on 22-8-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 24th August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, scattered in Chin State, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 24-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-8-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Federer ends periodical title drought

BEIJING, 23 Aug—Roger Federer is looking to return to form in the men's tennis masters series. The Swiss faced local hero Mardy Fish in the final at Cincinnati. Fish is playing the best tennis of his career. He's gone 17-2 since July with titles at Newport and Atlanta.

The 28-year-old American had won five in a row against top-10 opponents and gained confidence with each upset. This time, Fish forced a tiebreak against Federer, and tied it at 5-all with this volley.

Fish then closed out the opening set 7-6 when Federer's shot went wide. The second set was even tighter. Federer fought off the only break point, and played a more aggressive style in another tiebreaker. He scored on an accurate forehand volley and the Swiss took control.—Xinhua



Roger Federer of Switzerland hits a return to Mardy Fish of the US during their championship match at the Cincinnati Masters tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 22 Aug, 2010—XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (24-8-2010) (Tuesday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (24-8-10 09:30 am ~ 25-8-10 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Ananda Guphaya
- * News
- * National Kandawgyi Garden (Pyin Oo Lwin)
- * Iron Cross (Part-II)
- * News
- * A Glimpse at the Mighty Loggers
- * News
- * Ecstasy of Life
- * Silk-Ware from Amarapura
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- * Ecstasy of Life
- * Silk-Ware from Amarapura
- * News
- * Melodious Flute Tunes of the Villages
- * Let's visit the underwater world
- * News
- * The Richly Blessed Gem Land
- * Myanma Cattle Market
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Journey to the Golden Rock (Kyaik Htee Yoe Pagoda) (Part-I)
- * Let's Decorate with Enchanting Toys!
- * Myanmar Movie "Shwe Nanthar House"



Tuesday, 24 August View on today

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| 7:00 am | 7:50 am |
| 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် | 5. "သမိုင်းဝင်ရှင်ကွန်းဆရာများ" |
| 2. ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် | 8:05 am |
| 7:25 am | 6. Nice & Sweet Song |
| 2. To Be Healthy Exercise | 8:15 am |
| 7:30 am | 7. Dance Of National Races |
| 3. Morning News | 8:20 am |
| 7:40 am | 8. Songs Of Yester Years |
| 4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုးညိုမင်းတေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်) | 8:30 am |
| | 9. "နိဝိတဂါထာသွေးလျှင်" |
| | 8:40 am |
| | 10. International News |
| | 8:45 am |
| | 11. Musical Programme |
| | 4:00 pm |
| | 1. Martial Song |
| | 4:10 pm |
| | 2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ |
| | 4:20 pm |
| | 3. Musical Programme |

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| 4:30 pm | 6:00 pm |
| 4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းဒေသကြီး အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာ ဦးစီးဌာနပညာမအကြိမ် ဓမ္မစကြာဝင်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆုံး)(အထက(၂)ဒဂုံ) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့) | 10. Evening News |
| 4:45 pm | 6:15 pm |
| 5. အသေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ) | 11. Weather Report |
| 5:00 pm | 6:20 pm |
| 6. Songs To Uphold National Spirit | 12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ |
| 5:05 pm | 6:35 pm |
| 7. The Mirror Images Of The Musical Oldies | 13. ဆိုလိုက်ကြို |
| 5:20 pm | 7:00 pm |
| 8. "ကဏ္ဍဝလင် အားကစားအစီအစဉ်" | 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မဟာဆန်သူ... ကိုယ့်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁) |
| 5:45 pm | 8:00 pm |
| 9. ရင်မှစွဲထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ် | 15. News |
| | 16. International News |
| | 17. Weather Report |
| | 18. ငါတို့ခွန်အား (မျိုးကြီးတေးရေး-လင်းလင်း) |
| | 19. "ရယ်စရာဟာသများ" |
| | 20. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "အဆိပ်သင့်တဲ့အချစ်" |
| | 21. "ရုပ်ရှင်ပစ္စည်း" |



- ★ 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Border Guard Force formed at Hti-hu-than village in Kawkareik Township, Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Under the programme to transform the national peace groups into border guard forces legally holding arms for security of the nation and border areas of the Union of Myanmar, a ceremony to constitute the Border Guard Force of

DKBA was held on a grand scale at Hti-hu-than village in Kawkareik Township, Kayin State, on 21 August morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-

East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Director of People's Militia and Frontier Forces Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Maj-Gen Than Soe, (See page 10)

Political parties submit lists of party members to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug —The political parties have to submit lists of their party members organized in line with the Article 13 (a) of Political Parties Registration Rules to the Union Election Commission within 90 days from the date they have been granted permission to register.

The Union Kayin League on 18 August, the Democracy and Peace Party on 21 August and the Chin Progressive Party today submitted the lists of their party members to the Union Election Commission.

Up to date, twenty-five of 41 parties that have been granted permission to register as political parties have already submitted member lists of their parties to the commission within the stipulated period.

MNA

Educative talks on traffic rules given in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 23 Aug—Organized by Mawlamyine Township Traffic Police Force, educative talks on traffic rules was held at No.3 Basic Education High School in Mawlamyine on 12 August. School head Dr Cho Cho Myat Aung made a speech. Police Captain (incharge) Myint Aye of member of Traffic Rule Enforcement Supervisory Committee and police members gave talks on traffic rules.

They also gave talks at Nos. 2,4,5, 10 and 6 BEHSs in Mawlamyine.—MNA

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