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World Breast Feeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month commence

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — A ceremony to open the World Breast Feeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month took place at the Ministry of Health here this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said that Nutrition Promotion Month activities will be carried out from the first week to the fourth week of August and World Breast Feeding Week activities in the first week of August. This year's World Breast Feeding Week is the 20th time and Nutrition Promotion Month the 9th time and they will cover the whole nation. As nutrition



development is a basic requirement for the State, the Ministry of Health is carrying out nutrition promotion activities by laying down the objectives to reduce or eliminate nutritional deficiencies, to prevent chronic diet-related diseases and to promote dietary practices

conductive to health. By carrying out Nutrition Promotion Month activities, it will help promote the knowledge and attitude of the people regarding health especially nutritional knowledge and proper health practices in their daily lives in order to promote the nutritional

status of the entire people, the Union Minister added.

Next, WHO Resident Representative Dr HSB Tennakoon and UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh M Shrestha made speeches.

Then, Union Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin presented awards

to Magway Region Teaching Hospital, Bago Region (East) Kyeebinsu Station Hospital, Shan State (South) Ywangan Township Hospital, Bago Region (West) Tayokhmaw Station Hospital and Kachin State Myohla Station Hospital for their

outstanding performances in breast feeding activities. Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint also presented awards to Mongyaung Township Hospital, Ngwehsaung Station Hospital, Mongmaw Station Hospital, Htoneai Station Hospital (See page 8)

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- * Strengthening of national solidarity
- * Building and strengthening of discipline-flourishing democracy system
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investment 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
- * Flourishing of Union Spirit, the true patriotism
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addresses ceremony to open the World Breast Feeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 3 August, 2011

Preserve and promote traditional cultural performing arts

Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts were recorded in writing on palm leaves in Pyu era. And the arts relayed from Pyu City States were portrayed in mural paintings in Bagan Period. Myanmar arts are profound and delicate.

Songs of Bagan Period were written down in contemporary stone tablets. The five basic Myanmar traditional musical instruments: bronze percussion instrument, string instrument, leather instrument, wind instrument and bamboo clapper became popular in Bagan Period; and shield dance and martial songs, in Myinsaing Period and Pinya Period. Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts reached at their peak in Innwa Period.

Literati had been composing poems of epic proportions, poems and verses, and dramatists and puppeteers created and preserved rhetorical poems, poems, verses, plays and dramas in successive periods.

Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts have stood for hundreds of years. Characteristics, attributes, strong sense of nationalistic spirit, natural culture and traditions of the people are still embodied in traditional cultural performing arts.

As part of the drive for preserving and promoting its cultural heritage, national prestige and integrity, Myanmar has been holding traditional cultural performing arts competitions yearly. The 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will take place in Nay Pyi Taw soon.

Artistes are under a responsibility to preserve and promote and relay traditional cultural arts to new generations, which is improving the arts, not retrograde steps. Artistes are therefore urged to show their artistic talents in the 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung addressed opening ceremony of Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's Trophy Inter-Township Men's/Women's Sepak Takraw Tournament on 2 August.

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- * 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

Matters for improving tourism industry discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Tour operators and travel agencies are still considerably reliable for tourists, so tour operators are invited to the meeting for seeking means for improving tourism industry with their experiences and knowledge, said Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan at the meeting of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism here today.

He said that the ministry is pursuing the objectives for improving Myanmar tourism industry and making Myanmar a tourist's paradise. So far, 11 hotel zones have been established in Nay Pyi Taw for expediting the tasks for improving tourism industry and marketing travel service.

The chairman of the Myanmar Travel Board and



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan addresses the coordination meeting for Myanmar tourism development.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Indian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at the Ministry of Health here this morning.

They held talks about bilateral cooperation for upgrading Yangon Children's Hospital and Sittway General Hospital, provision of telemedicine for Yangon General Hospital, training specialists and

Myanmar, India eye closer cooperation in health sector



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Indian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri.—MNA

other medical professionals for liver transplantation and other subjects, and bilateral cooperation in health sector.

Also present at the call were Deputy

Minister for Health Dr Win Myint, the directors-general and officials of the Health Department and the Department of Medical Science.

MNA

23 wounded in church attack in north Iraq

SULAIMANIYAH, 2 Aug — A car bomb outside a Christian church wounded 23 people on Tuesday morning, police said, as security forces found and disabled vehicles packed with explosives outside two other parishes in northern Iraq.

The bombing and the two averted attacks in the northern city of Kirkuk signal continued violence nearly 1 million of whom have fled since the war began in 2003.

The assault began at 6 am, when the car blew up outside the Syrian Catholic church, severely damaging the church and nearby houses, said police Col Taha Salaheddin.



Iraqi firefighters extinguish flames after an early morning car bomb attack in front of a Christian church, in Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, 2 Aug, 2011. More than 10 people were injured in the attack, police said.

Internet

Kurdish rebels kill three Turkish soldiers

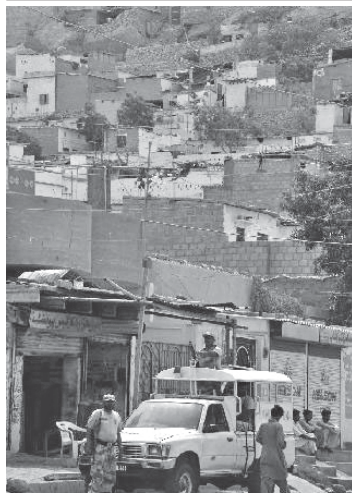
ANKARA, 2 Aug— Authorities say Kurdish rebels killed three soldiers and wounded four others in an attack on a military vehicle in southeastern Turkey.

The governor's office in Van province says the militants used automatic weapons in the Monday attack near the village of Gedikbasi. It says the vehicle of a local governor was also hit.

The rebels have killed more than 20 Turkish soldiers in intensified attacks over the past two weeks. The clashes also left about 10 rebels dead.

Rebels affiliated with the Kurdistan Worker's Party, or PKK, are waging a campaign for autonomy in the largely Kurdish southeast. The conflict has killed about 40,000 people since 1984.

Internet



Pakistani soldiers patrol on road due to security high alert in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on 1 Aug, 2011.

XINHUA

Four dead in suicide blast at hotel

KABUL, 2 Aug—A suicide car bomber blew up his vehicle outside a small residential hotel frequented by foreigners just after dawn Tuesday, killing at least four guards in the latest of a rising number of attacks in northern Afghanistan.

After the bomber detonated his cache of explosives, two other militants stormed inside the hotel in Kunduz City and engaged police in a two-hour gunbattle, said Mubobullah Sayedi, a

provincial spokesman.

"When the bomber blew himself up, the explosion shook everything," Sayedi said. "It broke glass everywhere." Four Afghan building guards were killed and 10 other people, including an Afghan policeman, were wounded, he said. Foreigners staying at the two-story hotel escaped through the rear of the building, he said.

Sarwar Husseini, a provincial police

spokesman, said German aid workers often stayed in the house, but that it was not clear who the foreigners staying there when the attack took place were.—Internet



An Afghan policeman looks at a crater at a guesthouse after it was attacked by suicide bombers in Kunduz Province on 2 August, 2011.

INTERNET

Two killed, eight wounded in S Philippines motorcycle bomb blast

COTABATO CITY, 2 Aug—The death toll from the powerful motorcycle bomb blast Tuesday afternoon in the restive southern Philippines has risen to two, while eight others were wounded, officials said.

A homemade bomb fashioned from four 81-millimeter mortar shells exploded in front of a gun shop around 2:15 pm along Quezon Avenue in the southern Philippine city of Cotabato, leaving two people dead, said administrator Atty. Cynthia Guiani Sayadi.

The blast left one dead on the spot while another passed away in hospital. The wounded were eight other civilians.

Lt Col Prudensio Asto, a regional military spokesman, told reporters a motorcycle packed with a homemade bomb exploded at CWAT gun store. The bomb had a mobile phone that served as the triggering device.

The use of mortar rounds in the manufacture of improvised bombs is a known signature of the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), which

is negotiating a peace accord with the Philippine government. "Our technical investigation shows that the explosives were kept inside the single motorcycle," Asto said. "We cannot say what group were behind the attack until our bomb experts finish their investigation."

No group has claimed responsibility for the latest attack, which occurred during the second day of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan — a holy festival among Filipino Muslims in the country's south.—MNA/Xinhua



Bomb experts inspect the site of an explosion in the southern Philippine city of Cotabato 2 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

Britons released from detention in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, 2 Aug—Two British nationals, a man and a woman, who were detained by NATO forces in Afghanistan last month have been released, the Ministry of Defence in London said Tuesday. "We can confirm, in accordance with UK detention policy, that two individuals detained by ISAF (International Security Assistance Force) forces in mid-July were released from detention in Kandahar on 29 July," a spokesman said. He declined to give any further details about the pair.

The Ministry of Defence announced their detention on 21 July, saying it had taken place the previous week, but gave no reason for it. It said it had been a joint operation by British and Afghan forces and the pair were being held in Kandahar in southern Afghanistan for questioning. A Home Office spokeswoman refused to comment on whether the pair, who have dual nationalities, will now be allowed back to Britain. She said: "We do not routinely comment on individual cases."—Internet

Minor accident in Indian nuclear plant

NEW DELHI, 2 Aug—Four labourers were exposed to low levels of radiation at an Indian nuclear plant at the end of May after an error in the control room, a report said Tuesday.

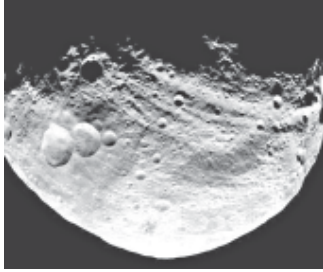
The Times of India, quoting the director of the Kakrapur Atomic Power Station in eastern Gujarat State, said the labourers were working on a spent fuel duct when radioactive material was accidentally released into

it. "They were sent home as they were within our radiation limits," said director KP Dutta, who added that the men had been examined at the plant's hospital.

Their radiation exposure was 90 millisieverts, he said, which is only slightly higher than the 60 millisieverts sustained during a full-body medical scan.—Internet



Dawn spacecraft gets cozy with massive asteroid



In this image released by NASA/JPL on 28 July, 2011 shows an image of the dark side of Vesta asteroid captured by NASA'S Dawn spacecraft on 23 July, 2011, and taken from a distance of about 3,200 miles (5,200 kilometres) away from the giant asteroid.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug—Scientists are busy poring over images of the massive asteroid Vesta, the first time it has been photographed up close. The Dawn spacecraft last month slipped into orbit around the 330-mile-wide rocky body with little fanfare and began beaming back incredible details of the pockmarked surface that resembles Earth's moon.

Since entering orbit, Dawn has taken

more than 500 images, while refining its path and inching ever closer to the surface to get a better view. The probe will officially start collecting science data next week once it is positioned 1,700 miles from the surface. Dawn so far has imaged the entire sunlit side of Vesta. Last week, it passed over a part of the surface hidden in the shadows and saw distinct grooves.

Analyzing the surface "enables us to determine what has happened to Vesta over the eons," said the mission's chief scientist, Christopher Russell of the University of California, Los Angeles. Currently some 117 million miles from Earth, Vesta is the second-most massive resident of the asteroid belt, a zone between Mars and Jupiter littered with hundreds of thousands of space rocks orbiting the sun. The belt formed some 4.5 billion years ago around the same time and under similar conditions as Earth and the inner planets. It's thought that larger chunks such as Vesta could have coalesced into planets had they not been foiled by Jupiter's gravity. Despite being denied planethood, asteroids are of interest to researchers because they date back to the early solar system.—Internet



In this on 15 Jan, 2010 file photo, a sea otter is seen in Morro Bay, Calif. From sea otters to blue whales, marine mammals are under stress from climate change, ocean acidification, hunting and other threats. Researchers have identified 20 important sites around the world where they say conservation efforts should concentrate.—INTERNET

Study shows best places to protect marine mammals

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug—From sea otters to blue whales, marine mammals are under stress from climate change, ocean acidification, hunting and other threats. Researchers have identified 20 important sites around the world where they say conservation efforts should concentrate. Marine mammals are widely distributed in the oceans and some freshwater locations, but 11 of the conservation sites are home to creatures found nowhere else, according to the study led by Sandra Pompa of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Researchers dubbed those sites "irreplaceable" and added that the nine others selected include representatives of 84 percent of all marine mammals. Currently the most endangered marine mammal is the vaquita, a porpoise that

lives in the northern section of the Gulf of California, Pompa said.

The 11 sites deemed irreplaceable were the Hawaiian Islands, Galapagos Islands, Amazon River, San Felix and Juan Fernandez Islands off the coast of Chile, Mediterranean Sea, Caspian Sea, Lake Baikal in Russia, Yangtze River, Indus River, Ganges River and the Kerguelen Islands in the southern Indian Ocean. In addition, the nine sites picked for their species richness were along the coasts of Baja California, much of the eastern coast of the Americas (the Atlantic coast of the US and including coastal areas of Cuba, Hispaniola, Colombia and Venezuela), Peru, Argentina, Northwestern Africa, South Africa, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

Internet



Internet archivist seeks one of every book written

RICHMOND, 2 Aug—Tucked away in a small warehouse on a dead-end street, an Internet pioneer is building a bunker to protect an endangered species: the printed word. Brewster Kahle, 50, founded the nonprofit Internet Archive in 1996 to save a copy of every Web page ever posted. Now the MIT-trained computer scientist and entrepreneur is expanding his effort to safeguard and share knowledge by trying to preserve a physical copy of every book ever published.

"There is always going to be a role for books," said Kahle as he perched on the edge of a shipping container soon to be tricked out as a climate-controlled storage unit. Each



In this on 21 July, 2011 photo, Brewster Kahle, digital librarian for the Internet Archive, demonstrates the zoom function while scanning a book on a touch screen at the Internet Archive's Physical Archive warehouse in Richmond, Calif.

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container can hold about 40,000 volumes, the size of a branch library. "We want to see books live

forever." So far, Kahle has gathered about 500,000 books. He thinks the warehouse itself is large enough to hold about 1 million titles, each one given a barcode that identifies the cardboard box, pallet and shipping container in which it resides.

That's far fewer than the roughly 130 million different books Google Inc engineers involved in that company's book scanning project estimate to exist worldwide. But Kahle says the ease with which they've acquired the first half-million donated texts makes him optimistic about reaching what he sees as a realistic goal of 10 million, the equivalent of a major university library.—Internet

Google rolls out experimental Hotel Finder

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Aug—Perhaps one of Google's most interesting (or annoying, depending on your perspective) qualities is a willingness to release half-baked products and make changes on the fly. Today Google released Hotel Finder and called it an "experimental search tool." Like newly released Google Plus, there is a "Send Feedback" link prominently displayed; the company acknowledges it won't be perfect.

The core functionality of the experiment doesn't need much explaining; you use it to find hotels. But Google has nicely employed its mountains of map and address data to make the (often painful) experience easier to use.

Hotel Finder shines a "tourist spotlight" on hotspots of the city you're visiting, giving you an idea of where people most frequent when the visit. Then you can draw a shape around the area where you want to stay and results for hotels will populate accordingly. On first use, the feature is pretty darn slick. Also, one of the annoying features of most searchable travel sites, whether it be for restaurants, flights or

hotels, is having to open up new tabs to save prospects as you review the search options. Hotel Finder simply allows you to add it to your "shortlist," which populates and saves as you review. Once you're ready to book, Hotel Finder provides a slick drop-down menu right from the hotel that allows you to book it through a partner site like Expedia, Travelocity or directly from the hotel itself.

Internet



Google's Hotel Finder.—INTERNET

Health

Doctors warn of hot dogs via billboard

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug— A US physicians' group sponsored a billboard near the Indianapolis Motor Speedway warning NASCAR Sprint Cup fans "Hot dogs can wreck your health."

The billboard shows an image of hot dogs sticking out of a cigarette pack with the skull and crossbones and "Warning: Hot dogs can wreck your health." It directs race fans to www.CancerProject.org.

The billboard is sponsored by the Cancer Project of the non-profit group the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

"A hot dog a day could send you to an early grave," Susan Levin, nutrition education director of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, says in a statement.

"Processed meats like hot dogs can increase your risk for diabetes, heart disease and various types of cancer. Like cigarettes, hot dogs should come with a warning label that helps racing fans and other consumers understand the health risk."

At the Indianapolis 500 races, concession stands at the speedway, last year, served more than 1.1 million hot dogs, Levin says.—*Internet*



In this 9 July, 2011 photo, Brittanie Volk, foreground, and Mario Pare, attend a yoga class in Manchester, Conn. The state of Connecticut now charges a sales tax on the fees that customers pay for yoga classes. Many states and municipalities are avoiding showy tax increases in favour of more modest, narrowly crafted increases in fees, fines and sales taxes.—INTERNET

Sun, heat a risk for cancer patients

BIRMINGHAM, 2 Aug— Because of their treatment, cancer patients are at higher risk from the sun so they should take precautions, US physicians advise. "Cancer patients may be more at risk for sun damage because of their treatment," Dr Elizabeth Kvale, director of outpatient supportive care and survivorship at University of Alabama at Birmingham and associate scientist in the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Centre, says in a statement.

"Skin that has been treated with radiation therapy may lose some of its natural protective capacity because of the changes that occur with treatment. Radiation-exposed skin should be completely protected from sun exposure." The American Society of Clinical Oncologists recommends skin cancer patients also should take special care to protect areas of skin being treated; dark, tightly woven fabrics are most effective.

Patients receiving chemotherapy are more sensitive to the sun's rays and it is important to cover surgical scars because they may darken if exposed to the sun, Kvale says.

Internet

Drug cuts brain lesions in MS patients

ZURICH, 2 Aug—Swiss biotech company Actelion Ltd said on Tuesday a mid-stage study showed one of its drugs under development helped reduce new inflammatory brain lesions in a targeted group of multiple sclerosis patients.

The study found Actelion's Ponesimod drug, a selective S1P1 receptor agonist, achieved its primary trial goal of reducing the number of new active inflammatory lesions in the brain of patients with relapsing-

remitting multiple sclerosis.

"This is the first report of a selective S1P1 receptor agonist reporting a statistically significant treatment effect in patients suffering from relapsing multiple sclerosis," said Martin Clozel, Actelion's managing director and chief scientific officer.

The achievement of its primary endpoints in the trial will allow Ponesimod to proceed to the final stage of clinical development, the company said.—*Reuters*



Picture of vaccines and needles taken during a vaccination campaign against Influenza A H1N1 Virus (swine flu) in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, in March 2011. INTERNET

Business

Small spending cuts to have little economic impact

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug—The deal reached by Congress to raise the debt ceiling and cut more than \$2 trillion in public spending will probably have only a minor impact on the economy for the next two years.

Almost all the cuts would be made in 2014 or beyond. The approach heeds a warning by Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and many private economists: Cutting too much too soon could harm the weak economic recovery.

Yet the deal won't do much to help the economy either, economists said, at least in the short term.

Under the debt deal, discretionary

spending, which excludes Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, would be cut \$21 billion in 2012 and \$42 billion in 2013, according to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office. Combined, the cuts will amount to about two-tenths of 1 percent of the economy's total output during the two years. The impact "should be relatively minor," says Brian Gardner, senior vice president at Keefe, Bruyette and Wood, an investment bank.

The spending cuts would increase to \$75 billion in 2015 and \$156 billion in 2021, the CBO estimates.—*Internet*



A Toyota logo on a damaged car is seen at a dump site for tsunami debris near Sendai Airport on 30 March, 2011, more than two weeks after the area was devastated by a magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami.—INTERNET

Toyota posts big first quarter loss hurt by quake, yen

TOKYO, 2 Aug—Toyota Motor Corp reported its first quarterly loss in two years on Tuesday as Japan's biggest earthquake on record hammered production and the yen's rise hit profitability on exports. The company raised its annual forecast.

The world's biggest automaker

made an operating loss of 108 billion yen (\$1.4 billion) in the April-June quarter, compared to a 211.7 billion yen profit a year earlier. The result was better than the average loss estimate of 190 billion yen in a survey of six analysts by Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S.

The maker of the Prius and Camry sedans posted a net profit of 1.2 billion yen compared to a 190.5 billion yen net profit the previous year. Revenue fell 29.4 percent to 3.44 trillion yen.

For the full year to March 2012, Toyota raised its forecast for operating profit, which excludes earnings from China, to 450 billion yen. A poll of 20 analysts produced a forecast of 529.7 billion yen. Shares in Toyota are down 1.9 percent in the year-to-date, underperforming a 3.8 percent drop in the benchmark Nikkei average <N225>. (\$1 = 76.615 Japanese Yen).

Internet

Bank of Korea buys gold as dollar, euro lose clout

SEOUL, 2 Aug—South Korea spent more than a billion dollars in its first gold purchase in more than a decade, as uncertainty about global growth and sovereign debt push central banks around the world to diversify foreign reserves. A brittle global economic recovery and precarious debt conditions in the United States and Europe have boosted the safe-haven appeal of gold, lifting bullion to a record high on Friday.

The Bank of Korea said in a statement on Tuesday it bought 25 tonnes of gold over the past two months, raising its gold holding to 39.4 tonnes, news that helped lift spot gold by around \$6 from late Monday. Reserve currencies, like the dollar and euro, "have been losing their clout since the recent global financial crisis partly due to abnormal monetary policy adopted in many countries and fiscal deficit problems," said an official at the central bank who declined to be named because he was not authorized to speak to the media.—*Reuters*



Sal Suarino, left, works with fellow traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, 1 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET



Photo taken on 1 August, 2011 shows the advertising screen at New York City's Times Square. China's Xinhua Gallery Media Co, Ltd launched a test run of its advertising screen at New York City's Times Square on Monday, becoming the first Chinese company to take over the advertising space at the "World's Crossroads."—XINHUA

Panama police make massive heroin seizure

PANAMA CITY, 2 Aug—Panamanian police seized more than half a ton of heroin on the Caribbean coast, the largest seizure of the drug in the country's history, an official said Monday.

Anti-drug prosecutor Javier Caraballo said police found the heroin inside an abandoned truck parked along a road in the remote coastal town of Gobeia on Saturday. The drug was in 639 packages each package apparently weighing about one kilogramme.

The shipment originated in South America and was heading to North America, Caraballo said without giving any more details.

Drug gangs are active in most of Central America and are increasingly using the region to ship drugs and launder money.

Caraballo said authorities are still investigating whether the large heroin shipment



Anti-narcotic agents unload sacks containing packages of heroin during a press conference in Panama City, on 1 Aug, 2011. —INTERNET

is an isolated case or if drug traffickers are changing their way of trafficking drug, which in the region is usually done by people taping small packages to their bodies.—Internet

Two AU troops die during suicide bomb raid

MOGADISHU, 2 Aug—A military official says two African Union soldiers were killed after troops shot two suicide bombers in Mogadishu, who then detonated their explosives.

Lt Col Paddy Ankunda, the spokesman for the African Union military operation in Somalia, said two suicide bombers disguised as Somali soldiers entered an African Union base on Monday.

AU soldiers shot and killed them, but two AU troops also were killed during the incident. The attack came at a base on the east side of Mogadishu's largest market, Bakara, an area that AU troops seized during offensive action last week.

The African Union troops and Somali government control a little more than 60 percent of Mogadishu. al-Qaeda-linked militants control the rest.

Internet

New Zealand tourists injured in Vanuatu plane crash

WELLINGTON, 2 Aug—Authorities in Vanuatu are investigating whether a lack of airport runway lights may have contributed to a light plane crash Monday in Port Vila involving five New Zealand tourists.

The air taxi-Vanuatu Cessna 207 crash-landed on a golf course at the Warwick Le Lagon resort and spa hotel on Monday, Radio New Zealand International reported on Tuesday.

The New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFAT) said two New Zealanders were admitted to a hospital and were being treated for non-critical injuries.

One patient has been flown to New Zealand for urgent medical treatment and the New Zealand High Commission in Vanuatu is providing consular assistance to the others involved.

A spokesperson for Vanuatu police, Kalshem Bongran, said the pilot had difficulty locating the runway due to heavy rain and thick fog, and might have been running low on fuel as he circled.

Bongran said civil aviation authorities in Vanuatu were investigating whether the automatic runway lighting system might have failed.—Xinhua



A villager of ethnic minority carries drinking water, sent by firefighters, to her home at Gaopai Village of Danzhai county, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 1 Aug, 2011. The severe drought in Guizhou, which started in June, left 1.82 million people in short of drinking water, affected 550,200 hectares of farm field and caused direct economic losses of 1.82 billion yuan.—XINHUA

Malaysia police hold two over 'Facebook murder'

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 Aug—Malaysian police Tuesday said they have detained two people on suspicion of bludgeoning a man to death after he reportedly posted negative remarks about a girl he had "friended" on Facebook.

"The two men are in a police lock-up. They are being investigated for murder," a senior police official in the

northern Kedah state familiar with the case told AFP on condition of anonymity.

Twenty-year-old Mohamad Amran Romli died in hospital Friday shortly after sustaining severe head injuries in an attack by two men believed to be brothers of the girl, the Malay language daily *Berita Harian* said.

The two men beat Amran with motorcycle

crash helmets during the attack in an alley behind a supermarket in Kulim town in Kedah state, it said.

Internet



A boat returns after unloading fish from fishing vessels at Tanmen Port in Qionghai City, south China's Hainan Province, on 2 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

Department released in June, the newspaper said.

The US report upgraded the ranking of Singapore to Tier Two, which means that it is among a group of countries making efforts to meet the US standard of human trafficking but does not yet meet the standards. Singapore has earlier said it noted the change to Singapore's ranking but is dismayed to find the report riddled with inaccuracies.

The report claimed that forced labor on fishing vessels has been found to have originated from Singapore, and that no trafficking victims were offered medical and other services at shelters in the past year.

Xinhua

Head-on bus collision kills at least 11 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 2 Aug—A head-on collision between two passenger buses in Bangladesh's Narsingdi district, some 51 km east of capital Dhaka, Tuesday morning left at least 11 people dead and more than 20 injured, local police said.

Md Fakhruddin, officer-in-Charge of Shibpur Police Station in the district, told *Xinhua* over mobile phone, "At least 11 passengers were killed on the spot and over 20 sustained injuries in the head-on collision between the buses."

The road accident which occurred at around 10:20 am local time also left some of passengers of both the buses critically injured, he said.

All the injured in the crash were rushed to local hospitals and clinics, he said adding reason for the accident is not immediately available.

The South Asian nation has one of the highest fatality rates for road accidents in the world due mainly to shoddy highways, poorly maintained vehicles, violation of traffic rules by inept drivers and lack of monitoring of the traffic department.

In a disastrous road accident last month, at least 44 school students were killed when a truck carrying them overturned and plunged into a roadside ditch in Bangladesh's Mirsharai sub-district of Chittagong divisional city, 242 km southeast of Capital Dhaka.—Xinhua

Singapore again refutes human trafficking report released by US

SINGAPORE, 2 Aug—An inter-agency taskforce of Singapore on trafficking in persons has released a detailed response of five pages to a recent US report on human trafficking, local daily *Straits Times* reported on Tuesday.

The response was sent to the United States on Monday, weeks after the government reiterated and pointed out "inaccuracies and misrepresentations" in the latest annual report released by the US State

Indonesia landslide at Freeport gold mine kills one

JAKARTA, 2 Aug—Police say a landslide has killed an Australian engineer working at Freeport's gold and copper mine in eastern Indonesia. Police spokesman Col Wachyono says the man was driving near the Grasberg mine in easternmost Papua Province early Tuesday when a wall of mud pushed his car into a 450-foot (150-metre) -deep ravine. Rescuers have reached the scene but have been unable so far to retrieve the body.

Freeport, which boasts some of the world's largest gold and copper reserves, could not immediately be reached for comment. Wachyono, who like many Indonesians uses one name, says the victim was an engineer for Redpath, a Canadian company that works for the Grasberg mine.—*Internet*

Toll from two Philippine storms rises to 70

MANILA, 2 Aug—The combined death toll from Tropical Storm Nock-ten and Typhoon Muifa in the Philippines has risen to 70, with threats of yet another storm in the rain-battered country, the government said Tuesday.

The toll, previously at 54, rose as two children were reported killed by a landslide at a quarry on the central island of Bohol on Sunday and another 14 victims were logged from Nock-ten, which hit last month. A total of 178 passengers and crew were rescued from a listing ship off the central port of Iloilo on Sunday, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council said.

Muifa, named after a Chinese flower, stayed offshore on the Philippine Sea east of the main island of Luzon, but caused heavy rains and rough coastal waters.—*Internet*



A woman wades through floodwater as other use an improvised bridge across a flooded portion of the street in Manila, Philippines.—*INTERNET*

Tropical Storm Emily eyes Puerto Rico, Hispaniola

ROUSEAU, 2 Aug—Tropical Storm Emily was expected to bring heavy rain Tuesday to Puerto Rico after crossing the northeast Caribbean sea on a track that would take it near Haiti within 24 hours. The storm was expected to bring up to 4 inches (10 centimetres) of rain to the Leeward and Windward islands and 6 inches (15 centimetres) to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, enough to cause flash floods and mud slides in areas that have already seen heavy rainfall, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

As the storm passed near Dominica, a weather official urged people to hunker down for the night. "We are just advising everyone to stay put, stay alert," Senior Acting Meteorological Officer Cheryl Etienne Lebac said on the state-owned radio station.—*Internet*



In this photo provided by Miraflores Presidential Press Office, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez speaks during the swearing in ceremony of two new ministers: Culture and Youth in Caracas, Venezuela, on 1 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

Chavez opts for close-shaved head due to chemo

CARACAS, 2 Aug— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez appeared on television with a close-shaved head on Monday, saying his hair has begun to fall out because of his cancer treatment. Chavez said his chemotherapy has been going well, and he joked about his appearance as he presided over a televised ceremony with Cabinet ministers.

"It's a new look," the president said, switching briefly into English with a grin. Chavez had said he expected his hair to begin falling out as a result of the chemotherapy. He underwent surgery in Cuba on June 20 to remove a cancerous tumour. He hasn't said what type of cancer he has been diagnosed with or specified where it was located, only that it was in his pelvic region. On Monday, he denied suggestions it was in the colon, the rectum or the bladder: "None of that is true."

Chavez underwent an initial round of chemotherapy last month to prevent malignant cells from reappearing. He said he is "preparing myself for a second dose," but didn't say how soon it would begin.—*Internet*

Situation between Lebanon, Israel remains calm after exchanging fire

BEIRUT, 2 Aug—UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) spokesperson on Monday said that the situation in south Lebanon is currently calm following the exchange of gun fire between the Lebanese army and Israeli forces earlier on the morning. The UNIFIL spokesperson Neerag Singh told Lebanon's state-run *National News Agency (NNA)* that UNIFIL sent its forces to Wazzani area following the clashes.

"The acting commander of UNIFIL contacted the Lebanese and Israeli command and called on them to exercise self restraint," the spokesman said. He added that UNIFIL opened an investigation into the incident. Lebanese and Israeli soldiers exchanged gunfire earlier on the morning along the de facto border the Blue Line in Wazzani area.

Xinhua



Tourist visit the campus of Tsinghua University in Beijing, capital of China, on 31 July, 2011. The quantity of tourists stood on a high level in this summer vacation opening period of Tsinghua University.

XINHUA

Investigation of Alaska midair collision continues

ANCHORAGE, 2 Aug— A deadly midair collision between two small planes in Alaska over the weekend was marked by the same factor involved in another recent midair collision in the state — aircraft that were difficult to spot amid mountainous terrains, federal accident investigator said Monday. The two crashes about 200 miles apart already are prompting plans to hold



In this February 2011 photo provided by the Barnett family, Corey Carlson, left, and his family are shown during a month long vacation in Kolenea, Hawaii.

INTERNET

safety meetings with pilots on ways to see other aircraft and to be seen, said National Transportation Safety Board investigator Larry Lewis.

He said depending on the weather, clouds can further camouflage planes. "It is really difficult to spot another airplane that's airborne," particularly if it is flying

at the same altitude, he said. "When you're looking at the same altitude, you're actually looking at very smallest cross section of an airplane you can actually see."

An Anchorage family of four died when their single-engine *Cessna 180* floatplane crashed and burned Saturday after hitting the other floatplane north of Anchorage.

Internet

One death, 76 illnesses linked to ground turkey

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug— Federal officials say one person has died from salmonella poisoning that appears to be linked to eating ground turkey, but the government so far has declined to say who produced the meat or initiate a recall.

Seventy-six people in 26 states have been made sick from the same strain of the disease, which the federal Centres for Disease Control and Prevention says is resistant to many commonly prescribed antibiotics. The CDC did not say where the person

who died became sick and released no details about the death.

The illnesses date back to March, and the CDC said Monday that cultures of ground turkey from four retail locations between 7 March and 27 June showed salmonella contamination. The agency said preliminary information showed that three of the samples have been linked to the same production establishment but did not name the retailers or the manufacturers.—*Internet*

Union A & I Minister visits genetically modified paddy field of Yezin Agricultural University and Yezin Agricultural Research Department

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visited mixed strains paddy field run by Yezin Agricultural University and Yezin Agricultural Research Department in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

The Union Minister and party then visited 500-acre genetically modified sunflower plantations and high yielding pepper plantations in Segyi Village, Thinbangan Village-tract, Yamethin Township, Mandalay Region.

He inspected progress of Natka Dam near Medi Village in Pyawbwe Township and called for preparations to transform the 1300 acres of irrigated farmlands which will emerge in parallel with irrigation system of the project into modernized farming.

The dam is being built by damming up Natka Creek near Medi Village in Pyawbwe Township, Yamethin District. The earthen type structure is 3760 feet in



length, 85 feet in height with maximum storage capacity of 10,300 acre feet of water. So far, 1150 acre feet of water have been stored in the dam which will be commissioned into service in coming October. It will

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspects progress of Natka Dam near Medi Village in Pyawbwe Township.—MNA

be able to provide irrigation water in coming summer paddy cultivation season, fulfilling need of water for 2430-acre irrigated area of Yintaw Lake.

MNA

Union Minister meets guests from ROK



Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung receives Chairman Dr Sumual In of HANA International Inc of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received a delegation led by Chairman Dr Sumual In of HANA International Inc of the Republic of Korea at his office here this morning.

They held discussions about opportunities for investments in all-round development of the special economic zone of Thilawa Port Terminal, and introduction of bio-fuel, wind power and solar power in the

projects for industrial development of the port area for contribution to environmental conservation.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein and officials. MNA

Myanmar stands fourth in International Judo Open

YANGON, 2 Aug — Myanmar bagged one gold, four silvers and two bronzes and stood fourth in medal tally of International Judo Open held in Bangkok of Thailand on 30 and 31 July.

The competition was participated by seven ASEAN countries, five Asian countries and one European country.

The victorious athletes were welcomed back by officials, families and friends at Yangon

International Airport yesterday evening.

Two referees who sat JUA Referee Seminar IJF Continental Referee Examination Thailand 2011 on the tour got international referee certificates.—MNA

Officials accepted book donations at opening ceremony of Sonetawmyaing rural library in Byaukyoe Village in Twantay Township on 25 July.—MNA



World Breast Feeding Week and...

(from page 1) and Tawkywe-inn Station Hospital. The

resident representatives also presented prizes to the award-winning

hospitals.

This year's theme of World Breast Feeding Week is "Talk to Me! Breastfeeding—a 3D Experience? —MNA



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin gives Vitamin A tablets to children.

MNA

Union Minister meets permanent members of Myanmar Language Commission

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye met permanent members U Myint Kyi, Dr Tun Tint, U San Lwin

and Dr Khin Aye at the Department of Myanmar Language Commission at Office No. 52 here this morning.

In their reports, the

members proposed for increased number of permanent members. The minister assessed the reports to fulfill the requirements.—MNA

Breeder groups formed for rural development and poverty alleviation

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug — The formation ceremony of cow breeder group and pig breeder group of rural development and poverty alleviation region was held at administrator's office in Taunglaylone village, Taunggyi

Township, Shan State on 28 July.

Shan State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Sai Hsa Lu, Taunggyi Township Breeding and Veterinary Department Staff Officer Dr Thet Naing Moe and Head of

Taunggyi Township Cooperatives Department explained the measures to be taken for rural development and poverty alleviation at the ceremony. A total of 22 cow breeder groups and pig breeder groups have been established.—MNA

Union Mines Minister receives guests



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik receives President Mr Sompong Chavaltanpipat of Myanmar Pongpipat Co Ltd.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Director of Myanmar Tasaki Co Ltd Mr Shodai Tasaki and party called on Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik at the minister's office here this morning and held discussion on cooperation

in promotion of pearl production.

The Union Minister also received President Mr Sompong Chavaltanpipat of Myanmar Pongpipat Co Ltd and party at his office and discussed expansion of tin pro-

duction and increasing production of purified minerals.

Present at the calls together with the Union Minister were directors-general and managing directors of the ministry. **MNA**

Union Minister meets entrepreneurs in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint and Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint held a meeting with entrepreneurs and rubber plant farm proprietors at the hall of Mon State in Mawlamyine on 31 July.

The Union minister touched upon matters for boosting rice production, production of quality rubber, and formation of microfinance institutions in Mon State. He pledged that the ministry will render assistance for setting up supporting companies to improve the agricultural sector of Mon

State. In his speech, the chief minister urged entrepreneurs in Mon State to invest in the agricultural farming and cooperate with Mon State government and departments.

Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Rice Millers Association U Aung Than Oo and Secretary of the Myanmar Rubber Entrepreneurs Association U Khaing Myint reported on production and sale of rice, formation of supporting companies, and production and export of rubber.

Chairman of Mon State Rice Millers Association U Tin Myint Oo,

rubber entrepreneur U Han Sein from Kyaikto, rubber plant farm proprietor U Kyaw Myint from Thaton, and peas and sesame merchant U Kyaw Khaing Myint from Mawlamyine presented reports.

After the meeting, the Union minister, the chief minister, ministers, the speaker of Mon State Hluttaw, and the advocate general, the chief justice and the auditor-general of Mon State observed samples of handicrafts, rubber and rice produced in Mon State.—**MNA**

World Breast Feeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month commemorative ceremony held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—World Breast Feeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month commemorative ceremony was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri this afternoon, with an address by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.

In his speech, the Union Minister said World Breast Feeding Week and Nutrition Pro-

motion Month will be held nationwide on a grand scale. According to the systematic breastfeeding project that has been initiated since 1993, 527 hospitals have been recognized as baby friendly hospital initiative and 118 townships as baby friendly home delivery. At the ceremony this morning, 22 hospitals and eight townships have been presented systematic breastfeeding awards. In addition to the ceremony at the MWAF,

World Breast Feeding Week activities will be held on a grand scale in the first week of August at Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) and Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed).

Next, the Union Minister expressed thanks to the MWAF, MMCWA and social organizations.

Then, as a second programme, a health educative talk was held.

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World Breast Feeding Week and Nutrition Promotion Month commemorative ceremony held at meeting hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri in progress.—MNA

Blood pressure drop during dialysis may raise clot risk

NEW YORK, 2 Aug—Low blood pressure while undergoing dialysis puts patients at increased risk for clots where their blood vessels are connected to the dialysis machine, a new study says. Previous research had found that a sudden drop in blood pressure during dialysis can lead to short-term

gastrointestinal, muscular and neurologic symptoms, and long-term problems such as stroke, seizure, heart damage and death. This new study, led by researchers at Stanford University School of Medicine, examined data collected between 1995 and 2000 from 1,426 dialysis patients who took part in a clinical trial sponsored by the US National Institutes of Health.

Dialysis is a treatment for kidney-failure patients that uses a machine to cleanse their blood. Many patients are attached to the dialysis machine through a fistula, a surgically created vascular access point in the body that's

connected to the tubes that take and return blood to the dialysis machine. The analysis revealed that patients who experienced low blood pressure most often while undergoing dialysis were two times more likely to have a clotted fistula than those who had the fewest episodes of low blood pressure. "Our analysis shows another adverse consequence associated with a fall in blood pressure during dialysis for patients," lead author and nephrologist Dr. Tara Chang said in a Stanford news release. "Vascular access is their lifeline. It's required for dialysis and without dialysis, they'll die."—**Internet**



Head of District Directorate of Transport U Aung Naing gave educative talks on traffic rules at No (1) Basic Education High School in Kalay on 20 July.

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In this 5 May, 1995, file photo, a worker at the Alfred P Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, places flowers and memorial items at the scene of the 19 April deadly car-bombing.

INTERNET

US to propose ammonium nitrate regulations

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug—More than 15 years after a fertilizer bomb was used to blow up a government building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people, the federal government is proposing to regulate the sale and transfer of the chemical ammonium nitrate.

The proposal comes nearly four years after Congress gave the

Homeland Security Department the authority to develop a programme to regulate the compound. Ammonium nitrate is one of the most common farm fertilizers in the world, and instructions for turning it into a bomb are available on the Internet. Its deadly potential was once again realized on 22 July, when a Norwegian man

allegedly blew up a government building in his country, killing eight people with a bomb that investigators believe was made with ammonium nitrate. On Tuesday, the Homeland Security Department's proposal is expected to be posted on the Federal Register website and the public will have 120 days to comment.—*Internet*

Barclays profits slide 38%, flags job cuts

LONDON, 2 Aug—Banking group Barclays said Tuesday that interim net profit slid 38 percent and warned it could axe some 3,000 jobs this year as it slashes costs in a "lacklustre" global economic environment.

Earnings after tax dived to £1.50 billion (\$2.44 billion, 1.72 billion euros) in the six months to June, compared with £2.43 billion in the same part of the previous year, the bank said in a results statement.

Profits sank sharply as investment division revenues fell and after the group set aside £1.0 billion to compensate clients who were mis-sold credit insurance.

Market expectations had been for net profit of £1.31 billion, according to analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires. Barclays added in the statement that it had axed 1,400 jobs during the first half of the year.

Chief Executive Bob Diamond, talking to reporters on a conference



The Barclays bank logo pictured in central London.—INTERNET

call, indicated that this trend was likely to continue in the second half. That would give approximately 3,000 job losses over the entire year.

"You should assume this trend to continue and increase somewhat," Diamond said.

Pre-tax profit meanwhile sank 33 percent to £2.64 billion, compared with £3.95 billion last time around.

However, stripping out the £1.0-billion provision, Barclays said its interim pre-tax profit rose 24 percent to £3.68 billion, boosted by lower bad debt charges.—*Internet*

Heavy flooding swamps Manila, govt suspends work

MANILA, 2 Aug—Waist-deep floods have swamped the streets in the Philippine Capital after a night of monsoon rains closed down schools and government offices. Authorities mobilized emergency personnel Tuesday to ready evacuations of areas near Manila's rivers and canals where floodwaters are rising. Massive traffic jams are slowing down movement in many sections of the capital. No casualties have been immediately reported.

The northern Philippines has been battered by back-to-back storms that killed more than 60 people in the last two weeks. Nearly 1,000 people died in and around Manila in 2009 during the heaviest rainfall in decades following several powerful typhoons.—*Internet*



A high school student wades through a flooded street in San Juan City, east of Manila. The combined death toll from Tropical Storm Nock-ten and Typhoon Muifa in the Philippines has risen to 70, with threats of yet another storm in the rain-battered country, the government said Tuesday.

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Official data shows Australia's housing market continues to weaken

SYDNEY, 2 Aug— The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on Tuesday reported the total number of dwellings approved fell 3.5 percent in June 2011 after falling 6.3 percent in May. It was a heavier fall than the market forecast of 2.5 percent, with building approvals now at their lowest level in two years.

Australian house prices fell 0.1 percent in the June quarter, compared with a downwardly revised 1.1 percent fall in the March quarter, the ABS said.

Economists' forecasts had centered on a one percent fall in the June quarter. According to global financial services firm JP Morgan economist Ben Jarman, the house price figures are better than expected, but he predicts they will weaken if interest rates go up. He says JP Morgan is expecting the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) to raise the cash rate by November.—*Xinhua*

Indoor air cleaners could help ease asthma symptoms in kids living with smokers

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug—Researchers have suggested that air cleaners could play an important role in easing asthma symptoms in children who live with smokers.

A Johns Hopkins Children's Centre study of Baltimore City children who have asthma and live with smokers shows that indoor air cleaners can greatly reduce household air pollution and lower the rates of daytime asthma symptoms to those achieved with certain anti-inflammatory asthma drugs. The researchers have warned that although air cleaners improved the overall air quality in homes, they did not reduce air nicotine levels and did not counter all ill effects of second-hand smoke.—*Internet*

Emissions scheme due for rough landing

BEIJING, 2 Aug— Air transport associations and 21 airlines from home and abroad expressed strong opposition at a seminar on Monday against an EU plan to force countries into its Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS). Starting 1 Jan, all airlines flying to Europe will be required by the EU to be included in the ETS, a system that compels polluters to buy permits for each ton of carbon dioxide they emit above a certain cap. Those who do not join the system will face fines and flight suspensions.

Airlines said that they are required to buy permits for emissions released over the whole flight, only a small percentage of which may actually be in EU airspace.

Xinhua

Japan police raid cult behind 1995 subway attack

TOKYO, 2 Aug—Japanese authorities on Monday raided buildings used by the doomsday cult behind the 1995 deadly sarin nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway, news reports said.

Some 300 officers of the Public Security Intelligence Agency were mobilised for the inspection of 27 offices and practice halls of the Aum Supreme Truth cult across the nation,

according to *Kyodo News*.

The cult, founded by Shoko Asahara, has been divided into two groups, with its mainstream renamed Aleph and a splinter group being called Circle of Rainbow Light.

Asahara lost a final appeal against his death sentence for ordering his cult to release sarin on rush-hour trains on 20 March, 1995, killing 12 people and injuring thousands.—*Internet*



People watch Aum Supreme Truth sect leader Shoko Asahara (C) on a TV broadcast during his trial in 1996.

INTERNET

Crop circle creation theory: physics, not aliens

SALEM (Oregon), 2 Aug—Those otherworldly crop circles may not have been caused by aliens after all. Instead, think physics: A study in Physics World points to the possibility that the patterns could be caused by Earth-bound microwaves, lasers, and GPS. Maybe.

Formations in fields have been documented more than 10,000 times in the late 20th century. They have been credited to everything from paranormal activity to human hijinks to the weather—and in some cases, even wallabies (more on that later).

Further fueling the mystery is that the farmland designs are done in secret, usually in the dark—and often by jokers who want to make it seem like Martians were at work. It wasn't until 1991 that the first pranksters admitted to have created at least some of the crop circles as a UFO hoax. What's confounded scientists is trying to explain just how the art is done without any marks left by the makers, all typically in just one night.

The question led researcher Richard Taylor of



Click image to see more photos of crop circles.

INTERNET

the University of Oregon to rule out at least some traditional explanations of the tools involved in creating the circles. Taylor contends that in the modern age, planks and ropes (to flatten plants) and even bar stools to jump from one area to another undetected, are just too cumbersome to produce results in the comparatively brief period of their creative incubation. Instead, he argued that latter-day crop-circle auteurs use high-tech gadgets such as GPS monitors to place the shapes and magnetrons (tubes that use electricity and magnetism to generate intense heat) to cause the crop stalks to fall over at high speed.—*Internet*

S Korea receives first surveillance aircraft

SEOUL, 2 Aug—South Korea on Monday received its first 737 airborne early warning and control (AEW&C) aircraft from Boeing.

The Defence Acquisition Programme Administration (DAPA) said in a Press release that the aircraft, named "Peace Eye", landed at the Air Force base in Gimhae, about 450 km southeast of Seoul.

Under a 1.6 billion US dollars contract signed in November 2006, Boeing is to deliver four 737 AEW&C aircraft to South Korea by 2012.

The surveillance aircraft, based on Boeing's 737-700, is equipped with a multi-role electronically scanned radar antenna and can detect and monitor up to 1,000 airborne or surface targets simultaneously within a 370-km radius.

The first aircraft will be deployed with the South Korean Air Force by September after undergoing test flights and acceptance trials, the DAPA said.

Xinhua

Mexico, Colombia to step up anti-crime co-op

MEXICO CITY, 2 Aug—Mexican President Felipe Calderon and his visiting Colombian counterpart Juan Manuel Santos inked several agreements here Monday to enhance cooperation against the organized crime.

The two presidents lauded existing bilateral cooperation in that area, which, they said, made the two countries "more united than ever."

"We are closing the criminal organizations' space," Calderon told reporters, adding that the transnational organized crime poses "one of the greatest challenges our countries have."

For his part, Santos said the signed agreements would also benefit Central American and Caribbean countries.

He urged continued efforts to combat crimes so that drug cartels in his country could be eliminated in several years. "Don't stop the fight, it is an expensive one. But if you want to succeed, you have to persist."

Santos arrived here Saturday for an official visit which runs through Thursday.—*Xinhua*



Photo taken on 2 August, 2011 shows a wind power plant in Zhalu County of Tongliao City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. Tongliao, a city with abundant wind power resources, has put three million kilowatts of wind power facilities into operation with another two million kilowatts of facilities under installation. During the first half of this year, the power generation through the wind power plants in the city topped 2.2 billion kilowatt-hour and the city aims to have its installed wind power facilities to reach 10 million kilowatts within five years.—*XINHUA*

Shanghai World Expo venue up for re-development bid

SHANGHAI, 2 Aug—A re-development bid for a major Shanghai World Expo venue was opened on Monday, according to the Expo Shanghai Group.

The Expo Shanghai Group, which is currently in charge of managing the Expo Park, opened a bid on Monday for the Baosteel Stage, which hosted two million visitors and over 900 shows during the expo, according to statistics released by the expo's organizing committee.

Potential bidders should include their plans for the functional orientation of the venue, as well as renovation designs, income and expense budgets and operational

details, said Chen Zhu, director of the Expo Shanghai Group's department of culture.

Bidders should submit their proposals within one month, and the future naming would be subject to terms of the successful bid, she said.

The Expo Shanghai Group plans to choose a feasible plan in October and open the stage to the public next summer, Chen said.

The 2010 Shanghai World Expo, held from May to October last year, attracted nearly 250 participating countries and international organizations, as well as 73 million visitors.

Xinhua

Indian aviation regulator orders checking of Boeing-777 engines

NEW DELHI, 2 Aug—India's civil aviation regulator has ordered a thorough examination of engines on all Boeing-777 aircraft flying with the country's carriers, local media reported Tuesday.

The move follows a probe into a recent burnout of an engine that happened when an Air India B-777 was winging its way from the Indian capital to New York and then had to

come back to IGI airport here, The *Times of India* newspaper reported.

The engine's low pressure turbine and its tail cone were later found to be severely damaged.

"All engines on B-777s that have completed 1,000 cycles will be given boroscopic checks within the next three weeks," the Directorate General of Civil Aviation chief Bharat Bhushan was quoted as saying.—*Xinhua*

20 million year old ape skull discovered in northeastern Uganda

KAMPALA, 2 Aug—A 20 million year old ape skull has been discovered in northeastern Uganda by French and Ugandan scientists, a senior government official said here on Tuesday. Fred Opolot, the executive director of the Uganda Media Centre, a government agency, in an interview with *Xinhua* described the discovery as "huge".

A team of scientists from Uganda and France discovered a sub-complete skull of an ape in mid last month and is believed to be aged between 19 and 20 million years.

The discovery was at Napak XV, a fossil site near Irimi in Karamoja also known as northeastern Uganda.

Xinhua



A worker checks a camera in a supermarket in Huixinli, Chaoyang District, Beijing on Monday. The public security bureau has ordered high-fidelity monitoring devices to be installed in large and medium-sized supermarkets across the city for security reasons.—*INTERNET*

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (190)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SUPA BHUM VOY NO (190) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KULSAMUT VOY NO (07/11) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(6) 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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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BILLION VOY NO (127) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) 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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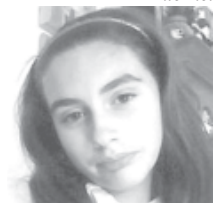
**Missing NH girl's body found
in river near home**

STEWARTSTOWN, 2 Aug — The body of an 11-year-old girl who disappeared almost a week ago was discovered Monday in a river less than half a mile from her home, and authorities said they considered her death suspicious.

Celina Cass was reported missing on 26 July. New Hampshire Fish and Game Department divers found her body late Monday morning near a hydroelectric dam that spans the Connecticut River between her hometown, Stewartstown, and Canaan, Vt, ending a massive search, Senior Assistant Attorney General Jane Young said. The body was recovered from the river on Monday evening, she said.

"We have brought Celina home, obviously not the way we wanted to bring her home," said Young, her voice breaking with emotion. Authorities had said that Celina, who lived with her older sister, mother and stepfather a mile from the Canadian border, was last seen at her home computer around 9 pm on 25 July and was gone the next morning.

Internet



Missing 11-year-old New Hampshire girl Celina Cass.—INTERNET

**United flight diverted to Cuba
due to 'unfamiliar' odor in plane**

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — A United Airlines flight was diverted to Cuba on Sunday after its crew reported a strong odor in the plane, US aviation and airline spokesmen said.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Les Dorr said United Flight 831, an Airbus A320, landed safely at Jose Marti Airport in Havana at 12:07 pm local time.

The flight had left Washington Dulles airport, located in northern Virginia, just before 9 am, according to United's website. It was supposed to land at 11:27 am in Cancun, Mexico.

But crew members "noticed an unfamiliar smell in the cabin," said

United Airlines spokesman Charlie Hobart. Dorr noted that the crew detected a burning smell, saying it was in the cockpit.

Internet



A United Airlines flight was diverted to Cuba after a reported strong odor in the cabin.—INTERNET

Suspect arrested in murder of two French women

SALTA, 2 Aug — Authorities have arrested a man in connection with the murder of two French women who were found shot to death in a tourist area in northern Argentina, provincial police told AFP on Monday. The women's bodies were found Friday by hikers on

a trail in an area overlooking Salta, the capital of a northern province of the same name.

"At 2:00 am (05H00 GMT Monday) this morning we detained a person, a middle aged man, for his presumed implication in these acts," police officer Jose Hinojosa said.

Hinojosa said the man was a resident of Salta, but his identity and nationality were being withheld, he said. French consul general Patrick Flot traveled to Salta on Monday to confer with local authorities, including Salta governor Juan Manuel Urtubey, a French embassy source said.—Internet



Authorities have arrested an unidentified man in connection with the murders of two young French women, whose bodies were found Friday on a hiking trail in a popular tourist area overlooking Argentina's regional capital of Salta.—INTERNET

**Ten killed,
eight injured
by lightning in
eastern India**

NEW DELHI, 2 Aug — Some 10 people were killed and eight others sustained injuries due to electrocution after being hit by lightning late Monday evening in the eastern Indian State of Orissa, said police. A total of 18 people were hit by lightning after heavy rains lashed the state. While 10 were killed, the injured have been admitted to local hospitals across various districts of the state.

Some parts of India have come under heavy raining which has caused flood-related incidents that have killed several dozen people over the past several weeks, according to local media reports.

Internet MNA/Xinhua

**Compared with Europeans, British women are
more likely to get cancer**

LONDON, 2 Aug — British women are nearly a fifth more likely to develop cancer at some point during their lives than their European counterparts, with lifestyle factors such as obesity and alcohol consumption likely to be partly responsible, a cancer charity has said. The World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF), which campaigns on cancer and lifestyle issues, said data showed women in the UK had a 25.1% chance of developing any type of cancer by the time they reached 75, as against 21.4% of women elsewhere in Europe.

The study is based on

figures compiled by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, part of the UN's World Health Organization (WHO). British men have marginally better cancer rates than those elsewhere in Europe, with a 27.8% chance of being diagnosed

by the age of 75 against 29.5% for men elsewhere in Europe.

Internet

Dozens of migrants found dead in Lampedusa-bound boat

ROME, 2 Aug — Twenty-five dead bodies were found on a boat carrying 296 African mi-

grants that set sail from Libya and arrived on the Sicilian island of Lampedusa on Monday, Italian port authorities said. Migrants on board said the adult men were packed inside the hold and killed by motor fumes, the Ansa news agency reported.

Port officials said the cause of death was not immediately clear and medical tests were being conducted. The boat, carrying mainly migrants

from sub-Saharan Africa, left Libya three days ago, a port official said.

Thousands of people fleeing turmoil in North Africa have sailed to Italy in rickety boats in recent months. The United Nations refugee agency has said one in 10 migrants fleeing conflict in Libya by sea is likely to drown or die from hunger or exhaustion in appalling conditions during the crossing.



Italy's coastguard found 25 dead bodies aboard a boat carrying hundreds of people from North Africa to the island of Lampedusa on Monday.—INTERNET

Drought-hit bears head to town in Texas



A black bear roams near the Lamar Valley in Yellowstone National Park, on 24 June, 2011.

A severe drought is driving normally reclusive bears into urban areas of Texas and other parts of the US West in search of food and water in gardens, dumpsters and even bird feeders.

With fires scorching black bear ranges in the mountains of West

Texas and the drought making it difficult to find water and food, the feared animals have been making their way increasingly into towns and cities.

"They're going to where they need to," said Louis Harveson, professor of wildlife management at Sul Ross State University. "They're scavengers — they're basically an oversized raccoon."

When West Texas resident Penny Ferguson recently returned from an early morning workout, her beagle began barking wildly, and Ferguson ran outside to keep it from waking the neighbours.

A full-grown black bear on all fours, so big its shoulders reached her hips, was on her front lawn near the bird feeder. The bear ran out from under Ferguson's front window and casually loped across the street.

Carjacker targeted detective

Pittsburgh police said a wanted man who allegedly attempted to carjack a plainclothes detective told officers he was working on the latest Batman movie.

Police said Micah Calamosca, 21, who had been wanted on an assault charge, attempted to carjack Detective Robert DiGiacomo, who was in an unmarked car, and was taken into custody with the help of an off-duty officer from Virginia Beach, Va, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported Monday. Sgt Brian Elledge said Calamosca claimed the carjacking attempt was part of filming for "The Dark Knight Rises," which began filming Friday in Pittsburgh.

Calamosca was charged with felony robbery of a motor vehicle and jailed lieu of \$5,000 bond.



Unbelievable! One out of ten world's most bizarre relationship: An Indian woman fell in love with a cobra and married it. Over 2,000 people watched her wedding. Local residents said their marriage would bring fortune to the place.

10 tons of tomatoes used as ammo

Organizers of the Midwest Tomatofest in Minnesota said 10 tons of overripe tomatoes were thrown, crushed and squashed by revelers.

Kamal Mohamed, one of the organizers of the event, said 2,000 tickets were sold in advance for Sunday's fruit-tossing event in Afton and another 400 were sold at the gate, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* reported Monday.

Mohamed, a University of St Thomas senior, said the overripe tomatoes were shipped from Kansas and had been slated to be thrown away.

News Album

Sharko trawls near "Sarko" on French Riviera

A professional diver working in the harbour at the French Riviera port of Saint-Tropez saw a large shark swim by him three times over the weekend, local newspaper *Var-Matin* reported Monday.

Nicolas Faucon told the newspaper he was underwater untangling the anchor chains of boats moored at Saint-Tropez, a glitzy Mediterranean holiday spot, when a two-metre-long (6 foot) shark glided past him at arm's length.

"A shark passed by 50 cm (20 inches) from me. I am 100 percent sure of it," Faucon told the paper, as tens of thousands

of French holidaymakers descended upon Riviera beaches for the start of the annual August vacation. "It didn't seem aggressive. It looked at me, and then changed direction," Faucon said.

Riviera holidaymakers include President Nicolas Sarkozy and his pregnant wife Carla Bruni, who arrived Monday in Cap Negre — an easy swim from Saint-Tropez for a shark.

Faucon made a swift exit, but said he saw the shark again when he went back underwater an hour later, and he spotted it again, further away, the following day. Occasional shark scares have caused beaches to be briefly closed in past years on the French Mediterranean, but attacks are extremely rare.

Oscar-winner Sissy Spacek receives star on Hollywood Walk Of Fame

BEIJING, 2 Aug—Oscar-winning actress Sissy Spacek received the 2,443rd star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Monday.

"The first time I came to Hollywood, I walked around and found the Walk of Fame and the stars of my favourite celebrities,"

Spacek said. "I imagined what it would be like to have a star."

The 61-year-old Sissy Spacek has had six Oscar nominations.

She is an American actress and singer, winning the Academy Award for Best Actress for her role as country star Loretta Lynn in the

1980s' movie "Coal Miner's Daughter." She is best known for her role as a shy, troubled high school senior with telekinetic powers in the horror movie "Carrie."

Her latest movie "The Help" is to be released in 10 days.

Xinhua



Actress Sissy Spacek kneels atop her newly unveiled star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Hollywood on 1 August, 2011.

XINHUA

Boys II Men singer talks band's early days

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug—Boys II Men singer and "The Sing-Off" judge Shawn Stockman said his group was brought together more by music than friendship.

"When me and the guys first started singing, we sounded so good, like, we didn't even like each other," he said at the Television Critics Association summer press tour Monday. "Seriously: We were singers before we were friends. But we sounded, to us, so good together that it was addictive. We wanted to sing together all of the time."

Stockman described the early days of his group to make a point about the power of music.

He and fellow judges Ben Folds and Sara Bareilles agreed that the acapella music featured on the show can be less lucrative than other musical forms — so the people who do it, do it for

love of their art.

Stockman said Boys II Men used to sing together in subways for the acoustics — and turn people down when they tried to give them money.

"The harmonies would go for miles and people would try to give us money and we were like, we don't want it. It wasn't about money," he said.

"The Sing-Off" returns for its third season in the fall.—Internet



Cast member Maria Bello answers a question during the NBC Universal session for "Prime Suspect" at the 2011 Summer Television Critics Association Cable Press Tour in Beverly Hills, California on 1 August, 2011.—XINHUA

Kings of Leon cancel rest of US tour dates

NASHVILLE, 2 Aug—Kings of Leon singer Caleb Followill is suffering from vocal problems and exhaustion, forcing the band on Monday to cancel its US tour.

The cancellation comes three days after Followill left the stage mid-show in Dallas due to what he called "excessive" and "unbearable" heat. But other members of the family band said over the weekend that its problems go beyond dehydration, something that wasn't addressed in a Monday statement.

"Thanks to all our true fans for understanding and helping us through this hard time," Caleb Followill said on Twitter.

Followill's exit led to vows to replay the show by his brothers, drummer Nathan and bassist Jared, and cousin guitarist Matthew on Twitter. But Jared Followill also acknowledged the band has "internal sicknesses & problems" that go beyond dehydration.

A statement says the band is "devastated, but in order to give their fans the shows they deserve, they need to take this break." They'll return to the road in Vancouver, British Columbia, on 28 Sept. The canceled shows will not be rescheduled.—Internet



In this 21 Oct, 2010 file photo, members of the band Kings of Leon, from left, Jared Followill, Nathan Followill, Matthew Followill and Caleb Followill, pose for a portrait in New York. The Kings of Leon promised on 31 July, 2011, to make it up to their Dallas fans after they canceled a show when their lead singer complained it was too hot to perform. In a statement, the band announced plans to return to Dallas on 21 Sept.—INTERNET

Klinsmann introduced as new US soccer coach



Juergen Klinsmann, of Germany

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — Juergen Klinsmann sometimes sounds more like a youth development director for US Soccer than the new men's national team coach. The former German player and coach was introduced Monday, and he spent much of the time talking about how to mold

future American stars, not managing current ones. "It all starts down to develop the next Landon Donovan," Klinsmann said of the United States one day contending for World Cup titles.

And "one day" is the key phrase; he believes "we still are quite a long way away from that." "You need maybe 10 Landon Donovans at different positions with different characteristics in order to one day be there," Klinsmann said in an interview. Perhaps it's partly a way to temper expectations as he takes over from Bob Bradley, whose firing was announced on Thursday.—*Internet*

Ramos warns of Inter threat in Champions League

MADRID, 2 Aug — Inter Milan represent a major obstacle to Real Madrid's desperate quest to win the Champions League under boss Jose Mourinho, defender Sergio Ramos said on Monday. And Ramos admitted the Spanish giants will need to get quickly if they are to succeed in the world's biggest club competition. "This is quite a new team and we need to adjust to each other," said the Spanish international, speaking in the sweltering southern Chinese city of Guangzhou ahead of a pre-season friendly against a local side.

"It's too early to make predictions about who will win the Champions League, but of course Barcelona, and I think Inter Milan, will be very competitive." Real's great rivals Barcelona won the Champions League and La Liga last season, but goalkeeper and captain Iker Casillas hopes a Real squad boasting the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo and Kaka will get closer this time.—*Internet*



Real Madrid's defender Sergio Ramos

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Juventus sign Montenegro forward Vucinic

ROME, 2 Aug — Juventus announced the signing of Montenegro forward Mirko Vucinic from AS Roma on Monday.

The 27-year-old has signed a four-year deal and cost Juventus 15 million euros, to be payable over



Montenegro forward Mirko Vucinic

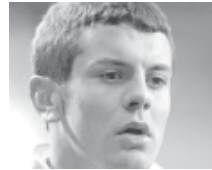
three years.

He is the fifth major signing made by Juve this close season following the arrival of midfielders Andrea Pirlo from AC Milan and Arturo Vidal from Bayer Leverkusen as well as full-backs Stephan Lichtsteiner (Lazio) and Reto Ziegler (Sampdoria). Former AC Milan defender and current Montenegro Football Federation president Dejan Savicevic said Juve had done well to procure Vucinic's services.

—*Internet*

Wilshere tells Wenger to sign new players

LONDON, 2 Aug — Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere admits Arsenal Wenger must sign several new players before the Gunners can be regarded as serious challengers for the Premier League title. Wilshere, 19, was one of the few success stories from another frustrating season at the Emirates Stadium last term, but the



Arsenal midfielder Jack Wilshere

England international believes Arsenal would go from pretenders to contenders if Wenger splashes the cash.

The Arsenal boss, whose side finished fourth last season, has been slow to spend once again, with only Lille striker Gervinho his only major purchase in pre-season. Wenger has been linked with moves for Valencia winger Juan Mata, Everton defender Phil Jagielka and Blackburn centre-back Christopher Samba, but has so far failed to land any of them with the new campaign just two weeks away.—*Internet*

Rangers, Kiev battle for Euro survival

GLASGOW, 2 Aug — Under-pressure Glasgow Rangers and Dynamo Kiev both need to clinch away victories to avoid exiting the Champions League at the qualifying round stage this week. Scottish champions Rangers lost 1-0 at Ibrox last week to Malmo and head to Sweden knowing that in 55 years the club has never come back from losing a home leg to win a European tie.

But manager Ally McCoist, who took over from Walter Smith in the summer, believes Saturday's 2-0 league win over St Johnstone could prove the key to overturning the deficit on Wednesday.

"I firmly believe that on chances created in the second-half against Malmo that we can turn it around," said McCoist. "Even against St Johnstone we created a fantastic number of goal-

scoring opportunities and I believe we will do that over in Malmo. I really believe that if we take them we will win the game." Dynamo's hopes of making the play-off round — the next step in the tournament before the lucrative group stage kicks in — depend on overturning a 2-0 home loss to Russia's Rubin Kazan.

—*Internet*



Rangers' Richard Foster (L) vies with PSV Eindhoven's Hungarian striker, Balazs Dzsudzsak during a UEFA match in Glasgow.
INTERNET

Serena Williams returns to top 100 after title win

LONDON, 2 Aug — Serena Williams has returned to the top 100 in the women's rankings after winning her first title in more than a year at Stanford on Sunday. The former No 1 jumped nearly 90 places to 79th in the rankings released on Monday after beating Marion Bartoli 7-5, 6-1 in the Bank of the West Classic final to win her first title outside of the Grand Slams since 2009.

Williams was sidelined for almost a year until June with foot injuries and blood clots on her lungs, and slid to 175th in the rankings when she failed to defend



Serena Williams

her Wimbledon title — her lowest spot in 14 years.

The 29-year-old American will take a week off before playing in Toronto to prepare for the US Open, beginning 29 Aug. The top 10 in the rankings remained unchanged with Caroline Wozniacki at No 1.

—*Internet*

Bayern see off minnows Braunschweig in Cup



Germany forward Thomas Mueller

MUNICH, 2 Aug — German giants Bayern Munich booked their place in the second round of the German Cup on Monday night as they laboured to a 3-0 win over second division Eintracht Braunschweig. Germany forward Thomas Mueller played a big role in the

victory as he earned two first-half penalties before he hooked in a shot in the 83rd minute to claim a goal of his own. The spot-kicks Mueller earned with darting runs before being hauled down had earlier been converted by fellow German stars Mario Gomez, after nine minutes, and Bastian Schweinsteiger, on 39 minutes.

While Bayern were rarely tested, it was a far from convincing display from Jupp Heynckes-coached Munich who open their Bundesliga campaign on Sunday at the Allianz Arena against Borussia Moenchengladbach. Bayern, who were without both star wingers Dutchman Arjen Robben and France's Franck Ribery, avoided becoming a fifth Bundesliga casualty after Bayer Leverkusen, VfL Wolfsburg, Freiburg and Werder Bremen all suffered first-round shocks over the weekend.

—*Internet*

Former ski team member attacked by black bear

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — Former US Ski Team member Ani Haas says she feels fortunate to have suffered just scratches to her left arm and chest when she encountered a black bear while running in western Montana.

The 24-year-old freestyle skier told NBC's "Today" Monday that she was on a trail near her home town of Missoula, Mont, on Friday morning when she saw some cubs scramble up a tree. The mother bear ran at her. Haas tried to run away, but was not fast enough. She turned around to face the bear and it lunged at her.

Haas hit the bear in the head and threw a rock

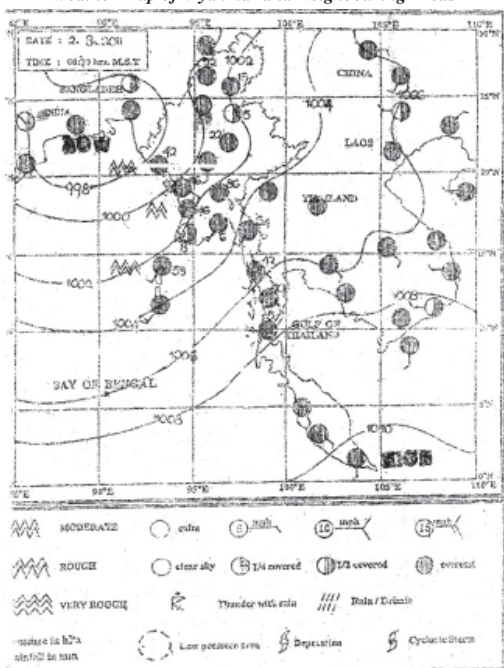
at it before the bear attacked her again. Haas says she backed away and the bear eventually lost interest.—*Internet*



This 23 Dec, 2009 file photo shows Ani Haas skiing through the moguls during the women's Olympic Trials Freestyle competition in Steamboat Springs, Colo.
INTERNET

S P O R T S

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 3rd August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
2	Kayah	24/75	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
3	Kayin	27/81	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
4	Chin	23/73	19/59	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershower	100%
7	Tamubhaya	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
8	Bago	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
9	Magway	32/90	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	100%
10	Mandalay	37/99	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
11	Mon	27/81	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
12	Yangon	28/82	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
13	Rakhine	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	100%
14	Southern Shan	26/79	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
15	Northern Shan	34/93	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	100%
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	26/79	Widespread rain or thundershower	100%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	28/82	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	100%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	28/82	25/77	One or two rain or thundershower	100%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershower	100%

Summary of observations at 09:30 to MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershower have been fairly widespread in Shan and Kayah States, and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Magway and Bago Regions and Rakhine State, isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions and Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaikpyu (4.57) inches, Toungou (3.78) inches, Thairayay and Langlun (3.43) inches each, Bago (3.38) inches, An (3.27) inches, Magway (3.18) inches and Myittha (2.24) inches.

Bay Inference Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40 to 45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days Continuation of strong monsoon.

Brazil return to form at Austrians expense



BRAZIL, 2 Aug—Brazil have claimed top spot on goal difference in Group E at Colombia 2011 following a comfortable 3-0 win over Austria in Barranquilla.

After an inconsistent display in drawing 1-1 in their opener against Egypt, Brazil returned to form in scoring the opener before the interval, while two further goals ensured the contest was over just past the hour mark.

Brazil took the initiative from the outset in warm conditions, and looked especially dangerous with free-kicks and crosses. Ney Franco's side dominated the contest but at times were guilty of not being able to provide the final pass.

Henrique headed over for the South Americans just five minutes into the match, while at the other end Austria had a good chance of their own but Andreas Weimann was quickly closed down by goalkeeper Gabriel.

Henrique, arguably the most dangerous player on the field, was at it again soon after with his left foot strike saved by Samuel Radlinger.

Midway through the opening half Casemiro missed an incredible chance from close range. Receiving the ball from the left the Brazilian

somehow contrived to miss an open goal, as he pushed his effort wide.

The South Americans finally broke the deadlock eight minutes before the break with a sumptuous team goal. Oscar exchanged passes with Coutinho, with the pair setting up Henrique, who only needed to push the ball home for Brazil's 200th goal in the history of the competition.

The one-way traffic continued after the goal and Henrique twice almost scored just before half-time. He firstly fired wide from close range, before then striking the post with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Austria to their credit returned from the sheds with renewed determination and Weimann, after receiving a great pass from captain Michael Shimpelsberger, was denied only by an excellent Gabriel save.

However the Europeans were soon deflated as Brazil doubled their advantage. Danilo was brought down as he attempted to round the goalkeeper and Philippe Coutinho converted from the penalty spot.

The momentum was very much with the Brazilians now and Willian tried a spectacular volley in the penalty area only for the ball to fly over the crossbar. Henrique then narrowly failed to get on the end of a Coutinho cross.

The third and clinching goal finally arrived on 63 minutes with Willian converting after some superb lead-up work involving Oscar, Coutinho and Casemiro.

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Wednesday, 3 August

View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:10 am**
- 2. Morning News

- 7:20 am**
- 3. FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP 2011 (Live) (Colombia Vs Mali)
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm**
- 2. Dances of National Races
- 4:20 pm**
- 3. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm**
- 4. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Fourth Year (Law)
- 4:45 pm**
- 5. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:55 pm**
- 6. Classical Songs

- 5:05 pm**
- 7. "ASEAN" Programmes
- 5:15 pm**
- 8. Teleplay (Forest)
- 5:25 pm**
- 9. International Science News
- 5:35 pm**
- 10. Melody Tunes (Sogya Pyawshwin Tay Thansin)
- 6:00 pm**
- 11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
- 12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
- 13. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm**
- 14. Shwe Yin Chone Than

- 7:00 pm**
- 15. Documentary
- 7:10 pm**
- 16. Preview of 26th South East Asia Games
- 7:30 pm**
- 17. Teleplay (Agri)
- 7:40 pm**
- 18. Centany of A One Soe Myint (Composer)
- 8:00 pm**
- 19. News
- 20. International News
- 21. Weather Report
- 22. Korea NG Award
- 23. TV Drama Series
- 24. Dramatic Arts Competition (Marionette)

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (3-8-2011) (Wednesday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(3-8-11 09:30 am ~ 4-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Glorious MraukU & Its Pagoda Festival
- * News

- * Artist Hla Tun Aung's Milestone
- * News
- * The World's Longest Wooden Bridge
- * Music Gallery
- * Industrial Product Shows for National Industrialization
- * News
- * Avian Antivenom Rewarding Achievement of DMR (LM)
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- * News
- * Be What You Want To Be
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Get Well-tailored Clothes Here
- * News
- * Record Album
- * Stay in touch with ICT
- * News
- * Shwe Inn Tha, Eco-friendly Resort
- * Myanmar Movies "Mommy's Girls"

- ★ 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

Hluttaw representatives to report to Hluttaw Office, Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—The second sessions of the Hluttaws will be held at the respective Hluttaw Buildings here commencing 22 August (Monday) and invitation cards have been sent to Hluttaw representatives.

Hluttaw representatives, whether they have

received the invitation cards or not, are to report to the Hluttaw Office here not earlier than 18 August or not later than 19 August, to make preparations for the sessions and are to take representative certificates and representative identity cards along with them while reporting to the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

Monsoon intensifying over Andaman Sea, Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today announced that according to the observation conducted at 12.30 pm today, the monsoon is intensifying over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal and is likely to further intensify for next 72 hours.

Due to the influence of strong southwest monsoon, now it is raining heavily in coastal areas including the

Delta with isolated heavy falls in some regions. The heavy rain is likely to continue along coastal areas such as Rakhine Coast, the Delta, and Mon-Taninthayi Coast with likelihood of isolated heavy falls and strong winds in next 72 hours. Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in the Myanmar's waters. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph, and sometimes may reach over 40 mph.—MNA



Plant evolved a bat beckoning beacon

LONDON, 30 July — A rainforest vine has evolved dish-shaped leaves to attract the bats that pollinate it, scientists have found. Tests revealed that the leaves were supremely efficient at bouncing back the sound pulses the flying mammals used to navigate. When the leaves were present the bats located the plant twice as quickly

The dish-shaped leaves emit a powerful echo that helps the bat locate the plant.—INTERNET

as when these echoing leaves were removed. A team of scientists in the UK and Germany reported its findings in the journal *Science*.

The study is the first to find a plant with "specialised acoustic features" to help bat pollinators find them using sound. Most bats send out pulses of sound to find their way around; the way they sense objects in their environment by sensing how these pulses bounce off them is known as echolocation.

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Myanmar, India eye closer cooperation in health sector

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Dawn spacecraft gets cozy with massive asteroid



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Two killed, eight wounded in S Philippines motorcycle bomb blast

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Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is 1052 cm. It may reach its

danger level 1070 cm during the next 36 hours commencing noon today, warned the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA