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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

Progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanatheinga) inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning inspected tarmacking of Sagaing-Shwebo Motor Road and construction of box culverts.

He looked into progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanatheinga), and construction of asphalt approach road on Kyaukmyaung bank.

He viewed the site for construction of Kyaukmyaung Sub-Township and met staff.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanatheinga) will link Nwneyein Village of Kyaukmyaung Sub-Township in Shwebo District and Singu of PyinOoLwin District. It will be RC and steel frame facility. The bridge will be 2480 feet long and 28 feet wide. The bridge will have three feet wide pedestrian way on either side. The facility will have 320 feet wide and 47 feet high clearance. The bridge can withstand 75-ton loads.

On completion, local people can have easy access to Kachin State via Singu along Mandalay-Madaya-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road, to Mogok via Phawtaw junction, from Twinng junction and Momeik to Shan



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects progress in construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanatheinga).

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State, and from NgaOh junction to Mabein.

Moreover, the people can travel to Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road via Nwneyein-Kyaukmyaung-Shwebo Road, to Shwebo-KhinU-

YeU-Kalewa Road, and to Chin State via Shwebo-Ayadaw-Monywa-Yegyi-Kalewa-Kalay. So far, bored pile works, cap, shaft and cross beams works have been completed by cent per cent.—MNA

Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

U Aung Kyi provides relief supplies and cash assistance for flood victims in Kawhmu Township, Yangon Region.

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Union Minister provides relief supplies and cash assistance to flood victims

YANGON, 14 Aug—Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi met members of Twantay Township rural development and poverty alleviation committee at Twantay Township General Administration Department in Yangon Region yesterday and provided relief supplies and K 1 million to 51 households affected by the floods to buy rice.

The Union Minister then met the members of Kawhmu Township rural development and poverty alleviation committee at Kawhmu Township General Administration Department. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister called for active participation

of committee members in addressing the education, health and occupation issues and presented K 1.25 million to flood victims of 62 households to buy rice.

The Region Minister for Finance and Revenue handed over K 120 million of microcredit loans to the township administrator who handed over saved capital of villages to supervisory committees for microcredit association.

He also provided relief supplies and K 750,000 to 37 households suffered from floods in Kungyangon Township. He then visited Hngetawsan Youth Training School in Kawhmu Township and Caring Centre for Women in Twantay Township.—MNA

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—According to (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River in Madauk (1183) cm has exceeded by (113) cm (about 3.7-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today.

Likewise, the water level of Ngawun River in Ngathainggyoung (1142) cm has exceeded by (12)

cm (about (0.4-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1130) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

The water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (839) cm has exceeded by (89) cm (about 3-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Read more than ever

The book is the best friend of man. Reading can improve the socioeconomic life, equip patriotic spirit, and help readers stay in touch with modern world. Literature is indeed a good a media tool.

Pen is mightier than sword. In the times of independence struggles, literati employed the might of pen most effectively to enhance public sentiment of regaining independence and build unity among national brethren. Consolidated national unity led to victory over the alien invaders.

Reading can expand the horizons of the readers and improve their reasoning power. At whatever part they live in the nation, bookworms can keep in touch with what is going on around the world and have their future with up-to-date knowledge

Literature is at the centre of all arts as well as the lifeblood of cultural performing arts and a flaming torch guiding people to the truth. Literary works urge the people to imbue themselves with a strong sense of patriotic spirit, nationalistic fervour and nationalistic vigor, show resilience in the face of vicissitudes and have etiquette.

By reading a lot, we can gain knowledge and know how to shape our future. Sayings such as "The book is the best friend of man", and "Knowledge is power" indicate the benefit of reading. The people are therefore exhorted to read more than ever to help increase the number of intellectuals and intelligentsia, improve the nation in the education, health, social and economic sectors, and keep abreast of global partners in all sectors.

15th Seminar on Medicine Majors from 6 to 9 Oct

YANGON, 14 Aug—The 15th Seminar on Medicine Majors will be held at Sedona Hotel here from 6 to 9 October. Those interested may register through their respective major organizations.—MNA

Low-grade Utility Jade Sales 2011 continues for third day

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—The Low-grade Utility Jade Sales 2011 organized by Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee continued for third day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall near Myanmar Gems Museum here today.

Gems merchants from local gems companies this morning examined the low-grade

utility jade lots displayed at repetitive areas and made price proposals.

A total of 205 lots of

utility jade (grade-C, D and lower-graded) will be on sale in kyats.

From 12 to 14 August, gems merchants may

observe the jade lots and submit proposals. On 15 and 16 August, those jade lots will be sold through tender system.—MNA



Gems merchants at third day Low-grade Utility Jade Sales 2011.—MNA

- * 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

Seven Abhidhamma treatises recited non-stop

YANGON, 14 Aug—Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung this morning attended the non-stop recitation of seven Abhidhamma treatises at Aungmye Pagoda in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

The Union Minister attended the ceremony to open Shwe Parami Health Foundation and cash donation ceremony at Traders Hotel, here. Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe made a speech, and Chairman of Shwe Parami Health Foundation U Shein Win reported on purpose of establishing the foundation and its functions.

Next, the Union Minister, the Chief



Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung accepts cash donations from wellwishers.—MNA

Minister, region ministers and officials accepted K 570 million donated by over 200 wellwishers and medical equipment worth US\$ 200,000 by welwishers abroad

including K 20 million donated by Shwe Parami Tawya Abbot Bhaddanta Chadadhika, K 500,000 by the Chief Minister and K 100 million each by Tetlan Construction Company

and Shwepyin Co. Vice-Chairman of the foundation U Kyaw Win spoke words of thanks.

Later, the Sayadaw gave Ovadakatha.

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Chief Minister meets local people in Yamethin District



Chief Minister U Ye Myint of Mandalay Region meets departmental staff, townsenders, members of social organizations and ward/village administrators at the hall of Pyawbwe Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Chief Minister U Ye Myint of Mandalay Region on 10 August morning met district and township departmental personnel, townsenders and ward/village authorities at the hall in Pyawbwe Township, Yamethin District.

The Chief Minister explained eight tasks of rural development and poverty alleviation.

At villages in Pyawbwe Township, he explained disbursement of agricultural loans under the arrangements of the region government, functions of micro credit societies, livestock breeding on a manageable scale and village electricity supply.

The Chief Minister visited cultivation of monsoon paddy through good agriculture method in Wetlet Village of the township.—MNA

Four dead in stage collapse at Indiana State Fair

INDIANAPOLIS, 14 Aug—Four people were killed and at least 40 people were injured when an outdoor stage collapsed in windy weather at the Indiana State Fair on Saturday, just minutes before country music duo Sugarland was set to perform.

The Indianapolis Department of Public Safety said in a Twitter message: "4 fatalities and 40 transported to local hospitals. Unknown number in critical condition."

An amateur video posted on YouTube showed a heavy gust of wind blowing down the stage rigging. People in the crowd can be

heard screaming.

Witnesses said the weather was windy and it had started to rain.

"Tragedy at fair concert. Entire stage collapses on track," David Lindquist, music critic for the Indianapolis Star, said in a Twitter message. "Perhaps a dozen injured people have been removed from track on stretcher-type boards."

The Hoosier Lottery Grandstand at the state fairgrounds can seat more than 15,000 people. Underneath the stage are dressing rooms and other facilities.

Reuters



Concertgoers and emergency personnel hold up stage rigging after it collapsed minutes before a concert by Sugarland at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis on 13 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Twin blasts kill Iraqi soldier in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 14 Aug—Security and medical officials say a pair of bombs have hit an Iraqi army patrol in north Baghdad, killing one Iraqi soldier.

An Iraqi army officer says the roadside bombs went off in quick succession while the patrol was travelling through the Sunni neighbourhood of Azamiyah on Sunday. A police officer and a doctor at a nearby hospital confirmed the death toll and said nine people were wounded.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information. Violence has significantly dropped in Iraq since 2008, but attacks still occur, particularly in Baghdad, where al-Qaeda militants appear determined to show they are not a spent force.—Internet

25 killed in suicide attacks on Afghan governor's office

KABUL, 14 Aug—The death toll of suicide attacks on the provincial governor's office in Parwan provincial capital, 55 km north of Afghan capital Kabul, on Sunday soared to 25 including six attackers, a statement released by the Interior Ministry said. "In the multiple suicide attacks that

targeted the office of Parwan's governor in Charikar city at 11:30 am local time 25 people including six suicide bombers were killed," the statement said.

Fourteen civilian employees of the governor's office and five policemen lost their lives, it said.

Thirty-seven people including 34 civilian staff of the governor's office and three police were injured in the incident, it added.

MNA/Xinhua



Rescuers help a child, in white suit, out of a helicopter after people were rescued from the gondola of a cable car at Mount Tegelberg, near Schwangau, Germany on 13 Aug, 2011. INTERNET

20 rescued after 17 hours stuck in German gondola

BERLIN, 14 Aug—Emergency helicopters rescued 20 people on Saturday who had been trapped for 17 hours overnight on an Alpine cable car near Germany's most famous castle.

Helicopter crews lifted the cable car operator and 19 tourists to safety early Saturday from a gondola suspended 330 feet (100 metres) above the ground on Tegelberg mountain in southern Germany, emergency services spokesman Roland Ampenberger said.

The cable car that climbs the mountain was halted Friday after a paraglider tandem flight crashed into its cables, but strong winds hindered a swift rescue, police said.

A mountain rescue specialist was lowered into the gondola late Friday, however, providing enough food and clothing to keep the trapped tourists warm and fed through the night. He also stayed with the tourists, who ranged from age four to 75.

Internet

Overtaken Greyhound is latest Northeast bus crash

MOUNT GRETNA (Pa), 14 Aug—A St Louis-bound Greyhound bus that overturned on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, sending 14 people to the hospital, was the latest in a series of bus accidents in the Northeast this year.

The bus from New York City stopped in Philadelphia and had traveled about 75 miles westbound on the turnpike when it overturned at about 6 am Saturday on the way to a stop in Columbus, Ohio. The driver, identified as 24-year-old Kareem Edward Farmer of

Philadelphia, lost control of the bus while travelling in the passing lane, sending the vehicle careering across the highway and up an embankment before it landed on its side on the interstate, briefly trapping a woman, authorities said.

Unlike most of the other bus crashes along the East Coast in 2011, this one involved a commercial carrier, not a chartered tour bus or a smaller operator. More than 30 people have been killed and more than 300 injured in tour



Emergency personnel work the scene where a Greyhound bus bound for St Louis from New York City flipped on its side on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, briefly trapping a woman and injuring about two dozen people. INTERNET

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Falling bridge debris snarls Atlanta route

ATLANTA, 14 Aug—Metal railings rained down onto a heavily travelled interstate in downtown Atlanta from a landmark bridge late Saturday night, narrowly missing vehicles on the key corridor and shutting off traffic both ways for hours, authorities and motorists said.

No one was reported injured when the aluminum fencing and canopy supports for a pedestrian walkway on the bridge crumbled above the main Downtown Connector shortly before midnight, said Karlene Barron, communications director of the Georgia Department of Transportation.

"We're extremely thankful nobody got hurt," Barron told *The Associated Press*. She said inspectors determined early Sunday that the 17th Street Bridge remained structurally sound but it appeared a secondary structure of aluminum fencing and walkway canopy supports atop the bridge had given way in one area.

Internet



Part of the 17th Street bridge that spans Atlanta's downtown connector collapsed onto the northbound lanes of Interstate 85 before midnight on on 13 Aug, 2011, causing large traffic delays in the midtown area of Atlanta. INTERNET

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bus accidents this year, according to Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety.

Twenty-nine people, including the driver, were aboard, said Greyhound spokeswoman Maureen Richmond, though a turnpike spokesman said he had information that the total might be 25 because of possible duplicates on the driver's manifest.—Internet



Hubble Telescope finds glowing 'necklace' in space

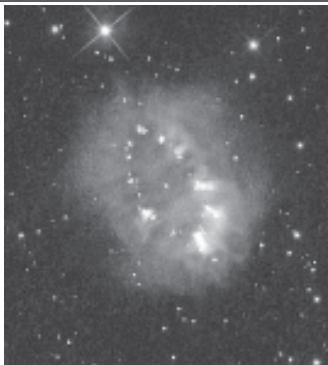
WASHINGTON, 14 Aug—Talk about bling! A giant “necklace” glowing brightly in space is the centerpiece of a new photo from NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope.

The cosmic object, which is appropriately named the Necklace Nebula, is a recently discovered planetary nebula, made up of the glowing remains of an ordinary, sun-like star. The Necklace Nebula is located about 15,000 light-years away in the constellation Sagitta.

Planetary nebulas form when stars similar to our sun deplete their store of hydrogen fuel. The stars’ outer layers expand and cool, creating a massive envelope of dust and gas. Radiation flowing out from the dying star ionizes this envelope, causing it to glow.

Despite the implications of their name, planetary nebulas have nothing to do with planets. Rather, the term refers to their apparent resemblance to giant planets when they were observed through early telescopes.

The Necklace Nebula consists of a bright ring, measuring 12 trillion miles (more than 19 trillion kilometres) wide.



The Necklace Nebula is located 15,000 light-years away in the constellation Sagitta.

INTERNET

The dense, luminescent knots of gas around the ring resemble the necklace’s jewels.

A pair of stars orbiting close to one another produced this nebula, which is formally known as PN G054.2-03.4. About 10,000 years ago, one of the aging stars ballooned until it engulfed its companion star. The smaller star, though consumed, continued orbiting inside its larger companion, increasing the more massive star’s rotation rate. As a result, the bloated companion star spun so fast that a large part of its gaseous envelope expanded into space.—Internet

Ancient fossils said to show earliest wood

LIEGE, 14 Aug— Belgian scientists say two 400-million-year-old fossil plants show the earliest known examples of wood.

The fossils are from the early Devonian period, after simple plants had colonized Earth and had begun diversifying.

One fossil was found in France and dates from

407 million years ago. The other, from Canada, is 397 million years old, predating the previous record-holders as earliest wood by at least 10 million years, researcher Philippe Gerrienne of the University of Liege said.

The fossils are of small herbs, suggesting wood did not first evolve to help

plants grow tall and become trees, he said.

The fossils are stems only a little more than 4 inches long, so they wouldn’t need the support from wood that trees require to make their trunks sturdy and allow them to grow taller to compete for light.

Internet

Chemicals damaging Great Barrier Reef

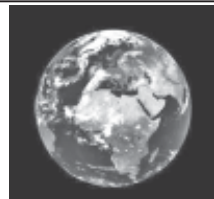
SYDNEY, 14 Aug—Australian authorities say agricultural pesticides are causing significant damage to the Great Barrier Reef.

The information was gleaned from a report on water quality at the site calling for farmers to be more careful with their chemicals, the BBC reported.

The report said about 25 percent of horticulture producers and more than 10 percent of farmers were using practices unacceptable to the industry.

The Great Barrier Reef is a World Heritage-listed natural wonder. The Australian report said the sugar cane industry in the wet tropics of northern Queensland is a major polluter.

Investigators said Cyclone Yasi flushed some of the pollutants into the ocean, but many horticulture producers were still using methods considered unacceptable.—Internet



Ice and frozen ground at the North and South Poles are affected by climate change induced warming, but the consequences of thawing at each pole differ due to the geography and geology, according to a Penn State hydrologist.—INTERNET



The Google home page is shown on Google’s latest version of the Android operating system, Honeycomb, on a Motorola Xoom tablet device following a news conference at Google Headquarters in Mountain View, California 2 Feb, 2011.—INTERNET

Firefox 8 kills malicious add-ons installed without user permission

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug—Even though the most up to date users are currently on version 5 of Firefox, Mozilla announced plans for a feature in Firefox 8 that will automatically block any add-ons have been bundled into third-party software. Users will have to specifically approve each add-on through an in-browser alert that appears within Firefox. This security feature is a response to the vast quantity of self-installed toolbars and other nagging software additions that slow down browsing the Internet with Firefox. High profile

examples of this type of tampering include Microsoft slipping a change to its .Net Framework Assistant into Firefox through Windows Update as well as Skype inserting a toolbar that continually crashed the browser.

After a user upgrades to Firefox 8, they will be prompted with a screen that details the third-party add-ons installed on the computer as well as the add-ons that the user specifically installed. All third-party add-ons will be deactivated and require user activity to turn them back on. This action is designed to help users that

are unaware of invasive third-party add-ons and offer them a fresh start with the newly upgraded browser. Also, add-ons that aren’t compatible with the new version of the browser will be turned off by default. According to the development schedule, Mozilla’s Firefox 8 will hit the stable channel on 27 September.

While Firefox fanatics will have to wait until the end of September to start using Firefox 8, Firefox 6 is nearing completion and scheduled to be released on 16 August.

Internet

Sprint pulling 4G BlackBerry PlayBook

NEW YORK, 14 Aug— More bad news for the PlayBook: Shortly after announcing it would only be selling the Wi-Fi only version of the BlackBerry tablet until September (or when supply runs out), Sprint has also pulled plans to carry the 4G-capable device. “We apologize for any inconvenience but the BlackBerry 4G PlayBook tablet that was announced

in January for summer availability will no longer be coming to the Sprint network,” the carrier says [via WSJ].

RIM has had a difficult time convincing networks to carry the struggling tablet, and the device has been admittedly disappointing for the company. Now that Sprint has abandoned the PlayBook, it will exist

without any major US carriers. RIM must be holding out that AT&T or Verizon will be interested in picking up a 4G version, but given poor consumer reaction and the recalls the company has been forced to issue, the odds don’t seem likely. This could be hugely devastated to the PlayBook, since 3G and 4G versions were promised. Without carrier support, that’s an impossibility, and RIM can only market Wi-Fi versions (unless you have a BlackBerry smartphone, in which case you can access its 3G network via the PlayBook).

It’s just the latest chapter it has been a poorly-executed product launch for RIM. The PlayBook initially drew a lot of interest, and it seemed like it had ample potential to compete with the iPad and Android products on the market.

Internet



The LG HX806TH 5.1Ch 3D Blu-Ray Home Cinema System is ideal for anyone who wants to bring the 3D cinema to their home.—INTERNET



Most patients don't need extra tests for diagnosis

NEW YORK, 14 Aug—Examining patients and taking a medical history are more useful to hospital doctors in diagnosing patients than high-tech scans, suggests a new study from Israel.

Doctors said that when tests such as CT scans and ultrasounds were given to patients right after they showed up at the ER, the imaging only helped in making a diagnosis in about one in three cases.

"The doctoring process is still a personal communication between the patient and the clinician," said Dr Matthew Sibbald, a cardiologist at the University of Toronto who wasn't involved in the new study.

"As much as we want to ...rely on the technology, it's not the technology that helps us make a diagnosis," he told *Reuters Health*.

Those types of imaging tests add heft to a hospital bill and research suggests the low levels of radiation from multiple CT scans might increase a person's risk of cancer over the long term.

To see whether such scans were really helpful, researchers led by Dr Ami Schattner of Kaplan Medical Centre



A technician performs an electrocardiogram on a patient in the hallway of the emergency room at a hospital in Houston, Texas, 27 July, 2009.—INTERNET

in Rehovot, Israel, followed all the patients who showed up in the ER of an Israeli teaching hospital and were subsequently admitted to the hospital.

Over about two months, 442 consecutive patients with a range of ailments made up the study group. Each was separately examined by two doctors, a resident and a senior physician, who also asked patients about past health problems.

Both doctors had access to results from all routine tests, including blood and urine analysis, and any extra scans that had been done when the patient first got to the ER. The researchers later looked at how accurate the clinicians were in their decisions, compared to the final diagnoses patients were given during or after their hospitalization.—*Reuters*

Rural ERs lag in electronic prescribing

NEW YORK, 14 Aug—Emergency departments in rural hospitals may be behind their urban counterparts in switching to computerized drug prescriptions, a new study finds.

President Barack Obama has made information technology a cornerstone of his plan to cut costs out of the US healthcare system. That includes not only electronic prescribing of medications, but completely digitizing

patients' medical records so they can be easily accessed and shared among providers.

In 2009, Congress authorized up to \$27 billion in government incentives to get doctors and hospitals to switch to "meaningful use" of health information technology. And by 2015, providers will face penalties if they don't switch.

One of the criteria for "meaningful use" is employing electronic

systems to prescribe drugs, which is believed to curb medication errors and improve safety. The systems give doctors information on allergy warnings and potential drug interactions, among other things. But the new study suggests that at least before 2009, rural ERs were lagging behind urban ones in adopting electronic prescribing.

Researchers found that in 2008, 30 percent of ERs surveyed in four US states had "fully implemented" electronic prescribing.

But there was a large gap between urban and rural hospitals; 40 percent of urban ERs had electronic prescribing, versus only 6 percent of rural ones. Rural ERs that were relatively close to cities fared better — with 21 percent having taken up electronic prescribing.—*Internet*



A pharmacist works in Great Falls, Virginia, on 29 July, 2009.—INTERNET



Japan's Finance Minister Yoshihiko Noda

Japan renews intervention warning against strong yen

TOKYO, 14 Aug—Japanese Finance Minister Yoshihiko Noda on Sunday renewed his warning that Tokyo could take steps to weaken the yen after the currency was hovering near a post-war high.

"The issue of foreign exchange is my prerogative," Noda told a talk show on public broadcaster NHK. "Paying attention to the market, I'm ready to take bold action whenever necessary."

The yen has been approaching its post-World War II high of 76.25 to the dollar, which it hit in turbulent trading in the week after the 11 March earthquake and tsunami.

In early August, Japan staged a large unilateral currency market intervention, selling yen and buying dollars, in a bid to weaken its soaring currency and safeguard the nation's budding post-quake recovery.

A strong yen hurts Japan's key export sector by making its goods less competitive abroad and cutting into companies' repatriated overseas earnings, prompting some firms to shift their production abroad.

In New York, the dollar drifted down to 76.76 yen late Friday from 76.81 yen the previous evening.

Internet

Asian economic ministers say debt crisis threatens regional growth

MANADO, 14 Aug—Asian economic ministers on Saturday predicted a slowdown in regional economic growth this year amid the European debt crises and planned spending cuts in the United States.

The ministers said the developing economies of the 10-state Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) grew at a collective 7.5 percent in 2010, but predicted this could slip to below six percent this year.

"The ministers noted that there are continuing challenges and downside risks including the sovereign debt crisis and fiscal problems in some developed markets, rising food and commodity prices, (and) continued financial market stresses," the ministers said in a statement after a meeting in Indonesia.

"The ministers agreed that ASEAN should remain vigilant in the face of these risks." Economic growth in the ASEAN economies would be between 5.7 percent and 6.4 percent in 2011, with intra-regional trade and investment helping to offset weakness in the developed economies.

Indonesian Trade Minister Mari Pangestu said Southeast Asia was well-placed to deal with the global economic uncertainty, which she predicted could



Indonesia's Trade and Industry Minister Mari Elka Pangestu (2ndL) in Manado.—INTERNET

continue for years to come.

"The ministers understand that in the coming months, in one or two years ahead, the uncertainties will continue, that the world economic situation will continue to be challenging," she told reporters. Underlining the region's new resilience to external economic shocks, the ministers said trade between the ASEAN countries grew 32.9 percent to \$2.04 trillion last year, after a 19-percent decline in 2009. Foreign direct investment in the ASEAN bloc has grown at an average of 19 percent a year for the past decade, and last year reached \$75.8 billion, slightly more than its pre-crisis peak in 2007.—*Internet*

China's power consumption up 12.2 pct in first seven months of 2011

BEIJING, 14 Aug—China's National Energy Administration (NEA) announced Sunday that the country's total electric power consumption rose 12.2 percent from a year earlier to 2.69 trillion kilowatt-hours (kwh) during the first seven months of this year.

In July alone, power consumption was up 11.8 percent year-on-year to 434.9 billion kwh, according to the NEA.

During the first seven months, power consumption in the country's primary industries rose 5.1 percent year-on-year to reach 59.1 billion kwh; power use in secondary industries totaled 2.0253 trillion kwh, up 11.9 percent; consumption in tertiary industries surged 15.5 percent to reach 285.3 billion kwh.—*Xinhua*



A blistering summer heatwave in Japan has claimed four lives and seen 900 people hospitalised this week, media said on Friday, amid an energy saving campaign due to the Fukushima nuclear disaster.
INTERNET

Rhino-horn gang strikes again in Belgium

BRUSSELS, 14 Aug—Robbers made off with two rhino horns from a Belgium museum, the third such heist in the country in less than two months, prompting official warnings against the illicit trade, *Belga* news agency said on Thursday.

The latest occurred last week in the Africa

Museum in the City of Namur when one man in a gang of three made off with a stuffed white rhinoceros head as his accomplices diverted the attention of staff.

Government officials subsequently issued a statement underlining that trade in rhino horns is banned under the Cites

international agreement, the 1975 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

Officials warned the trade was on rise, with customs seizing seven hauls of horns last year in the European Union against one or two a year in the past.

Internet

Shakespeare at home on Vancouver beach

VANCOUVER, 14 Aug—Nearly 400 years after his death, the spirit of William Shakespeare is well reserved and enjoying life on the beach in Vancouver. Starting off as an experiment for 22 years, Bard on the Beach has become an institution in the western Canadian city, attracting more than 1 million patrons over the years and the annual business yields as much as 4 million Canadian dollars.

With this year's schedule featuring performances of perennial favourites "As You Like It" and "The Merchant of

Venice" on the 742-seat main stage, and "Henry VI" and "Richard III" on the 240-seat studio stage, Bard on the Beach officials forecast about 90,000 will attend this year's festival from its kick-off on 2 June to the curtain-closing on 27 September. Christopher Gaze, Bard on the Beach's artistic director, in the manner of a Shakespeare thespian with a fine English accent, said the festival has walked a long way since its 1990 launch when just over 6,000 people came out to see performances of "A Midsummer's Night Dream."—*Xinhua*



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US teen gets 30 years for shooting classmate

MARTINSVILLE, 14 Aug—A teenager convicted of shooting a former middle school classmate was sentenced to 30 years in prison on Friday by a judge who told him the shooting just inside a school entrance 'stole the innocence of this community'.

Just before he was sentenced, 16-year-old Michael Phelps read a long statement, some of it inaudible, where he described his turbulent home life, his mother's frequent drinking and his growing frustrations with life and his victim in the months before the shooting.

'I let it get to my head. I let my anger get the best of me,' Phelps told Morgan County Judge G Thomas Gray, before turning to apologise to his victim, 15-year-old Chance Jackson.

Phelps was convicted of attempted murder in an adult trial last month in the 25 March shooting just inside an entrance to Martinsville West Middle School south of Indianapolis.

Internet



An elephant killed a rubber tapper in Indonesia's Aceh province, the third such fatal incident there in the past three months, an official said on Friday.
INTERNET

Elephant kills farmer in Indonesia

BANDA ACEH, 14 Aug—An elephant killed a rubber tapper in Indonesia's Aceh Province, the third such fatal incident there in the past three months, an official said on Friday.

Mr Abdul Halim, 52, and his wife were working in their plantation in West Aceh District on Thursday when a Sumatran elephant 'suddenly appeared and attacked them', District official Mursalin Abdullah said.

'His wife managed to escape, screaming for help. When she returned with other villagers, he was dead.'

The elephant disembowelled the farmer with its tusk, the official said.

Internet

Chinese authorities find 22 more fake Apple stores

BEIJING, 14 Aug—Authorities in China's south-western City of Kunming have identified another 22 unauthorised Apple retailers weeks after a fake of the company's store in the city sparked an international storm.

China's Administration for Industry and Commerce in the Yunnan provincial capital said the stores have been ordered to stop using Apple's logo after Apple China accused them of unfair competition and violating its registered trademark, state media said on Thursday.

The market watchdog agency said it would set up a complaint hotline and boost monitoring, the official *Xinhua* news agency reported. It did not say if the shops were selling knock-off Apple products or genuine but smuggled models.

Countless unauthorised resellers of Apple and other brands' electronic products throughout China sell the real thing but buy their goods overseas and smuggle them into the country to escape taxes.

Reuters



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INTERNET

UK hospital admissions due to animal bites rise

LONDON, 14 Aug—Beware of the biting dog, pig and bedbug as hospital admissions resulting from animal-related injuries are on the rise in England, according to provisional figures released by the National Health Service (NHS) Information Centre.

Injuries from dogs caused 6,120 hospital admissions in England from May 2010 to April 2011, representing a five per cent increase from the previous year. In April 2011 there were a total of 640 hospital admissions due to injuries from dogs - the highest number since May 2009.

The report relates to more serious injuries which result in admissions to hospital, and not cases dealt with solely in A&E.—*Reuters*

Star Wars coins issued in Niue

NIUE, 14 Aug—Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Yoda are among Star Wars characters who will appear on coins that will be legal tender in the Pacific island of Niue. A collection of four silver \$2 coins costs NZ\$469 (£240) while silver-plated \$1 coins cost NZ\$23.50 (£12) each.

All Niueans are New Zealand citizens and Queen Elizabeth II, who appears on the reverse of coins, is head of state. Coin-issuer New Zealand Mint said they were gift products and would not be used “to go buy an ice cream with”.

The first 10 silver-plated Star Wars coins will be available in November with a further 30 to be issued in the future. A maximum of 50,000 copies of each silver-plated coin will be produced.

No more than 7,500 of each of the silver coins — which contain 1oz of the precious metal — will be produced.

In April, Niue premier Toke Talagi defended stamps celebrating the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton which featured a perforated line that split the couple.

Internet



The coins will be issued in November.

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China's first light rail train produced for exportation to Europe comes off the production line in CSR Zhuzhou Electric Locomotive Co, Ltd in Zhuzhou, central China's Hunan Province, on 10 Aug, 2011.

XINHUA



China to export first light rail train to Turkey

BEIJING, 14 Aug— Sunday. China will soon send its first shipment of domestically produced light rail trains to Turkey in its first foray into the European train market, the *People's Daily* newspaper reported on

tionally recognized standard for the construction of trains and signaling equipment.

The trains have undergone durability tests and examinations to ensure that they are safe to use, Xu said. The company sees the Turkish light rail project as its first step into the European market, and it is confident that it will be able to provide high-tech railway technologies and services to other countries and regions, he said.—Xinhua

Xu Zongxiang, general manager of the company, said the trains were designed according to the International Railway Industry Standard (IRIS), an interna-

Tropical storm Franklin lasts just one day

MIAMI, 14 Aug—Tropical storm Franklin came and went in just one day, US forecasters said Saturday.

Franklin became the sixth named storm of the 2011 Atlantic Ocean hurricane season, the National Hurricane Centre in Miami said in its 5 am advisory. By 11 am it had winds of up to 45 mph but by its 11 pm advisory, the centre said Franklin was petering out. The remnants of Franklin still had maximum winds of 40 mph as it churned several hundred miles northeast of Bermuda but had lost its tropical cyclone characteristics and was not threatening any land masses, the centre said.

It is expected to turn to the east Sunday and then to the southeast Monday as it weakens.—Internet



A girl cools off in a fountain in Sanlitun area in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 Aug, 2011. Beijing's weather was still muggy after the beginning of autumn in China's lunar calendar.—XINHUA

WFP expands relief work in famine-hit Somalia

MOGADISHU, (Somalia) 14 Aug—The World Food Programme said Saturday that it is expanding its food distribution efforts in famine-struck Somalia, where the UN estimates that only 20 percent of people needing aid are getting it. Some of those from the outlying regions have walked for days to the capital for help, only for it to be too late.

In the pediatric ward in one of Somalia's best-equipped hospitals, a shriveled baby lies motionless on a crowded ward; a doctor said he weighs less than he did at birth. Doctors push a feeding tube down the nose of a skeletal 3-year-old, his body covered in sores. Mothers lay their babies between the cots on the floor because there are no beds left.

Banadir hospital

lacks equipment, nutritional supplements and even beds, but its a refuge most of the families here have walked for miles to get to, carrying children who got weaker by the hour. Many arrive too late to be saved; both Ali Abukar, the baby, and Ibrahim Abukar Abdi, the 3-year-old, died shortly after the *Associated Press* spoke to their mothers.

That's why aid agencies urgently need to increase their efforts to reach families beyond the Somali capital, said Valerie Amos, the UN's top humanitarian official, on Saturday. Wastelands in the battle-scarred capital are being transformed into makeshift camps as families move in and set up shelters, hoping for help.

“We have to start getting aid out to them to avoid a massive influx of

people into the city,” she said.

The UN estimates that 2.8 million Somalis need food aid, and 2.2 million of them live outside the capital in areas controlled



by rebels, who have forbidden many aid agencies to work in their territory, including the UN's World Food Programme. But WFP is already getting aid to some areas in southern Somalia that had been inaccessible a month ago, said one official.

“We are expanding our activities in

A Somali woman from southern Somalia holds her malnourished child in a deserted building in Mogadishu, Somalia, on 13 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

Mogadishu and we are looking to dramatically increase those activities over the coming days and weeks as the security situation in the city permits,” said Stanlake Samkange, the WFP regional director in East and Central Africa. More aid was getting to southern Somalia as well, he said.

Internet

Mothers of twins ‘have heavier single babies’

LONDON, 14 Aug— Single babies born to mothers of twins tend to be heavier, report scientists. The report in the journal *Biology Letters* is based on a 40-year data set collected in The Gambia. Mothers with twins were found to give birth to heavier babies, but the study found a similar trend even among single babies born before twins.

Twin pregnancies are risky for both mothers and offspring, and the study suggests heavier, healthier single children may offset those risks. Worldwide only 13 in 1,000 babies are born a twin, although this rate is higher in developing countries. Researchers interested in probing the

twinning question further have had to rely on the few long-term data sets collected in parts of the world where birth rates are higher, and there are therefore more twinning events.

Internet



Non-identical twins develop from eggs fertilized by two separate sperm.

INTERNET



Union Commerce Minister tours Bago Region

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint dealt with programmes for regional development at the meeting with District and Township administrators, and peas millers

at the peas mill in Kya-in Village, Ngaphe-in Village-tract, Toungoo Township, Toungoo District, Bago Region, yesterday.

The Union minister explained arrangements

for providing food supplies to the flood victims in Bago and Toungoo districts.

He inspected the dried vermicelli workshop in Kanyoe Village, Toungoo Township, and the bamboo basket workshop in Linyawkhin Village, Linyawkhin Village-tract, Pyu Township.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint views bamboo basket workshop in Linyawkhin

Village.—MNA

MNA

Union Education Minister meets education staff in Pyawbwe, Meiktila and Wundwin Tsps

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye this morning met education staff of Pyawbwe Township at No (1) Basic Education High School in Pyawbwe Township of Mandalay Region.

The Union minister said the compulsory education system takes shape; private schools are to be opened in accord with rules and regulations; improvement of English and Mathematics skills is recommended; and scholarships and stipends are arranged to award brilliant students.

The Union minister presented 50 school uniforms through an official.

Well-wishers donated cash to schools in the township through headmasters and headmistresses of respective schools.



The Union minister also visited basic education schools in Meiktila and Thedaw Wundwin Townships

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye meets education staff at No. 1 BEHS Pyawbwe Township.—MNA



ASEAN Federation of Accountants holds 105th Council Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—The Myanmar Accounts Council

organized the 105th Council Meeting of ASEAN Federation of Accountants at the Traders Hotel in Yangon this morning.

Attendees were Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Accounts Council Deputy Auditor-General U Myo Myint, the director-general (Duty) and officials of the Union Auditor-General's Office, members of MAC, executives of the Myanmar Certified Public Accountants Association and 28 representatives from the invited countries.

They held discussions about the interim list of AFA on expiry of its term on 31 July 2011, basic accountancy among ASEAN countries, progress in establishing the permanent secretariat of AFA in Indonesia, proposals on the strategy of AFA for the term from 2012 to 2015, proposals to set up the steering advisory council of AFA,

proposals on AFA constitution, matters on AFA's economic department and meetings, role of AFA in welcoming ASEAN Free Trade Area 2015, professional progress and training programmes of AFA, reports submitted by AFA, and matters to hold 106th and 107th council meetings.

AFA formed national accountancy federations of ASEAN into main federations. The Myanmar Accounts Council became a member of the main body in 1999. AFA also comprises joint-members: Australia Certified Public Accountants Association, Australia Charter Accountants Association, and Charter Certified Public Accountants Association (London). AFA Council Meeting is held alternately in member countries once three months. Myanmar has hosted the meeting twice including this time.—MNA



105th Council Meeting of ASEAN Federation of Accountants in progress.
MNA

Two houses turn to ashes in Mohnyin kitchen fire

MOHNYIN, 14 Aug — Two-storey houses burned to the ground in an 11 August kitchen fire here.

The fire started from a gas stove from a house in Northern Nakha ward next to fuel (gasoline) station at 8.30 pm was put out at 9.30 pm by united efforts of Sangha members, officials, Tatmadawmen and

neighbours with the help of fire brigade members and their two fire engines.

Mohnyin Police Station has filed lawsuit against the person who is responsible for the fire outbreak. Residents are demanding the fuel station to move to the suburb with less settlement in the wake of fire outbreak.

(NLM 001)

OMyanmar Online Shopping Mall opened

YANGON, 14 Aug—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe attended the opening of OMyanmar Online Shopping Mall of i Biz Company at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township here today.

Chairman of Myanmar Computer Professionals Association U Ye Yint Win delivered an opening speech and Director U San Lwin of Myanmar Computer Co Ltd explained salient points about the shopping mall. The chief minister then launched the shopping mall. Founder U Win Tun of i Biz Service Provider explained purpose of OMyanmar Online Shopping Mall and presented prospects of E-commerce in Myanmar.—MNA

Union A & I Minister inspects model high-yielding farms in Bago



Union Minister U Myint Hlaing and Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win inspect condition of Bago River.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visited 50-acre high-yielding farm of educative purpose near Tawkywein Village in Kyauktaga Township,

Bago Region yesterday.

The Union Minister called for application of systematic cultivation methods in all the 3-million-acre farmlands in Bago Region and demonstrated how to revitalize the flooded farm in time. He said that the State would increase amount of loans to K 40000 from K 20000 for an acre.

The Union Minister then went to 50-acre high-yielding farm of educative purpose near Mayin Village in Bago Township and heard reports on amount of flooded farms due to heavy rains and construction of Kodukwe Dam. The director-general of Irrigation Department reported on prevention of floods through construction of Salu Dam and Shwelaung Dam and other flood preventive measures.

The Union Minister presented 500 baskets of paddy seeds for flooded farms and then visited Irrigation System Development Training School. He then inspected condition of Bago River's water level together with Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win.

MNA

From special yield model...

(from page 16)
from the roots of saplings are struck at legs to remove pieces of soil and then paddy saplings were tied with ropes. Therefore, trunks of saplings were damaged. In consequence, paddy plants take longer days for recovery than usual. In applying good agriculture method, paddy saplings are to be taken out softly and then

the paddy sapling is grown in the soil, exceeding 1.5 inches in depth, roots of saplings cannot receive adequate oxygen causing delay of the increased saplings. If the plants are grown in the soil with 1.5 inches deep, new saplings can be increased from the main plants because the plants do not need to recover from the damage.

For the seventh point, it is necessary to

pests. Therefore, it is necessary to control cultivation of group of paddy saplings.

For the eighth point, farmers should use the method of supplying water into the farmland and draining out water from it. In the good agriculture method, the water supply task is very important. Such method can contribute to increasing new saplings. After transplanting paddy plants, the farmland is to



Special attention is to be paid on growing paddy plants not to exceed 1.5 inches in depth.

to bear thriving ears of paddy. In the traditional cultivation method, farmers always supply water into the farmlands, so the roots of plant cannot receive adequate sunshine. Thus, the plants cannot thrive. In consequence, adequate volume of starch cannot be supplied from roots to the upper part of plant, harming development of the paddy plants. Moreover, the good agriculture method is designed to save water, so all the farmers should abide by the new method.

For the ninth point,

it is necessary to grow paddy saplings in 120,000 plots to 150,000 plots. Cultivation of paddy saplings meeting the prescribed number of plot plays an important role in raising per-acre yield. To meet the standard plots from 120,000 to 150,000 per acre, paddy saplings are to be grown in a row with 8x8 inches and 8x6 inches systems. An area of one row must be left among every group comprising ten rows. In so doing, the paddy plants can receive sunshine, fresh air and nutrition equally. Moreover, such

cultivation system can contribute to easy weeding, nurturing and preventing pests. Therefore, all the farmers are to practise the good agriculture method without fail. In applying good agriculture method, it is unnecessary to weed among the rows of paddy plants with the use of weeding machine and manpower. Such activities will destroy the new sprouts of paddy plants.

Translation: TTA



Groups of paddy plants being grown in plots.

transplanted immediately. Thus, the paddy plants do not need to remove pieces of soil from the roots, so the paddy saplings can be lush and green. As a result, the paddy plants will have the new increased saplings.

For the sixth point, paddy saplings are to be grown into the ploughed soil not to exceed 1.5 inches in depth. Before cultivation, the water in farmland is to be drained out. In this way, female farming workers can calculate the depth of planting the saplings. If

grow one or two groups of paddy plants in a plot once. Each plot is to be covered with one group of paddy plants comprising four or five new increased saplings or two groups comprising two to three saplings each. The paddy seeds that were broadcast in the farmlands cannot increase more new saplings. Therefore, five to seven paddy saplings are grown in each plot. As these paddy plants are to take water and nutrition in competitiveness, their increased saplings cannot thrive and prevent against

be supplied with not too much volume of water. After supplying two inches thick water, the small farming embankments are to be blocked for increasing more new saplings that will sprout once three days. When the water in the farmland are dried out, water is to be supplied to the farmlands once more for enabling roots of paddy plants to enjoy sunshine and to be developed. Therefore, the plants can take more volume of nutrition and the height of plants will be quickly. Thus, the plants are sure



Thriving paddy plantation seen in a farm applied with new water supply system.



Vehicles run on a waterlogged street as a thunderstorm pours down in downtown Beijing, capital of China, in early morning on 14 Aug, 2011.
XINHUA

Missing girl's neighbour charged with murder in Missouri

CHICAGO, 14 Aug—Authorities charged a neighbour of Breeann Rodriguez, a Missouri toddler who disappeared last week, with first-degree murder on Saturday. The Dunklin County Prosecuting Attorney accused Shawn Morgan, 43, of Senath, Missouri, of suffocating the three-year-old girl who went missing while she was riding her bicycle last Saturday near her home.

In addition to first-degree murder, Morgan is charged with armed criminal action and tampering with physical evidence. Officers are still searching for Rodriguez's body, a statement said. The small town of Senath is located about 90 miles north of Memphis, Tennessee.

Internet

Sports helps him travel 70 countries

SHEZHEN, 14 Aug—He can't master many different languages, but he succeeded in reaching 70 countries all because of sports, a language that could be understood everywhere around the globe. Nels Hawkinson, a former American basketball player, had left his footprint on 70 different countries until his appearance on Shenzhen the 26th summer Universiade.

"In the party I attended today, 150 countries formed one

family, one group. We celebrate each other, and celebrate sport. Today, there is no black or white. There is no religion or politics. There, we are all athletes," said Hawkinson. "Sports is the only thing in the world can do that, and nothing else can bring people together like this."

The 70-country legend started in 1979. A 32-year-younger version of Hawkinson left home for the first time, as a basketball player. Representing the US team, his

destination is China. A total different culture made him nervous, but when the ball was thrown into the air, the nervousness went away.

After the match against China, they two teams held a party. Although they can't communicate in one same language, they still joked and laughed as brothers. "I mean, at that time I realize that it isn't bad. I can do this. I can't understand their language, but sport can do that thing." From then on, he started doing basketball-related jobs all around the world.

Xinhua

Venezuela police seize ton of cocaine

BEIJING, 14 Aug—Narcotics officers in Venezuela have seized 1400 kilos of cocaine, in a raid on a drug smuggling ring. Two renegade police officers who had helped in the smuggling operation were killed during the seizure.

Venezuela's justice minister, Tareck El Aissami, says one narcotics officer was injured in the operation. Colombian cocaine often passes through Venezuela on its way to the US, Europe and the Caribbean. Washington has previously been critical of Venezuela's efforts to tackle drug smuggling, but El Aissami says the country is now seizing more drugs than ever before.

Xinhua

Western Canadian aerospace industry targets Asian markets

VANCOUVER, 14 Aug—Western Canada's aerospace industry is expected to grow significantly by cashing in on its geographical proximity to the blooming Asian markets, a provincial minister said on Friday.

Pat Bell, British Columbia's minister for jobs, tourism and innovation, said at the opening of the Abbotsford Airshow that the province's aerospace industry has many advantages to expand in the second decade of the 21st century, including its proximity to Asia and favourable government policies.

"It's because of what's happening globally in terms of the dominance of the Asian marketplace and the growth

in that region and the requirement for incremental aircraft flying back and forth into that new trading zone for British Columbia," Bell said in Abbotsford, about one hour's drive east to Vancouver.

On the same day, the BC government released statistics, showing that its exports to Asia in the first half of this year have eclipsed sales to the United States for the first time. Bell told Xinhua that he could foresee future cooperation between the province's aerospace industry and its Chinese counterparts, adding that it is "logical" for the two sides to cooperate on international transportation.—Xinhua



Customers go shopping at a tax-free shop in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 12 Aug, 2011. The offshore tax-free scheme kicked off on a trial basis across Hainan from 20 April, and was formally launched on 1 May. Up to 10 Aug, the tax-free shop in Sanya has received over 1.3 million customers and more than 340,000 deals have been made.—XINHUA

Three Filipino policemen wounded repulsing rebel raid

MANILA, 14 Aug—About 50 suspected rebels disguised as soldiers have attacked a town hall compound in the central Philippines but were repulsed by police. Three policemen were wounded in the clash. Regional police commander Cecilio Calleja says the New People's Army rebels attempted to enter a police station on early Sunday in the government compound in Mobo town in Masbate Province.

Calleja says the policemen sensed it was an attack and opened fire, sparking a gunbattle. The Maoist guerrillas withdrew toward a forested mountain after an hour. Government negotiator Alex Padilla, who heads talks with the rebels, renewed a call for a cease-fire. Talks resumed this year on ending one of Asia's longest-running Marxist rebellions, but clashes have continued.—Xinhua



The combo photo taken on 12 Aug, 2011 shows people use Apple's electronic gadgets in Beijing, capital of China. Apple surpassed energy giant Exxon Mobil on Wednesday with a market value of 337 billion US dollars, making the consumer electronics pioneer the largest US company by market capitalization. Apple's electronic gadgets, known for the eye-catching design and smooth user experience, have won the heart not only of the young people, but also the mid-aged and senior users. Nowadays in China, iPhones, iPads and MacBooks are no longer rarities; they actually became hi-tech toys for both kids and adults.—XINHUA

Australian project hunts lost indigenous languages

CANBERRA, 14 Aug — Librarians in Australia have launched a three-year project to rediscover lost indigenous languages. The New South Wales State Library says fragments of many lost languages exist in papers left by early settlers. Before British colonisation began there in 1788, around 250 aboriginal languages were spoken in Australia by an estimated one million people. Only a few dozen languages remain and the communities number around 470,000 people in a nation of 22 million.

"A nation's oral and written language is the backbone to its culture," said the Arts Minister of

New South Wales, George Souris. "The preservation of the languages and dialects of our indigenous citizens is a very important project in this regard." Noelle Nelson, the acting chief executive of Anglo-Australian mining giant Rio Tinto, which is backing the project, said the settlers' first-hand

accounts at the State Library are "unrivalled".

"These first-hand accounts are often the only surviving records of many indigenous languages," Nelson told the AFP news agency. "The project will introduce and reconnect people with indigenous culture."

Internet



Indigenous communities number under half a million in today's Australia.—INTERNET

Vampire bat rabies killed Mexico man in US



Vampire bats are the leading source of rabies in Latin America, health authorities say.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 14 Aug —A migrant farm worker from Mexico who died in 2010 was the first human ever to die in the US of rabies transmitted by vampire bat, health officials say. The 19-year-old died last August about three weeks after he was bitten on the heel by a vampire bat while sleeping in the Mexican state of Michoacan. Doctors in

the US state of Louisiana, where he went to work on a sugar cane farm after the bite, diagnosed rabies.

He had no known vaccination against the disease, US health officials reported. According to a report in *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly*, a publication of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the unnamed worker was bitten on the left heel by the bat on 15 July 2010. He departed for the US 10 days later, arriving at a sugar cane plantation in Louisiana on 29 July.

The next day he went to hospital, complaining of fatigue,

pain in his left shoulder and numbness in his left hand, which he attributed to overwork. He was transferred to hospital in New Orleans, where his condition deteriorated rapidly until he died on 21 August.

Internet

Perseid meteor showers set to peak

LONDON, 14 Aug —The Perseid meteor shower, one of the highlights in the skygazers' calendar, is set to peak in the early hours of Saturday morning. The peak will see about one meteor per minute at 0600 GMT, although meteors will still be visible until 22 August. But experts say that the emergence of a full moon on Saturday could take the shine off this year's display. The spectacle is created when the Earth passes through a field of debris left by the Swift-Tuttle comet. "The Perseids are one of the most reliable meteor showers and normally you can expect to see at least a few tens of meteors each hour if you're observing from a dark site," explained Robert Massey, deputy executive secretary for the Royal Astronomical Society.

But he added: "This year, with the shower peak

A contestant from Iran (front) plays taichi at the Third Emei International Kungfu Festival in Emeishan City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 12 Aug, 2011. Some 108 teams from countries including China, Singapore, Iran, Sweden etc competed in the festival. — XINHUA



'Late' asthma research unearths potential new treatment

LONDON, 14 Aug — Scientists have stumbled on a potential new treatment for delayed asthma attacks which can occur several hours after exposure to allergens, a study shows. A team from Imperial College London found that blocking sensory nerve functions stopped a "late asthmatic response" in mice and rats.

Around half of people with asthma experience delayed symptoms. The charity Asthma UK says the research could help the understanding of asthma. Writing in the journal *Thorax*, re-

searchers say the late asthmatic response happens because the allergen triggers sensory nerves in the airways. These nerves then set off a chain reaction which causes the release of neurotransmitter acetylcholine, which causes the airways to narrow.

If these findings translate to humans, it will

mean that drugs called anticholinergics — which block acetylcholine — could be used to treat asthma patients who suffer from delayed attacks. These attacks can often happen at night, three to eight hours after the sufferer comes into contact with grass pollen or house-dust mites, for example.— Internet

Cutting salt 'should be global priority'

LONDON, 14 Aug — The UN must make reducing salt intake a global health priority, say UK scientists. Writing in the *British Medical Journal* they say a 15% cut in consumption could save 8.5 million lives around the world over the next decade.

compelled to cut salt levels, it says.

The report — by researchers at the Universities of Warwick and Liverpool — says that after cutting tobacco consumption, getting people to eat less salt would be the most cost effective way to im-



Salt is linked to high blood pressure. INTERNET

The report says practical steps to reduce consumption should be drawn up without delay.

If voluntary measures do not work, the food industry should be

prove global health. The researchers say there is a "consistent, direct relation between salt intake and blood pressure".

High blood pressure in turn is linked to heart disease, stroke and kidney problems.

They point to the US, where cutting salt intake by a third would save tens of thousands of lives and save up to \$24 billion annually in health care costs.

But with 70% of deaths from strokes and heart attacks occurring in developing countries, the report says the impact of reduced intake would be global.

Internet



The Perseids are one of the most reliable meteor showers, appearing every

August.— INTERNET



The 2011 Miss Hong Kong winner Rebecca Zhu (1st L), the first runner-up Hyman Chu (1st R) and the second runner-up Whitney Hui (2nd L) together with the Miss International Goodwill Nicole Leung take group photos on the USS Ronald Reagan Aircraft Carrier in Hong Kong, south China, on 13 Aug, 2011. The Miss Hong Kong ladies Saturday visited the USS Ronald Reagan Aircraft Carrier and communicated with the soldiers. The aircraft carrier arrived in Hong Kong on Friday for a four-day port visit. — XINHUA

INVITATION TO TENDER

Tenders are invited by the Department of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply of medical goods and medical equipment.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, No.57, Sakawa Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, commencing from (17.8.2011).

Tenders Closing Date

- (1) Medical Goods (6.9.2011) (2:00 pm)
- (2) Medical Equipment (8.9.2011) (2:00 pm)

Tender sent by telex, telegraph, Fax, e-mail or mail will not be accepted.

For detail information please contact the Deputy Director (Medical Stores) Phone No.371969, 371284, 372362.

Central Medical Stores Depot
Department of Health



A worker receives medical treatment after being carried out from a collapsed highway tunnel in the Degan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 12 Aug, 2011. All eight workers trapped in the collapsed tunnel on Thursday have been saved and sent to hospital for treatment by 11:50 pm Friday. The workers currently were in normal condition, according to local authorities.—XINHUA

Depressed women

'have increased risk of stroke'

LONDON, 14 Aug — Women with depression may also be at increased risk of having a stroke, US researchers suggest. A study of over 80,000 women found those with a history of depression had a 29% increased risk of stroke. The research, in *Stroke: Roman* of the American Heart Association, said doctors should be aware people with depression may neglect their general health. UK stroke experts said depression alone was unlikely to increase stroke risk.



Depression could mean people take less care of their health.—INTERNET

The women, all aged 54-79, who were all taking part in the long-running Nurses' Health Study which has been following women across the US since the mid 1970s.

In this study, the researchers looked at data from 2000 to 2006. None had had a stroke before the study began, while 22% had been diagnosed with depression.

Compared to women without a history of

depression, depressed women were more likely to be single, smokers and less physically active.

They were also slightly younger, had a higher body mass index and conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes.

During the course of the research, 1,033 women had a stroke. As well as the increased risk for those who had been diagnosed with depression at any point, the researchers also found women who had used anti-depressants particularly SSRIs (selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors) at any point in the two years prior to the study, was 39% higher.

Internet

Health experts criticize New Zealand government inaction on obesity, diabetes

WELLINGTON, 14 Aug — A dozen leading health and medical experts have criticized the New Zealand government for failing to tackle the country's "alarmingly high" rates of diabetes and obesity.

In an open letter to the *New Zealand Medical Journal* on Saturday, the group of medical specialists, public health researchers and nutritionists warned that 63 percent of adult New Zealanders were either overweight or obese, and accounting for an increasing proportion of the country's health spending.

Between 1989 and 1997, New Zealand adults gained an average 3.2 kg in weight, and the trend was continuing, they said. Their letter criticized government cuts to healthy eating and obesity prevention programs and the axing of a requirement for schools to provide healthy food.

They said diabetes dis-

proportionately affected the indigenous Maori and Pacific Island groups and low-income earners, and was a major factor in the multi-million-dollar cost of kidney dialysis, with 40 percent to 48 percent of those on dialysis because of diabetes-related kidney failure.

Internet



British actor Daniel Craig (L-R) and US actors Olivia Wilde and Harrison Ford pose for photographs as they arrive for the British premiere of "Cowboys and Aliens" at the O2 Arena in London on 11 Aug, 2011. —XINHUA

Sea eagles released into the wild from Fife

LONDON, 14 Aug — A new batch of 16 young sea eagles has been released in Fife as part of ongoing efforts to reintroduce them across Scotland. The white-tailed sea eagles, released from a secret lo-

cation, are the UK's largest bird of prey. They were reared until they were old enough to fledge, after arriving from Norway in June. The eagles have been raised in specially built aviaries on a diet of grey

squirrel, roe deer and had-dock. The East Scotland Sea Eagle reintroduction scheme is run by RSPB Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Forestry Commission Scotland.



With a wing span of 8ft, the white-tailed sea eagle is the UK's largest raptor.—INTERNET

Since the sea eagle reintroduction initiative began in 2007, a total of 80 birds have been released on the east coast of the country. With a wing span of 8ft, the white-tailed sea eagle is the UK's largest bird of prey. It was completely wiped out in Britain in the early 20th Century and only returned when a reintroduction programme began on the island of Rum in 1975. Claire Smith, RSPB Scotland east Scotland sea eagle officer, said: "It's great to see these birds fit, ready and raring to try out those impressive wings for the first time.

Internet

WHO launches e-library to curb malnutrition

COLOMBO, 14 Aug — In a bid to stop millions of people dying and suffering from malnutrition, the World Health Organization has launched a new web-powered initiative that provides guidance on life-saving nutrition interventions. The WHO e-Library of Evidence for Nutrition Actions (eLENA) was launched during an ongoing regional nutrition meeting held in Sri Lanka from Wednesday to Friday.

"Countries need access to the science and guidance to reduce the needless death and suffering associated with malnutrition. eLENA can greatly

improve how countries cope with the health threats posed by malnutrition," said WHO official Ala Alwan. The online eLENA project assists governments and healthcare providers

through prioritizing and presenting the latest advice on tackling the three main forms of malnutrition: undernutrition, vitamin and mineral deficiencies, and overweight and obesity.—Internet

AOL website hit by hacker

NEW YORK, 14 Aug — On top of a particularly difficult week, AOL's post-masteraol.com website was hacked Saturday afternoon by someone who goes by the name "HodLuM." The site was slightly defaced with a message from the hacker. "AOL\$3RV3RZROOT3D BYHODLUMLOLZ!," the message read. AOL finally discovered the hack, and fixed the page between two

and four hours after evidence of the breach was posted to Redditco. There are a number of reasons this hack looks bad for AOL. First of all, someone got into AOL's servers, which is bad enough. Second, HodLuM likely has a sense of humor, as the HTML file used to deface the webpage appears to have been written in Microsoft Word — a sign that the cyber-security experts at AOL weren't exactly doing their job up to par. Third, the ALL CAPS LEETSPEEK used by HodLuM suggests he or she is probably around 13-years-old. Lastly, the various forums where this hack was posted all included various jokes along the lines of, "AOL still exists?!" Ouc...—Internet



A-ha! Cute babies have fun with their pets.
XINHUA



Visitors look at a Komodo dragon at the Los Angeles Zoo in Los Angeles, California on 12 Aug, 2011. The Komodo dragon is a species of lizard found on certain islands in Indonesia. The Komodo dragon can grow to a maximum length of 9.8 feet (three meters) in rare cases and weighing up to around 150 lbs (70 kg).—XINHUA

Husband's hair care allows wife to grow a glossy mane

A woman in Xiaogan, Hubei Province, is well known to her neighbours and colleagues because her hair is 1.4-meters long.

Tang, 40, grew her hair for eight years and her glossy black hair now falls to her knees.

"I used to go to hairdressers to have my hair done but I felt dissatisfied with the styles. So I stopped going there and just let my hair grow.

Over the past eight years, I have washed my hair twice a week. After each washing my husband combs it for me. I really enjoy his gently combing," Tang said.

Police say they cannot charge man with hotel 'rape'

A woman in Weining county, Guizhou Province, had sex with a stranger thinking he was her boyfriend.

The woman, 26, thought it was too late to go back home after attending her friend's birthday party and stayed with her boyfriend in a small hotel for the night. Later she left their room to go to the toilet and entered the wrong room when she returned.

After getting on the bed, the man in bed wanted to have sex with her, and thinking he was her boyfriend she did so.

Later the woman found that the man was not her boyfriend and went to the police.

The police said it was difficult to identify the charge as the woman voluntarily had sex with a stranger.



A robotic version of the cult superhero "Ultraman" has quit saving planet Earth from aliens and giant monsters to make noodles in Shijiazhuang City, capital of North China's Hebei Province. The star of hugely popular Japanese TV series was captured on camera shaving dough before putting it into a boiling wok on 10 Aug, 2011. The couple who operate the noodle restaurant bought the robot to help them make the doughy snacks. Fans of "Ultraman" may wonder why he needs a wok as it is common knowledge he can produce high-pressure steam from his finger tips by touching his hands together, but that hasn't stopped him being labeled a "star employee" by his new boss.

News Album

Summer living not easy for boy who never sweats

A boy in Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang Province, suffers from a rare genetic disease that means he never sweats.

Hu Fengyi, 12, has never sweated since he was born.

"He has to stay in an air-conditioned room every minute in the hot weather and has to drink a lot of water to keep cool. As he cannot sweat, he has to go to the toilet frequently. So he is unable to sleep much," said his mother.

The parents have taken the boy to see many doctors, but there is no effective treatment for the boy's condition.

The local power company learning of the boy's condition has said it will make every effort to ensure power supply to the boy's house.



The vocal of "The Rumours" performs during a free concert in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 12 Aug, 2011. The indie rock band came from Duisberg, a sister city of Wuhan in western Germany. It will stage another concert in southeast China's Taipei on 19 Aug.—XINHUA

James Bond taught me how to shoot my gun

WELLINGTON, 14 Aug—Olivia Wilde has revealed that while starring in her latest movie 'Cowboys and Aliens' she got a lesson on how to shoot a gun from her co-star and the current 007 star Daniel Craig.

The 27-year-old actress plays Ella Swenson in the sci-fi thriller, where she had to fire a weapon. And she was glad that Craig, who currently plays the lead role in the 'James Bond' movies, offered her the much-needed support.

"Daniel taught me how to shoot my gun. Which was cool 'cos now I can always say that James Bond taught me how," Stuff.co.nz quoted her as telling Cover Media. "It was cool, the guns were really beautiful. I'm not a big gun person - I'm a pacifist, I don't really love guns in general. "But I love these antique guns, they were so interesting but not easy to shoot," she added.—Internet



Champion Sun Jingrong (C), first runner-up Zhang Tong (L) and second runner-up Gao Ruifeier pose during a model contest in Weihai, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province, on 13 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

I'd like to do a comedy

LONDON, 14 Aug —American actor Justin Theroux, who co-wrote satirical comedy "Tropic Thunder" with Ben Stiller, wants to now direct a comedy. Theroux, known for his role in "Your Highness", admitted that working on 2008 movie "Tropic Thunder" made him realize how rewarding comedy can be.

"I've been working on 'Documental' for HBO, which I am the director of with Steve Coogan. I think I'd like to do a comedy," contactmusic.com quoted the 40-year-old as saying.

"When we did 'Tropic Thunder', Ben was such a good director. It was fun watching him and that's what is great about the action-comedy genre, you get to scratch the edge of doing big, huge movies but don't have to deliver on drama. I'd like to do something like that, an action comedy," he added.

Internet

Joe Jonas wears dirty clothes

LONDON, 14 Aug—American singer Joe Jonas admits he regularly takes dirty clothes out of the laundry basket and then wears them.

"All the time, especially if I'm working out. It's quick and easy," contactmusic.com quoted Jonas as saying.

The 21-year-old



American singer Joe Jonas

also admitted he and his brothers - Nick, Kevin and Frankie - used to play practical jokes on their neighbours when they were growing up.

Internet

Popular Indian actor Shammi Kapoor dies at 79

MUMBAI, 14 Aug—Satire Indian actor Shammi Kapoor has died after a long career in Bollywood. He was 79. is doctor Bhupendra Gandhi says Kapoor was admitted to Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital two days ago in critical condition. He was on dialysis and died Sunday of kidney failure.

Kapoor was hailed for his lighthearted roles in movies. He belonged to Bollywood's well-known Kapoor family. is brothers Raj Kapoor and Shashi Kapoor also were successful actors, and his father, Prithviraj Kapoor, was a well-known theater personality of 1950s.

Shammi Kapoor made his debut in Bollywood in 1953 and acted in successful movies including "Junglee" and "Professor." He also appeared in "Brahmchari" and "Janwar." He is survived by his wife, one son and a daughter. — Internet

Tsonga surrenders in face of Djokovic juggernaut

MONTRÉAL, 14 Aug — World number one Novak Djokovic advanced to the final of the Montreal Masters when Frenchman Jo Wilfried Tsonga retired trailing 6-4 3-0 on Saturday, leaving the sensational Serb on the brink of a record-smashing title.

Tsonga's retirement with an injured forearm provided a shock ending to their mouth-watering Wimbledon semi-final rematch but the Frenchman's surrender in the face of the Djokovic juggernaut seemed almost predictable. Djokovic will now



France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

take on in-form American Mardy Fish in Sunday's final and have the chance to become the first to capture five Masters series titles in a single season. Tsonga said the injury had dogged him for three days and the pain had worsened in that time.

Internet

Mexico, Portugal reach U20 semifinals

BOGOTA, 14 Aug — Mexico remained in position to win its third major soccer tournaments this year, beating Colombia 3-1 on Saturday night to advance to the semifinals in the Under-20 World Cup. Mexico's senior team won



A Mexico soccer fan takes a photograph ahead of a U-20 World Cup quarterfinal soccer match against Colombia in Bogota, Colombia, on 13 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

the regional Gold Cup in June, defeating the United States 4-2, and added the Under-17 World Cup title in July, beating Uruguay 2-0. Next up for Mexico will be Spain or Brazil, set to play their quarterfinal on Sunday.

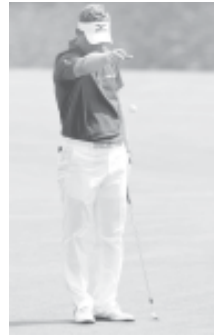
In Saturday's other quarterfinal, Portugal beat six-time champion Argentina 5-4 in a penalty shootout following a 0-0 stalemate through 90 minutes of regulation and 30 minutes of extra time. Mexico's Edson Rivera broke made it 2-1 in the 69th minute with a header and struck again in the 88th. "There was a lot of celebrating when I went into the dressing room after the match," Mexico coach Juan Carlos Chavez said.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Donald, Westwood hanging on at PGA

JOHNS CREEK, 14 Aug — They're one and two in the world yet just hanging on at the PGA Championship. No. 1 Luke Donald and No. 2 Lee Westwood are both tied at 1-under par, tied for 13th place and six strokes behind co-leaders Brendan Steele and Jason Dufner after three rounds at Atlanta Athletic



Club. The Ryder Cup partners each had their chances to make up ground in the year's final major, but couldn't.

Donald had a bogey on the 16th hole, then a disastrous double bogey on No 18 after putting his approach in the water to turn an extraspecial third round into a so-so 68. Westwood got himself to 3-under on the 10th hole, but had a double bogey on the 14th and couldn't come any closer to end at 70 over.

Internet

Luke Donald, of England, takes a drop on the 18th hole after hitting into the water during the third round of the PGA Championship golf tournament on Saturday.—INTERNET

Folan, Larentowicz score in Rapids' win

SANTA CLARA, 14 Aug — Caleb Folan converted his second penalty kick of the year and Jeff Larentowicz scored off a set piece in the Colorado Rapids' 2-1 victory over the San Jose Earthquakes on Saturday night.

The Rapids (10-6-10) took advantage of the 50th-minute ejection of San Jose midfielder Sam Cronin to extend their unbeaten streak to five.

Larentowicz broke a tie in the 72nd minute, walking onto a stationary ball that had been touched dead off a short free kick. Larentowicz's low

shot from 25 yards skipped through the legs of San Jose midfielder Simon Dawkins and off the hand of goalkeeper Jon Busch before reaching the net.

Internet

Pontius scores twice, United snap home skid

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug — Chris Pontius scored twice, and DC United snapped a seven-game home winless streak with a 4-0 victory over the Vancouver Whitecaps on Saturday night. Andy Najjar and Stephen King also scored for United, and Joe Willis made six saves for a shutout in his debut. United (7-6-9) was 0-2-5 at RFK Stadium since beating Seattle 2-1 on 4 May. The Whitecaps (3-12-9) sank to 0-9-4 on the road in their inaugural season.—Internet

Italy grabs two golds and one bronze in open water of Shenzhen Universiade

SHENZHEN, 14 Aug — Italian men's 10-kilometre open water swimmer Simone Ruffini won the first gold of Shenzhen Universiade, while his teammates Rachele Bruni and Alice Franco seized the gold and bronze in women's event. "Our secret? Hard training everyday!" said Bruni in Italian, which was translated by her teammate Franco, the bronze medalist in women's 25km open water of Shanghai FINA World Championships.

According to Franco, she arranged the training in the morning and evening to avoid high heat. Sometimes, the distance may end up more than 20 kilometres. "Every year, we change training method. And our training result

is always faster and stronger," said the 22-year-old who lives near Turin. "Though study and training are difficult together, if you want, you can do it all."—Xinhua



Simone Ruffini competes during the men's open water 10km swimming at the 26th Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, a city of south China's Guangdong Province, on 13 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

SPORTS

Kennedy helps Chivas USA tie Sounders, 0-0

SEATTLE, 14 Aug — Dan Kennedy made two saves on his own and got some help from the goal post on a penalty kick Saturday as Chivas USA and the Seattle Sounders played to a scoreless tie. Kennedy recorded his eighth shutout of the year. Seattle's Kasey Keller made three saves in his seventh shutout. Chivas (7-8-9, 30 points), playing the third game of a five-game road trip, has taken points in six of its last seven games.

Seattle (11-5-9, 42 points), back on the field for the first time since last Saturday's late-game 2-1 comeback win at Kansas City, has points in 11 of its past 12 games. The Sounders missed a chance to get on the board in the 19th minute when Alvaro Fernandez drove a penalty kick off the left post.—Internet

Serena Williams advances to Rogers Cup final

TORONTO, 14 Aug — Serena Williams advanced to the final in the Rogers Cup, beating fourth-seeded Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday night. The 29-year-old Williams, playing just her fourth tournament since being sidelined for a year by injuries and illness, will face 10th-seeded Samantha Stosur in the final.

"My goals have been just to give it my all at every match and every

tournament," Williams said. "Not that it wasn't like that before, but I had a tremendous amount of focus in the Grand Slams, and I think I still will. But every now and then. ... you never know, tomorrow is not promised and I want to give it my all at every opportunity I have." Stosur beat Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.—Internet



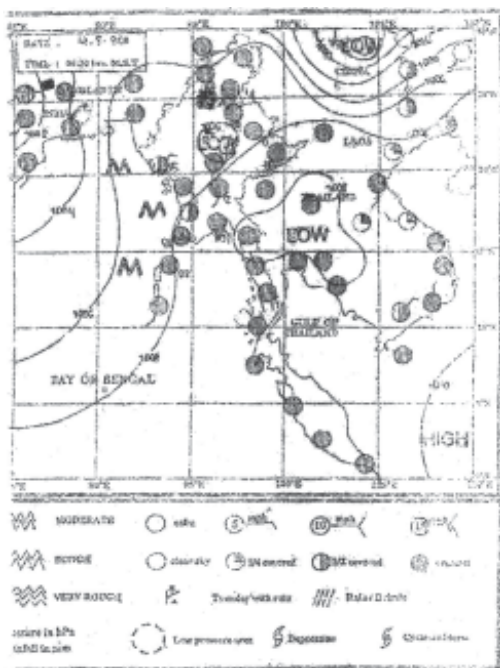
Serena Williams

Toronto FC beats Real Salt Lake on

Plata's goal

TORONTO, 14 Aug — Joao Plata scored the lone goal and Toronto FC picked up its first league win in more than a month with a 1-0 victory over Real Salt Lake on Saturday night. Plata scored with just under 15 minutes left when the Ecuadorean striker put in a low shot that Salt Lake goalkeeper Nick Rimando watched go by him into the left corner. Toronto's last win was a 1-0 victory over the Vancouver Whitecaps at the end of June. The victory comes after four straight losses followed by a pair of draws.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 15th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/79	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	80%
2	Kayah	30/86	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayah	28/84	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	25/73	14/57	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	80%
7	Taintharyi	31/88	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
8	Bago	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	32/90	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	31/88	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
12	Yangon	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakhine	30/86	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	23/77	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	25/77	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	22/72	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taintharyi Regions, Chin and Mon States, scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Bago Region and Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Magway and Yangon Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (3.35) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.40) inches, Mawbun (3.93) inches, Gangaw (1.35) inches, Zangthi (1.61) inches and, Heho (1.54) inches.

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

Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days
Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Coastal areas.

Chelsea, Villas-Boas held to draw



LONDON, 14 Aug—Stoke City and Chelsea played out a goalless draw at the Britannia Stadium.

New Chelsea manager Andre Villas-Boas' introduction to the Barclays Premier League proved to be a testing and frustrating affair as his side were held to at Stoke. The Portuguese may have raced to the league title with Porto and also won the Europa League last season, but nothing could have prepared him for the challenge he met at the Britannia Stadium.

Internet

West Bromwich Albion 1 Manchester United 2

LONDON, 14 Aug—Manchester United scored a trademark late winner as they kicked off the season with three points at the Hawthorns.

Wayne Rooney's early strike was equalised by Shane Long before a Steven Reid own goal secured the victory for the Reds. Young rolled a perfect pass inside to Rooney, who calmly stroked a shot into the bottom corner from 20 yards.



United lost both centre halves Vidic and Ferdinand limping off the pitch as it looked like they were

about to endure a frustrating afternoon. But with nine minutes to go, Young drove at the West Brom defence and his cross was deflected in off Reid.—Internet



Monday, 15 August View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
- 4. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:50 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:05 am
- 7. Cute Little Dancers
- 8:15 am
- 8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:25 am
- 9. Dance of National Races
- 8:40am
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am
- 11. Musical Programme
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 2. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm
- 3. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm

- 4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:40 pm
- 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Myanmar)
- 4:50 pm
- 6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 4:55 pm
- 7. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:05 pm
- 8. Myanmar Language
- 5:20 pm

- 9. Selected Songs For 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Amateur (First Division) Level Men and Women)
- 5:45 pm
- 10. Documentary
- 6:00 pm
- 11. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 12. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 13. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. World's Stars
- 19. TV Drama Series

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (15-8-2011) (Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(15-8-11 09:30 am ~ 16-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * 9th Alms-food Offering Ceremony
- * The Symbol of Progress in An Township
- * News

- * Myanmar Airlines Promoting Hotel & Tourism Industry
- * Myanmar Martial Arts (Part-3)
- * News
- * Poem Garden "The Sun"
- * Good Agriculture Practice in Myanmar
- * News
- * National Herbal Park (Part-1)
- * Let's Sing Together
- Overseas Transmission**
- * Opening
- * News
- * 9th Alms-food Offering Ceremony
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- * Good Agriculture Practice in Myanmar
- * News
- * National Herbal Park (Part-1)
- * Let's Sing Together
- * News
- * Mile of Road...Piles of Hope (Pathein-Monywa Motor Road) (Part-3)
- * Culture Stage
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Destined Couple"
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Pada Ceti, The Buddha's Foot Print
- * Myanmar Movies "Life As Parents"

- ★ 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

From special yield model paddy farm of Nay Pyi Taw to farmlands of Myanmar (Part-II)

While visiting the special yield model paddy farm in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, I had the opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty of thriving special yield paddy plantation at the quality paddy strain research farm in the background of Uppatasanti Pagoda and breathe fresh air from the paddy farm.

We continued the interview regarding the 14-point good agriculture method while gazing at lush and green paddy field.

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA);

Photos: Zaw Min Latt (MNA)

Q: Please continue clarification on 14-point good agriculture method.

A: For the fifth point, paddy saplings are to be taken out from the nursery and transplanted immediately. In traditional cultivation method, saplings are taken out from the nursery, and soil
(See page 9)



Paddy saplings being taken out from nursery.

Ayeyawady River may reach above its danger level in Zalun

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Zalun is (1112) cm. It may reach its danger level (1160) cm during the next (48) hours commencing this noon, announced the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Union A & I Minister inspects model high-yielding farms in Bago



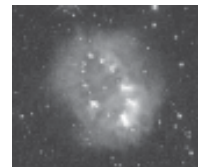
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Concertgoers and emergency personnel hold up stage rigging after it collapsed minutes before a concert by Sugarland at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis on 13 Aug, 2011.

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Hubble Telescope finds glowing 'necklace' in space



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