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**Individuals and organizations in the nation that have different views from the government should not take account of disagreements**

**Work with us for common goals in the national interests**

**Killings, bomb attacks, kidnapping and collection of extortion money are completely unacceptable to civilized world**

**Myanmar will be developed soon if people are united and work hard together, making good use of favourable conditions**



*President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivers an address in meeting with officials from economic and social fields, associations and organizations.*

MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met officials from economic and social fields, associations and organizations at the Myanmar International Convention Centre in Zabuthiri here this afternoon.

The meeting was also attended by Union ministers, members of the Industrial Development Committee deputy ministers.

The President delivered an address. The translation of his speech is as follow:—

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen! First and foremost, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you all.

In the opportune time, may I deal with the work the government has carried out for public wellbeing in five months after being elected by the public, the nation's political and economic situations and the government's stance.

In few months, the government lifted some economic restrictions to encourage the market economy, which is one of the pledges it made to the nation when it took office.

With the aim of

experts, entrepreneurs, high-ranking officials from related ministries, and representatives of people from various strata of life. The eight most fundamental of the proposals submitted at the workshop were laid down, and work committees from the central to grassroots levels were formed to put the resolutions into reality. Now, rural farmers, odd-job earners and vendors in urban and rural areas are enjoying the taste of the tasks.

Previously, retired State service personnel had hardships due to very poor

dollar purchasing power have negative impact on the nation's economy. In recent months, the exchange rate of one US dollar stood at about 800 kyats, but now it has kept falling to about 750 kyats, which has dealt a blow to some exports. In consequence, local demands for goods are falling, and it has affected producers especially farmers who depend on exporting agricultural produce. So, ways and means are being sought to ease the crises those farmers are facing.

To make things worse, the whole nation was struck by torrential rains due to

improving the socio-economic life for needy urban and rural dwellers, the National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation was organized in Nay Pyi Taw with economic

pensions, but now they are leading a convenient life due to increased pension rates and they are happy with it. I am sure, every witnesses is sharing joys.

Today, the world's economic crisis and fall in

climate changes, causing floods in some townships in Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region, Rakhine State, Kayin State and Mon State. The issues related to the floods  
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**Industries for quality products**

Nowadays, all the countries are focusing on the increase of national finance and strengthening of national economy in competitiveness. They all produce and sell various quality products in the market.

Myanmar is realizing the market-oriented economic system. At present, the government has granted tax exemption from seven export items as a token of its encouragement to boosting export. As a result, export of beans and pulses, maize, sesame, rubber, marine products and animal products in addition to paddy will increase.

Strenuous efforts are to be made for development of industrial sector through agriculture sector for ensuring long-term growth of State economy. It is necessary to establishment of not only manufacturing of present export goods but also establishment of export industries. It is necessary to promote export of foodstuff. If the nation is able to decrease imported goods, State economy will develop.

Industrial regions and industrial zones have been established across the nation for emergence of factories and industries. As arrangements have been made for development of industries in the respective regions, new factories and workshops were established to manufacture products. Development of industries will contribute to creation of job opportunities for the local people and uplift of their living standard.

Establishment of industrial regions and industrial zones in respective regions are invigorated for production of goods. Producers are to manufacture more volume of acceptable products for customers. Especially, emphasis is to be placed on best quality products to be able to compete with products of international community in the market.

Promotion of trade will develop the State economy. Energetic efforts are to be made steadfastly for more production of quality products by setting up industries in respective regions.

**Thai Queen's birthday commemorated with donation**

YANGON, 17 Aug — Cash donation ceremony to International Institute of Abhidhamma in commemoration of 79<sup>th</sup> birthday of Queen Sirikit of Kingdom of Thailand was held at the hall of the institute on Kaba Aye Hill here this morning.

Chairman and Pro-Rector of the institute U Mya Than made an opening speech and Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Apirath Vienravi explained purpose of donation.

The ambassador donated US\$ 3500 through the chairman and pro-rector who returned certificate of honour.—MNA

**Union Minister for Mines receives Chinese guests, Brazilian Ambassador**

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received Chairman Mr Sun Wenzhong and party of Dibo Mining Group Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China at the ministry, here, at 10 am today.

They discussed cooperation in mining in Myanmar.

Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior called on the Union Minister at his office this noon and discussed cooperation in mining between the two countries.



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik receives Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior.—MNA

Also present at the call were the director-general of Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department, the managing director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and the acting managing director of No. 1 Mining Enterprise.—MNA

YANGON, 17 Aug—The flag hoisting ceremony to mark the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia was held in the compound of the Indonesian Embassy to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road in Dagon Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Indonesian Ambassador Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono and wife, the minister-counsellor, the military attaché and embassy families, entrepreneurs of Indonesian companies in Yangon, teachers and

**Flag hoisted to mark 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day of Indonesia**



The flag hoisting ceremony to mark the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia in progress.—MNA

students of Indonesia International School Yangon. The Indonesian Ambassador proclaimed that today was the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia, and then he hoisted the flag to mark the Independence Day.—MNA

**Mohnyin District gathering momentum of 24-hour electricity supply**

MOHNYIN, 17 Aug—In Mohnyin District

constituted in Kachin State on 2 August 2004, supply of electricity is being undertaken for its

all towns and villages round the clock.

At present, construction of concrete lamp-posts and building of power stations have been completed for installation of 100 miles long power line from Naba power station of Indaw Township to Namti power station in Mogaung Township.

On completion of installing the power lines in open season, Mohnyin, Mogaung, Hopin, Nanma, Hsahmaw and Namti regions will enjoy electricity.



Photo shows 66/11KV 5MVA power station near Government Technological College in Mohnyin.—NLM 001

NLM 001

## Eight killed, nine wounded in Iraq's violence

BAGHDAD, 17 Aug—Eight people were killed and nine wounded in separate bomb explosions and gunfire attacks in central and northern Iraq on Tuesday, the police said.

Two soldiers were killed in a roadside bomb explosion near their patrol in eastern the Iraqi city of Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity. In a separate incident, a roadside bomb explosion killed one policeman and wounded three others in a town

near Mosul, the source said. Elsewhere, a suspected gunman was killed around midday when a bomb he was making detonated in his hands at his house in the town of Ameriyat al-Fallujah, near the city of Fallujah, some 50 km west of Baghdad, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Two of the gunman's family members were also killed by the blast, the source said. In addition, Iraqi security forces carried out search operation in Abu Ghraib

area, some 20 km west of Baghdad, and arrested ten suspects believed to be involved in activities of militant groups, a local police source said.

Militant attacks still common in the once volatile Sunni Arab area in west of Baghdad that stretches through Anbar Province to Iraq's western borders with Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Earlier in the day, the police reported the killing of two people and the wounding of six others in separate bomb and gunfire attacks in Iraq's eastern province of Diyala, while the Iraqi security forces arrested 17 suspects during the past 24 hours across the Province.—*Xinhua*



**Khan Ahmad (R), 12-year-old Afghan nomad boy, walks with his sheep in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 17 Aug, 2011. It is believed that some 8 million Afghans live under poverty line and survive on one US dollar income daily.—XINHUA**

## Nine Turkish soldiers killed in blast

DIYARBAKIR (Tukey), 17 Aug—Nine Turkish soldiers were killed in a suspected bomb explosion in Turkey's southeastern Hakkari Province on Wednesday, security sources told *Reuters*.

The sources said Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) militants were believed to be behind the blast.

*Reuters*



**Children suffering from the dengue disease receive treatment inside the Quirino Memorial Medical Centre in Quezon City, Philippines, on 16 Aug, 2011. XINHUA**

## Rocket in Afghan capital caused no damage

KABUL, 17 Aug—The Afghan Interior Ministry says a rocket that was fired into the heart of the Afghan capital did not cause any damage or casualties.

Ezatullah, an Afghan police officer who responded to the scene, told *The Associated Press* that the rocket landed early Wednesday morning inside the presidential palace compound. Another police official in that district of the capital had also confirmed it landed within the perimeter of the spacious presidential palace compound. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

*Internet*

## Motorbike bomb kills five civilians, wounds 14 in S Afghanistan

TRINKOT, 17 Aug—Five civilians have been killed and over a dozen others injured as a motorbike bomb ripped through a market in Uruzgan Province 370 km south of capital city Kabul, a local official said Wednesday.

"The terrorists planted mine on a motorbike and exploded

it by remote control in a vegetable market in Deh Rawad District Tuesday evening as a result five civilians were killed and 14 others sustained injuries," Khalifa Sadat the governor of Deh Rawad District told *Xinhua*. Meantime, Amanullah Hotak the head of Uruzgan Provincial Council said the blast left seven people dead and injured 27 others, all civilians. Hotak also put the attack on the enemies of peace, a term used by Afghan officials against Taliban but the outfit fighting Afghan government has yet to make comment.

*Xinhua*

## Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 17 Aug—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

### Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 34225 Afghan people were killed and 41924 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 17 Aug.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	34225
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	41924

*Internet*



**Edan Mahdi, 42, is treated at a hospital in Kut, after a car bomb in Kut, Iraq, on 15 Aug, 2011.**

**Bomb blasts ripped through more than a dozen Iraqi cities Monday morning, killing scores of people most of them in the southern city of Kut in a wave of violence that shattered what had been a relatively peaceful holy month of Ramadan.**

*INTERNET*



**Residents gather at the site of bomb attacks in Kut, 150 km (93 miles) southeast of Baghdad, on 15 Aug, 2011.**

*INTERNET*

## US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 17 Aug— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

### Casualties of Iraqi people

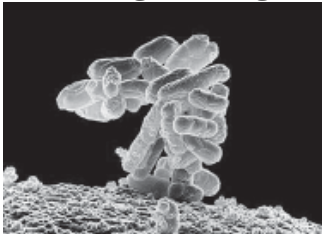
The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 17 Aug reached 706841 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1280826, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	706841
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1280826

*Internet*



## Experts redesign common microbe to fight drug-resistant bacteria



*E. coli bacteria is seen in an image taken by an electron microscope.*  
INTERNET

HONG KONG, 17 Aug—Researchers in Singapore have re-engineered a harmless strain of bacteria to fight another common, drug-resistant microbe that spreads in hospitals and is deadly to patients with weak immune systems. To fight the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* bacterium, the scientists used a strain of the *E. coli* bacteria that is normally present in the human gut. They inserted into *E. coli* foreign DNA fragments that empowered it to sense the offending pathogen and quickly produce and release a deadly toxin.

“Once it (re-engineered *E. coli*) detects the presence of the *aeruginosa*,

it produces a toxin ... and the killing molecule will be released to kill the pathogen,” said assistant professor Chueh Loo Poh, a member of the research team at the Nanyang Technological University’s School of Chemical and Biomedical Engineering. “Our engineered bacteria inhibited the growth of the (pathogen) by 90 percent,” said lead author of the paper, assistant professor Matthew Wook Chang.

The team published their findings in the journal *Molecular Systems Biology* on Tuesday.—*Internet*

## Scientists say Earth not getting fatter

PASADENA, 17 Aug— A NASA-led research team says it’s laid to rest a recurrent rumour that Earth has a weight problem, reporting that the planet is not getting fatter after all.

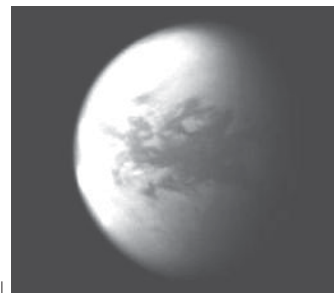
Scientists have long speculated that the solid Earth might be expanding or contracting, proposing various theories to back up their contention about one or the other. A NASA study, published in *Geophysical Research Letters*, has essentially settled the argument. Using a battery of space measurement tools and a new data calculation technique, researchers detected no statistically significant expansion of the solid Earth, a release by the space agency said Tuesday. An international group of scientists led by Xiaoping Wu of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif— and including participants from the Institut Geographique National, Champs-sur-Marne in France, and Delft University of Technology in The Netherlands — set out to evaluate the accuracy of the measurements. After analysis, they estimated the average change in Earth’s radius to be 0.004 inches per year, or about the thickness of a human hair, a rate considered statistically insignificant.—*Internet*

## Strange clouds on Titan explained?

LOS ANGELES, 17 Aug— UCLA researchers say they think they know why Saturn’s moon Titan has what looks like an enormous white arrow about the size of Texas on its surface. By using a global circulation model of Titan to demonstrate how planetary-scale atmospheric waves might affect the moon’s weather patterns, they discovered a “stenciling” effect that results in sharp and sometimes surprising cloud shapes, a university release said Tuesday.

The fascinating clouds, including arrow-shaped ones, produced by the atmospheric waves can cause intense precipitation up to more than 20 times Titan’s average seasonal rainfall and may be responsible for shaping the surface of Saturn’s largest moon by erosion, researchers said.

“Titan is like Earth’s strange sibling — the only other rocky body in the solar system that currently experiences rain,” Jonathan L. Mitchell, professor of earth and space sciences, said. The research was published in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.—*Internet*



*This is Titan, Saturn’s largest moon, with cloud arrow on left.*  
INTERNET



## Windows phones are getting new Xbox Live features, games soon

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 Aug— Announced during the Gamescom conference this week, Microsoft previewed a series of new mobile games for the Windows phone platform as well as a series of updates for Xbox Live that are packaged in the next release of the operating system, Mango.

Avatar Awardables are one of the upgrades to Xbox Live. Players will be able to earn wearable items for avatars and have a visual representation of bragging rights for tough achievements.

With the upcoming release of *Splinter Cell: Conviction* this fall, Microsoft is also adding parental controls to lock out access to content when a game is rated M for Mature.



Other improvements include DLC content which can be purchased through the smartphone as well as turn-by-turn asynchronous functionality for games between two players. The ability to purchase add-on content is a helpful step for developers on the platform.  
*Internet*

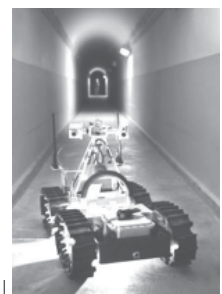
## Robot meant to aid in mine rescues

ALBUQUERQUE, 17 Aug—US researchers say they’re developing a rescue robot that could reach trapped miners while dealing with obstacles such as rubble piles and flooded chambers.

In a mine rescue attempt, humans face dangers like poisonous gases, flooded tunnels, explosive vapors and unstable walls and roofs that can slow rescue efforts to a frustrating pace, scientists at the Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque say.

Sandia’s Gemini-Scout Mine Rescue Robot can navigate through 18 inches of water, crawl over boulders and rubble piles and search ahead of rescuers to evaluate precarious environments and help plan operations, a release said Tuesday.

“We have designed this robot to go in ahead of its handlers, to assess the situation and potential hazards and allow operations to move more quickly,” Jon Salton, a Sandia engineer and the project manager, said.—*Internet*



*Sandia’s Gemini-Scout Mine Rescue Robot is equipped to handle any number of obstacles to help rescuers reach trapped miners safely and efficiently.*  
INTERNET

## Dolphins tested for oil spill impacts

NEW ORLEANS, 17 Aug— Dolphins near Louisiana’s Grand Isle are being tested for exposure to oil from last year’s BP spill, wildlife officials say.

The research is being conducted as part of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process required under the Oil Spill Act of 1990, *The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune*

reported Monday.

The law requires companies such as BP found responsible for spills to fund projects that would mitigate harmful effects caused by oil or compensate the public for the loss of resources, the newspaper said.

Researchers are trying to determine whether oil that washed



*BP workers use shovels to clean oil from a beach at Port Fourchon, Louisiana, on 24 May, 2010.—INTERNET*

into waters around Grand Isle from the April 2010 spill may have caused the strandings of 85 premature, stillborn or neonatal bottlenose dolphins between January and June of this year, said Teri Rowles, director of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration’s Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Programme.

*Internet*



## Health



### Ogden, Utah, campgrounds test positive for E coli

OGDEN, 17 Aug—Health officials in the Ogden, Utah, area put out a warning after a group of young girls at a campground were apparently sickened earlier this month by bacteria in the water.

Authorities say water at the Shawnee and Ben Lomond campgrounds in Weber County's North Fork Canyon tested positive for chloroform and E coli bacteria. They say the bacteria is likely why 11 members of girls' camping trip got sick after staying at Shawnee Campground 2-5 Aug.

Officials are asking campers to bring their own supply of water to use for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene.

Internet



Students take part in an "antigravity" yoga class at the Om Factory in New York on 16 August, 2011.

INTERNET

### Moderate drinking reduces dementia risk

CHICAGO, 17 Aug—Moderate drinking — no more than two drinks a day for men and one for women — reduces risk of dementia and cognitive impairment, US researchers say. Edward J Neafsey and Michael A Collins, professors in the department of molecular pharmacology and therapeutics at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, analyzed 143 studies dating from 1977 that involved more than 365,000 study participants.

The study, published in the journal *Neuropsychiatric Disease and Treatment*, finds moderate drinkers were 23 percent less likely to develop cognitive impairment or Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Wine was more beneficial than beer or spirits, but most papers did not distinguish among different types of alcohol. Heavy drinking — more than three to five drinks per day — was associated with a higher risk of cognitive impairment and dementia, but this finding was not statistically significant, the study says. "We don't recommend that non-drinkers start drinking," Neafsey says in a statement. "But moderate drinking — if it is truly moderate — can be beneficial."

The study found the protective effect of moderate drinking held up after adjusting for age, education, sex and smoking. There was no difference in the effects of alcohol on men and women and the beneficial effect of moderate drinking was seen in 14 of 19 countries, including the United States.—Internet

### No evidence aspirin boosts IVF success

NEW YORK, 17 Aug—Women undergoing in-vitro fertilization (IVF) are often told that a daily aspirin will help boost the odds of success. But a new research review found no evidence the tactic works. Combining the results of 13 international studies, researchers found that a low daily dose of aspirin had no clear effect on IVF pregnancy or birth rates.

Three of the studies looked at birth rates. Of 525 women who used aspirin during their IVF treatment cycle, 108 gave birth. But the odds of success were similar among women not given aspirin: of those 528 women, 119 gave birth. "Couples under-going IVF often feel so desperate that they are prepared to try anything that may improve their

chances of conceiving," said lead researcher Dr Chara-Iambos Siristatidis, of the University of Athens in Greece, in a written statement. "But given the current evidence," he said, "there is still no basis to recommend that women take aspirin to help them become pregnant."

The researchers reported their findings in the *Cochrane Library*, which is published by the Cochrane Collaboration, an international research organization that evaluates medical evidence.

In theory, aspirin could improve IVF success by boosting blood flow to the ovaries and uterus. It might also help by preventing blood clots in the vessels of the placenta, which helps nourish the baby before it's born. But studies have come to mixed conclusions.—Reuters



## Business



### Insight: GM hopes spending on start-ups will make it cool

DETROIT, 17 Aug—From an empty auto-parts plant in the heart of Rust Belt America, General Motors Co is out to show the world that the automaker once dismissed as an industrial dinosaur has gained some Silicon Valley cool just two years after its taxpayer-funded bankruptcy.

With a solar charging station as a backdrop, GM's venture capital unit touts a \$7.5 million investment in Sunlogics, at the solar energy system maker's new headquarters in a former auto parts plant in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

The investment, announced last month, gives GM Ventures a stake in a company building solar charging equipment. It comes out of a \$200 million venture capital budget GM earmarked to spend over three years in response to fears that the world's largest automaker could lose out on the next big thing to start-ups such as electric car maker Tesla Motors.

While the investment fund is minuscule compared with GM's \$8 billion annual research and development budget, the commitment to venture-style investing is a radical step.—Reuters



Chevrolet Cruze chassis move along the assembly line at the General Motors Cruze assembly plant in Lordstown, Ohio on 22 July, 2011.—INTERNET

### US stocks fall on European economic, debt worries



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 16 Aug, 2011.

INTERNET

NEW YORK, 17 Aug—Worries about Europe's economic and debt problems sent stocks Tuesday to their first loss in four days.

The major indexes bounced up and down in another volatile day. The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 120 points in the first half hour of trading after a report showed that Germany's economy stalled last quarter and dragged down growth

for Europe.

The Dow recovered and had a slight advance at midday, but resumed its drop after the leaders of France and Germany tried to calm worries about Europe's debt problems by pushing for long-term political solutions. Investors were hoping for immediate financial measures like the introduction of a single bond jointly backed by the eurozone's

members. The Dow fell as many as 190 points in the early afternoon before again recovering. At the close, the Dow was down 76.97, or 0.7 percent, to 11,405.93. It was the first time in seven trading days that the Dow rose or fell by less than 100 points. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 11.73, or 1 percent, to 1,192.76. The Nasdaq composite fell 31.75, or 1.2 percent, to 2,523.45.

Reuters

### Industrial output surges as Japan quake impact eases

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug—US industrial output recorded its best gain in seven months in July as the auto sector bounced back from supply disruptions wrought by Japan's devastating earthquake in March. The surprisingly strong production data, together with a smaller-than-expected decline in home building last month, further eased fears the economy was at risk of contracting. "I don't think we are headed for a second recession," said Ryan Sweet, a senior economist at Moody's Analytics in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Industrial output increased 0.9 percent, the Federal Reserve said on Tuesday, after a 0.4 percent gain in June — nearly double economists'

expectations for a 0.5 percent rise.

Manufacturing rose 0.6 percent as motor vehicles production surged 5.2 percent after falling 0.9 percent in June. Excluding autos, manufacturing rose 0.3 percent, pointing to resilience in the sector that has been the economy's main pillar of support, even when regional factory activity has been cooling. "When you take the industrial production report together with July retail sales, it shows consumer spending started this quarter off to a decent start," said Sweet. "That all together suggests the economy is starting to show signs of life but it's not booming."

Internet

# Working together for School Health

**Dr Aung Tun (Ministry of Health)**

As School Health Programme aims to improve the health of entire students, the programme is in keeping along the track of Health Promoting School up to the community level. The Education sector plays the ownership role and the Health sector is mainly providing the technical support for implementation of the (9) components of Health Promoting Schools.

## School Children's Health, Tomorrow's Wealth

School children are the most important assets of any country and the most human resource for overall development. Schools are one of the settings outside the home where children can acquire new knowledge and skills to grow into productive and capable citizens who can involve, support and help their communities to grow and prosper.

The school-going age (usually from pre-school level of 3 years to university level of 25 years) is a period of learning, acquisition of knowledge, and pursuit of information, and also the time when attitudes, beliefs, values and practices of individuals are inculcated. These inculcations may be positive or negative; but are likely to influence the development and outcome of one's goals in life. Learning at school and improving health of the child at the same period go hand in hand. Health status of a child has a direct impact on his or her educational achievements. To have achieving both health and education goals for children and young people, it is critical to address the health needs of teachers, parents and communities.

Young people attending school are at a stage in life where they are willing and able to learn new information and skills, irrespective of whether the information is good or bad. The school setting presents a great opportunity for imparting such valuable information and skills to this captive audience. Further, the school settings provide an opportunity for peer education since most of the young people share experiences and are likely to influence one another positively or negatively.

## History of School Health in Myanmar

In Myanmar, even before independence from British, a medical officer and a dental surgeon for every 30,000 school children had been assigned by the Department of Education, reflecting the importance of children's health during their school period. A few years after independence, the Government has established in 1953, the Maternal, Child & School Health Department under the Ministry for expansion of school health activities. School health programme has been included in the first Peoples' Health Plan since 1977-78 as one of the community health projects in the country. In 1996, according to changed concepts and situation of global partners with Global School Health Initiative, Myanmar adopted the concept of health promotion through schools. Aiming to promote the health standard of the entire student youths, the skills and knowledge needed for adoption of healthy lifestyle, Health Promoting School programme has been introduced into existing school health services since 1996.

Ensuring the existence of political commitment and getting support from political bodies, school health committee has been developed at the central, state & division, district up to the basic functioning township and school level. The central/national level school health committee is organized with officials and responsible persons of the related departments namely, Health, Education, Social

Welfare, City Development, Indigenous Medicine, Sports and Physical Education and local NGOs and also with the members of the local authoritative personnel at State and Division level and township level.

## Situation Analysis

A very significant activity for school health programme of Myanmar, Myanmar Global School Health Survey was conducted in 2007 for the purpose of monitoring the prevalence of health risk behaviours and protective factors related to the leading causes of mortality and morbidity among students aged 13-15 years: dietary behaviours, hygiene, mental health, physical activity, protective factors, tobacco use, Knowledge about HIV Infection and AIDS and violence and unintentional injuries.

The 2007 MYANMAR GSHS employed a two-stage cluster sample design to produce a representative sample of students in Grades 8,9,10 and 11. (72) questionnaires were completed in 50 schools. The results of Myanmar GSHS showed that the prevalence of risk taking behaviours among 13-15 years old school children in Myanmar are not very high. The main features of the results are as follows:

- \* There are good healthy practices such as cleaning or brushing their teeth and washing hands before eating and after using toilets or latrines.
- \* Prevalence of alcohol use and other drug in comparison of neighbouring countries were relatively low. Tobacco use is also reduced compared to 2004 Myanmar GYTS results. Access to tobacco products was reported to be easy.
- \* Although the prevalence of overweight is low, the percent of students who are at risk for becoming overweight is 3.1%.
- \* Unintentional injuries are prevalent among students and are more prevalent among males than females.
- \* 98.5% of students had ever heard of HIV or the disease called AIDS and 79.6% of students had been taught in any of their classes about HIV or AIDS during this school year.
- \* Most of students were physically inactive and 24.3% of students thought that most of students were never or rarely kind and helpful.
- \* Only less than 4% of students feel loneliness and depressed.

## Aim and Strategies of School Health Programme

### Aim

- (a) To promote the health standards of the entire student youth, the skills and knowledge needed for adopting a healthy lifestyle.

### Strategies

The following strategies were developed based on the health objective of national social objectives, the national health policy, national population policy, UN MDG goals and the primary health care approach aiming towards a successful implementation of the school health programme.

1. Conducting refresher training for teachers on the development of health promoting schools to promote the health standards of the entire student youth, the skills and knowledge needed for adopting a healthy life style at all levels.
2. Enhancing better quality and coverage of school health care by providing sufficient manpower and supplies.
3. Establishing school health committees at different levels for monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure successful implementation.
4. Conducting research on the impact of school

health programme to promote existing school health activities.

5. Promoting co-ordination and collaboration mechanisms with Ministry of Education and other related departments.
6. Organising resources for national school health programme through the involvement of local and international NGO's and international organizations.

## Health Promoting School Programme in Myanmar

A Health Promoting School is a setting where education and health programme create a "health promoting", environment which in turn "promote learning".

A Health Promoting School strives to build health into all aspects of life at school and in the community. It uses its full organizational and educational potential to promote healthy development of students, staff, families and the community.

Essential elements of a health-promoting school include healthy school policies; the school's physical environment; the school's social environment; health instruction; individual health skills and action competencies; community links; and health services. Development of the health promoting schools is also meant to build health knowledge, skills and behaviours in the cognitive, emotional, social and behavioural domains and to enhance educational outcomes.

Since 1998, Myanmar has implemented the health promoting school programme with the support of WHO. Under the guidance of the National Health Committee and the support of School Health Committee, the implementation of the health promoting school is gaining momentum and it covered all townships in 2006. At the foundation of school health promotion, a couple of school based projects such as Tobacco free school project, *Aedes* free school project, school based prevention and control of soil transmitted helminthiasis control programme, etc., have been integrated in the current school health promotion programme. In addition, the school health programme is also gaining interest from local and international NGOs, and so has received support and has worked in close collaboration with them. As a result of coordinated effort with Ministry of Education and UNICEF, the life skill education has been prescribed as a part of the core curriculum for primary school and as a co-curriculum for secondary school. Integration of school health care delivery services will be better implemented resulting in more effective school health care by promoting multi-sectoral approach involving all school health related sectors and enhancing inter and extra department coordination and co-operation.

## School Health Services in Myanmar

Health care services are being provided at all level in Myanmar. The basic health services include school health services and activities, which are rendered comprehensively for school children. School health services, which serve to develop and improve basic health needs and correct health behavior of the new generation student youth, is an essential and important national investment.

School Health Division of Department of Health is responsible for planning and implementation of school health programme in Myanmar. This division is headed by an Assistant Director supported by a team of technical staff. State/Division Directors are responsible for school health programme activities at the respective state and division.

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## Farmers of Kyaikto, Bilin townships visit high yield paddy, sugarcane farms

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing met 12 staff led by Adviser Daw Heather Morris to World Concern (Myanmar) of Mon All-round Project in Mon State, 36 local farmers from Kyaikto and Bilin townships at the 100-acre integrated model farm in Pobbathiri Township, here, this morning.

The Union Minister explained cultivation of 880,000 acres of monsoon paddy, over 6000 acres of sugarcane and 460,000 acres of rubber in Mon State for progress of the state. He urged them to observe paddy and sugarcane

plantations from the model farms for carrying out regional development in their respective regions.

The Union Minister, officials and members of excursion group viewed round thriving high yield paddy plantations in 100-acre integrated farm. Managing Director of Myanmar Agriculture Service U Kyaw Win conducted them round the farm.

They visited the 10-acre high yield sugarcane plantation that can produce over 60-ton per acre. Deputy Managing Director U Zaw Tun Myint of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise explained matters related to the



**Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing meets farmers from Mon State.—MNA**

sugarcane plantation.

The Union Minister and party also visited the 40-acre special yield paddy plantation in Dekkhinathiri Township.

They also observed thriving 30-acre integrated farm, dragon fruit plantation, silo and paddy dryer in Zeyathiri Township.

They also visited 100-acre seed production farm of high yield paddy at Yezin University of Agriculture.

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## Union Health Minister receives Brazilian Ambassador, guests



NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Brazilian Ambassador Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior at 9.30 am today, a delegation led by Mr Bernd Schell of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Associations at 10 am, and Regional Director Ms Anupama Rao Singh of East Asia and Pacific Regional Office of Bangkok-based UNICEF together with UNICEF Resident Representative

Mr Ramesh Shrestha at 10.30 am today at the ministry, here.

The Union Minister and the Brazilian Ambassador held discussions on health matters, exchange and cooperation in technology and matters related to scholarship.

The Union Minister and officials of IFRC focused on cooperation in social welfare tasks together with MRCS, IFRC and partnership associations namely French Red Cross Society, Denmark Red

Cross Society and Australian Red Cross Society.

The Union Minister and the regional director of EAPRO of UNICEF emphasized undertaking of present health care services in cooperation with UNICEF, priority to be given to reducing infant and child mortality rate and uplifting proficiency of staff in implementing the projects.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Ministers Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint, directors-general and deputy directors-general of Health Department and Medical Science Department and officials.

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**Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Regional Director Ms Anupama Rao Singh of EAPRO of Bangkok-based UNICEF.—MNA**

## Working together for...

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The most operational unit for rendering comprehensive health care is given by Township Health Unit. At present 80 townships out of 325 in Myanmar has been set up with school health teams each of which is organised with a medical officer (the team leader) one assistant medical officer, one dental surgeon, one school health nurse, one dental nurse, one children officer or school medical social worker, and some other clerical staff. In those township without the school health team, maternal and child health officers or township medical officers take charge of the school health services. In rural area the health assistant who are the team leaders of the rural health centre are assigned to carry out school health activities in their respective jurisdictions.

Myanmar School-based STH control programme are gaining momentum with active

involvement of related health projects such as School Health Project, Nutrition project, Maternal and Child Health Project and Lymphatic Filariasis elimination programme and Ministry of Education as well as WHO and UNICEF. The national five-year adolescent and development strategic plan (2009-2013) was developed to address the priority issues affecting the health of young people in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

### 2011 School Health Week Activities

With the objective to enhance health promoting school activities, the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education will launch the School Health Week activities in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August, 2011. The following activities will also carry out in all basis education schools of the country from 8 to 12 August, 2011.

- (1) School Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion
- (2) School Medical Examination and Treatment
- (3) Prevention of Communicable disease
- (4) School Health Education

- (5) School Nutrition Promotion
- (6) School de-worming Programme
- (7) Measuring Height and Weight of school children

### Working Together for School Health

School is the basic institution in every society and offers the possibility to improve the health not only of the school children but also of whole communities. It can be achieved by implementing and strengthening comprehensive school health programme in Myanmar.

The success and efficiency of school health programme depends largely on sound coordinated and effective administrations. There should be greater understanding and cooperation between the health, education, related departments, NGOs and authorities concerned at all levels. They should jointly assume responsibilities for strengthening national infrastructure in support of the comprehensive school programme.

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## Individuals and organizations in the nation...

(from page 1) have been addressed to a certain degree due to the contributions made by the Union government, Region and State governments, well-wishers and servicemen. Those who suffered the calamity most are farmers who face floods from time and again.

*President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets officials from economic and social fields, associations and organizations.*  
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Now, the government has provided rice seeds to farmers and doubled the loan for one-acre to 40,000 kyats. Private microfinance institutions are also making contributions to the programme. The government has planned that rice merchants and it will set a joint fund to purchase rice at reasonable prices when the crop is in season for the nation's reserve rice in order that farmers will not suffer losses.

The government reduced tax on exports from 8% to 5%. Now, we have granted tax exemption from all exported agricultural produce so that exporters can keep the volume of exported items, and effects due to falling purchasing power of dollar can be eased to some extent. We

have some other plans for other exported items and garment factories.

I would say both the government and the people should guess the scale of the effect of the dollar crisis and make provisions for the nation with great care. So, the people should not have any thoughts in turmoil because even if agricultural produce cannot be exported, the nation gets enough to eat. However, it is needed for imported goods to be singled out and austerity measures are to be taken.

As the saying that goes "Newly democratic, truly destructive", soon after the new government has taken office, it gets involved in a clash with KIO/KIA in Kachin State. Indeed, KIO/ KIA does not represent the people of Kachin State. The conflict was

sparked by their blasting State's hydropower projects in Kachin State. So far, many of the facilities in Bhamo District such as roads, bridges and pylons have been blasted, and local people of Kachin State have got into trouble in transport. Now, many dwellers have fled Kachin State in fear of despicable acts the groups may wage on them. So, they were not in a position to grow rice in time, and surely, the state will face shortage of rice the following year.

So, ethnic groups, Christian associations and cultural and literary associations in Kachin State wrote to me to cease the armed conflicts and restore peace as soon as possible. The letters will be stated in newspapers every day. The Tatmadaw will not launch attacks, except defensive attacks. As a matter of fact, killings, bomb attacks, kidnapping and collection of extortion money are completely unacceptable to civilized world. In that regard, the central

government has instructed Kachin State government to put an end to the terrorist acts and to arrange peace talks between the armed groups and it. I have heard that Kachin State has formed a team and proposed many times for peace talks. We have shown great patience just because the groups are our compatriots and we are looking forwards to peace.

Not only KIO and KIA but also any anti-government armed groups in Shan State and Kayin State can hold talks with respective governments if they really favour peace. We have opened the door to peace. In that regard, the Union government upholds Our Three Main National Causes and addresses the issue in accordance with the constitution.

Any individuals and organizations in the nation that have different views from the government should not take account of disagreements and we invite them to work with us for common goals in the national interests. We

will make reviews to make sure that Myanmar citizens living abroad for some reasons can return home if they have not committed any crimes. And if a Myanmar citizen in a foreign country who committed crimes applies for returning home to serve terms, we will show our benevolent attitude in dealing his case.

Everyone who is honest and good-hearted loves their homeland. They want their country to enjoy prosperity and to live in amity and unity. And they have strong attachment to their country and own people, and build a peaceful and prosperous society. That is our common ground. I would like to urge all to work hard together based on the common ground in order that our country will be able to stand tall as a peaceful and modern one in the international community.

In conclusion, today, the country is in the process of starting a new life. There are many challenges as well as good opportunities.

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## Individuals and organizations in the nation...

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What is needed is that we show resilience in tackling the challenges and we should seize all the opportunities. In successive periods, our country had to take so long time, dealing with issues of instability and unrest, which was merely a sheer waste of time. There are so many countries that lagged behind or whose development was on a par with our country in the post-independence period, but our country left behind in terms of development now. Now, the people of us should have stopped quarreling with each other, and individuals and organizations should no longer find fault with and put blame on each other. Our country has favourable conditions, our country will be a developed one soon if we are united and work hard together. Our country belongs to all of us. Every citizen is responsible for guarding and protecting our country. We also need to build a



fine society for the generations to follow.

After the meeting, the President cordially greeted the attendees.

*President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets officials from economic and social fields, associations and organizations.—MNA*

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### Religious Affairs Ministry arranges pilgrimage to India, Nepal



*Coordination meeting on sending pilgrims to India and Nepal in progress.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—The Ministry of Religious Affairs held a coordination meeting on sending pilgrims to India and Nepal where four Samvejaniya places are located, at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung delivered an address, and Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Htay gave a supplementary report.

Director-General U Khaing Aung of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana reported on supervision for smooth pilgrimage.

Officials submitted the reports in their respective sectors. Those present participated in the discussions.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Union Minister.—MNA



### Union F&R Minister receives ADB Executive Director

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun received Executive Director Mr Chaiyuth Sudthitanakorn of Asian Development Bank at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

They held discussion on financial

and monetary affairs.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.

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*Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun receives Executive Director Mr Chaiyuth Sudthitanakorn of Asian Development Bank.*

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### CBM Governor receives ADB Executive Director

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug— Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein received Executive Director Mr Chaiyuth Sudthitanakorn

of Asian Development Bank at his office, here, this afternoon.

They discussed about banking services of Myanmar.

Also present at the call were the vice-governor of CBM and heads of department.

*Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein receives Executive Director Mr Chaiyuth Sudthitanakorn of Asian Development Bank.*

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### Union A&I Minister receives Indian, Brazilian Ambassadors

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received Indian Ambassador Dr Villur Sundararajan Seshadri at the ministry, here, at 9 am today.

They discussed technology and cash assistance for implementation of irrigation facilities,

realizing the construction of Agriculture Research Centre at Yezin University of Agriculture, sending of scholarship students and long-term investment in cultivation of crops.

The Union Minister also received Brazilian Ambassador Mr Jose Carlo da Fonseca Junior at his office, here, at 10.30 am.

They focused on

cooperation in agriculture between the two countries, supply of water for agricultural purpose in dry regions of Myanmar and uplift of living standard of local people.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises.—MNA



Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay receives President & CEO Mr Anon Sirisaengtaksin and party of PTTEPI of Thailand.—MNA

NAYPYITAW, 17 Aug—Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received President & CEO Mr Anon Sirisaengtaksin and party of PTTEPI of Thailand that is undertaking joint venture with Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy, at the ministry, here, on 15 August morning.

They focused on mutual cooperation in energy sector. At the call, they cordially discussed ongoing tasks for Zawtika Project in Block M-9 offshore Mottama, acceleration for tasks at Block M-3 and plans for exploration of oil and natural gas inland.

They attended the ceremony to sign the agreement on Zawtika Project between MOGE and PTTEPI. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, the acting director-general of Energy Planning Department and officials.

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Mobile medical teams provided medical treatment to flood victims at rescue camps in Toungoo on 16 August.—MNA

### I killed 20 more after cops ignored my call, says Norway killer

OSLO, 17 Aug—Norway killer Anders Breivik, who went on a killing spree in Oslo last month, killed 20 more victims after police "ignored" his attempts to surrender by phone, his lawyer has been claimed.

Geir Lippe said that Breivik had halted his 22 July gun rampage on the Norwegian island of Utøya to ring police and give himself up.

But when officers failed to return his call, he carried on shooting on "autopilot" - taking the final shocking death toll to 69.

"He wanted to capitulate. If he had received confirmation that his message was understood, he would have stopped his mission," the Sun quoted Lippe, as saying.

Lippe also claimed that Breivik had made up to a dozen calls using a

mobile he found on the island, but only two connected. Northern Buskerud police chief Magne Rustad said that they did try to return the call, but the phone was switched off.

Breivik had attacked government buildings in Oslo that resulted in eight deaths, and carried out mass shooting at a camp of the Workers' Youth League (AUF) of the Labour Party on the island of Utøya where he killed 69 people, mostly teenagers.

The 32-year-old right-wing extremist was charged with "destabilising or destroying basic functions of society" and "creating serious fear in the population", acts of terrorism under the criminal law, and ordered held for eight weeks—the first four in solitary confinement—pending further court proceedings.—Internet



The No Nitro Hammond lakester makes a run during the second day of the 63rd annual Bonneville SpeedWeek race on the Bonneville Salt Flats outside Wendover, Utah, on 14 August, 2011. Hundreds of drag race cars will attempt to set land speed records during the course of the week.

INTERNET

### Six die of electric shock, one injured in central China

ZHENGZHOU, 17 Aug—Six people died and one was injured in an electrocution accident in central China's Henan Province, local authorities said Wednesday.

The accident happened at about 2 pm Tuesday when workers from Henan Water and Power Consulting Engineering Co. Ltd were conducting a field survey in the village of Shiqiao in Xinyang City, sources with the

publicity department of the municipal committee of Communist Party.

The workers were carrying a tripod, which accidentally touched the high-voltage wire, according to the department.

The injured has since been rushed to a local hospital, and the injuries are not life-threatening, sources said.

An investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.—Xinhua

### Four missing after police helicopter crashes into reservoir in Beijing

BEIJING, 17 Aug—Four people are missing after a police helicopter crashed into a reservoir in a northern suburb of Beijing on Wednesday morning, Beijing police said.

Five crew members were aboard the helicopter that was returning from a rescue drill above the mountainous region of Miyun County that ended at 9:12 am, the Beijing

police said in a statement.

As of 1:30 pm, one crew member has been saved while the rescue of four others is still under way, according to the statement.—Xinhua

## Obama warns of threat from "lone wolf" attack

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug—US President Barack Obama on Tuesday warned against the threat of "lone wolf" terror attack to the United States, as the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks approaches.

"The most likely scenario that we have to guard against right now ends up being more of a lone wolf operation than a large, well-coordinated terrorist attack," Obama said in an interview with CNN. He said such attack would look like what took place in Norway last month, when one person killed dozens of people without elaborate organizational support.

"When you've got one person who is deranged or driven by a hateful ideology, they can do a lot of damage, and it's a lot harder to trace those lone wolf operators," said the president. However, Obama said the government is still monitoring all potential terror scenarios and is keeping its vigilance, especially with the 9/11 anniversary approaching.

He said the United States is making progress in pressing al-Qaeda, and "they are a much weaker organization with much less capability than they had just two or three years ago." On 11 September, 2001, al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four commercial passenger planes and crashed two into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre in New York City, leaving some 3,000 people dead.—Xinhua



Rainstorms cause flooding in Gannan Tibet autonomous prefecture, Gansu province, on 15 August, 2011.—XINHUA

## Two hurt in weapon accident at Copenhagen Airport

COPENHAGEN, 17 Aug—Two baggage handlers at Copenhagen Airport were wounded by pellets from a shotgun that went off as they tried to move it from one aircraft to another Monday night.

They suffered superficial wounds from the pellets which also damaged one wing of the aircraft belonging to the carrier SAS, airport authorities said on Tuesday. "The weapon was stored in a weapon's case, but there was apparently so much shock during transport that the weapon discharged and the bullets went through the case," said Claus Hoffman, an airport official, in comments cited by Danish broadcaster TV2.

The baggage handlers were hurt as they loaded the weapon's case on to a baggage trolley, with one being hit in the back of the thigh, and the other suffering severe ringing in the ears owing to the shotgun blast. The rifle is said to be the property of a 76-year-old man who have started his journey in Orlando, the United States, and flown via Chicago and then Frankfurt, Germany, on his way to Copenhagen, capital of Denmark. As it is illegal to transport a loaded weapon by air, the man will be presented by Copenhagen police before a city court judge Tuesday. The damaged aircraft has been taken temporarily out of service for a technical inspection, a spokesperson for SAS told TV2.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 15 Aug, 2011 shows a handmade wood carving named "Phoenix" made by craftsman Xu Yingfu in Xiangyang City, central China's Hubei Province. Xu's skill was handed down from his ancestors.

Handmade wood carving, with various carve designs, should be regarded as an art, said Xu.

XINHUA

## Lightning strike at Florida's Seaworld sends eight to hospital

ORLANDO, 17 Aug—A lightning strike at SeaWorld's Discovery Cove sent eight people to the hospital, a SeaWorld spokesman said on Tuesday. "Three guests and 5 employees were affected, but were not struck directly," Nick Gallatscheck said in an email to Reuters.

Gallatscheck said they were sent to the hospital as a precaution, and that all were conscious and alert when transported. But Gallatscheck said he had no further information about their condition or the lightning strike itself. A spokesman for the Dr P Phillips Hospital said he could not provide information on the group. Central Florida is a region known for dangerous lightning. Florida state as a whole recorded 449 lightning deaths between 1959 and 2007, according to the National Weather Service.—Reuters

## Rains to sweep north China, heat waves to linger in south

BEIJING, 17 Aug—The National Meteorological Centre (NMC) forecast Wednesday that heavy rains will sweep northwest and north China while scorching weather will linger in the south over the next three days.

Heavy rains are expected to pound north China and eastern parts of the northwest within the following 24 hours, the NMC said. Thunderstorms and gales will hit parts of Shaanxi, Shanxi, Jiangsu and Hainan provinces as well as the southern coast of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, it said.

The NMC continued to issue the yellow-level high-temperature alert on Wednesday, saying that most of the country's southern areas and parts of its southwest will see temperatures above 35 degrees

## EU welcomes Franco-German meeting on eurozone economy

BRUSSELS, 17 Aug—European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso and Commissioner for economic and monetary affairs Olli Rehn on Tuesday welcomed the meeting between French and German leaders.

In a statement issued on Tuesday evening, Barroso and Rehn said the meeting between French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel was a step forward "in our common effort to strengthen the governance of the euro area."

"They represent an important political contribution by the leaders of the two largest euro area economies to this debate and the on-going work," the statement said.

The statement stipulated that a common currency needs "shared responsibility and demands closer coordination of economic policies." It called for more frequent summit in the eurozone, as well as "a permanent chair."

The statement also welcomed the notion of financial transaction tax, and pledged that the Commission would cooperate with President of European Council and President of Eurogroup in its future work.

During the Tuesday meeting between Sarkozy and Merkel, the two leaders proposed more united regulation on financial market to guarantee growth, amid fears of worsening eurozone debt crisis and slowing economic growth in both states.

The proposals of the two leaders included a common economic government, a financial transaction tax on EU level and the "golden rule" to reduce members' deficit.—Xinhua



Vehicles move in the flooded water after heavy monsoon rain in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 16 Aug, 2011.

Pakistan, a country still recovering from last year's devastating flood disaster that affected over 20 million people, is confronted with a new round of flood this year due to intermittent rain.

XINHUA

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1. Open Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of the following stores (in Myanmar Kyats.)

LOT: No	Description	Quantity
1.	Discs, Plunger & Barrel, Delivery Valve, Nozzle	12 Items
2.	ZWE Tractors Front Shell & Mudguard	3 Items
3.	ZWE, 6711/7011 Tractors Spare Parts	40 Items
4.	SH-50, SH-654, TN-800 Tractors Spare Parts	54 Items

2. Tender Closing date: 31-8-2011, 12:00 hrs  
 3. Tender documents are available at Equipment & Stores Branch of Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office), AMD Office No. 50, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours from (19-8-2011). Only Tenders Purchased from AMD will be accepted.  
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**Cancer discovery offers hope of tackling spread of disease**

LONDON, 17 Aug — Scientists have discovered how cancerous cells can "elbow" their way out of tumours, offering clues for new drugs to prevent cancers spreading. They say they have identified a protein called JAK which helps cancerous cells generate the force needed to move. Writing in Cancer Cell, they say the cells contract like muscle to force their way out and around

the body. Cancer Research UK said the study provided fresh understanding of ways to stop cancer spreading. When cancers spread, a process known as metastasis, they become more difficult to treat, as secondary tumours tend to be more aggressive. It is thought that 90% of cancer-related deaths occur after metastasis.



*Riders practice for a show with their horses at a farm in Kaposmero, 190 km (118 miles) west of Budapest, on 3 Aug, 2011.*

INTERNET

**Excessive toxic chemical found in imported edible bird's nests in east China**

HANGZHOU, 17 Aug— The quality watchdog in east China's Zhejiang Province has found excessive amounts of chemical nitrite in cubilose, or edible bird's nests, once again raising concerns over food safety in China. However, the poisonous food was not locally produced, but imported from Malaysia. The Zhejiang

Provincial Administration for Industry and Commerce said at a press conference on Monday that the amount of nitrite in the blood-red cubilose was "gravely above the permitted standard" and poses threats to consumers' health.

Spot checks on blood-red cubilose, a rare type of edible bird's nests, from 491 dealers in Zhejiang have shown that nitrite levels average 4,400 mg per kg, far above the allowed cap of 70 mg per kg. The blood-red cubilose sold on the local market is mostly imported from Malaysia, a major producer and exporter of edible bird's nests, according to the administration.

Xinhua

**Tourist trains set off from Moscow to Beijing for 15-day trip**

MOSCOW, 17 Aug— The first two tourist trains from Russia's capital city of Moscow to the Chinese capital city of Beijing officially set off on Monday, bringing some 400 passengers aboard to tour cities in Russia, Mongolia and China. According to the Russian Railways (RZD), tourists from 20 countries and regions are going to spend two weeks on their way to Beijing through major Russian cities along the Trans-Siberian route and Mongolian capital of Ulan Bator.

The passengers are served in seven languages before they arrive in Beijing on 29 August. Italian tourist Franco Orsoni told Xinhua that he had spent 5,000 euros (about 7222.5 US dollars) for the trip. "I expected to travel along the Trans-Siberian railway and see the scenery of different cities." "I will also spend several days in Beijing and see the city sight," Orsoni added.

Xinhua

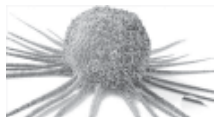
*Golden earrings, jade bracelets, pearl necklaces... These are the luxurious jewelry used by imperial family in Qing Dynasty.—XINHUA*



**Bangladesh, Ukraine sign wheat import MoU for 5 years**

DHAKA, 17 Aug— Bangladesh on Tuesday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in capital Dhaka with Ukraine for import of wheat for five years to meet the requirement of the South Asian country.

Bangladeshi Food and Disaster Minister M Razzak and the visiting Ukraine Agriculture Policy and Food Minister Mykola Prisyazhnyuk signed the MoU on behalf of their respective sides. Bangladesh will import food grains from Ukraine even after disruption in supply in the international market, concerned food ministry officials said. Bangladesh requires 4 million tons of wheat every year to meet the local demand but the country produces only 1 million tons and the rest is imported from different countries. — MNA/Xinhua



*Scientists have discovered how cancerous cells can "elbow" their way out of tumours, offering clues for new drugs to prevent cancers spreading.—INTERNET*

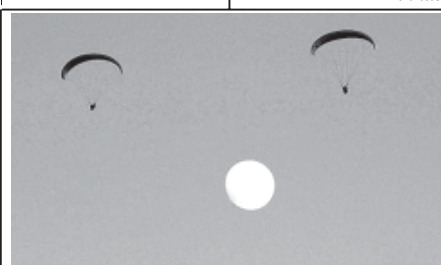
**Scientists in China detect neutrino hoping to solve antimatter mystery**

BEIJING, 17 Aug — Scientists in a lab with Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station in southern Guangdong Province have found neutrino through two detecting instruments, which is likely to provide clues to solving the mystery of why there is more matter than antimatter in the universe. The Institute of High Energy Physics with the Chinese Academy of Sciences on Monday announced the breakthrough that was

achieved by more than 250 researchers from six countries and regions.

The two neutrino detectors are installed underground 360 meters away from the nuclear plant at a depth of 100 metres. Scientists believe that matter and antimatter were created in equal amounts during the Big Bang, but the disappearance of antimatter remains a mystery. Neutrino is an elementary particle that is able to pass through ordi-

nary matter almost unaffected, which makes it extremely difficult to detect.—Xinhua



*Paragiders sail above a moon in the sky over Tehachapi, California on 11 August, 2011.—INTERNET*

## Woman finds large snake on her balcony

A Swedish woman who found a boa constrictor more than 9 feet long on her second-floor balcony said she took a picture of the snake before calling police.

Ingrid Wassberg, 65, discovered the snake as she was going onto her balcony Monday in Karlstad, Sweden, *The Local* reported.

"I looked down and saw something I didn't recognize, and I realized it was a snake," Wassberg said.

She quickly ran back inside her apartment and managed to snap a few pictures for the police, whom she called within minutes of catching sight of the boa.

Police had to call an animal expert to remove the snake from the apartment building. The handler transported

the serpent to a local pet store, where it was being held until its owner is identified. Wassberg says she has not heard of anything like this happening to her friends or neighbours.

## News Album



Children play on a shoe-shaped electric car at a shopping centre in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 16 Aug, 2011. The three-meter-long and 1.05-meter-high battery-powered vehicle was produced by a domestic shoe manufacturing enterprise.

## Mouse grounds airplane

A mouse caused the grounding of a jetliner in Sweden, leaving 250 passengers stranded in Stockholm, officials say.

A security guard spotted the little rodent shortly before the Tuesday morning takeoff of an SAS Airbus 330 flight to Chicago, *The Local* reported.

For fear of the mouse damaging electronics in the plane, SAS officials have grounded it until the mouse is caught.

"Unfortunately the mouse has not been found and caught, despite an extensive search on board and numerous mouse traps placed inside the aircraft," SAS press officer Malin Selander told *The Local*.

The airline was scrambling to rebook the 250 travelers stranded by the incident. "This kind of incident has not happened to SAS before, but we are now aware that similar incidents have happened to other airlines," said Selander.

## Woman sues after getting stuck in tub

An Illinois woman's lawsuit against Premier Care in Bathing claims she was trapped in one of the Florida company's tubs for more than 30 hours.

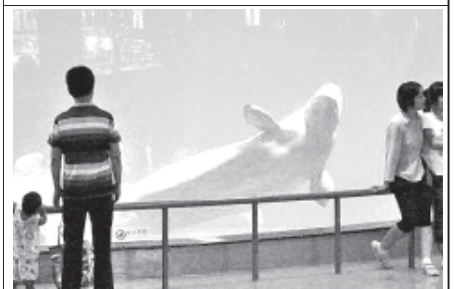
Anna Cullen, who lives in Western Illinois, filed a lawsuit Monday in Cook County Court alleging she fell and "became wedged in the tub," which she was using for only the second time Sept. 4, 2010, the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported Tuesday.

Cullen said she tried to pull out the drain stopper, but the attached chain broke. She said her daughter found her unconscious more than 30 hours later.

"She remained stuck in the walk-in tub and the water for more than 30 hours, and her inability to drain the water resulted in significant injuries to her skin," the suit states.

"That was the lousiest \$12,000 I ever put out," Cullen said. "I ended up in the hospital for four days, and then in a nursing home for three months."

The lawsuit, which claims a "failure and/or malfunction of the drain," is seeking "in excess of \$50,000 plus the costs of suit."



A beluga performs in an aquarium in Qih County of Dezhou City, east China's Shandong Province, on 16 Aug, 2011.

## Daniel Craig believes in aliens!

LONDON, 17 Aug—Actor Daniel Craig believes in the existence of extra-terrestrials but doesn't think they have ever come to earth.

"I do believe there's life out there. I'm not sure I believe they've been to earth but there is

life out there," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Craig as saying.

The 40-year-old is not the only Hollywood star to believe in the existence of other life forms.

"Avatar" actress Michelle Rodriguez has



Actor Daniel Craig

previously confessed to being intrigued by the possibility of life on other planets as well.

Internet

## Justin Bieber named richest teen in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES, 17 Aug—Canadian teen pop star Justin Bieber was named by People magazine as the richest teenager in Hollywood, earning 53 million US dollars between May 2010 and May 2011.

Powered mainly by 100 million-dollar box office from his concert film "Never Say Never," the 17-year-old rose to the top of a teen pay list which also included Miley Cyrus, 18, a Walt Disney starlet who rose to fame by portraying the title character in popular TV show "Hannah Montana," who turned out second with 48 million dollars.

The Justin Bieber film, a 3-D documentary which was released in February 2011, was ranked as the top grossing concert film of all time, beating late King of Pop Michael Jackson's documentary "This Is It" and Cyrus' concert film "Best of Both Worlds."—Internet



Canadian singer Justin Bieber performs during his concert at the Sportpaleis in Antwerp. INTERNET

## Demi Lovato - a role model!

LONDON, 17 Aug—Actress-singer Demi Lovato thinks being open about her problems has made her a better role model.



Actress-singer Demi Lovato

The 18-year-old star who entered rehab last November for three months to receive treatment for her eating disorder and self-harming finds it therapeutic to be open about her ordeal and hopes by publicly addressing her struggles, she can help more people, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"The more that people tell their story, the more therapeutic it becomes. Also, if I'm able to share my story and it helps someone, then I've done my part," she said.

"My fans are dealing with same issues. And if I am a role model, then I need to speak up and be there for them," she added.—Internet



## Taylor Swift suffers wardrobe malfunction

LOS ANGELES, 17 Aug—Singer Taylor Swift was left embarrassed when she suffered a wardrobe malfunction during a concert.

While performing "You Belong With Me," the 21-year-old Grammy winner's blue dress blew up in the middle of the song, revealing her nude innerwear however, Swift quickly swatted down her skirt and continued on with her lyrics, reports usmagazine.com.

Unlike many of her contemporaries, singer admits that one would never see her wearing little clothes. Swift says she "[doesn't] feel comfortable taking [her] clothes off."

"I wouldn't wear tiny amounts of clothing in my life, so I don't think it's necessary to wear that stuff in photo shoots," she added. So does anyone try to talk her into sexing up her style and dressing more provocatively? "Not anymore, no," she told *Telegraph*.—Internet

## Arsenal beats Udinese in Champions League playoff

LONDON, 17 Aug—Arsenal held on to beat Udinese 1-0 Tuesday on Theo Walcott's early goal in the Champions League playoff round. Walcott scored four minutes into the first-leg game. Arsenal then had to withstand intense pressure from a visiting Udinese team playing its first competitive match of the season.

The lone goal at Emirates Stadium came when Aaron Ramsey charged down the right flank. He floated a low cross that Walcott turned past goalkeeper Samir Handanovic at the near post. The victory came at a cost for Arsenal. Kieran Gibbs left at halftime with a hamstring injury. His replacement, Johan Djourou, was forced off with the same problem after less than 10 minutes on the field.

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger watched from the stands, his punishment for a tirade against a referee last season after the Champions League loss to Barcelona.—*Internet*



Arsenal's Bacary Sagna, (L), competes for the ball with Udinese's Emmanuel Agyemang-Badu during the Champions League qualifying playoff first leg soccer match at the Emirates Stadium in London, on Tuesday.—*INTERNET*

## Those who know Woods' game: He's down, not out

JOHNS CREEK, 17 Aug—The kid standing behind 15-year-old Tiger Woods on the tee at Torrey Pines was two years older and already a hotshot himself on Southern California's rough-and-tumble amateur golf circuit the first time he saw the look.

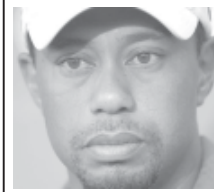
Chris Riley had played the skinny teenager with the growing reputation a dozen times before. This time, he was 2-up with seven holes to play in the prestigious Junior World Championship.

"We were at No. 12, a long par 4 and I'd already hit mine 260 yards. He

smoked his 310, straight down the middle, then turned around and shot me this little smile. He was just fearless," Riley recalled some 20 years later. "He already knew he had me."

Riley first met Woods when he was 10. He beat him to the pro tour in 1996 by a few months. Soon enough, though, every other player on the PGA Tour knew exactly what that look meant. Mired in the second year of the deepest slump of his career, Woods didn't scare anyone at last week's PGA Championship.

He looked lost, not fearless. Woods went into exile, finally returning to golf in April 2010 at the Masters with a fourth-place finish. He has been steadily losing ground in the golf rankings ever since.—*Internet*



Tiger Woods

## Brazilian centreback Lucio extends contract with Inter Milan



Inter Milan centreback Lucio tackles in a Champion League match with Spurs. *INTERNET*

ROME, 17 Aug—Brazil centerback Lucio has signed a two-year contract extension with Italian side Inter Milan until 2014, the club confirmed today.

The 33-year-old joined the Italian giants from Bayern Munich on a three-year deal in 2009, winning the treble with Inter in his first season under Jose Mourinho. He had one more year to run on his old deal but has now signed on for an extra two years.

He struck up a formidable central defensive pairing with Argentina's Walter Samuel in his first season although the latter's injury last season saw Lucio paired with Andrea Ranocchia.

*Xinhua*

## Cyclist Danielson enjoying strong year

COLORADO SPRINGS, 17 Aug—Tom Danielson has been beset throughout his decade-long pro career by injuries and illnesses, the banes of cycling.

But the 33-year-old Danielson, who has lived in Boulder, Colo., since he was a teenager, has finally pedaled to the top level of

the sport.

Danielson's consistency, including third overall in the Tour of California in May and ninth overall as the top American finisher in last month's Tour de France, have positioned him in the favorite's role in the inaugural USA Pro Cycling Challenge.—*Internet*

## Former teammate: Jets' Rypien seemed happy

WINNIPEG, 17 Aug—Rick Rypien was scheduled to fly to Winnipeg on Sunday night to have his knee checked out.

He left a message for a Jets official that morning asking whether there was ice he could skate on. But he never boarded the flight.

Rypien had been dealing with depression for at least a decade, said Jets assistant general manager Craig Heisinger, who was the GM of the Manitoba Moose when Rypien played for the AHL team. The 27-year-old former Vancouver Canucks player was found dead in

his Alberta home Monday.

Longtime friend and former teammate Jason Jaffray said Rypien seemed happy in the days before his death and was eager to join a new team in Winnipeg. Rypien had two assists in 11 games with the Moose last season.—*Internet*



Former Vancouver Canucks Rick Rypien, who was found dead at his home in Coleman, Alberta, Canada, on 15 Aug, 2011.

## Fucito helps Sounders beat Comunicaciones 4-1

SEATTLE, 17 Aug—Mike Fucito scored two short-handed goals in the second half and the Seattle Sounders beat Comunicaciones of Guatemala 4-1 in CONCACAF Champions League group play on Tuesday night.

Fucito put the Sounders in front in the 61st minute when he took a pass from Fredy Montero and sent a shallow shot across the goalmouth and just inside the far post.

Just six minutes later, Fucito extended the lead to 3-1. Alvaro Fernandez sent a long pass down the left side and Fucito went around a Comunicaciones defender and drilled it into the far corner.

Seattle's fourth score was an own goal in the 87th minute. Juan Arreola scored just 81 seconds into the game for Comunicaciones. Brad Evans tied it for Seattle midway through the 35th minute.—*Internet*



Sounders' Mike Fucito, (L), celebrates as Comunicaciones goalkeeper Juan Paredes, looks on at right, after Comunicaciones' Rigoberto Gomez scored an own-goal in the second half of a CONCACAF Champions League soccer match on Tuesday.

*INTERNET*

## Verlander reaches 18 wins as Tigers top Twins 7-1



Detroit Tigers pitcher Justin Verlander throws against the Minnesota Twins in the first inning of a baseball game in Detroit, Tuesday, on 16 Aug, 2011.

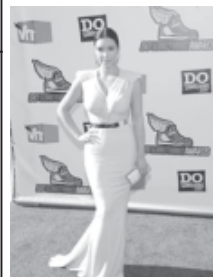
*INTERNET*

DETROIT, 17 Aug—As erratic as the Detroit Tigers have looked at times this season, when Justin Verlander takes the mound, they seem like World Series contenders.

Verlander allowed one run over 7 2-3 innings to become baseball's first 18-game winner, and the first-place Tigers breezed to an easy 7-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night. Verlander labored through a 29-pitch first inning but settled down after that, allowing seven hits in another impressive outing.

"Every win's important for us right now," the Detroit ace said. Detroit extended its lead in the AL Central to three games over the Cleveland Indians, who lost in 14 innings early Wednesday morning. The Tigers had lost two in a row coming into the game, and their last eight wins had been by one run, but there wasn't much to sweat out on this night.—*Internet*

## Team official: Nets to attend Kardashian wedding



Kim Kardashian arrives at the Do Something Awards on 14 Aug, 2011 in Los Angeles.

*INTERNET*

NEW YORK, 17 Aug—The New Jersey Nets can accept their invitation to Kim Kardashian's wedding. A team official says the Nets have been granted permission to attend the reality star's marriage to forward Kris Humphries on Saturday in California.

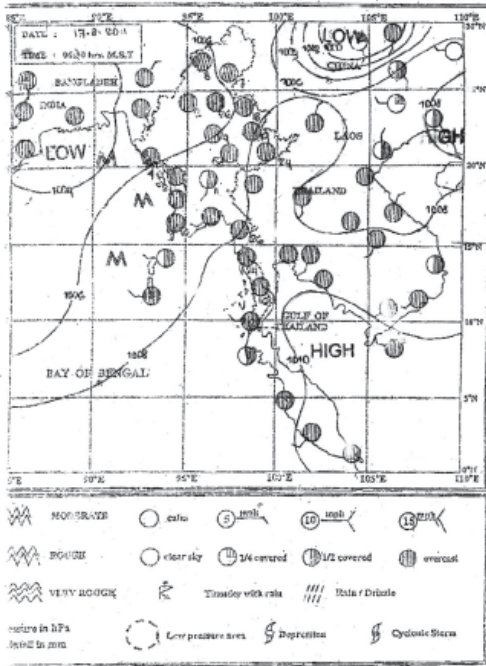
General manager Billy King and other members of the Nets' basketball

operations department are expected to attend the ceremony of their free agent forward, the official told The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the guest list was to remain private.

With players and their teams not supposed to be in contact during the lock-out, they must check with the league about events where they would be together.—*Internet*

**S P O R T S**

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 18<sup>th</sup> 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 thundershower	80%
2	Kayah	24/75	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	80%
3	Kayin	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	80%
4	Chin	24/75	13/55	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	29/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
7	Tainthayi	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
8	Bago	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	30/86	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	80%
12	Yangon	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakine	28/82	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	21/70	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	27/81	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	24/84	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	28/82	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin, Rakine and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, Kayah and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yeza) (1.22) inches, Shwebo (4.26) inches, Kyaukkham (3.35) inches, Saw (2.23) inches, Gwobingak (3.11) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.48) inches, Mektila (2.44) inches and Taunggyi (2.23) inches.

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

State of the Sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Speaking, understanding speech share same parts of brain, finds study

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug—It was long debated that whether two big tasks related to speech - making it and understanding it - are really two separate tasks or whether they both use the same regions of the brain.

But now, a new study, which conducted by Donders Institute at the Radboud University Nijmegen, has found that speaking and understanding speech share the same parts of the brain, with only one difference: we don't need the brain regions that control the movements of lips, teeth, and so on to understand speech.

The authors used functional MRI technology to measure brain activity in people who were either listening to sentences or speaking sentences.

They showed them a picture where a man was strangling a woman.

This prompted people to say either "The man is strangling the woman" or "The woman is strangled by the man."

From this, the researchers were able to tell where in the brain three different speech tasks were taking place.

They found that the same areas were activated for each of these tasks in people who were speaking and people who were listening to sentences.

However, although some studies have suggested that while people are listening to speech, they silently articulate the words in order to understand them, the authors found no involvement of motor regions when people were listening. The study is detailed in Psychological Science.—Internet



Mama, the Klamath River whale, is shown dead in Klamath, Calif, 16 Aug, 2011. The 45-foot gray whale that's been delighting people for more than a month since taking up residence in Northern California's Klamath River has died after beaching itself on a sandbar. The female whale died around 4 am Tuesday morning.

INTERNET



Thursday, 18 August View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:20 am
- 2. FIFA U-20 WORLD CUP 2011 COLOMBIA (Live) (Semi Final) (Brazil Vs Mexico)

- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:15 pm
- 3. Cute Little Dancer
- 4:25 pm
- 4. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:45 pm
- 5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Chemistry)
- 5:00 pm
- 6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

- 5:05 pm
- 7. Science and Environment
- 5:20 pm
- 8. Selected Songs For 18<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Higher Education) (Level Men and Women)
- 5:40 pm
- 9. Documentary
- 6:00 pm
- 10. Evening News

- 6:15 pm
- 11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 12. Myanmar Series
- 6:35 pm
- 13. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 7:00 pm
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International News
- 17. Weather Report
- 18. Documentary
- 19. TV Drama Series
- 20. TV Drama Series

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (18-8-2011) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(18-8-11 09:30 am ~ 19-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- \* Opening
- \* News
- \* Ancient Shwe San Taw Pagoda (Toungoo)
- \* News
- \* Distribution of Micro Loans in Myaing Township

- \* News
- \* VCD Centre
- \* Export of Seven Goods granted Tax Exemption
- \* Good Hotel Service for your Satisfaction
- \* News
- \* Taking Care for the Aged
- \* Towards A Brighter Future

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- \* Youth & Music
- \* News
- \* Export of Seven Goods granted Tax Exemption
- \* News
- \* MI People's Celebrities "Two Offsprings of the Artiste"
- \* Culture Stage
- \* News
- \* Music Gallery
- \* From "Putao" to "Machanbaw"
- \* Myanmar Movies "I miss you painfully"

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## To transform from temporary to perpetual peace: common consent of all Bamar nationals living in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—A forwarding letter with the heading “Request for restoring peace perpetually” under the signatures of 16 townsenders of Myitkyina representing Bamar nationals living in Kachin State: U Khin Maung Hla, U Myo Swe, U Hla Shwe, U Kyaw Htay, U Paw Oo, U Win Han Than, U Chit Yin, U Khin Maung Oo, U Aung Myint, U Soe Myint Maung, U Sein Win, U Tun Win, U Aung Kyaw Min, U Myo Min, U Kyaw Kyaw Oo and U Kyaw Kyaw Win was delivered to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein on 31 July 2011. The full text of the written request is as follows: —

1. We are Bamar nationals who have been living in Kachin State since time immemorial together with Kachin ethnic groups: Jinghpaw, Rawan, Lisu, Larcheik, Lawwaw and Zaiwa, and Shan ethnic groups: Tailai, Taile, Tailon, Taikhanti and Taisa.
2. Today, our country is in the process of being built into a modern, developed democratic one in accordance with the constitution.
3. Now, the Union government, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, Region and State governments and Hluttaws have been formed with the members elected by the people in the 2010 multiparty general election. The representatives of the people from all walks of life and various national races are working hard for development of the nation.
4. Since Kachin Special Region (1) NDAK group built peace in 1989 and Kachin Special Region (2) KIO group, in 1994, Kachin State have been enjoying the taste of development in all sectors such as education, health, social affairs and economy due to regional stability and peace.
5. Kachin State residents want that stability, peace and development they are enjoying remain forever. We are in favour of perpetual peace. Our state started to face instability since the exchange of fire between the government’s Tatmadaw and KIA on 9 June 2011. We cannot bear even the thought of suffering again painful memories of untold miseries, losses of life and property, and being in a state of public panic that we encountered in the past. We have aspiration for sustainable development and keeping abreast of the global community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, IT Age and the Knowledge Age. We are anxious to build consolidated national unity, and enjoy better socioeconomic life. We value and appreciate the peace that has been already built. We want all those responsible to transform from temporary to perpetual peace. That is the common consent of all Bamar nationals living in Kachin State.
6. Therefore, we request the government and KIA build perpetual peace as aspired by the entire people of Kachin State.

**Representatives of Bamar nationals  
Kachin State**  
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## KIA sets ablaze Pankham outpost at China-Myanmar border in Mansi Township of Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—KIA group set ablaze Pankham outpost at China-Myanmar border in Mansi Township of Kachin State on 15 August.

According to the information given at about 4 pm on 15 August by local people that about 20 members of KIA were heading for Pankham outpost where Deputy Staff Officer U Sai Aik Aye of Mansi Township Immigration and National Registration Department and three staff plus five staff of Customs

Department, totaling eight, the officer in-charge led the staff members bringing along with office seals, money of department, new BP books and departmental equipment and evaded to the safe place.

Ten minutes later, the KIA group arrived at the outpost and incinerated the State Flag, receipts of border exist and entrance, register books for issuance of BP books and equipment of staff, broke

up glass windows and destroyed the flag pole of the office. Later, they went to Nawngmon Village of Mansi Township.

As of 9 June, KIA/KIO has been committing destructive acts such as explosion, shooting, seizure of innocent people and killing them in Kachin State. People in Kachin State are facing difficulties of basic needs and social tasks including cultivation of crops in time. In consequence, national people, social organizations and religious associations that expect peace in Kachin State sent letters to the President to make peace as quickly as possible.

MNA

## Beckham likely to play friendly in Australia in November

CANBERRA, 17 Aug—David Beckham is likely to come back to Australia with his team LA Galaxy to play a friendly against Melbourne Victory in November. The Australian newspaper reported on Wednesday. In what is expected to be the last chance his legion of fans in Australia will get to see him play live, The Australian reported that negotiations are well advanced for Beckham’s Major League Soccer club, LA Galaxy, to play Melbourne Victory in November as part of Galaxy’s end-of-season tour. This will be the third time Beckham, one of the most recognizable sportsman in the world once, to play in Australia, following the previous games against Sydney FC in 2007 and Newcastle Jets in October last year.

**LA Galaxy’s Midfielder  
David Beckham.**

## Williams comeback continues but tiredness shows

MASON, 17 Aug—Former world number one Serena Williams continued her return to form with a convincing 6-3 7-6 victory over Czech Lucie Hradecka in the first round of the Cincinnati Open Tuesday but showed signs of fatigue in her second set.

Williams, who clinched the Toronto Cup on Sunday, is looking for her third tournament win since coming back from an 11-month injury lay-off in June.

The American will next face the woman she beat in Sunday’s final—Australian Samantha Stosur—in the second round.

**Serena Williams of the US celebrates a point against Samantha Stosur of Australia at the Rogers Cup women’s tennis tournament in Toronto.**

Stosur brushed aside Eleni Daniilidou into this week on a six-match losing streak. —Internet



**Roger Federer waits for a return from Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina.**

## Federer sinks Del Potro at Cincinnati Open

MASON, 17 Aug—World number three Roger Federer cast aside bad memories to defeat Argentina’s Juan Martin Del Potro 6-3 7-5 at the Cincinnati Open Tuesday. Del Potro had upset Federer in the 2009 US Open final before injuries set back his career but the Swiss looked at is comfortable best in the first set.

It was a much closer encounter in the second set which was played to serve until the Swiss broke to go 6-5 up. Federer had missed out on six break points prior to winning that game. He then held serve to go through to face American James Blake.—Internet