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Union Government offers olive branch to national race armed groups

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—*The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar today issued Announcement No. 1/2011 dated 18 August 2011.*

The following is a translation of the announcement.

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Government
Announcement No. 1/2011
4th Waning of Wagaung 1373 ME
(18 August 2011)**

Invitation to peace talks

1. The Government firmly believes that the State hand in hand with the entire people, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, need to pursue regional development by putting an end to armed insurrection to make internal peace in order to build a peaceful, developed nation.
2. As the first phase, those national race armed groups wishing to make pace through solutions to armed conflicts may contact the State or Region government concerned group-wise to launch preliminary programmes.
3. Upon completion of the preliminary programmes, the government will form a team for peace talks. It is hereby announced that the government invites national race armed groups to peace talks.

By order

(Tin Myo Kyi)
Secretary
Union Government

Loving-kindness

- * Loving-kindness is an extreme attribute as well as one of the Ten Perfections.
- * Loving-kindness embodies absolute innocence, peace, unity and affection.
- * Loving-kindness means benevolence to all without discrimination against or in favour of particular one.
- * Loving-kindness represents being radiant with pervasive mood of peace and ecstasy.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (18-8-2011)

Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana)	2.13 inches
Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)	1.42 inches
Putao	7.37 inches
Dawei	3.15 inches
Kyaikkhami	2.95 inches
Launglon	2.28 inches
Bilin	2.24 inches

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Finance and Revenue Notification No. 156/2011 Nay Pyi Taw 4th Waning of Wagaung 1373 ME (18 August 2011)

1. Exercising the power bestowed upon it in accordance with Section 4 of Income Tax Law, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue hereby announced this notification under the resolution passed at Meeting No. 18/2011 of the Union Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 18 August 2011.
2. According to the provision manifested in paragraph 4 of Notification No. 123/2006 dated 5-6-2006 of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, the income tax levied in foreign currency on incomes of foreign exchange of the enterprises run with CMP system from 10% to 2%.
3. This notification shall be in effect for a period of six months from 19 August 2011 to 18 February 2012.

(Hla Tun)
Union Minister

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3. This notification shall be in effect for a period of six months from 19 August 2011 to 18 February 2012.

(Hla Tun)
Union Minister



Union A&I Minister U Myint Hlaing attends ceremony to provide cash assistance to farmers of Dekkhinathiri Township for cultivation of monsoon paddy.

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Iraqis inspect the site of a bombing in Kirkuk, Iraq, on 15 Aug. 2011. Bomb blasts ripped through more than a dozen Iraqi cities Monday morning, killing scores of people.

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The new twin-engine F-50 fighter attends the MAKS 2011, an international air show held in Moscow, Russia.

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 19 August, 2011

Build peaceful and prosperous society

Today is time to build a new nation through democracy with the fulfillments in political, economic, social, education and health sectors. Earnest efforts are to be made to overcome various challenges while grasping the good opportunity.

The government has been carrying out the tasks for public wellbeing and economic opportunity in over fourth months after being elected by the public. Especially, efforts are being made in undertaking the tasks for enabling the rural farmers, odd-job earners and vendors in urban and rural areas to enjoy the benefits.

In meeting with responsible persons from economic and social fields, associations and organizations in Nay Pyi Taw on 17 August, President U Thein Sein pointed out, "Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, we will address the issue in accordance with the constitution. Any individuals and organizations in the nation should not take account of disagreements and we always invite them to work with us for common goals in the national interests."

Myanmar is a Union constituted with mini-unions. Myanmar is teeming with natural resources blessed with favourable weather and fertile soil. It is owned by all the citizens. All the people are responsible for safeguarding the nation not to lose national unity and solidarity that has been flourishing for many years. All the people are to be peaceful and prosperous for the nation and need to build a fine society for generation to follow.

In the 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. All the people lost so long precious time to strive for development of the State. Today, all the people should have stopped quarreling with each other, and individuals and organizations should no longer find fault and put blame on each other.

While building the nation in new era, all honest and innocent persons with good attitude love the mother land. All the national people living in the same place through thick and thin are to build a peaceful and prosperous society through full strength of solidarity.



The activities of Nutrition Week 2011 was launched at Mohnyin District Hospital on 7 August. The Chairperson and members of District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee present iron tablets, B1 tablets and iodized salt to expectant mothers.—NLM 001

U Tint Swai accredited to Italy

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tint Swai, Director-General of the ASEAN Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Italian Republic.—MNA

U Myo Aye accredited to Israel

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myo Aye as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the State of Israel.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin received Director Mr William Chan Robert of the US-based Caterpillar Global Construction and Infrastructure and party at his office here on 16 August.

The director discussed distribution of Caterpillar engines, machineries and spare parts with the deputy minister. Also present at the call were the managing-director of Public Works, the deputy managing-director (Planning) and the



deputy chief engineer (Mechanical) and departmental personnel. MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointments of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) Dr Zaw Min Aung	Director-General Technical and Vocational Education Department Ministry of Science and Technology
(b) Dr Mie Mie Thet Thwin	Rector Mandalay University of Computer Studies Advanced Science and Technology Department Ministry of Science and Technology

US-based Caterpillar to sell heavy machineries

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin receives Director Mr William Chan Robert of the US-based Caterpillar Global Construction.—MNA

CBM, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp focus on development of banking services



Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein receives Chief Representative Mr Yoshiyuki Morii of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Yangon Representative Office.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein received Chief Representative Mr Yoshiyuki Morii of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Yangon Representative Office at his office, here, this afternoon.

They discussed development of banking services in Myanmar.

Also present at the call were the vice-governor of Central Bank of Myanmar and heads of department.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—A ceremony to donate TV set, generator and Sky Net receiver and accessories for self-reliant village libraries of 13 villages in Prusho Township, Kayah State, was held at the office of

TV set, generator and Sky Net receiver, accessories donated to self-reliant libraries

Township Administrator in Prusho, yesterday.

Kayah State Minister for Electric Power and Industry U Saw Hu Hu

made a speech. State Hluttaw Representative U Richard and wellwishers presented TV set,

generator and Sky Net receiver and accessories to responsible persons of villages.

MNA

Russia's 5G fighter makes first demonstration flight

Moscow, 18 Aug—Russia's Sukhoi T-50 fifth generation fighter performed its first demonstration flight at an international aviation show Wednesday.

Experts at the MAKS 2011 International Aviation and Space Show said the pilots did not perform any acrobatic stunts because the plane was still going through a series of test flights.

It was important for the manufacturers to show that "the plane no longer exists just on paper, but is fleshed out in metal and up in the air". The T-50, developed under the programme Future Aviation System for Tactical Air Force at Sukhoi, will be the jewel in the Russian air force

crown.

The service has relied on the Mikoyan MiG-29 and Sukhoi Su-27 family of combat aircraft as the core of its fighter force since the mid-1980s, but these aircraft are seen as approaching obsolescence, officials said.

The T-50 is Russia's



The new twin-engine T-50 fighter attends the MAKS 2011, an international air show held in Moscow. XINHUA

first new major combat aircraft designed since the fall of the Soviet Union. When an operational fighter based on it is put into service, possibly as soon as 2015, it will be the Russian Air Force's first stealth aircraft, featuring low-

observable technology that makes it almost impossible to detect with radar.

Like its US counterpart, the F-22 Raptor, it will be able to cruise at supersonic speeds, and be capable of pulling high-G manoeuvres that older aircraft cannot match thanks to thrust-vectoring exhaust nozzles and a hi-tech flight control system.

The T-50 made its first flight at the Komsomolsk-on-Amur factory airfield in Siberia in January, and since then two prototypes have been undergoing flight tests at the Zhukovsky flight test centre near Moscow.

Internet

Four police officers killed in explosion in Colombia

BOGOTA, 18 Aug—Four police officers were killed and three others were wounded on Wednesday when an explosive device went off in Narino Province, in southern Colombia, bordering Ecuador.

The incident, occurring five days after a similar device exploded near the Colombia-Ecuador border, killed three policemen and one policewoman when they were driving in Inda Zabaleta to set up a checkpoint.

The three injured were receiving medical attention in hospital.

According to the primary investigation, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the country's largest rebel group, was blamed for the attack, which was believed to be an act of revenge for the arrest of one of its members.

The government was to set up a special security council to find out the culprit and strengthen regional security.

Xinhua

Two killed, seven injured in blast near NATO base in E Afghanistan

GARDEZ (Afghanistan), 18 Aug—Two local guards were killed and seven people were injured on Thursday when a car bomb went off near a NATO base in Gardez, the provincial capital of eastern Paktia

Province, an official said.

"I do confirm so far two local security guards were killed in a car bomb blast near the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) run by NATO troops in Gardez City,"

spokesman for the local government, Rohullah Samoon told Xinhua.

He said seven local workers, who were waiting near the entry gate of the PRT base, were also injured in the blast that occurred at around 8:00 am (GMT 0330) Thursday in Gardez City, some 100 km south of capital City of Kabul.

Security personnel have cordoned off the area in precautionary measures and the injured people have been shifted to a nearby hospital. No group has claimed responsibility for the incident so far.—Xinhua



An Afghan policeman R looks at the destruction caused at the compound of the governor of Parwan Province in Charikar on 14 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET



Victims of a car bomb lie in hospital in Kut, Iraq, on 15 Aug, 2011. Bomb blasts ripped through more than a dozen Iraqi cities Monday, killing 60 security forces and civilians in the worst attack this year, one that highlighted al-Qaeda's resolve and ability to wreak havoc.

INTERNET

Massive raids nab 17 gang members in Southern California

LOS ANGELES, 18 Aug—A multi-agency task force has arrested 17 members from five rival gangs in massive raids conducted in Southern California on Wednesday morning, authorities said.

The gang members, many of them Cambodian, were found to have involved in several home invasion burglaries and other related thefts. They were taken into custody by officers at 47 locations in the Long Beach area and Orange County. Six handguns and narcotics including methamphetamine, Ecstasy and marijuana were seized by authorities.—Xinhua

Fifteen people killed, six vehicles torched in Karachi

KARACHI, 18 Aug—At least 15 more people were killed and some half a dozen vehicles were torched in Karachi

as the city's downtown and surrounding areas changed into a battle ground, where gangsters propelled rockets and hurled hand grenades freely, besides engaging in intense exchange of fire.

Former Pakistan People's Party (PPP) MNA Waja Karim Dad and his friend Sadruddin Bhai, who were sitting along with other friends at a hotel located near Jamaat Khana Punjabi Club in the remits of Jackson police station, were shot dead. Police said that the deceased were breaking their fast when motorcyclists arrived on the spot and opened fire on them, the

Daily Times reports.

Later, unidentified armed men, mounted on a motorcycle, opened indiscriminate firing at a food stall, where people were sitting for Aftari near Achi Qabar Mithadar. One person died on the spot while six others received injuries. The incidents added fuel to an already tense situation persisting in Lyari and the surrounding areas, where five bullet-riddled dead bodies were spotted on Wednesday.

Five out of seven dead bodies found from different areas during the early hours on Wednesday belonged to Lyari.

Internet



Iraqis inspect the site of a bombing in Kirkuk, 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

PHOTO NEWS



An Indian mother and son wear masks as they stand in a queue at the H1N1 swine flu virus test centre at The Government Chest Hospital in Hyderabad on 11 August, 2009. The number of people to die from swine flu in India rose to six, health officials said August 10, as the government called for calm and people flocked to public hospitals for tests.—INTERNET

HEALTH

Children with kidney disease face many health woes

NEW YORK, 18 Aug— Poor growth, heart problems and delays in puberty are among the problems experienced by children with mild to moderately impaired kidney function, new research says.

The study of 586 children with chronic kidney disease also found that even when some of them took medications to treat these health problems, including high blood

pressure and metabolic issues, the conditions became more common as kidney function decreased.

The study appears online in the August issue of the Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology.

“We were hoping to identify risk factors for CKD progression and see if these can be targeted to slow the decline of kidney function and prevent its

complications,” study author Dr Susan Furth, of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, said in a journal news release.

“Our findings suggest that more aggressive interventions to improve blood pressure and metabolic abnormalities may be areas where interventions could slow chronic kidney disease progression and decrease the prevalence of cardiovascular disease in children and young adults with chronic kidney disease,” Furth said.

The next step for Furth and colleagues is to use the findings from this study to design clinical trials with more aggressive interventions.—*Internet*

HEALTH TIP

Chew Sugarless Gum

Bacteria that contribute to dental plaque crave sugar. These bacteria produce plaque acids that aid in tooth decay by breaking down tooth enamel.

Chewing sugarless gum, however, can help promote a healthier mouth, the American Dental Association says. The ADA mentions these possible benefits of chewing sugarless gum:

- Chewing helps boost the production of saliva, which can help wash away acids that can damage teeth.
- Increased saliva includes more calcium and phosphate, which can help strengthen tooth enamel.
- Sugarless gum contains sweeteners — such as aspartame, sorbitol or mannitol — that don’t contribute to cavities.—*Internet*

"Chewing sugarless gum can help promote a healthier mouth."

HEALTH

US FDA approves new drug for skin cancer

WASHINGTON, 18 Aug — The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Wednesday approved Zelboraf (vemurafenib) to treat patients with late-stage (metastatic) or unresectable (cannot be removed by surgery) melanoma, the most dangerous type of skin cancer.



The logo of the Swiss drugmaker Roche is seen on a factory in Burgdorf near Bern on 17 November, 2010.—INTERNET

Zelboraf is specifically indicated for the treatment of patients with melanoma whose tumours express a gene mutation called BRAF V600E. The BRAF protein is normally involved in regulating cell growth, but is mutated in about half of the patients with late-stage melanomas. Zelboraf is a BRAF inhibitor that is able to block the function of the V600E-mutated BRAF protein.

The FDA approved the drug based on a 675-patient study in which patients received either Zelboraf or a chemotherapy drug. The study is ongoing, but 77 percent of people on Zelboraf are still alive, compared with 64 percent of those taking the older drug.

The most common side effects reported in patients receiving Zelboraf included joint pain, rash, hair loss, fatigue, nausea, and skin sensitivity when exposed to the sun, according to the FDA. Zelboraf is marketed by South San Francisco based-Genentech, a member of the Roche Group.

Melanoma is the leading cause of death from skin disease. The National Cancer Institute estimated that 68,130 new cases of melanoma were diagnosed in the United States during 2010 and about 8,700 people died from the disease.—*Xinhua*

BUSINESS

China Mobile 1H profit rises to \$9.6 billion

SHANGHAI, 18 Aug— China Mobile Ltd, the world’s biggest phone company by subscribers, said Thursday its first-half profit rose 6.3 percent as

percent to 250.1 billion yuan (\$39 billion).

China Mobile added 32.8 million customers in the first half for a total of 610 million at the end of

market has become saturated.

Beijing restructured its telecoms industry into three groups in 2008, each with mobile and fixed-line assets, to revive competition and speed industry development.

Revenues from China Mobile’s wireless data business surged 42.8 percent in January through June, contributing to an overall profit margin of 24.5 percent, the company said. The company has promoted nontraditional services such as mobile Internet to drive revenues from businesses that include music downloads, online payment services and Internet shopping.

China Mobile also leads the market for so-called third-generation mobile services with 35.03 million 3G customers as of 30 June. *Internet*



A China Mobile company flag and the Chinese national flag are reflected in the windows of the China Mobile building in central Beijing on 8 September, 2010. INTERNET

sales were boosted by greater usage of mobile Internet devices.

The Beijing-based company said profit was 61.3 billion yuan (\$9.6 billion) for the six months ended 30 June. Revenue climbed 8.8

June.

The company has thrived as Chinese enthusiastically switched from fixed line telephones to mobile phones, though customer growth has slowed from previous double-digit rates as the

Science

What's the age of the moon? It could be waning

WASHINGTON, 18 Aug—That old moon might not be as antique as we thought, some scientist think. They say it's possible that it isn't a day over 4.4 billion years old.

But other astronomers disagree with a new study's conclusions. They think the moon is up to its typical age-defying tricks and is really pushing 4.6 billion as they have suspected all these years.

Either way, the new analysis of an important moon rock brought back by the *Apollo 16* mission is showing that the moon isn't ready to give up its true age and origins quite yet, even though scientists thought they had it all figured out a decade or two ago.

"It's not as ancient as we might think," said study chief author Lars Borg, a geochemist at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab. His study

appears online Wednesday in the journal *Nature*.

The study uses new techniques and radioactive isotopes of lead and other elements to date the moon rock at 4.4 billion years old. What's key is that this is a special type of rock that would have floated up to the moon's crust soon after its theorized ocean of molten rock cooled.

That supposedly happened soon after the



In this 21 July, 2005 file photo, the full moon rises behind the ancient temple of Poseidon, in Sounio about 73 kilometres (45 miles) southeast of Athens. INTERNET

moon formed as a result of a spectacular crash between Earth and a planet. The chunks that broke off formed the moon.

That means there are two possibilities, Borg

said. Either the moon is 200 million years younger or the accepted theory of a molten rock ocean on the moon is wrong, he said.

Borg acknowledges that some moon rocks

have been dated at nearly 4.6 billion years old. But those conclusions could be wrong because of weaker rock dating techniques used in the past, he said.

Internet

Science 'Living fossil' eel found in Pacific Ocean

WASHINGTON, 18 Aug—US scientists say a remarkably primitive eel has been discovered living in a reef off the coast of the Republic of Palau in the Pacific Ocean.

Researchers at the Smithsonian and partnering organizations say the fish they've dubbed a "living fossil" exhibits many primitive anatomical features unknown in the other 19 families and more than 800 species of living eels, and have classified it a new species belonging to a new genus and family.

Some primitive physical traits, such as a second upper jaw bone

The remarkably primitive eel found in a reef off the coast of the Republic of Palau.—INTERNET

and fewer than 90 vertebrae have only been found in fossil forms from the Cretaceous period 140 million to 65 million years ago, a Smithsonian release reported Wednesday.

"The equivalent of this primitive eel, in fishes, has perhaps not been seen since the discovery of the coelacanth in the late 1930s," said Dave Johnson, ichthyologist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

"We believe that such a long, independent evolutionary history, dating back to the early Mesozoic [about 200 million years ago], retention of several primitive anatomical features and apparently restricted distribution, warrant its recognition as a living fossil.

"The discovery of this extraordinary and beautiful new species of eel underscores how much more there is to learn about our planet. Furthermore, it brings home the critical importance of future conservation efforts—currently this species is known from only 10 specimens collected from a single cave in Palau."

Internet

Tech Skype WiFi app offers iOS users cheap global net access

WASHINGTON, 18 Aug—Skype has announced news of Skype WiFi (basically a rebranding of Skype Access) with the launch of a new iOS app, available for free from Apple's App Store.

The app enables iPhone, iPad and iPod touch owners to connect to the Internet via a million WiFi hotspots worldwide at places such as hotels, airports, train stations, convention centres, bars and restaurants.

The service isn't free, but the rates are very competitive (from \$0.06 per min), with

charges being made through your Skype Credit account. You only pay for the time you're online, not the amount of data you use.

In a blog post on Wednesday, Skype's Shadi Mahassel wrote: "Skype WiFi is great for travelers all over the world: It's a must-have app, for your iPhone or iPad whether you're on a business trip or enjoying holidays abroad." He added: "Paying on a per-minute basis for WiFi Internet access is great when you're abroad as you can avoid data roaming charges when you update Facebook, send a tweet, make a Skype call or upload photos."

How useful will the app be? Well, maybe

not so much in the US, where a great many restaurants, cafes and the like already offer Internet access, and free access at that. Outside the US, however, such a service is not quite so widespread, so it's during those business trips or vacations in other countries that you might find yourself tapping into the service.

Those interested in Skype WiFi can try out the new app for free from 7pm ET Friday August 19 to 7pm Sunday 21 August, for a maximum of 60 minutes.

To use Skype WiFi, all you need to have is a Skype account and some Skype credit – and of course, a Skype WiFi hotspot.—*Internet*

New York City testing "pay by phone" parking metres

NEW YORK, 18 Aug—New York City is rolling out support for a Web-based initiative that ties text messaging and smartphone apps into making payments on expiring parking metres. After registering online and putting a credit card number on file, residents

and visitors to the Big Apple will be able to send a text message with the metre number and purchase time for that metre. The city will also provide access through an app if users are on a

smartphone, although text messaging works as well. The city is rolling out initial support for 300 parking metres that will be tested over a one-year pilot programme in a busy commercial area in the outer boroughs.

While there are plenty of meters in the city that take credit cards, the Web service also alerts users by text when the parking meter is about to expire. Users can simply increase the amount of time on the metre, up to the maximum allowed limit, with a text or purchase within the application. This tech-

nology will make it more difficult for users to continue feeding meters beyond the maximum time as there's a timestamp when the initial purchase was made. Parking enforcement officers could hypothetically tie into a city-wide network of the metres to be alerted when metres are going to expire. If the web service also requires models of cars to be registered, parking enforcement could halt people manually feeding metres after the initial purchase through the service.—*Internet*



New York City testing "pay by phone" parking metres.—INTERNET



A visitor plays with the new Playstation PS Vita at the Sony Playstation exhibition stand during the Gamescom 2011 fair in Cologne on 17 August, 2011. The Gamescom convention, Europe's largest video games trade fair, runs from 17 to 21 August.—INTERNET

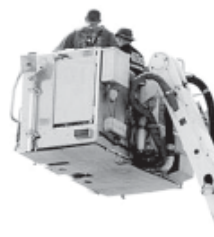
Man who climbed US TV tower comes down

TULSA, 18 Aug—A man who scaled an Oklahoma TV tower last week has finally come down. Video posted on KTUL-TV's website showed the 25-year-old man climbing into a lift Tuesday night that was attached to a Tulsa Fire Department ladder truck.

The man had been perched about 100 feet (30 metres) up a Clear Channel

communications tower since Thursday.

The last time the man had taken water was early Friday. Officers had said they were concerned. Dozens of onlookers had flocked to the site. Mental health experts urged caution and compassion from members of the public, who have taken to the Internet to weigh in on the situation.—*Internet*



Negotiators in a ladder truck attempt to persuade the man on the Clear Channel Communications broadcast tower to come down on 15 Aug, 2011, into the fifth day of a standoff with police after climbing the tower.
INTERNET

A wayward Emperor penguin that washed up in New Zealand will be shipped back to sub-antarctic waters later this month on a scientific research vessel, Wellington Zoo said on Wednesday.
INTERNET

NZ's lost penguin to hitch home on research ship

WELLINGTON, 18 Aug—A wayward Emperor penguin that washed up in New Zealand will be shipped back to sub-antarctic waters later this month

on a scientific research vessel, Wellington Zoo said on Wednesday.

The adult male penguin, nicknamed 'Happy Feet', was found wandering on a beach near the capital in June and taken to the zoo to recuperate when he became ill after eating sand and sticks.

With the bird, only the second Emperor penguin ever recorded in New Zealand, restored to full health, zoo chief executive Karen Fifield said plans had been finalised to ship

him back to the Southern Ocean.

Ms Fifield said the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (Niwa) ship Tangaroa would set sail from Wellington on 29 August with the penguin aboard.

The ship, which will carry out research into Southern Ocean fisheries, will release the bird four days into the voyage near Campbell Island, which is within the normal feeding range of Emperor penguins.

Internet

Sustainable energy structure highly needed

BEIJING, 18 Aug—As one of the world's largest energy consumers, China faces the urgent task of creating a sustainable energy structure.

Coal currently plays a dominant part in China's energy consumption, making up 70 percent of its fuel consumption. However in developed countries, it only accounts for 30 percent. It is 40% higher than the world's average. In sharp contrast, nuclear power accounts for less than 1 percent of total consumption, 5 percent lower than the world's average.

While natural gas, accounts for nearly 4 percent of consumption, around a fifth lower than the world's average. Oil accounts for less than 20 percent of consumption, 16 percent less than the global average. But, oil imports exceeded 200-million tons for the first time last year, signaling a dependency rate of more than 50 percent.

Xinhua



Mum takes son to police for one pound theft

LONDON, 18 Aug—A woman in Britain handed over her 14-year-old son to the police after watching him on CCTV stealing a chewing gum packet worth one pound (over \$1.5).

The boy, from Sale town of Manchester, was dragged to the Stretford police station by his mother to confess his crime, *Daily Express* reported. The teenager admitted stealing the gum from Sainsbury's in Manchester city centre.

Prosecutor Jo Ingle told Manchester magistrates: "Several images were taken of people running out of the

shop. His mum saw them and took him to Stretford police station."

Dominic Walker, defending, said: "His mother and father were, quite frankly, disgusted. "He's not in trouble at school, he realises what he's done and realises the effect it has had."

Stating he had limited sentencing powers because the boy was under 15, District Judge Khalid Qureshi said: "I can't send him to prison because parliament says I can't." The boy pleaded guilty and was awarded a nine-month referral order besides being told to pay 85 pounds.—*Internet*



Boats gather around a sculpture of a mermaid at the 'Alster' lake in Hamburg on 3 August, 2011. The four-metre-high sculpture dubbed "Riesen-Nixe" (grand mermaid) or "Badenixe" (bathing beauty) will be on display until on 12 August.—INTERNET

Texas teen claiming to be 500-yr-old vampire bites woman

WASHINGTON, 18 Aug—A teenager has been jailed in Texas after breaking into a stranger's apartment and biting her neck, asserting he was a 500-year-old vampire who "needed to feed".

According to *Houston Chronicle*, police in Galveston arrested 19-year-old Lyle Monroe Bensley last weekend on charges

of burglary with intent to commit assault.

Police told the newspaper that the accused was wearing only a pair of boxer shorts when he forced his way into the 50-year-old woman's apartment, whom he did not know, making growling and hissing noises while biting and hitting the victim in her bed.

The victim luckily escaped with minor injuries and called the police, who arrested the "needed to feed" vampire in the parking lot of the apartment complex.

"He was begging us to restrain him because he didn't want to kill us," Fox News quoted Galveston Officer Daniel Erickson as

saying.

"He said he needed to feed. "I'm a vampire and I've been alive for over 500 years," Bensley reportedly told the police.

The Emergency medical personnel have said that the suspect did not appear to be under the influence of drugs, with the authorities accordingly placing a mental health hold on Bensley and setting his bond at 40,000 dollars.

Internet



Artists of the Moscow Art Theater perform in the Russian playwright Anton Chekhov's play "The Cherry Orchard" at the Beijing People's Art Theater in Beijing, capital of China, on 15 Aug, 2011.—XINHUA

Landslide kills three miners in gold-rich S Philippine village

DAVAO CITY, 18 Aug—Three people have been killed when a landslide hit a mining village in southern Philippines, police said on Thursday.

Search and rescue operations by police and soldiers are continuing for other possible victims following the landslide in Manurigao Village, New Bataan Town, in Mindanao's mineral-rich Compostela Valley after 7 pm Tuesday, according to Superintendent Jose Carumba, spokesperson of the Davao regional police. The victims, all small-time miners, were resting inside their tent when part of the mountain collapsed, burying them amid a heavy downpour, Carumba told *Xinhua* by

phone, adding four others were also wounded. The latest disaster happened barely four months after a more deadly landslide buried a mining community in the other part of the province, killing over 20 mostly gold miners.

Compostela Valley sits in rich gold deposits, with nine of its 11 towns home to gold mining sites. But poor regulations resulted in substandard mining operations, causing massive casualties during disasters and accidents.

At least, 100 people have already died due to mining disasters and accidents in the province in the last five years, official estimates revealed. *Xinhua*



China's stealth fighter J-20 is seen in this picture taken by a netizen during the jet's 27th test flight in Chengdu, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 15 Aug, 2011. INTERNET

At least 12 killed as dump truck falls into cliff in philippines

MANILA, 18 Aug—Police say at least 12 passengers were killed while some 20 others were injured when a

dump truck fell into a cliff in the central Philippine Province of Cebu on Thursday afternoon.

The truck carrying mourners was on its way to the Barili town cemetery for a burial rite when it lost its brakes, turned turtle and fell into a cliff at Balaw village around 1:30 pm, said provincial police chief Senior Superintendent Patro-

cinio Commendador.

At least seven died on the spot, Commendador said, adding five others perished at a hospital.

Bad roads, poorly maintained vehicles and reckless driving are the common causes for traffic accidents that kill hundreds on Philippine highways every year.

MNA/Xinhua

US to invest 510 M dollars in advanced biofuels

WASHINGTON, 18 Aug — US will invest up to \$510 million over three years to promote the production of biofuels for marine and aerial transportation. "Biofuels are an important part of reducing America's dependence on foreign oil and creating jobs here at home," President Barack Obama said in a communique released Tuesday by the White House. "But supporting biofuels cannot be the role of government alone.

That's why we're partnering with the private sector to speed development of next-generation biofuels that will help us continue to take steps towards energy independence and strengthen communities across our country," he said. The project will focus on "drop-in" biofuels, so called because they can be processed using current refining and distribution infrastructure. Advanced biofuels are liquids with high energy content obtained from crops requiring low levels of fertilizers and have high productivity per hectare, as well as from agricultural and logging waste plus other biomass matter including algae.

Some experts believe that advanced biofuels will soon outstrip corn-based ethanol as a component of the fuel supply for transportation in the US.—*Internet*



People walk in front of the Elysee Presidential Palace under renovation in Paris, France, on 16 Aug, 2011. The Elysee Palace is receiving renovation during the summer vacation of August. The restored Palace will be accessible to public in the upcoming European Heritage Days on 17 Sep and 18 Sep, 2011. XINHUA

Death toll in Ecuador from adulterated alcohol rises to 45

QUITO, 18 Aug—Ecuador's Health Ministry said Wednesday the death toll from consuming adulterated alcohol has climbed to 45, while another 161 were hospitalized for intoxication.

The Health Ministry said in a statement that 10 more people have been reported dead in the Andean Provinces of Tungurahua and Azuay during the past few days.

The incident first occurred on 14 July in the coastal town of Urdaneta in Los Rios Province, where eight

were initially reported dead after drinking alcohol contaminated with methanol while celebrating traditional holidays. Adulterated alcohol has caused deaths in nine of Ecuador's 24 Provinces, causing 11 deaths in Tungurahua, 10 in Azuay, two in Guayas, one in Pichincha and one more in Manabi. "These cases are being kept under observation," the Health Ministry said, advising one to stop consuming homemade alcohol because of the danger of being poisoned.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 18 Aug, 2011 shows the south main bay of the Erqi Yangtze River Bridge in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province. The two sections of the south main bay of the bridge were joined on Thursday. The 6,507-meter-long bridge with six lanes is expected to be put into operation in the end of 2011. XINHUA

China's search giant Baidu under fire on ads

BEIJING, 18 Aug—Chinese internet giant, Baidu, has come under fire for its search ads.

In a special report by CCTV, the nation's dominant search engine was found to have promoted the registration of fake websites on its search platform, leading to fraud. Now, Baidu could be facing tougher rules at a time when it is cementing its dominance of the booming internet market.

Since the report was broadcast, shares of the Nasdaq-listed company have tanked - losing nearly a tenth of its value, or 5 billion US dollars in just two days. Baidu has built its share of China's search market up to over 70 percent since Google's high-profile exit last year.

However, some analysts remain optimistic, saying the steep fall in Baidu's share price is likely to be short-term, and they say the company is still a buy unless regulators decide to introduce measures "which will limit its ability to monetise its search platform".

Xinhua



Two Mig-35 perform on the Tenth Russia International Aerospace Exhibition in Moscow, Russia on 16 Aug, 2011. The Exhibition will last for six days, with the participation of 793 companies from 40 nations and regions. XINHUA

Nation sees agriculture tasks in full swing

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing called for training farmers for producing quality paddy strains, selling agricultural machinery with installment programme to them, constructing production road, covering modern land reclamation throughout Dekkhinathiri

Township in a ceremony to provide K-5.3-million cash assistance and 53 fertilizer bags to farmers to cultivate high-yield monsoon paddy in 53 acres of farmland in Dekkhinathiri Township held at scientific 40-acre farm for education purpose yesterday.

Directors of Hsinshweli Agricultural Company U Soe Win and

U Thant Zin Hlaing presented K 5.3 million—0.1 million per acre—and Chairman of Myanma Awba Group U Thadon Hein donated a bag of compound fertilizer per acre.

The Union Minister and party viewed thriving paddy plantation and land reclamation with five heavy machinery.

MNA



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing attends ceremony to provide cash assistance and fertilizer to farmers of Dekkhinathiri Township for cultivation of monsoon paddy.—MNA

Ministry of Education to train students to be endowed with Union Spirit



NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—The Ministry of Education held the coordination meeting at the ministry here this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye.

The Union Minister explained that the ministry is implementing the plan on free and compulsory primary education and making arrangements for opening of private schools and

providing scholarship awards and stipends to the students. He stressed the need to train the students from university and basic education schools to be human resources endowed with Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit.

Region and state education officers, rectors and pro-rectors reported on academic and management matters.

Deputy Ministers U Ba Shwe and U Aye Kyu gave supplementary reports on higher and basic education sectors.

The Union Minister gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye addresses coordination meeting of Ministry of Education.—MNA

Zeya Padaytha Foundation provides cash assistance for paddy growing

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye attended the ceremony of loan disbursing for monsoon paddy cultivation by Zeya Padaytha Foundation to farming production association in Htoon Village-tract in ChaungU Township yes-

terday.

A total of K 7.6 million was paid to the association chairman for farmers.

The chief minister was also present at the agricultural loan providing ceremony on 16 August where the foundation gave K 8,350,000 to Thazi Vil-

lage-tract farming production association in Monywa.

He also inspected construction of patient ward at traditional medicine hospital in Monywa, and then met service personnel at region pension department.

MNA



Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye addresses the ceremony of loan disbursing for monsoon paddy cultivation by Zeya Padaytha Foundation to farm production society in ChaungU Township.—MNA

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—According to the 12.30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River in Hinthada 1373 cm has exceeded by 31 cm (about one foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1342 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Ayeyawady River in Zalun 1185 cm has exceeded by 25 cm (about 0.8 foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1160 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Thanlwin River in Hpa-an 776 cm has exceeded by 26 cm (about 0.8 foot) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level 750 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon.

The water level of Ngawun River in Ngathaingyaung 1170 cm has exceeded by 40 cm (about 1.3 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1130 cm during the next 72 hours commencing this noon, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Donated paddy strains to be sown in flood-ravaged farms: Bago Region Chief Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Donated paddy strains are to be sown in recently-inundated farms in Nyaunglebin Township in Bago District, Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win instructed officials on 17 August.

The chief minister urged the flood victims to take care of sanitation, health and proper drainage of river and creeks as the water level has decreased. He donated foods, cloths, household goods, and cash for the victims

through an official in Madauk of Nyaunglebin Township.

The chief minister also attended similar ceremony in Shwegyin of the same township and donated cash and kinds for the victims.

MNA

EP-2 employees urged to do away with corruption

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—Union Minister for Electric Power-2 U Khin Maung Soe called on officials of Yangon City Electric Supply Board, district and township administrators, engineers and responsible persons for timely completion, right-time arrival of material at worksites, reduction of unit losses, inspection of electricity plants to be run at full capacity, betterment of power grids and sub-power stations, manners of employees doing away with corruption.

He also met staff members at Bago Region Electric Engineer Office.—MNA



Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint addressed launching ceremony of non formal primary education (NFPE) activities 2011-2012 at No (6) Basic Education High School in Mawlamyine on 17 August. Well-wishers made donations through officials at the ceremony.—MNA

Kachin State Chief Minister meets development affairs committee officials

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai on 16 August met officials of Kachin State Development Affairs Committee in Myitkyina and stressed the need to levy prescribed taxes, repave urban and rural roads, maintain asphalt roads, carry out sanitation and supervise correct

wight. The Chief Minister gave instructions to officials on newly extended Shwepyitha of Myitkyina Township on allotment of land plots, construction of roads, erecting of lamp posts and supply of electricity. He visited Technological University (Myitkyina).—MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-District Sepak Takraw Contest kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—At the Sagaing Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-District Sepak Takraw Contest, Monywa District beat Khamti District 2-1 in the debut on 15 August, attended by Chief Minister U Tha Aye.

In the final match this morning, Shwebo District won over Sagaing District 2-0.

Region ministers

awarded the prize winning teams.

On behalf of the Sagaing Region Chief Minister, Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Kyi Naing presented championship shield to Monywa District team.

The Inter-University/College Men's Volleyball Tournament, jointly organized by Sagaing

Region Sports and Physical Education Department and Monywa University, kicked off in Monywa Zone on 5 August.

At Monywa Gymnasium, the Chief Minister presented championship trophy and cash awards to champion Kalay University on 10 August.

MNA



Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai addresses in meeting with officials in Kachin State Development Affairs Committee Office.—MNA

Naval vessel rescues Sri Lanka's...

(from page 16) missing due to disconnection, Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters discharging duty of Maritime Rescue Control Command signaled to war vessel of the Defence Services (Navy) to check whether the said vessel arrived at the Myanmar

waters so as to carry out rescue work.

At 2.45pm yesterday, the floating vessel due to engine problem was found. The naval vessel tugged the Sri Lankan vessel to

Thabyugyaing Port in Thandwe and provided rescue works to fishermen. Officers of local naval unit, local authorities and departments concerned comforted six Sri Lankan fishermen at Thabyugyaing

port and give health care services and necessary assistance to them. Arrangements are being made for handing over the fishermen to Sri Lanka through the relevant embassy.—MNA

Marshall Islands report blames behavior for BP spill



Oil is burned off the surface of the water near the source of Deepwater Horizon oil spill where BP will begin to test a new cap placed over the leak in the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana coast on 13 July, 2010.

a report on its investigation that failure to follow well abandonment plans approved by US regulators played a part.

The rupture and explosion killed 11 workers and spewed more than 4 million barrels of crude into the Gulf in the worst-ever US offshore oil spill.

The report did not specifically blame any of the companies involved, from well owner BP and driller Transocean to blowout preventer maker Cameron International Corp and well-sealing cement maker Halliburton.

By sharp contrast,

the Coast Guard and US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management in April released a draft report citing serious safety lapses by Transocean in the lead-up to the accident.

Transocean has strongly disputed those conclusions.

Bill Gallagher, the Marshall Islands' senior deputy commissioner of maritime affairs, told Reuters in an interview that his agency's report was meant to "put forth some observations to the International Maritime Organization" to suggest possible changes to enhance rig safety.

Reuters

Aruba probes insurance in missing tourist case



DESCRIPTION			
District of Birth:	April 23, 1976	Hair:	Bronze
Place of Birth:	Maryland	Sex:	Female
Height:	5'4"	Race:	White
Weight:	115 pounds	Nationality:	American
Scars and Marks:	Gardner has a tattoo on her left arm and shoulder. (See photo above)		
Remarks:	None		

DETAILS
Robyn Lynn Gardner was last seen on August 2, 2011, in the Baby Beach, San Nicolas area of Aruba, which is on the southwestern tip of the Caribbean island. She and a travel companion had arrived in Aruba on July 31, 2011, from Maryland. Gardner may have gone snorkeling on August 2nd, but has not been seen since that date.

This missing person flyer released by the FBI requests information on Robyn Gardner, an American who went missing after she traveled to Aruba with Gary Giordano on 31 July, 2011. He reported her missing two days later, saying she disappeared while the two were snorkeling.

INTERNET

Animals for Safari Park...

(from page 16)

for the news about the arrivals of the animals.

By good fortune, I had an opportunity to meet Director U Zaw Min of the Zoological Gardens Division and party at the parlour of the Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw). I noticed a foreigner accompanying them. I later learnt that he was Mr. Mike Bester who exported the animals to Myanmar.

When asked about the animals kept in the zoological gardens and the fresh arrivals of the animals, Director U Zaw Min said that the animals were delivered on the direct flight of Boeing cargo aircraft from South Africa; that the airplane arrived there over 8 am on 9 August; that as soon as the airplane arrived at the airport, the animals were delivered directly to respective zoological gardens; and that the animals totaled 58.

The animals are two male and four female white lions, one male and three female brown lions, a pair of white tigers, two male and two female yellow tigers, two male and four female giraffes, a pair of hippopotamuses, three male Gnu species deer and nine female deer, four male Nyala species deer and eight female deer, six female zebras, one male and three female ostriches; totaling 17 male and 41 female animals.

He said that white lions, Gnu deer and Nyala deer were new species to Myanmar; that an order was placed for them for public study, and other animals were for reproduction; that many species of animals were on the verge of extinction and some had been extinct; that therefore, world countries kept animals not only for public study but also for their reproduction; that processes for reproduction of animals were being carried out in the zoological gardens and the Safari Park in the

nation; that animals produced from closely related members of the same family may be physically-handicapped and blind with poor genes since born, so those animals were imported to avoid inbreeding.



New generation white lions.

Of the arrivals, one male and three female white lions, a pair of white tigers, one male and three female ostriches and a pair of hippopotamuses will be kept in the Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw); two female brown lionesses, Gnu deer, Nyala deer, zebras and the remaining ostriches, in the Safari Park; brown lions and a pair each of brown lions and white tigers, in the Zoological Gardens (Yangon); and a pair each of brown lions and white tigers, in Zoological Gardens (Yadanabon).

He said that all the animals had been sent to respective zoological gardens; that a pair more of white lions and a pair more of ostriches would be sent to the Zoological Gardens (Yangon); that then, they were kept in the Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw); that the houses and pastures were being built temporarily in the Zoological Gardens (Yangon) and they had planned to send the animals as soon as the building of the animal houses and pastures were built.

The animals imported from South Africa are the second batch. Those of the first batch have been sent to Nay Pyi Taw since 29 November 2010. The first batch comprises 60 animals of giraffes, white rhinos, zebras, ostriches, Barbary Sheep, camels, brown lions, Inparla deer and

kangaroos.

Mr. Mike Bester said that he arrived in the nation on the same flight to help zookeepers with keeping the animals and keeping methods; that he was accompanied by a veterinary surgeon; they would stay in Myanmar for about one week till the



New arrival giraffes.

imported animals got used to the land; that it was his second visit to Myanmar; and that he was also a member when animals were sent to Myanmar for the first time.



New arrival giraffes.

Some of the animals to be sent to Myanmar were hunted in the jungle in Africa, and some were chosen pedigree ones from zoological gardens and Safari Park in Africa; that the animals were kept quarantines for about three months to ensure that they were free from infectious diseases and other diseases; and that only after the processes were the animals sent by air to Myanmar, he added.

Director U Zaw Min and party and I then went to the Safari Park, which is lush and green with trees and woodlands, like a natural forest. The park was opened on 12 February (Union Day) this year. At

that time, the majority of the trees were just grown.

Administrator Deputy Director of the Safari Park U Ye Htut said that previous to the park, there were not many trees in the park; that many trees were grown to set up the park; and that that rainy season, it rained a lot and trees grew very fast and the area was overgrown with trees and shrubs. In the park, animals such as Asian deer, domesticated wild oxen, kangaroos, white rhinos, camels, giraffes, ostriches, zebras, Barbary Sheep, tigers and lions are kept in national conditions.

Asian deer were found running here and there out of joy. The park is like Migadavun Forest. Kangaroos were coming towards us to welcome us. Then, we visited the houses of Gnu deer and Nyala deer that have different colours and appearances

the places where they go to, rest, eat and sleep; that in next several days, they would be kept in natural conditions; and that the new arrivals would be on display for public study when they got used to the places.

Then, we made an around-the-park trip. The park is in national conditions with plains, slopes and hills and mole hills. Giraffes and zebras were in groups in their pastures. The male Barbary Sheep with long mane and long antlers was lying for a rest with his female mates.

Mr. Mike Bester said that both the Zoological Gardens and Safari Park in Nay Pyi Taw were attracting visitors and animal houses were kept really clean; that he wanted to take his zookeepers from his own zoo to the gardens and park to observe them; and that he was very pleased to see that zookeepers kept animals with loving-kindness.

Pointing to the giraffes, zebras and ostriches, he said that the animals of the first batch were growing fast and were in good health; that nurturing process and correct places are important for their good health; that the park has a perfect natural area; and that in particular, the man-made rock mountain and caves for Barbary Sheep were very good.

Inside a house were a pair of white lions. They are the first of their species to Myanmar. They will soon be sent to Yangon.

It was very pleasant to view giraffes in the Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw) with high natural

mountain ranges in the back ground. They seemed still strange to the places and people. Hippopotamuses were found cooling themselves in a pool. Mr. Mike Bester said that he had ever seen only two natural booths for hippopotamuses in the world: one in the Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw) and another, in Bush Garden Park in the US.

We then visited the tiger houses. The male tiger is about three years old, and the tigress, about two and a half years old. Both of them are larger in size than white ones.

The Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw) keeps 547 heads of 86 species of mammals, birds and reptiles. The new arrival of animals has brought the animal population in the gardens to 559. The number of animals in Safari Park (Nay Pyi Taw) has increased from 183 to 219; that in the Zoological Gardens (Yangon), to 1101; and that in Yadanabon Zoological Gardens, to 663. The animals kept in the zoological gardens and the Safari Park number 2542 of 175 species.

Previously, the Zoological Gardens (Yangon) had only one giraffe. It will soon receive a pair more of giraffes and a pair more of white lions.

Before long, the people can watch new species of animals in the Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw).

Translation: MS



Nyala species deers.

In this 15 Aug, 2011 photo, a line of job seekers, waiting to see recruiters, twists through a hotel lobby during a career fair in Plano, Texas. The number of people applying for unemployment benefits rose back above 400,000 last week. Still, the average number of applications over the past four weeks fell to its lowest level since mid-April. That suggests the job market may be improving.
INTERNET

Florida police foil bomb plot at Tampa school

TAMPA, 18 Aug—Florida police said on Wednesday they arrested a 17-year-old who had material to make pipe bombs at his home and had planned to attack and cause mass casualties at the Tampa high school that had expelled him.

“We were probably able to thwart a potentially catastrophic event the likes of which the City of Tampa has not seen and hopefully never will,” Tampa Police Chief Jane Castor told a news Conference.

Police named the suspect, who was

detained and charged on Tuesday, as Jared Cano, 17, and said his target was Freedom High School in Hillsborough County.

Castor said Cano had hoped “to cause more casualties than were suffered at Columbine.” In April 1999, two students at Columbine High School in Colorado killed 12 students and one teacher in one of the deadliest school massacres in US history.

Tampa police, acting on an informant’s tip, learned that Cano had planned his attack for the

first day of classes next week, Castor said. Cano has been arrested in the past on various charges including burglary and carrying a concealed weapon, police said.

Police searched Cano’s home and found pipe bomb material including fuel sources, shrapnel, plastic tubing and timing and fusing devices. They also found a journal with drawings of rooms in the school and statements apparently indicating his intention to carry out a deadly attack, authorities said.—Reuters



Jared Cano (L) appears before judge Tracy Sheehan in the Hillsborough County, Florida Courthouse Annex on 17 August, 2011. Florida police on Wednesday said they had uncovered a plot by the 17-year-old Cano to attack and cause mass casualties at his former school, Freedom High School, in Orlando after arresting him and discovering bomb-making material at his home.—INTERNET



Chavez to nationalize Venezuelan gold industry

CARACAS, 18 Aug—Venezuela will nationalize its gold industry and is moving its international reserves out of Western countries, President Hugo Chavez said on Wednesday in a combative step ahead of his re-election bid next year.

The moves will make the finances of South America’s biggest oil exporter even murkier as the 57-year-old socialist leader gears up for an election battle that was already looking close even before he was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Chavez has put large parts of Venezuela’s economy under state control and is now targeting the gold industry after his government quarreled with foreign companies who complained that limits on how much gold they could export hurt their efforts to secure financing and develop projects.

“I’m going to approve a law to begin taking the gold areas, and there I count on (the military) because there continues to be anarchy, mafias, smuggling.”

Toronto-listed Rusoro, owned by Russia’s Agapov family, is the only large gold miner operating in Venezuela. It produced about 100,000 ounces of gold in Venezuela last year.

Reuters



Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez arrives back from Cuba at Simon Bolivar national airport in Maiquetia outside Caracas on 14 August, 2011.
INTERNET

Importation of New Zealand apples threaten Australia’s local industry

CANBERRA, 18 Aug—Australian Nationals Party Senate leader Barnaby Joyce on Thursday warned that importation of New Zealand apples will threaten local fruit industry.

A ban on importation of New Zealand apples into Australia has been in place since 1921, following an outbreak of fireblight in 1919. Biosecurity Australia on Wednesday gave approval for the importation of New Zealand apples into Australia.

Joyce said the Nationals fear the decision threatens the health of



People visit a pineapple pastry fair in Taipei, on 17 Aug, 2011. The 2011 Taipei pineapple pastry festival, which will last five days, opened here Wednesday.
XINHUA

Australia’s apple and pear orchards.

“I think it’s extremely important that Australia recognizes that if we don’t get the protections

right on the importation of apples, fire blight will definitely come into Australia,” Senator Joyce told reporters in Canberra on Thursday.

“It’s just a matter of probability.” Fire blight would mean the end of Australia’s pear industry, Senator Joyce said.

Xinhua

Hendra virus claims three more horses in Australia’s New South Wales

SYDNEY, 18 Aug—Three more horses have died from the Hendra virus on the New South Wales (NSW) north coast of Australia, the NSW Department of Primary Industries confirmed on Thursday.

Two horses have died on a South Ballina property and one horse has died on a Mullumbimby property, Ian Roth, the Chief Veterinary Officer from the NSW Department of Primary Industries, said on Thursday.

The Department of Primary Industries has quarantined both properties after the horses died.

The latest cases follow the death of another horse at a different property near Ballina on Monday, where two other horses were also deemed to be at risk and continue to be monitored.

Roth said seven properties in NSW now been affected by the Hendra virus. “It’s critical horse owners maintain vigil-ance against this

virus,” he said in a statement.

The most recent deaths bring the total number of horses killed by the virus in the state in the past eight weeks to nine. Another 10 Hendra-infected horses in Queensland have died or been put down since 20 June, 2011.

More than 60 people have been reportedly tested for Hendra across NSW and Queensland.


The virus is spread from flying foxes to horses and, rarely, from horses to


people.

In one case in Queensland it was transmitted from horses to a dog. “Four remaining horses on the South Ballina property and one horse at the Mullumbimby property are currently showing no signs of illness and will be monitored twice daily, Roth said on Thursday.

“People should keep horses away from fruiting and flowering trees that might attract fruit bats or other areas where bats are known to congreg-ate.”—Xinhua

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A man passes by an Apple iPhone advertisement at downtown Seoul, South Korea, on 17 Aug.—INTERNET

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV YOMA-6 VOYNO (11071) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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S Koreans sue Apple over iPhone user information

SEOUL, 18 Aug—A group of some 27,000 South Koreans is suing Apple for \$26 million for what they claim are privacy violations from the collection of iPhone user location information.

Each person in the suit is seeking 1 million won (\$932) in damages, Kim

Hyeong-seok, one of their attorneys, said Wednesday. He said they are targeting Apple Inc and its South Korean unit to "protect privacy" rights.

Apple spokesman Steve Park in Seoul declined to comment. Apple has faced complaints and criticisms since it said in

Obesity does not necessarily mean poor health

BEIJING, 18 Aug—It is widely accepted that obesity leads to an increased risk of health complications, but new studies quoted by media Tuesday challenge the conventional notion.

"Our studies challenge the idea that all obese individuals need to lose weight," said Dr Jennifer Kuk, assistant professor in York University's School of Kinesiology & Health Science in Toronto.

One of the studies used data from the Aerobics Centre Longitudinal Study consisting of 29,533 individuals and assessed their mortality in 16 years.

It found no difference in death risks between normal-weight individuals and obese ones. "Since the obese people did not have greater risk of dying than normal weight individuals, they don't need to lose weight," said Dr Kuk.—Xinhua

Doctors: Shark likely bit US tourist in PRico

SAN JUAN, 18 Aug— A US tourist who was swimming at night in a bioluminescent bay is recovering from a suspected shark bite that occurred in a tiny island near Puerto Rico, a doctor said Wednesday.

The woman underwent surgery for severed tendons near her ankle and is expected to recover, said Dr Edwin Miranda, a spokesman for the Rio Piedras Medical Centre, where the victim was treated.

He said doctors believe the bite may have been caused by a shark, but they are awaiting analysis from a marine biologist Thursday.

Authorities didn't release the woman's name. The newspaper *El Nuevo Dia* described her as a 27-year-old woman from Idaho who was traveling alone, according to an acquaintance of hers in Puerto Rico.

Marine experts said they suspected a shark was to blame based on descriptions of the extent of the injuries, although they had not seen pictures of the bite. The woman was bitten late Tuesday while swimming at Mosquito Bay in Vieques, an island popular with tourists just east of Puerto Rico.

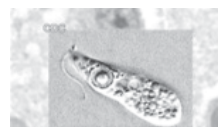
Internet

Three die of rare brain infection from amoeba in water

ATLANTA, 18 Aug—Two children and a young man have died this summer from a brain-eating amoeba that lives in water, health officials say.

This month, the rare infection killed a 16-year-old Florida girl, who fell ill after swimming, and a 9-year-old Virginia boy, who died a week after he went to a fishing day camp. The boy had been dunked the first day of camp, his mother told the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

Those cases are consistent with past cases, which are usually kids —



often boys — who get exposed to the bug while swimming or doing water sports in warm ponds or lakes. The third case, in Louisiana, was more unusual. It was a young man whose death in June was traced to the tap water he used in a device called a neti pot. It's a small teapot-shaped container used to rinse out the nose and sinuses with salt water to relieve allergies, colds

and sinus trouble. Health officials later found the amoeba in the home's water system.

The problem was confined to the house; it wasn't found in city water samples, said Dr Raoult Ratard, Louisiana's state epidemiologist.—Internet

Tourists standing on rocks view the Hukou Cataract on the Yellow River in Jixian County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 15 Aug, 2011. Tourist arrivals at the scenic spot pick up steadily as the water volume of the waterfall increases during the annual flood season.

XINHUA



Photo shows Austrian Michael Kemeter stages a perilous walk on Austria's highest mountain. The line was strung up at 3,770 metres at the Pallavicini ridge on the side of Grossglockner mountain.



Man facing charges over pigeons

A Massachusetts man accused of failing to get rid of hundreds of pigeons said he got rid of the birds but the birds came back on their own.

Edwin Alexanderian, 50, who is due to be arraigned 24 Aug on charges of failure to eliminate a public health nuisance, maintaining a dwelling that is a nuisance and keeping pigeons without a permit, said he followed the city of Brookline's orders to get rid of his two coops and he released the birds in New Hampshire, but many of the pigeons returned on their own, *The Boston Globe* reported Wednesday.

Neighbours complained to the city that the uncooped pigeons have been defecating on rooftops, patios and porches.

"The poor neighbours have been suffering,"



said Pat Maloney, Brookline's chief environmental health inspector.

Alexanderian said he is not feeding the pigeons and has done nothing to keep them on his property.

"Of course I'm not guilty," Alexanderian said. "I don't have any pigeons. I got rid of the coops." The man said he plans to fight the charges.

Police seek owner of prosthetic leg

Police in Wisconsin said they are hoping someone will come forward with information about a prosthetic leg discovered in a neighbourhood in the early morning.

The Menasha Police Department said the leg was turned over to an officer by a woman who discovered it in the 1000 block of Ninth Street between 4:30 am and 5:30 am 4 Aug, the *Appleton Post-Crescent* reported Wednesday.

"The leg is a prosthetic leg with a

black shoe on the bottom of the leg," the police report states. Officer Aaron Zemlock said the leg has been in the police evidence room for nearly two weeks and no one has come forward to claim it.

"It's certainly a very odd situation," he said. "My understanding is they are pretty expensive. "It does not appear as though we are doing any follow-up unless someone comes forward and reports (the leg) missing," Zemlock said.

Prisoners complain about TV channels

Inmates at a Swedish prison sent a letter to the Swedish Prison and Probation Service complaining about the selection of channels on the facility's televisions.

The letter, authored by inmates at the Kalmar detention centre, said many prisons and jails offer 10-19 television channels, but their facility has only seven, *Swedish news agency TT* reported Wednesday.

"All the Swedish Prison and Probation Service detention centres should offer the same selection," the letter read.

However, Bengt Vestberg, head of the Prison

and Probation Service for Kalmar, said the channel selection is a matter of cost.

"It is a question of the cost, really. By law we are obliged to show the basic selection of SVT1, SVT2 and TV 4 at the centre. We have also added Eurosport, CNN and some other channels. We really don't think we should spend any more than that," he told Swedish-language paper *Ostran*.

News Album

Harrison Ford wants to play James Bond



Harrison Ford

LONDON, 18 Aug—Hollywood star Harrison Ford says he would like to play the role of "James Bond" but thinks it

would occur to nobody to cast him for the spy's role. The 69-year-old recently starred with James Bond actor Daniel Craig in "Cowboys and Aliens".

"You know I'd consider any valid offer of a good part but I don't think it would occur to anybody to quickly jam me into the next 'Bond' movie," contactmusic.com quoted him as saying.

Internet



US socialite Paris Hilton answers media queries with WBO welterweight champion and congressman Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao after their meeting at a hotel in Manila's Makati financial District on 16 Aug, 2011. XINHUA

Colin Farrell loves spending time in gym

LONDON, 18 Aug—Actor Colin Farrell has revealed he has become obsessed with the gym ever since he gave up his hard-partying lifestyle.

"I actually like the gym. I find peace in it. I never thought that would be me. I see these quotes, 'Working out for me is lifting a Carlsberg.' It was true at the time. Things have changed," contactmusic.com quoted the 35-year-old as saying.

Farrell added that his two sons James, seven,



Actor Colin Farrell

and 22-month-old Henry, have given him a clearer focus in his life.

"I'm pretty clear on

why I go to work now. I understand and have a respect for being away that I didn't have for the first five, six, seven years. With two boys as well, I have a respect for missing people that are in my life, a respect for being away from my kids," he said.

Internet

Leona Lewis settles 'Collide' dispute

LONDON, 18 Aug—British singer Leona Lewis, who has been accused of plagiarising her new song "Collide" from DJ Avicii's upcoming instrumental track "Penguin", has settled a legal dispute and the song will now be released as planned in September.

Swedish DJ Avicii had attempted to block the track from release through a court ruling. But Leona's label, Syco, has now settled the matter and the single will



British singer Leona Lewis

be released as a collaboration between the two artists.

Syco were said to have reached the agreement with Avicii's record company, Ministry of Sound, after a hearing in a London court, reports contactmusic.com.

Internet

Gaga, Perry to pay tribute to Spears

LONDON, 18 Aug—Singers Lady Gaga, Demi Lovato and Katy Perry are set to pay tribute to pop star Britney Spears at the forthcoming MTV Video Music Awards. Several female singers will take part in a medley of the "Gimme More" singer's hits in a special celebration of her career at the ceremony to be held 28 Aug at Los Angeles' Nokia Theatre, contactmusic.com reports.

"If this line-up is legit (which I'm told it is), the tribute to Britney at the VMAs is gonna be insanely epic," TV producer Johnathan Woodbeck posted on his Twitter account.

The tribute will see Selena Gomez performing "Baby One More Time", Perry singing "Oops! I Did It Again" followed by Janet Jackson with "I'm A Slave 4 U".

Demi Lovato will then perform "Toxic", Kesha and Nicki Minaj will join forces for "Gimme More" and Gaga will sing "Circus".—Internet



Singers Lady Gaga

Former Bills LB Maybin signs, practices with Jets

FLORHAM PARK, 18 Aug—Aaron Maybin wasted no time getting on the field with his new team. The former Buffalo Bills first-round pick



Aaron Maybin, right, who recently signed with the New York Jets, is greeted by quarterback Mark Sanchez during NFL football training camp, on Wednesday.—INTERNET

agreed to terms with the New York Jets on Wednesday morning, passed his physical a few hours later and signed a one-year deal—all in time to practice in the afternoon.

“I didn’t have a chance to open the playbook,” he said with a laugh. “But I’ve always been pretty good at learning as I go along. We did a little bit of that today, but I’ll be knee-deep in the playbook tonight.”

The once-promising linebacker was waived by Buffalo on Monday after two disappointing seasons in which he had no sacks and never made it into the starting lineup. The Jets will give Maybin the opportunity to fulfill the potential he showed when the Bills made him the 11th overall pick in 2009 out of Penn State.

Internet

Arsenal winger Vela joins Real Sociedad on loan

MADRID, 18 Aug—Real Sociedad confirmed Tuesday that Arsenal winger Carlos Vela will be their first new signing ahead of the new season, joining the Spanish Primera Liga side on a one-year loan.

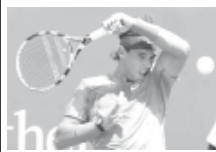
“Real Sociedad have reached an agreement in principle with Arsenal that will see Carlos Vela join on loan for one season,” said the Basque club at its website.

“The deal depends on Carlos Vela passing a medical tomorrow (Wednesday) in San Sebastian.”

Internet

Tsonga out, Djokovic and Nadal through

MASON, 18 Aug—France’s Jo-Wilfried Tsonga suffered a surprise defeat to qualifier Alex Bogomolov while Spain’s Rafa Nadal and world number one Novak Djokovic passed their second-round tests at the



Rafa Nadal

Cincinnati Open on Wednesday.

France’s Tsonga, a semi-finalist at Wimbledon, fell to the 28-year-old Florida-based, Moscow-born Bogomolov 6-3 6-4.

Bogomolov, who yet to win on the ATP Tour and ranked 50th, made a name for himself this year with a surprise win over Andy Murray in Miami and he now gets another shot at the Briton in the third round.

Internet

Barca beats Madrid with late winner from Messi



Lionel Messi

BARCELONA, 18 Aug—Lionel Messi scored two goals, including the late winner, and Barcelona won its 10th Spanish Supercup with a 3-2 victory over bitter rival Real Madrid that ended with both benches brawling on the field.

Messi volleyed Adriano’s cross past Iker Casillas for the 87th minute winner to finish off a move started by recent arrival Cesc Fabregas, who made his Barcelona debut.

Messi fed Andres Iniesta for the 15th-minute opener before scoring his first before the break. Madrid twice rallied through goals by

Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema before Messi clinched the 5-4 aggregate victory.

Tensions on the hot, humid night at Camp Nou reached a climax in injury time as players and coaching staff brawled on the field after Madrid defender Marcelo’s hasty challenge on Fabregas.

Players pushed and shoved each other after the ugly tackle in front of the benches and Madrid coach Jose Mourinho appearing to stick his hand into Barcelona assistant coach Tito Vilanova’s eye during the melee.

After the players and



Barcelona’s Lionel Messi (C) reacts after scoring with his teammate Cesc Fabregas (R) against Real Madrid during his Super Cup final second leg soccer match at the Camp Nou Stadium in Barcelona, on 17 Aug.—INTERNET

coaching staff were separated and three red cards were handed out, Barcelona lifted its third straight Supercup and first in five tries against Madrid. That

gave Pep Guardiola his 11th major piece of silverware, tying Johan Cruyff as the club’s most successful coach.

Internet

Barcelona’s Lionel Messi scores his goal, second right between Real Madrid’s players during a second leg Spanish Supercup soccer match at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona.—INTERNET



Dynamo, Revolution play to 1-all draw

FOXBOROUGH, 18 Aug—Bobby Boswell scored out of a scramble in the 90th minute to pull the Houston Dynamo into a 1-1 draw with the New England Revolution on Wednesday night.

Defender Ryan Cochrane scored his first goal in nearly four MLS seasons in the 4th minute for New England (4-11-10), now winless in its last five (0-2-3) matches and with just one win over its last 15 (1-8-6).

Houston (7-7-11) has lost only once over its last nine (3-1-5) outings, but

is winless this season on the road (0-5-7).

Boswell scored his third goal of the season when Brian Davis sent a corner kick on goal from the left side and Brian Ching unleashed a header at New England goalkeeper Matt Reis. Reis made the save, but in the ensuing scramble, Houston’s Jermaine Taylor nudged the ball to the left side where Boswell finished it off.—Internet



Houston Dynamo forward Brian Ching is upended on a challenge by New England Revolution midfielder Shalrie Joseph (R) during the first half of an MLS soccer game in Foxborough, Mass.

INTERNET

Malaysian executive buys QPR from Ecclestone

LONDON, 18 Aug—Queens Park Rangers says the Malaysian businessman who runs budget airline AirAsia and Formula One’s Team Lotus has completed his takeover of the English Premier League club. Tony Fernandes has gained a 66 percent stake in the London club by buying out F1 boss Bernie Ecclestone and former Renault F1 team principal Flavio Briatore.

Steel magnate Lakshmi Mittal, the wealthiest person in Britain, retains his 33 percent stake in QPR. The team recently returned to England’s top flight after a 15-year absence.

Ecclestone is relinquishing control of QPR after five years as the majority owner. Fernandes, who combines his job as chief executive of AirAsia with being an F1 team principal, had previously tried to buy West Ham.—Internet

SPORTS

Serena Williams withdraws, No. 1 Wozniacki loses

MASON, 18 Aug—Serena Williams dropped out of the Western & Southern Open because of a sore toe Wednesday, her latest setback after nearly a year away from the court.

Her decision to rest her troublesome right foot cost the women’s bracket yet another high-profile player and raised doubts about her readiness for the US Open.

“I don’t think this is a good time for me to take a big chance,” she said, after the big toe on her right foot bothered her during a morning workout. “I just don’t think that would be smart.”

Internet

Encarnacion, Lind, Rasmus hit home runs for Jays

SEATTLE, 18 Aug—Brandon Morrow allowed three hits and one run over six innings and the Toronto Blue Jays connected for three home runs in a



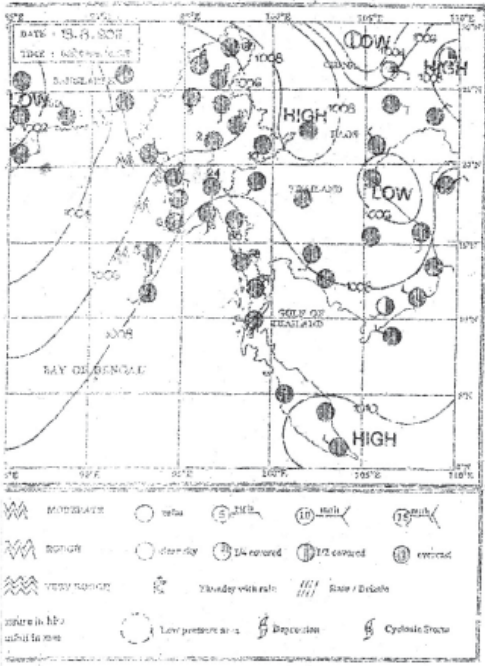
Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Brandon Morrow throws in the second inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, on Wednesday.—INTERNET

5-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners Wednesday night.

Edwin Encarnacion hit a solo homer to open the second, Adam Lind had a three-run shot in the third and Colby Rasmus led off the fourth with his second. The three home runs gave the Jays eight for the three-game series.

Morrow (9-7), who didn’t allow a hit until there were two outs in the fourth, struck out a season-high 12. It’s the fourth time this season he has fanned 10 or more.—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 19th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
2	Kayah	27/81	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
3	Kaym	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	80%
4	Chin	22/72	11/52	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	22/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	29/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
7	Taninthayi	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	80%
8	Bago	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower (H)	80%
12	Yangon	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakhine	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	22/72	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	30/86	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	30/86	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi and Mandalay Regions, Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyin Oon) (2.13) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) (1.42) inches, Patay (7.37) inches, Davoi (3.15) inches, Kyaikkhami (2.95) inches, Launglon (2.28) inches, Bim (2.24) inches and Chanzon and Bawlabhele (2.17) inches each.

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

Squalls with moderate to much seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days Generally strong monsoon.

Chinese architects digitally recreate imperial garden looted by Anglo-French forces

Hohhot, 18 Aug— Architects from a renowned Chinese university have used digital imaging technology to successfully “restore” an imperial garden that was destroyed about 150 years ago by Anglo-French troops.

Experts from the Beijing Tsinghua Urban Planning and Design Institute said they have created three-dimensional images of 29 scenic spots in Yuanmingyuan, or the Old Summer Palace, located in the northwest suburbs of Beijing.

“The Digital Old Summer Palace” project, presented at the ongoing East Asia Cultural Heritage Protection Seminar in Hohhot, the capital of north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, reveals how the garden changed between 1740 and 2010.

Before the project was started in 2009, experts spent 10 years gathering historical documents containing information about the former imperial resort, said Yang Zhaokai, a designer of the institute attached to Tsinghua University.

“We hope to depict every building as historically accurate as possible,” Yang said.

Yuanmingyuan was built in the 18th century during the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) and was known for its elegant architecture and other aesthetic features. As a symbol of the highest achievements of Chinese



A vehicle competes during the China International Rainforest Challenge 2011 in Sanya, south China’s Hainan Province, 18 Aug, 2011. The six-day event attracted more than 60 drivers from 28 teams from home and abroad.—XINHUA

gardening, it was once dubbed the Garden of All Gardens.

The garden was plundered by British and French troops in 1860 during the Second Opium War, with many of the buildings inside destroyed as the plunderers set the garden on fire after looting, and the flames lasted several days and nights.

People can log on to www.re-relic.com to take a look at the digital recreations, Yang said, adding that the project is expected to be completed over the next three years.

The East Asia Cultural Heritage Protection Seminar was first held in Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea (ROK) in 2007. Experts from China, Japan and ROK hold the seminar every two years to discuss their latest findings regarding cultural heritage protection.

Xinhua



Friday, 19 August View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:30 am**
2. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
3. Dhamma Puja Song

- 7:50 am**
4. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
5. Health Programme
- 8:05 am**
6. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:15 am**
7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:25 am**
8. Selected Songs For 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Higher Education) (Level Men and Women)
- 8:40 am**
9. International News

- 8:45 am**
10. Musical Programme
- 3:30 pm**
1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Delay) (Magway Vs NayPyiTaw)
- 5:00 pm**
2. Musical Programme
- 5:05 pm**
3. Dances of National Races
- 5:10 pm**
4. Songs for Upholding National Spirit
- 5:15 pm**
5. Selected Songs For 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Amateur)

- (Basic Education) Level Men and Women)
- 5:30 pm**
6. Yoetha Phyu Sin Kalaydoeathwin
- 6:00 pm**
7. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
8. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
9. Internet Garden
- 7:10 pm**
10. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
11. News
- 8:00 pm**
12. International News
- 8:00 pm**
13. Weather Report (Gags Asia)
- 8:00 pm**
14. Just For Laughs
- 8:00 pm**
15. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
16. Song Lover

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (19-8-2011) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(19-8-11 09:30 am ~ 20-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * “Fruits of Success” River Ayeyawady...Demarcated Cannot Be (Part-1) Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) Letpanchepaw
- * News

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- * “Youth & Education” Technology Boost Nation’s Prestige (University of Computer Studies, Yangon)
- * News
- * Amazing Interior Decoration
- * Shan Market Day
- * News
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- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Wonderful Resort in Myanmar
- * Myanmar Movies “Implicated Attachment”

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After temporarily making peace in 1994, remarkable progress seen in Kachin State in parallel with other states and regions

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—A letter under the title of making eternal peace signed by the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary of Myanmar Lesu Literature and Culture Central Committee in Myitkyina of Kachin State was sent to President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 5 August 2011. The translation of the letter is as follows:-

Dear Mr. President

1. We would like to submit the sentiment of Lesu ethnic race of Kachin national race.
 2. The government has been striving for restoring eternal peace of the State and has made temporary peace with each peace groups. As leaders of Kachin Special Region (2) of Kachin State made utmost efforts in undertaking development tasks in Kachin State after temporarily making peace in 1994, remarkable

progress has been seen in Kachin State in parallel with other states and regions. People of Kachin State are pleased with peace and prosperity.
 3. However, now Kachin State is witnessing instability, and stability and peace is deteriorating in transport of the state. In consequence, development tasks are designed to suspend, and the state lags behind development of other regions. All the people of

the state do not desire such event, and they all aspire development and peace only.

4. As such, we request the government build perpetual peace with leaders of Kachin Special Region (2) as aspired by the entire Lesu ethnic. All the Lesu ethnic always wish the government to reach agreement with leaders of Kachin Special Region (2) so as to restore perpetual peace.

MNA

Naval vessel rescues Sri Lanka's disabled fishing boat

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—As the Sri Lankan Embassy informed that a fishing boat Piyumi Duwa of Sri Lanka with six fishermen that left the port of Beruwela for the seas on 18 July was (See page 9)



Local naval officers, local authorities and departmental officials comfort six fishermen from rescued fishing boat of Sri Lanka.
MNA

Animals for Safari Park arrive in Myanmar

By Yan Gyi Aung

Myanmar has three zoological gardens: Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden, Yangon Zoological Gardens and Mandalay Zoological Gardens. Nay Pyi Taw also has a safari park where animals are kept in natural conditions. The zoological gardens are undertaken by the Zoological Gardens Division of the Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry. I heard that

the animals for which an order was placed for the Safari Park and zoological gardens have arrived from South Africa recently. So, I visited the Zoological Gardens (Nay Pyi Taw) (See page 10)



A white tiger to be kept at Safari Park.

International Sports International Sports International Sports

MEDELLIN, 18 Aug—Portugal will meet Brazil in an Under-20 World Cup final which will feature the tournament's best defensive team against its most potent attacking combination. Portugal defeated France 2-0 on Wednesday in Medellin with its stout defence and goalkeeper Mika registering their sixth straight clean sheet in the 3½-week tournament. "I don't know of any team that has gone into a final without giving up a goal," Portugal coach Ilidio Vale said.

Portugal wins to set up U20 final against Brazil

"This needs to be appreciated. We've had a great World Cup and we scored two goals today to answer critics who said we could not score." Vale brushed off suggestions that his team, which has only scored five goals, does not belong in the final. "The team plays with great organization, great heart and it plays smart," he said. In the other semi-final, Henrique scored twice in the last 10 minutes to lift Brazil to a 2-0 victory over Mexico in Pereira. Henrique has five goals and shares the tournament scoring lead with Alvaro Vazquez of Spain. Brazil has scored a tournament-best 15 goals so far. Phil-

set up

Barca beats Madrid with late winner from Messi



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (C) reacts after scoring with his teammates against Real Madrid during his Super Cup final second leg soccer match at the Camp Nou Stadium in Barcelona, on 17 Aug.—INTERNET



Internet

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