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Stake driven, Bo tree planted at Thattathattaha Pagoda on Udayayanthi Hill in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win attended the stake-driving, ground breaking and Bo tree growing ceremony for construction of Thattathattaha Pagoda on Udayayanthi Hill, here, at 7.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Ganas Presiding Abbot of Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Pañāsiri and members of the Sangha, Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Union Ministers, senior military officers, deputy ministers and their wives, departmental heads, religious associations, wellwishers and guests.

The Presiding Abbot administered the Nine Precepts.

The President and wife donated stake-driving equipment to the Sayadaw.

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President U Thein Sein and wife offer stake-driving equipment to member of State Central Working Committee of Sangha of All Ganas Presiding Abbot of Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

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President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win attend cash donation for construction of Thattathattaha Pagoda and meditation centre on Udayayanthi Hill in Nay Pyi Taw



President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win present cash to funds for construction of a meditation building at Thattathattaha Sasana Yeiktha Meditation Centre to Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—A ceremony to donate cash to the funds for construction of Thattathattaha Pagoda and the meditation centre on Udayayanthi Hill, here, was held at the Dhammayon on the hill at 9 am today, attended by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery Presiding Abbot Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara and members of the Sangha, Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Union Ministers and senior military officers, deputy ministers and their wives, departmental heads, wellwishers and guests.

First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namō Tassa.

President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win and congregation presented cash donations to the funds for construction of a meditation building at Thattathattaha Sasana Yeiktha Meditation Centre to Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt who presented back certificate of honour to them.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Upgrade development of human resources

At present, building an education-centred human society can modernize the nation and keep it abreast of other nations. In consequence, the nation will be peaceful while people can be united with sound foundations in the changing situations.

All the citizens are to abide by Our Three Main National Causes as national duty. To be able to successfully uphold the objectives: Our Three Main National Causes, the nation needs political, economic and defence might. In fact, continuously turning out highly-qualified human resources plays a pivotal role in strengthening of above might.

As a matter of fact, the government is striving for development of human resources across the nation including new generation youths. As a main task, the education sector is to focus not only on improvement of modern science and technology but also on harmonious development of arts.

Basic education is a key role in education sector. It is necessary to nurture the youths with literature for firmly adoring the genuine patriotism and the Union Spirit. Emergence of intellectuals and intelligentsia can educate the people to be rational. As such, they would have strengthened mental power with consideration.

High IQ people can build a law-abiding human society. Moreover, they will have firm patriotism and capabilities of preserving national culture.

Nowadays, a new nation is being built through a new system. Therefore, all the teachers in education sector are to uplift human resources for promotion of education standard while discharging their duties in the basic education sector.

Sports Ministry to hold Champion Cup Tournament-2011

YANGON, 19 Aug— Ministry of Sports plans to hold Champion Challenge Cup Tournament 2011 (CCC) in Nay Pyi Taw. Sports activities include Sepak Takraw, billiard and snooker and tennis from 2 to 8 September, weightlifting, chess and boxing from 12 to 18 September, traditional boxing, cycling and track and field from 22 to 28 September.

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Myanmar, US to boost bilateral relations

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr Larry Dinger, Charge d'

Affaires of the United States Embassy at the ministry at 8 am today. During the meeting,

they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and matters of mutual interests.

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Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Charge d'Affaires of the US Embassy in Yangon Mr. Larry Dinger.

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Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) to come into service soon

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint attended the ceremony to fix the final golden screws to Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) held on the bridge in Nyaungdon Township, Maubin District of Ayeyawady Region today.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin and officials were also present on the occasion.

The Union Minister and the Chief Minister fixed the final golden screws to the bridge.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) is a rail-cum-road steel frame



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint fixing the final golden screw to Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).

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bridge. Its main bridge is 7402 feet long, consisting of 3412-foot-long two approach motor roads and 13143-foot-long two

approach railroads. The motor road is 28 feet wide and railroad is 14 feet wide which are flanked by three feet and three

inches wide pedestrian lanes. The water clearance area is 262 feet wide and 57 feet high. The bridge can hold up 75 tons of load.

The bridge is constituted with 16 120-metre-long spans, two 100-metre-long spans and two 60-metre-long spans. The remaining tasks to complete the bridge is being carried out day and night.

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Paper-reading session on "Using quality paddy strains for brighter future"

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug — M y a n m a Agriculture Service and Agricultural Research Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, and Japan International Cooperation Agency-

JICA jointly held a paper-reading session on "Using quality paddy strains for brighter future" at Yezin Agricultural Research

Department in Nay Pyi Taw Council Region in Zeyathiri Township this morning.

Deputy Director-General Dr Kyi Aung of Agricultural Research Department and Resident Representative Mr Hideo Miya Moto of JICA and Mr Tomoyuki Fujil of JICA Rice Seed Project made speeches respectively.

Resource persons from both Myanmar and Japan read their papers.

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Corrigendum

Please read "resident and non-resident citizens" instead of "nationals and foreigners living in the nation" in the lines 4 and 5 of paragraph 2 of the

Notification No. 157/2011 of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, appeared in the 19 August 2011 issue of The New Light of Myanmar. Error is regretted.—Ed

Twin explosions rock British compound in Kabul

KABUL, 19 Aug— Two suicide bombers attacked a British compound in the Afghan Capital on Friday, killing at least twelve people and wounding two, police and eyewitnesses said. An official from the British Embassy, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the incident, confirmed that there had been an attack against the British Council building on the west side of Kabul. He said the British Embassy was in contact with Afghan authorities at the scene. A spokesman for the Taliban, Zabiullah Mujahid, claimed responsibility for the attack. The two blasts occurred in the early hours of Afghan Independence Day, marking

Afghanistan's full independence from Britain in 1919. It was unclear whether the attack was related to the anniversary.

Kabul police official Farooq Asas said a suicide bomber detonated a car laden with explosives outside the compound. At least one militant attacked the compound on foot, Asas said.

Internet



A dust storm moves to consume Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Ariz, on 18 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET



Afghan policemen secure the area near a road block formed by security forces on the road leading to the site of an explosion in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 19 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

Common childhood virus kills 81 Vietnamese kids

HANOI, 19 Aug— Vietnam's Prime Minister has put the country on alert as hand, foot and mouth disease continues to surge, killing 81 children and sickening more than 32,000 nationwide so far this year.

A government website said Friday that Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung has called for stepped-up efforts to prevent and control the spread of the common childhood illness. It is raging hardest in the country's south, where nearly 80 percent of cases have been reported.

The disease is typically mild, with its telltale symptoms of rash, mouth sores and blisters covering hands and feet. However, the World Health Organization's acting country representative for Vietnam says a more severe strain has been identified in about a third of the cases.

Internet

Billowing dust storm engulfs downtown Phoenix

PHOENIX, 19 Aug—A billowing wall of dust engulfed downtown Phoenix on Thursday, cutting visibility to a few hundred yards and delaying flights at the international airport, authorities and news reports said.

Driving rains and winds gusting at nearly 60 miles per hour also buffeted San Tan Valley, southeast of Phoenix in the early evening, according to the National Weather Service.

Roaring gusts downed trees and power lines in Pinal County, trapping drivers in their cars and preventing commuters from reaching their homes south of the state capital.

"This storm hit during a very busy time for traffic, bringing down power lines over several miles on top of cars with visibility near zero," Pinal County Sheriff's Office spokesman Elias Johnson said in a statement.

Deputies "will keep residents out until we can determine their safety is no longer at risk," he added.

The dust storm prevented planes from taking off or landing at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport for about 40 minutes, *The Arizona Republic* newspaper reported. A call to the airport seeking confirmation of the delays was not immediately returned on Thursday.—Reuters



A Somali woman from southern Somalia holds her malnourished child in a refugee camp in Mogadishu, Somalia, on 17 Aug, 2011. INTERNET

Rising hunger in south Ethiopia despite lush green

SHEBEDINO, 19 Aug—Malnourished children are flocking into feeding centres in this forested corner of southern Ethiopia after a drought in East Africa extended into this normally fertile region.

While the famine in southern Somalia has grabbed headlines, southern Ethiopia is teetering on the brink of a food crisis. The Ethiopian government says 250,000 people need food aid amid what the UN says is the worst drought in 60 years. An aid organization and agricultural officials say the number of people who need emergency food aid in Ethiopia is bigger, around 700,000. The rains never came as they usually do late February to the end of May. If

they fail again in August, there won't be a harvest in September. People without food aid will "definitely be in trouble," World Food Programme officer Yohannes Desta said. "Do these people have enough resilience to survive? I don't think so."

About 1.3 million southerners received aid earlier this year from a government safety net programme that ended in June, Yohannes said. Most of those people, whom he calls the "poorest of the poor," still require emergency relief, but instead must scrape by on the few crops they have left or through the goodwill of more fortunate family members or neighbours.

Internet

Afghan official: 21 people killed by roadside bomb

KABUL, 19 Aug—A roadside bomb killed at least 21 passengers travelling on a minibus Thursday in western Afghanistan, another example of civilians being caught in the crossfire of fighting between Taliban militants and the US-led coalition.

In the country's east, a suicide car bomber attacked a coalition base Thursday, killing two Afghan security guards, officials said, and the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. The minibus ran over a roadside bomb in Obe District in Herat

Province, setting off a blast that killed 21 passengers, said Gen Zaiuddin Mamoodi, an Afghan National Police commander for four Provinces of western Afghanistan. Twelve of the victims were children under the age of 5, three were women and six were men, he said.



A female victim of a roadside bomb lies on a bed at a hospital in Herat, west of Kabul, Afghanistan on 18 Aug, 2011. INTERNET

Mosquito resistance to bednets fuels malaria worries

LONDON, 19 Aug—Mosquitoes can quickly develop resistance to insecticide-treated nets, a study from Senegal shows, raising fears that a leading method of preventing the disease may be less effective than previously thought.

Researchers who studied malaria infections in a village in the West African country found that growing resistance to a common type of insecticide by *Anopheles gambiae* mosquitoes — the species responsible for transmitting malaria to humans in Africa — is causing the disease to rebound.

“These findings are of great concern,” the researchers, led by Jean-Francois Trape from the Development Research Institute in Dakar, wrote

in a study in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* journal on Thursday.

Despite decades of efforts to beat it with insecticides, indoor spraying, bednets and combination drugs, malaria still kills nearly 800,000 people a year, most of them babies and young children in sub-Saharan Africa.

Trape pointed to studies from Africa and South America which have suggested resistance to common insecticides is on the rise, and said this could have serious implications for malaria control strategies, particularly since there are few alternative insecticides that are effective, cheap and safe for humans.

Reuters



Patients lie on beds covered with mosquito nets in a ward reserved for people suffering from dengue fever in a hospital at the Barrio Obrero District in Asuncion on 14 April, 2011.

HEALTH

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PHOTO NEWS



A man gets a tattoo in 2006. At least two men may have come down with a rare bacterial skin infection that is hard to treat with antibiotics after getting tattoos at a store in Seattle, US health authorities said.

INTERNET

Manufacturing gauge drops to 2-1/2 year low

WASHINGTON, 19 Aug—Factory activity in the US Mid-Atlantic region slumped to a nearly 2-1/2 year low in August and home resales unexpectedly dropped last month, dampening hopes for a quick revival in economic growth.

Other data on Thursday also pointed to a bit of inflation in the economy, which could make the Federal Reserve hesitant to ease monetary policy further to stimulate the economy.

Global stocks tumbled on the extremely weak regional manufacturing data that investors viewed as a sign the recovery was on the rocks. But economists cautioned

against reading too much into the survey, which was conducted during a period of exceptional turmoil in financial markets.

The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank's business activity index plummeted to minus 30.7 in August, the lowest level since March 2009 when the economy was in recession, from 3.2 in July. A reading below zero indicates a contraction in the region's manufacturing.

Reuters



United Auto Workers union member Carrie Attwood uses an ergonomic arm to install a front seat in a Chevrolet Volt electric vehicle at General Motors Detroit-Hamtramck assembly plant in Hamtramck, Michigan on 27 July, 2011.

BUSINESS

INTERNET

Only 1 in 5 medical malpractice cases pay

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ATLANTA, 19 Aug—Only 1 in 5 malpractice claims against doctors leads to a settlement or other payout, according to the most comprehensive study of these claims in two decades.

But while doctors and their insurers may be winning most of these

challenges, that's still a lot of fighting. Each year about 1 in 14 doctors is the target of a claim, and most physicians and virtually every surgeon will face at least one in their careers, the study found.

Malpractice cases carry a significant emotional cost for

doctors, said study co-author Amitabh Chandra, an economist and professor of public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

“They hate having their name dragged through the local newspaper and having to go to court,” he said.

The study might

seem to support a common opinion among doctors that most malpractice lawsuits are baseless, but the authors said the truth is more complicated than that.

They noted influential earlier research in New York State concluding that just a tiny fraction of the patients harmed by medical mistakes actually file claims.

Trial lawyers say

cost is a barrier to bringing a claim to court. There are very high up-front costs for hiring expert witnesses and preparing a case. Doctors, hospitals and their insurers often have significant money and legal firepower. Some states also have caps on malpractice awards. So, usually, only very strong cases with high expected payouts are pursued.—*Internet*

BUSINESS

Milk better than H₂O for child dehydration

HAMILTON, 19 Aug—Milk is a more effective way of countering dehydration in children than a sports drink or water, researchers at McMaster University in Ontario say.

Principal investigator Brian Timmons, research director of the Child Health and Exercise Medicine Programme at McMaster University, says milk replaces sodium lost in sweat and helps the body retain fluid better. In addition, milk provides protein — not found in other drinks — that children need for muscle development and growth, Timmons says.

“Children become dehydrated during exercise, and it's important they get enough fluids, particularly before going into a second round of a game,” Timmons says in a statement.

“Milk is better than either a sports drink or water because it is a source of high quality protein, carbohydrates, calcium and electrolytes.”—*Internet*

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Science

Russia loses newly launched telecom satellite

Moscow, 19 Aug—Russia lost contact with a communications satellite shortly after its launch Thursday, the government space agency said, the latest in a series of failures that has dogged the nation's space programme.

The *Express-AM4* satellite, described by officials as Russia's most powerful telecommunications satellite, was launched atop a Proton-M booster rocket from the Russia-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The Federal Space Agency said in a statement the booster itself worked fine, but a subsequent failure of the additional upper stage, the Briz-M, resulted in the loss of communications with the satellite. It said efforts were being made to re-establish contact with the 5.8-ton (6.38-ton) craft.

The satellite has been insured for 7.5 billion rubles (about \$260 million or euro180 million) with Russian Ingosstrakh insurance company.

The satellite was to be put into a geostationary orbit to provide digital TV broadcasting for Russia's far eastern regions. Broadcasters said that the failure would likely delay the planned transfer to digital TV.

The Briz-M upper stage has experienced several failures, most recently in February when its malfunction led to the loss of a Russian military satellite.



In this image provided by Space Centre Yuzhny on 18 Aug, 2011, the Proton-M booster rocket with Express-AM4 satellite is lifted for a blast off at the Russia-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on 15 Aug, 2011.
INTERNET

In December 2010, another technical glitch led to the loss of three *GLONASS-M* navigation satellites, which were to be part of Russia's satellite navigation system competing with the US Global Positioning System, or GPS.

That mishap eventually cost then-space chief Anatoly Perminov his job.

Internet

Science

Critters moving away from global warming faster

WASHINGTON, 19 Aug—Animals across the world are fleeing global warming by heading north much faster than they were less than a decade ago, a new study says.

About 2,000 species examined are moving away from the equator at an average rate of more than 15 feet per day, about a mile per year, according to new research published Thursday in the journal *Science* which analyzed previous studies. Species are also moving up mountains to escape the heat, but more slowly, averaging about 4 feet a year.

The species — mostly from the Northern Hemisphere and including plants — moved in fits and starts, but over several decades it averages to about 8 inches an hour away from the equator.

"The speed is an important issue," said study main author Chris Thomas of the University of York. "It is faster than we thought."

Included in the analysis was a 2003 study that found species moving north at a rate of just more

This undated handout photo provided by the Butterfly Conservation shows a Comma butterfly.
INTERNET



than a third of a mile per year and up at a rate of 2 feet a year. Camille Parmesan of the University of Texas, who conducted that study, said the new research makes sense because her data ended around the late 1990s and the 2000s were far hotter.

Federal weather data show the last decade was the hottest on record, and 2010 tied with 2005 for the hottest year on record. Gases from the burning of fossil fuel, especially carbon dioxide, are trapping heat in the atmosphere, warming the Earth and changing the climate in several ways, according to the overwhelming majority of scientists and the world's top scientific organizations.

As the temperatures soared in the 2000s, the species studied moved faster to cooler places, Parmesan said.—Internet

Map shows all ice movement in Antarctica

Science

PASADENA, 19 Aug—Researchers conducting a NASA-funded study say they have used radar data to create the first complete map of the speed and direction of ice flow in Antarctica.

Created using radar observations from a large number of international satellites, the map shows glaciers flowing thousands of miles from the continent's deep interior to its coast — and will be critical for tracking future sea-level increases from climate change, a release from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif, said Thursday. "This is like seeing a map of all the oceans' currents for the first time.

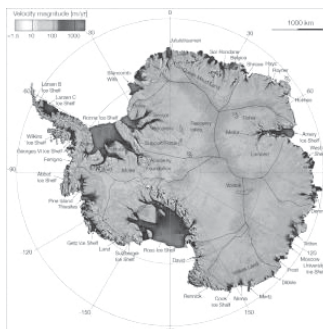
It's a game changer for glaciology," said Eric Rignot of JPL and the University of California, Irvine. "We are seeing amazing flows from the heart of the continent that had never been described before."

Rignot and Irvine colleagues Jeremie Mouginot and Bernd Scheuchl used massive amounts of data captured by European, Japanese and Canadian satellites to remove out cloud cover, solar glare and land features masking the glaciers.

Using NASA technology, the team patiently pieced together the shape and velocity of glacial formations.

The map revealed glacial formations moving as much as 800 feet per year across immense plains sloping toward the Antarctic Ocean.—Internet

First complete map of the speed and direction of ice flow in Antarctica, derived from radar interferometric data from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's ALOS PALSAR, the European Space Agency's Envisat ASAR and ERS-1/2, and the Canadian Space Agency's RADARSAT-2 spacecraft.
INTERNET



Tech

Software said to improve GPS accuracy

COLUMBUS, 19 Aug—US researchers working on the accuracy of GPS location say they have set their sights on the third dimension with software to improve altitude measurements. While most people are generally concerned with pinpointing their own location in two dimensions on Earth's surface, the third dimension of altitude has always been available through GPS — but the accuracy has always been lower than that of the horizontal coordinates, researchers at Ohio State University said.

They're working on software that in initial tests provided vertical accuracy to centimeter-scales — a matter of inches, a university release said Wednesday. As the level of GPS precision increases, the researchers say, so do potential applications of the technology for scientific research, said Dorota Grejner-Brzezinska, OSU professor of civil and environmental engineering.

For example, extremely accurate measurements in the vertical dimension could identify changes in hazardous regions at high altitudes, recognizing small shifts in soft, loose land that may be prone to landslides, researchers said. The software could be used to measure how quickly glaciers at high altitudes are melting, they said.—Internet



In this 2 Feb, 2010 file photo, the Palm Pre Plus, left, and the Palm Pixi Plus are shown in San Francisco. In a dramatic reshuffling, Hewlett-Packard Co on 18 Aug, 2011 said that it will discontinue its tablet computer and smartphone products and may sell or spin off its PC division, bowing out of the consumer businesses. The announcement comes just two years after spending \$1.8 billion on smartphone maker Palm, which gave HP the webOS software that has been praised by critics but largely been ignored by the marketplace.
INTERNET

Kachin State Government makes good headway in negotiations over conflicts between Union government and KIO

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—A forwarding letter with the heading “Requesting again for Peace of Kachin State” dated 5 August 2011 under the signatures of Chairman of Myitkyina Council of Churches in Myitkyina, Kachin State, Reverend U Ma Dein Zone Kyan and Secretary Bishop Canon Arbyaham Zaw Khaung was delivered to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein. The following is a translation of the full text of the letter.

Your Excellency,

1. Myitkyina Council of Churches is saying prayers that the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar achieves success in ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

2. We are encouraged by the information that a good headway has been made by Kachin State Government in the negotiations over the conflicts between the Union government and KIO under the guidance of the Union Government for restoration of stability and peace in Kachin State.

3. Myitkyina Council of Churches delivered a letter No. MCC 16/2011 dated 9 July 2011 to the President for peace of Kachin State.

4. We request that Your Excellency keep giving guidance with benevolence till stability and peace is restored in Kachin State.

Bishop Canon Arbyaham Zaw Khaung
Secretary
Myitkyina Council of Churches
Myitkyina

Reverend U Ma Dein Zone Kyan
Chairman
Myitkyina Council of Churches
Myitkyina



President U Thein Sein accepts cash donated by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, for construction of meditation building. (News on page 1)
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Myanmar delegation arrives back from Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug— At the invitation of Mr Neomal Perera, Deputy Minister for External Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Maung Myint paid a goodwill visit to Sri Lanka from 15 to 18 August.

While in Colombo, the deputy minister called on Mr G L Peiris, Minister for External Affairs of Sri Lanka.

Deputy Minister U Maung Myint held discussions with Mr Neomal Perera about promotion of bilateral relations and exchanged views on further cooperation in international issues. After meeting, the delegation was hosted a dinner by Sri Lankan Deputy External Affairs Minister Mr Neomal Perera at the Galle Face Hotel.

On 16 August, the Myanmar delegation visited the Maha Bodhi in Anuradhapura and the Myanmar monastery there. Next, the Myanmar delegation called on Mr Berty Premalal Dissanayake, Chief Minister of the North Central Province who hosted a luncheon to the delegation.

The Myanmar delegation on 17 August paid homage to the Buddha Tooth Relic and visited the International Buddhist Museum where Myanmar gallery is opened.

Next, the Deputy Minister met the Charge d’ Affaires a.i, staff members and their families at the residence of Myanmar ambassador in Colombo. Myanmar delegation left Colombo and arrived back to Yangon yesterday.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint meets Deputy Minister for External Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Neomal Perera.
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Hluttaw representatives arrive Nay Pyi Taw to attend Hluttaw meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Representatives of respective Hluttaws who are attending the second regular sessions of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw

reported to Hluttaw Office here today.

A total of 427 Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives reported to the Hluttaw Office today and officials concerned have ensured

accommodations, catering and transportation for them in advance.

Office manuals published by Union Civil Services Board are on sale at sales counters, providing to Hluttaw

representatives for study.

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Turkish warplanes hit 28 PKK targets in N Iraq

ANKARA, 19 Aug— Turkish warplanes bombed 28 targets of the banned Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) in northern Iraq on Thursday night for the second day, the General Staff of the Armed forces said in a statement posted on its website on Friday.

The operation targeted only the PKK, and the necessary attention was paid to avoid any harm to civilian people in the region, the statement said.

Turkish artillery also hit 96 targets in Qandil Mountain, Zap, Avashin-Bashyan and Kharkurk Regions, it said, adding Turkish military’s similar operations both in Turkey and abroad would continue with a great determination.

On Wednesday, the PKK attacked a military convoy at Cukurca Town in the southeastern Province of Hakkari, leaving eight Turkish soldiers and one village guard dead and 15 soldiers wounded.

Xinhua



Representatives of respective Hluttaws reporting at Hluttaw Office in Nay Pyi Taw to attend the second regular sessions of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win attend cash donation...

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Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin and family, and Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon and family donated cash to the funds for construction of a meditation building each.

The Deputy Com-

missioner and family, and Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung, wife Daw Aye Aye Tun and staff, donated cash to the funds. Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham accepted cash donated by staff and families of the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2, Union Minister at the President

President U Thein Sein accepts cash donated by Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, for construction of meditation building.
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A wellwisher donates cash to the funds through Union Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Hla Min.—MNA

mander-in-Chief of Defence Services presented cash donated by servicemen and families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) for construction of Musaleinda Lake as the sixth Thattaha, and Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win

Office U Thein Nyunt and wife Daw Kyin Khaing and family, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, wife Daw Nan Phyu Phyu Aye and family, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, wife Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and staff, Union Minister for

Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, wife Daw Khin Than Win and staff. Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, wife Daw Khin Mi Mi and staff, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, wife Daw Aye Aye and staff,

Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, wife Daw Thet Thet Swe and staff, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun and staff and, staff of the Ministry of Energy, Union Minister for Forestry U Win Tun, wife Daw Swe Swe Chit

including K 129 million donated by Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association, K 150 million by Chairman of Myanmar Border Areas and Hilly Region Theravada Buddha Sasana Nuggaha Association Dr Khin Shwe, K 220.76 million by

Aung-Daw Khin Aye Win (Thein Construction Co).

The Presiding Abbot delivered a sermon, and the congregation led by the President and wife shared merits gained.

The ceremony ended with three-time



Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung accepts cash donated by a wellwisher.—MNA



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin being welcomed by Indonesian Ambassador Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono at the reception to mark Independence Day of Indonesia at Traders Hotel in Yangon on 19 August.—MNA

and staff, staff of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, wife Daw Myint Myint Hsan and family, Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan, wife Dr Daw Htay Htay Nyein and staff, ACE Co, Nay Pyi Taw Council and Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee donated cash to the funds.

Moreover, ministries, region and state governments and wellwishers donated cash to the funds

Shwetaung Development Co, K 200 million by IGE Co Ltd, K 100 million by Max Myanmar Co Ltd Chairman U Zaw Zaw-Daw Htay Htay Khaing and family, K 70 million by U Zaw Win-Daw Khin Htay (AyonU Construction Co), K 50 million by U Thein Win-Daw Ni and family of Shwe Than Lwin Family, K 40 million by U Pyae Phyo Aung (Moe Kyel Sin Construction Co), K 38 million by Moon Ray Co Ltd, K 30 million by U Thein

recitation of Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu.

After the ceremony, the President, wife and party offered meals to members of the Sangha.

At today's ceremony, eighty wellwishers donated K 2059.547 million.

It is learnt that those wishing to donate to the construction of the pagoda and meditation centre may contact Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Kan Chun, Tel: 067-414202 and 414204.

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Stake driven, Bo tree planted...

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The members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta and religious verses.

The President, wife and party offered alms to members of the Sangha.

President U Thein Sein drove nine stakes at the designated place for Bo tree and sprinkled scented water on them. He also drove nine stakes for Maha Bodhi Pagoda and sprinkled scented on

Pagoda, Musaleinda Dragon and Yazayatana Lunlun plant.

The President carried out ground breaking and so did Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party.

Next, the President fed the Dragon with nine pieces of rice, milk and drinking water.

Next, the President made ritual offerings to the Dragon. The President planted a Bo tree after

President U Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win and congregation take Nine Precepts from member of State Central Working Committee of Sangha of All Ganas Abbot of Ngwetaung Tawya Pariyatti Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

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them.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Union Ministers, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council and wellwishers simultaneously drove stakes for the places of Maha Bodhi Pagoda, Animitha Pagoda, Yadana Sinkama Pagoda, Yadanagaya Gold Chamber, Azapala

keeping jewellery into the place of Bo tree. He fed fertilizer and water to the tree.

The Bo tree was grafted from the Bo tree in Sri Lanka.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services also fed fertilizer and water to the Bo tree.

Thattathattaha Pagoda will be built with a

view to ensuring peace and tranquility in Myanmar, enabling those facing difficulties to visit Seven Great Places of Buddhism in Gaya of India to easily pay homage to replicas at home and developing the nation.

Edifices of Seven Places where Buddha sojourned for seven days will be built with the right angle, distance and size of the edifices in Bodh

Gaya. Under the advices of Abbots, the pagoda will be built in line with the treatises and religious traditions.

In doing so, engineers and Myanmar handicraft professionals will be sent to Bodh Gaya for observing the works of religious edifices.

Any person may gain access to Thattathattaha Pagoda along Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon concrete road via Clematis Roundabout on Razathingaha Road of Nay Pyi Taw.

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Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo offers alms to the Abbot.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon donate offertories to the Abbot.—MNA

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 In addition, Thattathattaha meditation centre is under construction.
 The meditation centre will comprise one pagoda, 24 meditation buildings, one preaching hall and one refectory hall. Meditation buildings will be built in circle shape like 24 Paççaya circle of Pathana Desana with Laymyethna Pagoda at the centre.

The meditation centre will take responsibilities for food and accommodation of Yogis.
 Any Vipassana Desana may be lectured at the centre in line with Theravada Vipassana practices preached by the Lord Buddha. The preacher Sangha will stay at the centre as guest Sangha in rotation to lecture practices of meditation to the Yogis.
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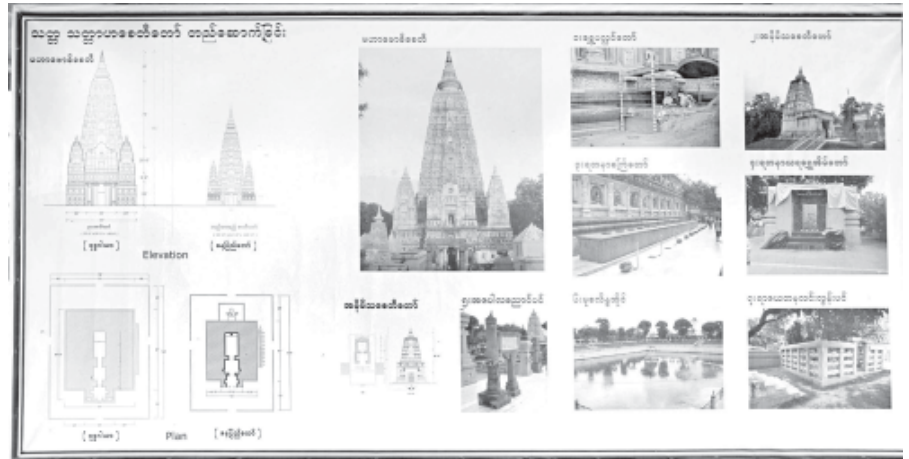


Photo shows original Seven Places where Buddha sojourned for seven days.—MNA



President U Thein Sein drives stake for growing Bo tree.
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President U Thein Sein waters Bo tree.
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President U Thein Sein, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi vow to cooperate for national interest

President U Thein Sein and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi pose for documentary photo at the President Office.
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NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—President U Thein Sein received Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at his office in the Presidential Residence at 4 p.m today.
 Frankly, President U Thein Sein explained measures of the government for national interests. The President and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi tried to find out potential common grounds to cooperate in the interests of the nation and the people putting aside different views.—MNA

As result of implementing economic objectives with...

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In order to improve the whole economic infrastructure of the nation, we have to review basically the monetary policy, fiscal policy, trade policy and investment policy to amend the laws, rules and procedures as necessary in the interest of the nation and the people. Therefore, we are holding talks with economic experts, departmental officials and related associations and organizations. In that case, the government and the people have to keep working together till the resolutions of the workshop are accomplished.

Distinguished guests,

When it comes to the world's economy, it is common knowledge that the global financial crisis, climate changes, food security and energy shortage have become challenges of the world countries and people. We have to conserve the environment in all seriousness and take account of the possible impact of climate changes. The impact of climate changes on the macroeconomy is external variable. So, it is hard to overcome the efforts on the macroeconomy. Such natural disasters as cyclone "Nargis" and cyclone "Giri" had strong impact on Myanmar's economy, but the nation made quick recovery from the catastrophes due to the cooperation of the government, the Tatmadaw, the people, international and regional organizations and international non-governmental organizations.

Our country has made economic reforms since 1988. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, macroeconomic reforms were made systematically. Therefore, our country did not suffer much in the 1997 Asian financial crisis and the 2008 global financial crisis. The reforms protected the nation's economy from the crises to some extent, so the impact on the national economy was not strong. That is one of the external variables.

From 1988 onwards, there was a gradual fall in foreign countries' Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Myanmar. Some years later, western countries imposed economic sanctions against our country. So, there have been many external influences on the macroeconomy. We had to address so many issues amid the external influences on the self-reliant basis for national development.

As a result of implementing economic objectives with a variety of strategies for economic development, the nation's economy is now on the track to development. We can achieve greater success if we approach the present fiscal and monetary policies, banking services, and macroeconomic policies for industrial development in combination with such supporting policies as infrastructure development policies and institutional framework policies in order to speed up the economic growth momentum and conform to the objective conditions of the world. It is notable that those points make considerable contributions towards the Myanmar's macroeconomy.

One of Myanmar's economic objectives "Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well" has been replaced with "Building of modern industrialized nation through the agricultural development, and all-round development of other sectors of the economy".

The economic objective "Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system" has remained unchanged. For economic growth of the nation, we have not only to boost domestic productivity for proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system and to widen the local market alone but also to gain greater shares in the

international market. Our country can enjoy economic development only if all the goods can be delivered to both local and international markets, in other words we can deal with both domestic and international markets independently. There was a slowdown in the national economy in recent years. External support for proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system was low despite earnest efforts to boost local productivity and achieve the goal. Some local products were banned from the international market, and that caused effects on the economy of farmers. Therefore, our country had to make all-out efforts to achieve the New Millennium Goals.

Distinguished guests,

Economic development of a country somewhat means improvement of the macroeconomic infrastructure. So, in general, economic development of a country is measured based on its Gross Domestic Products (GDP) and changes, job opportunities for people, and changes in values of exports. In order for improvement of the macroeconomic infrastructure, every country has to enhance macroeconomic performance to achieve the goals of boosting production, creating more job opportunities, free trade and stability of price, and ensuring smooth foreign trade. In its bid to implement the four macroeconomic goals, the government persuades local organizations to practise the fiscal policy, monetary policy, foreign economic policy and income policy. Such reforms help boost national competitiveness.

In making macroeconomic reforms, management and procedures must be transparent. To ensure that economic enterprises will not be diverted away from their courses, and to set up an enabling business environment, we should use all possible ways and means as well as cut the bureaucratic red-tapism. Only then will it be possible to improve the socioeconomic status of the people through more investments from national and foreign entrepreneurs and commercial growth.

Therefore, we need to lure more Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), create enough economic atmospheres and infrastructural buildings and grant certain economic freedom to beef up the improvement of the macroeconomic infrastructure. More FDI will flow into the nation only if foreign investors have gained knowledge of the sources and opportunities for investments in respective sectors.

Distinguished guests,

According to the globalization process, cooperation among regional countries is more effective than doing business individually in pursuing the goal of economic growth. Therefore, our country is working in cooperation with the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA), and a common goal has been set up to create ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) by 2015. In that regard, we are taking necessary measures such as reducing the rates of customs duties, getting rid of non-customs trade barriers, standardizing and loosening trade and customs rules and regulations, programmes and procedures, granting skilled workers freedom of occupation, working in cooperation with international and regional organizations, boosting cooperation between private sectors and between economic sectors of member countries, and transferring technologies. I would remind that the private sector know those measures and prepare itself for opportunities.

Distinguished guests,

We should avoid quantity drive without bearing quality in mind. We should view everything in multi-dimensional aspects for sustainable development. A country can enjoy quality growth only if the gap between poor and rich is low and everyone has access to the fruits of the development tasks. That is why the government has given the top priority to rural and

regional development. Every country has to keep equity and efficiency proportionately for balanced growth. In addition, our government is taking steps for ensuring good governance and clean government in making macroeconomic reforms for stabilizing the macro economy. It is therefore needed to combat partiality and enforce rules and regulations.

Not only governmental departments, and officials at all levels but also economic organizations, NGOs, social organizations, profit organizations, non-profit organizations and shareholders are all responsible for ensuring good governance. All those responsible must have good conducts and behaviours for ensuring good governance.

Distinguished guests,

Self Governance is of vital importance in societal governance. If only each individual can practise freedom, responsibility and discipline harmoniously and correctly, can democratic practices thrive among stakeholders in the whole society, leading to emergence of a society contributing to good governance. If only there is good governance, can there be good society and vice versa.

The first five-year period is the most important period in building modern, developed democratic nation. If only we can take firm, right steps in this five-year period, can we see the promising future of the nation. To ensure there is no government failure, we need to promote quality of management in putting macroeconomic policies into practice and distributing resources, and have to avoid coordination failure, top down and corruption. It is every one's knowledge that we are diminishing the role of government but highlighting the role of private sector to stress the market economy. Although we are decreasing the role of the government, the governmental departments, need to have increased efficiency and effectiveness. In building the nation, people and private sector play sector-wise roles, calling for cooperation, discussion and coordination, and so on. We cannot hope that the national economy can keep pace with other economies just with the government's efforts to be good governance, but we have to specially rebuild the spirit, qualifications, efforts and coordination of the private sector, the key player of the national economy, to create good business environment. I would like to urge you to strive for this.

In nations, human and institutional ability has become crucially important. As for the role of the institution, they must be the ones that understand the policies, vision and missions of their own country and have the ability to accomplish them. They should not be superficial organizations but must have certain objectives and act with efficiency and effectiveness.

Distinguished guests,

As a part of good governance, we can achieve proper, fair and promising environment in the market only if the economic structure is ethical, accountable and proper and disciplinary environment. We need to have flexibly operative and moderately competitive market economic system to create innovative, modern and systematic private sector. Only then, there will emerge jobs among people, providing property and income. Only then, we can utilize resources in right places.

Only mutual trust between the government and the people can smooth the path to public-private relationship and run the administrative mechanism, contributing to development of the society.

In the reform of macroeconomic policies, there might be situations of sacrifices so as to achieve better results for the people and that we need to prepare in our mind for it. Scholars and officials concerned are also to focus on flexibility and correct ratio of policy reforms in pursuing mixture of macroeconomic policies.

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Statistics”; Lecturer Dr Daw Theingi Myint from Yezin Institute of Agriculture, the paper “Agricultural Reforms for Agriculture and Social Development”; and Director-General of the Transport Department U Win Pe, the paper “Future of the Transport Sector for National Economic and Social Development”.

Attendees raised queries over the points stated in the papers and made suggestions. The first-day session of the workshop ended at 7.50 pm.

Today, nine persons read nine papers. The workshop continues tomorrow.

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President of the Republic of Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein cordially greets those attending National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development.

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“Analysis of Myanmar’s Budget”; Dr Zaw Oo, the paper “ASEAN Economic Community in 2015 : Opportunities and Challenges for Late Entrances”; Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, the paper “Reforming Government-Business Relations in Myanmar”; Dr Tin Maung Maung Than, the paper “Myanmar and the Political Economy of Development”; and Dr Khin Maung Lwin, the paper “Green Economy and Green Development”.

Ambassador (Retd) U Kyaw Tint Swe chaired the Session (2). Deputy Director-General of the Planning Department Daw Win Myint read the paper “Reforms for National Productivity and Income



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In conclusion, we have invited not only Union Ministries, but chief ministers of Regions and States, bankers, businessmen, representatives of institutions, who will implement the works at grass-root levels, to this workshop. And also, we have invited economists and representatives from other worthwhile fields. I would like you to make suggestions and also assess and coordinate the strength and

weakness, and advantages and disadvantages of the results of discussion.

As the macroeconomics has a wide field, there can emerge suggestions from different aspects. Each person’s point of view may prove his own case, but I would like to urge you to make coordination for better status at policy-making level. Then we can adopt work programmes through such discussions and assessment. To conclude my speech, I would like to urge the government and the entire nation, people from all walks of life, to give a hand in promoting macroeconomic policy as a national duty to ensure further social and economic development.

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Purchase of electricity agreement signed

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—The signing agreement on purchase of electricity between Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Shweli (1)

Hydropower Co Ltd took place at the ministry here on 17 August.

It was attended by Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U

Khin Maung Soe, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min, Deputy Minister

for Electric Power No (1) U Myint Zaw, Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Aung Than Oo, departmental officials and responsible persons of the company. Managing Director U

Khin Maung Zaw of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Mr Jiong Quiet of Shweli (1) Hydropower Co Ltd signed PPA agreement on purchase of electricity.

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MV AN BINH VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN BINH VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-2 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (593)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (593) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.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.

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

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

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA UNITY VOY NO (139) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-6 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV DIBENA HAPPY VOY NO (132) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.8.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-7 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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A visitor enjoys works by Chinese calligraphist Chen Jinchun at the opening ceremony of his exhibition "Charm of the Chinese Calligraphy" in Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, on 18 Aug, 2011.
XINHUA



Photo taken on 17 Aug, 2011 shows the baptistry, the cathedral and the campanile (the the "Leaning Tower") (from L to R) at the Duomo Square (Piazza del Duomo) in Pisa, central Italy. Standing in a large green expanse, Piazza del Duomo houses a group of monuments well-known all over the world. The four masterpieces of medieval architecture, the cathedral, the baptistry, the campanile (the "Leaning Tower") and the cemetery had a great influence on monumental art in Italy from the 11th to the 14th century. The UNESCO inscribed the Piazza del Duomo of Pisa in the World Heritage List in 1987.—XINHUA

Chinese herbal medicine effective in treatment of H1N1 Influenza

BEIJING, 19 Aug—A controlled trial has found that Chinese herbal medicine decoction maxingshigan-yinqiaosan has a similar efficacy to oseltamivir in reducing time to fever resolution in people suffering mild H1N1 influenza virus infections.

Carried out by a group of Chinese researchers, headed by Prof Wang Chen with Beijing Chao-Yang Hospital under the Capital Medical University, the study was published by the famous internal medicine journal *Ann Intern Med* on Tuesday.

Participants of the trial were 410 young adults aged 15 to 59 years with laboratory-confirmed H1N1 influenza.

The researchers concluded that both active intervention, alone and in combination, were effective in reducing time to fever resolution in young adults with H1N1 flu, and therefore suggest that maxingshigan-yinqiaosan may be an alternative to oseltamivir.

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A model displays a creation by designer Pallavi Goenka during the second day of the Lakme Fashion Week in Mumbai, India, on 18 Aug, 2011.
XINHUA

Indonesia holds expo to support mother, children health

JAKARTA, 19 Aug—An expo to support mother and children health opened on Friday in Indonesia and a minister said that it could help the government's efforts to achieve targets in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Minister for Women's Empowerment and Children Protection Linda Amalia Sari Gumelar in her welcoming remarks said that she was happy as private sector also moves to provide information to the public about the importance of healthy growth and protection for

children.

"Hopefully, this would help the government achieve targets in the MDGs, especially points number four, five and six, which are reaching gender equality, reducing infant and maternal mortality rate, increasing mother's health as well as reducing spread of HIV/AIDS and other contagious diseases," said Gumelar at "Mom's Babies and Kids Expo" on 19-21 August.

She said that based on Data of Demographic Survey 2007 released by the Central Bureau of Statistics every five years, Maternal Mortality Rate due to pregnancy, giving birth and after giving birth was still at 228/100,000 of live birth.

Meanwhile, she added, Infant Mortality Rate was still at 34/1,000 of live birth.

XINHUA

Four-year-old killed by dog in Australia

MELBOURN, 19 Aug—A four-year-old refugee from Sudan has been killed at her Melbourne home by a neighbour's dog. The pitbull cross-breed attacked Ayen Chol on Wednesday. A five-year-old girl and 30-year-old woman were also injured. Ayen died at the scene. Her cousin said the dog chased the injured woman into the house, then attacked the five-year-old. As Ayen's mother intervened, it turned on Ayen. Police said the dog would be destroyed and its owner could face charges.—Internet

Beau: Dog who knows math

Beau is an extraordinary Labrador for his intelligence and math ability.

According to media reports, Beau, a black Lab from Montana, United States, can add and subtract, even calculate square roots.

He can also answer questions about the number of people, golf and football scores through barking.

For instance, when there was a group of people standing, his owner, David Madsen, asked him how many people there were. There were two and Beau barked twice, "Woof, woof." Beau's answer was correct about 85 percent of the time.

At first, some suspected that Madsen might be secretly signaling the dog, but Beau could calculate accurately in the absence of his owner.

Beau had auditioned on the CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman", a late-night talk show. The clips of his performance were shown in a local station and became well-known then.



Squirrel monkeys play with ball at London Zoo, on 18 Aug, 2011.

Bat interrupts town hall meeting

Officials in a New Hampshire Town said a meeting of selectmen was interrupted for about two minutes by a bat.

The Epping selectmen said the bat showed up about 46 minutes into the town hall meeting and remained in the room for about two minutes until it was successfully chased from the building, WMUR-TV, Manchester, reported Thursday.

"There was a bit of a frenzy. I called for a recess, but they chose to keep filming, and the bat was chased out the door, eventually," Board Chairman Karen Falcone said.

Officials said the bat interrupted a discussion about placing a no-right-turn sign on Depot Road.



Scene shooting of lion hunting giraffe

Dog transports keys for golf course

Officials at a Maine golf course said they are employing their 6-year-old golden retriever to bring golf cart keys back to the clubhouse.

The owners of the White Tail Golf Course in Charleston said Kaleigh's job started as a joke when a golfer handed the keys to the dog to see if she would bring them back to the clubhouse, WABI-TV, Bangor, reported Thursday.

The owners said Kaleigh now spends most of her days bringing keys to the clubhouse from golfers who are finished with their carts.

San Diego beach odors a mystery

Officials in California's San Diego County said they have been unable to find the source of a mysterious odor reported on the county's beaches.

The San Diego County Health Department said the county Environmental Services searched along the coastline but was unable to find the origin of the odor, which has been described variously as "jet fuel," "bad chemical odor" and "fabric softener," KSWB-TV, San Diego, reported Thursday.

San Diego Fire Department spokesman Maurice Luque said the odor was first reported Wednesday afternoon and seemed to have decreased by evening as wind speeds increased.

News Album

Sugarland tour resumes in NM after stage tragedy

ALBUQUERQUE, 19 Aug—Sugarland return-ed to the stage on Thursday for their first performance since a stage collapse at the Indiana State Fair killed five people. The Gram-my-winning country duo asked its Albuquerque audience for a moment of silence in honor of those who were wounded "and the beautiful lives that were lost."

Sugarland members Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush were minutes from performing at the fair in Indianapolis last Saturday when 60 to 70 mph winds gusts knocked the massive stage onto the audience. Four were killed instantly, another person died later. About four dozen others were hurt.

On Thursday, the duo was joined on stage by their entire crew as Nettles sang "Love," from their 2008 "Love on the Inside" album. Then they took a break and promised to return for a professional show that would begin the healing through "the power of music." Because the band's elaborate set and instruments were destroyed in the stage collapse,



Sugarland duo Jennifer Nettles, middle left, and Kristian Bush, middle right, along with the rest of the tour crew pause for a moment of silence in Albuquerque, NM, on 18 Aug, 2011, for the victims of a stage collapse at the Indiana State Fair that killed five people.—INTERNET

Sugarland performed in front of the basic black shell of the pavilion stage, with just lights and a little smoke. They used new instruments that were delivered to Albuquerque earlier in the day — even the media passes were generic.—Internet

Brad Pitt shoots zombie movie in Glasgow

LONDON, 19 Aug—A smiling Brad Pitt has been seen waving to fans in the Scottish City of Glasgow as he left the set of his latest movie "World War Z."

The US actor was in town this week to shoot the zombie horror movie, which is based on a book by Max Brooks. Paramount film studio has made every effort to keep the movie under wraps. The set is closed to all media and

no production details have been released.

The centre of Glasgow has been transformed to depict Philadelphia in the aftermath of a war between humans and zombies. Shooting is expected to last two weeks. The Glasgow Film Office says the movie involves almost 1,200 people and will pour over 2 million pounds (\$3.3 million) into the local economy.—Internet



Hollywood star Brad Pitt, facing camera left, on set during the filming of World War Z near George Square, Glasgow Scotland on 17 Aug, 2011. —INTERNET

Bieber book to examine singer's Christianity



Singer Justin Bieber speaks to singer Selena Gomez; as he is announced as the recipient of the Choice Music: Male Artist Award at the 2011 Teen Choice Awards at the Gibson amphitheater in Universal City, California on 7 Aug, 2011.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 19 Aug—A new nonfiction book will examine teen pop star Justin Bieber's belief in Christianity that he has referred to in interviews and when speaking to fans. The book, titled "Belieber! Faith, Fame and the Heart of Justin Bieber," will be released in 27 September by Christian book publisher Worthy Publishing.

The book is being written by American journalist Cathleen Falsani, who has covered religious topics for several years and has interviewed well-known figures from singer Bono to President Barack Obama when he was still an Illinois state senator. Bieber, 17, will not be interviewed for the book.

Reuters

Chelsea capture Lukaku

LONDON, 19 Aug—Romelu Lukaku declared it was a dream come true after completing his move to Chelsea from Anderlecht. The London club have confirmed on their website that the deal has been finalised after the two clubs agreed a fee, thought to be between £15m and £20m, for the highly-rated 18-year-old earlier this month. The striker underwent a medical at the Blues' training ground in Cobham last week and will now be available for Saturday's Barclays Premier League match against West Bromwich Albion.



Romelu Lukaku has completed his move to Chelsea.—INTERNET

"Amazing. It's a dream come true," the Belgium international told the club's official website. "I dreamed to play here since I was 10 years old, thinking about shaking hands with all those players like John Terry and Frank Lampard and Didier Drogba. "It's amazing to arrive here in a big club with big ambition. It was just what I was searching for."—*Internet*

US group closes deal to take over Roma

ROME, 19 Aug—A group of American investors led by Boston executive Thomas DiBenedetto has finally closed a deal to take over the Roma soccer club, four months after a preliminary agreement.

The deal makes the four-man American group the first foreign majority owners of a Serie A club. DiBenedetto arrived in Rome on Thursday to sign off on the deal in a meeting with Unicredit bank officials.—*Internet*

Barclays launch the magic of football



Street magician Dynamo has performed for Premier League players such as Nemanja Vidic.

INTERNET

Jenas and Nemanja Vidic, will be released via the Barclays Football channel: www.youtube.com/barclaysfootballtv.

The series features the Bradford born street magician travelling the country visiting Barclays Premier League club cities and venturing into training grounds performing unique football themed magic. Football fan Dynamo is working with Barclays Ticket Office, giving football fans the chance to win tickets to Barclays Premier League games every 90 minutes.

INTERNET

Walcott backs Wenger to strengthen

LONDON, 19 Aug — Arsenal winger Theo Walcott is "sure" manager Arsene Wenger is on the verge of strengthening his squad. Wenger had come under pressure from fans to add to his ranks this summer, even before the sale of captain Cesc Fabregas to Barcelona earlier this week. And now, after an opening-day draw at Newcastle United and a hard-fought home win over Udinese in their Champions League

play-off and with injuries mounting ahead of a crunch period that involves matches against Liverpool and Manchester United, Walcott has joined the calls for new recruits.

"This team has always been known for being young. But we can't use that as an excuse any more. We have to win something this season," he said. "It is important to have a mixture of experience and young players - but the boss knows what he is doing. He has picked up great players before. Only time will tell what he is going to do.

INTERNET



Theo Walcott is confident Arsene Wenger will bring in fresh blood.—INTERNET

Cech out for up to a month

LONDON, 19 Aug—Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech has been ruled out for three to four weeks after suffering a knee injury in training. The 29-year-old Czech Republic international fell awkwardly at the end of training yesterday and will now miss Saturday's Barclays Premier League match with West Bromwich Albion and the following weekend's visit of Norwich City. Manager Andre Villas-Boas will pick Hilario or Ross Turnbull inbetween the posts as new signing Thibault Courtois is on loan at Atletico Madrid.

He said: "Petr Cech yesterday suffered a medial ligament injury and will be out for three to four weeks. "It was the end of training, a normal training incident. "He fell awkwardly with his weight on top of him. We expected much worse when we saw the incident.

INTERNET

Quinney, Gainey share 1st-round lead at Wyndham

GREENSBORO, 19 Aug—Jeff Quinney and Tommy Gainey shot 7-under 63s on Thursday to share the lead after one round at the Wyndham Championship. Quinney had eight birdies, including five in a row early in his round, to start strong in his last chance to qualify for golf's postseason. Gainey had five birdies and an eagle in matching his career-best round. Both players are chasing their first PGA Tour victory.

Stuart Appleby had a 64. Paul Casey, Carl Pettersson, Ernie Els, Jason Bohn, Jimmy Walker, Tim Herron, Lee Janzen, Jim Furyk, Vijay Singh and George McNeill shot 65s during another low-scoring day at Sedgefield Country Club. Quinney arrived in 215th place in the FedEx Cup standings. A win — and the 500 points that accompany it — would put him in The Barclays.— *Internet*



Jeff Quinney



Nadal scrapes into Cincinnati quarters

MASON, OHIO, 19 Aug—World number two Rafa Nadal scraped into the quarter-final's of the Cincinnati open after beating fellow Spaniard Fernando Verdasco 7-6 6-7 7-6 in a fierce battle on Thursday but his rivals all had comfortable paths into the last eight.

Seven of the top eight seeds have reached the quarter-finals with world number one Novak Djokovic and rivals Roger Federer and Andy Murray having little trouble.

Nadal will face Mardy Fish in the quarter-finals after the American beat France's Richard Gasquet 7-5 7-5.

World number one Djokovic took his season record to 55-1 with a straight forward 6-3 6-3 win over Czech Radek stepanek.

Djokovic showed some signs of weariness and conceded that it was a game he needed to push himself through.

Britain's Andy Murray had a relatively comfortable 6-2 7-5 win over American qualifier Alex Bogomolov.

The win gave Murry revenge for his poor defeat to Bogomolov in Miami earlier this year. Murry will now play Frenchman Gilles Simon, who produced the only real surprise of the day when he beat fifth-seed Spaniard David Ferrer 6-4 6-7 6-4.

Switzerland's Federer, looking relaxed and composed, took just 55 minutes to defeat American James Blake 6-4 6-1 and he will now meet Czech Tomas Berdych who easily dealt with Spain's Nicolas Almagro 6-2 6-2.

MNA/Reuters

Nadal needs 3-tiebreaker match to advance

MASON, 19 Aug—Rafael Nadal wanted to play a lot of tennis at the Western & Southern Open, though maybe not all in one day. Nadal survived a three-set, three-tiebreaker match against fellow Spaniard Fernando Verdasco on Thursday, advancing to the quarterfinals with a 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 7-6 (9) victory that kept him on court for 3 hours, 38 minutes. Then, he played a doubles match that went an hour and 10

minutes, followed by interviews. How'd he feel? "Fantastic," he said, smiling broadly. Feeling good, back in the quarterfinals, along with Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer.

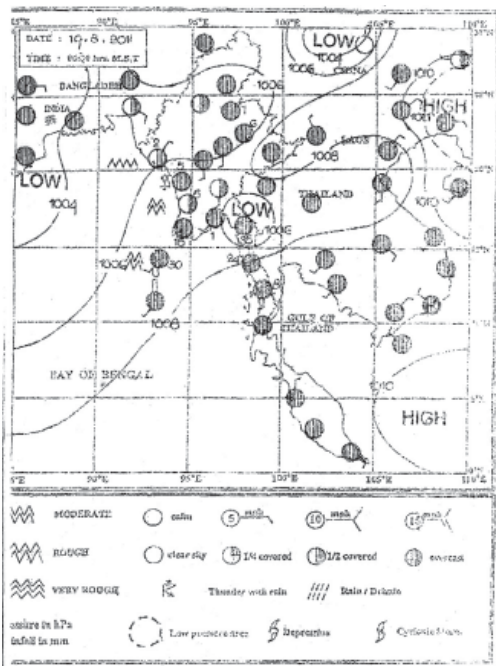
The top three players in the men's bracket advanced on Thursday. Djokovic beat qualifier Radek Stepanek 6-3, 6-3 in a ragged match, improving to 31-0 on hard courts this year and 55-1 overall.

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Fernando Verdasco, from Spain, left, congratulates Rafael Nadal, also from Spain, after a match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, on 18 Aug, 2011, in Mason, Ohio.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 20th August, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
2	Kayah	28/82	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
3	Kayin	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (HI)	80%
4	Chin	23/73	12/54	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
7	Taintharyi	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
8	Bago	30/86	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
10	Mandalay	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
11	Mon	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershower (HI)	80%
12	Yangon	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
13	Rakhine	29/84	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershower	80%
14	Southern Shan	21/70	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
15	Northern Shan	30/86	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershower	80%
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershower	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Region, scattered in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Bago and Taintharyi Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mon State, isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing and Magway Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (5.12) inches, Ye (4.29) inches, Binn (4.21) inches, Madan and Kyaikkham (3.62) inches each, Paung (3.14) inches, Changzon (2.80) inches, Kyaukpadaung (2.55) inches, Thabe (1.93) inches and Myintga (1.57) inches.

Bay Inference

Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and south Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35)mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of continuation of decrease of rain in Northern Myanmar areas.

Sao Paulo draw 1-1 with America-MG

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Aug—Favorite against the struggling America-MG in the 17th round of the 2011 Brazilian Championship, Sao Paulo meandered to a frustrating 1-1 draw on Thursday.

Sao Paulo scored the game's first goal in the closing minutes of the match. In the 85th minute Marlos picked up on a deflected ball and angled it past the defense and in to the America-MG net.

However, the home team responded quickly and scored the equalizer in the 87th minute when Kempes scored an amazing goal, connecting a bicycle kick that drove the ball into the upper left corner of the Sao Paulo goal, catching veteran keeper Rogerio Ceni off guard.

Although disappointing, the result propelled Sao Paulo into third place with 33 points. The team missed the opportunity to land in second place due to second place Flamengo's loss.

In the next round of play the team will receive Palmeiras in a cross-town showdown



Gold medalist Jennifer Connolly of the United States (C), silver medalist Aliaksandra Herasimenia of Belarussia (L), and bronze medalist Grace Loh of Australia pose for group photos during the awarding ceremony of women's 50m backstroke of swimming at the 26th Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, a City of south China's Guangdong Province, 18 Aug, 2011.

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on August 21.

America-MG remain in twentieth and last place of the tournament with 12 points. In the next round of play the team will travel to play Atletico-PR on August 21.

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Saturday, 20 August View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am
- 4. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 8:00 am
- 6. Health Programme
- 8:05 am
- 7. Poem Garden
- 8:25 am
- 8. Selected Songs For 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Basic Education) (Level Men and Women)
- 8:40 am
- 9. International News
- 8:45 am
- 10. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
- 2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am
- 3. Game for Children
- 11:50 am
- 4. Round Up of the Week's TV Local News

- 12:10 pm
- 5. Yan Can Cook
- 12:30 pm
- 6. TV Drama Series
- 1:20 pm
- 7. Preview of 26th South East Asia Games
- 1:40 pm
- 8. Selected Songs For 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Maha Gita Classical) (Basic Education) (Level Men and Women)
- 2:00 pm
- 9. International Science News
- 2:05 pm
- 10. Cultural Dances
- 2:15 pm
- 11. Documentary
- 2:50 pm
- 12. International News

- 3:45 pm
- 1. Myanmar National League MNL Grand Royal Cup 2011 (Live) (Zeyar Shwe Myay Vs Yangon United)
- 5:45 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm
- 3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 5. Ahlashamae Hlagabawai
- 6:40 pm
- 6. Yindagomae
- 7:00 pm
- 7. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
- 8. News
- 9. International News
- 10. Weather Report
- 11. Cartoon series
- 12. TV Drama Series
- 13. Gitadagale Phwinfbaohn

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (20-8-2011) (Saturday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Overseas Transmission	(20-8-11 09:30 am ~ 21-8-11 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Short Trip With Steve
- * News
- * "Beautiful Dance Patterns in Three Different Times" (Part-1) Shwe Pyi Soe

- * "Lactacyd Bath Time For Babies" Photo Contest
- * News
- * Young Champions of this Generation
- * Songs for You
- * News
- * Noble Donation for Vision

Overseas Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Short Trip With Steve
- * News
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- * "Lactacyd Bath Time For Babies" Photo Contest
- * News
- * Young Champions of this Generation
- * Songs for You
- * News

- * Noble Donation for Vision
- * News
- * "Shopping at the Departmental Store and Supermarket
- * Monastery Shwe In-Pin Kyaung
- * News
- * "Reflection of Myanmar Fashion" Bagan Period Hairstyle
- * Living with the Love of the Nature
- * News
- * "Secret Palaces for Yummy Food" Shwe Taung Noodle
- * The historical sites of Taung Tha Man
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * The Hills of Phowin Taung and Shwebataung
- * Myanmar Movies "Unchangeable Love"

As result of implementing economic objectives with variety of strategies, national economy is now on track to development

Cooperation among regional countries more effective than doing business individually in pursuit of economic growth

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—*The following is a translation of the full text of the speech delivered by President U Thein Sein at the National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development held today.*



President U Thein Sein delivers an address at National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development.

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Union Ministers, deputy ministers, ministers of Region and State governments, departmental officials, economic experts, entrepreneurs, representatives from associations and other attendees, first, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you.

The workshop aims to make macroeconomic policy reforms to scale up economic development. In order to put this objective into reality, we will seek pragmatic approaches to the reforms to be made with the advice and suggestions from the economic experts, representatives from governmental departments and banking associations, entrepreneurs, and officials from

other associations and organizations.

Distinguished guests,

The National Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation was held last May. Now, the Central Committee, Work Committee, subcommittees, and State and Region subcommittees for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation are implementing the eight tasks under the Action Plan for the convenience of rural people in their livelihoods. Only now can experts and ministries organize the national workshop on promotion of the macroeconomic policy due to its broad sphere.

All countries have made macroeconomic reforms in a period or

another for economic and social development. A country has different location, natural resources, population, objective conditions, international relations and historical ground from country. So, they have different levels of economic strength. However, the same point is that successive governments and the people of every country tried to keep abreast of other countries in development.

Our new government is in pursuit of the goal of building a modern and developed nation in order to catch up with other countries. Economic growth lies at the centre of that drive.

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National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Aug—Economic experts, governmental departments, banking associations, entrepreneurs, and officials from other related associations and organizations have to seek pragmatic approaches to the reforms, bringing into account their advice and suggestions for making and achieving the macroeconomic policy for economic growth of the nation, said President U Thein Sein at National Workshop on Reforms for National Economic Development at the International Convention Centre in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, this afternoon.

The workshop aimed to accelerate Myanmar's economic growth focused on talks about macroeconomic management, workforce and job opportunities, trade and investment, fiscal and monetary policy.

It was also attended by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Ministers, deputy ministers, Region and State ministers for Planning and Economic, Hluttaw members, departmental heads, representatives from political parties, economic experts, resource persons, officials from NGOs, journalists and distinguished guests.

After addressing the opening ceremony,

the President cordially greeted the attendees.

(The address of the President is reported separately.)

The first-day agenda of the workshop were held at 3 pm.

Adviser to the President Office Dr U Myint presided over Session (1) of the workshop: Macroeconomic Environment Management. Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Union Minister for Industry 1 and for Industry 2 U Soe Thein read the paper "Industrial Development and Economic Policy"; U San Thein, the paper

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