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Eastern part of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana to be covered with tea shrub

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin on 12 August met tea growers and attended the ceremony to distribute tea saplings to them in Yithtwe and Gamontaung villages of Nay Pyi Taw District.

An official of Yithtwe Village reported on cultivation of tea on the hill regions in eastern part of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

After making a speech, the commander presented tea saplings to the local farmers.

The commander planted a tea sapling and

viewed participation of local farmers in growing tea saplings.

An official of Gamontaung Village reported on progress in growing tea plants. The commander explained the plan to grow tea on the hill region in eastern part of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and handed over tea saplings to the local growers.

After planting a tea sapling, the commander cordially greeted the tea farmers who participated in the tea growing ceremony.

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Mezali suspension bridge contributes to better transport

Development of transport sector improves socio-economic status of local people. To be better transport, the government is building a network of roads across the nation in addition to bridges.

Regional development mainly depends on better transport. So, not to lag behind in development due to transport barrier, river-and creek-crossing bridges were built so as to connect with Pathein-Monywa motor road. One of them is Mezali suspension bridge.

The bridge, built crossing Mone Creek, is located at mile post No. 136/6 on Pathein-Monywa motor road (north) in Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District, Magway Division.

Main bridge is 400 feet long and it is of steel truss bailey suspension bridge. It is 540 feet long including its 20 feet wide approach road. The width of the main bridge is 14 feet and 6 inches. It has one way road. It can withstand 36 tons of loads. Its clearance is 24 feet in height and 300 feet in width. The approximate cost of bridge construction is K 1,950 million, including the cost of two approach roads. It was built by Ministry of Construction and put into service on 2-1-2008.

Before the emergence of the bridge, local people had to cross the creek by raft at rafting stations in Mezali village in the north of the creek and Sedaw village in the south.

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Students had faced difficulties in pursuing education, and providing health care was difficult especially in the rainy season.

Thanks to the bridge, transportation becomes better and as a result trade booms in the region. In addition, commodities flow swiftly due to completion of Mezali bridge on Pathein-Monywa strategic motor road.

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Mezali bailey suspension bridge built across Mone Creek in Pwintbyu Township.

PERSPECTIVES

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Entrepreneurs to be party to meat, fish sector

The government is in pursuance of a plan for sustainable exploitation of resources in the agricultural, forestry, livestock and fishery sectors to give impetus for speedy development of Myanmar, a resource-rich country.

Livestock and fishery is one of the sectors for economic growth of the nation. In the past, there were no livestock breeding zones in the nation. Now, projects are ongoing to set up 53 livestock breeding zones in the nation — 19 chicken zones, two duck zones, one quail zone, nine pig zones, two sheep zones, eight goat zones and 12 cattle zones.

Regarding the fishery sector, the acreage of fish ponds is 217,836, compared with only 6300 acres in 1988. Due to a growing number of fish farms, local people get more jobs and enjoy better socio-economic status. Prawn and crab farms are running on a broader scale.

In order to improve the meat and fish sector, pedigree species, feedstuff, veterinary medicines and advanced livestock methods are being provided along with veterinary treatments. So, the meat and fish sector has made progress.

The nation will enjoy greater economic development if entrepreneurs work hard in harness with the government in the drive for improvement of the nation's meat and fish sector, domestic food security, and boosting export of meat and fish.

Deputy Health Minister meets faculty members of University of Pharmacy

YANGON, 15 Aug—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe met the rector, professors and the faculty members of the University of Pharmacy (Yangon) in North Oakkalapa Township here yesterday morning. The rector briefed on the courses being conducted by the university.

After fulfilling the requirements, the deputy minister stressed the need for doing constant research on pharmacy as it plays an important role not only in treatment but also in production of medicines.

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Tharaphee Laminate floor tiles displayed at Yangon Expo 2010 on 12 August.—MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Activities of Nutrition Weeks launched in Bago Division

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—The activities of Nutrition Weeks of Bago Division were launched at the hall in Bago on 8 August morning.

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min delivered an address. The head of Bago Division Health Department reported on activities of Nutrition Weeks in Bago Division.

The commander and officials awarded the

winning team in the nutritious cookery contest.

They fed vitamin pills and anti-hookworm medicines to children under five, vitamin tablets and iron tablets to expectant mothers.

At the office of Bago Division (East) Electrical Engineer, the commander heard reports on supply of electricity in the division presented by an official and gave necessary instructions.

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Budget Dept polishes staff's skills



Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun speaking at Work Proficiency Course No 1/2010 for Officers.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—The Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the conclusion of Work Proficiency Course No 1/2010 for Officers at the ministry here on 13 August.

Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun in his address called for approach to financial procedures on budgets in line with the rules and regulations and

application of the knowledge they have gained from the course in their work.

He presented prizes to the winners and completion certificates to the trainees.

Altogether 128 officials from the Budget Department attended the five-week course.

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New showroom of Crown Electronics opens

YANGON, 15 Aug—First Asia Co., Ltd held the opening of its head office and new showroom at No. 470, head office on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

At the ceremony, Secretary U Khin Maung Tun of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, General Manager of Myanma Insurance Dr Maung Maung Thein and Chairman of First Asia Co., Ltd U Maung Aye opened the head office and the showroom.

Any customers who buy Crown TV, EVD, Amplifier, Portable (7, 9 and 12 inches), Minicombo EVD, Air Cooler, speaker and rice



Opening ceremony of Head Office of Crown Electronics of First Asia Co Ltd in progress.

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cooker from 15 August to 15 November can take part in lucky draw programme.

Crown Electronics made with Japan Technology are available at reasonable price with two to three years guarantees. Crown Electronics are available at sale center 1. No. 470,

Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township (ph-01-290385, 299732 and 386508 and Hot Line 73024456); sale center 2, No. 8, Wezayanta road, ward-6, South Okkalapa Township (ph-01-562279); and service center (Yangon) No. 10, ground floor, 133rd street, Maugon Ward,

Tamway Township (ph-098024849 in Yangon and Distribution and service center (Mandalay) No. 381(A), 82nd Street between 30th x 31st street, Aungmyethazan Township (ph-02-32926 and hot line 02-91008939) in Mandalay.

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13 killed in US drone strikes in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 Aug—A total of 13 suspected militants were killed during a US drone attack launched Saturday night in northwest Pakistan, reported local media Express on Sunday.

According to the report, the US drone fired

three missiles at a village near Mirali in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan late Saturday night. Initial reports said that the drone strikes killed eight people and injured five others, and one of the missiles fired hit a house of a tribal man.

Saturday's US drone strikes coincided with Pakistan's Independence Day and this could seriously hurt the feelings of the Pakistani people as many of the people killed in the past drone attacks are reportedly innocent civilians. —Xinhua



Iraqi police looks at the remains of a vehicle following roadside bomb in the Mansour District of Baghdad.
INTERNET

Four Iraqis killed in Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, 15 Aug—Four people were killed and seven others injured in two bomb attacks in Baghdad on Sunday, an Interior Ministry source said.

A bomb planted in a minivan carrying passengers went off while moving on the al-Qanat Street in eastern Baghdad in the morning, killing three people and wounding four others, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate attack, three explosive charges detonated simultaneously outside a complex of colleges in Bab al-Mu'adham area in downtown Baghdad, killing a civilian and wounding three others, the source said.

Xinhua



An injured man is sent to a local hospital in southwest Pakistan's Sibbi on 14 Aug, 2010.

XINHUA

NATO forces under attack, two insurgents killed in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Aug—A joint Afghan and NATO-led forces conducting operations in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan had killed two insurgents on Saturday after the combined forces came

under attack from small arms and rocket-propelled grenades, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a press release.

"With support from Luna unmanned aerial vehicle, the International Security Assistance Force operating in Kunduz

Province was able to identify and destroy an insurgent cannon firing position located inside a compound with a guided anti-tank missile," the press release added.

Through the course of the operation, it said, ISAF forces received small arms and RPG fire from multiple locations, adding no ISAF troops were injured during the course of the attack and no civilian injuries were reported. Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO troops have yet to make comments.

Xinhua

Taliban deputy commander detained in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Aug—The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) on Saturday in a press release confirmed capturing a Taliban deputy commander in Lashkar Gah, the capital of Afghanistan's southern Helmand Province, who commanded more than 100 fighters during an Afghan-led security force operation on 4 Aug

in the restive Province.

"The deputy commander along with several additional suspected insurgents had been detained by joint forces," the press release added.

However, it did not identify the name of the arrested commander and the exact date of his arrest.

"We're happy to announce another key capture of Taliban leadership operating in southern Afghanistan," the press release further

said.

Taliban militants fighting Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.

"These operations prevent violent extremists from being able to threaten Afghan sovereignty or maintain safe havens from which they can threaten the security of Afghan people," US Army Col Rafael Torres ISAF Joint Command Combined Joint Operations Center director said in press release. —Xinhua

Injured Iraqi women are seen in a hospital after a car bomb attack in the Amil area of Baghdad, Iraq, on 14 Aug, 2010. Gunmen killed five Iraqi security personnel Saturday, amid persistent debate over whether Iraqi forces can protect the country as US troops.

INTERNET



Roadside bomb kills 4 Afghan police, wounds 4 others

LASHKAR GAH, 15 Aug—Four policemen were killed and four others were injured as their van ran over a mine in Helmand Province south of Afghanistan on Saturday, spokesman for provincial administration Daud Ahmadi said.

"The incident occurred in Ghershkh District this morning as a mine planted by militants struck a police van killing four police constables on the spot and wounding four others," Ahmadi told Xinhua.

He blamed Taliban insurgents for organizing the attack, but the outfit has not to make comment yet.

Xinhua

Taliban militants kill three, wounds 13 others in W Afghanistan

HERAT, 15 Aug—Taliban militants attacked a private company in west Afghanistan leaving three guards of the company dead and injured 13 others, police spokesman in western region Abdul Rauf Ahmadi said on Saturday.

"A group of armed Taliban rebels raided the company on Herat-Badghis highway on Friday as a result three guards of the company were killed and 13 others were injured," Ahmadi told Xinhua, adding that one Taliban militant was also killed in the firefight lasted for several hours.

However, he could not give the name of the company, saying it was a local company escorted oil tankers supplying fuel to NATO-led troops in the western region.

This is the second attack on private companies by Taliban militants over the past one week.

Xinhua

A scene of a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 15 Aug, 2010. Series of rush hour bombings across Baghdad have killed and injured scores of people, officials said.

INTERNET



Science

Peek at huge asteroid provides more questions than answers

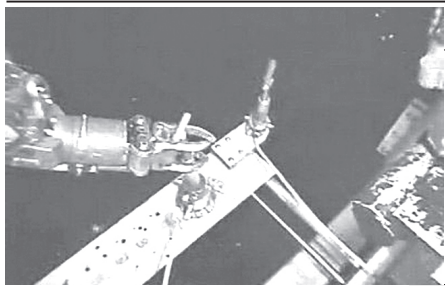
NEW YORK, 15 Aug—A European space probe has beamed back a haunting image of an alien space rock with unique angles and surface coating that raises more questions about asteroids than it answers.

The European Space Agency's Rosetta spacecraft recently flew by Lutetia, a huge asteroid midway along Rosetta's path to its ultimate destination, the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, which it is due to reach in 2014.

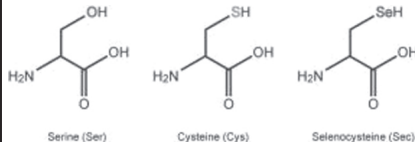
Near-Earth objects are a topic of growing interest to scientists. A two-day NASA workshop in Washington, D.C., this week is tackling topics such as what to do about space rocks that could threaten Earth, as well as how to transport astronauts to an asteroid for exploration—a goal under President Barack Obama's vision for the space agency.

Missions like Rosetta's could help scientists learn more about space rocks and inform these and other goals.

Internet



Scientists clarify structural basis for biosynthesis of mysterious 21st amino acid



Comparison of selenocysteine (Sec) to the structurally similar amino acids serine (Ser) and cysteine (Cys).—INTERNET

TOKYO, 15 Aug—Researchers at the RIKEN Systems and Structural Biology Center and the University of Tokyo have clarified the structural basis for the biosynthesis of selenocysteine (Sec), an amino acid whose encoding mechanism offers clues about the origins of the genetic alphabet. The findings deepen our understanding of protein synthesis and lay the groundwork for advances in protein design.

One of the most remarkable aspects of translation, the process whereby genetic information is converted

into proteins in cells, is its universality: nucleotide triplets ("codons") encode a set of twenty amino acids that form the building blocks for all living organisms. Selenocysteine, the "21st amino acid" whose antioxidant properties help prevent cellular damage, is a rare exception to this rule. Structurally similar to the amino acid serine (Ser) but with an oxygen atom replaced by the micronutrient selenium (Se), selenocysteine is synthesized through a complex juggling of the cell's translational machinery whose mechanisms remain poorly understood.

Internet

NASA packs up Robot helper for space station trip

CAPE CANAVERAL, 15 Aug—NASA is packing up a 300-pound robot helper for a trip to the International Space Station later this year.

The humanoid robot, called Robonaut 2, is not exactly riding first class into space. Instead of a seat alongside its human counterparts, Robonaut 2 is being packed into a foam-padded stowage unit for its planned November launch on the space shuttle Discovery, NASA's deputy Robonaut project manager Nic Radford told SPACE.com.

Radford and other members of the engineering team demonstrated the robot's capabilities to reporters this week in the Space Station Processing Facility at NASA's Kennedy Space Center—the home port of the space shuttle fleet.

Internet

This still image from a live BP video feed shows a view of a robotic arm following completion of cementing operations as part of the static kill procedure obtained on 9 August in the Gulf of Mexico. Pressure tests showed that the well no longer has "direct communication with the reservoir" thanks to a top kill operation which pumped drilling mud and cement down through the wellhead, Allen said.—INTERNET

Technology

Android captures smartphone lead

NEW YORK, 15 Aug—Android was the top operating system in smartphone sales in the US in the second quarter, with BlackBerry maker Research In Motion finishing second and Apple's iOS in third, a Gartner analyst said last week.

While it may be too soon for Google and the Android community to assume the smartphone OS war is won in the US, Android's ascendancy to the top spot for the first time is a "milestone," said Gartner analyst Carolina Milanesi.

Android slightly edged out RIM in the US, with 4.96 million devices sold for the quarter, compared with RIM's 4.84 million. Apple's iOS for the iPhone sold 3.22 million, Gartner said.

Other smartphone operating systems did far fewer sales in the U.S. in the quarter, with Microsoft's Windows at 662,000, Symbian at 420,000 and all others at 434,000, Gartner said.

Nokia has had a challenge selling smartphones, and other mobile phones, in the US, even though its Symbian OS was No. 1 globally, with 25.3 million smartphones sold. RIM finished second globally with 11.2 million; Android finished third globally with 10.6 million and Apple's iOS was fourth globally with 8.7 million.—Internet



Indian software designers at work in Kolkata city. India's flagship outsourcing industry reacted angrily Saturday to a new US law tightening security at the Mexico border with measures paid for by steep hikes in American work visa fees.—INTERNET



Framegrab of the YouTube video showing an Icelandic football team goal celebration in July 2010 where goal scorer Halldor Orri Bjornsson (3rdR) pretends to fish and bringing in a player on an imaginary line. The clip has become a global internet hit watched by millions.—INTERNET

Google-verizon plan gets AT&T's nod

NEW YORK, 15 Aug—Verizon and Google's joint compromise proposal on network neutrality rules apparently has AT&T's blessing. Speaking during the Oppenheimer annual Technology, Media and Telecommunications conference last week, AT&T Mobility CEO Ralph de la Vega called the proposed framework released by Verizon and Google "a good sign" and said that it could provide a framework for any legislators who wanted to take up the issue of net neutrality regulations.

"It shows that two companies that are sometimes in different camps can come together with a reasonable agreement," he said. "If Google and Verizon can come together with a joint framework then it will be a good framework for the legislature to use."

De la Vega said that the US Congress, not the Federal Communications Commission, should be in charge of drawing up regulations for carriers' traffic management policies.—Internet

Mobile Apps Security: Apple iOS v Google Android

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug—The Apple iOS, which runs on its iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad, has a flaw in how it reads PDF documents that makes it easier to hack. This flaw is exploited by JailbreakMe, a one-click site that makes it easy for anyone without any real tech skills to hack into their own iPhone.

The flaw lets JailbreakMe open up an Apple operating system, and enables the user to load non Apple-approved applications on to an Apple device. JailbreakMe brought the security risk to light, finally causing Apple to release security updates for iOS 4.0.2 for iPhone and iPod touch and iOS 3.2.2 for iPad this week.

Internet

Health

Health Tip: Signs that you may have celiac disease

Celiac disease is a digestive condition that usually damages the small intestine and interferes with nutrient absorption. People who have the disease can't process the protein gluten, found in products containing wheat, rye and barley. The protein also may be found in certain medications, lip balms and vitamins.

Not every person with the disease has noticeable symptoms. But according to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse, celiac disease may trigger these warning signs in children:

- Loss of weight.
- Pain and bloating in the abdomen.
- Persistent diarrhea.
- Vomiting.
- Constipation.
- Stools that are light in colour, fatty or have a foul odor.

In adults, symptoms are more likely to include:

- Anemia.
- Tiredness.
- Bone or joint pain.
- Osteoporosis.
- Depression or anxiety.
- Numbness in the extremities.
- Missed menstrual periods.—Internet

A researcher holding a petri dish with a culture at the microbiology lab of the Universitair Ziekenhuis Antwerpen, a hospital in Antwerp. A Belgian man died from a drug-resistant "superbug" originating in South Asia, a doctor said on Friday, the first reported death from the bacteria.—INTERNET

Acetaminophen tied to childhood wheezing and allergies

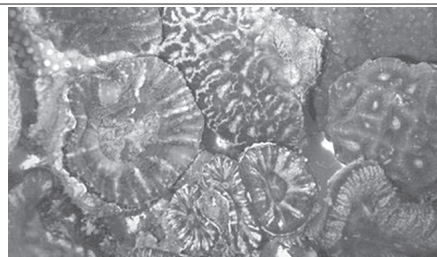
NEW YORK, 15 Aug—A pair of studies suggests that the common painkiller acetaminophen — better known as Tylenol in the US — may be fueling a worldwide increase in asthma.

According to one study out Thursday, acetaminophen could be responsible for as many as four in 10 cases of wheezing and severe asthma in teens.

While no one knows if the drug causes asthma by itself, another report — published along with the first study — shows for the first time that many toddlers took acetaminophen before they developed asthma symptoms such as wheezing.

"We have confirmed that acetaminophen use comes first, so a causal link is increasingly likely," said Dr. Alemayehu Amberbir, of Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia and the University of Nottingham in the UK.

Internet



This photo, taken on 3 August and released by Australian Department of Environment, shows a cluster of vividly fluorescent coral in daylight found in waters off Lord Howe Island, 600 kilometres off the east coast of Australia. Australian scientists have discovered that the brilliant shallow-water corals could provide vibrant illumination for cancer research.—INTERNET

Walking to school could ease classroom stress

NEW YORK, 15 Aug—Walking to school may help reduce children's stress throughout the day, the results of a new study suggest.

This reduction in stress reactivity could prevent increases in heart rate and blood pressure that can lead to cardiovascular disease later in life, explained the University at Buffalo researchers.

The study included 20 girls and 20 boys, aged 10 to 14, who underwent testing in a behavioral research laboratory. Half the children took a simulated ride to school — they sat in comfortable chairs and watched a 10-minute slide show that included images of a suburban neighborhood and ended with an image of a suburban school.

Internet

Business

US stocks extend losses for fourth day

NEW YORK, 15 Aug—The US stocks extended losses for the fourth straight day on Friday after mixed reports showed US retail sales gained less than expected while consumer sentiment climbed higher.

According to the Commerce Department, retail sales rose 0.4 percent and sales excluding autos climbed 0.2 percent. The broad declines outside of auto and gas sales offered more evidence that the economy was slowing.

July's increase followed two months of straight losses. However, it was still lower than economists' forecast of a 0.5-percent gain.

The market was under pressure even as a separate report showed consumer confidence rose in August. The Thomson Reuters/ University of Michigan preliminary index of consumer sentiment climbed to 69.6 from a reading of 67.8 in July, showing a slump in consumer spending is unlikely.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 16.80 points, or 0.16 percent, to 10,303.15. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 4.36 points, or 0.40 percent, to 1,079.25 and the Nasdaq was down 16.79 points, or 0.77 percent, to 2,173.48. Crude prices continued slipping on Friday to the lowest level in a month on renewed economic concerns. Light, sweet crude for September delivery fell 35 cents to settle at 75.39 US dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Internet



Jobseekers deliver their resumes to representatives of the Zhengzhou Branch of Foxconn Technology Group in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 14 Aug, 2010. INTERNET



The city of Frankfurt am Main, central Germany with its banking towers. The latest data for Germany has confirmed that Europe's biggest economy, unlike the United States and elsewhere, is firing on all cylinders. But voters aren't giving Chancellor Angela Merkel the credit.—INTERNET

FDI grows up by 400% in Mozambique in 1H

MAPUTO, 15 Aug—Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Mozambique soared by 400 percent in the first half of 2010 compared to the same period last year, according to the country's Investment Promotion Center (CPI). According to the CPI on Friday, also in the first half of 2010, CPI approved 82 projects and 38 addenda (reinvestments) worth 601.2 million US dollars.

The center also added 53.62 per cent of these investments are in the agribusiness sector, which are expected to generate about 7,000 new jobs.

As for the country of origin, according to the center, Portugal tops the list of foreign investors in the first half of 2010.—Internet

Germany sticks to debt target despite boom: finance minister

BERLIN, 15 Aug—Germany will stick to its target to borrow about 65 billion euros (\$83.19 billion) this year despite record economic growth and billions in extra tax revenue, the country's finance ministry said on Saturday.

"The ministry continues to expect that new debt of around 65 billion euros will be necessary this year," a finance ministry spokesman said.

Germany's economy — Europe's largest — grew at its fastest rate since reunification in the second quarter, data showed on Friday, as companies stepped up investment and exports surged, in the latest evidence the recovery has shifted up a gear.

Internet

China House mourns for mudslide victims

SINGAPORE, 15 Aug—The Chinese Olympic Committee (COC) Sunday held a mourning ceremony in commemoration of the victims in a massive mudslide disaster in northwest China.

Chinese top sports officials COC chief Liu Peng, deputy chief Yu Zaiqing as well as the executive president of Nanjing Youth Olympic Games organizing committee Zhu Shanlu paid a silent tribute to the victims in China House during the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in this city state.

Earlier, the Chinese athletes in the Youth Olympic Village lamented the death of the mudslide victims in the Aug. 8 disaster that left at least 1,200 people dead and 500 missing in Zhouqu County, Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture.

The Chinese government has declared Sunday a national day of mourning activities.

China fielded a 106-member delegation to the first Youth Olympics that kicked off on Saturday following a water front opening ceremony in Marina Bay.

All the Chinese athletes could find a home away from home in the China House that serves as the temporary base for the COC.

The Games attracted 3,600 athletes aged between 14 and 18 from the world to compete in 26 sports.—Xinhua



Andrea Anton begins her descent during 'Over the Edge,' a fundraiser for Special Olympics Washington on 14 Aug, 2010 in downtown Seattle. 112 people were scheduled to rappel off the 40 story Rainier Tower in downtown Seattle. Most made it, a few struggled with their fear at the top. To earn a spot, participants had to raise \$1,000 for Special Olympics Washington.—INTERNET



Oil cleanup workers load bags with oil-contaminated debris near the Southwest Pass of the Mississippi River on 14 August, 2010. INTERNET

Suspected member of 'Pink Panther' thievery ring extradited

MADRID, 15 Aug—A man police believe is a member of the "Pink Panther" ring of thieves was transported from Spain to Japan on Saturday to face charges in a major heist at a jewelry shop, a Japanese state news agency reported. Rifat Hadziahmetovic, 42, of Montenegro, is suspected of stealing a diamond tiara worth 200 million yen (\$2.3 million USD) and other jewelry from a Tokyo shop in 2007, according to the Metropolitan Police Department in Tokyo.

Spain agreed to hand Hadziahmetovic, who was in custody for a separate robbery, over to Japan, Kyodo news agency said.

The "Pink Panther" ring, which is believed to have about 200 members, is linked to more than 90 robberies in Europe, the Middle East and Asia since 1999, Kyodo said.—Internet

Brazil's Petrobras reports 11% rise in 1H net profit

RIO DEJANEIRO, 15 Aug—Brazil's state-controlled oil and gas giant Petrobras reported Friday net earnings of 16.021 billion reais (9.05 billion US dollars) in the first half of 2010, up 11 percent from the same period a year earlier.

In the second quarter, Petrobras' net earnings amounted to 8.395 billion reais (4.74 billion dollars), up 7 percent from the first quarter. The company attributed the good figures to an 11 percent rise in domestic sales and higher oil prices.

Petrobras' net operating incomes totaled 104.043 billion reais (58.78 billion dollars) in the first six months of 2010, up 19 percent from the same period in 2009, and 53.632 billion reais (30.30 billion dollars) in the second quarter, up 6 percent from the first quarter.

Petrobras' oil and natural gas production was 2.568 million barrels of oil equivalent (boe) per day in the first six months of this year, up 3 percent from the first half of 2009.—Xinhua

Chinese grassroots battle for smoking-control

BEIJING, 15 Aug—Wu Yiqun, 64, deputy director of Thinktank, a Beijing-based NGO mainly dealing with public health issues in China, was requesting that two sturdy men show their reporter IDs at Thursday's seminar.

"They cannot show

any kind of certificate, not even a business card. But they insist that they were sent by Beijing TV and would film our symposium. They didn't like to reveal their names. So, I couldn't check with Beijing TV." Wu said to a colleague.

"Please come next

time with your invitation letters or ID. We welcome different voices to join in, and I am ready to argue against any tobacco-promotion forces." Wu said to the two men. At last, both men were unwillingly "invited" to leave by the security men.—Internet



A model presents a creation by South Africa's Stoned Cherrie during a show at the Cape Town Fashion Week on 13 August, 2010. INTERNET

Visitors look at a "boiling pot", or a hot well, in Rehai boiling springs in Tengchong County, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 13 Aug, 2010. The "boiling pot" boils in all seasons, which can be seen everywhere in Rehai (the hot sea), a place famous for having all kinds of hot springs.

XINHUA



UN chief visits flood-stricken Pakistan as cholera concerns loom

ISLAMABAD, 15 Aug—United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Sunday urged the international community to step up efforts to help the millions affected by flooding in Pakistan. Ban, who arrived in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, will meet with Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani and President Asif Ali Zardari.

He will then board a

helicopter to visit some of the affected areas, and later hold a news conference with the president. "I am here ... to share my sympathy and solidarity of the United Nations together with the people and government of Pakistan," Ban said. "I am here also to urge the world community to speed up their assistance to Pakistani people."

Ban said the disaster

surpasses the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan.

Nearly 1,400 people have died and 875,000 homes have either washed away or are damaged, according to Pakistan's Disaster Authority. "It's evident that this is an enormous disaster that will require a huge international response," said Martin Nesirky, a spokesman for the UN chief.—Internet



South Korean people attend the unveiling ceremony of the newly restored

Gwanghwamun, the main gate to a royal palace, in central Seoul 15 Aug, 2010. The Gwanghwamun, known as the face of Seoul, has witnessed the Korean Peninsula's modern history.
XINHUA

Plastic jar removed from Fla bear cub's head



In this on 13 July, 2010 photo released by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, two black bear cubs, one with a jug on its head, run along a roadway in Ocala National Forest, Fla.—INTERNET

OCALA, 15 Aug—A black bear cub in Florida affectionately known as “jarhead” can finally enjoy a good meal.

A clear plastic container was removed from the 6-month-old cub's head after being stuck for at least 10 days. The cub poked its head into the jar when digging through trash in a neighborhood in central Florida.

Biologists say the cub was days away from death because the jar made it impossible to eat or drink. The team had to tranquilize the mother bear and then grab the cub to remove the jar from the bear's head. The subdued mother was then put in a trap and the cubs followed. After she awoke and nursed the cubs, the bears were moved to a less populated area nearby.

Internet

Artists from Ecuador perform during a ceremony celebrating the National Pavilion Day of Ecuador in the Shanghai World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China, on 14 Aug, 2010.
XINHUA



Alarm fire damages Healdsburg Post Office

HEALDSBURG, 15 Aug—Roughly 12 engines and six fire chiefs Saturday evening battled a four-alarm blaze causing significant damage at the Healdsburg

Post Office on Centre Street, a local fire official said.

Witnesses reported smoke coming from the post office roof at 5:18 pm, said Bruce Varner, a duty officer with the Redwood Empire Dispatch Communications Authority.

The fire began in the attic, but the cause hasn't been identified, Varner said. Firefighters contained the blaze, but were still working to

control it, he added.

The second alarm was called at 5:27 pm and the fourth at 6:13 pm, Varner said.

Three police officers arrived at about 5:20 pm to assist with traffic control, a Healdsburg police official said.

East Street was blocked off up to Mills Street. Center Street and North Street were also blocked off, the official said.

Internet

A parachute team performs at the 52nd Chicago Air and Water Show in Chicago, the United States, on 14 Aug, 2010. The two-day air and water show opened on Saturday.—XINHUA



Five killed in car-truck collision in E Finland

HELSINKI, 15 Aug—Five people were killed and another was seriously injured when a car collided with a lumber truck Saturday in eastern Finland, authorities said.

Police said the collision occurred when the car ran into the truck at a village intersection near Joensuu around 8:30 am Saturday. Five passengers in the car were killed and the driver was hospitalized in serious condition.—Xinhua



Eight dead, twelve hurt at off-road race in Calif desert

LUCERNE VALLEY, 15 Aug—Authorities say a vehicle ran into a crowd and killed eight people during an off-road race in the Southern California desert.

San Bernardino County sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Bachman says one of the vehicles in the race called the California 200 plowed into the crowd Saturday night. She says 12 people were injured and many of the wounded were airlifted to hospitals. The race was being held in Soggy Dry Lake Bed near the city of Lucerne Valley, 100 miles northeast of Los Angeles.—Xinhua

Children in Tancheng, east China's Shandong Province, hold candles during an activity to mourn for the victims of the mudslide in Zhouqu, on 14 Aug, 2010. Chinese flags across the country and at overseas embassies and consulates are to be lowered to half-mast Sunday to mourn the victims of the devastating mudslide in Zhouqu of northwest China's Gansu Province, the State Council announced on Saturday.—XINHUA

Ramp collapses under weight of cement truck in LA

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug—A loaded cement truck was upended when a ramp it was backing up collapsed under its weight in downtown Los Angeles.

City fire spokesman Brian Humphrey says the truck crashed through the pavement Saturday as it inched up toward the roof of a one-

story commercial structure in Little Tokyo.

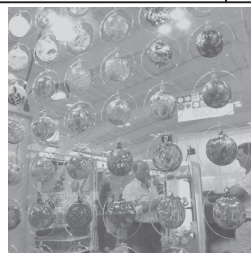
The cab pointed straight up in the air as the truck rested on its rear end.

Its driver was treated at a hospital for minor injuries.

Humphrey says about 20 gallons of diesel fuel spilled and about three cubic yards of cement flowed into the business.

The city's Building and Safety Department will supervise the removal of the truck and check the structure for damage.

Internet



Two staff members talk with each other at a booth at the New York International Gift Fair in New York, the United States, on 14 Aug, 2010.
XINHUA

Union of Myanmar, source of gems

Aung Min Min (Nay Pyi Taw)

On the evening of 9 August 2010, I watched a news story on TV that there emerged the forth white elephant in the Union of Myanmar. White elephants usually emerge in only countries that see flourishing of Buddha Sasana, heads ruling the countries in conformity with the ten precepts of a king, and future prosperity. So, while I was watching the news on TV, my heart swelled with joy.

In Myanmar tradition, a dream about a white elephant is an omen of prosperous future. According to a treatise on dreams, if a person dreams of an ordinary elephant, he will get a new friend or outside aids. If he dreams of a white elephant, he will obtain worship from other people, he will gain good reputation, and will be held in esteem and served choice items of foods and drinks. When Queen Maya got pregnant with the would-be-Buddha, she had a dream that a white elephant flied down in the north from the sky, holding a branch of *thabye* (Eugenia) with his trunk, and opened her abdomen on the right side and got into her womb. Then, royal court Brahmins predicted that the queen got pregnant with a noble son. This is one of the facts stated in treatises on life stories of the Buddha to interpret the signs to predict the future.

The event is not a dream. By good fortune, I had a golden opportunity to witness a white elephant. The white elephant, accompanied by her shed mates, arrived at the precinct of the Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 August 2010 afternoon. Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and officials extended a welcome to the elephant, sprinkling paritta water and scented water on it. Her title is Baddawady.

In the Myanmar culture, white crow, white peacock, white goat, white cow, white horse and white elephant are regarded as noble animals. White colour represents being bright and new, cleanliness, nobleness, being free from dangers and adoration. Therefore, Myanmar monarchs chose white cows in royal ceremonies to plough fields to grow paddy.

According to treatises, emergence of a white elephant is in connection with power and glory of the ruler of the nation. King Vesatara, would-be-Buddha, was a king with a white elephant, and in his time, the nation was peaceful and prosperous with abundant crops. According to historical documents, King Anawrahta owned 38 white elephants apart from his favorite white elephant. King Alaung Si Thu, grandchild of King Kyansittha, owned 36 white elephants. King Bayintnaung, founder of the Second Myanmar Empire, owned many white elephants including four offered by Yodhaya king. So, he took

the title "Hsinbyumyashin" (a king possessing many white elephants). In his time, the nation was militarily strong and free from dangers, and the people enjoyed economic growth and prosperities.

Emergence of a white elephant is an omen that the nation will become prosperous and peaceful and will enjoy greater development and will be free from the three catastrophes namely famine, war and epidemic diseases. In the course of Myanmar history, there were a great number of monarchs who did not have any white elephants. Kings with white elephants were more powerful than those without any white elephants. In addition, in the times of the former, the nation was free from thefts, robberies and wars, enjoyed economic development and remained peaceful with charities and festivities.

In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the nation has seen four white elephants including Baddawady. The first white elephant was discovered in Upper Nanya Village-tract, Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State, in the third week of October 2001. It arrived in Yangon on 15 November. According to the wise in successive periods, a white elephant has many characteristics including a pair of eyes with pearl colour, white soles, back as curved as a banana, grey fur, a tail of door bolt shape, and a pair of larger size of ears. The first white elephant has a pair of pearl coloured eyes; its back is slightly curved, and grey fur and he meets the characteristics of a white elephant. It was titled Yazagaha Thiri Piccaya Gazayaza. The nation saw the second white elephant in April 2002. It arrived in Yangon on 5 April. She was named Theingi Marlar. The third elephant titled Yati Marlar arrived in Yangon on 6 December 2002. From that time on, the nation had not seen any other elephant. Only in the time of shaping the nation into a democratic one in accordance with the State's seven-step Road Map, did the forth white elephant emerge.

I would like to present some facts about white elephants. Originally, elephants (wild elephants) are native to Africa, India in South Asia, and Thailand, Cambodia and Laos in South East Asia. However, I have never heard that there emerges a white elephant in those regions. Ancient treatises say that not one in every 1000 elephants can be a white elephant. No doubt, emergence of a white elephant is a good omen. Therefore, white elephants emerge with good signs and omens. It is impossible to discover a white elephant however long a nation is in search of a white elephant. Only when the ruler and a nation are of great power and glory and auspicious occasion has come, does a white elephant emerge.

According to some treatises relating to times of

monarchs, a white elephant's whole body is white and adorable with fair complexion, good looking and fine characteristics. Such elegant, graceful elephants are similar to white elephants belonging to would-be-Buddhas. If an elephant is white the whole body with good looking and is adorable, it has all characteristics of a white elephant. If an elephant is all white, it has all characteristics of a white elephant. That is to say, the whole body of an elephant is white colour, it has all characteristics of a white elephant.

The forth white elephant Baddawady has better complexion than the other three. Her all toe nails are white. She is gentle, calm and serene. Her eyes are pearl colour. She has a back as curved as a banana. Needless to say, she meets all the characteristics of a white elephant enumerated in ancient treatises.

According to 15 treatises including Gazabada Treatise on Elephants, Gajaviniccha Treatise by Venerable Kyaukye Monk, Treatise on Characteristics of White Elephant by Venerable Maungthaung Monk, and Yodhaya White Elephant Paper by Mingyi Maha Zeya, a white elephant possesses 64 characteristics in general and 305 characteristics in detail. Of the 64 characteristics, 35 are related to head and face, and 29, related to rear part of the head. According to Pitaka Treatise, white elephants are of 10 colour, greenish blue, reddish, green, golden, copper and silver.

Although an elephant is not white colour, it is deemed to be a white elephant if it possesses characteristics of a white elephant. White elephant Baddawady is completely white with all the characteristics, thus indicating good omen to the nation.

In the Myanmar history are records of significant events, poems of epic proportions, classical songs, classical songs sung to the accompaniment of harp, and songs featuring white elephants. To my knowledge, there are 13 records of significant events, six lyrical ode on the seasons, and three verses on white elephants. So, such literary works depict that the king, royal servants and the people adored and valued white elephants greatly. According to Pitaka Treatise, white elephants are of 10 types: Kalawaka, Gingayya, Pandaya, Peingala, Ganda, Mangala, Hayma, Upawthahta and Hsaddan. White elephant Nibbana Pissa Nagayaza belonging to King Bodaw possessed the characteristics of a Hsaddan elephant. So, he took the title "King Master of Hsaddan Elephant". In his time, the nation was prosperous with very strong forces and literature, music and mundane affairs thrived.

The emergence of white elephant Baddawady coincides with the nation's transition to democracy. So, it is an omen of prosperous future of the nation and the people. White elephants emerge only in regions where Buddhism flourishes, the people take refuge in the Dhamma (the Teachings of the Buddha), and the head rules the nation in consistence with the 10 precepts of a king. From 2001 to date, there have been four white elephants, thus reflecting the fact that the Union of Myanmar possesses those characteristics. In conclusion, I would say the Union of Myanmar will soon become a peaceful, modern and developed land.

Translation: MS

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Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin views tea saplings in Yithwe village of Nay Pyi Taw District.—MNA (News on page 1)

Mezali suspension bridge contributes to better...

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Mezali diversion dam is next to the bridge. The diversion dam maintains water passing from hydro power stations streaming from Chain Mountain Ranges, and it has south and north cannels. The two cannels are 222.52 miles long and can irrigate 96,777 acres of farmlands. Although it was built in 1910, it can still irrigate water to farmlands due to the maintenances of Irrigation Department.

The diversion dam is of concrete type and it is 380 feet long and nine feet high.

It has five feet and nine inches wide seven sluice gates. The beneath of the sluice gate is RL 196.8 feet in height. It is a big type diversion dam.



The bridge and the diversion dam contribute to swift flow of commodities, better transport and sufficient irrigation water.

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Mezali diversion dam supplying water to farmlands.

Handphones now commonly seen in...

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has been equipped with Mohnyin Degree College and Mohnyin Technological College. In addition, it has a General

Hospital (100-bed). In the near future, the 89 miles Nantsiaung-Mohnyin-Mogaung-Namti road section on Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Un-

ion Highway will be much better than in the past. Likewise, Mohnyin-Mogaung region will be supplied with electricity through the power grid network in 2010-2011.

In the past, Mohnyin relied on self-reliant magneto telephone ex-change. At present, the local people are enjoying the fruits of telecommunication technology of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications. The auto-telephone connection was launched in Mohnyin on 1 January 2004. At present, Mohnyin has been installed with 720 auto-telephones, Hopin with 860 auto-telephones, Nanma Village with 320 auto-telephones and Mawhan Village with 110 auto-telephones, totaling 2010.

In addition, Mohnyin has been facilitated with mobile telephones. The use of cellular phone commenced in Mohnyin on 10 March

2008. At present, a total of 636 cellular phones are in use in Mohnyin and 535 in Hopin. The use of CDMA-450 mobile phone was launched on 28 June 2009. Up to now, Mohnyin has been installed with 199 domestic use CDMA-450 mobiles and 358 country-wise use and Hopin and Indawgyi regions with 490 domestic ones and 121 country-wise ones, totaling 689 domestic use

CDMA 450 mobile phones and 479 country-wise use mobile phones. The local people are pleased with smooth and convenient communication through various types of telephones.

Telephone communication of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications covers rural and urban regions of Mohnyin Township. The people have the opportunity to contact each other

through telephone.

Various regions and villages of Mohnyin Township also have public call offices. Developing telecommunication facility is uplifting socio-economic status of the rural region. We have to wait and see greater progress in the communication sector in the coming days.

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A farmer using mobile phone in its farm.



Local people seen at public call office of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications in Mohnyin Township.



A man walks past a sand sculpture depicting famous Chinese painter Qi Baishi in the Juzizhou park in Changsha, capital of central-south China's Hunan Province, on 14 Aug, 2010. Artists will make more than 50 sand sculptures of 22 groups for the six-month Juzizhou Sand Sculpture Art Festival, to be opened in mid-September in the park.—XINHUA

Malaysia to reduce reliance on foreign workers

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Aug—Malaysia must reduce its reliance on foreign workers, especially in the manufacturing and services sectors, Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak said here on Saturday.

Speaking at the Chinese Economic Congress, Najib said the Malaysian government has been in search of a solution to solve the issue of overly dependent on foreign labour. While the Malaysian government was looking at the

feasibility of implementing the minimum wage policy, Najib urged Malaysian manufacturers to seriously consider accepting the scheme.

Malaysia currently has over two million foreign labour.

Former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad once criticized that Malaysia is a country that exports bright individuals while importing low-skilled workers.

Xinhua

Fires in Brazil up 330%

BRASILIA, 15 Aug—Total recorded fire outbreaks in Brazil increased 330 percent in the first eight months year-on-year, according to a report released on Friday.

There were 5,814 reports of fires between 1 January and 12 August, 2009, according to data from the National Institute for Space Research (INPE). However, INPE recorded 24,991 spots in the same period of 2010, the highest since 2005 when, in the same period, there was a total of 28,988 fires in the country.

Mato Grosso, a state in western Brazil, registered the highest number of fires, 5,970, up 648 percent over the previous year, followed by Para (4,814, up 503 percent), Tocantins (3,568, up 636 percent), Maranhão (2,003, up 350 percent), Piauí (1,630, up 684 percent) and Bahia (1,431, up 52 percent).

Xinhua

Flooding, slips close New Zealand's Bay of Plenty roads

WELLINGTON, 15 Aug — Flooding and slips have closed roads in New Zealand North Island's Bay of Plenty as heavy rain continued to batter the region on Saturday.

The downpours are expected until early Sunday, with up to 200 mm predicted in the ranges and 100 mm in low-lying areas.

Flooding between

Whakatane and Opotiki forced the closure of State Highway 2 and Wainui Rd on Saturday afternoon, while a number of rural roads in the region were closed by flooding and slips, the New Zealand Press Association reported.

A washout on SH35 east of the Motu Bridge, near Opotiki, has reduced traffic to one lane.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council duty flood manager Roger Waugh said the Waioeka and Mangorewa rivers reached first warning levels early Saturday, with the Otara, Waioeka and Waimana rivers expected to reach second warning levels later Saturday.

Metservice forecaster Heath Gullery said heavy rain was predicted for Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Coromandel, Taupo and the Gisborne ranges on Saturday.

Rain was likely to continue Sunday over much of the North Island and far northeast of the South Island, Gullery said.

The New Zealand Transport Authority on Saturday advised motorists in the Central Plateau and Alpine Passes to watch for ice and grit, especially in shaded areas.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 13 Aug, 2010 shows the scene of Bailong River running through the landslide-hit Zhouqu County, Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in northwest China's Gansu Province.

Over 80 multi-storeyed buildings are still in seriously ponding area, with water depth of 3-5 meters at present.—XINHUA

Emergency alarm on Air France flight caused by faulty smoke detector

OTTAWA, 15 Aug—Investigators have determined that emergency alarms that forced an Air France Boeing 777 jet to land at the eastern Canadian town of Goose Bay earlier this week were caused by a faulty smoke detector, Canadian officials announced on Friday.

The jet, en route from Paris to Montreal on Tuesday, was about 500 km northwest of Goose Bay, Labrador, flying over subarctic wilderness, when alarms went off.

The plane, accompanied by Canadian air force fighter planes, landed safely at Goose Bay one hour later.

The 478 passengers were stranded in the town of 7,500 people for 28 hours before another Air France flight arrived from Paris to take them to Montreal.

Peter MacKay, Canada's minister of national defence, on Friday thanked Canadian Air Force pilots and the people of Goose Bay for their help.

Xinhua



A child showing symptoms of dengue fever screams while being weighed by a doctor during a medical check-up in the pediatric emergency room of a public hospital in Santo Domingo on 13 August, 2010. Thirty-two people have died from dengue fever out of the 7,313 suspected cases reported this year in the Dominican Republic, according to local media.—XINHUA

Four killed outside US restaurant in Buffalo

NEW YORK, 15 Aug—Four people were shot dead outside a restaurant in Buffalo, New York, early on Saturday, US media reported.

Three people were fatally shot on the spot, while a fourth died at a hospital, the Associated Press quoted Buffalo police chief Dennis Richards as saying. Three others were wounded in the incident at the City

Grill restaurant.

The dead included three men and one woman, and another victim is in serious condition.

So far, police had no clue to the shooters or the motives behind the incident.

Richards said the police responded to the shooting incident at around 2:30 am on Saturday (2130 GMT

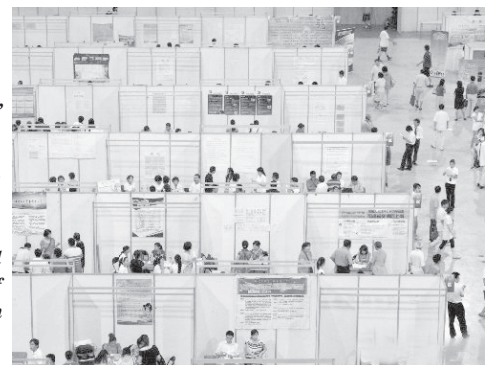
Friday), adding there was a wedding reception at the restaurant earlier in the night.

He said that it was unclear whether anyone in the wedding party was involved in the shooting and how many shooters there were.

"We're checking to see if something precipitated this from inside," Richards said.

Xinhua

Job hunters seek vacancies at a job fair for college graduates in Tianjin, north China, on 14 Aug, 2010. More than 500 companies offered on Saturday over 10,000 jobs at the fair. Tianjin will arrange a job fair of the kind each month in the rest of the year. —XINHUA



Residents evacuated following high tide at New Zealand North Island's Whakatane river

WELLINGTON, 15 Aug—About a dozen residents near the Whakatane River in New Zealand North Island's Bay of Plenty region have been evacuated early Sunday as flooding and slips isolated the eastern Bay of Plenty town of Opoiki.

Bay of Plenty Regional Council said there is a hole in a stopbank near the Te

Rehu canal on western side of Whakatane and several nearby houses have been evacuated while it is fixed, Radio New Zealand reported.

The council has diggers cutting into banks at the mouth of the river to open the floodway.

High tide has been reached on the Whakatane river and although the water is very high, there are no

other reports of flooding.

Up to 311 mm of rain has fallen in parts of the region in the past two days.

Overnight, Bay of Plenty regional council duty flood manager Bruce Crabbe said rain in the 18 hours to noon Sunday was expected to total between 120 mm and 180 mm in the ranges and up to 110 mm in lower-lying areas.

Xinhua

22 fires break out in southern Italy

ROME, 15 Aug—A total of 22 fires broke out in southern Italy on Saturday, mainly caused by the elevated temperatures.

The civil protection unit, responsible for all calamities hitting the country, said in a statement that it had intervened to extinguish the flames with fire-fighter planes and helicopters.

The majority of fires struck the island-region of Sicily (14), while two occurred in the Latium region.

According to the civil protection, a great part of the flames were ignited by human action.

The weather alarm in Italy remains high for the entire weekend, when many Italians will be leaving for the August summer break.

The northern and central regions continue to be battered by heavy windstorms. On Friday a tornado hit the Liguria region, destroying several beach facilities and flooding cities.

Xinhua



The national flag of China flies at half-mast on Tian'anmen Square in Beijing, capital of China, early on 15 Aug, 2010, to mourn for the victims of the mudslide disaster in Zhouqu. National flags across the country and at overseas embassies and consulates are to be lowered to half-mast Sunday to mourn the victims of the devastating mudslide which hit Zhouqu County, Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in southern Gansu on 8 Aug, 2010.—XINHUA

5.3-magnitude quake hits off Mariana Islands

HONG KONG, 15 Aug—An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale jolted Mariana Islands at 0400 GMT on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with the depth of 15 km, was initially determined to be 12.125 degrees north latitude and 141.424 degrees east longitude.

A strong earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter scale struck off Mariana Islands at 2301 GMT on Saturday, followed by a series of aftershocks.

Xinhua

5.0-magnitude quake hits Papua New Guinea

HONG KONG, 15 Aug—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted New Britain region, Papua New Guinea, at 0304 GMT on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with the depth of 51.6 km, was initially determined to be 7.138 degrees south latitude and 149.998 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

5.1-magnitude earthquake hits Pakistan's Balochistan province

ISLAMABAD, 15 Aug—A 5.1-magnitude earthquake was recorded in Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province early Sunday morning, reported local media.

According to the report, many houses were damaged during the earthquake, but no casualties were reported.

The earthquake took place in Sorab, a place southeast of the Province's capital city of Quetta, said the report.

Xinhua

5.5-magnitude quake hits Kamchatka, Russia

HONG KONG, 15 Aug—An earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale hit the east coast of Kamchatka, Russia at 0210 GMT on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with the depth of 33 km, was initially determined to be 53.460 degrees north latitude and 160.470 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 14 Aug, 2010 shows the submerged buildings in Wenchuan County, southwest China's Sichuan Province. At least 38 people are missing after rain-triggered floods and landslides ravaged Wenchuan County early Saturday. Around 10,000 residents have been evacuated.—XINHUA

Death toll from NW China mudslide rises to 1,239; 505 still missing

ZHOUQU, 15 Aug—The death toll from the massive mudslide in Zhouqu County, northwest China's Gansu Province, has risen to 1,239 as of 4 p.m. Saturday, with 505 still missing, local disaster relief headquarters said.

Xinhua

A man rides his donkey cart while fleeing from flooded village of Karampur, about 70 km from Sukkur in Pakistan's Sindh Province on 14 August, 2010.—XINHUA

Mudslide kills five people in E Uganda

MBALE, 15 Aug—Five people were killed and dozens injured in a mudslide on Friday night in eastern Uganda, local official said here on Saturday.

Wilson Watira, chairman of Bududa district, told Xinhua on telephone that the incident in Kibokolo sub-county, the second in this week, killed five people after an earlier one in Bushiye sub-county killed one on Wednesday.

According to local residents, several rivers in the area burst their banks during the last few days due to increasing rainfall.

Several landslides in Bududa District killed at least 350 people in March, leaving thousand of others displaced.

Many residents living in landslide-prone areas are reluctant to relocate to safer places though the government advised them to do so as another rainy season draws close.

Xinhua



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Turkey discovers ancient underground tomb

ANKARA, 15 Aug—Police have raided a house used by people suspected of digging illegally for antiquities and discovered two tunnels leading to an underground tomb that housed an ancient marble coffin and frescoes, officials said on Friday.

Culture Minister Ertugrul Gunay described the discovery near the town of Milas, in western Turkey, as an "important

archaeological find" and ordered digs in surrounding areas, *Haber Turk* newspaper reported. Looting of ancient artifacts is common in Turkey, and the country has imposed heavy penalties to deter illegal digs. But the Milas discovery is the first time in years that authorities have found what could be an important archaeological site while chasing looters.

The 2,800-year-old

carved coffin, decorated with reliefs of a bearded reclining man, probably belonged to Hecatomnus, who ruled over Milas, according to Turkey's Culture Ministry. Several treasures that would have been placed in the underground tomb were most likely looted by the treasure hunters and sold in the illegal antiquities trade, the ministry said.— *Internet*



Turkish Culture Minister Ertugrul Gunay inspects an ancient marble coffin inside an underground tomb in Milas, western Turkey. — INTERNET

Researchers say obese visit GP more often than smokers

LONDON, 15 Aug—Overweight people are more likely to make frequent trips to their GP than smokers or those who are generally unfit, say Dutch researchers.

The findings cannot be explained by overweight people having a higher risk of chronic diseases, such as diabetes, the analysis showed. Rising rates of obesity means nurses may have to take some of the pressure off doctors, they said.

The research is published in *Family Practice*. The team from Maastricht University looked at GP data from almost 4,500 adults.

Participants also filled in a questionnaire designed to find out about their lifestyles, such as their diet, whether they smoked, how much they drank and how much exercise they did.

They expected to find that the most unhealthy or unfit people would visit their GP more often. But of the lifestyle factors looked at, only body mass index (BMI) was independently associated with frequent visits to the doctor.

The finding was true of both men and women and was not accounted for by higher rates of chronic illness. — *Internet*



Obesity has been linked with several chronic diseases.
INTERNET

US border bloodshed sees 23 killed

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 15 Aug —Twenty-three people were killed in about 24 hours in Chihuahua state plagued by drug violence on the US border, authorities said on Saturday. Between late Friday and Saturday (local time) 13 people were killed in Ciudad Juarez, across from the US city of El Paso, Texas, Chihuahua state prosecutors said. One of the incidents in which the murders took place involved a car theft, and a couple was killed in a violent assault at a shopping mall, officials said.— *Internet*

Suspect charged with killing four in Buffalo

BUFFALO, 15 Aug—A Buffalo, NY, man suspected of killing four people in a burst of gunfire early Saturday at a restaurant has been charged with murder, police said. Keith Johnson, 25, was arrested hours after the shootings, which also left four men injured, at the City Grill, the *Buffalo News* reported. More charges are likely, police said. The victims included Daniel Mackin, 30, a Buffalo native who had returned to the city for a party to celebrate his marriage last year in Texas. Mackin's wife, also from Buffalo, was not injured, police sources said.— *Internet*

'Natural' Britain under threat, groups say

LONDON, 15 Aug—Britain's main environmental agency is facing budget cuts that could set back conservation efforts and change habitats, wildlife groups say. Some of the country's most beautiful nature reserves could be sold off and wildlife and countryside protection

measures slashed in attempt to meet expected 40 percent cuts in the budget of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, *The Guardian* reported on Friday.

Among the austerity plans being considered by the British government are selling off national nature

reserves, privatizing parts of the Forestry Commission, privatizing the Met Office, one of the world's leading research organizations on climate change, and withdrawing grants to British Waterways, which manages 2,200 miles of canals and rivers, the newspaper said.— *Internet*



Visitors enjoy their time at a rooftop garden bar in New York of the US, 13 Aug, 2010.—XINHUA

Indonesian ice fields could vanish within the next few years

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug—Ohio State University researchers who drilled through an ice cap perched precariously on the edge of a 16,000-foot-high Indonesian

mountain ridge say that the ice field could vanish within the next few years, another victim of global climate change. The researchers drilled three ice cores, two to bedrock,

from the peak's rapidly shrinking ice caps.

They hope these new cores will provide a long-term record of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) phenomenon that dominates climate variability in the tropics.

"We were able to bring back three cores from these glaciers, one 30 meters (98.4 feet) long, one 32 meters (105 feet) long and the third 26 meters (85 feet) long," explained Lonnie Thompson. While the cores are relatively short compared to those retrieved during some of Thompson's previous 57 expeditions, "We won't know what history they contain until we do the analyses." — *Internet*



School children take part in celebrations to mark India's Independence Day at a school in Kolkata on 15 Aug, 2010.
INTERNET

Plague-infected prairie dog found

REGINA, 15 Aug—A dead prairie dog found in a national park in western Canada has been determined to be infected with plague, authorities said. The prairie dog was discovered in Grasslands National Park in southwestern Saskatchewan, CKOM-AM, Saskatoon, reported. The park has banned pets because they could have fleas or ticks that might bite an infected animal and spread the potentially deadly disease. Park officials have suggested visitors use insect repellent.

Dr Saqib Shabab, deputy health officer for the province, said plague, once a major killer, is treatable with antibiotics.

Internet

Traffickers hide cocaine under rare python

Italian police seized a rare albino python in Rome Wednesday in a raid on a group of drug traffickers who used the snake to guard cocaine and intimidate customers who owed them money.

The three-meter (10-foot) long reptile attacked police when they burst into the dealers' apartment where they were

preparing the cocaine for distribution. The specialist forest police had to be called in to capture the python.

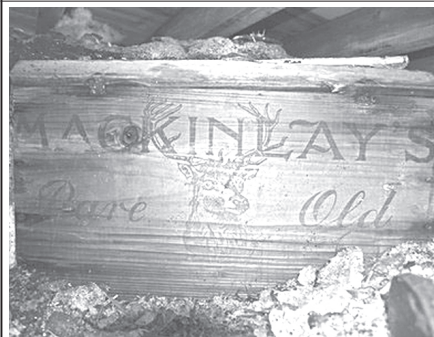
"When we went in, we found the animal right behind the door waiting for us, just like a proper guard dog," said Lieutenant Luca Gelormino.

"We were surprised to find 200 grams of very pure cocaine under the snake that it was

jealously guarding. From our investigation we can say it had been trained to watch over the drugs."

The animal had been starved for seven days to make it extremely aggressive, but it calmed down after it was given a generous helping of chicken.

News Album



In this file photo released by Antarctic Heritage Trust, one of crates of Scotch whisky and brandy is pictured after they have been recovered by a team restoring an Antarctic hut used more than 100 years ago by famed polar explorer Ernest Shackleton. One of the crates of the Scotch whisky that was trapped in Antarctic ice for a century was finally opened on 13 Aug, 2010 but the heritage dram won't be tasted by whisky lovers because it's being preserved for its historic significance.



Transparent computer screens

NY store hires bedbug-hunting beagle, just in case

High-end New York city retailer Bergdorf Goodman

has hired a beagle to hunt for bedbugs — just in case.

Store spokeswoman Ginger Reeder says there have been no reported cases of the pesky bugs at the Fifth Avenue department store. She says it seemed prudent to go the extra mile, though.

The beagle has been on the prowl for several weeks, working at night after the store closes.

French criminals now face short arm of the law

France has ended restrictions barring people under 1.6 meters (5 ft 3 in) from joining the police force.

The country of Napoleon imposed minimum height requirements for police centuries ago, raising them over the decades as the average size of Frenchmen rose, but the rules have come to be seen as discriminatory.

"Entry into all active categories of the national police is no longer reserved for candidates whose height exceeds 1.60m," the French Labour Ministry said in a statement.

"From now on the conditions of entry will be linked exclusively to the ability to carry out the relevant duties."



Pop singer Jolin Tsai (R2) receives gifts from her fans at the launch ceremony of her new album "Myself" in Beijing, China, on 13 August, 2010.—XINHUA

"Jersey Shore" star Snooki denied name trademark

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug— "Jersey Shore's" Nicole Polizzi lost a legal hold on her famous "Snooki" nickname after the US Patent and Trademark Office rejected her trademark application on grounds that a similar character already beat her to the punch, according to The Smoking Gun website.

Since 2004, the publishers of book featuring a cartoon cat by the name of "Snooky" have retained the rights to the name,



Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi of reality television programme "Jersey Shore" arrives as a guest for the premiere of the film "Grown Ups" in New York June.

INTERNET

which was trademarked for the kids' book "Adventures of Snooky."

Internet

Story of amputee climber to close London Film Fest

LONDON, 15 Aug— This year's London Film Festival will close with a film based on the true story of a mountaineer who escaped death in a remote canyon by cutting off his own arm.

Organizers said Friday that "127 Hours" would wrap up the festival on 28 Oct. It is directed by Danny Boyle, whose last film was the Academy Award-winning "Slumdog Millionaire."

Internet

Barbie Hsu, Richie Ren promote new comedy in Guangzhou

BEIJING, 15 Aug— Barbie Hsu and Richie Ren joined director Chung Shu-Kai at a promotion for their film "Long Feng Dian" in Guangzhou on 12 August, one week prior to its release, Sina.com.cn reports.

"I think 'Long Feng Dian' will be the funniest romantic comedy of the past decade," director Chung was quoted as saying.

The film was

Chinese actresses Yao Chen (C), Dong Jie (L) and Gao Yuanyuan attend an exhibition of award-winning works of "Shining Light" diamond jewelries design contest in Beijing, China, on 12 August, 2010.—INTERNET



Barbie Hsu and Richie Ren at a promotion for their film "Long Feng Dian" in Guangzhou on 12 August, 2010.—XINHUA

inspired by the classic Chinese play "You Long Xi Feng". Richie Ren plays an emperor who falls in love with a beautiful but sassy restaurant owner played by Barbie Hsu.

Parodies of such popular films as "The Message" ("Feng Sheng"), "God of Gamblers" ("Du Shen")

and "The Eagle Shooting Heroes" ("Dong Cheng Xi Jiu") have been publicized as the selling points of the film.

The film is supported by an all-star line-up that includes Huang Xiaoming, Zhou Libo, Huo Siyan, Law Kar-Ying and Leung Siu-Lung.—Xinhua

Singer Rihanna performs at Madison Square Garden in New York on 12 August, 2010.—XINHUA



Arsenal grab freak lifeline to draw 1-1 at 10-man Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, 15 Aug—Arsenal grabbed a point with a freak late goal in a 1-1 draw at Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday in a Premier League clash which saw both sides finish the game with 10 players.

David Ngog gave Liverpool a 46th minute lead, but Arsenal levelled in the 90th minute.

Tomas Rosicky's cross was bundled on to a post by Marouane Chamakh and the ball rebounded back over the goalline off Liverpool keeper Pepe Reina.

Joe Cole's English Premier League bow as a Liverpool player lasted just 45 minutes before he was sent off on the stroke of half-time for a scything tackle on Arsenal defender Laurent Koscielny.

French defender Koscielny, a summer capture from Lorient, was stretched off as former Chelsea star Cole left the pitch dismayed by referee Martin Atkinson's decision.

Atkinson had already booked Arsenal youngster Jack Wilshere for a studs-up challenge on Liverpool's Argentine midfielder Javier Mascherano.

In injury time at the end of the match Koscielny, who had returned after the half-time interval, was also sent off for handball.—*Internet*



Drogba leads champion Chelsea to 6-0 opening win

LONDON, 15 Aug—Didier Drogba scored a hat trick to lead defending champion Chelsea to a 6-0 win over West Bromwich Albion on Saturday's opening day of the English Premier League season.

Florent Malouda put Chelsea ahead early before Drogba hit a free kick and a close-range finish to move into sixth place on Chelsea's list of career scoring leaders. Frank Lampard passed into the net before Drogba hit a deflected shot in at the near post and Malouda scored again in the last minute.

"It's a good start but there are difficult moments and they are coming," Drogba said.—*Internet*



Chelsea's Nicholas Anelka, left, vies for the ball with West Bromwich Albion's Jerome Thomas.—*INTERNET*

MacDonald unsure about Villa job despite victory

BIRMINGHAM, 15 Aug—Kevin MacDonald has been told to keep up the good work and start preparing for Aston Villa's Europa League qualifier against Rapid Vienna. But the caretaker manager still does not know whether he wants to permanently replace Martin O'Neill, despite overseeing a 3-0 Premier League win against West Ham at Villa Park on Saturday.

Villa owner Randy Lerner was the first in the home dressing room, along with club chief executive Paul Faulkner, to express his gratitude at the manner in

which MacDonald inspired his team to such an impressive opening day victory.—*Internet*



Aston Villa's midfielder James Milner (left) scores during their English Premier League match.—*INTERNET*

Mancini pleads for City patience

LONDON, 15 Aug—Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini admits it may take a month of the Premier League season before his team are playing as he would like.

City have been billed as potential Premier League champions after heavy spending in pre-season.

But they were fortunate to start the campaign with a goalless draw against Tottenham Hotspur, with goalkeeper Joe Hart pulling off a number of saves to earn a point at White Hart Lane.—*Internet*



Manchester City's manager Roberto Mancini is seen during their English Premier League match vs Tottenham.—*INTERNET*

Watney in front, but PGA is up for grabs



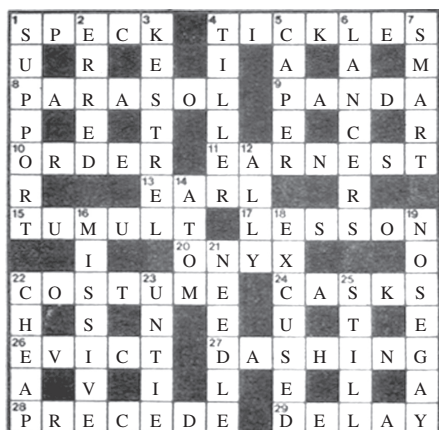
Nick Watney hits a drive on the fourth hole.—*INTERNET*

SHEBOYGAN, 15 Aug—The only number that matters at the PGA Championship is on the scorecard, not the birth certificate.

Golf has been trending toward youth over the past several years, and on a Saturday at Whistling Straits, the final major of the year turned out to be a showcase of the next generation.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Schwarzer stalemate set to continue, says Hughes

BOLTON, 15 Aug—Fulham manager Mark Hughes made it clear Arsenal would have to up their offer for goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer before he'd let the Australia international leave Craven Cottage.

Schwarzer was left out of the Cottagers' goalless Premier League opener away to Bolton on Saturday just a day after handing in a transfer request to join Arsenal, who have qualified for the Champions League.—*Internet*

Clijsters, Sharapova advance to WTA Cincinnati final

CINCINNATI, 15 Aug—Reigning US Open champion Kim Clijsters and Russian ace Maria Sharapova advanced to the WTA Cincinnati Open final in very different fashion on Saturday.

Belgian fourth seed Clijsters needed only 12 minutes to reach Sunday's title match of the two million-dollar hardcourt event after Serbia's Ana Ivanovic retired due to a left foot injury and left the court in tears.

Sharapova needed 2 1/2 hours to defeat Russian teen Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 in the other semi-final. Sharapova made 40 unforced errors to 35 for her rival.

Clijsters led 2-1 after



Maria Sharapova of Russia celebrates match point in her semifinal match against compatriot Anastasia.—*INTERNET*

breaking Ivanovic in the third game, but the show-down of former world number ones would end after only 25 points being played and with the Serbian's US Open hopes in great jeopardy.—*Internet*

Results and next fixtures

International club friendlies results on 14 Aug

Lazio	3 - 1	Levante
Sporting Gijon	1 - 0	Real Sociedad
Atletico Madrid	2 - 3	Mallorca
Numancia	0 - 2	Zaragoza

England Premier League results on 14 Aug

Tottenham H.	0 - 0	Manchester C.
Aston Villa	3 - 0	West Ham U.
Blackburn R.	1 - 0	Everton
Bolton W.	0 - 0	Fulham
Sunderland	2 - 2	Birmingham C.
Wigan Athletic	0 - 4	Blackpool
Wolverhampton W.	2 - 1	Stoke C.
Chelsea	6 - 0	West Bromwich A.

Result of Spanish Super Cup First Leg

Sevilla	3 - 1	Barcelona
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Results of France League 1

Brest	1 - 1	Auxerre
Lorient	1 - 2	Nice
Nancy	0 - 3	Rennes
Saint-Etienne	3 - 2	Sochaux
Valenciennes	3 - 2	Marseille
Arles-Avignon	0 - 1	Lens

Hodgson rules out Liverpool title challenge

LIVERPOOL, 15 Aug —Roy Hodgson does not expect Liverpool to challenge for the Premier League title this season because he has not had enough time to work with his new squad. Hodgson welcomes Arsenal to Anfield on Sunday for his first Premier League game as Liverpool boss after replacing Rafael Benitez during the close-season.

The former Fulham manager was the number one choice to replace Benitez because of his honesty and straight-talking values, something he displayed time and time again during his successful three-year tenure at Craven Cottage.—Internet



Liverpool's Fernando Torres celebrates scoring a goal. Team manager Roy Hodgson says he does not expect the team to challenge for the Premier League title this season because he has not had enough time to work with his new squad.

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MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (16-8-2010) (Monday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (16-8-10 09:30 am ~ 17-8-10 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * The Hilly Town(Namhsan)
- * Shwe Bo's glazed pots
- * Prospective Private Wood Industries
- * News
- * Artist Myeik Win Htain & Heroes of Myanmar
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- * Culture Stage
- * Innovative Skills Of Myanmar Handicrafts
- * News
- * (Being Young) "Youth & Music
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Yangon International Airport
- * News
- * The Venerable Pagodas of Bagan
- * Myanmar Movie " Mommy's Girls"



Monday, 16 August

View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:10 am

7. Song Of National Races

8:20 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

9. "ငါ့ရစ်မျိုးငါတို့မစား"

8:40 am

10. International News

8:45 am

11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Dance Variety

4:15 pm

3. Musical Programme

4:30 pm

4. အထွေထွေသတင်းအချက်အလက်

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

-ဒုတိယနှစ်

(ဓါတုဗေဒအထူးပြု)

(ဓါတုဗေဒ)

4:45 pm

5. Songs To Uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစာကား

5:05 pm

7. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar modern Music Troupe)

5:15 pm

8. "ကဏ္ဍမာရ်"

အားကစားအစီစဉ်

5:30 pm

9. မြန်မာစာသင်ခန်းစာ

6:00 pm

10. Evening News

6:15 pm

11. Weather Report

6:20 pm

12. Sing & Enjoy

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"မဟာဆန်သူ..."

ကိုယ်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၈)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International News

16. Weather Report

17. ဘဝကိုယ်စီအလှူကိုယ်စီ

(ဝင်းဝင်းအောင်(မြို့မ)

သရုပ်ဆောင်-ပပဝင်းခင်၊

တေးရေး-ကိုချစ်မြိုင်(မြို့မ)

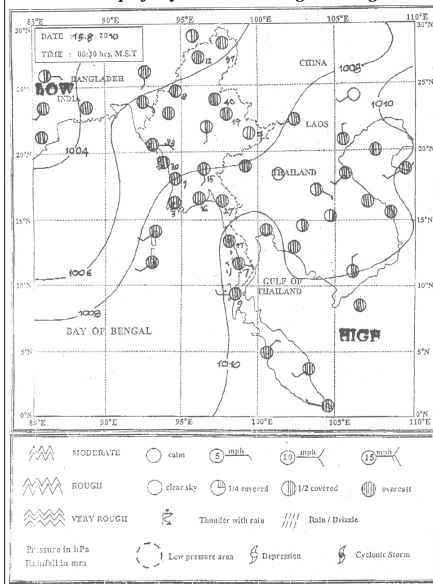
18. "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ"

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(ဒုတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

19. သုခုမရင်ပြင်

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 15th August, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and Yangon Division, widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy fall in Kachin and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were An (4.05) inches, Chaungzon (3.50) inches, Myitkyina (3.27) inches, Machanbaw (2.99) inches, Kyeikhame and Myaungmya (2.83) inches each, Bhamo (2.48) inches, Putao (2.44) inches and Kyaukpadaung (1.55) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 14-8-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 15-8-2010 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-8-2010(92%). Rainfall on 15-8-2010 was (0.12) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather

Maximum temperature on 14-8-2010 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 15-8-2010 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-8-2010 (81%). Total Sunshine hours on 14-8-2010 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 15-8-2010 was (1.77) inches at Mingaladon, (0.63) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.83) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (50.12) inches at Mingaladon, (55.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (67.56) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 14-8-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 15th August 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar water.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-8-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-8-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Handphones now commonly seen in farmers' hands

During a visit to Mohnyin region, I saw a mobile phone user in the rural area. I wished to see such a scene for a long time. Now, my dreams have come true. Not only residents of urban regions but also those of rural areas are pleased with better services of telecommunication. It is the result of prevalence of stability, peace and development in harmony.

In the past, we relied on postal service to contact friends and relatives. If it was important

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(Mohnyin)**

matter, we would do it ourselves. In the new era, we overcome the difficulties through the communication technology.

At present, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications has provided services to urban and rural areas including border regions. The communication facilities also reach the farmlands of the

rural regions.

Recently, I was much pleased to see a farmer using mobile telephone on the bund of paddy field. It reflected endeavours of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and noble goodwill of the State.

In the past, Mohnyin in Kachin State was a township. At present, it was promoted to the district level. In accord with the district characteristics, Mohnyin (See page 9)

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (15-8-2010)

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*Microwave station
in Mohnyin of
Kachin State seen
with 72 metres high
tower.*

