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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

Law Amending Code of Civil Procedure issued

The Union of Myanmar
The State Peace and Development Council
The Law Amending the Code of Civil Procedure
(The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 6/2008)
The 12th Waning of Wagaung 1370 ME
(28 August, 2008)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following

Law:-

1. This Law shall be called the **Law Amending the Code of Civil Procedure**.
2. Section 7, sub-section (4) of Section 24, sub-section (2), first proviso of section 35 A, rule 13 of order 38, order 50 and order 53 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall be deleted.
3. The sum of fine contained in sub-section (c) of section 32 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall be substituted by the expression of "five thousand kyats."
4. The sum of money contained in clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 58 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall be substituted by the expression of "one hundred thousand kyats."
5. In sub-section (1) of section 60 of the Code of Civil Procedure:
 - (a) the amount of money contained in clause (h) and clause (i) shall be substituted by the expression "ten thousand kyats";
 - (b) the expression "a railway administration or" contained in clause (i) shall be deleted;
 - (c) clause (j) shall be substituted as follows:-

"(j) the pay and allowances of persons to whom the Defence Services Act, 1959 applies."

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Officials urged to supervise secure and smooth running of vessels in Yangon River

YANGON, 28 Aug — In meeting with departmental heads at the hall of Myanma Port Authority on Pansodan Street, here, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence this afternoon heard reports on work progress of the Committee for Waterway Clearing and Salvage of Sunken Vessels, survey on the

floor of Yangon River, clearing of sunken vessels in the river caused by the storm, reconstruction of jetties, 73 per cent salvage of sunken vessels and pulling back of vessels washed ashore and berthing of ocean-going liners at Yangon Port presented by Managing Director U Thein Htay of Myanma Port

Authority, Managing Director U Soe Tint of Inland Water Transport, Director-General U Maung Maung Oo of Department of Marine Administration and Managing Director U Kyi Soe of Myanma Shipyards.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects jetties which have been repaired in Yangon River. — MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 29 August, 2008

Prevent the danger of trafficking in persons

The number of trafficked people is one million to two million in a year, and there have been about 30 million people who have been trafficked across the globe. Therefore, global nations are placing great emphasis on addressing the problem.

Myanmar is also combating human trafficking as a national task. Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Australia signed a memorandum of understanding on the drive for prevention of trafficking in persons in Asia in December 2003 and started implementing it very effectively.

Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Law was promulgated in 2005, and taking punitive action against traffickers has stopped many cases of human trafficking. At the same time, measures are being taken state-, division- and township-wise to save those who fall prey to human traffickers, to enable the victims to integrate back with their society and to rehabilitate them.

It is found that some profit-making unscrupulous persons are committing human trafficking by persuading innocent people with job offers at factories and workshops in the other country. So special emphasis is being paid to taking preventive measures against human trafficking along the routes easily accessible to the neighbouring countries.

Myanmar has enacted Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Law and is taking severe action against human traffickers. Myanmar is solving the problem of human traffickers in cooperation with UN agencies, ASEAN, the neighbours such as China, Thailand, India and Bangladesh as well as Russia and Vietnam. All in all, with the extensive participation of departmental and social organizations and the local people, more and more preventive measures against trafficking in persons can be taken.

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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

Foreign Minister to attend BIMSTEC meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win left for India this morning by air to attend the 10th Ministerial Meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) to be held tomorrow in New Delhi, India.

Minister U Nyan Win was accompanied by Assistant Director U Kyaw Tin Shein of the Minister's Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Deputy Director-General U Thant Kyaw of the International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Director-General U Than Aye of Agricultural Planning Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Director U Htin Aung of Energy Planning Department under the Ministry of Energy, Director U Kyaw Swa of the International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Assistant Director U Aung Kyi and Subject-Incharge U Lin Maung Maung Win are attending the 12th Senior Officials' Meeting of BIMSTEC in New Delhi, India.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed General Manager U Soe Myint of Hydropower Generation Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 as Managing Director of Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries under the Ministry of Industry-2 on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA

IRD officials receive guidelines

YANGON, 28 Aug — Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe met with Deputy Director-General U San Myint, directors and officials at the meeting hall of Internal Revenue Department on Pansodan Street, here, today.

He also inspected Clerical Refresher Course No. (1/2008) and Basic Computer Course No. (1/2008) being conducted at the training hall and computer training hall of the department and left necessary instructions.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe inspects Clerical Refresher Course No. (1/2008) and Basic Computer Course No. (1/2008).—MNA

UMFCCI to modernize farming with Malaysian cooperation

YANGON, 28 Aug —Seminar on Enhancing Agricultural Products further to the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis was held at Traders Hotel, here, today.

It was organized by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Nutri Plant Biotech Fertilizer Sdn Bhd (Malaysia), Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) and Malaysia Palm Oil Board (MPOB).

Partner Major (Rtd) Amir Alias of Nutri Plant Biotech Fertilizer Sdn Bhd

(Malaysia) extended greetings and General Secretary of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing explained the purpose of the seminar.

Next, the UMFCCI General Secretary and Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dato' Mazlan Mohammad cut the ribbon

to open the seminar. Experts discussed matters on enhancing agricultural products.

MNA



UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dato' Mazlan Mohammad open the seminar.—MNA

Obama wins Democratic nomination, with backing of Clintons



Barack Obama

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug — Barack Obama became the first black presidential nominee of a major US party, with rousing support from Bill and Hillary Clinton, at the Democratic National Convention. Delaware senator Joe Biden accepted the vice presidential nomination.

To shouts of “Yes we can,” Democrats nominated Barack Obama said on Wednesday as their presidential candidate in a historic first for a black American, backed by his ex-rivals Bill and Hillary Clinton.

Obama made his first appearance at the Democratic National Convention, stepping out on stage after his vice presidential running mate, Sen Joe Biden, attacked Republican John McCain as he accepted the nomination as No 2 on the ticket.

“I think the

convention has gone pretty well so far. What do you think?” Obama said to cheering delegates after hugging Biden and his wife Jill on stage.

Former President Bill Clinton, who has been slow to warm to Obama after his wife lost a bruising primary battle, worked to encourage party unity by giving Obama an unwavering seal of approval in a speech to a packed convention hall.

Delegates cheered Clinton’s appearance for so long that he asked them to sit down.

Internet

Biden opens new phase with attack on McCain

DENVER, 28 Aug — Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr of Delaware accepted the Democratic vice-presidential nomination on Wednesday night with an ode to his middle-class upbringing and a blistering attack on Senator John McCain.

On tax policy and the war in Iraq, on health care and terrorism, on the minimum wage and on

Russia, Mr. Biden said, the contrast was clear between Mr McCain and the Democratic presidential nominee, Senator Barack Obama.

“Again and again,” he said, “on the most important national security issues of our time, John McCain was wrong, and Barack Obama was proven right.”

He said Mr McCain

had supported President Bush’s policies that Mr Biden said had driven the American economy into a ditch and backed Mr Bush on a war that is costing American taxpayers \$12 billion a month.

As Democrats often do, he paid tribute to Mr McCain’s military service and his more than five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. —Internet

At least 90 Afghan civilians killed in recent military operations, says UN

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Aug — An investigation by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has found that some 90 civilians, including 60 children, were among those killed during military operations in the strife-torn nation’s western Herat province last week.

A team of human rights officers from UNAMA went to Herat’s Shindand district to investigate reports that large numbers of civilian casualties were sustained during operations conducted by foreign and Afghan military personnel around midnight on 21 August.

They found “convincing evidence, based on the testimony of eyewitnesses, and others,” that some 90 civilians were killed — including 60 children, 15 women

and 15 men — and another 15 villagers wounded.

“This is a matter of grave concern to the United Nations.

I have repeatedly made clear that the safety and welfare of civilians must be considered above all else during the planning and conduct of all military operations,” Kai Eide, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan, said in a statement issued today in Kabul.

According to the people interviewed by UNAMA, the military operations lasted several hours during which air strikes were called in.

“The destruction from aerial bombardment was clearly evident with some 7-8 houses having been totally destroyed and serious damage to many others. Local residents were able to confirm the number of casualties, including



Mr Kai Eide, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan.

names, age and gender of the victims,” the mission said.

Mr Eide called on the international and Afghan military forces to “thoroughly review” the conduct of the operation to ensure that it does not happen again.

“The impact of such operations undermines the trust and confidence of the Afghan people in efforts to build a just, peaceful, and law-abiding State,” he stated, reminding all parties that the protection of civilians must be their primary concern.

Internet

Iran says can hit Israel with missiles if attacked

TEHERAN, 28 Aug — Iran could hit back at Israel with missiles if the Jewish state attacked it and could also rely on allies in the region to strike, the commander of the Islamic Republic’s Revolutionary Guards said on Wednesday. Israel, like the United States, has not ruled out military action against Iran if diplomacy fails to resolve a row over Teheran’s nuclear ambitions.

The West and Israel accuse Iran of seeking to build nuclear weapons, despite Iran’s insistence that it wants technology to make electricity so that it can save more of its vast oil and gas resources for export.

“Our strategic calculations show that if the Zionist regime wants to make the smallest move against our interests, either independently or with America, in the shortest

time all the territories under the Zionist regime’s control will become unsafe,” Guards commander-in-chief Mohammad Ali Jafari said.

“That country is completely in the range of the Islamic Republic’s missiles. The missile capabilities of our armed forces is such that the Zionist regime, with all its capabilities, would not be able to confront it,” he added. —Internet

At least 10 dead in Pakistan suicide attack



A Pakistani policeman stands in front of a police barrier in northwestern Swat valley. At least 10 people, including police officers and prison staff, died in a suicide attack on Thursday in a garrison town in northwest Pakistan as they headed to work, a police official told AFP. —INTERNET

BANNU, 28 Aug — At least 10 people, including police officers and prison staff, died in a suicide attack on Thursday in a garrison town in northwest Pakistan as they headed to work, a police official told AFP.

The incident was the latest in a series of deadly attacks to hit Pakistan since the resignation of Pervez Musharraf as president, with the country’s fragile coalition government struggling to combat

Islamic militancy. “The van was carrying policemen and jail staff when it was hit by an explosives-laden car which was used in the attack,” said Bannu police official Najeebullah, who uses only one name.

“Ten people, mostly police and prison workers, were killed in the attack,” he said. The van that was targeted in the head-on collision was normally used to carry prisoners to court and then back to jail.

Bannu is a garrison town situated 250 kilometres (150 miles) southwest of the Pakistani capital Islamabad and is close to the country’s lawless tribal areas bordering Afghanistan.

Internet

Russia wins backing from China, Central Asia over Georgia

MOSCOW, 28 Aug — Russia won support on Thursday from China and Central Asian states in its standoff with the West over the Georgia conflict as the European Union said it was weighing

sanctions against Moscow.

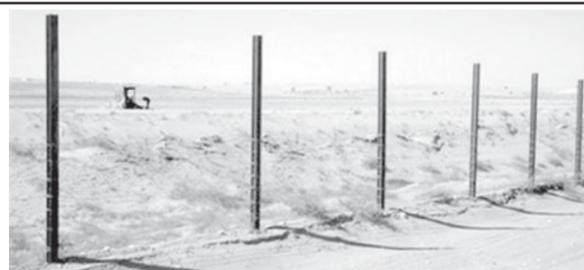
Russia’s President Dmitry Medvedev said he hoped the “united position” of a summit of Central Asian nations would “serve as a serious

signal to those who try to turn black into white”.

The West has strongly condemned Russia’s military offensive in Georgia this month and Medvedev’s decision to recognize Georgia’s breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia as independent states.

Ratcheting up pressure on Russia, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, whose country holds the presidency of the European Union, said the 27-nation bloc was preparing sanctions on Moscow.

Internet



The border fence between Egypt and Israel. Egyptian authorities have arrested 33 African migrants, including four children, who were trying to cross the border illegally into Israel, a security official has said.

INTERNET



Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao presents a wreath to the monument to the ethnic pacification and recovery in Dushanbe, capital of Tajikistan, on 27 Aug, 2008.—XINHUA

China becomes Israel's second largest importer in 2007

JERUSALEM, 28 Aug—Chinese exports to Israel surpassed Germany's in 2007, making China Israel's second largest importing country, Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics said on Wednesday.

Imports from China grew to 4.6 billion US dollars in 2007 from 3.2 billion dollars in 2006, the bureau said.

In 2006, Germany

was the second largest exporter of goods to Israel excluding diamonds. Its exports to the Jewish country rose to 3.3 billion dollars in 2007 from 3.1 billion dollars in 2006.

Analysts said that the increase in Chinese imports was part of a trend of growth that would include a wider variety of products over time.

"The big difference is

that Israel will start importing an increasing amount of high-tech equipment, not just consumer equipment," Amos Yudan, Chairman of the Israel China Chamber of Commerce, told *Xinhua*.

"The Israeli market will understand that China is not only supplying cheap materials but also items which are really high-tech," Yudan said, noting that some Chinese high-tech equipments were already being imported.

"This is a trend that is likely to change the trade between Israel and China," he said.

Xinhua

Ecuador, Venezuela to launch joint oil exploration in Venezuela

QUITO, 28 Aug—Ecuador and Venezuela will explore oil reserves in Venezuela, Ecuadorian Mining and Oil Minister Galo Chiriboga said on Wednesday.

Ecuador's state-owned oil company Petroecuador will sign an agreement on Friday with Venezuelan oil giant PDVSA on the joint exploration of the oil reserves at Campo Ayacucho in Venezuela's Orinoco Strip, said Chiriboga in a statement. Under the agreement, the two oil giants will create a joint venture to perform the task, Chiriboga said, adding that the PDVSA will hold majority shares of the company.

The move marks the beginning of the internationalization of Petroecuador's operations, according to Chiriboga.

Ecuador and Venezuela, which have close cooperation in economy, oil and culture, are the only two Latin American countries that are part of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).—*Xinhua*



Revellers pose in tomato pulp during the annual "Tomatina" (tomato fight) in the Mediterranean village of Bunol, near Valencia, on 27 Aug, 2008.

XINHUA

European countries warn tourists against violence in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 28 Aug—Many European countries have alerted their tourists against rising violence in Mexico and warned them about the links between Mexican police agents and organized crime, reports by the daily *El Universal* said on Wednesday.

The governments of Germany, Britain and Switzerland advised their citizens to be cautious during trips to Mexico.

The countries told their citizens that Mexican policemen have been involved in crimes like robberies, homicides and kidnappings.

The German Foreign Ministry advised its citizens not to resist if they fell victim to any crime in Mexico, because that might threaten their lives.—*Xinhua*

Envoy: Great challenges lie ahead for alliance troops in Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 28 Aug—The alliance troops' mission in Afghanistan is a difficult one and things will not improve in one or two years, warned Arif Lalani, Canada's ambassador on Wednesday.

As Canada's military commitment to Afghanistan ends in 2011, no miracles can be expected by that time concerning the situation there, he said during an interview with Canadian Television.

"In 2011, I think Canadians should not expect everything in Kandahar will be fixed," he said.

Xinhua

Latin America benefits from cooperation with Asian countries

SANTIAGO, 28 Aug—The Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLA) said on Wednesday that Latin America benefited in the past year from the enhanced economic cooperation with Asian

countries.

In this way Latin America has been able to face in a better way the world economic turbulences, ECLA said.

ECLA's Executive Secretary Mexican Alicia Barcena said that the eco-

nomie exchange terms increased around 33 percent in 2007 and South America benefited more as it exports big amount of minerals and agriculture products to China, India and other nations.

Xinhua

Ship explosion kills one, injures 19 in Vietnam

HANOI, 28 Aug—A ship exploded when exploiting metal scraps in Vietnam's sea waters, killing one local man and injuring 19 others, local newspaper *Young People* reported on Thursday.

The ship owned by Le Van Cu from Ninh Phuoc district, southern Ninh Thuan province, exploded on Wednesday some 17 km off the Ninh-Phuoc coast, making itself and a nearby ship sink. Some fishing ships brought all the victims, including eight seriously injured people onshore.—*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency



US astronaut Michael Fincke attends a training session in a space capsule in the Star City space centre outside Moscow on 27 August, 2008. Fincke is scheduled to visit the International Space Station (ISS) in October as part of the 18th ISS crew.—XINHUA

Sony's Chubachi warns stagflation threatens Asia

SINGAPORE, 28 Aug—Sony Corp President Ryoji Chubachi warned on Thursday that stagflation—slowing economic growth and quickening inflation—in the US, Europe and Japan is beginning to undermine consumer demand in Asia.

“This is the reality we are facing. Our concern is that consumers’ buying power is decreasing.” Chubachi said at a news conference in Singapore at the opening of a lithium-ion battery plant here, Sony’s first battery factory

in Southeast Asia.

“If this situation continues long-term, it would affect Sony,” he said. Sony said last month its April-June profit plunged by about half from a year ago, in part because of slowing electronics sales growth.

Chubachi, which heads the company’s electronics operations, said demand for Sony televisions jumped ahead of this month’s Olympic Games in Beijing, and that the Tokyo-based electronics giants’ computers, appliances and

mobile phones also remain popular.

Sony invested \$106 million in the Singapore plant, which will produce 8 million battery units a month for mobile phones by 2010 and employ 500 workers. Rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, now common in cell phones and laptops, produce more power and are smaller than nickel-metal hydride batteries.—INTERNET



An aerial view of the San Miguel river at an Amazonian region of Ecuador, on the border with Colombia, is seen from a helicopter on 26 Aug, 2008. Ecuador will run next September a programme named ‘Plan Ecuador’, to formally shelter around 50,000 Colombian citizens who live along in settlements along the border with Colombia.—INTERNET

Survey: US workers’ confidence in job market sags

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—American workers’ confidence in the job market is as low as it was during the 2001 recession, according to a survey released on Thursday.

When asked whether this is a bad time to find a quality job, 65 percent said it was matching the level of the 2001 recession, according to the survey by Rutgers University’s John J Heldrich Center for Workforce Development.

With unemployment at 5.7 percent, the highest level since 2004, and weekly unemployment claims hitting a six-year high earlier this month, workers are worried about everything from their weekly hours to their total pay. As for retirement, many agree with Ray O’Connell, 56, an editor of engineering and computer science journals in New York City. “Won’t happen,” he said. The survey found one third of workers said they often don’t have enough money to make ends meet.—INTERNET



File photo shows state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela oil company workers at the Jose Antonio Anzuategui industrial complex. Venezuela has raked in 4.3 billion dollars from a tax on windfall oil profits it started collecting from Petroleos de Venezuela in mid-April, President Hugo Chavez said.—INTERNET

Venezuela nets 4.3 billion dollars in windfall oil profit tax

CARACAS, 28 Aug—Venezuela has raked in 4.3 billion dollars from a tax on windfall oil profits it started collecting from state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela in mid-April, President Hugo Chavez said.

“Up to now we have obtained 4.3 billion dollars,” President Hugo Chavez told his ministers during a publicly broadcast cabinet meeting.

Of that, 800 million dollars has already been used by the Chavez administration, while 3.56 billion dollars have been placed in a fund, Chavez said, without elaborating further. Venezuela’s legislature in mid-April approved a “mandatory contribution” on windfall oil profits, as oil prices surged to record levels worldwide.

The measure is levied on profits when oil prices rise above 70 dollars a barrel, officials said, beginning at 50 percent and increasing to 60 percent when prices top 100 dollars a barrel, using the barrel of Brent crude as a reference price. Venezuelan crude closed on Friday at 108.63 dollars a barrel. Its average price so far this year has been 103.74.—INTERNET

Unemployment leaps over 20 percent in 25 New York counties

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—The ranks of unemployed workers soared more than 20 percent in 25 New York counties in the first half of 2008, even in wealthy suburbs around New York City such as Westchester and Nassau, a report said

on Thursday. Some half a million New Yorkers were unemployed by mid-year, the highest number since 2004. More job losses are likely as a national economic downturn is intensified by the problems Wall Street firms are

struggling with, according to the Fiscal Policy Institute’s study. “At a minimum, it appears that the state’s economy will continue declining through the rest of 2008 and possibly into 2009,” according to the study by the Albany-based think tank.

New York’s economy is dependent on the fortunes of the Wall Street finance industry, so the state’s tax collections have plunged with the profit-drought now withering banks and brokerages. Democratic Gov David Paterson recently persuaded the legislature to cut \$427 million of spending and prune the three-year deficit by \$2 billion to \$24.4 billion.

INTERNET

Toyota cuts sales forecast as demand sputters

TOKYO, 28 Aug—Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T), the world’s most profitable carmaker, cut its 2009 vehicle sales forecast by nearly 7 percent due to a severe downturn in Western markets driven by high fuel prices and a credit crunch. The weaker outlook highlights an increasingly difficult environment for global automakers faced with softening demand in the United States and Western Europe, especially for higher-margin, gas-thirsty vehicles.

Toyota said on Thursday it expects to sell about 9.7 million vehicles next year including its Daihatsu Motor Co (7262.T) and

Hino Motors Ltd (7205.T) units. It had previously forecast sales of 10.4 million vehicles. No car maker has yet passed the 10 million annual unit sales milestone. “We are looking at the current shift towards fuel-efficient cars (in the

United States) as a structural change in demand,” Toyota President Katsuaki Watanabe told a news conference. “We intend to respond quickly and flexibly to this environment.”

INTERNET



A worker on the production line of Japan’s auto giant Toyota assembles an engine for the vehicle manufacturer’s Lexus car range.—INTERNET



Two volunteers learn the skill of making handicrafts from a handicapped person at the Warm Family of Xicheng District Handicapped Association, the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games volunteers training base, in Beijing, capital of China, on 22 Aug, 2008.—XINHUA



People play Monopoly in a former prison yard in Frankfurt, Germany, on 27 Aug, 2008, as they join thousands of people playing the board game worldwide at the same time to break a Guinness world record.—INTERNET

Hewlett-Packard completes purchase of Electronic Data Systems

LOS ANGELES, 28 Aug— Hewlett-Packard (HP) has completed its purchase of Electronic Data Systems (EDS), the computer giant's biggest acquisition since HP bought Compaq for nearly 20 billion dollars in 2002, it was reported on Wednesday.

The 13.9-billion-dollar deal, completed on

Tuesday, will expand HP's business in the lucrative field of technology consulting and outsourcing services, according to the *San Jose Mercury News*.

But it remained unknown what the future holds for nearly 140,000 EDS employees, the report said.

HP Chief Executive

Mark Hurd has promised to cut costs and improve efficiency at EDS, based in Plano, Texas, indicating some future layoffs.

Hurd, who has cut staff and lowered costs in other HP divisions, has a good track record of improving profit margins, said the report, quoting industry analysts.

Internet

Hurricane threatens New Orleans, three years after Katrina

NEW ORLEANS (Louisiana), 28 Aug— Three years after Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, residents of the Big Easy are bracing for another major strike as

officials vow they will not repeat the mistakes that lefts thousands stranded in floodwaters.

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal declared a state of emergency on

Wednesday and announced plans to begin evacuating coastal areas well ahead of the storm forecast to strike on Monday as a Category 3 hurricane.

"Our state is better prepared than it has been before to respond to a major disaster," Jindal said at a Press conference.

"We have supplies preposition but ... people need to make their own plans as well. Now is the time to make sure you have gas in the car, food and prescriptions."

Internet

Caterpillar sees strong China sales enduring

BEIJING, 28 Aug — Caterpillar Inc (CATN) expects weakness in rich-country economies to persist into 2009 but its sales in China will remain strong, Jim Owens, chairman and chief executive of the US construction and mining equipment firm, said on Thursday.

Caterpillar raised its full-year earnings guidance in July as strong growth in emerging countries offset the impact of rising commodity prices and weakness in economies in North America, Western Europe and Japan.—Internet

Kidnapped UNHCR Mogadishu chief released

MOGADISHU, 28 Aug — Chief of Mogadishu office for UN refugee agency abducted by unknown gunmen late last June was released on Wednesday by his captors, local media reports said.

Relatives of Hassan Mohamed Ali told Shabelle Radio in Mogadishu that the Mogadishu chief of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was in good health and was not tortured during his two

month long detention.

Ali, locally known as Keynaan, was kidnapped last June after unknown gunmen raided his home in Elasha Biyaha, between Mogadishu and the southwestern town of Afgooye.

Hundreds of thousands of displaced people live on the outskirts of the restive Somali capital after they fled the ongoing violence in the city.

Internet



Berlin Cathedral has been given back its golden cross. The cross, which was taken down for restoration in Dec 2006 was finally replaced on the morning of Tuesday, on 19 Aug. The total costs for the maintenance and restoration reached 1.42 million euros (\$2.08 million) and the cross alone cost 700,000 euros -- that may be unsurprising given that around 1.5 kilogrammes (3 lb 5 oz) of gold leaf was applied to it. Together with its base the cross is 15 metres high (49 feet) and weighs two tons.



An entire house standing up side down is seen in Trassenheide, northern Germany. The house was built to enable a new perspective on everyday life for visitors.

Berlin Cat survives under walled bath for 7 weeks

A four-year-old cat in Germany called Bonny has survived after being walled in beneath a bathtub for seven weeks, its owner said on Tuesday.

"It's a miracle," said Monika Hoppert, a 60-year-old widow from the western town of Stadthagen. "I'm a strong believer, I think she must have had a guardian angel. I'm so happy."

Bonny disappeared on 19 June while workmen were replacing pipes in the block of flats where Hoppert lives. The black cat was last seen in a neighbouring apartment, where the cladding around a bathtub had been removed.

Just before tub was sealed up again, Bonny had probably crept underneath, Hoppert said.

By the time the neighbour heard Bonny's plaintive miaowing from behind the tiles on 8 August, the cat's weight had dropped from six kilos to two kilos (from three pounds to one pound).

Boy, 12, accused of fleeing Texas police at 60 mph

A 12-year-old boy took his grandmother's car and led police on a chase at speeds up to 60 mph before swerving to avoid spikes in the road and crashing into a fence, police said.

The boy was treated for a small cut to the head then taken to Nueces County Juvenile Justice Centre, where he



The male mandrill (*Mandrillus sphinx*) or man-ape of equatorial West Africa has an average head and body length of 61–76 cm (24–30 in) and a tail length of 5.2–7.6 cm (2–3 in). Adult males weigh an average of 25 kg (55 lb), although specimens weighting up to 54 kg (119 lb) and measuring 50.8 cm (20 in) to the shoulder have been known. The mandrill is also one of the most colourful mammals, recognized by its naked vivid-blue rump, red-striped face and yellow beard.

NEWSALBUM

Mamba bite exposes illicit Tokyo snake collection

A Japanese man living with 51 venomous snakes, including cobras and huge mambas, in his apartment in central Tokyo was caught when he called an ambulance after one of them bit him.

The 41-year-old Tokyo manual labourer was arrested on Wednesday on his release from hospital because keeping dangerous snakes without a local government licence is illegal in Japan, broadcaster *NHK* said.



Is it a bird, is it a plane? No, it's a drone designed to measure the concentration of deadly gases in the air. The project called Airshield was presented in Dortmund. A whole swarm of such drones would be deployed in the event of a major fire or other disaster to sample the air.

A prosperous future of the nation and the people

Mg Deh Doe

Bagyi Phyo: People want to have things due to ignorance. Then they crave and have attachment to the things. And then, they are not in a position to realize the truth and to discard them. Ignorance and craving are two factors that support each other. I have some apprehension at the phenomena of abstract objects.

Mg Deh Doe: You are giving religious talks a lot. It seems to me it is because you have just completed the 10-day meditation camp in the retreat period. I wonder if you are going to renounce the world.

Phyo: I have not fulfilled that much perfection yet, my boy. We can have enough apprehension at the phenomena of abstract objects only if we contemplate them in practice. Due to too much attachment, some consider impermanence to be permanence. Then, they come to take wrong views and misunderstand the situations. Then, they do wrong things. When I learn about such persons, I feel sorry for them.

Doe: I am not as knowledgeable as you are. So, explain them to me directly, rather than indirectly.

Phyo: I really don't want to mention the persons by name. As the saying that goes "Wisdom and vigilance are different", some representatives-elect of 1990, in their old age are making comments. If they think over their words, they may have apprehension. I am sure they know well that everything is impermanent. And people continuously deal with the three characteristics of existence: impermanence, sufferings and no-self. I wonder why they do not consider the three characteristics of existence. It has been more than 18 years since 1990. **And there have been a lot of changes in the conditions of the persons concerned, their organization, their nation and the people if compared with those 18 years ago. Apparently, old things deteriorate and new things come into existence. However, they stick to the 1990 election results and are repeatedly claiming themselves to be the people's representatives.**

I would say they are like the crow that ate and made home on the carcass of an elephant drifting along the current of a river, because it thought that

the carcass of the elephant was inexhaustible. So, it could not notice that the body was adrift from the river to the mouth of the sea. In the end, it met its tragic end in the sea.

Now, **the State constitution has been adopted with the approval of the great majority of the voters. New elections are going to take place in the next one to two years. If they still cling on to the 1990 election results, I would like to remind them that the dead body of the elephant is now in the mouth of the sea.**

Doe: Your example about an elephant carcass evokes my memories of another example about an elephant carcass. You know the story that a fox tried to eat a carcass of an elephant. The elephant skin was too hard to bite, so the fox got into the body of the elephant through the anus. When it was hot under the sun, the anus became dry and the cavity of the anus became smaller, the fox had no exits to get out of the body. I think the situations of those who got involved in the demonstrations in the nation and fled abroad face the fate of the fox. Now, they are not in a position to return to their mother country. If a person has joined the group, it is very hard for him to leave the group. And like the fox that managed to survive by staying inside and eating the innards of the dead body of the elephant, the expatriates have to invent news stories at the expense of the reputation of their motherland and cheat newcomer young compatriots in order to make money for their survival. Then, they have come to make death threats to others. So, now they are notorious for their behaviours. By good fortune, the fox could get out of the dead body of the elephant when the anus became soft again following heavy rains. So, they wish the start of a political heavy rain in Myanmar so that they may return to the country.

Phyo: God forbid! Since the storm "Nargis", the people have tried to forget the painful memories of torrential rains and strong winds. Now, they have noticed that it is no use relying on even their masters for political changes in the nation they favour. So, they are now provoking the people including monks to stage protests. It is disheartening

to note that they are now trying to arouse the emotional feelings of the people in their own interests. Moreover, in desperation, some detonate bombs, commit bomb explosions and use terrorist methods in order to kill public members and create public panic. How terrible it is!

Doe: We public members want to see a prosperous future of our country. Parents by nature want to see the prosperous future, not hardships of their children. Our country has regained independence for 60 years. Our country should have been on the path towards development.

Phyo: Your expression "a prosperous future of children" is spoken in a scene of a film that the parents persuade their daughter to get married to the son of rich parents. The people have approved the new State constitution, like a situation in which the children from the two sides fall in love with each other. The UN, ASEAN, the international community and regional organizations have expressed their support for the State's seven-step Road Map, and they urged our country to hold free and fair elections. Now, the programmes of new elections have been accepted, so there is no need to take the previous election results into account. Global organizations like parents have accepted and the people and the new State constitution like the bride and bridegroom have fallen in love with each other. So, we can expect a brighter future, cannot us?

Doe: Nevertheless, some persons are trying to disrupt the process. They are not capable in that regard, they do not have positive attitude towards others' constructive efforts, they have no impressive policies, have not done any brilliant performances, and they are urging the people to oppose whatever the government does. So, I am sure their activities will never yield any fruitful results.

Phyo: Don't worry about that. Those who do good deeds will enjoy fruitful results, and those who do misdeeds will suffer evil results. I believe the strength of the people who can distinguish right and wrong. There is a Myanmar saying that goes "A friend in need is a friend indeed". **The people know that who showed goodwill and actively participated in the relief tasks and who criticized others' humanitarian services, sowed discord among the people, and destroyed the generosity of the donors.** So, I would say I believe that we can achieve our common goal if we overcome the destructive acts through the strength of the entire people in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Translation: MS

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Officials urged to supervise secure...

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Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint gave a supplementary report. After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Myint

Swe gave necessary instructions. Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected maintenance of Botahtaung No. 6 jetty, Shwetaungdan No. 2 jetty, Lanthit jetty and Kaingdan No. 1 jetty in Yangon Port area and berthing of vessels and speedy flow of commodities. He instructed officials to supervise secure and smooth running of vessels in Yangon River, speedy flow of commodities and timely completion of remaining tasks. — MNA

Farmers urged to use natural fertilizer

YANGON, 28 Aug — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe supervised collective fertilizer broadcasting for cultivation of

monsoon paddy on six acres of farmland of farmers U Khin Maung Tint and U Pyu in Thanar Village-tract of Wetlet Township on 21 August. Shwebo-1 paddy strains are cultivated on the farmland. In meeting

with local farmers, the commander gave instructions on production of targeted production of monsoon paddy for 2008-09 and utilization of natural fertilizers and attended to the needs.

MNA

New free clinics for N Okkalapans

YANGON, 28 Aug—A free clinic was opened for the people of North Okkalapa Ward-2 of the township yesterday.

CEC members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon division in-charges) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa attended the opening ceremony of clinic. Founded by Yangon Division USDA, it is named Phyto free clinic.

They also attended the ceremony to open another Phyto free clinic in Kanaung Prince street in Shwe Paukkan industrial zone of North Okkalapa township and formally opened the clinic.

The Mayor gave a speech at the office of the industrial zone management committee after the ceremony and accepted 630 membership applications submitted by Ward-2 of North Okkalapa township and Shwe Paukkan industrial zone. U Aye Myint, U Soe Win

donated 1.2 million, those engaged in aluminium melting 1 million and other 19 donors 3 million and clinic-used furniture for the clinics through the CEC members. Next, U Maung Maung Myint of Tawwin automobile manufacturing spoke words of thanks and the ceremony came to close.

Yangon division USDA have founded 23 free clinics in townships in Yangon and health care service has been provided to over 0.3 million patients.—MNA



Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepts K 34.8 million donated by U Saw Mout Thon and wife Thudhammatheingi Naw Phaw Phaw of DKBA.—MNA

MAWFA celebrates 41st Anniversary ASEAN Day

YANGON, 28 Aug— ASEAN cultural dance, organized by Myanmar ASEAN Women Friendship Association to commemorate the 41st founding Anniversary of ASEAN which falls on 8 August, was held at Yangon City Hotel this morning.

It was attended by member of panel of patrons of MAWFA wife of Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Myint Myint Soe, wives of deputy ministers Daw Le Le Kyi and Dr Daw Khin Mya Win, executive wives of departmental heads of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, wives of Ambassadors from ASEAN countries, wives

of Ambassadors from embassies in Myanmar, members and guests.

Member of panel of patron of MAWFA, head of international relations department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Myint Myint Soe delivered a greeting speech.

Afterwards, National Culture and Fine Arts University of the Ministry of Culture entertained the guests with dances and ASEAN embassies with traditional dances and songs. ASEAN traditional food was served to the guests.

MNA

Flood News

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—According to the 11.30hr MST observation today of the Department of Metrology and Hydrology, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is 1078 cm and it has exceeded by 8 cm (about 3 inches) above its danger level. It is forecast to fall below its danger level 1070 cm during the next 24 hours.—MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials open Phyto free clinic in North Okkalapa.—YCDC

Transport, CPT winners in Inter-Ministry football

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—The group matches of 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament-2008 of Group-D continued at Nay Pyi Taw sports ground and Paungloun sports ground

today. At the Nay Pyi Taw sports ground, Ministry of Transport routed Ministry of Health 6-nil.

At the Paungloun sports ground, Ministry of Communications,

Posts and Telegraphs beat Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement 4-0.

On 29 August, Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development

Affairs will play against Ministry of Labour at Nay Pyi Taw sports ground, Ministry of Industry-1 against Ministry of Railways Transportation at Paungloun sports ground of Group-AA.—MNA

Members of MAWFA, wives of Ambassadors from embassies in Myanmar enjoy traditional dances on 41st Founding Anniversary of ASEAN.

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Law Amending Code of Civil Procedure issued

The Union of Myanmar

The State Peace and Development Council

The Law Amending the Code of Civil Procedure
(The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 6/2008)

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(28 August, 2008)

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- (d) clause (k) shall be substituted as follows:-
“(k) all compulsory deposits;”
6. In sub-section (1) of section 86 of the Code of Civil Procedure:-
(a) the expression “or any member of a British foreign military mission” shall be deleted;
(b) the expression “a Secretary to the Government” shall be substituted by the expression “a Director-General of the Office of the Government”.
7. The amount of fine contained in sub-section (1) of section 95 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall be substituted by the expression “one hundred thousand kyats.”
8. The proviso “Provided also that nothing in this proviso shall affect the power of Supreme Court in the exercise of its revisional jurisdiction” shall be added after the proviso of section 115 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
9. In order 26 of the Code of Civil Procedure:
(a) the second paragraph contained in rule 23 shall be substituted as follows:
“Commissioners’ fees for every effective meeting shall not exceed five thousand kyats for the first two hours and one thousand kyats for each succeeding hour.”
(b) the text of the paragraph of rule 24 shall be substituted as follows:
“24. When, under the orders of a State or Divisional Court or District Court, an oath or solemn affirmation is administered to a declarant of an affidavit at his request elsewhere than at the Court, a fee of fifteen hundred kyats shall be paid by the said declarant;”
- (c) the amount of fees contained in sub-rule (b) of rule 24 shall be substituted by the expression “five hundred kyats;”
(d) the amount of fees contained in sub-rule (c) of rule 24 shall be substituted by the expression “five thousand kyats.”
10. In sub-rule (a) of rule 6 of order 34 of the Code of Civil Procedure:
(a) the expression “or in a suit instituted by the Bank, at such rate as fixed by the Central Bank of Myanmar, from time to time and one per cent shall be added in addition to that rate fixed as such;” shall be added after the expression “as the Court deems reasonable” contained in clause (1);
(b) the expression “or in a suit instituted by the Bank, at such rate as fixed by the Central Bank of Myanmar, from time to time and one per cent shall be added in addition to that rate fixed as such;” shall be added after the expression “the preliminary decree” contained in clause (2);
(c) the expression “failing both such rates, at nine per cent per annum; and” contained in clause (3) shall be substituted by the expression “where both of such rates are not fixed, at such rate as the Court deems reasonable or in a suit instituted by the Bank, at such rate as fixed by the Central Bank of Myanmar, from time to time and one per cent shall be added in addition to that rate fixed as such;”.
11. In rule 6 of order 34 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the expression “or in a suit instituted by the Bank, at such rate as fixed by the Central Bank of Myanmar, from time to time and one per cent shall be added in addition to that rate fixed as such;” contained in sub-rule (b) shall be added after the expression of “as the court deems reasonable.”
12. The amount of money contained in the first proviso of rule 4 of order 38 of the Code of Civil Procedure shall be substituted by the amount of “one hundred thousand kyats.”

Sd/ Than Shwe
Senior General
Chairman

The State Peace and Development Council

Myogyi Dam to irrigate ...

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streets of Chanayethazan Township, progress in building a 2250 feet long and 40 feet wide new tarred road being implemented by Mandalay City Development Committee, Nadi creek bridge and retaining walls.

After the inspection of durability of Myitnge-Htonebo-PyinOoLwin road in Amarapura Township, they viewed a demonstration of transplanting

skills on a 50-acre model paddy plot, cultivation of monsoon paddy by the use of machinery, fertilizers and pesticides for crops and then handed cash prizes and bags of fertilizers to transplanters and local peasants.

On their way to Kyaukse they viewed progress in paving tarred road and met with departmental officials at district and township levels, faculty members and mem-

bers of social organizations and townsenders.

At Myogyi multi-purpose dam project in Myogyi village of Ywangan Township of Shan State (South), progress in building entrance of the tunnel, diversion canal and exit of the tunnel were inspected. Upon arrival at Myogyi diversion weir near Taungtaw village of Kyaukse township, they looked into tasks being carried out along Myogyi drain. Myogyi dam is 2461 feet long and 258

feet high. It is an earth dam. If completed, it will benefit some 30,000 acres of farmlands in Meiktila plain and generate 30 mega watt of power.

On arrival at the 44 mile and 3 furlongs Thanywa crossroad in Kyaukse, they inspected No. 2 district-to-district road and repair of Nwattat bridge at mile post No. 6/2 and thriving monsoon paddy plantations.

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Implementation of ...

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At the hall of Kengtawng Station, he met servicemen and family members and handed over books, stationery and sports equipment to officials.

At Weintaung BEMS, he inspected learning of students, computer room and language lab and presented cash to the funds of the school.

On arrival at Kengtawng Hydropower Project being implemented by Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, the commander and party viewed progress of the project, installation of generators, turbine, functions of control room and outlet drain. — MNA

Sky Home Language Center opens

YANGON, 28 Aug—Sky Home Language Center, Yangon branch of Tokyo West International Education Academy in Tokyo of Japan, opened new courses.

The courses are Nihongo Nooryoku Shiken (level 1, 2, 3 and 4), conversation (Basic/ Inter), four skills class (Level 1,2,3 and 4) and basic Japan Language (single/table).

Sky Home Language Center will also provide English and Chinese Languages in addition to Japanese language. Sky Home will make arrangements for enabling those wishing to continue to

pursue Japanese language to directly link with Nishe Tokyo School. A special programme has been realized for conducting the language courses to the children of fourth and above standards in line with the curriculum of Japan.

All courses will commence from 1 September, and 15 students will be accepted at a classroom. The Headmasters and teachers of the training school from Japan will conduct the exam test and interview for the students at Sky Home in Yangon. Interested students may sit for the exams. Those wishing to sit for the exam may enlist in advance.—MNA



Trainees in classroom of Sky Home Language Center.—MNA

Natmauk gets new digital auto-exchange

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—A ceremony to open a new digital auto-exchange of Natmauk in Magway division was held in front of the auto-exchange on 24 August morning.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe cut a ribbon to open it.

Next, the minister pressed the button to open

the signboard and looked into the equipments installed at the new digital exchange. Afterwards, the minister called on staff to handle machines systematically and made local and overseas calls.

Next, the minister observed Public Assess Center. At Natmauk Township communication office, officials reported on matters related to posts, telegraphs and telephone. After hearing the reports, the minister fulfilled the needs.

On arrival at Magway digital auto-exchange, the minister inspected communication equipment and left necessary instructions.

In Minbu, the minister inspected the installation of GSM equipment at the microwave control room and fulfilled the needs for improvement of trunk call services. The minister looked into Minbu digital auto exchange and gave necessary instructions.

MNA



Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspects digital auto-exchange in Magway.
COMMUNICATIONS

Soon offered to Sangha

YANGON, 28 Aug — The Civil Service Selection and Training Board offered *Soon* to 318 members of the Sangha from State Pariyatti Sasana University

(Yangon) on 25 August. Held at Mogok Refectory on Sirimigalar Hill, here the ceremony was attended by Chairman of the board Dr Than Nyun who

donated offertories and K 500,000 to members of the Sangha. Members of the board and staff families were also present on the occasion.

MNA

Tun Foundation Bank's best paintings of the year 2008 contest in December

YANGON, 28 Aug — Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Organization (Central) will organize Tun Foundation Bank's best painting of the year 2008 contest in December.

Those artists in the country including professionals wishing to participate in the contest may send paintings which should not be smaller than 3'x4' and not be larger than

4'x6' to the foundation at No. 53/61 at the corner of Strand Road and Theinbyu Road. Every contestant is allowed to enter two paintings at the contest, MTAO said.

In the contest, veteran artists from local and abroad will be in charge of the contest as judges. According to the MTAO, K 3 million will be awarded to the first prize winner, K 2.5 million to

the second, K 2 million to the third, K 1.5 million to the fourth and K 1 million each to six consolation prize winners. For further information, please contact Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Organization (Central) at No. 188-192 East Wing, Bogyoke Aung San Market, phone numbers : 240966/; Ex 706 and 240966/Ex:707.

NLM

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character

Energy Minister: Maintain current crude oil output, explore new fields

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise organized a meeting on increased output of petroleum and natural gas at Mann oilfield meeting hall in Minbu, Magway division, on 24 August, attended by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi.

The minister called for maintaining the current output from old oil fields and at the same time to explore new oil fields with the use of

drilling machines.

Next, general managers reported on arrangements for targeted production of their respective oil fields. Officials of Geophysics Department and the director of oil exploration and development department reported on location of oil fields that can be explored.

The minister gave instructions to do preliminary practice to handle the drilling machines effectively and

to prepare to overcome difficulties in drilling oil fields

On arrival at No.1 fertilizer plant (Sale) in Magway Division, the minister heard reports on arrangements for running the plant at full capacity presented by U Aung Din, expert of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise. The minister called for exceeding the set production target and looked into manufacturing of Urea fertilizer.—MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint accepts 50 bags of fertilizer worth K 1.1 million donated to storm survivors by Chairman U Thant Zin and Director U Soe Moe Naing of Thazin Naing Trading Co Ltd

MNA

Myanmar to make debut in Merdeka Cup Beach Soccer Tournament

Article and photos by Po Thaw Zin

The Myanmar Football Federation is gearing for making beach soccer popular in the country. The MFF is taking measures for putting Myanmar soccer, the national sport, on the track to victory. It has introduced Futsal to the nation since 2005. Now, the country has achieved success to an extent in international Futsal tournaments. The drive for introducing beach soccer to the nation has started to yield fruit. The federation is preparing itself for taking part in international beach soccer tournaments.

Myanmar's beach soccer was conceived, following the appointment of MFF President U Zaw Zaw as an executive of FIFA's Futsal and Beach Soccer Committee. After his appointment, U Zaw Zaw visited Brazil to watch World Beach Soccer matches so as to introduce the sport to the nation.

As its first step, Myanmar will participate in Merdeka Cup Beach Soccer Tournament to be held in Malaysia from 27 to 31 August. Myanmar does not have much time for training. So, the beach soccer team was formed with some

footballers of Myanmar soccer league. Now, the MFF is in pursuance of the plans it has adopted for



"We haven't got any experience in international beach soccer matches yet, but we are trying our best to win victory." (Coach U Aung Tun Tun)

popularity of the sport in the nation and winning victory in international tournaments. As part of its plan, the MFF is building a beach football ground. It is preparing itself for Asian Beach Soccer Tournament to be held in Bali Island, Indonesia, in coming October.

It is holding beach soccer matches with professional footballers and outsiders it has invited to select for the national team. It will be able to select finalists well and take more time for training sessions for the Asian beach soccer matches.

The construction of the beach soccer ground is nearing completion, and then it will be able to hold training sessions effectively.

The Myanmar team

has been camped since the last week of July for Merdeka Cup Beach Soccer Tournament. Nineteen tentatively-selected footballers were called in, but two of them failed to appear. So, training sessions are being held with 17 players. The training ground is under



Myanmar players seen in a training session.

construction, and the players are now undergoing training under the instructions of Myanmar football selection U Aung Tun Tun in the sand grounds in Dagon Seikkan Township. Technical Director U Soe Myint Lwin of the MFF is playing a role as the technical adviser.

Coach U Aung Tun Tun said, "We haven't got any experience in interna-

tional beach soccer matches yet, but we are trying our best to win victory. In that regard, we show video tapes about international beach football matches to our players. Then, we learn good lessons from those games. We also learn suitable techniques from the games and teach them

to our players. Now, it is in the rainy reason here, and sand grounds are not in good condition. So, we may face some difficulties in the games.

But, by the time of Asian beach football games, we will have got a lot of more experiences. Now, we are training 30 selected players for the cup. Ten of the 30 players are outsiders.

"Our debut will be in the forthcoming Merdeka Cup, but we will try our best to gain good results. And we will prepare ourselves for next international games through the experiences we will gain in that tournament. I am pleased with the hard work of the players. I would say it will be the first step for popularity of beach soccer in our country."

The Myanmar team to Merdeka Cup Beach Soccer Tournament is made up of U Soe Myint Lwin as manager; U Aung

Tun Tun, as coach; Ya Wai Zin (Kanbawza) and Khaing Soe Tun (Energy), as goalkeepers; and Nyar Na Lwin (Kanbawza), Win Min Htut (Transport), Nay Zaw Htet (Kanbawza), Thiha (Agriculture and Irrigation), Aung Than Win (Kanbawza), Myo Hlaing Oo (Commerce), Htet Aung (Transport) and Tin Aung Moe (Agriculture and Irrigation).

Myanmar team will make their debut in Merdeka Cup Beach Soccer Tournament as part of the MFF's first step for popularity of beach soccer in the nation. Then, it will spread its wings for the sport to have reputation at home and achieve victory in international games.

Translation: MS
Myanma Alin:
25-8-2008



The selected Myanmar team in the training ground.

ENGAGEMENT

We, **Maung Pau Khan Thang** [5/Ka La Hta (Naing) 001365] and **Ma Chit The Htwe** [12/Ka Ma Ta (Naing) 057325], have been engaged on (24-8-2008) before bothside parents & relatives.

Maung Pau Khan Thang & Ma Chit The Htwe

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Notice

1. The Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) in collaboration with TOPA 21st Century Language School, Tokyo, Japan will open the Japanese Language Course (Advanced Level) No.4

- (a) Instructors: Native Speaker Instructors from TOPA 21st Century Language School.
 - (b) Type and Duration of Course: Part-time Course, 10 weeks, 30 hours
 - (c) Commencement of Course: 8 September 2008
 - (d) Course Hours: 15:30-17:00 hours (Every Tuesday and Thursday)
 - (e) Education qualification : Matriculation passed
 - (f) Applicants must also have already passed the Japanese Language qualifying exam Level II.
2. Enquiries can be made at the Human Resource Development Centre (YUFL) during office hours.
Ph- 514371 (Ext-202)

Centre for Human Resource Development Yangon University of Foreign Languages

Notice

1. The Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) in collaboration with TOPA, 21st Century Language School, Tokyo, Japan will open the Japanese Language Special Basic Course No.38

- (a) Course instructors: Teachers from TOPA 21st Century Language School, Tokyo, Japan
 - (b) Duration of full-time Course :10 weeks, 200 hours
 - (c) Commencement of Course: 8 September, 2008
 - (d) Education qualification: Matriculation passed
2. For further information, please contact the Centre for Human Resource Development (Yangon University of Foreign Languages) during office hours.

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Number/lots: Lot 1: High Density Poly-Ethylene (HDPE) pipes and fittings;
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The tender dossier is available on request at:
Welthungerhilfe - 12, Kanbawza Road, Golden Valley ward 1, Bahan Township, Yangon - MYANMAR. For further information, please contact Welthungerhilfe at phone nr.: +95-1-545170/4412589.

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Dated: 29 August 2008

Colombia captures drug-submarine makers

BOGOTA, 28 Aug—Colombian police arrested on Tuesday two suspects believed to be manufacturers of remote-control submarines used to transport drugs to Central America, Colombian Anti-Drug Police said. Deputy Director of Anti-Drug Police Colonel Juan Mendoza said the two men, identified as Gustavo Garcia and Antonio Lopez, specialized in building submarines with a loading capacity of two tons. They were captured in the city of Medellin in the northwestern province of Antioquia. Both have been requested for extradition by US courts. "The organization took approximately two to three months to build the vehicles," Mendoza said.

MNA/Xinhua

ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရန် ချိပ်ပိတ်တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

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1.	Excavator (1.5~2m ³) (Ks)	2 Units	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
2.	Raw Materials For H.T Insulator Plant (Ks)	6 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
3.	Electrical Instrument Accessories (FE)	1 Unit	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
4.	Magnetic Brake Assembly(Japan) (Ks)	2 Sets	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
5.	Heavy Equipment Spares (Ks)	46 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
6.	Cable Wire And Accessories (Ks)	8 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
7.	Thermal Imaging System ForKiln (FE)	1 No	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
8.	3 Phase Induction Motor (Japan) (Ks)	2 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
9.	Crusher Apron Feeder & Acc: (Ks)	4 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
10.	Heavy Machinery Engine (Ks)	2 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
11.	Diamond Bit (Ks)	2 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
12.	Diamond Wire (Ks)	50 Meters	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
13.	Zirconium Silicate (FE)	40 Tons	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
14.	Electrical & Machinery Equipment (FE)	1 Lot	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
15.	Die & Die Box For Press (FE)	2 Sets	28.8.2008	22.9.2008
16.	Felt (FE)	2 Items	28.8.2008	22.9.2008

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Russia says NATO warships in Black Sea are "worrying"

Moscow, 28 Aug—Russia's top military brass said on Tuesday it doubted that NATO ships were delivering only humanitarian aid to Georgia and said Moscow was worried

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India's "river of sorrow" threatens more floods

PATNA (India), 28 Aug—Rising rivers in eastern India that swamped more land and homes on Tuesday have affected more than two million people, some of whom vented their anger by attacking officials trying to assess the damage. Since the monsoon began in June, torrential rains have killed more than 1,000 people in South Asia, mainly in India's states of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh but also Nepal and Bangladesh. The Koshi River in the eastern state of Bihar, one of India's poorest regions, has broken its mud embankments in several places. The river also broke a dam in neighbouring Nepal, sweeping away seven villages, officials said.— MNA/Reuters

about a build up of alliance warships in the Black Sea. Moscow, already angry at NATO expansion close to its borders, has been dismayed by the West's support for Georgia after Tbilisi tried to retake a pro-Russian breakaway region, sparking a massive Russian counter-attack.

The United States said that two warships would dock at the Georgian port of Poti on Wednesday to deliver humanitarian aid. "The extraordinary level of activity by NATO navies is perplexing for us," said Colonel-General Anatoly Nogovitsyn, deputy head of Russia's general staff.

MNA/Reuters

Experts warn of careless use of soil

VIENNA, 28 Aug— On the third day of the international conference EUROSOIL 2008, which held from 25 August to 29 August in Vienna, experts warned of the careless use of soil, saying not only crude oil and food, but also the soil on our planet would be in short supply.

President of the European Confederation of Soil Science Societies (ECSSS), also the organizer of the EUROSOIL 2008, Winfried E H Blum said to

the local media that in the whole Europe, an area of about a village-large of soil disappears every day.

In Austria, there would be 12 to 15 hectares of land which for agricultural use being erased from the map everyday.

The situation of Austria's neighbour countries is almost the same.

Switzerland loses daily about 8 to 10 hectares and Germany even uses about 110 to 120 hectares everyday for the

construction of streets, houses or other buildings.

Meanwhile, the need for the agricultural soil was increasing, due to the rising population by about 85 million annually.

Blum therefore called for careful use of agricultural soil, since the global trend of soil shortage could hardly be turned around. He emphasized also the important approach of prohibiting a further urban sprawl of the landscape.

Internet



File photo shows a glacier seen from the Ice Fjord on the Norwegian Arctic archipelago of Svalbard. The Arctic ice cap keeps melting under the effects of global warming and in August saw its second largest summer shrinkage since satellite observations began 30 years ago, US scientists said.—INTERNET

Van crash kills 10 S Korean tourists in Philippines

MANILA, 28 Aug— Ten South Korean nationals on vacation tour in northern Philippines were killed on Wednesday when their van crashed onto a concrete wall, local media reported. Police said that according to initial information, the South Koreans were on their way to a Bolinao resort in Pangasinan province when the tragedy struck, local news network ABS-CBN News said.

The victims have yet to be identified. Their bodies have been brought to local hospitals, the report said. It is not yet confirmed whether there were other nationals on board.

Witnesses and police said the victims' van lost control and crossed the highway's right lane to the left and crashed on the wall. —Internet



A barbecue worker carries a box of barbecue chicken, in preparation of the 'Fete du poulet' the chicken barbecue festival, on 23 Aug, 2008 in Sierre, Switzerland. The organizing committee is trying to break the world record in grilling chicken that was established in Stans, Switzerland, in July this year. On the giant barbecue grill 610 chicken can be grilled at the same time and the cooks are trying to grill a total of 2,500 chicken.—INTERNET

Economic growth slows down to 4.6 percent in Philippines

MANILA, 28 Aug— Economic growth slowed down to 4.6 percent amid high prices of goods and services in the Philippines from January to June this year, said the country's planning body on Thursday. It will be difficult for the Southeast

Asian country to achieve a full-year gross domestic product (GDP) growth target of 5.5 percent to 6.4 percent, Socio-economic Planning Secretary Ralph Recto said in a Press release on the country's economic performance. GDP is the broadest

measure of goods and services produced in a country in a period of time.

The Philippine economy expanded 7.3 percent in 2007, the fastest pace over the past 31 years.

The slower pace of expansion this year was blamed on inflation, which decreases consumer spending and crimps the value of the peso.

The average inflation rate for the first six months hit 7.6 percent after surging to 11.4 percent in June, the highest in 14 years.

Internet

Chefs prepare free pizza while staging a protest to demand stricter price controls on the rising cost of pizza in Naples on 27 August, 2008.

INTERNET



Canada announces extension of jurisdiction over Arctic waters

OTTAWA, 28 Aug— Canada will extend its jurisdiction in the Arctic by doubling the range at which Canadian environmental laws and shipping regulations will be enforced, from 100 nautical miles offshore to 200, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced on Wednesday.

"Whether it is the thawing of the Northwest Passage or the suspected resource riches under the Arctic seabed, more and more countries are

taking an interest in the waterways of the Canadian Arctic," said the Prime Minister in Tuktoyaktuk, an Inuvialuit hamlet located in Northwest Territories.

"We will be sending a clear message to the world that our environmental standards and sovereignty are not up for debate — if you are in Canada's Arctic you will be playing by Canada's rules," he was quoted as saying in a Press release.

Internet

Man suspected of over 50 murders arrested in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Aug— Brazil's police arrested on Wednesday a 19-year-old man who confessed to several rapes and over 50 murders in Guarulhos, Sao Paulo metro area, local police said.

The suspect, Leandro Basilio Rodrigues, was arrested when he passed by a police station. He was recognized by a policeman who had a picture distributed by the Women Protection Division (WPD), which was investigating a series of rapes in the area.

According to the police, Rodrigues confessed to over 50 murders in three different states in the country. The last two murders were committed in less than 24 hours, with the last one only an hour before the arrest.

The police found the bodies of two young women in the places he indicated. Both women were strangled to death. Further investigations are needed to find out whether they were raped or not before the murder.

Two women who managed to survive Rodrigues's attacks have already identified him. The police now expect other victims to testify against the criminal.

Police Chief Beatriz Relva, head of the WPD, said Rodrigues has admitted being addicted to crack. He said Rodrigues will be charged with rape, murder and theft, as some of the victims also had their belongings stolen after the attacks.

Internet

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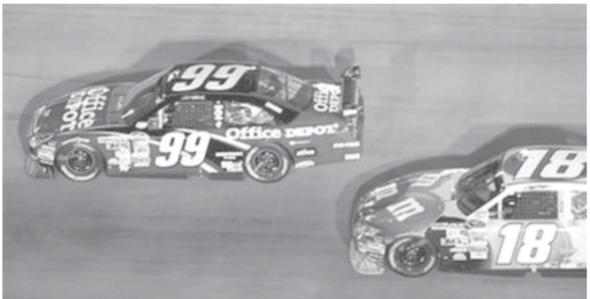
NASCAR puts Kyle Busch, Carl Edwards on probation

DAYTONA BEACH, 28 Aug — NASCAR placed Kyle Busch and Carl Edwards on probation Wednesday for the next six Sprint Cup Series races, the result of their on-track incident last weekend at the end of the race at Bristol Motor Speedway.

During the cooldown lap after Edwards' Ford took the checkered flag for Roush Fenway Racing, Busch drove alongside Edwards and bumped his car. Edwards responded by driving the nose of his car into the right side of Busch's Toyota, spinning him out.

The postrace incident was apparently a reaction to Edwards nudging Busch aside with 30 laps to go Saturday night. Busch had led the previous 415 laps.

Internet



Carl Edwards (99) passes Kyle Busch (18) during the final few laps of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Sharpie 500 auto race at the Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn, on 23 Aug, 2008.—INTERNET

Hargreaves to use Super Cup to get United career back on track

MANCHESTER, 28 Aug — Manchester United midfielder Owen Hargreaves wants to use Friday's European Super Cup clash against Zenit St Petersburg to kick-start his season.

Hargreaves, 27, has been struggling with tendinitis and hasn't made a first team appearance for United since helping Sir Alex Ferguson's side win the Champions League in May.

But the England international is finally back in training and Ferguson expects him to play against Zenit in Monaco.

Hargreaves is desperate to get back in action after a injury-ravaged beginning to his spell at Old Trafford.

Internet



Manchester United midfielder Owen Hargreaves (left; seen here on 6 August) wants to use Friday's European Super Cup clash against Zenit St Petersburg to kick-start his season. Hargreaves, 27, has been struggling with tendinitis and hasn't made a first team appearance for United since helping Sir Alex Ferguson's side win the Champions League in May.—INTERNET

Volatile system brings unpredictable PGA playoffs

NORTON (Mass), 28 Aug — Padraig Harrington has won the last two majors and is considered the favour-

ite to be voted player of the year on the PGA Tour. But if he doesn't play well the next two weeks, he might not even make it to the Tour Championship.

Then there's Kevin Sutherland, who hasn't won in more than six years and has never made it to the Tour

PGA Championship winner Padraig Harrington, of Ireland.
INTERNET



Fabregas's return to Arsenal energises Wenger

LONDON, 28 Aug — Arsene Wenger believes the return of Cesc Fabregas in Arsenal's 4-0 Champions League rout of FC Twente signals the real start of his side's season.



Arsenal's French Defender William Gallas (left) celebrates scoring with teammate Spanish Midfielder Cesc Fabregas during their third round, 2nd leg, UEFA Champions League qualifier match against FC Twente at the Emirates Stadium, London. Arsenal won 4-0.—INTERNET

Fabregas was badly missed during Arsenal's first three matches as the Spanish midfielder recovered from a hamstring injury.

The Gunners laboured to a pair of unconvincing victories before slumping to a dismal defeat at Fulham on Saturday, but it took just 66 minutes of Fabregas's elegant influence at the Emirates Stadium on Wednesday to restore Wenger's belief that Arsenal can flourish this year.

With Fabregas pulling the strings in his first competitive appearance since Spain's Euro 2008 final triumph in June, Arsenal were transformed and Steve McClaren's Twente had no answer to their movement and penetration.

Internet

Jankovic hangs tough to down Arvidsson

NEW YORK, 28 Aug — Jelena Jankovic was given the run around by Sweden's Sofia Arvidsson before she booked her place in the third round with a nerve-jangling 6-3, 6-7, 7-5 win at the US Open on Wednesday.

The second-seeded Serbian twice served for the match in the second set and had also opened a 3-0 lead in the tiebreak but each time Arvidsson pegged her back with a series of stinging groundstrokes.

Internet

Anorthosis upset Olympiakos to reach group stage

ATHENS, 28 Aug — Anorthosis Famagusta became the first team from Cyprus to reach the group stage of the Champions League on Wednesday when their 1-0 loss at

Olympiakos left them with a 3-1 aggregate victory in the third qualifying round.

A solitary goal from Argentine Fernando Belluschi was too little from the Greek champions at the Karaiskakis Stadium after the Cypriots' stunning 3-0 win in the first leg in Larnaca two weeks ago. "We are delighted. It's an amazing result," said Anorthosis coach Temuri Ketsbaia.

"We knew it would be difficult because Olympiakos are a great team, they have been in the Champions League for the last 11 years. But we came here and we held on and deserved to go through."

Internet

Marseille muddle to a 2-1 victory over Brann



Marseille's forward Mamadou Niang celebrates after scoring the second goal of the game at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, southern France, during the third qualifying round of the European Champions League's football match Marseille/Brann Bergen. Marseille won 2-1.
INTERNET

MARSEILLE (France), 28 Aug — French first division front-runners Marseille muddled into the Champions League proper here on Wednesday after an unconvincing 2-1 home

win against Brann to go through 3-1 on aggregate.

The Velodrome stadium observed a minute's silence for the two fans killed in a car accident before last weekend's match against Le Havre, and when play started it was the Norwegians who looked the snappier.

Brann got an early shot on goal after a run by Erik Huseklepp exposed some sloppy defending, cutting in from the right to fire a pacey shot against Steve Mandanda.

Marseille were slow to respond to the visitors' attempts to cancel out the one-goal deficit from the first leg, but in the 13th minute Eric Gerets' men finally snapped awake.

Internet

Kuyt's late goal clinches win for Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, 28 Aug — Dirk Kuyt's goal three minutes from the end of extra-time ensured Liverpool progressed to the group stages of the Champions League at the expense of an unfortunate Standard Liege.

Rafael Benitez's side had been unconvincing all evening and the game appeared destined for penalties when Kuyt struck with a far post volley from Ryan Babel's deep cross.

For Liverpool, twice finalists in the previous seasons and winners of the competition in 2005, the goal brought relief after a stuttering display that will have reinforced their manager's determination to bring in new faces during the remaining five days of the transfer window.

Internet



Liverpool's Dutch forward Dirk Kuyt (R) controls the ball in front of Standard Liege's Senegalese defender Mohamed Sarr during their Champions League third qualifying round second leg football match at Anfield, in Liverpool. Liverpool won 1-0.
INTERNET

Kidnapped Japanese aid worker killed in Afghanistan

SHEWA (Afghanistan), 28 Aug—A Japanese aid worker kidnapped in eastern Afghanistan has been killed by his captors, the governor of Nangarhar Province said on Wednesday.

“He has been killed. Police have recovered his body and are trying to bring it down from the top of the mountain,” Gul Agha Sherzai told Reuters.

Kazuya Ito, 31, was kidnapped by gunmen on Tuesday in Nangarhar. Afghan police launched a rescue operation on Wednesday.

Sherzai, together with Afghan police and international troops, travelled to the village of Shewa to recover the body. A Reuters reporter saw the bullet-riddled body of the victim after it was brought down from the mountain.

Sherzai did not say who the kidnappers were or explain how Ito was killed. The Afghan Foreign Ministry said the captive was killed by “terrorists”, a term often used by government for describing Taliban and other militants.

Hours after the abduction, the Interior Ministry said police had launched a raid to rescue the Japanese. *MNA/Reuters*

NATO soldier killed in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 Aug — A German soldier under the leadership of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) died from wounds caused by an IED (Improvised Explosive Device) on Wednesday in northern Afghanistan, said an ISAF statement.

“This soldier’s life was taken while helping the people of Afghanistan build a better future,” said Brigadier-General Richard Blanchette, an ISAF spokesperson. Meanwhile, German Defence Ministry said in a statement that the German patrolling convoy hit roadside mines Wednesday morning in the outskirts of Kunduz City, northern Afghanistan. One soldier was killed and another three were wounded.

In another incident, ISAF, in conjunction with Afghan National Police, detained 12 suspected insurgents and discovered a weapons cache in the central Afghanistan’s Ghazni Province on Tuesday, the ISAF statement said.— *MNA/Xinhua*

ASEAN, India conclude free trade deal in goods

SINGAPORE, 28 Aug—The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has concluded a free trade deal in goods with India, the bloc’s seventh largest trading partner, after five years of negotiations, ministers said here on Thursday.

At a news conference on Day Three of the ASEAN economic ministers meeting, Singapore’s Trade and Industry Minister Lim Hng Kiang and India’s Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath announced the deal, which is expected to be signed at the ASEAN’s Bangkok Summit in December.

Nath expressed “deep satisfaction” at conclusion of the deal, despite the difficult issues in the negotiations, saying “it is an important milestone for

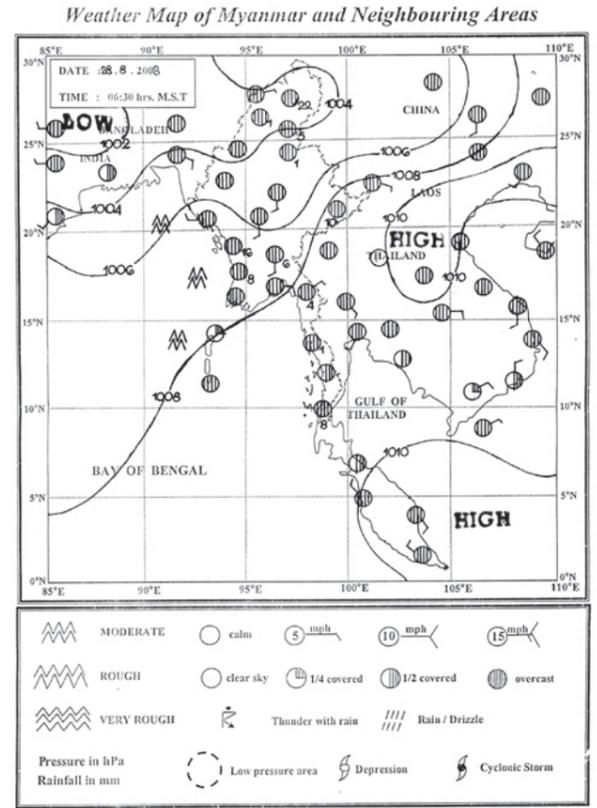
our region”.

ASEAN-India trade has reached 30 billion US dollars and both sides have set a target of 50 billion US dollars by 2010. ASEAN’s exports to India during 2005-2007 grew at an annual rate of 31 per cent, the fastest among ASEAN’s exports to major trading partners.

“ASEAN-India trade accounts for only 2 per cent of ASEAN’s global trade, so the potential of bilateral economic cooperation... is profound,” said Nath.

The trade-in-goods agreement is the first step towards the establishment of free trade area (FTA) between ASEAN’s Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and India by 2011 and with the remaining five ASEAN countries by 2016.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 28 August, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kayin State, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwegyin (2.72) inches, Kyauktaw (1.89) inches, Bilin and Bago (1.57) inches each and Loilem (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 27-8-2008 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 28-8-2008 was 74°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 28-8-2008 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 27-8-2008 was (0.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 28-8-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Tr) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (79.92) inches at Mingaladon, (90.67) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.58) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 27-8-2008.

Bay inference: Monsoon is feeble in the Andaman Sea and weak in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 29-8-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Northern Shan State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine, Southern and Eastern Shan, Chin States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, scattered in Mon and Kayin States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 29-8-2008:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-8-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-8-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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 2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
 3. Morning news
7:40 am
 4. ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအနုလက်ရာစုံစွာ ဘုရားအာနန္ဒာ

- 7:55 am**
 5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
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 6. Musical programme
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8:30 am
 8. International news
8:45 am
 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:50 am
 10. The mirror images of the musical oldies
4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
4:10 pm
 2. Dance of national races

- 4:25 pm**
 3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊အမှတ်(၃)အခြေစိုက်ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ စတုတ္ထအကြိမ်မြောက်ဓမ္မစကြာဝင်္ဂရွတ်ဖွဲ့ပွဲ (ဒုတိယဆု)(အထက-၄၊တာမွေ) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
5:00 pm
 4. Song to uphold National Spirit
5:10 pm
 5. “မနိပြုံးနိုင်ပြီ”
5:20 pm
 6. Song of yesteryears
5:30 pm
 7. “၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် ဘေဂျင်း ဆိုလ်ပစ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ”
5:45 pm
 8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊အရေး၊အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ

- လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) အခြေစိုက်ပညာ(၁၅-၂၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)
6:00 pm
 9. Evening news
6:30 pm
 10. Weather report
6:35 pm
 11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်
7:10 pm
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနိတိတ်” (အပိုင်း-၄)
8:00 pm
 13. News
 14. International news
 15. Weather report
 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား” (အပိုင်း-၂၄)

- ☆ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
- ☆ BBC lying
- VOA deceiving
- RFA setting up hostilities
- ☆ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers

Myogyi Dam to irrigate 30,000 acres, generate 30 megawatts



Maj-Gen Ohn Myint looks into Myogyi multi-purpose dam project in Ywangan Township, Shan State (South).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — Dams, bridges and monsoon paddy plantations were looked over by the officials led by Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe and Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han in Mandalay Division on 26 August.

They also inspected traffic rules enforcement activities through CCTV cameras installed at the traffic lights between 26th and 73rd (See page 9)

Implementation of Kengtawng Hydropower Project in full swing

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug — Together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Ya Pyae and departmental officials, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence inspected the site chosen for construction of the building of Mongpan Basic Education High School and for the sports ground on 26 August. While in Mongpan, he paid homage to Maha Tezadipati Pagoda and made cash donations.

After viewing thriving 10-acre sugarcane plantation, they met departmental officials, members of social organiza-



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects Kengtawng Hydropower Project in Kengtawng Township.—MNA

tions and townselders at the office of Lankho Township PDC. Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented books, stationery and sports gear to officials.

In Lankho, he visited the 25-bed Township Hospital and viewed thriving groundnut plantations on 2.6 acres of plot in Ponhtun Village-tract. (See page 9)

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