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Industrial Development Committee Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects erection of an iron foundry in Mandalay Industrial Zone. — MNA

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

Mandalay Industrial Zone, where industries of about 1,400 entrepreneurs are operating, is enjoying progress
State will provide moral support and material assistance for development of private industrial sector as far as possible

Secretary-1 meets industrialists at Mandalay Industrial Zone

YANGON, 13 Sept — Industrial Development Committee Chairman, State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win went on inspection tour of Mandalay Industrial Zone in Mandalay Division on 11 September morning, and gave instructions on industrial development in his meeting with industrialists.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, together with member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister for National Plan-

ning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Energy

Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen

Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw,

Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, responsible personnel of the State Peace and Development Council Office and de-

partmental heads, flew to Mandalay from here at 8 am on 11 September.

The Secretary-1 and party, accompanied by Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Office and de-

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Industrial sector of the State increases yearly with greater momentum beginning 1992-1993, and contribution 10 per cent to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).



Industrial Development Committee Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party pose for a documentary photo at UD Group Factory which manufactures parts for CNG run car engines. — MNA

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for further border areas development

The government, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, has been making all-out efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation, which is the national goal. In this process, it has laid down and is implementing the project for development of border areas and national races, the 24 development zones project and the five rural development tasks.

Priority is being given to ensuring community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order in taking systematic steps for development of border areas and national races. In addition, work is well under way to further strengthen the national solidarity through the implementation of tasks for development of border areas and national races. Soon after the formation of Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races and the Work Committee in March 1989, the government has been making and well-coordinated efforts to bring about harmonious development across the nation including border areas.

As better transport plays a pivotal role in developing border areas and national races, the government is building bridges, large and small, motor roads and railroads, while engaging in agricultural, livestock breeding, production and business undertakings. The Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs has invested over K 56,000 million plus over US\$ 550 million in the projects for development of border areas and national races.

During the period of 15 years, altogether 3,583 miles and 7 furlongs of earth roads, 1,829 miles and one furlong of gravel roads and 349 miles and four furlongs of tarred roads were built in border areas for better transport whereas 644 primary schools, 58 middle schools and 65 high schools plus 54 hospitals were opened in education and health sectors.

With better transport and improvement of education and health sectors, socio-economic life of rural people has become higher, thereby contributing much to development of agriculture, livestock breeding and trade. Border areas are making rapid progress like urban towns in a short time as systematic measures have been taken. Nowadays, unprecedented progress has been made in border areas. Therefore, we would like to call on officials concerned to make concerted efforts together with local people for regional development while maintaining the momentum of border areas development already in place.

Astrological Pamphlet and Calendar in circulation

YANGON, 13 Sept — Mandalay Maha Thingyin Astrological Pamphlet and Calendar for the Myanmar year 1366-67 has been published. The astrological pamphlet contains the date and time of Maha Thingyan days as calculated traditionally by the members of the Myanmar Calendar Advisory Board. It also shows the practice of the monks' retreat during the Lent and the traditions of doing meritorious deeds.

Auspicious days and times as well as unlucky days and times are printed on the calendar. For students, religious verses and prayers are translated into Myanmar version to make them easy to understand. Winmala Sarpay, No 182, 31st Street, Tel: 511311, 248128, and Mandalay Tun Oo Sarpay published them. — 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



Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents cash assistance for the aged war veterans to officials of the respective townships on 13 September. —MNA

Minister receives guests

YANGON, 13 Sept — Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa this afternoon received Deputy Executive Director of WFP, Rome in Italy, Ms Shelia Sisula and party at his office here.

Also present at the call were and Population Deputy Minister U Maung Aung, the directors-general and officials of the ministry.

MNA

Myanmar film delegation leaves for PRC

YANGON, 13 Sept — A Myanmar film delegation led by Managing Director U Bo Kyi of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise, the Ministry of Information left here for the People's Republic of China by air this afternoon to attend the 13th China Golden Cock-Hundred Flowers International Film Festival which will be held from 15 to 20 September in Yinchuan City, Nin Xia Hui Autonomous Region, the PRC.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein sees off the Myanmar film delegation at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

and departmental heads, officials of the MMPE and their families. The delegation comprised four members. — MNA

Myanmar team wins one gold, two silver in 37th Singapore open bowling tourney

YANGON, 13 Sept — Myanmar team bagged one gold and two silver in the 37th open bowling

tournament held in Singapore from 2 to 10 September.

In the tourney Khin

Than Htwe won one gold in women's master B event, Htay Win Aung one silver in man's master B

event and Khin Mu Tint one silver in senior women's event.

The seven-member Myanmar bowling team led by Myanmar Bowling Federation President U Thein Zaw and General Secretary Major Soe Win (Retd) arrived back here from Singapore on 11 September evening. They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by MBF Vice-President Police Col Sein Tun Aung (Retd) and executives, officials of Sports and Physical Education Department and their families. — MNA



Myanmar Bowling team being seen on their arrival at Yangon International Airport on 11 September. — MNA

Three Polish soldiers killed in Iraq

WARSAW, 12 Sept— Three Polish soldiers were killed in Iraq Sunday when they were attacked with grenades and machine-gun fire as they returned to their base from a demining operation, a Polish military spokesman said.

At least three more Poles were injured in the attack, some four miles east of Hillah, said Lt Col Artur Domanski, a spokesman for the Polish-led multinational security force in central Iraq.

The deaths raise the number of Polish soldiers killed in Iraq to 13.—*Internet*



Iraqi policemen inspect a damaged police car at the scene of a suicide car bomb attack near a police station at Al-Amiriya District of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 12 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Gunmen attack oil guards in Iraq; five hurt

BAGHDAD, 12 Sept— Five officers were wounded in two separate guerilla attacks Sunday against security forces guarding Iraq oil fields, a security official said.

In the first attack, insurgents fired on a group of security officers guarding the Dibis oil

fields, 25 miles northeast of Kirkuk.

Three were injured, said the head of national guard force in Kirkuk, Maj Gen Anawr Mohammed Amin.

Also, two officers on patrol were wounded in a drive-by shooting near Jambouz oilfields, 30 miles west of Kirkuk, Amin said.

In both cases the assailants fled the scene. No other details were available. Guerillas have repeatedly targeted security officers guarding the oil-rich Kirkuk area in hopes of cutting off an important source of revenue.

Internet

Spanish troops in Afghanistan return home

MADRID, 12 Sept — Eighty-two Spanish soldiers, who participated in reconstruction and humanitarian-relief tasks in Afghanistan in the past four months, returned to their country on Friday.

The military contingent, deployed in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, arrived aboard a plane that landed at the International Airport of Barajas, in Madrid.

Lieutenant-Colonel Baldomero Arguelles of the No 1 Engineers Regiment of Burgos, who is in charge of the mission, said the contingent distributed 140 tons of humanitarian assistance from Spain in hospitals, schools and shelters. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Internet

Page-one story wrongly used transcript from old video

NEW YORK, 12 Sept — The *New York Times* said on Saturday that its page-one story published on Friday about a new video in which Osama bin Laden's top deputy warned al-Qaeda was planning new strikes against the United States had wrongly used the transcript from an old video.

In an unusual two-paragraph "editors note", the newspaper, which suffered a major plagiarism scandal that led to resignations of its top editors last year, noted that the Washington-dated story had quoted Ayman al-Zawahri as saying on the tape:

"Bush, reinforce your security measures" and "The Islamic nation which sent you the New York and Washington brigades has taken the firm decision to send you successive brigades to sow death and aspire to paradise".

In fact, the *Times* said on Saturday, the two quotations from Zawahri came from an earlier tape which was first broadcast on February 24. The original article said the tape had been broadcast on the Arab television network Al Jazeera on Thursday.

But, the newspaper explained, the transcript of the February tape "was

consulted in error", yielding the article headlined "In Tape, Top Aide to Bin Laden Vows New Strikes at US".

The *Times* went on to note that "the recording issued this week did include other threats against Americans, warning that "the era of security is over" and that "they will no longer be safe while their government does not stop committing its crimes against Muslims in Iraq,

Afghanistan and Palestine".

The timing of the tape seemed intentionally to come just two days before the third anniversary of the attacks of September 11. It is the latest in a long series of audio or videotapes issued by the al-Qaeda leadership, but unlike some others did not include an appearance by Osama bin Laden.

MNA/Reuters

Indian President arrives in Tanzania for state visit

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 13 Sept — Indian President Avul Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam arrived here on Saturday for a four-day state visit to the East African country aimed at strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries.

President Kalam is making this visit at the invitation of his Tanzanian counterpart Benjamin Mkapa who visited India in 2002.

During his stay here, the Indian President is scheduled to hold talks with President Mkapa to focus on bilateral economic and cultural cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua

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New spasm of violence sweeps Iraq, killing 110

BAGHDAD, 12 Sept—At least 110 people were killed across Iraq on Sunday in a sharp escalation of violence that saw gun battles, car bombs and bombardments rock the capital.

The Health Ministry said the worst casualties were in Baghdad, where 37 were killed, and in Tal Afar near the Syrian border where 51 people died.

The capital suffered at least seven car bombs, and insurgents fired a dozen mortar bombs or rockets around the so-called Green Zone compound housing Iraq's interim government and the US Embassy.

It was one of the heaviest barrages in Baghdad for months. "We've seen a tremendous increase in the number of attacks," said Brigadier General Erv Lessel, a US military spokesman. Witnesses and officials said 13 people were killed and 61 wounded in fierce battles in central Baghdad.

AUS helicopter opened fire on a crowd milling around an abandoned armoured vehicle, killing a television journalist reporting from the scene.

The US military said its aircraft had been shot at from the crowd. US troops mounted a major offensive on Thursday in Tal Afar, a suspected haven for foreign fighters about 60 miles from Syria. The military gave no immediate explanation for the heavy death toll there.

Internet

Yemeni President meets Chinese FM on bilateral relations

SANAA, 13 Sept— Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh on Saturday had talks with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing over bilateral relations and issues of mutual concerns.

During the meeting, Li said China and Yemen support each other in

maintaining the sovereignty of states, national unification and economic development.

The traditional friendship between the two countries dates back to the 6th Century, Li said, adding that they both experienced the same suffering in the past and now share

the common task of development.

Meanwhile, the top Chinese diplomat thanked the Yemeni leader for his country's support for China in the Taiwan issues. China is willing to work with Yemen to push bilateral friendly ties forward, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Bradley armoured vehicle burns in the street following heavy clashes in the centre of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 12 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Group threatens to kill hostages in Iraq

CAIRO, 12 Sept—A second militant group claimed on Sunday to be holding two Italian aid workers in Iraq and threatened to kill them if Italy did not withdraw its troops within 24 hours. Italy's Foreign Minister said he would travel to the region to work for the two women's release.

The militant group's Internet statement, which could not be verified, was signed by "the Islamic Jihad Organization in Iraq." Last month a group calling itself Islamic Jihad Organization claimed responsibility for an attack on the offices of an Iraqi political party.

On Friday, a previously unknown group, the "Supporters of al-Zawahri," posted an Internet statement claiming responsibility for the Italian females' abduction and demanding that all Muslim women held in Iraqi prisons be let go. That group's name refers to Ayman al-Zawahri, a deputy of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

Italian Foreign Minis-

ter Franco Frattini was to travel to the Mideast to meet with government and religious officials, the Foreign Ministry said.

"Frattini will renew the appeals for solidarity and for respect for the life of innocent civilians generously working for the Iraqi people," the statement said.

There was no immediate comment from the Italian government on Sunday's claim about the two women hostages. The government previously said it would not negotiate with the kidnappers of Simona Pari and Simona Torretta, both 29, who work for the aid group "Un Ponte Per ..." ("A Bridge To...") and were involved in school and water

projects.

In another hostage case, a Turkish newspaper said Sunday that Iraqi militants had freed one of its reporters. *The Sabah daily* said Zeynep Tugrul was abducted Wednesday in the northern Iraqi city of Tal Afar and freed Saturday. There was no information on who kidnapped her or why.

The Internet statement said the women were abducted 7 September in retaliation for Italy's contributing 3,500 soldiers to the US-led multinational force in Iraq.

"What will happen in the coming few hours will be related to the withdrawal from Iraq. We will not accept any substitute for that. We will not calm

down or give in until those nonbelievers leave the land of the holy campaign, and until Islam's followers enjoy security in Iraq," said the statement, which appeared on a Web site known for carrying messages from Islamic militant groups.

"We are extending the deadline to 24 hours from posting this statement. After that, if we don't see the Italian soldiers withdrawing from Iraqi land, we will execute God's law against the hostages, which, God willing, will be slaughter," the statement added.

The group claimed to have previously given the Italian government 12 hours to meet its conditions for releasing the women. It did not say how or when that demand was delivered.—Internet

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Aljazeera journalist dies in car crash

DOHA, 12 Sept—Prominent Aljazeera war correspondent and talk show host Mahir Abd Allah has died in a car crash in the Qatari capital Doha.

Abd Allah, 45, who joined the channel shortly after its launch in 1996, was killed after his vehicle veered out of control and crashed into a tree.

A leading London-based academic, Dr Bashir Nafia, who was also in the car, was injured in the accident in the early hours of Sunday morning.

"We feel a great loss at Mahir's death," said Jihad Ballut, spokesman for Aljazeera.

"He has been an integral part of the Aljazeera team for many years. Our hearts go out to his family and loved ones."

Born in the West Bank city of Jenin, Abd Allah was a strident commentator in both the Arab and international media.

As a correspondent covering the US-led invasion of Iraq, Abd Allah narrowly survived the US missile attack on the channel's Baghdad bureau in 2003, in which his fellow journalist Tariq Ayub was killed.

Abd Allah has participated in various media discussions in both the Arab and international media.

He is survived by his wife and three children.

Internet



A US soldier stands guard near a destroyed Humvee after a suicide attacker detonated a car bomb near it in Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 Sept, 2004. The crater made by the impact of the explosion is visible in the foreground. US casualties were not known although at least three civilians in a nearby car died.—INTERNET

Greek PM pledges to tackle economic equality

ATHENS, 12 Sept—Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis outlined his government's policy on Friday, vowing to wipe out the difference of development between big cities and rural areas.

In his opening address to the Thessaloniki International Fair, the Prime Minister said the main target of his policy is growth throughout the entire country and in the countryside in particular.

"Our main aim is to release the creative forces of society to enable them to have the opportunity to produce, to create, to progress, to enable us to maximize the product produced and to achieve its fairer distribution," he told the audience.

"The economic, social, business and cultural re-

vival of the countryside is the great challenge now," he added.

The Prime Minister said a two-speed Greece has been created and this state of affairs cannot continue.

"We cannot speak of a better life for all citizens when the Greek countryside is left behind. This will come to an end here. The Greek countryside is a focal option for the four-year term of New Democracy. Now is the time of the Greek countryside. Our attention is directed at the countryside," he said.

Karamanlis announced support for small- and medium-size enterprises with incentives and EU programmes and a decrease in taxation, while reiterating that the government is forging ahead with a new aggressive farming policy.

Karamanlis described the solving of citizens' day-to-day problems as being a target for the government, which aims at securing "a strong and just society, a society of confidence and security, a society with cohesion and solidarity".—MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia to bring transformation of agriculture

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Sept—The 33 per cent increase in allocation for the agriculture sector in the 2005 budget mirrored the government's seriousness to bring about a transformation in the sector, a senior official said Saturday.

However, the farming community should reciprocate the government's agenda by adopting an attitudinal change in their thinking and work culture, Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said when launching the state-level Farmers, Livestock Breeders and Fishermen Day celebrations and International Ipoh Orchid Festival in Perak State.

He said huge allocations were made to "revolutionize" the agriculture sector considered as a sector that was weak.

The allocation for the agriculture sector has been increased to 394.73 million US dollars in the 2005 budget from 257.1 million US dollars this year, up 33 per cent.

To realize the goal, farmers, livestock breeders and fishermen must boost their performance and productivity, he said.

Old methods of farming, which did not yield lucrative returns, must be changed as they were no longer suited to present times, he said.

"They must be bold to embrace changes. The change should come from their mindset and attitude. Only then, farmers, livestock breeders and fishermen can work with a rejuvenated spirit and confidence," he said.

Najib said the farming community must look into new approaches, including the use of latest techniques and technology and wider market till the international level.—MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier cleans debris near a destroyed Humvee after a suicide attacker detonated a car bomb near it in Baghdad, Iraq on 12 Sept, 2004.

INTERNET

Paper says Blair to face new blow over Iraq

LONDON, 12 Sept—British Prime Minister Tony Blair was set to confront a fresh challenge over Iraq within the next two weeks when the long-awaited final report of the Iraq Survey Group (ISG) concludes there were no banned weapons in Iraq at the time of the US-British invasion, the British *Guardian* newspaper reported Friday.

According to the paper, the ISG, a team of weapons inspectors sent in by Washington and London at the end of the war to comb Iraq, would find that there were no stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), although it believes the threat of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was real.

The absence of banned weapons has long been suspected, but the finality of the report's conclusion, together with its timing on the eve of the ruling Labour Party conference, would be controversial, the paper said.

Although it has been obvious since last year that the ISG was unlikely to unearth anything, its final verdict would be an embarrassment to the US President George W Bush and Blair, the paper added.

Both Bush and Blair claimed before the war that Saddam had a covert programme to produce chemical and biological weapons. They launched the Iraq war in last March on the grounds that Saddam's WMD has posed threat to the international community.

MNA/Xinhua

4,500-year-old elephant-shaped pot discovered in N-W China

LANZHOU, 12 Sept—Archaeologists in the north-western province of Gansu said that a 4,500-year-old elephant-shaped pot discovered in the province is the first of its kind ever found in China.

The pot was found by farmers of Guanghe County recently and is now stored in the Museum of Lanzhou, the capital city of Gansu.

The red pottery pot, 9.5 centimetres high and 8.5 centimetres in diameter, has a long mouth which looks very much like the nose of an elephant. On top of the "nose" are two bulgy eyes, and under the round "belly" are pillar feet.

Wang Haidong, vice-chairman of the Gansu Provincial Painted Pottery Research Institute, said that previous archaeological discoveries have shown that patterns and shapes of pottery ware have much to do with the living environment of human beings.

Discovery of the elephant-shaped pot indicates that elephants may have lived in Gansu area more than 4,000 years ago, Wang said.

He called the pot "material evidence" not only for the study of ancient Chinese pottery culture, but also for the ancient ecological environment in Gansu area.

Wang spoke highly of the archaeological value of the pot. Apart from the unique elephant shape, the pot has a wide, flat handle, on top of which is the image of a human face with clear-cut eyes, nose and mouth.

MNA/Xinhua



A US military helicopter flies near a destroyed Humvee after a suicide attacker detonated a car bomb near it in Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Kuwait grants Sudan \$10m aid

KUWAIT CITY, 12 Sept—Kuwait grants Sudan 10 million US dollar' worth of aid, in addition to the one million US dollars announced earlier, Sudanese Ambassador to Kuwait Yousef Fadhel said Saturday.

Kuwait was among the first Arab countries to help the victims of Darfur, the official *Kuwait News Agency* quoted Fadhel as saying. He noted that the Kuwaiti stance came in conformity with that of the Arab League which calls for the respect of Sudan's unity and sovereignty.

The Sudanese diplomat pointed out that his country has carried out more than 80 per cent of

its commitments to the international community in regards to the Darfur crisis.

Fadhel also demanded the international community stick to its commitments to solve the crisis.

On the Kuwaiti-Sudanese relations, Fadhel said they are moving on a satisfactory level and that Kuwait is known for its strong stands in defending the interests of the Arab countries.

MNA/Xinhua



Local residents assess damage done to their home after an US offensive in Sadr City, Iraq, on 11 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Porsche cars record best sales in Middle East

ABU DHABI, 12 Sept—Porsche, the German carmaker, announced its record performance in the Middle East for the current financial year ending on July 31, with unit sales of 2,392, compared to 942 in the previous year, the *Khaleej Times* reported Friday.

The Cayenne, the sport utility vehicle (SUV) of Porsche, which was launched in the Middle East markets in spring of 2003, had a lot to do with the upbeat overall numbers by contributing 1,972 units.

In geographic terms, the United Arab Emirates is the top market for Porsche, accounting for 1,014 units. The regional dealer network of Porsche has invested 30 million US dollars in new showrooms

and aftersales facilities in the region in the last 12 to 18 months.

New facilities have been set up in Kuwait, Lebanon, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Riyadh. There are plans for a Jeddah showpiece, and the company has just expanded its regional interests to Yemen and will have a new showroom ready in two months, said Mark Bishop, regional managing director for Porsche.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian team to discuss Teesta River sharing in Bangladesh

NEW DELHI, 13 Sept—The seventh round of secretary level talks of the Joint Committee of Experts (JEC) on sharing of waters of Teesta and six other rivers between India and Bangladesh gets underway in Dhaka on Monday.

The four-day talks are expected to deliberate on the report of the Joint Technical Group that was constituted at the last round in January to work out an interim water sharing agreement.

The January round also laid down the terms of reference for a Joint Scientific Study on assessing the availability and requirement of the two

sides in the lean season, M L Goyal, Commissioner (Eastern Rivers), who leads the 11-member Indian team, told *PTI* here Saturday.

According to Goyal, the Joint Technical Group of both countries met twice and conducted field visits in the interim period before submitting the report to their respective governments.

However, "conver-

gence is still not there" on sharing, he said, adding although it has been agreed that the lean season will last from October to April and that Gazaldoba barrage (90 kilometres from the border on Indian side upstream) and Doani Barrage on the Bangla side downstream would serve as reference points where the water measurements would be taken.—MNA/PTI

US intelligence soldier pleads guilty in Iraq abuse

BAGHDAD, 12 Sept— The first US military intelligence soldier to be charged in connection with the Abu Ghraib Prison abuse scandal on Saturday pleaded guilty to two charges brought against him at a court martial in Baghdad, courtroom witnesses said.

Specialist Armin J Cruz, from the 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion, pleaded guilty to the charges of conspiracy and mistreatment of Iraqi detainees, according to the witnesses.

The 24-year-old, from Plano, Texas, pleaded guilty soon after the court martial hearing opened around 9:30 am (0530 GMT) in Baghdad, the witnesses added.

A photograph taken in October 2003 shows Cruz and two other intelligence soldiers standing in the background as three prisoners are abused by military police in the foreground.

Cruz was accused of ordering soldiers to mistreat Iraqi detainees, conspiring with military police to cover up the abuse and mistreating subordinates

as he carried out the cover-up, the US military's charge sheet read.

The prosecution alleged Cruz forced naked prisoners to crawl along the floor and later handcuffed the men together. Cruz faces up to one year in prison, reduction in rank, a bad-conduct discharge and a cut in pay.

The judge, Colonel James Pohl, accepted the plea later Saturday, but it was not yet clear if he would impose a sentence.

The only defendant convicted so far is Special Jeremy C Sivits, who pleaded guilty to four counts of abuse at his court-martial in May and was sentenced to a year in prison, reduction in rank and a bad conduct discharge.

MNA/Xinhua

France to evaluate hostage rescue effort in Baghdad, Amman

PARIS, 13 Sept— French Foreign Ministry announced Saturday that France will evaluate its effort in Baghdad and Amman to gain the release of the two French journalists held in hostage in Iraq for three weeks.

"We are doing an evaluation of our whole effort in Baghdad and Amman," said the French Foreign Ministry's spokesman Herve Ladsous in a statement.

"To this end, a team led by Bernard Emie, director of the North Africa and Middle East Department, is now at the spot in Baghdad to do this work," Ladsous added, noting that there will soon be a rotation of staff deployed to handle the hostage crisis.

Hubert Colin de Verdiere, representative of the French Foreign Ministry, will return to Paris on Monday, while Gilbert Gauthier, a diplomat specialized in Arab affairs, arrived in the Iraq capital.

"For three weeks since the hostage taking of Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, Foreign Ministry staff have remained mobilized to obtain the release of the two French journalists," Ladsous said.

According to a diplomatic source, this rotation does not mean any change of strategy for the hostage release, nor a

slacking off.

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said on Friday that France would continue to work and to believe that this release is possible. However, there has been no news from Baghdad about the fate of the two journalists, but the contacts are going on, according to the French Foreign Ministry.—MNA/Xinhua

Kidnapped Turkish journalist released in Iraq

ANKARA, 13 Sept— Zeynep Tugrul, a correspondent of the Turkish daily *Sabah* (morning), who was kidnapped in Iraq, has been released, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported Saturday.

Anatolia said that the captors handed Tugrul over to a Turkish diplomat in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul under the mediation of local authorities.

The reason for the kidnapping is unknown. Tugrul has left Iraq for Turkey, the report said.—MNA/Xinhua



British soldiers stand at a site of explosion near the US consular office in Basra, Iraq on 11 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

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A US soldier orders an elderly Iraqi man to leave the outskirts of the city of Tal Afar, some 390 km north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 11 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Ex-British envoy says milt force alone will not defeat terrorism

LONDON, 13 Sept— Former British envoy to Iraq Jeremy Greenstock said Saturday that the United States and its allies should consider using other methods besides military force in order to win the war against terrorism.

"We need to think not just...about the use of military force, but about the wider policies that need to starve terrorism of the oxygen it gets from worldwide resentment and polarization, mostly against the West," Greenstock said in an interview with the BBC.

"If Iraq ends up as a failed state and we leave it in that state, then we are worse off than when we started," Greenstock said, adding that resentment against the occupation of Iraq has served to boost terrorism around the world.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela accuses US of hindering improvement of bilateral ties

CARACAS, 13 Sept — The Venezuelan Government on Saturday accused the United States of hindering efforts to improve the bilateral relations by supporting pro-coup forces and obstructing an international loan to the South American country.

Venezuela "wants to call attention to the double standard of the United States" with respect to Venezuela, since it will be "inconvenient" for the improvement of the deteriorating bilateral ties, said Venezuela's Com-

munications and Information Minister Andres Izarra.

US President George W Bush announced Friday in a memo to Secretary of State Colin Powell an order to block "some 250 million US dollars of

a loan Venezuela was to receive through multinational institutions".

Izarra said the US sanction would become an obstacle in the already shaky relations between the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Spanish PM says war not right way to beat terrorism

PARIS, 13 Sept— Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said on the third anniversary of the September 11 attacks war was not the right way to beat terrorism.

But EU-US ties were vital for global security, the Spanish Prime Minister told French weekly *Le Journal du Dimanche*.

"I do not believe that conventional war—even less a preventative one—is the correct method for combating international terrorism," he said in the interview, given six months after the deadly train bombings in Madrid.

"In the face of terrorism we must be firm, we cannot give in, but we should confront barbarism with the legitimacy conferred by the rule of law, using our intelligence services, our police and legal forces in a more effective and coordinated way," said Zapatero, who ordered Spanish troops out of the US-led force in Iraq a day after being sworn in in April.

"At the same time, we also have to

fight the underlying causes that feed fanaticism and give terrorism wings."

Zapatero added that a cooperative relationship between the European Union and the United States was vital for world security.

"The world is safer and more prosperous when the United States and the European Union act jointly to foster peace and international stability," he said.

The Spanish Prime Minister will host a summit with French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Monday. Both of those leaders opposed the war in Iraq, leading to a rift with Washington and with Spain, whose centre-right government in power at the time joined the coalition in Iraq.

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Under the rural area development programme, a library of Information and Public Relations Department has been opened in Ywadow Model village in Kalaw Township, Shan State (South).



The photo shows a library built in Kwanmoe Dain Model Village, Kayan Township, Yangon Division, to disseminate knowledge to rural people. — MNA

Self-reliant libraries have already been opened in 7,364 village-tracts out of 13,748 village-tracts; and arrangements are being made for opening of self-reliant libraries in the remaining over 6,000 villages.

Libraries built to disseminate knowledge



Shwepyithit Library was opened in Mothsoegwin Village-tract in Myaungmya Township, Ayeyawady Division. — IPRD



A library opened for bookworms of Magyiton Village in Wetlet Township, Sagaing Division.—KYEMON



Villagers of Zegon Sanypa Village, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division are now able to read books in the library opened in their village. —IPRD



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win gives instructions at briefing hall of foundries construction project in Mandalay Industrial Zone. — MNA

Mandalay Industrial Zone, where industries...

(from page 1)

Council Chairman and Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and officials, arrived at Mandalay Industrial Zone by helicopter. On arrival, they were welcomed by Central Command Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win, senior military officers, departmental officials, and members of the Mandalay Industrial Zone Development Committee and officials.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party went to the up-grading project of the zone. At the briefing hall Maj-Gen Ye Myint reported on construction of high-tech foundries on 13.22 acres of land at the zone, providing of training to technicians to enable them to operate the machinery, the establishment of a committee to speed up the construction works, and financial matters. An official of a private construction group also reported on architectural designs of respective factories to be built. Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw gave supplementary reports on arrangements for transport of machinery soon

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to arrive from abroad to the construction project.

After hearing the reports, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win gave instructions on timely completion of the foundries and funds for the project. Later, the Secretary-1 looked into the construction project.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to UD Group Factory that are test-manufacturing Compressed Natu-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects UD Group Factory which produces compressed natural gas (CNG)-run vehicles. — MNA

ral Gas (CNG) vehicles. They oversaw the production of machine parts essential for CNG engines, machine parts that can be produced at Mandalay In-

dustrial Zone, machines produced with the assistance of the Ministry of Industry-2, and gas cylinders. Later, the Secretary-1 encouraged the innovative measures of the private sector.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed the demonstration comparing the power of diesel engines and diesel-gas-combined engines, and gas-run light trucks, passenger buses and trucks assembled by UD Group, Mandalay Industrial Zone Auto Production Committee and Mann Star Group. They

As the private sector holds a lion's share in the nation's industrial sector, its development will lead to progress of the entire sector. Based on about 8,000 private industries of the 19 zones, efforts must be made for advancement of the private industries.

posed for photo together with gas-driven car producers and members of the committee.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win met members of the committee, industrialists and officials at Kanaung Hall. Chairman of Mandalay Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee Chairman of Mandalay District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung reported to the Secretary-1 on the area of Mandalay Industrial Zone, allocation of industries of about 1,400 entrepreneurs, type of industries, manufacturing of power-tillers, assembling of trucks and passenger buses, and the zone's contribution to the

use of gas-driven engines. The Secretary-1 expressed satisfaction to see efforts being made for timely completion of advanced foundries and moulding shops in the zone, and the private sector's test running of petrol and diesel engine into gas-run engines.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win meets members of Mandalay Industrial Zone Development Committee, industrialists and officials at Kanaung Hall in Mandalay Industrial Zone. — MNA

Rural water supply project ...

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He said water supply projects were implemented in eight townships in cooperation with the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs and international organizations such as JICA, BAJ and UNICEF.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Col Thein Nyunt, Minister U Soe Tha, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing accepted the cash donations presented by wellwishers.

On behalf of the wellwishers, Thiha Thudhamma

Altogether 285 Township Development Affairs Committee and 59 Development Affairs Committees are carrying out tasks for urban and rural development affairs.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party view photo documentary of the pure rural water supply project. — MNA

Theingi Dr Daw Yi Yi Hla (Yuwady Khin Oo) explained the purpose of the donation.

The Secretary-1 thanked the donors, saying that their noble contributions help improve the social standard of the rural people. It has been over ten years

since, the dry zone greening project has been implemented in accord with the guidance of the Head of State to overcome the problem of clean water shortages in rural areas, especially, those in the dry regions. Thus, the dry region has been regenerated with trees and water supply projects have been set up there. Dams, diversion weirs and water pumping stations have emerged in the dry region, which is becoming green and lush with flora again. Rural water supply project has been implemented on a wider scale to further improve the living standard of the village people, as there remain villages which lacked clean water supply. Provision of clean water supply for rural people will help uplift health standard and reduce poverty.

At the ceremony, 164 donors including those who could not attend it donated K 1,20,852,030, US \$ 500 and Euro 500. The Secretary-1 and party viewed photo documentary of the rural water supply project of the Ministry of PBANRDA. — MNA

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win accepts K 2.5 million donated by Myanmar Economic Corporation at 8th cash donation ceremony for pure drinking water supply in rural regions. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepts cash donation made by a wellwisher at 8th cash donation ceremony for pure drinking water supply in rural regions. — MNA



Minister U Soe Tha accepts cash donation made by wellwishers at 8th cash donation ceremony for pure drinking water supply in rural regions. — MNA

Mandalay Industrial Zone, where industries...

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He said it is found that the industrial sector of the State increases yearly with greater momentum beginning 1992-1993. During the year the industrial sector contributes only 10% in the Domestic Product (GDP). He spoke of the need to make efforts for more progress and to raise the development of agricultural sector. Priority must be given to the development of agro-based industries and manufacturing

farm equipment, he added.

He said the government is giving encouragement to the establishment of modern foundries needed for private industries in industrial zone-3. Most of the private foundries are out of date and they produce parts for local use under the conventional method. The modern foundries under construction can uplift the quality and standard of the use of ironware in private sector and it is a great improvement for pri-

vate industrial sector, he said.

He said the State will provide moral support and material assistance for development of private industrial sector as far as possible. He urged private entrepreneurs to try to achieve more and more success through the correct path and to implement the tasks for development of private industries with correct efforts after realizing the requirements and objectives of the State. Next, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted the industrialists and left for Yenangyoung in Magway Division. — MNA

Discard dogmatism to establish democratic nation

Aung Moe San

Dogmatism is an ism and one who practises it totally disregards prevailing situations, sticks to one's belief, and never reviews one's past deeds wrong or right. Overall, dogmatism has gone to the extremes.

Dogmatism is totally opposed to correct political, economic and social situations. Therefore, practising dogmatism, one separates oneself from other people and has to suffer total failure in all sectors.

Some political parties are sticking to dogmatism and are intransigent refusing to negotiate with the existing government. It is a great hindrance to national reconsolidation as well as flourishing of democracy at home. Some big powers are backing these political parties while cutting off humanitarian assistance and imposing economic sanctions on the nation. They do not provide Myanmar national people with anything but are opposing the government's all nation-building tasks holding negative views.

Efforts to reconstruct a nation or to regain national reconsolidation can cause conflicts due to dogmatism, hurting the interests of the people. In the post-independence period, Myanmar suffered from disintegration of national solidarity owing to the result of sticking to Communism, racism and sectarianism. Had priority been given to the interests of the nation and the people, there would not have been any internal armed conflicts nor disintegration of national unity. However, the entire national people did suffer from evil consequences of armed conflicts and disintegration of national solidarity because of dogmatism.

The BCP that dominated delta regions during the period from 1960 to 1970 threatened local farmers with death and banned them not to sell their paddy to the government. Besides, they prevented local people from forming village cooperative societies, giving an excuse that such associations were under influence of the government. Consequently, local people and farmers were not able to earn money through their agricultural produce nor get other consumer goods and they got into a great trouble. But, the BCP could not fulfil the requirements of local people. In the end, the local people fought against the BCP in cooperation with the government in order to grapple with such hardships and difficulties. In this way, the BCP sticking to dogmatism met with their end in the delta.

Instead of taking a lesson from such event, some political parties are sticking to dogmatism and are intransigent refusing to negotiate with the existing government. It is a great hindrance to national reconsolidation as well as flourishing of democracy at home. Some big powers are backing these political parties while cutting off humanitarian assistance and imposing economic sanctions on the nation. They do not provide Myanmar national people with anything but are opposing the government's all nation-building tasks holding negative views. So, their acts are as identical as the BCP's.

Some political parties are to give up dogmatism that hurts the interests of the people and to take part in the endeavours for transforming the nation into a democratic nation in accord with the seven-point policy programme adopted by the State. And they are not to hold on the 1990 election results with which they desire to copy the West European democracy directly.

Changes have taken place in animate world, inanimate world and the world of nature. Every individual, human society and social environs are also changing, and the nation has changed greatly if compared with the situations in the past. The old things are meeting their end while the new ones are coming into existence. It is not reasonable that one thinks things and conditions are permanent. Political economic and social conditions 50 years ago were greatly different from those at present. So were the political economic and social conditions 14 years ago.

Out of the three periods, past is just like a support to do or to be something. The present is the most important and plays a decisive role and future is just a hope that something may happen. Thus, one had better pay more attention to the present but not to the past for the reason that the present can decide for the good prospects for the future. Therefore, one should not overlook the present for its decisive role.

Leaders of the US-based Myanmar liberation group came to realize from their over 15-year-long experience that the 1990's election results and the copying of the pattern of western-type democracy turned out to be a dead end. They also came to realize that those who fell prey were none but the people. Later, they talked of the National Convention to solve the political issues in Myanmar. They even urged the party organizations holding an intransigent attitude towards the Government to give it a second thought. It is to have a thorough understanding and realization of the prevailing conditions. Whether an ideology is right or wrong cannot be judged by the number of its believers, for a brand-new ideology is something that is usually initiated by a small number of people, whereupon that idea gradually overwhelms the majority. Nowadays, it can be found that the leaders of the US-based Myanmar liberation group, one of distant anti-government elements, are winning more and more support for their above views.

There is yet another lesson to be taken from the event in which Myanmar's entry to ASEAN came under severe criticism from internal and external elements and some big countries. They decried Myanmar's entry in various ways. The three goals of ASEAN are as follows:

1. to promote economic, social and cultural sectors in the region;
2. to prevent against interference by super powers for political and economic stability; and
3. to control and solve misunderstanding among member countries.

No matter how they blocked Myanmar's entry to ASEAN, Myanmar at last became a member as it has everything in common with ASEAN. Nowadays, Myanmar is playing an active role in the affairs of ASEAN.

The internal and external elements that were against Myanmar's entry to ASEAN by turning a blind eye to reality eventually had broken dreams.

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

The present Tatmadaw Government is taking one step after another to implement the objective of establishing a discipline-flourishing democracy depending on time and condition. In this process, the Government sets aside two extremes— dogmatic approach and conditional approach. Obvious are the political developments, for instance, from the annulment of the centralized political and economic systems of socialism to the transitional process to democracy with the seven-point future policy programme that has been mapped out. As part of the implementation of the first stage of the seven-point road map, the reconvening of the National Convention is now in progress. Invitation has also been extended to other remaining party organizations to take further steps together.

Every national race cherishes freedom and desires for it. Freedom here implies political freedom, economic freedom and social freedom. The essence of freedom lies in the freedom of three sovereign powers — legislative power, judicial power and executive power, which should prevail in every free nation. Sovereignty is the national concern of a particular nation. It has nothing to do with any foreign nations and any aliens.

This being the case, it is important that national

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issue should be solved by national brethren themselves. It is equally important to shape our own destiny with the participation of entire national races at the ongoing National Convention. The constitution of our society should be written through coordination by our national races. All in all, now is the time to discard the good-for-nothing dogmatism and to establish a democracy with the united force of the entire national races.

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Closing, opening ceremonies of Basic Organizational Courses held

YANGON, 13 Sept — Closing ceremony of Basic Organizational Course No 14 and opening of Course

No 15, organized by Pazundaung Township Union Solidarity and Development Association of

Yangon East District was held at its office this evening. Secretariat member of USDA Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the ceremony, made a speech, presented prizes to outstanding trainees and donated books to the trainees.

Also present on the occasion were local authorities, departmental officials at township level, secretaries of division, district and township levels, members of social organizations and trainees.

First, the minister made a speech on the occasion. In his address he said that the trainees are to usefully apply knowledge and experiences lectured from the course in their respective fields. To do this is to serve national duty. They are to try to be not only organizers but also builders. The organizers are to organize them-

selves, fellow members and the public. The builders are to build themselves, fellow members and the association as well as the State. The trainees are to organize the public with concepts and practical experience and friendship in accord with the guidance given by Head of the State, Patron of USDA. After his speech, he presented prizes to outstanding trainees. Next, the minister accepted membership applications presented by Secretary of Pazundaung Township USDA U San Ni and presented books for the trainees to the latter. After that, the secretary accepted K 100,000 donated by Pazundaung Township Peace and Development Council to the association presented by chairman of Pazundaung PDC U Tin Maung Soc.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents exercise books to secretary of Pazundaung Township USDA for trainees of Basic Organization Course. — MNA

Deputy Health Minister arrives back from Maldives

YANGON, 13 Sept — Myanmar delegation headed by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo left here on 4 September to attend the 22nd Meeting of Health Ministers from South East Asia regional countries of WHO and the 57th meeting of Southeast Asia regional Committee of WHO held from 5 to 9 September in Mali, Maldives.

The 22nd Meeting of Health Ministers from South East Asia regional countries was opened in Mali town hall at 11 am on 5 September, attended by President of Maldives Mr Maumoon Abdul Gayoom. The meeting was held at Kurumba Resort Hotel on 5 and 6 September. Health Minister of Maldives Mr Ahmed Abdullah presided over the meeting. Deputy Health Minister Dr Mya Oo took part in the discussions.

The 57th meeting of South East Asia regional Committee was held from 7 to 9 September. It was attended by the health ministers of South East Asia regional countries, deputy ministers, officials, WHO Director General Dr Lee Jong-wook, South East Asia Regional Director Dr Samlee Plianbangchang and

officials. At the meeting the deputy minister, leader of Myanmar delegation, participated in the discussions.

Together with health ministers and deputy minister, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo called on President of Maldives Mr Maumoon Abdul Gayoom at 10 am on 5 September. The deputy minister also met WHO Director General Dr Lee Jong-wook on 9 September afternoon.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo attended the signing ceremony of MoU between South East Asia Regional Office and (GTZ) GmgH, a social organization of Germany on 8 September afternoon. He also visited National Thalassaemia Centre in Mali, Maldives.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back here on 11 September afternoon. They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and officials. Health Planning Department Director-General Dr Kyi Soe, Health Department Acting Director-General Dr Tin Win Maung and Deputy Director-General Dr Ye Myint and Medical Science Department Director Dr Than Zaw Myint also arrived back here on the same flight. — MNA

Workshop on National Performance Assessment & Strategic Environmental Framework for GMS Project Phase-II held

YANGON, 13 Sept — The National Workshop on National Performance Assessment and Strategic Environmental Framework for the Greater Mekong Sub-region Project Phase-II organized by the Myanmar National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) in cooperation with Asian Development Bank (ADB) was held at the Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel here this morning. The joint Secretary of the National Commission for Environmental Affairs Daw Yin Yin Lay and on behalf of the Director of the UNECP Regional office, Technical coordinator U Tin Aung Moe from the United Nations Environmental Conservation Programme, Regional Resources Centre for Asia and the Pacific made the opening speeches. Next, Joint Secretary of the NCEA also explained the Workshop Programme and Agenda.

Afterwards, presentations on Strategic Environmental Framework Phase-II and Concept and Framework of Environmental Performance Assessment were made by International consultants. Next, group discussions and group presentations on environmental indicators were made by the participants.

In 1992, the six GMS countries—Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Yunnan Province of People's Republic of China entered into a programme of economic cooperation (the GMS Programme) with the assistance of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The GMS programme has stimulated a portfolio of economic development, poverty reduction, and environment and natural resource management projects, including many whose impacts span national boundaries. The workshop continues tomorrow. MNA

The Objectives of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- * To vitalize patriotism and nationalism in all citizens
- * To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- * To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- * To preserve Myanmar national character
- * To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- * To prevent influence of alien culture

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The Buddha's Teachings

- * Religion is something to rely on
Taught the Buddha
Solemnly following His teachings
And continuously practising them
Are the tradition of Myanmar's
- * With this tradition in mind
Every individual and family
And the whole Union
Using strength of our own
Will bring peace and prosperity
- * The Teachings of Buddha
Goes never wrong
And with our efforts
Myanmar's! Let's prove it

Po Wa (Trs)

PABX Course, Optical Fibre Installation Course and e-Government Workshop Training Course opened

YANGON, 13 Sept — The PABX Course, the Optical Fibre Installation Course and the e-Government Workshop Training Course were opened at the Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Vice-Chair-

man of e-National Task Force member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint, officials of MPT and Directorate of Telecommunications, the Principal of the school and course instructors.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw made a speech on the occasion.

Altogether 69 trainees are attending the courses.

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No 11 LID Commander Col Hla Htay Win presents a shield to winner team in shooting contest.

(News reported) — MNA

Thriving of monsoon paddy fields of No 11 LID inspected

YANGON, 13 Sept — No 11 LID commander Col Hla Htay Win, accompanied by officials on 11 September inspected ploughing tasks for monsoon paddy cultivation being carried out in the rice fields of local battalion near Yemon Village and transplanting

paddy saplings by soldiers and their families.

After inspecting the thriving plantations of Hsinshweli, Shweyinaye and Myaseinyang paddy, Col Hla Htay Win gave instructions to officials on making efforts for high yield of paddy and use of systematic farming methods and fertilizers. He next attended to the needs.

Within the areas of No 11 LID and its local battalions and regiments, 439.97-acre monsoon paddy had been cultivated in July and a total of 602.70 acres have been put under monsoon paddy.

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Some of Shakespeare's earliest editions leap into digital age

LONDON, 11 Sept — Shakespeare may have written his plays with a quill pen but now the Bard's works are taking a leap into the digital age as the British Library publishes some of the earliest editions of his plays on a new web site.

The collection includes 93 copies of 21 Shakespeare plays from Titus Andronicus to Hamlet.

Shakespeare's plays began to be printed in 1594, in the form of small, cheap pamphlets called quartos, which would have cost as little as a six pence.

Many would have been sold to the audience after performances had finished. But they have not been seen in public for centuries.

The last time the quartos were available to an audience that went beyond scholars, curators and collectors was barely a generation after Shakespeare's death," said Moira Goff, head of British Collections 1501-1800 at the library.

MNA/Reuters

Technicians say time must be getting tough for virus writers

LONDON, 12 Sept — Times must be getting tough for computer virus writers.

Technicians at British anti-virus firm Sophos Plc said on Friday they had discovered a plea for work inserted deep in the lines of code for two new computer worm outbreaks, "MyDoom-U" and "MyDoom-V".

"We searching 4 work in AV (anti-virus) industry," read the message. Because it was inserted in the code, the message was only visible to anti-virus professionals.

While the calling card may have won the programmer points for creativity, the anti-virus community was not impressed.

"It's hard to tell if the creators of these new versions of the MyDoom worm are being serious, but there is no

way that anybody in the anti-virus industry would touch them with a barge pole," said Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant for Sophos.

The latest MyDoom infections pack some power.

Spread via e-mail, MyDoom-U and MyDoom-V contain a file attachment that, when downloaded, infects a computer with a malicious "back door" that blocks access to most anti-virus web sites and turns the computer into a spamming machine, sending out junk e-mails.

Sophos reported the latest MyDoom variants are not spreading rapidly — a bad sign for the would-be job seekers.

"It's not surprising," Cluley said. "Many times virus writers are just poor programmers."

MNA/Reuters

Remains of crewman from 1653 sunken ship pieced

EXETER (England), 11 Sept — Scientists have pieced together the remains of a crewman on one of Oliver Cromwell's warships who went down with his ship off the coast of Scotland 350 years ago.

The crewman, dubbed *Seaman Swan* after the ship that sank in a storm near the Isle of Mull on 13 September, 1653, was in his early 20s, had the body of a trapeze artist and probably worked on the ship's rigging.

"Like many other people of the period ... he had rickets which left him quite stunted, with severely bowed legs," Dr Colin Martin, an archaeologist at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, told a science conference. "But for all that, he was an extremely fit and healthy man." — MNA/Reuters

HAL says India ready to roll out AJTs by 2010

NEW DELHI, 12 Sept — India would be ready to roll out its own state-of-art Advanced Jet Trainer with futuristic radar-resistant composites and glass cockpits by 2010, Chairman of the country's aviation major Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, N R Mohanty said Friday.

"To be christened Hindustan Advanced Jet trainer, the Indian AJT, unlike the British Aerospace Hawks, would be a twin-engined trainer built on composites with glass cockpit which can also be used for combat role," he told a news conference.

He said the HAL, after making

rapid strides in developing an Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) which is expected to be inducted into the Air Force by 2007, would be ready to roll out India's own AJT as the contract for manufacture of Hawks tapers off in 2010.

India is currently procuring 22 Hawks in flyaway condition under a 60-billion-rupee contract with the British Aerospace to meet its current AJT requirement. The HAL would build another 44 aircraft under a technology transfer agreement with the British manufacturer.

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Greek PM reiterates good neighbouring policy

ATHENS, 12 Sept — Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis said Friday that Greece will continue its good neighbouring policy by supporting their European orientation.

In his opening address to the Thessaloniki International Fair, the Prime Minister said stability and prosperity in the wider region is a vision, with Greece playing a leading role in the heart of the European Union.

"Our neighbours must know that we support their European orientation. We support the accession of Romania and Bulgaria by 2007," he told the audience.

He reasserted his country's support for Turkey's European orientation and expressed his volition to further enhance bilateral relations.

"We support the European orientation of Turkey and the efforts of its

government to adjust the country to the European (political and economic) acquis communautaire. We Greeks want a European Turkey," he said.

"We look forward to the upgrading of bilateral cooperation and the full restoration of Greek-Turkish relations," he added.

Karamanlis also referred to the issue of Cyprus and reiterated his will to have a solution found, although he did not mention the Annan plan.

"All of us Greeks aim at a solution to the problem of Cyprus as soon as possible. We are all working and cooperating (in Athens and Nicosia) to maintain the keen interest of the international community in a solution, which will really be workable and viable. A solution to the environment of security and cooperation which is offered by the European Union," he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Spain says last tons of fuel oil sucked out of "Prestige"

MADRID, 12 Sept — The last few tons of sticky toxic fuel oil have been sucked out of the wreck of the *Prestige* tanker, Spain said on Friday, almost two years after the ship went down in the country's worst environmental disaster.

The *Prestige* broke in half and sunk to the bottom of the Atlantic after days struggling in high winds in November 2002, spewing thick oil over a once pristine coastline in the north-western region of Galicia.

"In recent days they have completed the extraction of fuel from the wreck," Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa

Fernandez de la Vega told a news conference.

"We can say that 13,000 tons have been extracted," she said, adding the government had not yet decided what to do with the fuel.

Coming up with a plan to deal with the wreck took months, partly because it lay 2.4 miles down on the seabed.

Spain considered building a concrete tomb around the wreck but finally opted to suck out the 13,000 tons that remained.

The other 64,000 tons have been painstakingly scooped out of the sea and cleaned off Galicia's rocky beaches.

MNA/Reuters

မညာရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီပွဲပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့

China's youngest donor donates bone marrow for ailing soldier

FUZHOU, 13 Sept — China's youngest bone marrow donor, a 19-year-old college student in the eastern Fujian Province, donated marrow last Thursday for a young soldier suffering from leukaemia in Beijing.

Zhang Liangjian, a sophomore majoring in business administration at Nanyang College in Xiamen City, donated 100 cubic centimetres of bone marrow at the Union Hospital in Fuzhou, the provincial capital.

Collection of the bone marrow lasted for eight hours and the marrow was sent immediately to Beijing on an Air China flight.

Local Red Cross officials said Zhang's donation would be used to save the life of a 20-year-old soldier named Peng, who is struggling with leukaemia at a hospital

in Beijing.

The best help for a leukemia patient is a transplant of healthy marrow or blood stem cells from a matching donor. Experts say the match occurs only in about 25 per cent of brothers and sisters, and a person could find a match from among 400 to 10,000 non-family members.

"I felt like a lottery winner when I was told that my bone marrow matched perfectly with the soldier's," said Zhang.

Zhang registered himself as a voluntary bone marrow donor early

this year when he donating blood.

Zhang's parents supported his decision.

"In fact, it was my mother who taught me to love and help others: she adopted a foundling many years ago, though we were not very well off ourselves back then," he said.

He is by far the youngest donor registered at China's bone marrow bank, an organization founded in 1992 to collect samples and locate donors for patients who need a bone-marrow transplant.

MNA/Xinhua

Boiler explosion in north China kills one, injures three

HOHHOT, 13 Sept — One person was killed and three others injured in a bizarre boiler explosion accident in Baotou in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region Sunday morning, local police said.

The blast, in a sauna bathhouse called "Xinyu" in a local residential area, launched steam boiler into the air. It flew over a six-foot nearby crosswalk.

A 63-year-old passerby was hit and crushed by the two-metre boiler. The victim died on the scene.

MNA/Xinhua



British movie director Mike Leigh holds the Golden Lion trophy he won for best movie at the 61st Venice Film Festival in Venice, northern Italy, on 11 Sept, 2004. Leigh won for his film 'Vera Drake.' — INTERNET

Women lawmakers from ASEAN wrap up meeting

PHNOM PENH, 13 Sept — Women parliamentarians from the ASEAN wrapped up a half-day meeting Sunday ahead of this week's 25th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) with the approval of two resolutions.

The meeting, chaired by Cambodia's National Assembly member Khuon Sudary, focused on enhancing women's economic security and the role of parliaments in combating trafficking of women and children in Southeast Asia.

The two resolutions approved aimed to provide women with equal access to education, resources, legal rights and protection, as well as to improve legislation or make new laws to protect young women and children from trafficking, according to the meeting's news release.

Meanwhile, the resolutions called on the ASEAN member countries to take a coordinated approach to the problems and to strengthen networks and partnerships between police, judicial,

migration and social authorities, non-government organizations and international agencies.

More than 30 Women Parliamentarians of AIPO (WAIPO) from Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam attended the meeting.

Delegates considered the two issues, women economic security and the trafficking of women and children, as vitally important as the lack of economic security, viable livelihood options and gender equity make women and children vulnerable to trafficking.

They agreed that the issues had to be tackled regionally as they affected ASEAN's future and hindered future prosperity and development.

MNA/Xinhua

Ancient pot with horse-taming picture discovered in N-W China

LANZHOU, 13 Sept — Archaeologists in the northwestern province of Gansu discovered a 3,000-year-old pot with a design showing a scene of horse-pasturing in Minqin County recently.

The painted design shows a man herding eight horses. Some of these horses are bucking and some stand quietly; some have tails and some do not. All of the horses have large buttocks, slender waists and thin legs. Surrounded by the eight horses, the wide-shouldered, slender-waisted man is in a long gown. His physique and dress are quite similar to

those of ethnic people living in the horse-taming area, said Wang Haidong, Vice-Chairman of the Gansu Provincial Painted Pottery Research Institute.

The pot, 22 centimetres high and 24 centimetres in diameter, has a pair of symmetrical handles on each side of its body and a sunken bottom.

It's body is painted with complicated pictures and

images, and alternating black and red broken lines. The most eye-catching of these pictures is the image of the man and the horses. This is the first time that ancient painted pottery with a horse-pasturing picture has been discovered in China, Wang said, adding that the picture indicates that horses were domesticated in China as long as 3,000 years ago. — MNA/Xinhua

761 bridges to be built over "middle route" project in China

WUHAN, 13 Sept — A total of 761 bridges will be built over the "middle route" of China's massive south-north water diversion project, said You Ling, Deputy Chief Engineer of the Traffic Department of Yangtze River Design Institute.

The "middle route", with a total length of 1,427 kilometres, will run through five provinces and municipalities where the road network is well-developed. "It is necessary to build so many bridges for the sake of traffic convenience," You said.

The massive project, which began construction in December 2002, will divert water from the Yangtze, China's longest river, to the country's drought-affected north via three routes, the eastern, middle and western.

The first phase of construction of the project's eastern and middle routes will cost 124 billion yuan (14.94 billion US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia detects three new cases of bird flu

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Sept — Malaysia has detected three new cases of bird flu in a northern state where two outbreaks have been reported since last month, the Veterinary Services Department said on Saturday.

The country reported a second outbreak of bird flu early this month, setting back efforts to clear it of a virus that has killed at least 29 people in Asia this year and ravaged its poultry industry.

Authorities discovered the H5 genetic component of the virus in chickens and ducks in three villages in the state of Kelantan bordering Thailand where one person died of flu last Thursday. — MNA/Reuters

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SPORTS

Beckham's free kick gives Real 1-0 win over Numancia

MADRID, 12 Sept— A stunning first-half free kick from David Beckham gave Real Madrid a 1-0 win over newly promoted Numancia at the Bernabeu on Saturday. The England captain sent the ball sailing over the wall and then dipping sharply into the far corner from 23 metres out to score the only goal of the game and give Real a maximum six points from their first two Primera Liga matches.

Real had a string of opportunities to extend their lead, but were unable to press home their advantage against their modest opponents who gave them several scares late in the second half.

Earlier, champions Valencia relied on substitute Miguel Angel Angulo to spark a fightback that lifted them from two goals down at the break to claim a 2-2 draw at Athletic Bilbao. Valencia appeared to have one eye on next week's Champions League opener against Anderlecht as they made a sluggish start and fell behind in the 15th minute when Bilbao striker Ismael Urzaiz finished off a slick counter-attack with a fine first-time shot.—MNA/Reuters



Lleyton Hewitt of Australia celebrates his winning match point against Joachim Johansson of Sweden during their semi-final match at the 2004 US Open in Flushing Meadows, New York. — INTERNET

Porto begin defence title with 1-1 draw at Braga

LISBON, 12 Sept— Champions Porto began the defence of their Portuguese Premier League title with an embarrassing 1-1 draw at Braga on Saturday ahead of their opening Champions League match against CSKA Moscow next week.

Benfica and Boavista are top of the standings with six points from two games with Benfica, who beat Moreirense 2-0 at home, leading on goal difference. Boavista beat Gil Vicente 1-0 away on Friday.

Vitoria Guimaraes are third two points behind.

Porto, fielding several new faces to plug the gaps left by the departure of key players who helped them win last season's Champions League, took the lead after four minutes through midfielder Maniche Ribeiro with a powerful 30-metre shot.

MNA/Reuters

Leverkusen down to third place

BERLIN, 12 Sept— Bayer Leverkusen warmed up for their Champions League meeting with Real Madrid in poor fashion with a 2-0 defeat at FSV Mainz on Saturday that cost them the Bundesliga lead. VfB Stuttgart replaced Leverkusen at the top with a 2-0 home victory over Hamburg SV courtesy of an early goal from midfielder Silvio Meissner and a late one by Hungary striker Imre Szabics.

Second-half goals in quick succession from strikers Niclas Weiland and Benjamin Auer gave promoted Mainz a surprise win that sent Leverkusen down to third place. Leverkusen, who lost 2-1 to Real Madrid in the 2002 Champions League final, start this season's campaign in the showcase competition by entertaining the glamorous Spanish side on Wednesday.

Champions Werder Bremen, also facing a tough Champions League start with a visit to Inter Milan on Tuesday, lost as well on Saturday.

The northerners were defeated 3-1 by Borussia Moenchengladbach and have lost twice already after just four games. They drop three spots to sixth.

Goals from strikers Marek Heinz and Oliver Neuville had given Moenchengladbach a 2-0 lead when substitute forward Nelson Valdez restored hope for Werder in the 69th minute.

Werder kept trying after that but could not stop Moenchengladbach from recording their first win of the season, which substitute Vladimir Ivic completed in added time.—MNA/Reuters

Adriano saves Mancini from embarrassing start

MILAN, 12 Sept— Inter Milan needed a second half equalizer from Brazilian Adriano to get a 2-2 draw out of their opening Serie A game of the season at Chievo Verona on Saturday.

Adriano's powerful drive saved new Inter coach Roberto Mancini from an embarrassing start but he will still be disappointed not to have taken the full three points from the opener.

Inter, featuring new signings Edgar Davids and Juan Veron in midfield, went ahead in the 15th minute when Dejan Stankovic took advantage of a mistake by Chievo's Brazilian defender Cesar.

Cesar's attempted chest back to his keeper Luca Marchegiani was easily

intercepted by Stankovic who slotted past the Chievo goalkeeper with confidence. Christian Vieri then went close to doubling the lead when he volleyed just wide after being picked out by the lively Adriano.

But in the 28th minute Franco Semioli brought Chievo level, chesting home a cross from Daniele Franceschini.

Nine minutes later Sergio Pellissier provided a clinical finish to a flowing move to put the Verona team in front.

MNA/Reuters

PSG fail again to secure first win

PARIS, 12 Sept— Paris St Germain failed again to secure their first win of the season ahead of their Champions League opener against Chelsea while unsung Toulouse move to the top of Ligue 1 on Saturday.

Olympique Lyon and Monaco, who will host Manchester United and host Liverpool respectively in their opening Champions League group stage matches next week, registered morale-boosting wins over Stade Rennes and Racing Strasbourg.

Champions Lyon won 2-1 at Rennes and Monaco, losing European Cup finalists in May, beat Strasbourg 3-1, while PSG came from behind to draw 1-1 at modest Istres.

Toulouse beat AC Ajaccio 3-1 at home to move into the lead on goal difference from Metz, held 0-0 at home by 10-man Girondins Bordeaux. Toulouse, Metz, Bastia, who beat AJ Auxerre 1-0, and Lyon all have 11 points from five matches. Fifth-placed Monaco have 10.

PSG made a disastrous start at promoted Istres,

conceding a goal from the kickoff when Rafik Saifi headed a centre from the right in just under the bar.

Istres were still leading 1-0 at halftime and PSG, who will host Chelsea on Tuesday at the Parc des Princes, only escaped a humiliating defeat with a penalty dispatched by Portugal striker Pedro Pauleta on the hour.

They pushed hard at the end of the game and made several good chances but paid the price for poor finishing.

"When we conceded the goal I thought a curse was on us. Everything was going wrong," said PSG coach Vahid Halilhodzic.

"We played a bit better in the second half and at least we didn't lose but our team clearly lack confidence."

After five games, PSG are 14th on three points,

only two ahead of bottom-placed Ajaccio.

Overnight leaders Metz were unable to make their one-man advantage pay after Bordeaux had former France striker Lilian Laslandes sent off for kicking an opponent in the 21st minute.

Monaco were clinical in their win over Racing Strasbourg. They opened the scoring after only five minutes through Emmanuel Adebayor who headed home a fine centre from Swedish midfielder Pontus Farnrud.

Strasbourg striker Mickael Pagis sidestepped the defence and slipped the ball inside the left post with a low shot from the right to equalize but Mohamed Kallon restored Monaco's lead when he slotted home a penalty in the 58th minute.

MNA/Reuters

Arsenal extend record unbeaten win

LONDON, 12 Sept— Champions Arsenal extended their record unbeaten Premier League run to 45 games with a 3-0 win at Fulham on Saturday but title rivals Chelsea were held 0-0 at Aston Villa and Manchester United scraped a 2-2 draw at Bolton Wanderers.

Arsenal lived dangerously in the first half but floored Fulham with a three-goal blast in 10 minutes, courtesy of Fredrik Ljungberg, a Zat Knight own goal and one from Spanish substitute Jose Antonio Reyes.

Victory left Arsenal two points clear at the top after Chelsea lost their 100-per cent record, with boss Jose Mourinho furious at referee Rob Styles for refusing his team a penalty and booking his Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba for diving.

Manchester United continued a faltering start to the season and looked destined for defeat after Les Ferdinand got Bolton's second in the 90th minute, only for an Alan Smith effort to go in off David Bellion in stoppage time.

Liverpool cruised to a 3-0 win over West Bromwich Albion, while skipper Alan Shearer scored once as Newcastle United beat Blackburn Rovers 3-0 and Middlesbrough were 2-1 winners over Birmingham City.

Arsenal rode their luck in the first half at Craven Cottage, with Fulham having a penalty denied for an Ashley Cole challenge on

Andy Cole and a goal disallowed for Collins John.

The champions, who also had a spot-kick appeal turned down for Moritz Volz' challenge on striker Thierry Henry, continued to live dangerously after the break.

But Ljungberg settled nerves with one goal and pressuring Knight into another before Reyes

maintained his record of scoring in every game, making it six goals in six appearances.

Victory gave Arsene Wenger's side 15 points from five games and an ideal lift before opening their Champions League campaign against PSV Eindhoven at Highbury on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters



Fulham's Andy Cole (L) goes for a header against Pascal Cygan of Arsenal during their Premier League match at Craven Cottage in west London on 11 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET



Tuesday, September 14

View on today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
ထာဝရဗုဒ္ဓိဓာတ်တူရိယာ
"ပဌမဆယ်စုနှစ်" (အပိုင်း-၁)

7:55 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:10 am

6. ကရာဝန်-ဥပဒေ

8:20 am

7. Song of yesteryears

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National
Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့ ဝိပဿနာ
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
- ဒုတိယနှစ်
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အယူဝါဒများ) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

5. Dance of national races

5:10 pm

6. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် ခြားသမ္မတအဖြစ် (၁၂ကြိမ်)
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အရေး၊ အတိုး ဖြည့်ဆည်းပေးသော
ကြံ့ခိုင် ဓမ္မာဓိက (အခြေခံဥပဒေ)
၁၅-၂၀ နှစ် (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)
5:25 pm

7. ခံစားရသောသံတော်တော်ဝင်

5:40 pm

8. Sing and Enjoy

6:15 pm

9. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်ရေးသံတော်
"ဓမ္မာဓိက-ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)

6:30 pm

10. Evening news

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. သားငါးဖွားမြင်ပြည့်အထူး

7:20 pm

13. The mirror images of the
musical oldies

7:35 pm

14. ခြားသမ္မတအဖြစ် (၁၂ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ
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ဆွေးနွေးခန်း

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်ရေး
"တစ်ခုံရာခေါ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

19. The next day's
programme



Tuesday, September 14

Tune in today:

8:30 am

Brief news

8:35 am

Music:
-Who do you love

8:40 am

Perspectives
Music:
-For your love

8:45 am

National news/
Slogan

9:00 am

Music: There
you'll be

9:05 am

International news
Music:
-Never had a
dream come true

9:10 am

News/Slogan
Lunch time music
-Let it be me
-Don't cry Joni
-Pa Pa he loves
Ma Ma
-Beautiful Boy

9:15 pm

English Speaking
Course Level-I
Unit (30)

9:25 pm

Article/Music
Weekly sports reel

9:35 pm

Music for your
listening pleasure
-Written in the star
-If you had my
love

9:45 pm

News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

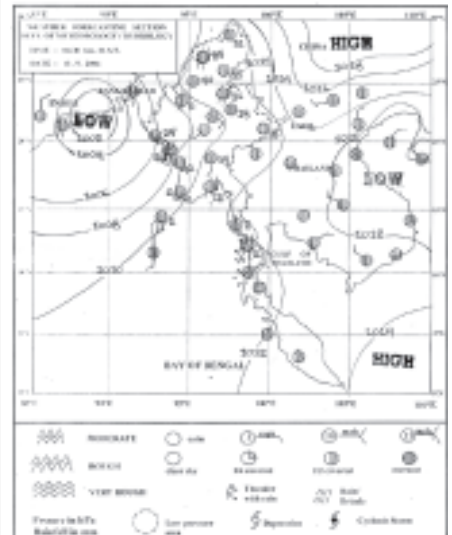
Rainfall on 13-9-2004

- (1.50 inches) at Yangon Airport,
- (0.56 inch) at Kaba-Aye and
- (0.27 inch) at central Yangon.

Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was

- 105.71 inches at Yangon Airport,
- 99.06 inches at Kaba-Aye and
- 99.92 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 13 September 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, and Magway Division, scattered in Taninthayi and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kanbalu (5.71) inches, Kyauktaw (4.80) inches, Hkamti (3.27) inches, Kalay (2.09) inches, Mawlaik (2.05) inches, Katha and Sittway (2.01) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 12-9-2004 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 13-9-2004 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-9-2004 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 12-9-2004 was (2.5) hour approx. Rainfall on 13-9-2004 was (1.50 inches) at Yangon Airport, (0.56 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (0.27 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 105.71 inches at Yangon Airport, 99.06 inches at Kaba-Aye and 99.92 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 14 mph from Northwest at 15:05 hours MST on 12-9-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 14-9-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan State and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%).

State of the sea: Temporary squalls with rough sea are likely Deltaic and off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-9-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-9-2004:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 13.9.2004)

The water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (94) cm (about 3 ft) above the danger level at (06:30) hrs MST today. The water level may remain above the danger level during the next (5) days commencing noon today.

The water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (10) cm above the danger level at (06:30) hrs MST today. The water level may remain above the danger level during the next (3) days commencing noon today.

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14-9-2004 (Tuesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

9:00

Signature Tune

9:02

Greeting

9:06

Song of Myanmar

9:10

Beauty & Scenic

9:12

Sights "Mingalabar"

9:15

Pet Fish Boom

9:20

Headline News

9:25

What an Interesting

9:30

Souvenir Shop

9:35

National News

9:40

A Sector of Tanin-

9:45

thayi's Economy "Ma-

9:50

rine Products"

9:58

Songs on Screen "The

10:00

Brightly Shining

10:05

Moon"

10:10

National News

10:15

Unique Biodiversity of

Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"

15:36

Pet Fish Boom

15:40

Headline News

15:42

What an Interesting

15:45

Souvenir Shop

15:50

National News

15:55

Golden Plum Job of

16:00

Central Myanmar

16:05

San-Thit-Hla-Pa

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National News

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Brightly Shining

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Moon"

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National News

16:50

Unique Biodiversity of

16:55

Indawgyi Lake (Part-II)

17:00

National News

17:05

Golden Plum Job of

17:10

Central Myanmar

17:15

San-Thit-Hla-Pa

Evening Transmission

(19:30 - 23:30)

19:30

Signature Tune

19:32

Greeting

19:36

Song of Myanmar

19:40

Beauty & Scenic

19:42

Sights "Mingalabar"

19:45

Noble Month of Waso

19:50

Headline News

19:55

Folk Art of Pottery

20:00

National News

20:05

Thihathana Throne

20:10

Kachin Dance

20:15

Inn-Waing Waterfall

20:20

National News

20:25

Songs on Screen "The

20:30

Brightly Shining

20:35

Moon"

20:40

National News

20:45

Unique Biodiversity of

20:50

Indawgyi Lake (Part-I)

20:55

Myanmar Modern

21:00

Song "Nationalities

21:05

Village"

21:10

National News

21:15

Myanmar Traditional

21:20

Fan

21:25

Lacquerware Museum

21:30

National News

21:35

The Alaung Daw

21:40

Kathapa National Park

21:45

Dance of the Oil Lamps

21:50

National News

21:55

Myanmar Traditional

22:00

Musical Instruments

22:05

(Brass gong) (Maung

22:10

Saing)

22:15

Myanmar Modern

22:20

Song "Flower Alike"

22:25

Plaster Toys

22:30

National News

22:35

Mounzann Maywae

22:40

Song of Myanmar

22:45

Beauty & Scenic

22:50

Sights "Come and see

22:55

Myanma Pano-

rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"

21:35

Pet Fish Boom

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Headline News

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Souvenir Shop

Rural water supply project being implemented on a wider scale to further improve living standard of rural people

Over 164 donors present K 1,20,852,030, US \$ 500 and Euro 500

YANGON, 13 Sept —The eighth cash donation for pure drinking water in rural regions of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was held at the Development Affairs Department this evening, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments and wellwishers. Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt reported on measures taken for supplying pure drinking water in rural areas.

He said the Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on fire rural development tasks for equal development of urban and rural areas. Altogether 285 Township Development Affairs Committees and 59 Development Affairs Committees are carrying out tasks for urban and rural development affairs. The Head of State had given guidance on implementation of 10-year pure drinking water supply project in all villages in three divisions in the arid zone, he said.

He said 1,039 wellwishers donated K 812.1



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win accepts K 1.3 million presented by Mrs Daisy Murison and family and friends Chicago, USA, for pure drinking water supply project in rural regions. — MNA

million and US\$ 67,722, Euro 270 and 100,12 FECs for rural water supply project and 1,409 tube wells were dug with the contributions of the wellwishers.

At the present cash donation, 163 wellwishers donated K 120.352030 million, USD 500 and Euro 500. (See page 9)

Workshop on traffic rules held

YANGON, 13 Sept — Workshop on Observing traffic rules for safety jointly-organized by Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee and No 3 Basic Education Department was held at Myanyila hall of No 2 BEHS, Latha, this morning, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Super-visory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport, Chair-man of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivers an address at Workshop on traffic rules. — MNA

occasion were Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min,

Vice-Chairman of TREC Provost Marshal Maj-Gen Saw Hla, Joint-Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Aung Soe, No 4 Military Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo, Secretary of TREC Director-General of Road Transport Administration Department U Hla Thaung Myint and members, Joint-Secretary Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing and officials, local authorities, directors-general, deputy directors-general and officials of Basic Education Departments, teachers and guests.

First, the commander made a speech on the

occasion. In his address, he said that students of today will be good citizens in the future who will take responsibility of the State.

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'observance of discipline ensures safety'. The Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee made decisions on teaching of traffic rules lessons during an extra

time of school hours in basic education schools. Emphasis is being laid for educative tasks for realization of public regarding the danger of road accident. Effective actions are being taken against those who violated the traffic rules.

Deputy Minister for

Next, the commander presented gifts to Daw Nwe Nwe Aye' of No 3 Basic Education Department, Daw Myo Sanda Aye of No 1 BEMS, Lanmadaw and U Myo Zaw Myint and U Min Zaw Pe of Photo View Group who gave assistance in publishing a book on Observing traffic rules for safety and viewed booths of lectures on traffic rules.

After that, the demonstration programme continued and teachers performed demonstration on traffic rules and took part in the discussions. Officials concerned replied to the queries raised by the teachers.

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