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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to Vietnam

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Service personnel to discharge duties assigned by local authorities for accomplishment of five rural development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Kachin State PDC Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Shan State (North) PDC Chairman North-East Command Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut met with officers and other ranks of the Momeik Station and their family members on 30 August at the hall of

the station in Kyaukme District, Shan State (North).

On the occasion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint called for cooperation with the people in regional development tasks, setting up model agricultural and

livestock breeding farms, extended growing of physic nut, and planting perennial crops such as djenkol bean and avocado.

Upon arrival at Hsinshweli strain farm at Taunggaing Village-tract in Momeik Township,

they heard a report by Kyaukme District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Soe Win on putting 42 acres of land under Hsinshweli strain high-yield paddy and growing of paddy of the strain on the 15-acre field.

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Local people have enjoyed the taste of better transport thanks to emergence of Mandalay-Tagaung-NgaO-Shwegu-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road in addition to Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

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

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Under the programme of the Basic Education Department, divisional level education officers are on field tours supervising schools down to the grassroots for the improvement of school administration and teaching and learning qualifications.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence meets departmental personnel and local residents in Momeik Township.—MNA

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

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Demonstrate artistic skills in traditional cultural performing arts competitions

Suppose a nation or a people has own fine traditions and national characters, it indicates firm history and high cultural civilization of such a nation or people.

Myanmar people's national prestige, norms, and characters have been documented compellingly since the beginning of the Myanmar history. On the basis of that fact, it is required to preserve and promote Myanmar's views, culture, customs, social values and social ethics.

The annual holding of the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions is an important part of the drive for promotion and preservation of the Myanmar's traditions and culture. A unique opportunity has been thus created to enhance the essence of Myanmar's traditional cultural songs and dances through the competitions. Therefore, today's national youth have been able to feel the sense of traditional cultural arts, nationalistic fervour and the essence of national cause.

Now, the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are drawing near, and the selected persons from respective states and divisions cannot wait for the competitions.

So, the contestants in various subjects such as Thabin (drama), music, marionette and dance are exhorted to contribute towards the programmes to hold forthcoming Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions on a grand scale by presenting their artistic skills most brilliantly in the competitions so as to raise the role of Myanmar performing arts.

Irregularities in making Myanmar video features under investigation

YANGON, 1 Sept — According to the information given by the Video Censorship Committee, some profiteers are making video features by picking out appropriate scenes with the same plots from other video features already permitted by the Video Censorship Committee, and marketing copies of such video features with fake censor permits.

At the meeting of Video Censorship Committee on 30 August, officials re-scrutinized a video feature titled "Ma-hson-de-phu-zar" produced by Manizawta Video Production Industry. And the video feature was found to be a make-up with a combination of plots of some video features starring actor Lu Min and actress Nanda Hlaing. It was also found that names of the producer, the director and the title of the feature were all fake. Furthermore, the name of the script writer and film stars were used unscrupulously.

The copies of the above-mentioned video feature are to be handed to the video scrutinizing supervisory committees and the video chapter of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization. Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and MMPO are taking measures to expose such video features and take action against those unscrupulous producers.

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Peoples' 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

Minister inspects telecommunication tasks in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw accompanied by officials arrived at construction site for building Yandanabon Myothit in PyinOoLwin Township on 28 August. The minister heard reports on land preparations and road construction by officials and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister proceeded to Digital Auto Exchange in PyinOoLwin and Ohn Chaw Digital Auto Exchange, and heard reports presented by officials.

Later, the minister inspected construction site for building a tower to be used in GSM telephone system and attended to the needs. The minister also inspected GSM tower to be installed at the roof of

Zegyo Plaza and installation of telecommunication sets.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected installation of telecommunication system at Mandalay Division Communications Office. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspects telecommunication office at Zegyo Plaza in Mandalay. — COMMUNICATIONS

Minister meets employees of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board

YANGON, 31 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with 1,030 employees of Yangon West and North District Offices and 1,363 employees of Yangon East and South District Offices under Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board at its meeting hall on 28 August morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister stressed the need to minimize loss and wastage in supply of

power and collection of charges for power consumption. Col Khin Maung Soe of the board instructed the employees to collect the accurate in the bills for power consumption from the consumers.

Director (Finance) U Myo Naing of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and Chief Engineer U Tun Aye of the board took part in the discussions. Later, the minister gave necessary instructions. — MNA

Tasks of Insein Locomotive Shed inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin heard reports on efforts being made for assembling locomotives at home and manufacturing of machine parts presented by officials at Insein Locomotive Shed on

28 August morning.

The deputy minister inspected preparations for assembling new locomotives, repair of locomotives and wheels and manufacturing of spare parts at the shed, and left necessary instructions. — MNA



Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin meeting with officials of Insein Locomotive Shed. — RAILWAY

ASEAN to implement single regulatory scheme for cosmetics from 2008

BANGKOK, 31 Aug—Thailand's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Wednesday reminded domestic cosmetics manufacturers to get prepared for a new ASEAN single regulatory scheme on the region's cosmetics industry, which will be implemented from the begin-

ning of 2008, according to a senior FDA official.

FDA Deputy Secretary-General Werawan Tangkeo was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying that the Agreement on ASEAN Harmonized Cosmetic Regulatory Scheme, signed in the Cambodian capital of

Phnom Penh in September 2003, would establish common standards for cosmetics industry for the 10 ASEAN member countries to lower manufacturing costs and promote trade within the regional bloc.

Werawan said cosmetics manufacturers must

prepare for the implementation of the agreement, which would require them to label their products with essential details on production standards and goods codes. Manufacturers will also need to seek FDA approval before advertising their products. "The ultimate target is to offer consumers quality products and correct information about the commodities," Werawan said.

ASEAN, is moving toward establishing a regional free trade zone to attract foreign investment. —MNA/Xinhua

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Young Malaysians in traditional costumes dance during National Day celebrations marking the 49th anniversary of the country's independence, in Kuching, the capital of the state of Sarawak on Borneo Island on 31 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



Syrian President Bashar al-Assad (R) and his visiting Venezuelan counterpart Hugo Chavez hold a joint Press conference in Damascus, capital of Syria, on 30 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

Italian hostage in Nigeria freed

PORT HARCOURT, (NIGERIA), 31 Aug—An Italian oil worker kidnapped in Nigeria was freed on Tuesday after five days in captivity and said he was feeling fine.

The release of the contractor to oil services company Saipem follows the intervention of a powerful militant group which wants to put an end to a spate of kidnappings for ransom in Africa's top oil producer.

"I'm very OK. I'm fine," said Mario Pavesi as he walked into the Rivers state government offices in Port Harcourt.

He was abducted at gunpoint from a bar near Saipem's base on the outskirts of Port Harcourt last Thursday, the eighth separate kidnapping in the region this month.

An Army sergeant protecting him was killed by the attackers.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) was not responsible for the kidnapping, but the group said on Monday it had ordered the Italian's unconditional and immediate release because it wanted to end kidnapping for ransom.

MNA/Reuters



A tourist visits the annual sand sculpture festival on the beach in Haifa, on 28 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

Online scam attracted 100,000 global investors

KUALA LUMPUR, 31 Aug—It was supposedly an elaborate get-rich-quick scam using the *Internet*.

Operating for the past three years, a couple had allegedly attracted more than 100,000 investors worldwide, offering them two per cent returns daily on their investments.

Investigations by a team from Bank Negara revealed that the couple had

allegedly accepted deposits in the form of investments. The trouble was, they were not licensed by Bank Negara to collect deposits, thus contravening the Bank and Financial Institution Act (BAFIA).

Investigations showed that the couple had offices in Labuan, Nilai and Desa Pandan. They stayed at an apartment in Bandar Sunway. Bank Negara has now, for the first time, used provisions provided

for under the Anti-Money Laundering Act 2001, to act against the couple. It was also said to be a first by Bank Negara in uncovering an elaborate illegal deposit-taking scam, which was carried out through the Internet.

Bank Negara also froze the couple's assets since investigations began a year ago, and "blacked out" the websites which they were allegedly used to collect funds.—Internet

Blast in Turkish port wounds one

ISTANBUL, 31 Aug—An explosion in a rubbish container injured a 20-year-old woman in Turkey's Mediterranean port city of Mersin on Wednesday, security officials said, days after a series of bombings hit Turkish resorts and Istanbul.

Bomb experts were investigating the explosion, which also damaged an electricity substation and smashed windows in nearby cars and houses, and security officials said police had detained one person dressed as a dustman.—MNA/Reuters

Death toll rises to 24 in bomb blast in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 31 Aug—The death toll rose to 24 people killed and up to 35 others wounded in the bomb blast in Baghdad's commercial area of Shorja, a police source said.

"Our latest report said that 24 civilians were

killed and 35 others wounded when a bomb detonated in the Shorja area," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Earlier, the police said that a bomb blast occurred shortly after 10:00 am (0600 GMT) in the busy

commercial area of Shorja, killing a civilian and wounding more than ten others.

Iraqi security forces and ambulances rushed to the scene to secure the area and evacuate casualties, the source added.

MNA/Xinhua



A new product by Ford is displayed at the annual international motor show in Moscow, Russia, on 30 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

Annan hopes for Israel withdrawal from Lebanon soon

JERUSALEM, 31 Aug—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Wednesday he hoped Israel would withdraw all its forces from Lebanon once 5,000 UN-backed peacekeepers are on the ground, a target due to be reached within days or weeks.

“We have about 2,500 troops on the ground and we are going to try to

double that number and get to 5,000 in the coming days and weeks,” Annan said after meeting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.

“I hope that as we do that, the Israeli withdrawal will continue and by the time we are at that level, Israel will have fully withdrawn and we will have an effective, credible force that we can continue to build on.”

Annan earlier held about an hour of talks with Olmert at the Prime Minister's residence, during which he pressed Israel to lift its six-week air and sea blockade of Lebanon, which was imposed at the start of the 34-day war against Hizbollah.

Olmert said the blockade, which has prevented some essential goods from reaching Lebanon, would only be lifted once all the provisions of Security Council resolution 1701, which governs the August 14 ceasefire, were in place. *MNA/Reuters*

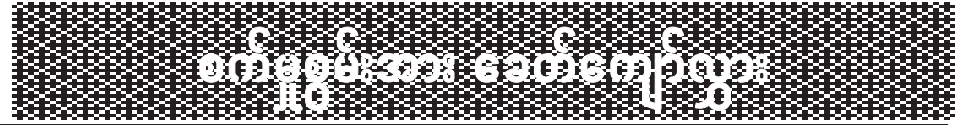


Experts found personal information on 10 wireless phones they bought on eBay. “Selling your old phone once you upgrade to a fancier model can be like handing over your diaries,” IT experts were quoted as saying on 30 Aug, 2006 by media. —XINHUA

Nepal to send 850 soldiers to Lebanon

KATHMANDU, 31 Aug—Nepali Government has decided to send an 850-strong battalion of Nepali Army (NA) to Lebanon under the UN peace-keeping mission, the private Kantipur FM radio reported on Wednesday.

“The meeting of Council of Ministers decided to give permission to the NA to send a mechanized infantry battalion of 850 for UN mission,” the Radio reported, quoting the government's spokesperson Dilendra Prasad Badu. — *MNA/Xinhua*



China's top legislator Wu Bangguo (L) holds talks with Renan Calheiros (R), President of Federal Senate of Brazil during their meeting in Brasilia of Brazil, on 30 Aug, 2006. —XINHUA

Top scientist's fears for climate

LONDON, 31 Aug—One of America's top scientists has said that the world has already entered a state of dangerous climate change.

In his first broadcast interview as president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, John Holdren told the BBC that the climate was changing much faster than predicted.

“We are not talking anymore about what climate models



Sea levels could rise by four metres over the next century, the scientist warns—INTERNET

say might happen in the future.

“We are experiencing dangerous human disruption of the global climate and we're going to experience more,” Professor Holdren said.

He emphasised the seriousness of the melting Greenland ice cap, saying that without drastic action the world would experience more heatwaves, wild fires and floods.

Internet



Dancers from the Netherlands Dans Theater 1 rehearse for their forthcoming Edinburgh International Festival performance in the Edinburgh Playhouse, Edinburgh, Scotland on 31 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

Briton charged of money laundering in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 31 Aug—A British national and his Malaysian wife on Wednesday were charged of money laundering in Malaysia, the *Bernama* news agency reported.

The couple, both directors of an investment company in Malaysia, became the first offenders to be probed by Malaysia's Central Bank since the Anti-Money Laundering Act 2001 came into force.

Bryan John Marsden,

58, and his wife, Phan Sew Ken, 51, were picked up from their house Wednesday morning by officers from the Special Investigation Unit of Malaysia's Central Bank.

The couple were first brought to a local court in Sembilan State, where they were charged with 41 counts of receiving proceeds from unlawful activities through on-line amounting to some 26.68 million ringgit (7.21 million US dollars).

Later, they turned up

in Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court to face another seven similar charges involving 7.02 million ringgit (1.89 million US dollars).

The couple allegedly committed the offenses in Malaysia between 8 December, 2003 and 4 January, 2005.

They will face a maximum five years jail or 5 million ringgit (1.35 million US dollars) fine, or both, on each charge if convicted.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese experts accuse US rule on export controls

BEIJING, 31 Aug— Chinese experts slashed on Wednesday the US preliminary rule on export controls to China, saying it would hinder regular bilateral trades, especially high-tech exchanges, if put into effect.

The new rule, released by the US Department of Commerce on 6 July, is now subject to public comments until 3 November. It affects 47 categories of high-tech products.

The rule proposes to strengthen licensing on exports of technologies, which otherwise do not

require a license as they are not included in items limited for reasons of national security.

As a result, civil-use high-tech technologies are added to the US Government's export control list, which will set up new trade barriers between the two countries and clog up high-tech exchanges, according to an announcement by experts with the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association, a non-governmental organization.

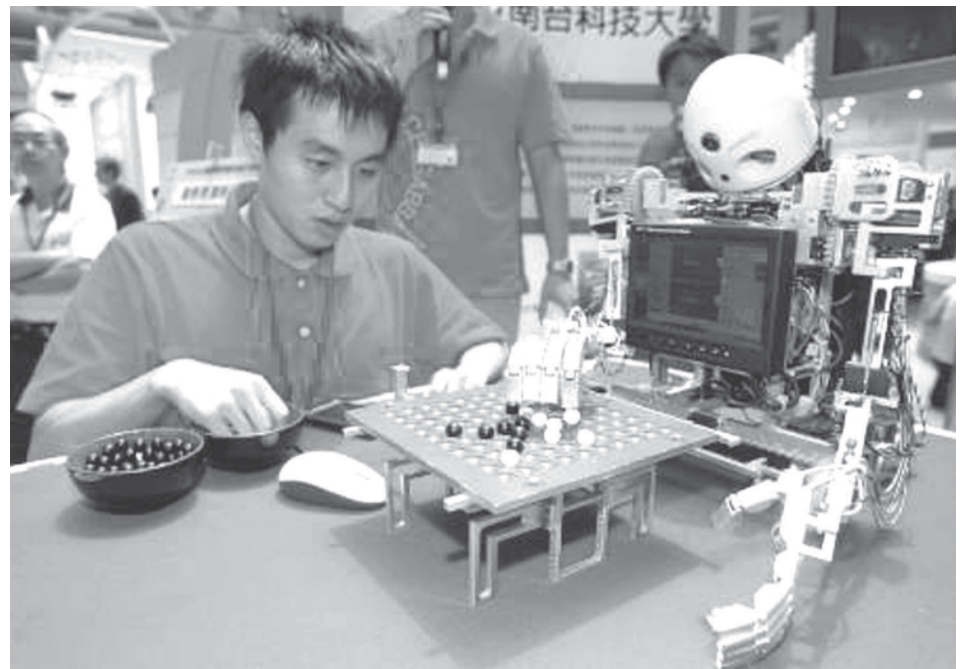
Based on an unreasonable licensing policy,

the rule requires exporters to obtain an End-User Certificate from China's Ministry of Commerce for all items that both require a license and exceed a total value of 5,000 US dollars.

It also proposes to create a new authorization system for validated end-users in China, which will then be placed on a list approved by the US Government.

Members in the list should demonstrate an established record of civilian use of US imports, obey US export control regulations, allow the US government to conduct end-use visits and checks, and have sound relations with companies in the United States and other countries.

MNA/Xinhua



An engineer plays gobang, a strategy board game, with a robot at the China (Taipei) International Invention Show & Technomary on 31 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

16 killed in guerilla attacks in N-E Baghdad

BAQUBA (Iraq), 31 Aug— Unknown gunmen killed 16 people and wounded 15 others in separate attacks on Wednesday in the volatile Iraqi province of Diyala, media office of the

provincial police said. "A roadside bomb struck a minivan in the town of Buheiz near Baquba, killing six people, including three women and a child and wounding two other

women," the office said in a statement.

Another roadside bomb hit a passing police patrol in Maqdadiyah, some 100 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, killing three civilians and wounding ten others, including three policemen, said the office, based in Baquba, in separate statement.

A civilian was killed when he was attacked by unknown gunmen in the Gatun area west of Baquba, the statement added.

Meanwhile, four policemen were killed and another wounded when a roadside bomb hit a passing police patrol in the Balad Ruz Town, eastern Baquba, the office said.

MNA/Xinhua

Captain of sunken Philippine tanker admits fault

MANILA, 31 Aug— The captain of the sunken oil tanker, which caused the worst-ever oil spill in the central Philippines, on Tuesday admitted that he had no experience in handling the vessel.

Norberto Aguro, captain of the Philippine M/T Solar 1, faced the Board of Marine Inquiry, saying that he lacks experience in handling an oil tanker like the vessel that sank off Guimaras Island, some 450 kilometres south of Manila, DZMM radio reported.

Aguro also told investigators that his licence expired in 2002. Companies do not complain because of his previous training in handling vessels that haul chemicals, he added.

Rear Admiral Danilo Abenoja, chairman of the panel, said Aguro's judgment call was questionable. He said the captain should have known that the vessel will encounter strong wind gusts and big waves on its way to Guimaras, which is good for tourist attractions and a major national marine reserve.— MNA/Xinhua



A flash flood hitting 11 villages in Indonesia's Aceh Province on 30 Aug, 2006 has inundated thousands of houses and seriously damaged dozens of others.—XINHUA

Four Airbus A380 superjumbos perform a test flight in formation above the South West of France and the Mediterranean sea in this picture released by Airbus on 30 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET



Floods, landslides leave 39 dead in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 31 Aug— The death toll from the floods and landslide in the various districts of west Nepal triggered by incessant rains has reached 39 so far, the state owned Radio Nepal reported on Wednesday.

"As many as eight persons in Achham District, 10 in Baitadi, nine in Mustang, three in Bardiya, two in Nawalparasi and seven in Banke District were killed and a dozen people were injured," the Radio reported quoting the

Home Ministry's statement.

"The death toll might go up as some families in southern Terai region haven't yet come into contact," the statement said.

Meanwhile, 10 persons out of 52 who went missing from Gangapur Village of Banke, some 400 kilometres west of Kathmandu, have come into contact on Tuesday, according to *The Himalayan Times* daily newspaper the condition of missing 20 from

Mataiya Village is yet to be known.

The English language daily reported that as many as 15,000 flood victims of Banke and 10,000 of Bardiya districts have been stranded in villages with no foods as the floods took away their all properties.

Most of the victims have not had a meal or even water for the past three days and others are being compelled to drink dirty water, the daily reported quoting the victims.—MNA/Xinhua

China to tackle terror at judicial summit

BEIJING, 31 Aug—The fight against “extremism, separatism and terrorism” is expected to take centre stage at a summit next month between judges from China, Russia and Central Asia, a Chinese official said on Tuesday. Senior judges from the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which groups China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan will discuss extradition procedures and cross-border work to fight the “three forces”.

“These are the forces that threaten the region,” Wan Exiang, vice-president of the Supreme People’s Court, told a

news conference.

Wan said that China already had several agreements with member states to extradite suspects and work together to fight terror groups.

“I think the meeting will pay a lot of attention to how to strengthen the agreements we already have,” he said.

The judges meet in Shanghai from 20-22 September.

This month, China and the Central Asian energy power Kazakhstan held a joint anti-terror drill involving armed helicopters and anti-riot vehicles in a display of growing security ties between the two countries.

Beijing is the main backer of the Shanghai organization, which says it is dedicated to fighting terrorism and Islamic extremism in Central Asia, including home-grown groups in the far western Chinese region of Xinjiang.

Human rights groups say the organization has given international cover to Central Asian states’ repression of peaceful civilian opponents.

MNA/Reuters



Artists perform during the 250th anniversary celebration of the Alexandrinsky Theatre, which re-opened after 15 months of refurbishment, in St Petersburg on 30 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Malaysian economy grows by 5.9% in 2nd quarter

KUALA LUMPUR, 31 Aug—The Malaysian economy grew by 5.9 per cent in the second quarter on year-on-year basis in 2006, exceeding the 5.5 per cent growth in the first quarter, Malaysia’s Department of Statistics said Wednesday.

According to a statement issued by the department, on the production side, the services and manufacturing sectors continued their encouraging performance by recording an increase of 6 per cent and 8.4 per cent in real terms respectively.

On the expenditure side, growth of both Gross Fixed Capital Formation and Private Consumption continued to expand by 7.6 per cent and 7.3 per cent respectively.

The growth of the agriculture sector moderated to 5.8 per cent in this quarter, compared to 7.4 per cent in previous quarter. The growth in agriculture is brought about by higher production of oil palm, fishing, livestock and rubber.

The mining sector posted a marginal decline of 0.4 per cent in real

terms. Even though condensate increased by 5.8 per cent, this could not offset the 1.2 per cent decline in the production of crude oil and natural gas. The construction sector recorded a smaller negative growth of 0.5 per cent this quarter compared with a negative 2 per cent a year ago. However, it posted a 10.6-per-cent growth over the previous quarter.

Exports and imports of goods and services continued to record a moderate growth in the second quarter of 2006.

MNA/Xinhua



A panda approaches her four week-old cub at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding in China’s western province of Sichuan on 30 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Bomb attack kills at least 12 in Iraqi recruitment centre

BAGHDAD, 31 Aug—A bomb attack killed at least 12 and wounded more than 30 others at an Army recruitment centre in the town of Hilla, south of Baghdad, police said on Wednesday.

The bomb, left on a parked bicycle, exploded at around 8 am (0400 GMT), when a crowd of young people had gathered outside the Army recruiting office.

“An explosive-packed bicycle apparently left close to the office of an Army and police recruitment centre in Hilla, 100 kilometres south of Baghdad, detonated at about 8:00 am (0400 GMT),” the source said on condition of anonymity. The blast took place when a crowd of volunteers gathered outside the office to sign up for the Army, the source added.

Meanwhile, police Lieutenant Osama Ahmed said a man posing as a potential Army recruit had planted the bicycle bomb. The blast follows several days of heavy bloodshed outside the capital city of Baghdad, where US and Iraqi troops have mounted a major security crackdown.—MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis gather at the scene of a bomb attack in a market in Baghdad on 30 Aug, 2006. A bomb exploded in the central Baghdad market on Wednesday, killing 24 people and wounding 35, police and Interior Ministry sources said.

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Former US DY secretary of state said to be source of CIA leak

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug—Former US deputy secretary of state Richard L Armitage was the source of the leak of information about an undercover agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) that provoked a special

prosecutor’s investigation of senior White House officials, *The Washington Post* reported on Tuesday, quoting an ex-colleague of Armitage at the State Department.

The report said Armitage told newspaper columnist Robert D Novak in the summer of 2003 that Valerie Plame, the wife of

a prominent critic of the Iraq war and former US ambassador Joseph C Wilson IV, worked for the CIA, the colleague told the *Post*.

In October of that year, Armitage admitted to senior State Department officials that he had made the remark, which was based on a classified report

he had read.

Novak collected what he considered to be a confirming comment from White House political strategist Karl Rove, then wrote a column in July 2003 that cited Plame’s CIA employment as a reason to question the credentials of the critic, Wilson.—MNA/Xinhua

DON’T SMOKE

Golden opportunities for superior qualifications

Lin (Education)

So delicate and comprehensive is the sector of education that it really has the power to shape a nation's future. As the race for global superiority depends on the competitive endeavours for educational advantage, knowledge has become the sole force capable of facing the many challenges of the 21st century and the whole world at present is in quest for education promotion. Like many other countries around the world, Myanmar's endeavours for education promotion, pursuant to her vision, involves the flourishing of a lifelong learning society with enough strength to face and overcome the challenges of the knowledge age.

It was during the four-year special project (from 2000-2001 to 2003-2004) that Myanmar drew a 30-year plan divided into six five-year programmes for gradual development of the education sector. The special four-year project opened greater learning opportunities and raised the education standard.

"Access to education" has been the priority of the first five-year short-term project (from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006) of the 30-year plan as the emergence of qualified human resources is the integral part of a lifelong learning society.

Myanmar's higher education sector witnessed a rise in the number of universities and colleges to 156 at present from 32 in 1998 thanks to the emergence of specialized institutions of higher learning region-wise to benefit the socio-economy and human environment. The quantitative progress was complemented by large-scale academic and research programmes, the increasing number of master's degree and doctorate courses, extended international cooperation and connections and human resources development centres every university and college is running.

An extended and intricate education network, where studies on general subjects and different types of academic branches that are the demand of the age are available, has been set up systematically in connection with the formal education in order to extend the scope of studies and learning opportunities and to teach integrated subjects. Basic education schools as well as institutions of higher learning now have e-education centres and e-information centres, and the universities are using ICT widely under the computer network system.

Besides, enrollment rate of school age children has increased up to 97.58 per cent due to the hard work of the bodies at different levels formed to educate, organize and help parents send their children to schools, for, the basic education sector is the foundation of human resources development.

The government has opened more post-primary schools and middle schools because of the rise in the number of students who have passed the fourth standard. It has also set up special zones complementary to the proportionate development of the rural areas including the hinterlands and the urban areas. In addition, a project for the admission of children who have passed the enrolment age, coupled with opening of more affiliated high schools and new schools, has led to creating better learning opportunities. Thanks to the 624 e-education learning centres and 8270 multimedia teaching rooms opened at schools, basic education sector now has broader and smoother access to advanced teaching and learning techniques.

The nation as a whole saw more than 248,000 teachers teaching over 7.81 million students in 40,531 schools during 2005-2006 academic year.

Non-formal education helped adult literacy rate reach 94.1 per cent in 2005, and even the disabled students have passed the matriculation examination with good marks because of the Inclusive Education that has been launched for cent per cent realization of the Education for All (EFA).

Infrastructure serves as the engine of growth for raising the education standard of the national race youths, followed by the increase in the number of highly qualified human resources.

The 2006-2007 fiscal year has seen the start of the 30-year plan's second five-year short-term project covering the task of improving the individual learning and education capability of students.

The improvement of teaching skills, the internationalization of syllabuses and curriculums, the effective use of teaching aids, the observance of the law, rules and regulations and directives and the vitalization of patriotism and Union Spirit are all the Head of State's priorities in his guidance concerning the education.

In was in the early April this year that discussions to internationalize the syllabuses and curriculums began. The internationalization programme has taken into account the creative power in accordance with the changing era, the language for IT education, the social norms of the 21st century, the regional requirements, the vocational education and the artistic skills, while leaving behind many old methods that are found to be ineffective at present.

What is equally important in the internationalization programme is teachers' academic and professional skill as they are the most substantial investment in the education sector, and besides, the entire education promotion programme depends on teach-

ing staff. Now, education colleges are training graduates as qualified teachers in addition to producing teachers fully equipped with academic and professional skills.

One problem still in hand is that when a human community stops learning it will be left outside the Lifelong Learning Society. In order to address the problem and reinforce the strength of nation's teaching staff to help develop students' education standard, the government opens teachership courses for highly-qualified academics of various fields.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, summer refresher courses for English, mathematics and physics teachers were conducted at 30 universities and degree colleges.

Schools are conducting weekly and monthly tests to assess the education standard of eighth, ninth and tenth graders and extending teaching hours for students with low learning ability. In addition, teachers are acting as subject-wise deans and guardians to ensure that their pupils have met the required 75 per cent attendance rate. And under the programme of the Basic Education Department, divisional level education officers are on field tours supervising schools down to the grassroots for the improvement of school administration and teaching and learning qualifications.

Skillful teaching will further develop student's basic education qualifications, and better education qualifications mean greater efficiency to pursue higher education.

The No 1 special course for educational technology (SCET) was conducted at Yangon Education University and Sagaing University for the students who have completed honours courses and who have got master's have degrees in mathematics, physics, and biology and degrees in English. The trainees after completion of their respective courses have become senior assistant teachers. Their educational skills and the teaching skills of their counterparts at the schools have been combined as an integrated force to uplift students' quality of education, the primary objective of the second five-year short-term project.

The education sector is at the helm for obtaining highly qualified human resources alongside the scientific and technological developments the present era is facing in addition to the global rapid changes and advancements in every field and area and for equipping the citizens with economic and social skills.

With education staff in the leading role, the entire people and social organizations are taking part in the education reforms launched with the aim of nurturing youths to understand the family values and the values of Myanmar society and global society and become standard citizens possessing linguistic skills, basic knowledge in arts and science, the ability to make proper considerations and correct decisions, sacrificing spirit, duty consciousness, the spirit to observe discipline, innovative and competitive mind, leadership abilities, morals and the spirit to serve mankind's interest.

(Translation: TMT)
(Myanma Alin: 1.9.2006)

An extended and intricate education network, where studies on general subjects and different types of academic branches that are the demand of the age are available, has been set up systematically in connection with the formal education in order to extend the scope of studies and learning opportunities and to teach integrated subjects. Basic education schools as well as institutions of higher learning now have e-education centres and e-information centres, and the universities are using ICT widely under the computer network system.

Service personnel to discharge duties...

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint observed the propagation of new plants from Hsinshweli strain paddy plants, and spoke words of encouragement to the chairman of Padan Village PDC and social organization members.

The manager of the Township Myanma Agriculture Service reported on progress in cultivation of physic nut on 100 acres in the village-tract, stockpiling of seeds, and progress of putting 2,712 acres under physic nut.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the 100-acre physic nut farm.

At Nyaungbinsauk Basic Education High School in Momeik Township, he called on members of the school board of trustees to produce human



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects People's Hospital in Momeik Township. — MNA

resources and extend growing of djenkol bean and avocado. He also viewed the newly-constructed building of the school.

They held a meeting with local authorities, townsenders and local residents at Momeik Township Development Affairs Committee. Local authorities reported on progress of regional development tasks township-wise. The chairman of Kyaukme Town-

ship PDC chairman gave a supplementary report. Departmental officials reported on tasks sector-wise.

Commander Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut reported on kinds of assistance to be rendered for the development of Momeik and Mabein townships, and Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint on regional development tasks and programmes being implemented for better transport

between Momeik and Mabein townships.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented K 200,000 each to the funds of Momeik Township and Mabein Township people's hospitals, foodstuff to the patients, stationery to the students, and VCD players to the Information and Public Relations Department.

He presented gifts to five and four distinction winners in the 2005-2006 academic year.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that in addition to primary duties, service personnel are to discharge duties assigned by local authorities for the accomplishment of the five rural development tasks. In the past, Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina railroad was the only transport facility in Kachin State. Now, local people have enjoyed the taste of better transport thanks to emergence of Mandalay-Tagaung-NgaO-Shwegu-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road in

addition to Mandalay-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road. In conclusion, he urged service personnel to join hands with local people in regional development undertakings.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected Momeik Township people's hospital and presented foodstuff to the patients.

Next, they inspected Golden Spider ice factory

and electric power enterprise in Momeik, and the physic nut farm No 2 of Momeik Station.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also viewed the plantations of physic nut and vegetables and greening tasks. They had a cordial meeting with servicemen and their families and called for extended growing of avocado and djenkol bean. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence views physic nut plantation in Padan Village-tract in Momeik Township. — MNA

Mawlamyine Township USDA holds annual meeting

YANGON, 1 Sept — The annual meeting of Mawlamyine Township Union Solidarity and Development Association for 2006 was held at Mon State USDA office in Mawlamyine on 27 August. Patron of Mon State USDA Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and local authorities, the secretary and executives of Mon State USDA and members of district and township USDA were present.

Patron of Mon State USDA Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win made an opening speech. And the commander accepted cash donation for Mawlamyine Township USDA from the wellwishers.

Later, the commander and officials awarded prizes to three best pass rate schools in matriculation examination and the outstanding students.

At the meeting, Secretary of Mawlamyine Township USDA U Than Sein delivered an address. Executive Daw San San Win read a report and those present made round table discussions. — MNA

USDA Secretary-General receives Japanese youth delegation

YANGON, 1 Sept — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Htay Oo received a 12-member Japanese youth delegation led by Mr Munehiko Mochida who arrived here to pay a goodwill visit under the exchange of international youth development programme of Japan, at the USDA Headquarters on New University

Avenue in Bahan Township this evening.

Also present at the call were CEC member U Aung Thein Lin and U Maung Pa, and responsible persons of the USDA Headquarters.

At the meeting, Secretary-General U Htay Oo explained facts about

the Union of Myanmar and duties and functions of the association.

Mr Munehiko Mochida of the Japanese delegation expressed gratitude. After the meeting, Secretary-General U Htay Oo and the Japanese delegation exchanged gifts. — MNA

Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo receives Japanese youth goodwill delegation led by Mr Munehiko Mochida. — MNA



Concerted efforts of departmental...

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Taungup needs to extend rice cultivation although local food production meets the local consumption, said Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than at the town. Harmonious efforts between departmental personnel and local people will lead to achieving success in regional development undertakings, he said. He also discussed extension of pepper and physic nut cultivation in the township.

In both towns, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented cash and stationery assistance to schools.

His Maei visit began with the inspection of a police station where he reminded police of the importance of their work to ensure prevalence of regional peace and the rule of law.

During inspection of the 16-bed Maei hospital project, he heard a report presented by the head of Panyi Bandaik construction company. He discussed with officials on installation of an emergency generator, greening work and construction of the building.

The hospital will provide health care

services for local people of the four wards of Maei and villages in the surrounding areas.

His Taungup visit included a meeting he held with Tatmadawmen of the local station and the inspection of pepper and physic nut farms.

Along his journey from the town to Pyay in Bago Division, he supervised the Taungup Road maintenance work, and on arrival at Myaya camp on the way, he met with officials including Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Col Sein Myint and made



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence presents cash and stationery to Township Education Officer U Tin Htay in Maei. — MNA

arrangements to facilitate the road maintenance and upgrading work.

Before arriving in

Pyay where he would spend the night, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than observed the coffee farms

of Pyay Station, urging departments to organize the private sector to grow more coffee. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence views Wushu Demonstration of members of Wushu Federation of the PRC. — MNA

Chinese athletes exhibit Wushu...

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Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and committee members, Daw

Mar Mar Wai, wife of the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, leading patrons of Myanmar Women Sports Federation, Chairperson of MWSF Central Leading Committee Daw Aye Aye, the chairman of Myanmar Wushu Federation and executives, Chargé d' Affairs Mr Yu Boren, Attache (Culture) Mr Wang Ruiqing, leader of Wushu demonstrators of PRC Wushu Federation Miss

Yan Li Sheng, those from Myanmar Sports Federation, athletes, students and enthusiasts. Members of PRC Wushu Demonstration team presented various kinds of Wushu sports including Nangun, Taijiquan and Changquan.

After the demonstration Chargé d' Affairs Mr Yu Boren of Chinese Embassy presented a flower basket to leader of Wushu demonstrators Miss Yan Li and the ceremony ended.

The demonstration of Wushu sports continues tomorrow as the final day. — MNA

21st Gem and Jade Sales 2006 conclude

YANGON, 1 Sept—The 21st Gem and Jade Sales 2006 of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd continued at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this morning, attended by Managing Director of UMEHL Maj-Gen Win Than, and members of Board of Directors and gem merchants.

Gem merchants examined gem and jade lots from 28 to 31 August.

A total of 321 jade lots were sold through bargain system.

Maj-Gen Win Than and members of Board of

Directors presented gifts to gem merchants who bought

the gem and jade lots with highest price. — MNA



21st Gem and Jade Sales for 2006 being held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township. — MNA

48 members of Mawlamyinegyun Township NLD quit

No longer put trust in party leaders

YANGON, 1 Sept — The 48 members of Mawlamyinegyun Township National League for Democracy including U Win Khe, U Thein Aung, U Kyaw Tint, U Myint Kyi, Daw Than Hla-2, Ma Cherry, U Myint Moe, U Aung Thein, U Aung Myint and Ma Kay Thi in Ayeyawady Division resigned from the NLD party of their own accord on 15 July. They had sent their resignation letters to NLD headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In their letters, they said NLD party has committed acts that are detrimental to the State and the people and they no longer put their trust in the party's leaders. A total of 152 party members including the 48 members have resigned from NLD party so far. — MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee holds meeting



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin addresses Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee meeting (14/2006). — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept — Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held its meeting (14/2006) at Nay Pyi Taw Command's office this evening. Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Committee Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Soe and members and local authorities attended the meeting.

Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin made a speech. The chairman of the committee reported on educative

and punitive measures being taken to enforce traffic rules in August. Later, the chairmen of working committees submitted reports.

The commander called for running of new bus lines, reduction of traffic accidents and educative and punitive measures to be taken.

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Nay Pyi Taw's Herbal Plantation to be upgraded

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept — Ministry of Health yesterday held a coordination meeting on upgrading the herbal plantation here.

At the meeting, participants discussed measures being taken for upgrading the garden.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, officials of Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Electric Power-2 and Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe. — MNA

Vessel loaded with palm oil arrives

YANGON, 1 Sept — Under the arrangements of the government, edible palm oil was imported from Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore and sold to the people at reasonable price.

At 11 am today, MV AMA-3 carrying 2,750 tons of palm oil arrived at Htidan Jetty, here. Officials inspected palm oil on board the

vessel.

Likewise, one more vessel with 2,750 tons of palm oil will arrive here on 5 September and another one with the same load of palm oil on 6 September. — MNA



A 2,750-ton palm oil loaded vessel rests at Htidan Jetty in Yangon.

MNA

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept — At the invitation of Sub Lt Prapas Limpabandhu, Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, a Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint left for Thailand to attend the meeting on sending legally Myanmar workers to Thailand on 26 August and arrived back here by air on 30 August.

While in Thailand, the deputy minister and party met with the Thai delegation led by Labour Minister Mr Somsak Thepsutin on 26 August, and also met with Thai Labour delegation led by Advisor Sub Lt Prapas Limpabandhu on 28 August. They held discussions on matters related to consular affairs, sending legally Myanmar workers to Thailand and cooperation in labour affairs.

Myanmar delegation also called on Pol Gen Chidchai Vanasatidya, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Justice on 28 August.

During the meetings, both sides had agreed to set up three processing centres in Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthaung. At those centres, the Myanmar side will scrutinize the Myanmar workers and will issue temporary passports within a day.

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Special express train service begins 4 Sept

Special express train begins its Yangon-Mandalay service on 4 September 2006, leaving Yangon at 5 pm and Mandalay at 4.15 pm everyday, with Pynmana as the only stopover.

Myanma Railways

Three primary schools benefit from aids of USDA



CEC member of USDA Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin donates desks to Basic Education Primary Schools in Dawbon Township. — MNA

YANGON, 1 Sept — Union Solidarity and Development Association donated desks to three basic education primary schools in Dawbon Township today.

At the donation ceremony held at the No 3 BEPS in the township, Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin handed over 80 desks to headmasters and headmistresses.

Out of 3,916 benches to be donated to 409 schools in Yangon Division, over 1,800 desks have been donated so far by Yangon Division USDA.

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Model Trainee Award and Shooting Award winner honoured

YANGON, 1 Sept — Assistant Surgeon Dr Daw Win Win Wah of New Yangon General Hospital who won Model Trainee Award and Shooting Award of Basic Civil Service Course No 171 opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) was honoured at a ceremony held at NYGH here yesterday.

After making a speech on the occasion, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Hla Kyin presented a certificate of honour and gift to the award winner. — MNA

China builds gene bank of 54 ethnic minorities

KUNMING, 1 Sept — Chinese scientists on Wednesday announced that they have completed a gene bank with over 8,000 DNA samples from all its ethnic minorities except the Gaoshan in Taiwan.

It took more than four years to build the country's largest gene bank of minorities with funding from the government, said Professor Xiao Chunjie, of southwest China's Yunnan University, which organized the project.

He said the move was vital to preserve the human genetic diversity as many nationalities throughout the world had interbred and disappeared.

"Anthropologists and geneticists have shared the hope of building a gene

bank since 1980, when the falling ethnic populations began to attract attention."

Home to 25 of the nation's 55 ethnic minorities, with its remote mountains keeping its ethnic minorities isolated, Yunnan Province was designated home of the gene bank, he said.

"The gene bank is indispensable to China and even the world."

China boasts one of the world's most diverse genetic pools.

Xiao said the bank would help to prevent and

cure regional genetic diseases.

Scientists had identified the genes that cause diseases like hypertension after studying the samples.

More than 6,600 diseases are known to be caused by single gene disorder and many fatal and chronic diseases, including coronary heart disease, diabetes, cancer and immune deficiency diseases, are caused by multiple gene disorders.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia says 6.0 quake felt in Sulawesi

JAKARTA, 1 Sept — A 6.0 magnitude undersea earthquake shook northern parts of Sulawesi Island on Thursday, but there was no risk of a tsunami, the country's meteorology agency said.

The quake struck at 4.08 pm (0808 GMT) and was centred 180 kilometres (111 miles) southeast of Manado, the capital of North Sulawesi Province, said Yuli Fitria, an official at the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency. It was at a depth of 78 kilometres.

MNA/Reuters



A garbage collector rides a tricycle on a street in Nanjing, in east China's Jiangsu Province, on 31 Aug, 2006.

INTERNET

"Garfield 2" breaks animation box office record in China

BEIJING, 1 Sept — "Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties" grossed 46.4 million yuan (5.8 million US dollars) in its first three weeks in China, breaking the Chinese box office record for an animated film held by the Lion King for 12 years, the *Beijing News* reported on Wednesday.

The animation directed by Tim Hill debuted in cinemas on 11 August, taking in 13.92 million yuan (1.74 million US dollars) in the first weekend, six million yuan (750,000 US dollars) more than "Ice Age 2", another Fox animation distributed in China in March.

The Garfield craze continued in the second

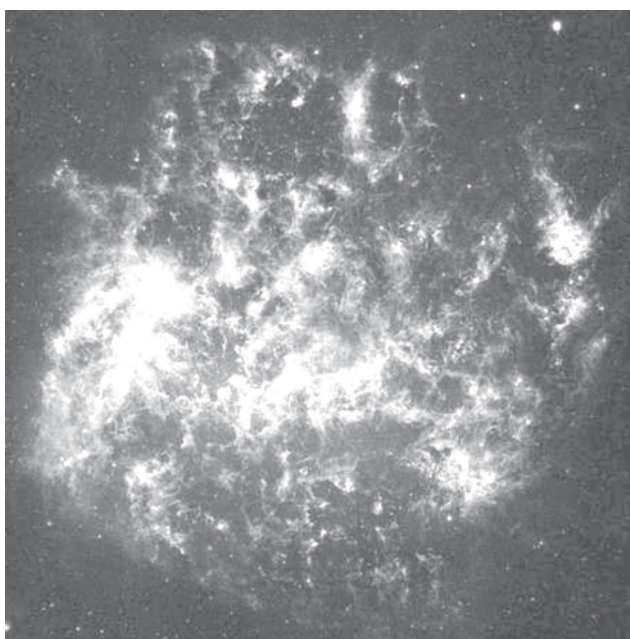
week, generating 20 million yuan (2.5 million US dollars) in ticket sales, although the third week saw its takings halved.

Before Garfield, The Lion King, made by Disney, held the record of 41 million yuan (5.12 million US dollars) for 12 years.

However, another Disney animation with high box office expectations, "Cars", opened last weekend, taking merely 10.8 million yuan (1.35 million US dollars).

Some cinema managers say "Cars" opened at the wrong time, when most schoolkids were busy finishing their summer vacation homework.

MNA/Xinhua



This vibrant image from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope released by NASA on 31 Aug, 2006, shows the Large Magellanic Cloud, a satellite galaxy to our own Milky Way galaxy. — INTERNET

Philippines says tanker found, no fresh leaks seen

ILOILO CITY (Philippines), 1 Sept — Japanese experts believe a submerged oil tanker has developed no fresh leaks after it was found off a central Philippine island, the Coast Guard said on Thursday.

Solar I sank in rough seas on 11 August and leaked 200,000 litres of industrial fuel, affecting 40,000 people and 200 kilometres (120 miles) of coastline.

Coast Guard chief Arthur Gosingan said the tanker, carrying around 1.8 million litres of oil, was seen lying in an upright position under about 640 metres (2,100 feet) of water off the island of Guimaras.

"A crack was seen on its right side, but no fresh leaks were observed," Gosingan told government-run PTV 4 television.

The Japanese ship, *Shinsei Maru*, arrived in Iloilo, near Guimaras, on Wednesday to assess the condition of the 998-ton tanker.

It will take experts two days to make a recommendation on whether to siphon off the oil, raise the ship or entomb it.

MNA/Reuters

Iranian plane catches fire, killing 80

TEHERAN, 1 Sept — A passenger plane has skidded off a runway and burst into flames in Iran's north-eastern city of Mashhad, killing at least 80 people.

The Russian-built jet was carrying 147 people from the port city of Bandar Abbas in the south, state TV said.

Reports say dozens of people managed to escape the blaze in Mashhad, a popular destination for Shia pilgrims.

The fire began when the Tu-154 left the runway on landing at 1345 (1015 GMT), possibly because of a burst tyre.

Television pictures show a broken, partially charred plane lying on the side of a runway, as firefighters damp down the smouldering wreck.

The head of the airport in Mashhad, named only as Mr Esmail, told Iranian TV that up to 60 people had been rescued.

"The latest report puts the number of survivors at 50 to 60," he said.

"The report says that 70 to 80 people have

unfortunately lost their lives."

He added that he did not have an exact number for the people on the flight but the airline thought the Tu-154 was carrying "about 140".

A spokesman for Iran's Civil Aviation Organisation, Reza Jafarzadeh, said the cause of the incident was still not clear. — *Internet*



Hurricane "John" slams Mexico's Pacific port, beaches

MANZANILLO (Mexico), 1 Sept — Hurricane John punished Mexican ports and beaches with huge sea surges, heavy rains and strong winds on Thursday morning as the powerful storm swirled in the Pacific Ocean off the coast.

The dangerous Category 3 hurricane could dump up to 10 inches (0.2 metre) of rain, causing landslides or flooding and had maximum sustained winds approaching 125 mile per hour (205 kilometres per hour) that could produce isolated storm surges along the Mexican coast of up to 18 feet (6 metres), uproot trees and rip roofs off buildings.

Residents in the busy port of Manzanillo boarded up doors and windows, and those living along hills found emergency shelters as authorities warned the town could be hit hard.

The Mexican Government said its hurricane warning extended from the southern steel-making port of Lazaro Cardenas up the Pacific coast to the tip of the Baja California Peninsula, popular with tourists and yachtsmen. — *MNA/Reuters*

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

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

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES

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Sudan increases security on laptops entering airports

KHARTOUM, 31 Aug— Sudanese security forces have begun temporarily seizing laptop computers entering the country to check information stored on them as part of new security measures.

A state security source said on Wednesday the procedure was introduced because pornographic films and photographs

were entering Sudan. "We return the laptops after one day," he said. UN officials, aid agency workers, businessmen and journalists who regularly visit Sudan worry, however, that the security of sensitive and confidential information such as medical, legal and financial records could be at risk.

"They could download

email systems, passwords, even get into people's bank accounts," said one source in Khartoum's aid community, who declined to be named for fear of retribution. Other innocent material could also be construed to be subversive, like maps or photos, the source added.

MNA/Reuters

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၄။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာနှင့် သင်္ချာဘာသာရပ်တို့ကို ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲ ဖြေဆိုရမည်။ ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲ အောင်မြင်သူများကို ကိုယ်လက်ကြံ့ခိုင်မှုစစ်ဆေးခြင်းနှင့် လူတွေ့စစ်ဆေးခြင်းများ ပြုလုပ်မည်။ ရွေးချယ်ခြင်းခံရပါက အကောက်ခွန်ဆိုင်ရာ ကျွမ်းကျင်မှု အခြေခံသင်တန်းများ တက်ရောက်ရမည်။ သင်တန်းပြီးဆုံးအောင်မြင်သည့်အခါ အကောက်ခွန် အမှုထမ်းရာထူးနေရာများတွင် ခန့်အပ်တာဝန် ပေးသွားမည်။

အကောက်ခွန်ဦးစီးဌာန။

Most EU states late to issue biometric passports

BRUSSELS, 31 Aug— Most European Union states failed to meet an 28 August deadline to issue high security biometric passports, EU officials said on Wednesday, adding they could be brought to court if they do not catch up.

Only seven countries — Austria, the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, France, Germany and Sweden — have told the European Commission they are ready to issue passports

containing an electronic chip with a digital photograph, the officials said.

A further five countries have said they would be ready this week, the officials said. A few others may be ready or close to readiness without having informed the EU executive about it.

MNA/Reuters

လူ့စွမ်းအားအရင်းအမြစ်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှုဌာန (ရန်ကုန်နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာတက္ကသိုလ်)

နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာစကားသင်တန်းသားလျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ လူ့စွမ်းအားအရင်းအမြစ်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှုဌာန (ရန်ကုန်နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာတက္ကသိုလ်) တွင် တရုတ်၊ အင်္ဂလိပ်၊ ပြင်သစ်၊ ဂျာမန်၊ ဂျပန်၊ ကိုရီးယား၊ ထိုင်းဘာသာစကား၊ ပြင်သစ် (ဘာသာပြန်/စကားပြန်) နှင့်ရုရှား (ဘာသာပြန်/ စကားပြန်) ညနေသင်တန်းများဖွင့်လှစ်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၂။ သင်တန်း စတင်ဖွင့်လှစ်မည့်ရက်မှာ (၂-၁၀-၂၀၀၆) ရက်နေ့ ဖြစ်ပြီး သင်တန်းဝင်ခွင့် လျှောက်လွှာများကို (၁၈-၉-၂၀၀၆) ရက်နေ့မှ(၂၉-၉-၂၀၀၆)ရက်နေ့ အထိလက်ခံပါမည်။ သင်တန်း ဝင်ခွင့်နှင့် ပတ်သက်၍ အသေးစိတ်သိလိုပါက ရုံးချိန်အတွင်း ရန်ကုန်နိုင်ငံခြား ဘာသာတက္ကသိုလ်တွင် လာရောက် စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်း နိုင်ပါသည်။

ဖုန်း-၅၁၄၃၇၁ (လှိုင်းခွဲ-၁၂၃)

China to tighten control over foreign surveying, mapping

BEIJING, 31 Aug— China will step up supervision of foreigners who conduct surveys and map areas of the country.

Foreign organizations and individuals, who engage in surveying and mapping in scientific research and teaching programmes, travel or exploration, must obtain approval from the government and accept supervision, the State Bureau of Survey and Mapping said.

The number of foreigners conducting surveying and mapping in China is on the rise and many field projects have been carried out illegally, which have threatened the security of the country, according to the state bureau.

The Chinese law on surveying and mapping states that foreigners must cooperate with a Chinese partner and the activities must not involve state secrets or jeopardize national security.

MNA/Xinhua

ပညာရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီပွံ့ပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့

Hackers acquire data on thousands of AT&T customers

LOS ANGELES, 31 Aug — Hackers have broken into an AT&T computer system and accessed personal data on thousands of customers who used its online store, the telecommunications giant said on Tuesday.

The information that was illegally accessed included the credit card numbers of about 19,000 customers who had purchased equipment for high-speed Internet connection through AT&T's website, the company said in a statement.

"We deeply regret this incident," said Priscilla Hill-Ardoin, the company's chief privacy officer, "We will work closely with law enforcement to bring these data thieves to account."

The break-in, which occurred over the weekend, was discovered within hours, and the online store was shut down immediately.

The company quickly notified credit card companies and was contacting the affected customers through email, phone and letter, AT&T said.

"We recognize that there is an active market for

illegally obtained personal information. We are committed to both protecting our customers' privacy and to weeding out and punishing the violators," Hill-Ardoin said.

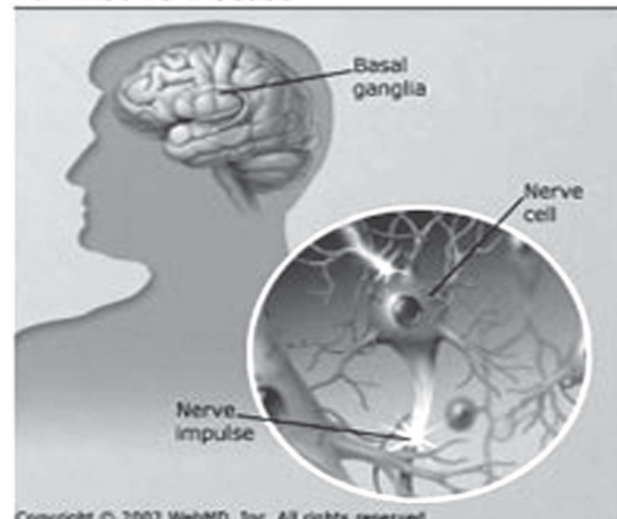
AT&T is offering to pay for credit monitoring services for customers, whose accounts have been impacted because they could be at risk of identity fraud.

The company also offers a toll-free phone number for affected customers to get more information.

The incident was the latest in a long string of data security breaches. Since early last year, more than 90 million personal records have been exposed in dozens of incidents, according to the latest information by the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse.

MNA/Xinhua

Parkinson's Disease



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Deep brain stimulation, a surgical procedure to reduce Parkinson's symptoms, is more effective for patients with advanced disease than medication and may have fewer side effects than drugs do. Those are the conclusions of a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine on 31 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

Chinese police break up fake Tamiflu ring

BEIJING, 31 Aug— Police in China's commercial hub of Shanghai have broken up a ring that was selling a fake version of Tamiflu—considered a key medical defence against bird flu in humans, an official state newspaper said on Wednesday.

The group made more than 1.6 million yuan (201,000 US dollars) selling the drugs online and via other channels in China and in Southeast Asia, the *China Daily* said. Police arrested 13 people and seized 400 kilos of the fake drugs and 46 tons of raw materials, it said.

"The ingredients of the pill were not released because of fears it would be copied, but it is said to be extremely volatile as the method of production can easily cause explosions," the report said. Tamiflu is made by Roche Holding AG, but Shanghai Pharmaceutical (Group), parent of Shanghai Pharmaceutical Group Co Ltd, has been licensed to make the drug in China. —MNA/Reuters



Pop star Jessica Simpson has been told to rest her vocal chords just when she was about to promote her latest album "A Public Affair" released on 29 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

Covert DNA analysis to be illegal in Britain

LONDON, 31 Aug— Covertly analyzing someone's DNA will be illegal from Friday next week in Britain on the recommendation of the Human Genetics Commission (HGC) to British Government, *New Scientist* reported on its website on Tuesday.

The new legislation, part of the Human Tissue Act 2004, makes it illegal to take a sample of someone's DNA and have it analyzed without obtaining his or her consent, the report said. Employers tempted to use DNA to check up on staff, or insurance companies on their policy holders, will be prevented from doing so.

"The incredible thing about DNA is that it has impact not only on one person but on their whole family's privacy too,"

Helena Kennedy, who chairs the HGC, was quoted as saying.

The legislation allows for some exceptions. For example, if a couple have a child and then separate, and the man has parental rights, he is entitled to have the child's DNA analyzed without getting consent from either the child or mother. He could submit the DNA along with his own for paternity testing.

MNA/Xinhua

Volkswagen lays off 1,800 workers in Brazil

RIL DE JANEIRO, 31 Aug— The local division of automobile giant Volkswagen on Tuesday laid off 1,800 employees at its plant in Sao Bernardo do Campo, in the metropolitan region of Brazil's largest city Sao Paulo.

According to Volkswagen, 1,300 of the dismissed workers were on duty at the plant, while the other 500 participated in the

company's educational programme, aimed at facilitating laid-off employees to find other jobs outside the factory.

Right after the announcement of the layoffs, the plant's workers decided to go on strike with the support from the Automobile Workers Union of Sao Paulo's metropolitan region.

Volkswagen had warned the union of the massive cuts last week in case the negotiating parties did not reach an agreement concerning a reduction in labour benefits and the extinction of 3,600 job positions until 2008.—MNA/Xinhua



Men board up a store at a beach in the resort town of Los Cabos in Mexico's state of Baja, California on 31 Aug, 2006, —INTERNET



A German expert checks an unexploded Israeli cluster bomb in the southern Lebanon on 30 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

SPORTS

China reach final at U-20 Women's World Championship

MOSCOW, 1 Sept— China outshot the United States at the semifinal of the FIFA Under-20 Women's World Championship on Thursday, advancing to an all-Asian final with North Korea. The match at Moscow's Lokomotiv Stadium headed into penalty shootouts after a goalless tie in fulltime and was settled 5-4 in the Asian champion's favour. Chinese goalkeeper Zhang Yanru was named the best player of the match.

At another semifinal, North Korea edged out Brazil 1-0 and will face China in the championship's final on Sunday in the Russian capital. —MNA/Xinhua



Chen Zhonghe (R), coach of Chinese women's volleyball team, attends a training session with his players in Beilun, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 30 Aug, 2006. —XINHUA

Real Madrid secure Reyes on loan from Arsenal

MADRID, 1 Sept— Real Madrid have agreed a deal with Arsenal to take Spain forward Jose Antonio Reyes on loan for one season with Brazil's Julio Baptista moving in the other direction, the Primera Liga club said on Friday.

"Real and Arsenal have reached agreement tonight to exchange the playing rights of Reyes and Baptista for the 2006/07 season," the club said in a statement on their website.

The deal includes an option for the clubs to buy the respective players at the end of the season-long loans.

Reyes, 22, had long been a target for the nine-times European champions and the player had made no secret of his desire to return to Spain.

"I am the happiest person in the world. I was on edge until I actually signed the contract," Reyes told Radio Marca.

Reyes is the fifth player to join Real since Ramon Calderon was elected president following Italy's World Cup-winning cap-

tain Fabio Cannavaro, Brazil midfielder Emerson, Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy and Mali midfielder Mahamadou Diarra. He becomes only the second Spanish player to join Real in the last five years, the first being his former Sevilla teammate defender Sergio Ramos

who signed for close to 30 million euros last season.

Arsenal paid a club record fee of around 17 million pounds for Reyes in January 2004, but although he produced flashes of the brilliance he showed at Sevilla, his performances for the Londoners have remained incon-

sistent. Reyes admitted finding it difficult to adjust to England and the style of football in the Premiership and in February 2005 he told a bogus radio interviewer claiming to be a Real Madrid representative that he would like to play for the Spanish club. —MNA/Reuters

West Ham confirm deals for Tevez, Mascherano

LONDON, 1 Sept— West Ham United confirmed on Thursday they had signed Argentines Carlos Tevez and Javier Mascherano from Brazilian club Corinthians on permanent deals.

The club said on its official website that "the pair have been signed for an undisclosed fee and put pen to paper on permanent contracts with the club this afternoon. "All other aspects of the transfers will remain confidential and undisclosed."

The deals represent a big coup for the Hammers,

who have beaten off some of Europe's biggest clubs including Arsenal and Manchester United to sign the pair. Both played a key role for Argentina at the World Cup where they reached the quarterfinals.

The transfers echo the shock double signing of Ossie Ardiles and Ricardo Villa who joined Tottenham Hotspur just weeks after Argentina won the World Cup in 1978. That deal transformed Tottenham's fortunes in the late 1970s and early 1980s and Tevez and Mascherano will become heroes in east London if they are anywhere near as successful as Ardiles and Villa were at Spurs.

Tevez, 22, is one of the most talented young strikers in the world. Widely described as "the new Diego Maradona", he is one of the few players who might live up to that tag.

He began his career with Maradona's old club Boca Juniors, making his debut at the age of 17 and helped Boca to the Argentine

championship and the Copa Libertadores. In December 2004 he moved to Corinthians in a 22.6-million-US-dollar deal, the biggest ever in South American football. —MNA/Reuters

Wigan swoop for Ireland midfielder Kilbane

LONDON, 1 Sept— Everton midfielder Kevin Kilbane has joined Premier League rivals Wigan Athletic for an undisclosed fee.

The 29-year-old Republic of Ireland international becomes Wigan's ninth signing since the end of last season, the club said on their official website on Thursday. Kilbane joins Emile Heskey, Fitz Hall, Emmerson Boyce, Denny Landzaat, Chris Kirkland, Antonio Valencia, Tomasz Cywka and Andrew Webster at the JJB Stadium.

"He (Kilbane) is another quality acquisition for us, a highly experienced player who has seen it all at Premiership level," said Wigan manager Paul

Cole completes Chelsea transfer, Gallas to Arsenal

LONDON, 1 Sept — England defender Ashley Cole moved from Arsenal to Chelsea on Thursday with French defender William Gallas moving in the opposite direction to bring to an end one of English soccer's most protracted transfer sagas.

A statement on the Chelsea website said the Premier League champions would pay Arsenal 9.5 million US dollars and transfer Gallas in return for Cole, with both players having agreed personal terms and passed medicals.

The move, which was first mooted as long ago as January 2005 when Cole secretly met Chelsea representatives, was completed just minutes before the close of the transfer window.

Cole, 25, who joined Arsenal as a trainee and signed professional terms as a 17-year-old, will join up with his new club after returning from duty with England who play Euro 2008 qualifiers against Andorra and Macedonia over the next six days.

Gallas, who joined Chelsea in 2001 and played in the World Cup final for France in July, will link up with compatriots Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, and international teammate Thierry Henry at the Emirates Stadium. —MNA/Reuters

Andre Agassi of the United States celebrates victory over Andrei Pavel of Romania during Men's Singles first round match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 28 Aug, 2006. XINHUA



Israel's Shahar Peer celebrates winning a point during her match against Germany's Martina Muller at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on 31 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

AS Roma make loan deals with Blackburn, Spurs

LONDON, 1 Sept— Democratic Republic of Congo international striker Shabani Nonda left AS Roma on a season-long loan deal for Premier League Blackburn Rovers on Thursday.

Blackburn have an option to sign the 29-year-old player on a permanent deal at the end of the loan period. AS Roma meanwhile have signed young Tottenham Hotspur defender Rodrigo Defendi on a season-long loan.

The 20-year-old, who joined Spurs from Brazilian club Cruzeiro in July 2004, spent five months on loan at Udinese during the second half of last season.

Tottenham's South Korean defender Lee Young-Pyo declined a move to Roma on Wednesday after a deal appeared to have been finalized.

MNA/Reuters

"Flood Warning"

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 1-9-2006)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin is (689) cm. It may exceed its danger level (700) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (715) cm. It may reach its danger level (750) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.

"Flood Bulletin"

(Issued at 13:30 hrs MST on 1-9-2006)

According to the (09:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (609) cm. It may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

Bangladesh's forex reserve rises to record \$3.5b

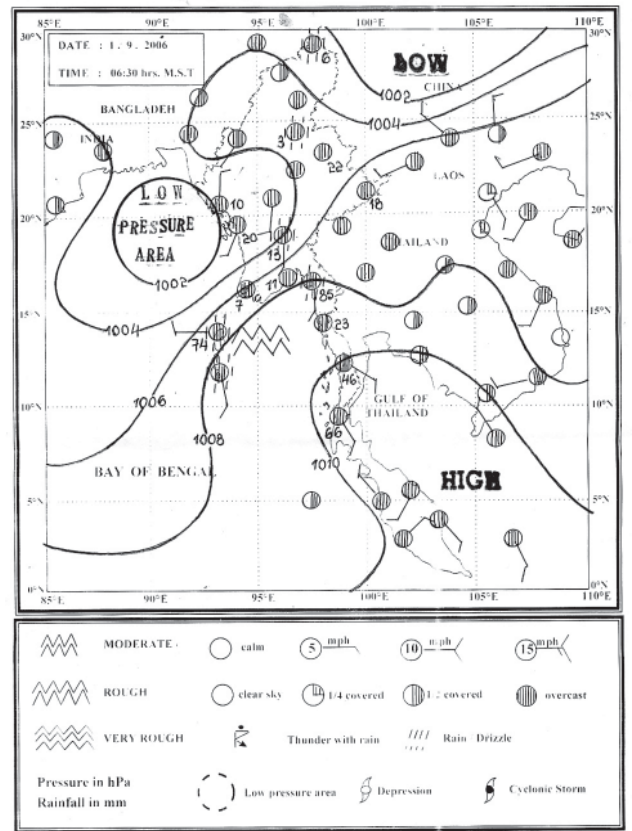
DHAKA, 1 Sept — Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserve rose to the highest ever level on Wednesday to 3.5 billion US dollars on strong remittance and export earnings, local news agency UNB reported on Wednesday.

The reserve level of Bangladesh Bank, the central bank, were quoted as saying. At the end of June 1995, the reserve was around three billion dollars level and started declining to plunge below one billion dollars in 2001.

The reserve was hovering just over three billion dollars during the fiscal 2005-06 (July 2005-June 2006).

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 1 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mon State and Bago Division, isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.24) inch, Shwegyin (6.85) inches, Thaton (6.62) inches, Gwa (4.57) inches, Nyaunglaypin (4.33) inches, Co co Island (3.46) inches, Mawlamyine (3.35) inches, Hpa-an (3.11) inches, Kawthong (3.07) inches, Myeik (1.81) inches, Minbu (1.70) inches, Yamethin (1.66) inches, Kanbalu (1.58) inches, Pakokku (1.29) inches, Magway (1.15) inches and Aunglan (1.10) inches.

Maximum temperature on 31-8-2006 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 1-9-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 1-9-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 31-8-2006 was (0.3) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 1-9-2006 were (0.75) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (80.55) inches at Mingaladon, (91.85) inches at Kaba-Aye and (96.38) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (11:30) hours MST on 31-8-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over East Central Bay. Monsoon is strong in Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 2-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State and Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, 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: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 2-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 2-9-2006: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 2-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather Outlook for second weekend of September 2006: During the coming weekend, scattered rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division, widespread rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) for FIFA Women's World Cup China 2007 is formally set up in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 Aug, 2006. The 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup will commence from 10th Sept to 30th. — XINHUA



Radio Myanmar

Saturday, 2 September
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-So megalical
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-I count the minute
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Take your chance
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Baby
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at your request
-Love will never lie
-Hello
-Do you remember
- 9:00 pm ASEAN news review
-Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanma culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
-Mel La Mu Zedi, past & present
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs
-Don't stop loving me now
-Can't get used to losing you
-Rose rose I love you
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar

Saturday, 2 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Paritta by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
6. ရိုင်းကျွဲရေထိန်းတံခါး
- 8:20 am
7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
8. International news
- 8:45 am
9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am
1. Martial songs
- 11:15 am
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
3. News
- 11:40 am
4. Games for children

- 12:00 pm
5. "မီးရထားစီးခရီးသွားကြသူများ" (နေအောင်၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ဇင်ဇင်ဇော်မြင့်၊ သဇင်၊ နန်ဆုရတီစိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)
- 1:30 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆည်းဆာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 2:00 pm
7. ကြားမြင်သတိပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 2:05 pm
8. "သတိနဲ့ယှဉ် အသိနဲ့ပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁) (ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျှန်၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးချိုင့်၊ နီနီဝင်းရွှေ၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဆာ၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ ဆိုင်းရစ်လေပြည့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ - မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 2:15 pm
9. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ်(၃၈)ကြိမ်မြောက် မာဒေးကားဖလားချန်ပီယံမြန်မာ့လက်ရွေးစင် ဘောလုံးအသင်း ဂုဏ်ပြုလျက်
- 2:25 pm
10. Dance of national races
- 2:35 pm
11. ဒေသအလိုက်ကာကွယ်ဆေးတိုက်ဆေးများအကြောင်းသိကောင်းစရာ
- 2:45 pm
12. International news
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial songs
- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
5. Musical programme
- 5:05 pm
6. တီးကွက်ညွန့်
- 5:30 pm
7. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ်(၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ)(ဝါသနာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:40 pm
8. Games for children
- 6:00 pm
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
11. Discovery
- 6:50 pm
12. ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်မြောက်ပိုင်း (လားရှိုး) ကြက်ဆူစိုက်ပျိုးရေး
- 7:05 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟေမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့နေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:00 pm
14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 18. The next day's programme

Prime Minister General Soe Win sends felicitations to Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept— On the occasion of the 61st Anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam which falls on 2nd September 2006, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. — MNA

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Concerted efforts of departmental officials, local people lead to greater regional development

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than visits Maei, Taungup in Rakhine State



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence meets departmental personnel and townselders in Taungup.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence met with departmental personnel, social organizations and local elders in Maei and Taungup on 28 August during his visit to Rakhine State.

In Maei, a town on Taungup-Kyaukpyu road, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that officials should strive to grow more edible oil crops to produce enough oil for local consumption. They will have to extend rubber, pepper and physic nut farms to help develop the economy of the town that is producing sufficient

amount of rice for its people, he stressed. Manageable-scale keeping of poultry will also ensure local food sufficiency, he pointed out, saying that official field tours are required in order to implement the rural development project more effectively.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than also attended to the regional needs presented by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Maung Shein and officials.

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Chinese athletes exhibit Wushu skills

YANGON, 1 Sept—The demonstration of Wushu sports by Wushu Federation of the People's Republic of China took place at the National Indoor Stadium-1,

Thuwunna here this afternoon.

It was attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the

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Special express train begins Yangon-Mandalay run 4 Sept

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept — Special express train begins its Yangon-Mandalay run on 4 September for the convenience of ever increasing number of passengers travelling between the two largest commercial cities of Myanmar.

Everyday, the up train leaves Yangon at 5 pm and the down train departs from Mandalay at 4.15 pm, with Pinyinmana as the only stopover for the express passenger service of the Myanma Railways.

The government has been building new motor roads, railroads, railway stations, ports and airports and upgrading the existing facilities and launching new road, rail, air and boat services to facilitate passenger and freight transport. — MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and officials cordially greet Chinese Wushu athletes.



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