

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

Rise in number of students pursuing higher education depends on teachers' ability to organize, lead rural parents

Secretary-1 addresses conclusion of special refresher course No 25 for basic education teachers



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the conclusion of special refresher course No 25 for basic education teachers at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — The conclusion ceremony of special refresher course No 25 for basic education teachers was held at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin this morning with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Present on the occasion were SPDC member Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay Division PDC Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Mandalay mayor, deputy ministers, CSSTB members, officials of the SPDC office, departmental heads, the rector, pro-rectors, heads of department and faculty members of the CICS (Upper Myanmar).

In his speech Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said it is known to all that enlisting the strength of the (See page 8)

Lt-Gen Ye Myint goes on inspection tour of physic nut plantation, Marlenattoung dam project site

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw arrived at Mogok, PyinOoLwin District, on 1 September.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went on an inspection tour of 2 acres of physic nut plantation grown on the hillside of Yenitaung village at the mile post No 102/5, Mogok, monsoon paddy plantation in Kin village tract, 4

acres of physic nut plantation in Nammanan village at the mile post No 101/3 on Mandalay-Mogok road section, the physic nut plantation grown in Shwenyaungpin village at the mile post No 96 and 4,200 rubber plants grown on 21 acres of land at the mile post No 95.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into physic nut plants and shade trees on both sides of Mandalay-Mogok road section and physic nut plants grown by local peasants and thriving of physic nut plants grown in Thabeikkyin.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 5 September, 2006

Produce more quality products

As industrial development is instrumental to the national development, the government is accelerating its efforts for developing the State-owned and private industries. Numerous factories and workshops are being built all over the nation to produce import-substitute products and meet the needs of the people. Moreover, innovations are being made to improve the technologies and production lines of heavy industries.

As the Ministry of Industry-1 has been establishing factories to produce consumer goods and household goods, many industries have emerged. In the Kyaukse Industrial Zone, a modern firebrick factory was opened in December, 2005 and the factory now produces 2,500 tons of quality firebricks per year. In the past, firebricks were imported. Similarly, enamels and steelware factory was inaugurated near Minsu village in Kyaukse Township in March, 2006, and the factory now produces 32 items of enamels and 41 items of steelware.

In addition to these factories, the sewing machine factory (annexe) in Kyaukse Township was commissioned into service on 2 September. The factory was opened in January, 2003, and it produced 22 out of all 57 accessories. Now it can produce all the accessories of a sewing machine.

Emergence of import-substitute factories has enabled the people to gain knowledge of production technologies and opened up job opportunities for local people. The government is making a large sum of investment in the construction of modern factories to speed up the growth of industrial development.

The onus is on all those responsible of factories and workshops to meet the needs of the nation and the people by producing more quality items.

Symposium on Hepatitis B & C on 9 September

YANGON, 4 Sept— A symposium organized by the Microbiology Society, Myanmar Medical Association, on recent advances, current management, laboratory testing and vaccinology in hepatitis B and hepatitis C will be held on 9 September from 9 am to 12 noon at the Auditorium A, MMA building, on Theinbyu Road. Those interested are cordially invited. A detailed text on the proceedings will be given to all those registered. Registration can be done at Department of Microbiology, University of Medicine (1), Lanmadaw; Department of Microbiology, Defence Services Medical Academy; and Microbiology Laboratory, Yangon General Hospital. On-site registration can also be done on the morning of the symposium. — MNA

- * 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

Yangon Division opens performing arts competitions

YANGON, 4 Sept— The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon Division were opened at Mya Nyila Hall of No 2 Basic Education High School in Latha Township yesterday morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win opened the competitions and delivered an address.

Next, winners in the previous competitions performed entertainment.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai presented cash rewards and flower basket to the artistes.

After the opening ceremony, the commander and wife viewed the dancing contest. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai present flower basket to artistes at Yangon Division performing arts competitions. — MNA

Sub-power station inspected in Shwe Paukkan Industrial Zone

YANGON, 3 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No-2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with Col Khin Maung Soe of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board and responsible personnel went on an inspection tour of Shwe Paukkan Industrial Zone, North Okkalapa Township yesterday.

On arrival at the sub-power station of the industrial zone, the minister and party were briefed by North Okkalapa Town-

ship General Administration Officer U Aung Myo Oo on availability and distribution of power to Shwe Paukkan Industrial Zone, Shwe Paukkan Township and North Okkalapa Township.

In connection with the reports, the minister gave instructions on emphasis to be placed for distribution of power from Shwe Paukkan sub-power station and made arrangements to fulfill the needs.

Next, the minister and party inspected distribution of power with the use of circuit breaker and transformer in Shwe Paukkan Industrial Zone. Upon arrival at U Pe Thein's electronic factory, Director U Pe Thein briefed on production of seven kinds of electrical appliances and the minister looked into finished products on display.

Afterwards, the minister and party made observations on production line in transformer factory. Next, the minister gave instructions on production of import-substitute transformers.

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Works of arts students displayed

YANGON, 4 Sept— A ceremony to display works of arts students of the University of Culture (Mandalay) who graduated in the 2005-2006 academic year took place in conjunction with a skill demonstration of students majoring in music subjects at the National Theatre in Mandalay on 31 August.

Rector of the university U San Win and officials viewed the works and papers submitted by the students and enjoyed the entertainment programme. — MNA



Rector U San Win and guests view works of arts students at University of Culture (Mandalay). — MNA

Follow-up news

YANGON, 4 Sept — In the news on page-10 of this daily issued on 3 September, 2006, please read Ko Ko Beauty Salon is the sole sponsor of the make-up and hair dressing for the contestants at the Miss Royal Gold Soap 2006 contest. — NLM

External forces not allowed to affect ASEAN's harmony

SINGAPORE, 3 Sept—Singapore's Foreign Minister George Yeo warned here on Saturday that Southeast Asia is affected by developments in other parts of the world, but external forces are not allowed to affect the general harmony that exists in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Speaking at a seminar entitled "Towards Peace, Intercultural, Interfaith Harmony and Justice", George Yeo said that although ASEAN has many problems, the sense of solidarity among the 10 countries of the organization is getting stronger.

He said that Singapore, which has a population of over 4 million, has learnt that racial and religious conflicts can be avoided if it adopts the right policies, exercises strong leadership and act quickly when problem arises. "Having the right policies mean being fair to everyone, regardless of his race or religion. Singaporeans know that the government treats all races and religions in an even-handed way," he said.

ASEAN, which was established in 1967, now has 10 member countries, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia.

The ASEAN region has now a population of some 500 million, a total area of 4.5 million square kilometres, a combined gross domestic product (GDP) of almost 700 billion US dollars, and a total trade of about 850 billion US dollars.

As a regional organization, ASEAN aims to accelerate economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region, and to promote regional peace and stability through abiding respect for justice and the rule of law in the relationship among countries in the region and adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter.—MNA/Xinhua

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Photo taken on 31 Aug, 2006 shows the Sakyamuni Pagoda, the world's oldest and tallest ancient wooden pagoda in Yingxian County in north China's Shanxi Province. It was built in 1056 during the Liao Dynasty, which ruled North China from 916 to 1125. China will celebrate the 950th anniversary of the pagoda on 5 Sept.—XINHUA



Fireworks light the sky over Moskva River, during the Moscow city day celebrations on 2 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

India police seize heroin worth \$ 300,000

NEW DELHI, 3 Sept—The police seized 1.3 kilos of heroin worth 13 million rupees (about

300,000 US dollars) in Indian capital on Friday, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

The police also arrested a man named Abu Tahir in south Delhi. According to the police, Tahir is a resident of Jharkhand and had come to Delhi to meet his contact and sell the drugs.

Tahir belongs to an organized drug trade group and the police are likely to make a few more arrests based on the information he gave, the source said.

Delhi police have made successful crack-down upon drug traffic since last month. They had found 4,400 kilos of mandrax worth one billion rupees (23 million US dollars), which was being smuggled to South Africa.

MNA/Xinhua

Severe floods continue ravaging northern Thailand

BANGKOK, 3 Sept—Heavy rainfall in Thailand's North for several days has forced thousands of residents to evacuate to higher ground due to severe flooding and landslides. Road access to some villages near Nam Tok Chart Trakan National Park of Phitsanulok Province are under floodwaters 1 to 1.5 metres deep, making it impossible for cars to pass through for the second day on Saturday.

More than 700 families in a village in Chart Trakan District are now cut off from the outside world as floodwaters keep on rising, the state-run *Thai News Agency* said.

MNA/Xinhua

Long-term asthma study sheds new light on condition

SYDNEY, 3 Sept—A 40-year Tasmanian research project has produced some surprising findings about asthma. It has identified previously unknown risk factors for developing the disease in adulthood. The head of the University of Tasmania's cardio-respiratory research group, Professor Haydn Walters, says the programme has monitored asthma rates in every Tasmanian born in 1961.

The results prove what doctors already knew, that chances of getting asthma as a child increase if the child's mother smoked during pregnancy. The research has also found that half of all adult asthmatics never had the disease as children. Speaking at a symposium in Hobart yesterday, Professor Walters said the research had produced one surprising result.

"For me it's how much new asthma there is in adults, particularly in these women the fact that adult asthma is really a disease of adult women." He says the results would ultimately help reduce the incidents of asthma and save the public purse. Professor Walters says the message from the research is clear. "Stay fit, stay lean, don't smoke and don't pour your cigarette smoke onto your kids."—Internet



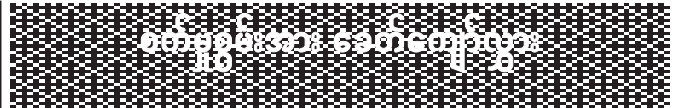
Venice citizens in historical dresses row down the Grand Canal from the Doge's Palace to the Rialto bridge in Venice on 3 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



An advance force of the 1,000-strong Italian contingent landed in the south Lebanese port city of Tyre on Saturday morning, on 2 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA



Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi (C) visits the Second China Jilin Northeast Asia Investment and Trade Expo in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 2 Sept, 2006. The expo was opened on Saturday.—XINHUA



New video shows stronger-looking Fidel Castro

HAVANA, 3 Sept — Ailing Cuban leader Fidel Castro, looking well along the road to recovery, was shown on television on Friday meeting with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez after temporarily ceding power a month ago to undergo

intestinal surgery.

The video from the Communist-ruled island appeared aimed at putting to rest rumours that Castro was near death and out of public life for good after ruling the Caribbean island for more than 47 years.

ear to ear after a hug. "This is wonderful, a million thanks (for coming)."

The clip then showed the two men sitting at a table in what appeared to be a hospital room having a lively discussion about international affairs.

Castro, in red pajamas, appeared much stronger than when he was last seen in a video on 13 August, when Chavez visited him to celebrate his 80th birthday.

The seven-minute clip first showed a smiling Castro in bed receiving Chavez and two little girls on Friday morning.

"Brother", Castro said to Chavez while grinning

MNA/Reuters

Mobile phone users warned of dangers in 'spy' software

LONDON, 3 Sept— A company is urging consumers to buy 'secret' mobile phone software so they can read their partner's text messages. Yet it denies encouraging infringement of privacy laws.

FlexiSpy is billed as the 'world's most powerful spy software for mobile phones', which

enables a buyer to 'secretly record every SMS [text] message, view their call history, and more!' Its website even has a 'testimony' from a customer. 'Thanks to FlexiSpy, I finally figured out my wife was cheating on me with my brother,' he claims. 'My life is so much better.'

The potential for

mobile phone monitoring was highlighted last week by Symantec, the information security company. It warned mobile phones are potentially vulnerable to spyware, software that covertly gathers a user's information without their knowledge. These could enable snoopers to remotely activate a mobile

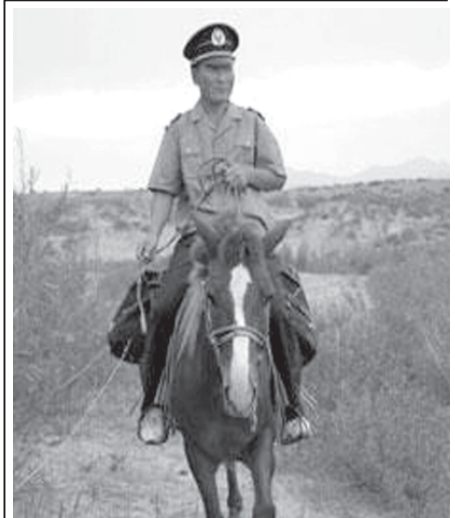
phone's microphone, take pictures with its camera or record conversations without the user's knowledge.

Such technology might prove tempting to bosses who want to keep track of their employees or journalists hunting stories about celebrities, though the Data Protection Act states a person must not 'knowingly or recklessly' and without consent obtain or disclose personal data.

But Vervata, the company behind FlexiSpy, denied it was doing anything illegal.

The software has to be installed manually on the 'spied upon' handset, making it difficult to do without the owner's knowledge.

Internet



Delger, a mail carrier, rides a horse to deliver mails to Daban Town in Chifeng, a city in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 1 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

Rare Javan Rhino calves detected in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 3 Sept— The Indonesian Government and conservation group WWF announced Friday they have found footprints of three newborn Javan Rhino babies and spotted another calf in recent surveys. The survey team has found footprints of Rhino babies in three different sizes at distance locations and came face-to-face with another

calves, suggesting evidence that four calves have been born recently in the Ujung Kulon National Park in western Java, reported the Antara news agency. Javan Rhinos are among the world's rarest mammals with the current population of less than 60.

"The evidence showing that the population is multiplying is exciting

news. It gives hope to the future of this endangered species." Forestry Ministry senior official Arman Malolongan was quoted as saying. Javan Rhino population in Ujung Kulon is estimated at 26 to 58. The only other known population is in the Vietnam's Cat Tien National Park where only between two and eight rhinos survive. MNA/Xinhua

Three civilians wounded in bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 Sept — A roadside bomb went off in an eastern neighbourhood in Baghdad on Saturday morning, wounding three civilians, a police source said.

"An explosive-charge detonated near a residential building in Baghdad's al-Jadidah neighbourhood, wound-

ing three civilians," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The target of the attack was not clear, and a police force is investigating the incident, he added.

The blast followed a double bomb blasts, detonated successively earlier in the morning in a busy central Baghdad

area, killing two people and wounding 21 others, including three policemen, according to an Interior Ministry source.

The blasts follow several days of heavy bloodshed in and outside the capital city of Baghdad, where US and Iraqi troops have mounted a major security crackdown.

MNA/Xinhua



A man walks through a flooded street in Los Cabos in Mexico's state of Baja California after Hurricane John hit the area on 2 Sept, 2006. Hurricane John crept up Mexico's Baja California peninsula on Saturday after blasting this tourist port city with wicked winds and torrential rain that knocked out power but caused no deaths.—INTERNET

Chinese State Councillor meets Croatian leaders on ties

BELGRADE, 3 Sept— Chinese State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan held talks in Zagreb with Croatian President Stjepan Mesic and Prime Minister Ivo Sanader separately on Friday with both sides pledging to further boost bilateral ties.

Tang said that since the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Croatia 14 years ago, the two countries have continuously made positive achievements in exchanges and co-operation in politics, economy and trade, among other fields.

“Bilateral relationship entered a new phase of development with the establishment of the comprehensive partnership of cooperation

between the two countries last year,” he said.

China appreciates Croatia’s active efforts to develop Sino-Croatian relations and its adherence to the one-China policy, said Tang.

China is willing to work together with Croatia to push forward cooperation in various fields including economy

and trade, education, culture, agriculture, public health and tourism, he noted.

Mesic told Tang that the Croatian-Chinese relations have developed smoothly and both countries still have great potential to enhance cooperation in economy and trade.

MNA/Xinhua



A young martial artist participating in the Chinese Kungfu Star TV Contest demonstrates his kungfu skills at the Shaolin Temple in Songshan, Central China’s Henan Province, on 1 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA



Miss China Liu Duo (1st L), poses with other Asian beauties during their visit in Warsaw, capital of Poland, on 2 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

Prison guard arrested over Bali bomber’s laptop

JAKARTA, 3 Sept— Indonesian police have arrested a prison guard over the smuggling of a laptop for a man on death row for the 2002 Bali bombings, police and his lawyer said on Friday.

The arrest came after police revealed last month

that Bali bomber Imam Samudra had used a laptop in his Bali prison cell to chat via the Internet with co-conspirators about fund-raising for attacks through online credit card fraud.

“He has been detained for seven days.

Investigators are looking into evidence and information from witnesses,” national police spokesman Bambang Kuncoko told reporters. The prison guard’s lawyer, Achmad Michdan, said he had been officially named a suspect.—MNA/Reuters

Pakistan plans high-speed rail service

KARACHI, 3 Sept— Pakistan aims to build its first high-speed railway line at a cost of about one billion US dollars, and work on the project in Punjab Province is expected to start next year, the country’s Railways Minister said on Friday. The service will run between the cities of Lahore and Rawalpindi in the eastern province of Punjab, said the Minister, Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed.

“The 270-kilometre (170-mile) long double-track project will take two years to complete and will cost a billion dollars,” Ahmed told Reuters.

“We have already received 300 million US dollars from the Asian Development Bank for the

project, which we want to inaugurate before the elections,” he said.

MNA/Reuters



A zebra feeds its young at the Mlilwane game reserve in Swaziland on 2 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

US auto sales slide in August as Toyota accelerates expansion

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept— US automakers saw their sales slide in August as Toyota continues to accelerate its expansion in the US market.

According to the datas released on Friday, General Motors Corp sold 156,723 passenger cars in August, up 3.9 per cent from 150,900 the same month a year ago.

“This production adjustment does not reflect a reduction in

GM’s sales outlook, but is consistent with our strategy to reduce low-margin daily rentals, and takes into account the plan to shift production of pickups to the next generation pickups during the fourth quarter,” the company said in a statement.

Toyota, GM’s main rival, sold 240,178 vehicles in August, up 17 per cent from 205,362 the same month a year ago.—MNA/Xinhua

Brazil arrests gang members tunnelling into banks

SAO PAULO, (BRAZIL), 3 Sept— Police on Friday arrested 28 members of a major criminal gang that has terrorized the city of

Sao Paulo in recent months just as it prepared to rob two banks in southern Brazil by digging a tunnel. The suspects were all members of the gang called First Command of the Capital, or PCC from its Portuguese initials, police said.

Almost 200 people have died in Sao Paulo since May in three separate waves of attacks by the PCC on police stations, banks, and government buildings. The gang is also tied to Brazil’s biggest-ever bank robbery in 2005.

At the time of the arrests in downtown Porto Alegre, 22 people were digging an 88-yard (80-metre)-long tunnel into the safes of two banks.

“This was a very strong setback for them because they were caught with what

they value the most, the goal of their crime, which is money,” Justice Minister Marcio Thomaz Bastos said, according to Agencia Estado local news agency. Law enforcement officials seized tunneling equipment and 20,500 reais (9,579 US dollars), the Federal Police said in a statement.

Police arrested four other people as part of its “Operation Mole Faction”, including Antonio Carlos da Silva and Lucivaldo Laurindo, members of the PCC the police said were tied to the 70 million US dollars heist at a central bank building in Ceara state in 2005. One person in Sao Paulo and another in northern Piaui state were also arrested as part of the operation.

MNA/Reuters



Soro Ba Drissa arranges large puppets at the Village Ki-Yi Centre for Cultural Exchange in Abidjan, Ivory Coast on 2 Sept, 2006. The centre, founded in 1985 by the Cameroonian artist Werewere Liking, was formed by a group of artists who live together as a community and stage shows with large puppets and marionettes, reviving an old traditional art form in the area.—INTERNET

Indonesia Govt to sue firms over forest fires

JAKARTA, 3 Sept — The Indonesian Government plans to sue three oil palm plantation firms and one oil palm entrepreneur for allegedly starting fires in their concessions that grew into massive forest fires in Riau Province, a newspaper said Saturday.

The State Ministry for the Environment identified the companies Friday as PT Subur Arum Makmur, PT Riau Andalan Sentosa and PT Agro Sarimas Indonesia.

The individual is identified as Deden.

The country's environment, forestry and plantation laws, as well as its criminal code, ban burning land to clear it.

MNA/Xinhua



Ferrari cars are seen at the 'Ferrari Racing Days' at the Nuerburgring racing circuit in western Germany on 3 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

UNICEF launches anti-child abuse training programme in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 3 Sept— The Zimbabwean Government and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) have jointly embarked on a programme to train local teachers on addressing increasing

cases of child abuse in the country.

The four-year in-service life skills education and gender training programme, which began with a five day training of more than 1200 teachers

from 18 districts, was launched in the the country's capital of Harare this week, UNICEF Representative in Zimbabwe Festo Kavishe said in a statement on Friday.—MNA/Xinhua

US immigrants start new round of demonstrations

CHICAGO, 3 Sept — Pro-immigration activists took to the streets of Chicago on Friday, in the first of a week of marches nationwide to step up pressure on a returning US Congress to move forward with a stalled immigration overhaul.

Dozens of marchers waving US, Mexican and other flags set off from Chinatown, at the start of a four-day trek to the district offices in Batavia, Illinois, of

US House of Representatives Speaker Dennis Hastert, a Republican.

Organizers said they planned to make the 50-mile (80-kilometres) trek in stages, holding rallies along the way. They hope to pressure Hastert to push a bill favourable to immigrants through the US Congress after it returns from recess on 5 September.

The rally marks the start of renewed demonstrations by pro-immigration activists,

hundreds of thousands of whom thronged the streets of cities from California to New England on 1 May, demanding measures to bring 11-12 million illegal immigrants in from the shadows. The Senate has since passed a package combining tighter border security with a guest worker programme and a plan offering many illegal immigrants a path to citizenship, while the

House voted through a measure focusing just on enforcement. Activists plan further street rallies across the United States over the 3-5 September Labour Day weekend to ramp up pressure on lawmakers to break the impasse, with marches planned in Portland, Oregon; Phoenix, Arizona; and Knoxville, Tennessee, in coming days. — MNA/Reuters

Angola, Venezuela to strengthen bilateral cooperation

LUANDA, 3 Sept— Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and his visiting Venezuelan counterpart Hugo Chavez have decided to strengthen bilateral cooperation in various fields, particularly in scientific, cultural and technological spheres.

According to a communique, the two leaders on Thursday witnessed the signing of an oil agreement which will boost the exploration of their countries' potentialities.

After expressing

satisfaction over the climate of understanding in the talks between the two oil producing nations, Santos and Chavez gave the greenlight to their foreign ministers to continue bilateral consultations and negotiations for a cooperation accord which will be signed soon.

Angola and Venezuela established diplomatic relations on 25 September,

1986, but a legal cooperation framework has not been defined. Both of the countries expressed interest in sending a permanent diplomatic mission to each other to strengthen friendship and cooperation.

Chavez arrived in Luanda for the visit on Thursday afternoon and left at night.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran's President pledges to defend goals of nuclear programme

TEHERAN, 3 Sept— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad pledged on Saturday that his country would "firmly" defend the goals of its nuclear programme in all talks on the issue.

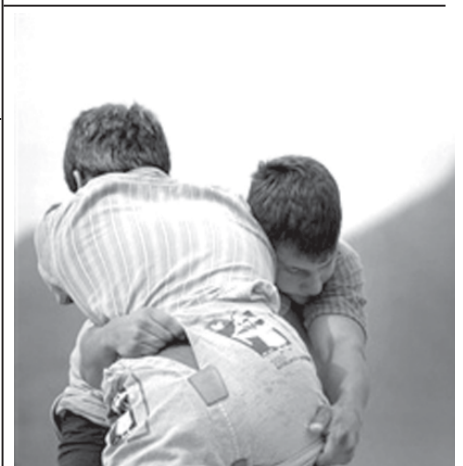
Ahmadinejad made the pledge in a speech in the northwestern town of Maku, according to media reports.

He was quoted as saying that "the people will not give in by one iota in their desire to use nuclear energy for peaceful ends and officials have the duty to defend these objectives with firmness during negotiations".

Earlier on Friday, one day after Teheran disregarded a UN Security Council deadline for it to suspend uranium enrichment, the Iranian President also vowed that his country would never give up its right of exploiting peaceful nuclear energy.

"Exploitation of peaceful nuclear energy is our undeniable right," Ahmadinejad told a rally, adding "the Iranian people will never give up their legal right".

The UN Security Council adopted a resolution in late July urging Teheran to suspend by 31 August all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities, including research and development, or face prospect of sanctions. — MNA/Xinhua



Two boys wrestle during the Youth Alpine Wrestling day at the Unspunnen festival in Interlaken, Switzerland, on 2 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects Marlenattoung dam project in Singu Township. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint goes on inspection...

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Upon arrival at Marlenattoung dam in Singu, Director of Mandalay Division Irrigation Department U Aye Thein briefed on progress of work and future tasks. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave

necessary instructions and inspected progress in building of the dam.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party looked into 4 acres of physic nut plantation in Nyaungwinbi, 4 acres of physic nut plantation in Shwepyi village, 2 acres of physic nut plantation of Myanma Farms Enterprise in Singaing, 2 acres of physic nut plantation of Singu Forestry Department and 2.2 acres of physic nut plan-

tation in Madaya Township.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected 40,000 physic nut saplings in No 1 Farm of Mandalay City Development Committee. At the briefing hall, Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han briefed on cultivation of physic nut plants on 120 acres of land. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions. — MNA

WVO opens advanced coordinator course

YANGON, 4 Sept — Myanmar War Veteran Organization opened an advanced course for coordinators No 10/2006 at Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby, this morning.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar War Veterans Central Organizing Committee Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) and members of the committee, heads of WVO head-

quarters, the principal, trainers and trainees were present.

Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) said in his opening speech that WVO members are to successfully carry out five future tasks laid down by WVO Conference (2005). He also cordially met with trainees.

Altogether 50 trainees are attending the four-week course. — MNA

Home Affairs Minister leaves for ROK



Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw airport before departure for Seoul, ROK. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — A delegation led by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo yesterday left here for Seoul, the Republic of Korea, to attend the meeting on exchange of views on governance in Asia to be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

The delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and departmental officials.

The minister was accompanied by Deputy Director-General U Khin Maung Thein of General Administrative Department. — MNA



Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) makes a speech at the advanced course for coordinators No 10/2006 at Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby. — MNA

Taninthayi Div WAO organizes educative talks

YANGON, 4 Sept — A ceremony to give educative talks and to present membership applications organized by Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization was held at Cold Storage of Ah Saung Kaung Co in Myeik on 29 August.

The ceremony was attended by Daw Khin Than Htay, patron of Taninthayi Division WAO Chairperson of Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association wife of the Coastal Region Command Commander, members of division/district/township WAOs and MCWAs and company staff.

Patron Daw Khin Than Htay made an opening speech and Chairperson of Division WAO Daw Aye Kyaw gave talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

Next, leader of the group for protection against

women and rehabilitation on women Daw Nan Khin Nyunt Nwe reported on prevention of human trafficking, head of organizing department Daw Thu Zar Tin and Joint-Divisional Judge Daw Khin Thin Wai on prevention of violence against women, joint-secretary of Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Dr Thandar Myo Win on prevention of HIV/AIDS.

Then, Managing Director of Ah Saung Kaung Co U Maung Sitt presented K 1 million to Taninthayi Division WAOs and MCWAs through Patron Daw Khin Than Htay.

Next, the company staff presented 300 MCWA membership applications and 200 WAO membership applications, and the ceremony came to an end.

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Obstetric & Gynecology Society to hold a medical conference

YANGON, 4 Sept — The Obstetric & Gynecology Society of Myanmar Medical Association will hold a medical conference under the title of Fetal Maturity in Obstetrics at the Summit Parkview Hotel here on 21 September.

Those interested and obstetric & gynecologists are invited to attend the conference, and contact is to be made to the office of MMA on Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township for further information. — MNA

Teachers urged to nurture students to possess reasoning and thinking power, promote strength of youths

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people including teachers, the government is striving for the development of various fields such as political, economic and social sectors to catch up with the international community. As a result, the abilities of the people as well as national forces have improved significantly and so have the political, economic and social sectors of the State. Now is the time when these fruits are to be combined with the might of national education promotion in order to add to the development momentum of the State. That is why all the teachers are urged to actively participate in the national task for the improvement of the education sector.

The Secretary-1 said nowadays developing countries like Myanmar are facing challenges such as technological divide, economic disparity and development gap. Moreover, these countries are experiencing various ideologies, religious and racial conflicts, terrorism and armed clashes resulting from double standard policies

practised in the international spheres.

Myanmar is now striving its utmost to develop in all aspects overcoming many such obstacles as well as ill legacies of the colonialists such as national armed conflicts, the danger of narcotics and inferior infrastructures including transport sector. At such a time like this, only when all the citizens try to be equipped with Union Spirit and work together to improve their knowledge and education, can the goal of building a peaceful modern and developed nation be achieved. Therefore, accepting the idea that the success of national education promotion programme, the emergence of a new nation in accord with the people's wishes and prosperity are the essential requirement of the State, all the teachers are urged to strive for the well-being of the State and the people through the education sector. The Secretary-1 continued that the State has been implementing the 30-year long-term education promotion programme. As five-year short-term projects and

annual projects are being implemented and reviewed, it is important to carry out the tasks for basic steps to be smooth and successful. Besides, the success of the national education promotion programme should be in harmony with that of other projects for agriculture, livestock breeding, forestry, mining, health and culture. Particularly, the task of development projects in various regions and rural areas should go together with that of the education sector. Moreover, education policies, national education promotion programmes and educational aims and objectives are to be carried out systematically. These policies and programmes also need to be carried out according to the requirements of respective regions. In doing so, the onus is upon the basic education teachers, especially

those from rural schools.

Rise in the number of students pursuing higher education depends on teachers' ability to organize and lead the parents of the rural areas. As teachers are dealing with people from all walks of life of the rural and the urban areas, they should deal with all the parents amicably on equal terms without making any discriminations. They should help relieve the burden of parents in enrolling their children at schools.

The government has opened post-primary schools, affiliated schools and branches to enable children of rural areas to pursue education conveniently, to raise the number of students who can continue their education and to open more opportunities or in other words effectively improve the rural education quality. Teachers are urged to



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents award to an outstanding trainee of special refresher course No 25 for basic education teachers. — MNA

make practical efforts to realize the aims.

They will have to effectively link the formal education and rural development to ensure that schools and human society mutually benefits each other.

The rural development project being implemented in accordance with the vision and

guidance of the Head of State is to eliminate poverty, low living standard and backwardness in the rural areas and to ensure a high living standard for everyone.

The aim of the project also covers the task of providing adequate amount of food, clothing and shelter for the people, developing rural trade and

National vision will be always dynamic only when every youth has the spirit to love, cherish and preserve their own culture. Union Spirit will perpetuate only when unity among the national brethren is strong.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets trainees of special refresher course No 25 for basic education teachers at CICS (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin. — MNA

commerce, building a healthy rural learning environment and ending backwardness.

Thanks to the ardent and cooperative efforts of the State service personnel including teachers and the rural people, rural development undertakings are gaining success leading to narrowing the education, health and economic gap. In this regard, teachers have the duty to help development drive reach every part of the Union and the Union exist long.

They should nurture children to develop their mind, vision and living styles in accord with the wish of the State. They should teach their pupils to observe school

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Clean water supply project undertaken...

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No 2 Electric Power Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Win Aung, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, officials, members of social organizations, wellwishers and guests. Minister Col Thein Nyunt reported on meas-

ures undertaken on supply of potable water. He said the government is implementing three major projects- border areas development project, 24-special region development project and rural development project for national development.

The potable water project was implemented in 7,776 villages of three divisions in dry zone up to the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Potable water is now available in 8,490 villages out of the 15,183 villages



Lt-Gen Myint Swe views documentary photos on supply of clean water in rural areas. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donations for supply of clean water in rural areas. — MNA

in other states and divisions. The safe water supply project has been undertaken in altogether 16,266 villages out of 23,225 in the whole country.

Altogether 2,116 tube wells were dug in states and divisions with the contribution of the wellwishers.

He said arrangements are being made for maintenance of the tube wells.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 1 million donated by the Union of

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Tatmadaw (Navy) members and families under the patronage of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and K 500,000 by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Ministers Col Thein Nyunt, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and officials accepted cash

down Our Three Main National Causes and objectives for the emergence of a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The government is implementing three major projects for development of the Union.

He said the clean water supply projects have been undertaken in 30 townships—seven in Sagaing Division, 12 in Magway Division and 11 in Mandalay Division.

He thanked the

Yangon-Mandalay special express...

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Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than formally opened the launching ceremony.

Next, the commander

and party embarked on the express train where they cordially greeted and presented gift as a gesture hailing the launch of the express to the passengers. The express train comprises three upper class carriages and 12 ordinary

class carriages. According to schedule, the express train departs from Yangon Railway Station at 5 pm and Mandalay Railway Station at 4.15 pm daily. The only stop-over is at Pinyinana Station.

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Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Rail Transportation Deputy Minister U Pe Than open a ceremony to launch Yangon- Mandalay special express train.— MNA



No-2 Electric Power Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives cash donation from a wellwisher. — MNA

nated by Myanmar War Veterans Organization, K 500,000 by USDA and K 1 million each by Commander of Yangon Command and family,

Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, Myanma Economic Corporation and other wellwishers.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe said the Head of State laid

wellwishers for cash donations. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the commander, the ministers and party inspected documentary photos of the projects.—MNA

Altogether 104 wellwishers donated K 96.68485 million at the ceremony.

Teachers urged to nurture ...

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discipline, community rules, social codes of conduct and the law. In this way, public adherence to law will flourish in the nation and the State stability and the rule of law can be ensured.

Likewise, if teachers are able to nurture youths' will to improve their own school and develop their society and their spirit to help others, they will surely become young men and women willing to develop the nation.

Especially, teachers should nurture youth's spirit to honour, love and cherish traditions and culture, observe the religious teachings, to have love and sympathy for the national brethren, so that the nation will have good sons and daughters who will safeguard the Union for its perpetuity and protect and promote the race and traditions and culture.

National vision will be always dynamic only when every youth has the spirit to love, cherish and preserve their own culture. Union Spirit will perpetuate only when unity among the national brethren is strong.

The present era is in the process of globalization along with ICT development. Some powers with media advantage are trying to infiltrate their opinions, culture and lifestyles into other nations on all political, economic, social and cultural fronts.

Hence, national people need to have correct vision, wider knowledge and national outlook to be able to see the international changes from the national point of view

to safeguard the national interest. Only then will all be able to ward off all alien infiltration through political, social, economic and cultural sectors.

Only when the entire people including students try to develop their national spirit equipped with international knowledge, will they be able to see Myanmar affairs from the international point of view and the global affairs from the national point of view.

In addition, they will be able to safeguard the national interest, while freeing themselves from narrow views and blindly relying on aliens and thinking highly of them.

He urged all the teachers to nurture their students to possess reasoning and thinking power and promote the strength of the youths.

He said destructive elements who want to seize State power by short-cut are instilling wrong ideas in youths and making instigations to cause disturbances and violence. Only high consideration of the youths can prevent against wrong ideas, harsh mind and violence.

He said the teachers are to widen the horizons of the youths and to nurture them to see prevailing conditions and national development and better basic foundations resulting from peace and tranquillity in the State and to be mindful of the losses the country had suffered owing to the disturbances.

The government has laid down political, economic and social objectives and is marching towards the national goal for the emergence of a new democratic nation through development. The National Convention, the first step of the seven-step Road Map, is held in all seriousness.

At the same time, the government is building basic foundations for better political, economic and social developments in order to shape a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

He said it is necessary for all citizens who will take part in efforts to build a peaceful, modern developed democratic nation in cooperation with the government to possess good qualifications such as knowledge, intellectual power, consideration and Union Spirit while confronting and overcoming internal and external destructive elements.

People can become good citizens through the uplift of national education. He urged the teachers to build a brighter future for the country and the people accepting the national duties in the education sector as the nation-building tasks.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 also urged the teachers to make efforts for uplift of national education for the emergence of a peaceful, modern developed nation and to take part in the tasks for successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map whatever roles they are in.

Next, the Secretary-1 presented prizes to outstanding trainee teachers and certificates to the group leaders. The Secretary-1 accepted K 50,000 for Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, restoration of ancient pagodas in Bagan, USDA, the National Convention, Tooth Relic Pagoda (Mandalay) and BEHS in Zeebingyi Village donated by trainee teachers.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the trainees.— MNA

Commander, minister ...

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Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin, senior military officers, heads of departments and responsible personnel and local people.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw made a



Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min gives a present to a passenger.— MNA

speech on the occasion, saying that the State Peace and Development Council was striving for all-round development of the State with might and main. The national brethren became more close contacts and more friendly when the transportation was easy and smooth. As a result, the SPDC implemented a series of projects of transport facilities for further strengthening of national consolidation across the country. With extended rail transportation from Nay Pyi Taw to all parts of the country, the SPDC was laying emphasis on smooth and secure flow of commodity and passengers between Yangon and Mandalay Divisions. The first step was to launch special express train service between Yangon and Mandalay. Mandalay is the main point of all railway lines. Two railroad sections — Yangon-Mandalay and Mandalay-Myintkyina link Mandalay. Trains carried kitchen crops, vegetables, rice, meat and fish necessary for Mandalay. Thanks to the Government for implementation of transport facilities with goodwill, Mandalay Division is beefing up for uplift of socio-economic life of the people.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min made a speech on the occasion, saying that the ministry extended building of railroads and railway schedule in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. Moreover it made arrangements to launch freight trains and greens trains and was fulfilling the requirements of passengers and the commodity.

The first step was to launch special express train



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw presents a gift to a passenger.— MAN

service on Yangon-Mandalay railroad section. For Yangon-Mandalay trip, a special express train leaves Yangon Station at 5 pm and arrives at Mandalay at 7 am the next day. For Mandalay-Yangon trip, the special express train leaves Mandalay at 4.15 pm and arrives at Yangon at 6.45 am the next day. The train stops only one station Pyinmana on its way. The train will raise its mile per hour upcoming open season. Myanma Railways was using 222 passenger trains, 185 circular trains and 24 freight trains to fulfill the needs of the passengers and the freight transport.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min opened the ceremony to launch the special express train. Next, the commander, the minister and the deputy ministers and departmental heads sprinkled the scented water on new coaches.

After inspecting Yangon-Mandalay special express train, the commander and party cordially greeted the passengers and presented souvenirs to them at Mandalay Station. Down and up trains leave Yangon at 5 pm and Mandalay at 4.15 am and stop only one station Pyinmana. The special express trains are made up of 12 coaches of ordinary-class, two coaches of upper-class, one restaurant car and one sleeper. The coaches are out of 130 presented by the People's Republic of China during the goodwill visit of the Prime Minister. The remaining coaches will be used on Yangon-Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay railroad sections.

MNA

SSA (South) Ywet Sit group keeps on committing terrorist acts recruiting minors

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — SSA (South) insurgent group of Ywet Sit has been committing atrocities such as murdering innocent people, committing indiscriminate shooting, planting mines, setting villages on fire and mobilizing villagers as new recruits forcibly, etc. Thus, the Government declared the SSA (South) Ywet Sit group and related associations unlawful association on 28-8-2005 and the SSA (South) insurgent group and its members as terrorists on 25-8-2006.

However, the SSA (South) Ywet Sit group has been continuing to commit atrocities brazenly and

indiscriminately. At about 8 pm on 31 August 2006, some ten members led by SSA (South) brigade-759 battalion-365 column commander Phe Kwan entered Khoseng village of Mongtoke village-tract in Maukmai Township, Shan State (South) and abducted 3 villagers namely Aik Lian, 17, son of U Thuta; Aik Lian Ein, 16, son of U Sai Sai; and Aik Kham, 15, son of U Khun Lu as new recruits, it is learnt.

As SSA (South) group has been mobilizing minors as new recruits, local people are worrying much about their children, it is learnt. — MNA

Israeli paraglider rescued from minefield

JERUSALEM, 4 Sept — An Israeli man had to be rescued from the middle of a minefield on Saturday after crashing his paraglider near the border with Syria.

The unidentified man took off from a peak in the Golan Heights and drifted east towards the Syrian and Jordanian borders before crashing in the minefield, severely injuring his legs in the fall, rescue services said. Several hours later he was retrieved and evacuated to hospital by helicopter, an Army spokesman said.

Paragliding, in which participants jump off tall peaks or cliffs with a parachute strapped to their back, is a popular sport in the Golan, where there are many steep mountains.

The man's parachute is believed to have malfunctioned.

MNA/Reuters



Members of the third Infantry Division of the Philippine Army prepare relief supplies for affected families of the oil spill in Guimaras island, central Philippines, on 3 Sept, 2006.

INTERNET

Flood claims 3 lives in northern Thailand

BANGKOK, 4 Sept — Flash flood and landslide warnings have been issued through Thailand's northern provinces, as three

persons drowned in the northern province of Sukhothai Saturday, the official *Thai News Agency* reported Sunday.

Malaysia to cooperate with Indonesia in Lebanese peacekeeping mission

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 Sept — Malaysia is willing to cooperate with Indonesia and Brunei to join the peacekeeping mission in Lebanon, Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said on Sunday.

Najib made the remarks when asked to comment on the news reports that Indonesia will send 1,000 troops to southern Lebanon starting this month.

However, Najib, who is also Defence Minister, added that Malaysia has not received any indication from the United Nations on approval for Malaysian troops to serve in Lebanon.

"We are still hopeful and we have told the UN Secretary-General that we are very keen to send our troops to Lebanon," Najib

was quoted as saying by the *Bernama* news agency in Kuantan, capital of Pahang State.

Earlier media reports said Israel has objected to the participation of

Malaysian troops in the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon on grounds that Kuala Lumpur has no diplomatic relations with Tel Aviv.

MNA/Xinhua

Low-risk H5N1 bird flu found in Pennsylvania ducks

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept — Mallard ducks in Pennsylvania have tested positive for a low-pathogenic strain of the H5N1 bird flu virus, the US Agriculture and Interior departments said on Saturday, adding to cases detected recently in Maryland and Michigan.

A strain of the H5N1 avian influenza virus was found in wild ducks sampled on 28 August in Crawford County in northwestern Pennsylvania.

"Testing has ruled out the possibility of this being the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain that has spread through birds in Asia, Europe and Africa," USDA and Interior said in a statement. "Test results thus far indicate this is low pathogenic avian influenza, which poses no risk to human health."

The government said it was conducting additional tests to determine, in part, if the ducks had H5N1 or two separate strains with one virus contributing H5 and the other N1. A second round of tests could take five to 10 more days to confirm whether it was the low-pathogenic H5N1 bird flu. — MNA/Reuters



Several ducks rest on the lawn in front of the Capitol Hill in Washington, the United States, on 2 Sept, 2006. US Agriculture and Interior Departments said on Saturday that a low-risk strain of bird flu had been found in wild ducks in the state of Pennsylvania.

XINHUA



Chinese actress Zhou Xun (L) and Zhang Ziyi act during a photocall of Chinese director Feng Xiaogang's movie "The Banquet" at the 63rd Venice Film Festival in Venice of Italy, on 3 Sept, 2006. — XINHUA

"NY Times" says US halts airport explosives detectors

NEW YORK, 4 Sept — The Transportation Security Administration is suspending installation of the only airport checkpoint device that automatically screens passengers for hidden explosives due to problems with the system's reliability, *The New York Times* reported in Sunday editions.

"We are seeing some issues that we did not anticipate" with the devices known as "puffers", the *Times*

quoted Randy Null, the agency's chief technology officer as saying.

Introduction of the so-called trace-detection portals, nicknamed puffers because they blow air while searching for residue from explosives, was far behind schedule even before the TSA moved to reassess whether they should be modified or upgraded or whether to wait until better versions are available, the *Times* said. — MNA/Reuters

The water of the Yom River overflowed its banks and inundated farmlands and homes in four districts of Sukhothai, while clean drinking water is also in short supply, as the tap water distribution system in the area has stopped functioning.

Three victims, including a 14-year-old boy and a schoolteacher, were reportedly drowned in two villages. The boy was sailing with his friends when his boat overturned in strong currents and he got drowned.

River water overflowed its banks and inundated about 40,000 acres of farmland, destroying rice crops which were about to be harvested.

Five villages of Sukhothai face shortage of potable water as water pipelines have been damaged by the strong floods. Provincial officials are dispatching clean water for distribution to local residents. The Meteorological Department has reported that the southwestern monsoon will continue to wreak havoc this week, causing heavy rain in about 40 per cent to 60 per cent of the country's land.

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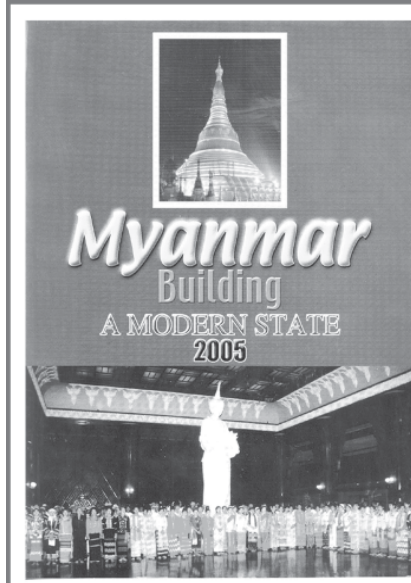
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Three Indians killed in Iraq

NEW DELHI, 3 Sept— Three Indian men were shot dead by unidentified militants in Iraq, said Minister of State for External Affairs E Ahamed here Saturday.

Ahamed was quoted by *Indo-Asian News Service* as saying that the three men, residents of southeast India's Andhra Pradesh, were kidnapped from Rutba, a small Iraqi town about 100 kilometres southwest of Baghdad, on 31 August night when they were on their way to Baghdad from Damascus, the Syrian capital.— *MNA/Xinhua*



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Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation, the Union of Myanmar, from reputed manufacturers or their bona fide agents from the Republic of India for the supply and delivery of the followings:

Sr. No	Tender No.	Description	Tender Issuing Date	Tender Closing Date & Tender Opening Date	Tender Document Fee (per set)
1.	19/MR/INDIA/(M)/2006-2007	Drop Forging Plant	5-9-2006 (Tuesday)	6.11.2006 (Monday)	US\$ 50

Tender Documents are available at the Office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, No. 357/361, Merchant Street, Botataung Township, Yangon the Union of Myanmar during office hours on payment of non refundable fee as stated above. Tender documents can be also available at the Embassy of the Union of Myanmar, New Delhi, India. Further enquiries about tender can be made to Managing Director, Myanma Railways (Fax No. 9567405036, 9567405347, 951298636) by fax or by phone to 9567405026, 9567405346, 951298590, 951291982, during office hours.

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The above Goods are to be purchased by the proceeds of the loan from the Government of the Republic of India.

Managing Director, Myanma Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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

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CPC official meets Madagascan President on bilateral ties

ANTANANARIBO, 3 Sept— Wu Guanzheng, a high-ranking official of the Communist Party of China (CPC), met with Madagascan President Marc Ravalomanana on Thursday.

Wu, who is member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC's Central Committee and also secretary of the CPC Central Commission for

Discipline Inspection, passed on Chinese President Hu Jintao's good wishes to Ravalomanana. He said China and Madagascar have a long history of friendship. Over the 34 years since the establishment of diplomatic ties, the two countries have constantly strengthened exchanges and cooperation in such fields as politics, economy and trade, health care,

culture and education, and well cooperated in international affairs.

The Chinese side appreciates and thanks Madagascar's firm adherence to the one-China policy and its support for China's reunification, Wu said, adding that he believes that the mutually-beneficial cooperation between the two countries will surely be consolidated and

developed with efforts from both sides.

MNA/Xinhua

US education department shares data with FBI

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept — The US Education Department shared personal information on hundreds of student loan applicants with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) across a five-year period that began after the 11 September, 2001, terror attacks,

newspapers reported Friday.

Under the programme, called Project Strikeback, the Education Department, which collects information from 14 million applications for federal student aid each year, received names from the FBI and checked them against its student aid

database, and then forwarded information to the FBI.

The agencies said the programme had been closed, but neither of them would say whether any investigations had resulted, *The New York Times* reported.

MNA/Xinhua

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The United Arab Emirates Airlines crew members pose for a group photo after their first flight from Dubai to Beijing at the Beijing Capital International Airport (BCIA) on 1 Sept, 2006. Flight EK307, the first direct flight launched by the United Arab Emirates Airlines between Beijing and Dubai, capital of the United Arab Emirates, arrived in Beijing on Friday.—XINHUA

US scientists challenge Pluto's demotion

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept — Hundreds of US scientists have challenged a recent decision by an international astronomy group to strip Pluto of its planetary status with a petition rejecting its definition of what constitutes a planet.

The astronomical insurrection shows that debate is likely to continue over the status of the icy rock at the edge of the solar system that was considered the ninth planet until a vote last week by the International Astronomical Union.

Petition organizer Alan Stern said the union's decision was driven by politics, not science.

"The IAU can say the

sky is green all day long and that doesn't make it so," said Stern, a planetary scientist at the Southwest Research Institute in Boulder, Colorado.

"The IAU created a definition which is technically flawed, linguistically flawed and scientifically embarrassing," Stern said in a phone interview.

The 300 astronomers and planetary scientists

who signed the petition said they would not use the IAU's definition. Dis-senters are organizing a conference next year to hash out a better definition, Stern said.

Pluto has been considered the ninth planet since it was discovered 1930. But the 2003 discovery of a nearby, larger body known as Xena prompted a reconsideration.

MNA/Reuters

Celtel introduces mobile Internet in Zambia

LUSAKA, 3 Sept — Celtel Zambia has introduced for first time mobile Internet access facility to the Zambian market to provide clients with quick access through their mobile phone handsets or laptops, *Times of Zambia* reported on Friday.

The mobile Internet access product is part of its 110 million US dollars investment programme for 2006, according to the newspaper.

A limited number of selected corporate clients will familiarize themselves with the product for the next six weeks before it is made available to everyone else.

Celtel managing director David Venn said here on Wednesday that during the six weeks, the selected clients will enjoy free, fast and reliable mobile Internet access. By having a data hooked to laptops or handsets, they will be able to read e-mail at the speed of up to 175 kilobytes per second.

He said Celtel mobile Internet access allows users to download voice, pictures, video and audio files faster than ever and gives subscribers the convenience to remain connected to the offices through a laptop anywhere they can find the Celtel signal in Zambia.

Celtel data mobile

project manager Claudio Goffi said the user will need a data card for a laptop and connect the handsets to the laptop, while the other option will be to surf from the computer.

MNA/Xinhua



The risk of developing Alzheimer's was cut by 76% among those who drank fruit or vegetable juice more than 3 times a week, according to a study published on 1 Sept, 2006 in the *American Journal of Medicine*.
INTERNET

Experts stress need for wildlife conservation strategy in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 4 Sept — With four one-horned rhino killed by poachers in a month in a national park in central Nepal, conservation experts have concluded that wildlife conservation strategy now badly requires revamping to effectively fight against the "high-level rackets of poachers".

According to Sunday's *The Himalayan Times* newspaper, taking advantage of political instability and difficulties in local administration, poachers killed four rhinos in about a month's time in the buffer zone of the Chitwan National Park, some 100 kilometres west of Kathmandu.

This fetched sharp

international criticism to the government and the non-governmental conservation bodies.

"At this point of time, we have realized that a new, inclusive and comprehensive strategy should be made to protect the threatened species of rhinos from the hands of the poachers," conservation programme director at World Wildlife Fund (WWF)-Nepal Anil Manandhar said.

Steps have been taken to form a network of wildlife watch group with participation of political parties and local communities, he said, adding that the government should be more open with its policies

on conservation and should keep it free from political influence.

MNA/Xinhua

Former top British judge to head Princess Diana inquest

LONDON, 4 Sept — One of Britain's most senior former judges is poised to take control of the inquest into Princess Diana's death, a newspaper said on Saturday.

Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss will replace the royal coroner Michael Burgess, who withdrew from the case in July blaming his "heavy and constant" workload, the *Times* reported.

The inquest into the death of Diana, her companion Dodi al-Fayed and their driver in a 1997 Paris car crash began in 2004. Butler-Sloss will examine the circumstances surrounding the crash and evidence from an inquiry into their deaths headed by John Stevens, the former head of the Metropolitan Police, the report said.

A spokesman for the Department for Constitutional Affairs would not confirm the appointment, saying it would be handled by Burgess. A spokeswoman for his office said the report was "pure speculation".

A French inquiry in 1999 ruled that the Princess' car crashed in a tunnel because her driver, Henri Paul, was drunk and driving too fast.

MNA/Reuters



A soldier of the 2nd corps of engineers of the French Foreign Legion works to build a bridge in Damour, south of Beirut, on 3 Sept, 2006. Some two hundred and forty French soldiers arrived in the Lebanese capital on a humanitarian mission to rebuild bridges damaged by Israeli bombing in southern Lebanon.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Five-goal Bosnia off to a flying start

TA'QALI (Malta), 4 Sept— Bosnia & Herzegovina made a flying start to their Euro 2008 Group C qualifying trek on Saturday when they dismissed Malta 5-2.

Three goals inside the opening 45 minutes and two quick fire strikes early in the second half ensured Bosnia suffered no opening-day blues against a fighting but limited Maltese team who failed to make home advantage count.

Skipper Sergej Barbarez' fifth-minute opener for Bosnia was

cancelled out by Jamie Pace's thunderbolt but Blaz Sliskovic's side restored their lead on 10 minutes, Mirko Hrgovic slotting home after some sloppy defending by the home team.

MNA/Reuters

Petrov double gives Bulgaria 2-2 draw against Romania

CONSTANTA (Romania), 4 Sept— A late double by Bulgaria striker Martin Petrov salvaged a 2-2 draw against Romania in their Euro 2008 Group G qualifier on Saturday.

Petrov scored both his goals in the 82nd minute when he converted an 18-metre freekick and then added another after a perfect cross from the right 40 seconds later.

Romania dominated most of the play forcing Bulgaria coach Hristo Stoichkov to replace two midfielders at the break in an attempt to change his team's style of play.

Laurentiu Rosu had opened the scoring for the home side five minutes before halftime after being set up by Adrian Mutu. Romania went 2-0 ahead thanks to a fine individual goal by Ciprian Marica who dribbled past two defenders and goalkeeper Georgi Petkov to score 10 minutes into the second half.

MNA/Reuters

Late goal hands Albania 2-2 draw in Belarus

MINSK, 4 Sept— Albania defender Besnik Hasi netted a late equalizer to secure a 2-2 draw against Belarus in their Euro 2008 Group G qualifier on Saturday.

Belarus led 2-1 lead at the break. Winger Timofei Kalachev put the hosts ahead after two minutes before Albania's Ervin Skela slotted in a penalty five minutes later to level.

On 24 minutes midfielder Maksim Romashchenko scored Belarus' second goal with a strike into Albania's bottom right-hand corner. Hasi earned a point for Albania four minutes from time. Belarus travel to the Netherlands for their next match on Wednesday while Albania host Romania. —MNA/Reuters



Italy's Antonio Cassano reacts after Lithuania's Tomas Danilevicius (not pictured) scored during their Euro 2008 Group B qualifying soccer match at the San Paolo Stadium in Naples on 2 Sept, 2006. The match ended 1-1.—XINHUA

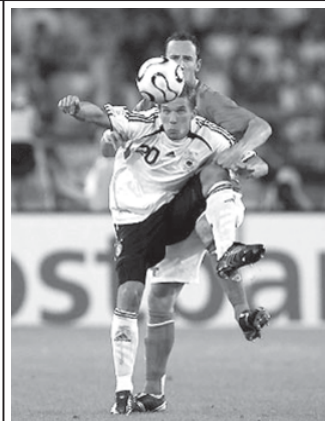
Solskjaer scores twice as Norway rout Hungary

BUDAPEST, 4 Sept— Norway thrashed error-plagued Hungary 4-1 in a Euro 2008 Group C qualifier to start their campaign with an impressive away win on Saturday.

Manchester United striker Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scored a brace, his first international goals since 2003, while right winger Fredrik Stromstad and midfielder Morten Gamst Pedersen added the other two.

Hungary defender Laszlo Eger gifted Solskjaer the opening goal after 15 minutes, his poor back pass allowing the striker to round Gabor Kiraly and score. Stromstad got the second on 32 minutes after defender Zolt Low lost the ball on the edge of his penalty area.

Pedersen made it 3-0 three minutes before the break from a tight angle and Solskjaer was gifted another goal when Kiraly allowed his shot to go through his legs. —MNA/Reuters



Germany's Lukas Podolski vies for a ball with Ireland's player during the Group D Euro 2008 qualifying soccer match between Germany and the Republic of Ireland at the Gottlieb-Daimler stadium in Stuttgart, southwestern Germany, on 2 Sept, 2006. Germany defeated Ireland 1-0.—XINHUA

Gudjohnsen feat as Iceland rout Northern Ireland

DUBLIN, 4 Sept— Barcelona forward Eidir Gudjohnsen became Iceland's joint top-scorer on Saturday, netting in a 3-0 demolition of Northern Ireland in their Euro 2008 Group F qualifier at Windsor Park in Belfast.

The away side had the game wrapped up in the first half. Gunnar Heidar Thorvaldsson took advantage of poor marking to net the opener on 13 minutes and Hermann Hreidarsson made it 2-0

from a corner seven minutes later. Gudjohnsen then added a third, his 17th international goal.

The striker shares the accolade with Rikhardur Jonsson who scored 17 times between 1947 and 1965.

Northern Ireland threw themselves into a goalless second half and had plenty of chances, including a disallowed offside goal from David Healy, but to no avail.

MNA/Reuters

Sweden start qualifying campaign with 1-0 win in Latvia

RIGA, 4 Sept— Sweden beat Latvia 1-0 in their opening Euro 2008 Group F qualifier on Saturday

with Kim Kallstrom scoring the only goal of a tightly contested match. Kallstrom was left un-

marked and unchallenged on the edge of the penalty area after 39 minutes to wrong-foot goalkeeper Aleksandrs Kolinko to score what proved to be the winner.

Latvia chased the equalizer throughout the second half and created a series of opportunities, but failed to capitalize on any of them. Swedish goalkeeper Rami Shaaban was forced to make several spectacular saves for Sweden to notch up three points for the win.

Iceland, Denmark, Spain, Liechtenstein and Luxemburg complete the group. —MNA/Reuters

Winning start is no sweat for England

MANCHESTER (England), 4 Sept— England opened their Euro 2008 qualifying campaign with a 5-0 victory over Andorra in a one-sided Group E game at Old Trafford on Saturday.

A goal apiece from Peter Crouch and Steven Gerrard inside the first 15 minutes settled the outcome, Jermain Defoe hit two more either side of halftime and Crouch headed the fifth.

It could not have gone smoother for Steve McClaren's first competitive game as England manager since replacing his former boss Sven-Goran Eriksson after the World Cup.

MNA/Reuters



Japanese pitcher Yukiko Ueno prepares for throwing during a playoff match against China at ISF Women's Softball Championships in Beijing, on 3 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA



Spain's David Villa, left, celebrates with Raul Gonzalez after Villa scored the second goal against Liechtenstein during the Group F Euro 2008 qualifying soccer match at the Nuevo Vivero stadium in Badajoz, Spain, on 2 Sept, 2006. The match ended 4-0.—Xinhua



Spain's Pau Gasol raises the Naismith trophy after the victory over Greece during the final game at the world basketball championships in Saitama, Japan, on 3 Sept, 2006. Xinhua

Buddha Pujaniya at pagoda in NyaungU



Wellwishers donate provisions to members of Sangha at Buddha Pujaniya of Sandarmuni Pagoda in NyaungU Township. — MNA

YANGON, 3 Sept — The Buddha Pujaniya of ancient pagoda Hsutaung-pyae Sandarmuni Pagoda was held at the pagoda in NyaungU, Mandalay Division on 29 and 30 August.

During the ceremony, cash and kind were of-

ferred to 346 members of Sangha and 14 nuns.

At the four-storey monastery, schoolhead of Insein Township No 2 BEHS Daw Khin May Than, teachers and students donated meals to State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Agga Maha

Pandita NyaungU Township Gukyang Sayadaw Bhaddanta Zagaya and members of Sangha.

Next, the congregation received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw and shared merits gained.

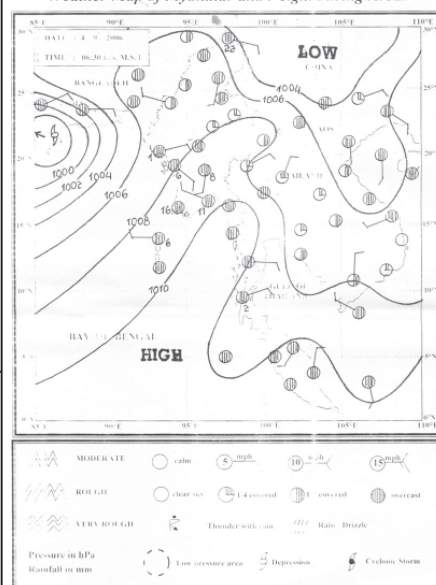
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“Storm News”

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 4-9-2006)

Yesterday's low pressure area over North Bay intensified into a depression. According to the observations at (12:30) hours MST today, this depression has moved northwesterly in direction and crossed the Orissa Coast near Balasore, India.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Tuesday, 5 September
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Move away Culture Club
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -One & One Robert Miles -Bittersweet me REM
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Beautiful ones Suede
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -The whole world's gonna know Mr Big -Good thing Gareth Gates
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Until you come back W Houston -Love is on the way Saigon Kick -Another day Dream Theatre -Alone again Dokken -High enough Damn Yankees
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level (I) Unit (23)
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music for your listening pleasure -Love is love Alex -Words Bee Gees -It's your love Natural -Stay the same Joey McIntyre -Everything I do Bryan Adams
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

WEATHER

Monday, 4 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kachin State and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pyay (1.15) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.06) inches, Yangon (Central) (0.98) inch and Putao (0.87) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-9-2006 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 4-9-2006 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-9-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 3-9-2006 was (0.3) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 4-9-2006 were (1.06) inches at Mingaladon, (0.44) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.98) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (82.56) inches at Mingaladon, (93.90) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northwest at (18:30) hours MST on 3-9-2006.

Bay inference: Yesterday's low pressure area over North Bay intensified into a depression. According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, this depression has moved northwesterly in direction and crossed the Orissa Coast near Balasore, India. Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah and Southern Shan States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Northern Shan and Mon States, Taninthayi Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 5-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 5-9-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers with some bright hours. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 5-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 5 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 4. မဟာဝံသမြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓ (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (ဗုဒ္ဓပဝဓနာ) (ဣန္ဒာဆွေရေးဖွဲ့၊ ပူဇော်၍ မောင်မောင်ကြီး သီဆို ပူဇော်သည်)
- 7:50 am
- 5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:00 am
- 6. ကဗျာပန်းညွှယ်ပျဉ်

- 8:05 am
- 7. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
- 8. Song of yesteryears
- 8:30 am
- 9. ဆပ်သွားတံတား
- 8:45 am
- 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. အမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန တတိယအကြိမ်မြောက်ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆူ) (အထက-၁၊ တောင်ငူဥက္ကလယ) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:45 pm
- 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
- 5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm
- 6. “ဟွန်းသံ” (ဧရာနုသံယာဉ်ထိန်းရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့ဝင်များ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)
- 5:20 pm
- 7. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm
- 8. Evening news

- 6:30 pm
- 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:50 pm
- 11. နိုင်ငံခြားကတန်းစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ “ဓာတ်တွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 7:10 pm
- 12. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ်(၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ဖြိုင်ပွဲ (အရေးကဏ္ဍအထူးဆန်းစဉ်)
- 7:30 pm
- 13. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ဖြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 7:45 pm
- 14. ဦးနုကံမိုးမြတ် ရွှေမောဓာဓေတီတော်
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. (၃၈) ကြိမ်မြောက် မာဒေးကား ဗဟူးဘောလုံးဖြိုင်ပွဲအုပ်စုပွဲစဉ် (မြန်မာနှင့်ထိုင်း)
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ “စပိုင်ချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 20. The next day's programme

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Clean water supply project undertaken in 16,266 villages out of 23,225 nationwide

12th cash donation for supply of clean water in rural areas held

YANGON, 4 Sept — The 12th cash donation for the supply of clean water in rural areas was held at Development Affairs Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs on Thanlyetsoon Street in Botahtaung Township this evening, with an address by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Altogether 104 wellwishers donated K 96.68485 million at the ceremony. Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of

Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for (See page 9)

Clean water supply projects have been undertaken in 30 townships—seven in Sagaing Division, 12 in Magway Division and 11 in Mandalay Division.

Commander, minister attend ceremony to launch special express train service

YANGON, 4 Sept — With the purpose of ensuring more convenient

travelling for train passengers who are going to Yangon and Mandalay, a

ceremony to launch a Mandalay-Yangon special express train service

was held at the platform 1 of Mandalay Station this afternoon.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min attended the ceremony and presented souvenirs to the passengers to mark the launch of the special express train.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for (See page 10)



Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw delivers an address at the launching of Mandalay-Yangon special express train. — MNA

Special express train service begins

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

Myanma Railways

Yangon-Mandalay special express train launched

YANGON, 4 Sept — Ministry of Rail Transportation launched today Yangon-Mandalay special express train at the platform 1 of Yangon Railway Station.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City (See page 9)

The express train comprises three upper class carriages and 12 ordinary class carriages. The express train departs from Yangon Railway Station at 5 pm and Mandalay Railway Station at 4.15 pm daily.



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Rail Transportation Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspect special Yangon-Mandalay express train. — MNA