

Progress in construction and cultivation tasks of Bhamo District inspected Commander tours Northern Command area

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint viewed thriving 200 acres of monsoon paddy of the local battalion near Mandalay-Tagaung-Bhamo Road in Shwegu Township on 1 September morning.

At the mile post 120/7 on the road, the commander inspected the area for cultivation of teak plantations of local battalions.

The commander inspected 200 acres of teak plantation set up by the Ministry of Forestry in the Shwegu Forest Reserve, and gave instructions on extended cultivation of teak and conservation of natural forest to the chairman of Shwegu Township PDC and departmental officials.

In the afternoon, the commander looked into thriving 1,889 acres of physic nut plantation cultivated by personnel of all township level departments in Ngabatgyi Village of Shwegu Township.

After paying homage to Maha Aungmye Pagoda in Kaungton Village of Bhamo Township, the commander met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at the prayer hall of the pagoda. The commander explained undertakings for five rural development tasks. He heard reports on requirements of the locals and fulfilled their requirements.

Next, the commander inspected renovation of the road leading to the village and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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Commander inspects Htet Ma Ngin Dam in Kengtung

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace

and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and officials inspected Htet Ma Ngin Dam near Tin Lat village in Kengtung Township on 2 September.

The commander looked into maintenance of the dam, its water storage capacity and supply of drinking water for the wards in the township, and gave instructions to the officials.

On arrival at 10-

acre physic nut plantation of Kengtung Station, Col Myint Ko Ko of the Station conducted the commander around the plantation.

Later, Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing attended the prize distribution ceremony of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions for 2006 of Shan State (East) at the city hall in Kengtung.

The commander and officials presented prizes to the winners in

the competitions. Prize winners entertained the audience with traditional songs and dances.

In the evening, the commander attended the final match of U-21 Shan State (East) PDC's Cup Football Tournament for 2006 and presented prizes to the champion and runner-up teams.

Altogether nine teams from the townships in Shan State (East) took part in the tournament.

MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 8 September, 2006

Try to raise the literacy rate

Today, 8 September, is the International Literacy Day. Myanmar has been constantly engaged in the tasks for literacy since the Bagan period. The youth, irrespective of sex, pursued their basic education in monasteries. Since that time, good traditions of learning and exchange of knowledge have flourished in Myanmar.

Nowadays, literacy activities are being carried out in conjunction with the long-term education plan. Due to the concerted efforts of the Ministry of Education, regional authorities, social organizations and the entire people, the enrolment of school-age children in primary schools for the academic year 2005-2006 was 97.58 per cent.

Also included in the literacy activities are adult literacy and non-formal education. Three R's courses for adults are being conducted in various states and divisions and border areas. In the summer of this year, literacy campaigns were carried out in 82 townships in border areas and more than 14,000 trainees attended the literacy courses. Now, as the literacy rate in Myanmar is 94.35 per cent, it is one of the Group-A nations (nations with high literacy rate) in Asia and the Pacific region.

Knowledge gained from reading can deepen the thoughts of the reader and enable him or her to have new ideas. These are the advantages of being literate and reading. In Myanmar, literacy campaigns are being carried out with the national outlook and there is gaining momentum. We must not be complacent about progress but are to make sustained efforts to achieve greater success.

Cash donated to funds for construction of Gandakuti building at Shwe Myet Hman Pagoda in Shwedaung

YANGON, 7 Sept — The second cash donation ceremony for construction of the Gandakuti building with tiered roof at Shwe Myet Hman Pagoda was held at the pagoda in Shwedaung on 2 September.

Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Min Swe explained the brief history of the pagoda and the purpose of construction task.

Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Presiding Nayaka of Gandayon Monastery of Shwedaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Aggavamsa administered the Five Precepts.

Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Col Sein Myint accepted K 4 million donated by Daw Marlar Nyan together with sisters of Kye Aung Chantha Furniture Mart of Tamway Township; K 3 million by U Raju (a) U Hla Win-Daw Kyi Kyi Win and family of 14, Shweli Road in U Wisara Avenue of Yangon; K 2 million by Captain Tun Aung Tha (a) U Aung (Retd)-Daw Khin Win of Kyimyindine Township; K 1 million each by U Win Naing-Daw Pyone Pyone Wai of Kandawgale, Yangon, and U Waing Tin-Daw Tin Than of Shwedaung, and presented certificates of honour to them. — 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 Command sees exceeding target acres of physic nut

YANGON, 6 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win went to Hmawby Township and inspected 100-acre physic nut plantations of a local battalion and 1,500-acre plantation of Yangon Command.

On his inspection tour, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win called for exceeding the target acres of cultivation and fulfilled the requirements.

The local battalion has already succeeded in meeting the target cultivation of physic nut and has made arrangements for extended cultivation of rubber, said an officer of the battalion in his report to the commander.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win also called for cultivation of other cash crops mixing with physic nut plants and providing assistance to those who were wishing to cultivate physic nut in the township. — MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects 100-acre physic nut plantation in Hmawby Township. — MNA



MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 7 Sept — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Maung Maung Than	Director-General Immigration and National Registration Department Ministry of Immigration and Population
(b) U Thein Aung	Director-General Directorate of Industries Ministry of Industry-1

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Director-General U Aung Kyaing of the Health Planning Department under the Ministry of Health as Director-General of the same department under the Ministry of Health on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA

Thingangyun Education College students become USDA members

YANGON, 5 Sept — Students of Thingangyun Education College in Yangon East District submitted applications for membership of the Union Solidarity and Development Association yesterday to CEC member of USDA Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

On behalf of the students, Principal of the college Daw Cho Cho presented 228 membership applications to Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

At the ceremony to present the applications, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presented documents related to supply of drinking water to the college to Principal Daw Cho Cho.

After the ceremony, the mayor also handed over 100 desks for a post-primary school and two primary schools in the township donated by Yangon Division USDA. Next, the mayor accepted 143 membership applications presented by Thangangyun Township Basic Education High School U Myo Myint. — MNA



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presents a document relating to donation of desks to a headmistress. — YCDC



Visitors talk outside of a booth of the Hong Kong Watch and Clock Fair 2006 in Hong Kong on 6 Sept, 2006. A total of 819 exhibitors from 19 countries and regions participated in the event. —INTERNET

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“Sun” says Blair to resign next July

LONDON, 6 Sept — British Prime Minister Tony Blair will step down on 26 July after quitting as Labour Party leader on 31 May next year, the Sun newspaper reports in its Wednesday edition.

“It’s been known to me for some time that the Prime Minister has had a date in mind, and we’ve been working hard on it,” the newspaper’s political editor George Pascoe-Watson told Sky News television.

“We’ve actually been able to nail down the date that he has put in his diary.”

Blair’s office declined to comment on the story: “We have no intention of commenting on any speculation of the

timetable,” a spokeswoman said.

The right-leaning tabloid, Britain’s largest-selling daily newspaper, has a reputation for accurate political scoops.

Pascoe-Watson said he believed Blair’s Finance Minister and likely successor, Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, was aware of the date.

Blair would step down as party leader and eight weeks would be needed for Brown to see off party challengers to succeed him. —MNA/Reuters

22nd APCC held in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 6 Sept— Asia’s robust demand for energy will create many exciting economic opportunities for world energy companies, a Singapore Government official said here on Tuesday.

Speaking at the opening of the 22nd Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conference (APCC), Singapore’s Minister of State for Trade and Industry S Iswaran said that from the supply side, there is a general consensus that oil will continue to have a central

role as the world’s dominant energy source. However, with oil prices hovering consistently at the current high levels, people have also seen its impact across other energy and energy-related sectors including the prices of gas, electricity, palm oil, and

even silicon.

On the demand side, he continued, Asia’s need to fuel its growing economies has been the main demand driver for energy in the world in recent years. For oil, according to the BP Statistical Review of World Energy

2006, Asia accounted for nearly half of the increase in global demand in the last four years.

The minister stressed that Singapore, Asia’s traditional energy hub and with a strategic location at the confluence of trade routes, is well positioned to tap on these new opportunities.

Beyond building on the oil refining, logistics and trading industry, Singapore is also developing new strengths in other energy areas such as gas and alternative energy, he added.

As Asia’s oil hub, Singapore’s refineries have been operating at full capacities, and its logistics throughput reached more than 137 million tons of oil and oil products last year. — MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 6 Sept, 2006 shows “Fu Niu Le Le”, mascot for the 2008 Paralympic Games which was unveiled during a grand ceremony held at the Badaling section of the Great Wall in Beijing.

XINHUA

China growth forecasts rise again

LONDON, 6 Sept—The Chinese economy is likely to grow even faster than previously thought this year, according to the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The body has upped its forecast for China’s growth rate to 10.4%, from its previous prediction of 9.5%.

China’s growth shows no sign of slowing down despite government efforts to cool activity in areas such as construction.

Indian output is also set to exceed earlier expectations, with its economy now forecast to grow by 7.8% this year.

This is up from the 7.6% annual rise predicted in April.

In its latest update on the region’s economy, the ADB said China and India would bolster developing Asia’s growth as a whole in 2006, forecasts for which it has revised upwards from 7.2% to 7.7%.

But it warned that countries in the region needed to adjust more quickly to

high oil prices and do more to stimulate investment.

In its own update on Tuesday, the Organization for Economic Development (OECD) revised its growth forecast for the G7 countries upwards to 3%, but clipped Japan’s growth projection from 2.8% to 2.5%. —Internet

Sulphur dioxide leak in China sends 184 to hospital

YICHANG (Hubei), 6 Sept — A sulphur di-

oxide leak sent 184 local residents, some living more than a kilometre from the accident, to hospital in Yichang, central China’s Hubei Province, confirmed local officials Monday afternoon.

The accident occurred at 4:50 pm Sunday, when sulphur dioxide leaked from the Hubei Yihua Dajiang Fertilizer Co., Ltd, said Huang Chun, head of the Yichang Bureau of Work Safety.

By Monday noon, 163 had been released from hospital while ten were still being treated for poisoning. The cause of the accident is under investigation. — MNA/Xinhua

Three US soldiers killed in fighting in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 Sept— Two US Marines and one sailor were killed in combat in Iraq’s volatile al-Anbar Province, the US military said in a statement on Tuesday.

The three, all assigned to Regimental Combat Team 5, were killed on Monday “due to enemy action,” the statement said, without elaborating.

The US military suffers daily casualty in Iraq, though it claims that violence in the country is abating. In the past two days, eight US soldiers were killed in Iraq, mostly in al-Anbar Province believed to be a stronghold of Sunni guerrillas. At least 2,653 US military servicemen have been killed in Iraq since the outbreak of the US-led war on the oil-rich Arab country in March 2003, according to media count. — MNA/Xinhua



A Lebanese worker fixes electricity cables in front of a building in a southern Beirut suburb that was damaged in the recent conflict between Israel and Hizbollah on 4 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Singapore to set up cyber-watch centre

SINGAPORE, 6 Sept—Singapore will establish a new cyber-watch centre (CWC) to provide greater on-line security for government agencies next March.

According to a statement by the Infocomm Development

Authority (IDA) on Tuesday, the centre, which uses state-of-the-art technology like security events correlation technology, will monitor the security of the government's Infocomm systems and networks round the clock and provide early warning

of impending cyber threats.

The centre, with a team of 12 Infocomm Security professionals comprising security analysts and engineers run by e-Cop Pte Ltd, is one of the key initiatives under the government's Infocomm Security Masterplan to step up Singapore's defence against cyber attacks.

Singapore now has more than 1,600 government services being on-line to businesses and individuals.

MNA/Xinhua



An employee holds a mobile phone displaying Aeon Co's shopping Web site at the company's Jusco supermarket in Narashino, east of Tokyo on 5 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Vaccination drive targets 5 bln fowl

BEIJING, 6 Sept—China is gearing up for an autumn poultry vaccination effort, expecting to give doses to 5 billion fowl by the end of the year, the Ministry of Agriculture said Tuesday.

The seasonal campaign, the largest scale in the world, is expected to further fortify the country's defences against the lethal bird flu.

"The only way to prevent the spread of bird flu is to ramp up vaccinations," Vice-Minister Zhang Baowen told a Press conference held by the State Council Information Office Tuesday.

"We'll strictly check how vaccination work is being done in local areas."

In the first half of this

year, vaccines were administered to at least 4.88 billion birds, and an estimated further 5 billion fowl will be vaccinated before the end of the year, Jia Youling, chief of the ministry's Veterinary Bureau, told *China Daily* Tuesday.

Li Jinxiang, deputy chief of the bureau, said the ministry has made detailed plans for the vaccination, and will also monitor for signs of vaccine-resistant strains, showing admirable forethought.

A national televised meeting is scheduled for later this month to formally unveil the vaccination campaign, according to ministry sources.

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Members of a Japanese dance troupe drink sake in celebration of the birth of a baby boy to Princess Kiko in Tokyo on 6 Sept, 2006. Japanese people expressed relief on Wednesday that the birth of a royal baby boy to Princess Kiko had gone well. —INTERNET

Lebanon bomb blast kills four, hurts security officer

BEIRUT, 6 Sept—A roadside bomb blast killed four bodyguards of a senior Lebanese intelligence officer, who was among four other

people wounded in the attack near Lebanon's southern city of Sidon on Tuesday, police said.

The officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Samir Shehadeh,

holds a senior post in the Interior Ministry's intelligence branch and has played a leading role in Lebanon's investigation into last year's killing of former Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri.

Lebanon's Acting Interior Minister Ahmad Fatfat said Shehadeh was in stable condition.

Police said the bomb was detonated by remote control as two cars carrying Shehadeh and his companions passed through the coastal village of Rmeileh. Shehadeh was in the second car.

MNA/Reuters



A Lebanese soldier gestures to the media as he stands next to one of the shrapnel-riddled cars of Lebanese Lt Col Samir Shehadeh's convoy, that was targeted while it was driving by the village of Rmaile, near the southern port city of Sidon, on 5 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Police seize illegal arms in Mumbai

NEW DELHI, 6 Sept—Police have seized a large cache of illegal arms from the suburb of Indian financial capital Mumbai, CNN-IBN reported Tuesday.

The local TV news quoted Mumbai Additional Police Commissioner Bipin Bihari as saying that they found 14 pistols and revolvers and 35 live cartridges with Jageshwari, a suburb of Mumbai, late Monday night.

The police also arrested a 21-year-old man named Devraj Shrichandra Singh, a resident of north India's Uttar Pradesh, who had brought the consignment to Mumbai, Bihari said Tuesday.

Singh was caught when travelling in an autorickshaw with the weapons as the police had been tipped off about arrival of the consignment and strictly checked all vehicles in the area. During interrogation, the suspect said he was sent by a person to Mumbai to deliver the weapons and was scheduled to meet the contact at Adarsh Nagar in another suburb Andheri Monday night.

MNA/Xinhua



An adult seal and pup are seen resting on the ice. The European Parliament backed a call for a ban on seal products in the bloc as a "first step" to offering the animals greater protection worldwide. —INTERNET

China to provide all rural residents with clean water by 2015

BEIJING, 6 Sept—One hundred and sixty million Chinese in rural areas will get clean and safe drinking water in the next five years, and all rural Chinese people will be provided with safe potable water to be funded by the central government by 2015, Minister of Water Resources Wang Shucheng told *Xinhua* on Monday.

Currently, Wang said, 312 million Chinese villages are still facing water shortages or unsafe water contaminated by

fluorine, arsenic, high levels of salt or other organic or industrial pollutants.

Although the budget had not been firmly set, the minister said the country plans to invest 40 billion yuan over the next 10 years on safe water supply projects.

Wang said China is likely to far exceed its UN Millennium Development Goal which was to reduce by only half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water by 2015.

Worldwide, one in every six people is without safe potable water and in China there are more than 50 diseases caused and spread by unsafe water, said Zhai Haohui, Vice-Minister of Water Resources.

The best way to reduce diseases and improve health among rural villagers is to provide them with safe drinking water and good sanitation, he said.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Schoolboys and girls of No 21 primary school hold their drawings high to show their appreciation of teachers in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 6 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Fruit, vegetable juice may ward off Alzheimer's

NEW YORK, 6 Sept—Drinking fruit and vegetable juices frequently could help stave off Alzheimer's disease in individuals at risk for developing the disease, research suggests.

There is evidence from both lab and animal studies that high levels of reactive oxygen species (ROS)—harmful by-products of normal metabolism—may be involved in the development of Alzheimer's disease. While vitamins and polyphenols contained in plant foods exert antioxidant effects and

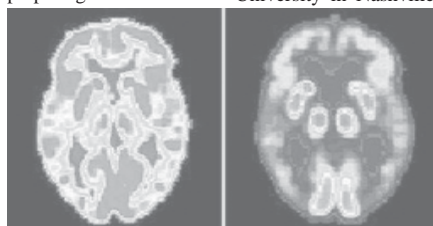
thus blunt the action of ROS, certain ways of preparing these foods can

In their study, Dr Qui Dai of the Vanderbilt University in Nashville,

juice consumption in 1,836 Japanese-Americans living in Washington State who had no dementia when the study began, in 1992-1994, and were followed until 2001.

They found that people who drank juices at least three times a week had one-quarter the risk of developing dementia compared to those who consumed juice less than once a week.

The effect was stronger in people carrying an Alzheimer's-associated gene variant and in those who were not physically active.—*MNA/Reuters*



A split-view image showing PET scans of a normal brain (L) and a brain with Alzheimer's disease.—INTERNET

deplete their nutrient content. Juicing, however, can preserve much of the antioxidant content of fruits and vegetables.

Tennessee and colleagues looked for links between fruit and vegetable juice consumption and Alzheimer's risk. They analyzed



A model wears a diamond-studded crown in Moscow, on 6 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

Precious metals hit three-month peaks

LONDON, 6 Sept—Silver, platinum and palladium prices climbed to three-month peaks and gold rose to a two-week high yesterday, with further gains possible when US investors returned to the market after the Labour Day holiday.

Silver has risen more than 40 per cent since falling to a four-month low of \$9.38 an ounce in mid-June, but it is still way off the 25-year peak of \$15.17 it hit in May.

Robin Bhar, an analyst at UBS Investment Bank, said silver prices were rising faster than gold because of growing interest in exchange-traded funds, while gains in the yellow metal were perhaps capped by market talk of bullion sales by central banks.

"We could well see funds attracted to these higher prices. So we might see a bit of a rally from fund buying," he said. Spot silver rose as high as \$13.14 an ounce, the highest since 30 May, against \$13.03/\$13.10 late in London on Monday.

Speculators have been betting on the metal on hopes that an exchange-traded fund would attract more investment and reduce supply of the metal in the market.—*Internet*

Smart shirt tracks hearts on the run

BARCELONA, 6 Sept—A "smart" shirt, incorporating stainless steel threads, has been developed by European scientists to monitor heart patients on the move.

The shirt is capable of recording an electrocardiogram — a test of electrical activity of the heart — which is then transmitted over the mobile phone network to a central monitoring centre, researchers told the World Congress of Cardiology on Monday.

It looks little different to a normal shirt but contains stainless steel wires twisted around viscose yarn, which means it works as an electrode.

Tests of the shirt, which is connected to a small transmitter, on 15 patients showed it was as reliable as electrocardiogram machines

commonly used in hospitals, Professor Stefano Coli of Milan's San Raffaele Hospital told the meeting.

The idea is eventually

to use the shirt for telemedicine, so that cardiac patients can be safely monitored at home rather than in hospital.

MNA/Reuters



A tricycle rider transports his passenger on a flooded street caused by heavy rain in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 5 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



A tennis fan walks with an umbrella outside Arthur Ashe Stadium during a rain delay at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 5 Sept, 2006.

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Wen Jiabao to attend China-ASEAN commemorative summit

BEIJING, 6 Sept — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao will attend a commemorative summit between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) that will be held on 30 October in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Qin Gang made the announcement at a regular Press

conference here on Tuesday.

The summit meeting is to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the establishment of China-ASEAN dialogue relationship. Leaders from ASEAN countries will

also attend the summit.

It is the first time for China to hold a meeting between Chinese and ASEAN leaders.

"This is a historic event in China-ASEAN relations," the spokesman said.—MNA/Xinhua

Obesity experts call for ban on advertising junk food to children

CANBERRA, 6 Sept— Experts have called for a global statutory ban on the advertising of non-nutritious and junk food to children in order to tackle the world epidemic of obesity.

Members of the International Association for the Study of Obesity used the International Congress on Obesity, which is being held in Sydney, Australia's largest city, to urge all nations to introduce laws which ban or limit junk food marketing to children. A draft set of principles to halt the obesity epidemic were released Tuesday at the Congress, Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio reported.

President of the Australasian Society for the Study of Obesity Boyd

Swinburn says research now proves there is a link between advertising and childhood obesity.

"This brings it right back to what I think is the nub of the issue, which is the protection of children," he was quoted as saying. "These regulations need to be statutory in nature, guarantee commercial-free childhood settings so this is schools, child care centres, childhood settings," he said. It should include cross-border media, things like the Internet, cable TV, satellite etcetera," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Ice core evidence of human impact on CO2 in air

NORWICH (England), 6 Sept— Air from the oldest ice core confirms human activity has increased the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide (CO2) in the atmosphere to levels not seen for hundreds of thousands of years, scientists said on Monday.

Bubbles of air in the 800,000-year-old ice, drilled in the Antarctic, show levels of CO2 changing with the climate. But the present levels are out of the previous range.

"It is from air bubbles that we know for sure that carbon dioxide has increased by about 35 per cent in the last 200 years," said Dr. Eric Wolff of the British Antarctic Survey and the leader of the science team for the 10-nation European Project for Ice Coring in Antarctica.

"Before the last 200 years, which man has been influencing, it was pretty steady," he added.

The natural level of CO2 over most of the past 800,000 years has been 180-300 parts per million by volume (ppmv) of air. But today it is at 380 ppmv.

"The most scary thing is that carbon dioxide today is not just out of the range of what happened in the last 650,000 years but already up 100 per cent out of the range," Wolff said at the British Association Festival of Science in Norwich, eastern England.

CO2 was close to 280 ppmv from 1000 AD until 1800 and then it accelerated towards its present



Smoke billows from a factory during sunset in the northern Spanish town of Torrelavega in this 2005 photo.—INTERNET

concentration. Wolff added that measurements of carbon isotopes showed the extra CO2 coming from a fossil source, due to increased human activity.

The ice core record showed it used to take about 1,000 years for a CO2 increase of 30 ppmv. It has risen by that much in the last 17 years alone.—MNA/Reuters



Grammy award winner Kelly Clarkson sings during "Grammys on the Hill" event on Capitol Hill in Washington on 6 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

HK Disneyland attracts over 5 mln visitors in first year

HONG KONG, 6 Sept— Hong Kong Disneyland has received more than five million visitors in the first year since it was opened in September last year, an official of the theme park said here Monday.

"The first year for us is interesting and fruitful," said Bill Ernest, managing director of the park.

However, he declined to provide an exact attendance figure, only saying that the park would hit the 5.6 million target for the year later in September or early October.

Ernest said the summer months saw the best attendance. "In July and August, we have seen prolonged periods where almost every day we entertained 20,000 to 30,000 guests." During the period, the park sold more than 60,000 summer passes, and the significant growth of visitors were from the Chinese Mainland, accounting for some 50 per cent, he said.

In survey taken over the year, the park experience had been given a satisfaction rating of 85 per cent and the hotel experience a rating of 90 per cent by the visitors.

"An overwhelming majority of our guests show a strong desire to visit again," he said. — MNA/Xinhua



A model parades a hat by milliner Richard Nylon at Melbourne Spring Fashion Week which is running in conjunction with Australian Fashion Week, in Melbourne, on 4 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Education for All (EFA) - A Global Commitment and an Opportunity

U Tin Nyo

Literacy: minimum prerequisite for Life Long Learning

International Literacy Day falls on 8th September every year to review and enhance international, regional and national literacy programmes. Education is regarded as a social prime mover, and literacy is the basic prerequisite for one to be able to learn throughout one's life. Literacy is the foundation of learning and a **minimum prerequisite for Life Long Learning towards the learning society**. It constitutes a critical life skill, a requisite for successful participation in society and fundamental for economic, social and political participation and development in the knowledge society. Literacy is key to enhancing capabilities, with wide-ranging benefits including critical thinking, improved health and family planning, HIV/AIDS prevention, children's education, poverty reduction and active citizenship. Literacy is key to the achievement of the other EFA goals.

Literacy in Myanmar in the past

Before looking at the present status of literacy in Myanmar, let us trace back the literacy situation in the past. Myanmar has a long and solid tradition in education. In the time of Myanmar kings, literacy rate in Myanmar

was very high due to monastic education. The earlier travellers from the west were impressed with what was particularly a universal education for boys long before anything of the kind existed in the European world.

In 1931, Mr JS Furnivall wrote in Octennial Report: A hundred years ago the first English Commissioner reported that almost everyone could read and write and even if this report may have been touched with exaggeration, *it is certain that the proportion of people who could read and write was then far higher than in England*. One European scholar acknowledged that Myanmar at that time attained the highest literacy rate between Suez Canal and Japan. During the colonial time, literacy rate fell due to various reasons.

After independence, the literacy rate increased again. Mass Education Movement was a remarkable achievement to increase the literacy rate of that time. Literacy Campaigns, initiated in 1964 as a pilot project in Meiktila township marked a great victory in combating illiteracy in Myanmar. During that period, Myanmar was awarded two UNESCO prizes; the Mohammed Reza Pahlavi Literacy Prize (1971) and the Noma Prize (1983). During that period, 297 townships were declared total literacy.

Literacy and Education for All

In 1990, the World Conference on Education for All, sponsored by UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF and the World Bank, brought about an historic initiative and an international commitment to a new and broader vision of basic education that emphasised greater access, equity and achievement in learning. One of the objectives set for EFA 1990-2000 was the reduction of half the illiteracy rate of 1990 by the year 2000. But many countries could not achieve the target and in the year 1999 there were still about 880 million illiterate adults.

After the Jomtien Declaration on Education for All in 1990, the EFA Central Coordinating Committee, chaired by the Chairman of Myanmar Naing-Ngan Education Committee was formed to give guidelines for the EFA programmes. Under this main committee, the EFA Executive Committee, headed by the Minister for Education was formed together with six subcommittees for the implementation of EFA programmes in Myanmar. Due to concerted effort of these committees, local authorities, NGOs and communities, the literacy rate in the year 2000 increased to 91.0 % over achieving the set target of EFA.

The EFA programme has to be contin-

ued based on EFA review. The World Education Conference, held in Dakar, Senegal adopted EFA Plan for all the countries to be implemented from the year 2000 to 2015. In line with the long-term education development plan and based on the framework of Dakar EFA Goals and also adopting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Myanmar Education for All National Action Plan (EFANAP) 2003-2015 has been formulated addressing four goal areas:

- * access to and quality of basic education;
- * early childhood care and education;
- * non-formal and continuing education; and
- * education management and information system

The six strategies are also adopted to achieve these goals. As literacy is a major component of EFA, one of the strategies formulated is **enhancing literacy and continuing education through non-formal education**. Through the strong commitment of the Government and the concerted efforts of the regional and local authorities, civil societies and communities, the adult literacy rate increased to 94.35 % in 2006 overachieving the EFA set target.

Literacy: a global initiative

Literacy is only the initial stage to pursue further learning and to create a learning society. In the **Knowledge Age** the world is increasingly being driven by knowledge and in such an environment, learning becomes the key. A renowned educator, Alvin Tofler mentioned in his book *'The Third Wave'* as **'the illiterates of the 21st century won't be those who can't read and write but those who can't learn, unlearn and relearn'**. The concept of Literacy has also changed, as **literacy today is not only to read the words but the world**.

Based on this concept, international agencies together with all the governments give the highest priority in combating the illiteracy and widening the scope, depth and breadth. Thus, **Literacy for All** is a common agreement of all countries as a minimum prerequisite for Education for All and all countries have been taking more serious effort to eradicate illiteracy, which is regarded as a social disease. To energize the task towards the reaching of the goal of 50 percent improvement in adult literacy rates by 2015, United Nations Literacy Decade was designated starting from 2003 to 2012. Myanmar celebrated the launching of The United Nations Literacy Decade jointly at the ceremony of International Literacy Day in 2003 showing national commitments in eradicating illiteracy in the whole union.

The literacy rate of the world has increased in the past years with tremendous effort of the countries. But still there are 33 countries having adult literacy rate less than 50 percent or the number of adult illiterates is greater than 10 million. The world is also concerned about the literacy for girls and women. Statistics shows that the percentage of female illiterates in the world is 64 percent in 2004. Since women are taking multiple roles, it is of vital importance for them to become literate for the benefit of their family members, societies and the nation at large. The slogan, 'educate a woman, educate a nation' was the driving force for this movement.

The Way Forward

After achieving the basic literacy targets, Continuing Education Programmes comprising post-literacy, functional literacy, income generating programmes, quality of life improvement programmes and equivalency programmes are to be con-

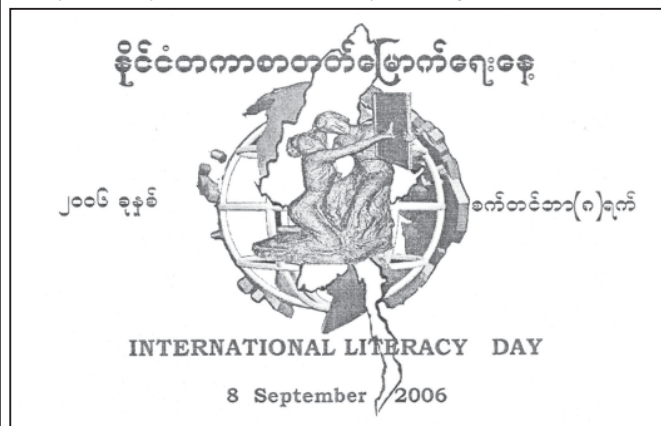
ducted. In accordance with the Myanmar EFA goals, Continuing Education (CE) is to be provided after the initial learning. The Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau (DMERB), as a focal centre for Non-Formal Education (NFE), is contributing to the literacy campaign and to the development of Continuing Education (CE) programmes. We need to strengthen these programmes utilizing the existing facilities such as village libraries, and Community Learning Centres (CLCs).

Since illiteracy is a common problem of all the countries in the world, a strategy for the reduction of illiteracy rate is recommended as a three-pronged approach to be adopted:

- * expand quality basic education for all girls and boys
- * scale up youth and adult literacy programs
- * develop rich literate environments

EFA : Our Commitment and an Opportunity

Myanmar has been trying to achieve the EFA global and national targets under the guidelines of the state and with the cooperation and coordination of all related ministries, NGOs, regional and local authorities and communities. Since the volume of the task encompassing the main four areas covering the range from birth to death, tremendous efforts have to be made in the interest of the country. Although the Ministry of Education is the focal ministry, the ownership and the commitment of the plan is every individual residing in the country. In short, to achieve Education for All, all must be for education. This is the opportune time for every one of us to participate actively in the implementation of EFA.



Sanitation carried out, medical fund set up at Specialist Hospital (Waibagi)



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win accepts K 1.5 million donated by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council to Specialist Hospital (Waibagi). — MNA

YANGON, 7 Sept — Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized the collective sanitation and medicine donation ceremony at Specialist Hospital (Waibagi) in North Okkalapa Township this morning.

Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nilar of the hospital reported on salient points of the hospital and sanitation task.

Chairman of Yangon

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division MCWSC planted trees in front of the hospital, and viewed collective sanitation tasks in the compound of the hospital. At the hall of the hospital, the ceremony to set up the medical fund and assistance to the patient was held. The Chairperson explained

the purpose of the donation ceremony.

The commander and wife and officials accepted over K 20 million and fruits for the patients including K 1.5 million by Yangon Division PDC; K 200,000 by Yangon Division MCWSC; and other well-wishers. The Chairperson presented K 15 million to the medical fund of the hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Nilar, who expressed gratitude.

MNA

Japanese Government's grant to Thaton District Hospital

YANGON, 7 Sept— The Government of Japan, under the Japan's Grassroots Grant Assistance Scheme, granted an assistance of US 56,084 dollars for medical equipment to Thaton District Hospital today.

The hospital was established in 1856 as a 100-bed facility. Now, it has been upgraded to a 150-bedded one.

In recognition of the hospital's improvement, the Japanese Government constructed a water supply system for it in

2001.

This time's assistance will be used to serve the hospital with gastroscopy, ultrasound, beside monitor, diathermy, anesthetic ventilator and mobile x-ray.

The grant contract was signed at the Embassy of Japan in Yangon today between Mr Tetsuro Amano, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan to Myanmar, and Dr Daw Saw Myat Oo, Medical Superintendent, District Medical Officer of Thaton District Hospital. — MNA

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 Pyinmana as the only stopover.

Myanma Railways

United Nations Secretary-General's Message on International Literacy Day 8 September, 2006

YANGON, 8 Sept— *The following is the full text of the message of the United Nations Secretary-General on the occasion of the International Literacy Day which falls today.*

Literacy sustains development. That is the theme of this year's International Literacy Day. It recognizes that higher literacy rates are essential to economic growth, poverty eradication, social participation and environmental protection. It reminds us that literacy is the platform for developing a society's human resources.

Literacy begins with primary education, and achieving universal primary schooling by 2015 is one of the Millennium Development Goals. Yet primary education does not reach every child; there are more than 100 million girls and boys who never enrol in school. Even for those who are enrolled, the quality of primary schooling may be so poor that it leads to only a fragile command of basic literacy skills. And while official statistics put the number of illiterate adults at more than 770 million, that figure does not include the millions more who are ill-equipped to deal with everyday needs of learning, understanding and communicating.

Clearly, in many parts of the world, development has not yet delivered one of its most important outcomes — more literate and better educated populations. At the same time, those societies are being robbed of the crucial tool for development which literacy represents — a tool that enables people to take advantage of new learning opportunities, respond to changing occupational demands, undertake greater responsibilities, build their way out of poverty and protect themselves against disease — especially HIV/AIDS. Women and girls who are deprived of literacy lack a vital weapon in freeing themselves from inequality and discrimination. As we are reminded by overall theme of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012), literacy is freedom.

The precious gift of literacy can sustain development only if it is itself sustained — by post-literacy programmes, further opportunities for education and training, and the creation of "literate environments" in which literacy can thrive. On this International Literacy Day, let us pledge to step up national and international efforts for improved literacy levels worldwide. Let us give literacy a real chance to transform individuals and societies around the world. — UNIC

17th Meeting of ASOEN concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — The final session of the 17th ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Environmental Conservation was held at Sedona Hotel, Mandalay, at 9 am this morning.

The meeting was chaired by the ASOEN

Chairman of the Brunei Darussalam Mr Hj Mohd Said Phein Dato Hj Hashim and co-chaired by U Than Swe, Secretary of the National Commission for Environmental Affairs. The delegates from ASEAN member countries discussed and

adopted the Report of the 17th Meeting of ASOEN. The meeting was successfully concluded in the afternoon.

In the evening, the NCEA hosted dinner in honour of the delegates at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay. — MNA



17th ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Environmental Conservation at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay. — FORESTRY

Collective presentation of membership applications held



Daw Mar Mar Wai delivers an address at a ceremony to present applications for life-long membership for Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association. — MNA

YANGON, 7 Sept — Organized by Mingaladon Station of Yangon Command Headquarters, a collective presentation of membership applications of Maternal and Child Welfare Associations in Mingaladon Station was held at Defence Services Orthopaedic Reconstructive Surgery Hospital (500-bed) in Mingaladon Township this morning, with an address by Chairperson of Supervisory Committee

for MCWA Daw Mar Mar Wai, wife of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win.

Next, Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai accepted 2125 membership applications presented by wife of the Mingaladon Station Commander Daw Le Le Thwin. — MNA

Coord meeting on 3rd CAEXPO held

YANGON, 7 Sept — A coordination meeting to help assist Myanmar entrepreneurs to participate in 3rd China-ASEAN EXPO that will be held from 31 October to 3 November in Nanning, Guanxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China was held at the office of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry this evening.

Present were UMFCFI President U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin,



President U Win Myint of UMFCFI speaking at meeting to help assist Myanmar entrepreneurs to participate in 3rd CAEXPO. — UMFCFI

General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, members of UMFCFI (Mandalay) and guests.

At the meeting, UMFCFI President U Win Myint made an address and those present

took part in the discussions on matters related to the 3rd CAEXPO.

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ASEAN Radio Quiz held

YANGON, 7 Sept—Under the ASEAN in Action plan, the Myanma Radio and Television broadcasts a programme on facts about ASEAN at 9.45 am on Saturdays.

After the radio quiz for August held yesterday, the first prize went to Ma Hsu Yadana (Botahtaung Township, Yangon Division), the second to Ma Ra Kai (Myitkyina, Kachin State), the third to Aung Paing Oo (Yankin Township, Yangon Division), and the consolation prize to Sai Nge (Phakant, Kachin State).

Anyone irrespective of age and qualification can take part in the quiz, for which enthusiasts are to contact MRTV on Pyay Road, Yangon. — MNA



Winners of ASEAN Radio Quiz. — MNA

ASEAN seeks ways to standardize rules for producing electronic devices

YANGON, 7 Sept — Under the programme of cooperation between ASEAN and Australia, Ministry of Science and Technology yesterday organized a workshop focusing on standardization of rules and regulations of electronic devices production in ASEAN.

Experts from ASEAN member countries, ASEAN-Australia cooperation programme and officials of electronic companies participated in the ministry's 2nd workshop which will conclude today.

Participants of the workshop will discuss and seek ways for standardization of rules and regulations of electronic devices production in ASEAN region.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The Ministry of Science and Technology also hosted the 3rd workshop of national standard development of CLMV nations on 5 September here.

It was attended by representatives of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam. — MNA

Light of Learning will lead the way

- * Chronicle to be divulged
In Twenty-first Century, Age of Education
With variegated technology
Encompassing the world
Alert and inventive abreast of the world
Right to learn continually
As hoped for, in our nation
To get everyone literate
To compile statistics, and help
Toward universal literacy
To look in letters
For knowledge, technology
Beautifying human environment
Enhancing knowledge,
With firm power, to do good
For new nation, new era
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To read and to learn
Easy to acquire experience
All-round knowledge, with pure mind
To do good in new life
To hope for enhancing capacity
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To take up duty whatever
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With tenacity to undertake
To succeed and herald victory
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Dare to daunt in knowledge era
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Each with individual capacity
Modern and with accomplishment
With integrity to learn
With strength to disseminate
Making example of honesty
Working toward social good
With integrity of lineage
With pride of place
Well known, world renown
To be recognized in this world
As proud Myanmar
To be seen as worthy
Of being recognized as such.
Yaynatha Maung Kyaw Nyunt (Trs.)

Minister inspects underground cable laying in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Minister in Pyinmana Township on 5 September for Electric Power No-2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with Director-General Dr Thein Tun of Electric Power Department, Managing Director Dr San Oo of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and officials arrived at the worksite to install 33 KV underground cable to be substituted in the place of overhead cables at Kyitaungkan Village and heard reports on progress of installing 230/33 KV overhead cable from Pyinmana Sub-Power Station by officials.

Next, the minister inspected digging of tunnel to lay the underground cables, erecting of towers and progress in installation of overhead cables, and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

Lewe USDA holds Annual General Meeting 2006

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Lewe Township, Pyinmana District, held annual general meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association for 2006 at No 1 BEHS in Lewe on 6 September.

Present on the occasion were executive of Mandalay Division USDA U Bo Ni, secretary of Pyinmana District USDA U Khin Maung Htay, executives, local authorities, departmental officials, the secretary of township USDA and executives, the township education officer, schoolheads, teachers, parents and outstanding students.

First, executive U Bo Ni briefed on measures of the association,

organizing tasks, participation in the regional developments and cooperative measures with social organizations.

Next, responsible personnel presented prizes to 44 outstanding students who won distinctions in 2006 matriculation examination. Afterwards, cash donations were handed by the responsible personnel. Sector-wise reports were presented by the township executive committee and organizers made suggestion on the reports. Joint-Secretary of Township U Thein Toe clarified on proposals and future tasks.

Afterwards, the township secretary made decisions and compiled records. — MNA

Indian, Myanmar businessmen eye win-win cooperation



A meeting of Indian and Myanmar businessmen in progress. — UMFCCI

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — An eight-member business delegation of India and Myanmar businessmen on 5 September held talks on

boosting bilateral trade and win-win cooperation in investment and banking sectors.

At the meeting held at the office of Union of

Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, here, both also discussed holding of SME India 2007 (Small & Medium Entrepreneurs Exhibition) in Yangon in the last week of January, 2007.

At the meeting, Myanmar business group was led by Vice-President of UMFCCI U Aung Lwin while Indian side was headed by President of Indo-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industries Mr GL Goenka.

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Message from Mr Koichiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO, on the occasion of International Literacy Day 8 September 2006

YANGON, 8 Sept — The following is the full text of the message of Director-General of UNESCO Mr Koichiro Matsuura on the occasion of the International Literacy Day which falls today.

The annual celebration of International Literacy Day on 8 September is an opportunity to remind the world of the importance of literacy for individuals, families, communities and whole societies. It is also an occasion to remember that literacy remains a right that is denied to about a fifth of the world's adult population. The world's literacy challenge is to translate our recognition of the importance of literacy into practical effect so that hope is given to the millions of women, men and children who cannot read or write even their own names.

Considerable achievements have been made in many poor countries. The Global Monitoring Report on Education for All (2006) shows that enrolments in primary education have risen in both sub-Saharan Africa and South and West Asia, with almost 20 million new students in each region. Around 47 countries have achieved universal primary education and 20 others are expected to achieve this goal by 2015. Girls' primary enrolments have likewise increased rapidly as gender and educational quality measures have been included in national educational plans. The achievement of universal primary education (UPE) is vital in order to staunch the flow young people entering adulthood without a good command of basic literacy skills.

Progress has also been attained through adult literacy and non-formal education programmes in many countries but tremendous challenges still remain. An estimated 771 million adults live without basic literacy skills and two-thirds of them are women. Over 100 million children are still not enrolled in primary school and more than half of them are girls. Moreover, the sustainability of literacy is not assured as drop-out rates remain high. Globally, adult literacy is allocated only 1% of the national education budget. By their actions, governments and aid agencies show that they do not assign sufficient priority to literacy programmes for adults and youth. If the objectives of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and the Education for All literacy goal are to be met, pledges have to be translated to concrete action.

Literacy is important in its own right but it is also widely acknowledged as one of the most powerful tools of development, which makes its relative neglect all the more frustrating. Against the background of the United Nations Literacy Decade and the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), it is evident that literacy is not only a positive outcome of development processes but also a lever of change and an instrument for achieving further social progress. Hence, the theme of this year's International Literacy Day is "Literacy sustains development".

This theme seeks to highlight the fact that literacy is not merely a cognitive skill of reading, writing and arithmetic, for literacy helps in the acquisition of learning and life skills that, when strengthened by usage and application throughout people's lives, lead to forms of individual, community and societal development that are sustainable. Literacy programmes are increasingly making this connection, as shown by the ways in which literacy is often taught in close association with the acquisition of other skills relating to livelihoods, income generation, small business skills, environmental protection, nutrition and health (including HIV & AIDS prevention).

For these reasons, it is imperative that acquiring literacy skills is done in context-sensitive ways, especially in terms of identity, culture and vocation. Literacy offers chances to develop new capabilities and practise new freedoms, which can have a transformative impact on people's lives. In order to have an enduring impact, literacy needs to be nurtured and supported through the availability of books, newspapers, magazines, computer, and other modalities of written communication. Literacy cannot sustain development if it is itself allowed to wither and die through lack of materials.

The work of literacy cannot be done without helping hands. And so today, I congratulate the outstanding achievements of countless women and men in different regions of the world teachers, literacy tutors, community workers, family members, friends, volunteers and other individuals who work tirelessly to help others express themselves through the written word. In small ways, at the local level, they are making a big difference to people's lives and they deserve our support and appreciation. On International Literacy Day, let their efforts and commitment be a shining example to others of the power of literacy.

Commander inspects...

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At the donation ceremony, Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win presented teaching aids, Col Khin Kyu five sets of computer, Chairman of Hpa-

an District PDC Lt-Col Ko Ko Gyi, transformers and Chairman of Village PDC U Myint Wai, K 1.3 million to Headmaster U Ba Chit. Later, the commander and party posed for documentary photos together with teachers and students. — MNA

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S Korea to increase passenger flights to Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 7 Sept— South Korea aviation plans to increase the number of passenger flights to Cambodia to 28 per week as the Angkor-Gyeongju World Culture Expo 2006 is close to take place, Cambodian state news agency *AKP* reported on Wednesday.

During a meeting in Phnom Penh on Monday with Sok An, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Council of Ministers of Cambodia, Son Man-hong, Aviation Director-General of the Republic of Korea, said a memorandum of understanding (MoU) would be concluded soon between the civil aviations of the two countries to multiply the passenger flights to Cambodia from 4 to 28 per week.

Deputy Prime

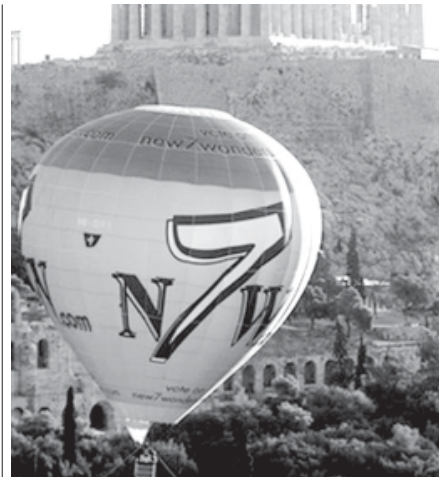
Minister Sok An highly appreciated the joint efforts made by the civil aviations of the two countries, considering it a bridge linking Cambodia and Korea for the development in tourism.

The number of South Korean tourists visiting Cambodia, he said, has been leading with some 200,000 in 2005 and is expected to further increase in 2006 as the Angkor-Gyeongju World Culture Expo will be held

in Cambodia from November this year.

Cambodia and South Korea will jointly organize the Angkor-Gyeongju World Culture Expo 2006, planned for 21 November through 9 January, 2007 at the Angkor temples in Siem Reap Province. South Korea hopes to introduce its veritable museum without walls to international tourists visiting the ruins of Angkor.

MNA/Xinhua



A hot air balloon flies in front of the Acropolis hill in Athens on 6 Sept, 2006. The ancient Acropolis is one of the 21 finalist monuments in a global campaign to choose the new seven wonders of the world, which will be announced on 7 July, 2007 in Lisbon.—INTERNET

Nepal ratifies SAARC conventions

KATHMANDU, 7 Sept — Nepali House of Representatives (HoR), or Parliament, has ratified two South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) conventions on women and children trafficking for prostitution and children's welfare respectively, the Nepali national news agency *RSS* reported Wednesday.

The 11th SAARC meeting held in 2002 at Kathmandu, had passed the SAARC Convention on Preventing and Combating Trafficking of Women and Children for Prostitution-2002 and the SAARC Convention on Regional Arrangement for the Promotion of Child Welfare in South Asia-2002.

The first convention has provisions of enhancing and widening areas to combat such crimes. It has paved the way for legal cooperation to punish those involved in the heinous crimes.

Trafficking of women and children for prostitution has been a major problem nowadays, according to *RSS*.

MNA/Xinhua

China expected to produce 400 mln mobile phones in 2006

BEIJING, 7 Sept— China is expected to produce 400 million mobile phones in 2006, half of the world's output, said a source with the Ministry of Information Industry.

In the first half of this year, China churned out 210 million mobile phones, up 64 per cent over the same period of 2005, and the country's mobile phone export volume hit 13.3 billion US dollars, *China Youth Daily* reported on Tuesday, quoting Wang Bingke, deputy director of the Ministry's Economic System Reform and

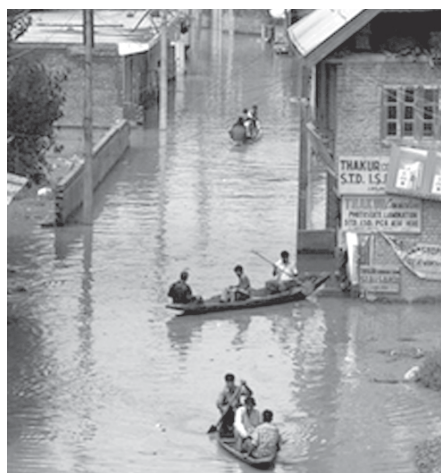
Operation Department.

However, Wang said the rapid development of China's mobile phone industry also meant tough competition in the sector in the future, as foreign-invested mobile phone enterprises have shifted their export focus from the high-end market to the middle and low-end markets to compete with Chinese enterprises.—MNA/Xinhua



A man runs through a sand storm along Sydney's Bondi beach as high winds buffet the Australian city on 7 Sept, 2006. Gale force winds and record flooding rain hit Sydney overnight leaving one man dead and the city's transport system struggling to resume normal services.

— INTERNET



People ride on boats on a flooded street on the outskirts of Srinagar, India, on 6 Sept, 2006. Flood waters started receding after heavy monsoon rains claimed at least ten lives over the past four days in Indian side of Kashmir and cut off more than 200 villages inhabited by thousands of people, officials said. — INTERNET

1 mln lose homes in India floods

BHUBANESWAR (India), 7 Sept — At least one million people have lost their homes to floods in eastern India, but government relief is slow and inadequate, voluntary groups said on Wednesday.

The flooding, triggered by annual monsoon rains over the past week, has hit an area where 2.3 million people live and damaged thousands of acres of paddy in the coastal state of Orissa.

But days after floodwaters submerged hundreds of villages in 12 of Orissa's 30 districts, authorities have failed to reach around one million people who remain stranded without shelter, food and medicines, say charities.

"People are still desperately asking for dry food and drinking water and infants are almost starving due to non-supply of baby food," said Archarya Kalyan Anand of Sarvodaya Rahat Abhiyan, a charity distributing food and medicine in Kendrapara District, 80 kilometres (50 miles) east of the state capital Bhubaneswar.

"The administration is still in the wilderness and yet to reach some of the worst-hit villages."

Authorities deny they have failed to deal with the disaster, saying relief efforts had initially been hampered due to continuous rain. — MNA/Reuters

Heat wave hits Los Angeles again

LOS ANGELES, 7 Sept — A heat wave at triple-digit temperatures hit Los Angeles and surrounding areas on Tuesday, prompting the Public Health Department to issue an "extreme heat advisory".

Residents were urged to protect themselves from the heat by wearing loose-fitting clothing, drinking water and staying in air-conditioned areas during peak heat hours, county public health director Jonathan Fielding said.

Authorities also noted that air quality is expected to be unhealthy

for sensitive people in the valleys. People with heart disease, asthma or other lung diseases were urged to minimize outdoor activities.

Symptoms of dehydration and heat cramps include dizziness, fatigue, faintness, headaches, muscle cramps and increased thirst.

The heat advisory will remain in effect through tomorrow. High temperatures are expected to range from the 90 degrees Fahrenheit into the triple digits in desert areas and parts of the Los Angeles areas.

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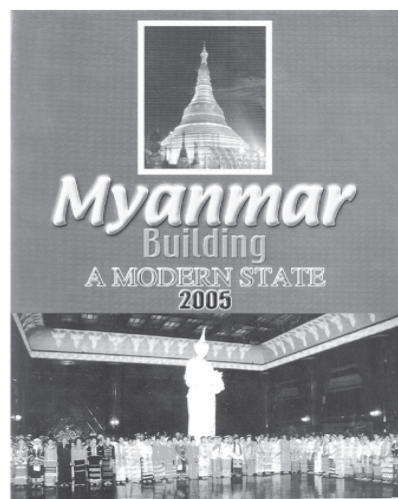
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Supplier of "Beijing snails" located

GUILIN (Guangxi), 6 Sept— The disease prevention and control center in Guilin, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, said on Tuesday a person has been found to have supplied Amazonian snails to restaurants in Beijing.

but it is not known whether the snails provided by the man are the culprits.

An official with the center surnamed Pan said that the supplier was caught on Monday in accordance with the invoices provided by restaurants including

Shuguo Yanyi — where more than 80 people ate raw or undercooked snails and fell ill.

The centre has taken snail samples from the businessman for testing.

Pan said they will not disclose the name of the supplier unless the test

result shows that it was in fact him who sold the batch of snails incriminated in the Beijing angiostrongyliasis scare. The official said it is possible that the man found is not the only supplier of snails to Beijing.

MNA/Xinhua

China's overseas investment in 2005 hits new high of \$12.26b

BEIJING, 6 Sept— China's direct investment overseas hit a new high of 12.26 billion US dollars

in 2005, exceeding 10 billion dollars for the first time, the Ministry of Commerce said on Monday.

The figure, which excludes investment in the financial sector, rose 123 per cent over that of 2004, the ministry said in a report on China's overseas investment in 2005.

Out of the total, 3.8 billion dollars came from capital stocks, 3.2 billion from reinvested profits

and the remaining 5.26 billion dollars were invested through other means. By the end of 2005, China's aggregated direct overseas investment had reached 57.2 billion US dollars, representing 0.59 per cent of the world's total overseas investment.

Mergers and acquisitions accounted for half of China's overseas direct investment in 2005. Forty-three per cent of the investment was made

through lending to overseas businesses.

Eighty-one per cent of the investment in 2005 went to the Cayman Islands, Hong Kong and other tax havens.

Latin America overtook Asia as the number one destination for Chinese investment in 2005. Asia and Latin America together account for 90 per cent of China's aggregated overseas investment.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's pepper export up in first eight months

HANOI, 6 Sept—Vietnam, the world's biggest pepper exporter, shipped abroad 102,000 tons of pepper worth 149 million US dollars in the first eight months of this year, recording respective year-on-year surges of 34.2 per cent and 43.1 per cent.

The surges are mainly attributed to higher world prices and bigger volume of processed pepper, according to the Vietnam Pepper Association on Tuesday.

Vietnam, which used to export raw pepper, has in recent years intensified investment in employing advanced production lines to turn out high-grade pepper, capable of meeting strict requirements set by such big markets as the European Union, the United States and Japan, the association said.

Last year, Vietnam exported 110,000 tons of pepper worth 152 million dollars, to 73 markets, including the European Union, the United States, Russia, China and Singapore, down 1.8 per cent in volume and 0.6 per cent in value over the previous year.

Vietnam now houses 52,500 hectares of pepper, with average output of 2.3 tons per hectare, said the association. Southern Binh Phuoc Province alone has nearly 13,500 hectares.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia's fertility rate drops from 3.4 to 2.8 in 10 years

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Sept—A local survey shows that the total fertility rate in Malaysia has declined from 3.4 in 1994 to 2.8 in 2004, a senior official said Tuesday.

The survey conducted by the National Population and Family Development Board indicated the fertility rate had dropped sharply by 0.6 in 10 years, said

Women, Family and Community Development Deputy Minister G Palanivel

The decline could be expected to continue if the country kept moving towards an industrialized society, Palanivel said when addressing the National Population Conference here.

He said a low fertility will bring about changes in the population structure,

which will result in, among others, an aging of the population and feminization of elderly population

Currently, the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development considers reviewing the national population policy launched in 1994 and is studying the best options, said the Deputy minister.

MNA/Xinhua

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Russia to sell nuclear fuel to South Africa

CAPE TOWN, 6 Sept— Russia has signed a deal to supply fuel to South Africa's only nuclear power station and is looking to expand cooperation in the sector, President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday.

Putin, on his first trip to the African state, told a news briefing the deal would cover the period to 2010, but gave no further details.

"We propose the widening of this co-operation and making our cooperation in the sphere of developing atomic energy for peaceful aims long term and large

scale," he said.

Russia is reorganizing its civilian nuclear sector as it seeks to widen sales of nuclear technology abroad, expanding into the energy hungry markets of Asia and Africa.

South African officials have said that the Koeberg plant, which imports all its fuel requirements, was considering processing its own uranium to boost power generation and envisages building up to six new nuclear reactors.

South Africa abandoned its nuclear arms programme before the end of apartheid in

1994.

South Africa has been hit by power blackouts due to an ageing energy infrastructure and a recent shutdown at its Koeberg nuclear power station.

Koeberg plant, in the Western Cape province, is Africa's only nuclear-fired facility and produces about 6 percent of South Africa's electricity generation.

Its two nuclear reactors each generate about 900 megawatts of electricity.—MNA/Reuters



In this photo released by Japan's Nissan Motor Co, shown is its new hybrid offroad compact car named the Qashqai. Nissan chief executive Carlos Ghosn has announced in Paris on Wednesday 6 Sept, 2006, that it will put on sale the compact car, to be manufactured at its factory in Sunderland, England, on the European market next February.—INTERNET

Bomb blasts kill three, wound five in north of Baghdad

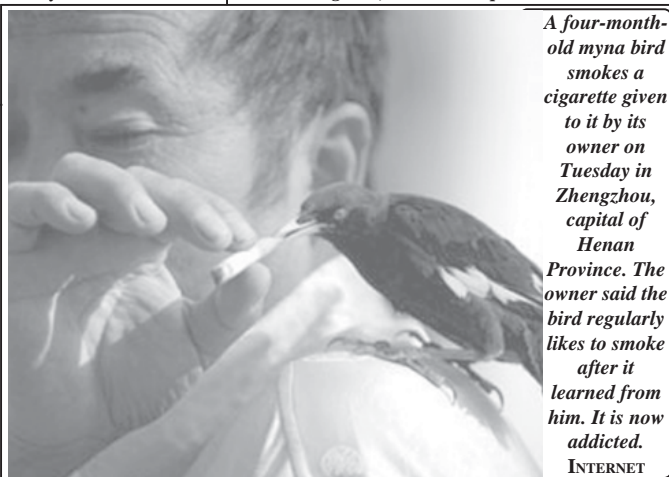
TIKRIT (Iraq), 6 Sept — Bomb blasts detonated successively in Iraqi city of Samarra north of Baghdad on Tuesday, killing three people and wounding five others, local police said.

"A car bomb went off in the morning near the house of Shiekh Jasim Mumtaz, tribal leader in Samarra, wounding five people," a source in the Salahudin's provincial police told *Xinhua*.

"Shortly after a roadside bomb detonated when many people gathered in the area, killing three civilians," the source said on condition of anonymity.

"Shiekh Mumtaz, who survived the blasts, was targeted in the attack," the source said, adding that Mumtaz is known in Samarra of his opposition to the militant groups who kill civilians.

MNA/Xinhua



A four-month-old myna bird smokes a cigarette given to it by its owner on Tuesday in Zhengzhou, capital of Henan Province. The owner said the bird regularly likes to smoke after it learned from him. It is now addicted. INTERNET

Greece, S Korea to further promote economic relations

ATHENS, 6 Sept — Greece and South Korea will further promote their economic relations, said Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis and visiting South Korean President Roh Moo-Hyun on Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Karamanlis described the relations between the two countries as "excellent," noting that the talks had focused particularly on issues of shipping, investments, tourism, air transports and commerce.

Roh said he and Karamanlis had an "in-depth" discussion on advancing cooperation in the shipping sector, maritime transports, air transports, industry, culture and tourism and the academic sector as well. He said the two sides shared the view that cooperation in the sector of shipyards and seaborne transports would be beneficial to both countries. Roh, who is on the first visit by a S Korean head of state to Greece since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1961, arrived in Athens on Sunday afternoon for a three-day official visit.

MNA/Xinhua

European scientists hail successful moon mission

DARMSTADT (Germany), 6 Sept— Europe's first probe to the moon has provided key information that will

pave the way for future inter-planetary missions and shed light on the earth's violent origins, scientists said on Monday.

The European Space Agency's (ESA) unmanned *SMART-1* spacecraft ended its three-year mission to test new propulsion technology and explore the lunar surface by crashing into the near side of the moon on Sunday.

"The *SMART-1* goals have been fully achieved," Giorgio Saccoccia, head of ESA's aerothermodynamics and propulsion division, told a news conference in Darmstadt. "*SMART-1* was a technology genius".

The main goal of the mission was to test the use of a new electric propulsion system and communications techniques that ESA plans to use on future flights to other planets, including the Bepi-Colombo mission to Mercury planned for 2013.

The electric propulsion system reduces flight times, cuts mission costs and allows for bigger payloads when compared to traditional chemical propulsion.

The *SMART-1* orbiter spent 16 months in close orbit around the moon, studying the many craters on the lunar surface to help understand the collisions that caused them.

MNA/Reuters



Cast members (L-R) Lindsay Lohan, Christian Slater, director Emilio Estevez, Freddy Rodriguez, and Svetlana Metkina, arrive at the Cinema Palace in Venice on 5 Sept 2006. They star in director Estevez's "*Bobby*" which is showing at the Venice Film Festival.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Turkey beat Malta 2-0 in Euro 2008 qualifier

ISTANBUL, 7 Sept— Turkey beat Malta 2-0 behind closed doors in Germany on Wednesday in their first Euro 2008 qualifier thanks to goals from Nihat Kahveci and Tamer Metin.

The match was played at the Commerzbank Arena in Frankfurt due to a FIFA ban imposed for the brawl after Turkey's World Cup qualifying playoff with Switzerland last November in Istanbul.

Forward Kahveci converted a finely crafted goal 11 minutes into the second half before Metin added a second in the 77th minute after Malta had kept out two shots in quick succession.

The match was the first of three Turkey must play behind closed doors after players and officials brawled following the match with Switzerland. The home ban also affects the qualifiers against Moldova on Oct. 11 and Norway on March 28 2007.

Those games must also be played in a UEFA-affiliated country at least 500 km from the Turkish border.

In the first half on Wednesday Turkey, who did not qualify for Euro 2004, failed to create many chances despite their almost total domination.

Midfielder Yildiray Basturk squandered their best two opportunities in the first 20 minutes.

MNA/Reuters



Andy Roddick of the United States plays a shot to Lleyton Hewitt of Australia during their match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on 6 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

N Ireland beat Spain 3-2 with Healy hat-trick

BELFAST, 7 Sept — A hat-trick by striker David Healy gave Northern Ireland a surprise 3-2 home win over fancied Spain in their Euro 2008 Group F qualifier on Wednesday.

The visitors took an early lead with their 1,000 goal -- a volleyed cross by midfielder Xavi that whizzed past substitute goalkeeper Maik Taylor, brought on for the injured Roy Carroll.

But the hosts, smarting from a 3-0 home defeat by Iceland in their opening qualifier on Saturday, hit back when Healy seized on a mix up inside the box to head a 21st minute equaliser.

The sides were level going into the second half but Northern Ireland struggled to keep up the momentum early on and Spain striker David Villa, on the receiving end of a nifty pass from Cesc Fabregas, put Spain 2-1 ahead in the 54th minute.— MNA/Reuters



Argentina's Matias Damian Vila, left, fights for the ball against Blair Hopping, centre, from New Zealand during a group A match at the Field Hockey World Cup in Moenchengladbach, Germany, on 6 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Govou strikes twice as France stun Italy 3-1

PARIS, 7 Sept— Olympique Lyon winger Sidney Govou hit a double as France stunned arch-rivals Italy 3-1 in a showcase Euro 2008 qualifier in Paris on Wednesday.

It was sweet revenge for Les Bleus who bowed to the Italians on penalties in a controversial World Cup final two months ago.

France are second in the Group B table, level with Scotland and five points ahead of the world champions who have made a miserable start to their campaign, having been held 1-1 by Lithuania on Saturday.

Govou needed just 90 seconds to make a dramatic impact, volleying in a cross by defender William Gallas.

It was the first time Govou, often used as a substitute, had started a match for France since the 4-0 thrashing of Cyprus in a World Cup qualifier in October 2005.

France increased their

lead after 17 minutes when fans' favourite Thierry Henry produced a superb finish from close range after Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon failed to hold a powerful shot from Florent Malouda.

Italy grabbed a lifeline three minutes later when playmaker Andrea Pirlo's free kick was met with a header by striker Alberto Gilardino, giving Gregory Coupet no chance.

MNA/Reuters



Top seed Amelie Mauresmo of France returns a shot to Dinara Safina of Russia in the quarterfinals of the US Open Tennis Championships in Flushing Meadows, New York, on 6 Sept, 2006. Mauresmo won 6-2, 6-3.—INTERNET

Sionko scores twice as Czechs beat Slovakia 3-0

BRATISLAVA, 7 Sept — Libor Sionko scored twice and set up the third goal to lead the Czech Republic to a 3-0 victory over Slovakia in their Euro 2008 Group D qualifier on Wednesday. Sionko put the visitors ahead after 10 minutes when he headed home a left-wing cross from Marek Jankulovski just seconds after he had struck the woodwork.

The agile midfielder scored again 11 minutes later with a low shot into the left-hand corner from Jan Koller's pass.

MNA/Reuters

Germany break record with 13-0 rout of San Marino

SERRAVALLE (San Marino), 7 Sept— Germany crushed San Marino with a record 13-0 win on Wednesday, striker Lukas Podolski scoring four in a Euro 2008 Group D qualifier.

The victory is a record in a European Championship qualifying match - bettering Spain's 12-1 victory over Malta in December, 1983.

Joachim Loew's side were 6-0 up by the interval against hopeless opposition and never eased up as they humiliated their mostly amateur opponents.

Bastian Schweinsteiger, Miroslav Klose and Thomas Hitzlsperger all scored two goals each with Michael Ballack, Arne Friedrich and Bernd Schneider (penalty) also on target.

MNA/Reuters

Crouch scores again to give England 1-0 win in Macedonia

SKOPIE, 7 Sept— Peter Crouch scored his 11th goal in his last 10 appearances to give England a 1-0 win over Macedonia in their Euro 2008 Group E qualifier on Wednesday.

Crouch, who scored twice in England's 5-0 win over Andorra in their opening qualifying match at Old Trafford on Saturday, struck in the first minute of the second half with a volleyed shot that hit the bar and bounced down just over the goal-line.

England dominated for long periods, but were never allowed to relax as the home side counter-attacked with some quick raids and came close to an equaliser in the 85th minute when Ashley Cole needed two attempts to clear off the goal-line.— MNA/Reuters

Hungary stun Bosnia with 3-1 win

ZENICA (Bosnia), 7 Sept— Hungary stunned 10-man Bosnia with a 3-1 victory in Wednesday's Euro 2008 Group C qualifier to post their first victory of the campaign.

Forward Szabolcs Huszti converted a 36th-minute penalty after defender Emir Spahic had been penalised to set the visitors on their way.

Spahic was sent off minutes later when he was shown a second yellow card for dissent. Hungary midfielder Zoltan Gera doubled the advantage immediately after the restart when he headed home from a corner and Pal Dardai quickly made it 3-0 with a fine lob. Bosnia got a consolation goal through Zvezdan Misimovic who converted a 63rd-minute penalty after a Hungarian defender had handled.

MNA/Reuters



Detroit Shock guard Katie Smith (L) drives to the basket past Sacramento Monarchs centre Yolanda Griffith during the second half of Game 4 of the 2006 WNBA Finals in Sacramento, California, on 6 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Bush acknowledges existence of secret CIA prisons

WASHINGTON, 7 Sept — By announcing transfer of 14 key terror suspects from secret CIA custody to US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, US President George W Bush acknowledged on Wednesday the prisons' existence.

Bush made the announcement during a speech on counter-terrorism at the White House.

The move paves the way for those suspects to face war-crime trials in the hands of US military.

The announcement marks the first time that the Bush Administration publicly acknowledged the existence of secret CIA prisons.

Speaking before an audience of families of 9/

11 victims, Bush said the "small number" of detainees that fall into this category include people responsible for 9/11 attacks, the bombing of the US warship *Cole* in 2000 in Yemen and the 1998 attacks on US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

He said the security of the United States, and the ability to protect American lives, depends on the ability to learn what the terror suspects know.

MNA/Xinhua

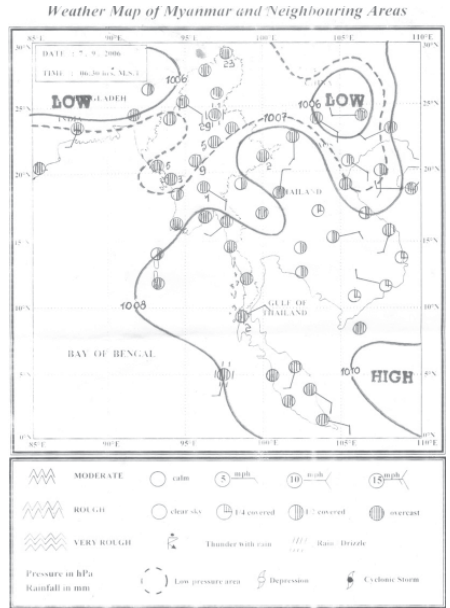
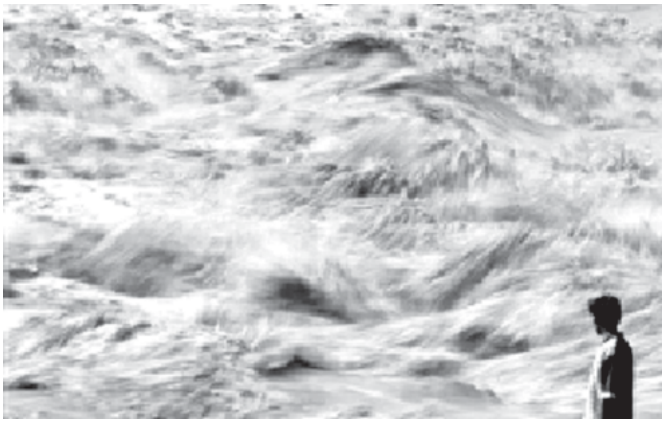
Asleep in Jesus DR.J.F. RAJ (92 years)

Beloved husband of (Daw Annie). Father of Victor-Daw Kam Khan Huai, Dr Daw Helen-U Kyaw Kyaw Soe, Julia, Sylvia, Christine, Benjamin-Daw Nwe Nwe Yee and Cecilia, passed away peacefully at 7:50 pm on 4.9.2006, Monday at his residence, No.81/7, Mindin Lanthwe Street, Ward (29) Pawsanhmwe Rd, Thuwunna, Thingangyun.

Funeral Service was held on 6.9.2006, Wednesday at 2:00 pm at the Ye Way Christian Cemetery.

Bereaved family

A man watches the gushing waters of the Tawi River after heavy rain in the Indian northern city of Jammu, on 3 Sept, 2006. In restive Indian Kashmir, authorities declared a flood alert on Sunday after the Himalayan region's main rivers flowed above the danger mark, flooding villages and damaging crops. — INTERNET



WEATHER

Thursday, 7 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Bogo Division, isolated in Chin, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pakokku (2.40) inches, Minbu (2.17) inches, Myinmu (1.26) inches, Myingyan and Bhamo (1.22) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 6-9-2006 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 7-9-2006 was 78°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-9-2006 was (79%). Total sunshine hours on 6-9-2006 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 7-9-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (83.07) inches at Mingaladon, (93.90) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.70) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (10:00) hours MST on 6-9-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Rakhine and Shan States, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Kayin States, Mandalay, Magway, Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated 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: Likelihood of continuation of thundery activities in Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 8-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 8-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 8-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 8 September
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Time will tell ...
My Town
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Holding on
Bardot
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Around the world ATC
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-All together now Inter-mission
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
-Owner of my heart -Shaha
-What about now Lone Star
-Say what you want ... Gil
- 9:00 pm WOM
-Dutchland, Africa, France, Belgium
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request
-I'll be there Westlife
-Yes, I will BSB
-My all Mariah Carey
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 8 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မတဏှာဂါရုဏ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိန္ဒာဝိဝံသ (ဓယာဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:10 am
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:20 am
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
9. တံတားမြစ်ငယ်အသစ်သွယ် လှမှုစီးပွားကြွယ်
- 8:45 am
10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. အဝေးဆင်းတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရှုကွဓေး၊ သတ္တဓေးအထူးပြုများ) (ရှုကွဓေး)
- 4:45 pm
4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
5. "သွင်သင်ရင်းမရှိတဲ့ပုခင်း" (မင်းခေါ၊ ခင်စာခြည်ကျော်၊ ဧကရီကျော်ကျော်၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ယဉ်ကျော်)
- 5:15 pm
6. ဂျူဆိုအောင်ပွဲဖြင့် နိုင်ငံ့ရတနာ အဆင့်မြှင့်

- 5:30 pm
7. ဂုဏ် နှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅-၁၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:45 pm
8. ကမ္ဘာ့ကျန်းမာရေးနေ့ ဆိုင်ရာ သိကောင်းစရာ
- 6:00 pm
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေ့တော်ရှင် 7:00 pm
- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်လိပ်ပြာလေးတစ်လည်လည်" (အပိုင်း- ၂၂)
- 8:00 pm
13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. (၃၈) ကြိမ်မြောက် မာဒေးကား ဗလား ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ (ဒိုလ်လွမ့်စဉ်) (မြန်မာနှင့် အင်ဒိုနီးရှား)
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာသစ်စဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 18. The next day's programme

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Madaya on track to meet monsoon paddy cultivation target

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw on 30 August met with farmers in Madaya Township and called for meeting the target per acre yield of monsoon paddy in the township.

Madaya Township targets 55,173 acres of monsoon paddy in 2006-2007 rainy season and so far, over 54,800 acres have been put under paddy in the township.

Before meeting with local farmers, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw viewed scattering of fertilizer in a paddy field in Latkaungkyi Village-tract in Madaya

Commander inspects development tasks in Hpa-an Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and Chairman of Kayin State PDC Col Khin Kyu attended the conclusion of ploughing for cultivation of monsoon paddy for 2006-07 in Kayin State and the paddy transplanting contest at the agricultural farm in Tayokehla Village, Hpa-an Township, on 30 August.

Kayin State has put 481,454 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 550,000 acres this year.

After the paddy transplanting contest, the commander, wife and officials presented prizes to the respective winners.

Next, they released fingerlings into the paddy fields.

At Basic Education High School in Zathabyin Village, the commander unveiled the signboard of the multimedia classrooms. Afterwards, the commander and party visited the multimedia classrooms.

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Township.

Afterwards, the commander inspected the physic nut plantation of Yenantha Village in Madaya Township and a plantation of physic nut by Myanma Agriculture Service of Singu Township. He also viewed mixed-cropping cultivation of physic nut, sunflower, maize and pigeon pea and scattering of fertilizer and spraying of insecticide in paddy fields in Singu Township and fulfilled the requirements of farmers.

Out of its target cultivation of 17,300 acres in this rainy season, Singu Township has already cultivated 16,464 acres of paddy so far.

During his inspection tour of Singu, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw also inspected Singu Township Forest Department's physic nut plantations and gave instructions to officials concerned.

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Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- To preserve Myanmar national character
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- To prevent influence of alien culture, and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

Regional development tasks supervised in DaikU

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko visited the tapioca powder factory under the Myanma Foodstuff Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 in DaikU on 1 September.

Managing Director of the MFI U Soe Hlaing gave an account of the functions of the factory.

In response, the commander called for extended cultivation of tapioca and cooperation with entrepreneurs and provided assistance for the project. Next, he inspected the factory compound and tapioca plantations.

He also observed the production processes of glucose powder and sticky candy and packaging at the Production Division (1) of the factory and attended to the needs.

On arrival at DaikU pig farm and feedstuff factory under the Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Products Enterprise of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the commander heard a report by Factory Manager U Pyae Son on functions of the factory. The commander gave instructions and inspected the farm and factory.

The commander visited Aye Thukha Basic Education Middle School in DaikU Township. Headmistress Daw Hla Hla Yee and Township Education Officer Daw Yee Yee Nyunt reported on academic matters.

The commander inspected classrooms, gave instructions and fulfilled the needs.

He also inspected Aye Thukha Station Hospital (16-bed) and left instructions.

In meeting with service personnel, social organizations and townselders at Aye Thukha Village PDC office in DaikU Township, the commander assessed the reports and fulfilled the requirements, calling for concerted efforts for regional development.

The commander inspected the progress of the model village and gave instructions on regional development and attended to the needs. — MNA

Weather Forecast for (8-9-2006)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win views paddy transplanting contest for 2006-2007 in Kayin State. — MNA