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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Present victory to gear up for the next international tournaments and milestone of success

Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends dinner hosted to victorious Myanmar National Football Team in 38th Merdeka Cup



Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at a dinner hosted in honour of Victorious Myanmar National Football Team.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — A ceremony to host dinner to victrious Myanmar National Football Team who clinched the trophy in the 38th Merdeka Cup held in Malaysia was held at Royal Kumutra Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw on 9 September, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present at the dinner were the wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, the ministers, the deputy ministers and their wives, directors-general and responsible personnel of the SPDC Office, Government Office and Sports and Physical Education

Department, leading patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, the president of Myanmar Football Federation, victorious footballers and guests.

First, the master of ceremonies introduced the victorious footballers to

attendance. Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein made a speech on the occasion, saying that the Government had such a conviction that winning of medals in international tournaments was not only to bring honour (See page 8)

The entire national people longed for achieving success of Myanmar National Football Team. So they accorded rousing welcome to the players from Myanmar National Football Team on their return journey home.



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

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Public participation in literacy campaign

The government is in the process of implementing national education promotion plans with the high aim of creating a lifelong learning society. Providing basic literacy skills for every citizen and activities for reading power enhancement are also included in the process.

In the formal education sector, for cent per cent enrolment of all school age children and all students to complete basic education efforts have been made as the mass movement. As a result, the national school enrolment rate in 2006-2007 academic year is 97.84 per cent, up from 91 in 1999-2000.

Moreover, the government has opened 6,003 post-primary schools while exerting its efforts for children to finish primary education and to complete their middle school education. Now, multimedia classrooms have been opened at 1,671 basic education schools. Lessons on subjects of basic education are broadcast through Electronic Data Broadcasting System and the number of e-learning centres which can monitor them has increased to 734.

In the non-formal education sector, the government has extended non-formal primary education programme and mobile school programme for those who are facing difficulties to attend classes and over-school age children. Literacy for illiterate adults and continuing education programmes are being implemented nationwide. As a result of this, adult literacy rate gradually increased from 83 per cent in 1996 to 94.1 per cent in 2005 and 94.35 per cent in 2006.

Therefore, the entire people are urged to actively participate in the literacy campaign so as to improve the education and socio-economic life of the people under the leadership of the government.

4th MWJA Conference recounted

Yangon,10 Sept—Botahtaung Township Writers and Journalists Association recounted the experiences of the 4th Conference of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association (MWJA) at YMCA hall in Botahtaung Township today.

It was attended by responsible persons of MWJA (Central), the chairman of Botahtaung Township WJA, officials of Township Peace and Development Council and members of Women's Affairs Organization.

Chairman of Township WJA U Myint Kyaing and Joint-Secretary of MWJA (Central) U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tekkatho) made speeches.

Next, Vice-Chairman of Township WJA UMyint Swe (Myint Swe Myint) recounted the experiences of the conference. It was followed by book donation. — *MNA*

People's Desire

- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Myanmar Motion Picture Organization presents prizes to outstanding students

Yangon, 10 Sept—The Myanmar Motion Picture Organization spon-sored a ceremony to present prizes to offspring of its members, who passed the matriculation exam for 2005-2006 with flying colours, at the Organization on Winkaba Road in Bahan Township, here, this afternoon, with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

It was also attended by Managing Director of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise Col Aung Myo Myint and departmental officials, the chairman of the MMPO and members, officials of MMPE and MMPO, film actors and actresses and prize winners.

Chairman of MMPO U Kyi Soe Tun extended greetings on the occasion.

Next, Secretary of MMPO U Tin Aung explained the purpose of the prize presentation



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prize to an outstanding student for 2005-06 academic year matriculation exam. — MNA

ceremony. This was followed by the prize presentation ceremony.

U Myo Min of Mahawgani Film Production presented K 20,000 each to seven outstanding students, actors Tun Tun and Academy Min Maw Gun and actress Academy Eindra Kyaw Zin, K 50,000 each to three 6-distinction winners, and Managing Director of Mingala Co Ltd U Zaw Min, K 100,000 each to three 6-distinction winners.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented gifts to two twodistinction winners, one three-distinction winner and six distinction winners.

Three distinction winner Ma Po Pyu The, on behalf of the prize winners, spoke words of thanks. After the ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan had a documentary photo taken together with the prize winners and officials.

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MHAA central leading committee holds meeting

Yangon, 10 Sept — The meeting of the central leading committee of Myanmar Health Assistants Association for 2006 was held at the training school of health staff in Dagon Township this morning, attended by Director (Food/Drug) Dr

Soe Myat Tun of the Health Department, the Chairman of Myanmar Health Assistants Association and members of the central leading committee.

Dr Soe Myat Tun made an opening speech and CEC members of the association read out the reports of the committee.

Next, participants from States and Divisions made discussions on task reports of central executive committee and approved the future programmes.

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Trainees of International Trade Course led by U Sein Win Hlaing, Chairman of Educational Affairs Committee of UMFCCI visit Myanma Industrial Port. — UMFCCI

Functions of dry day inspection teams supervised in Yangon

Yangon, 10 Sept—Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Brig-Gen Myint Soe, Vice-Chairman Col Win Naung and committee members, departmental heads and officials supervised functions of dry day inspection teams this morning.

Members of dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, wheel tax bill, driver's licence, wearing of respecive uniforms and breaking of traffic rules at the main points of downtown Yangon from 7 am to 5 pm. — MNA

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Russia demands equal access to nuclear market

Moscow, 9 Sept — President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday he wanted equal access for Russian companies to the world nuclear market, Interfax news agency reported.

"We still do not see equal relations on the market for atomic energy. Russia's interests are here being infringed upon," Putin told Russian reporters on his plane from Casablanca in Morocco, Interfax reported.

"Russia will obtain relations that are more balanced on the market for atomic energy and make sure they answer her national interests," Putin said. "Here we have something to speak about with our partners." Putin visited Casablanca on Thursday as he sought to improve ties with Morocco, which leaned towards the West, and away from Russia, during the Cold War.

Moroccan newspapers had reported that Russia was interested in building a nuclear power station in Morocco. Putin has complained about barriers to sales of Russian nuclear materials to the European

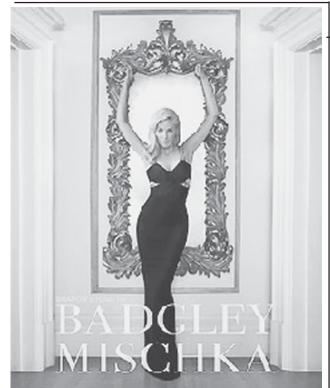
Union and senior Russian officials have demanded an end to US anti-dumping measures against Russian nuclear materials. Russia is merging its civilian nuclear companies into one state company – along the lines of gas giant Gazprom — to help it compete on the world nuclear market.

Kremlin officials see energy - particularly oil, gas and nuclear — as a new arrow in Russia's geopoliticalquiver. — MNA/Reuters





Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (L) shakes hands with Finnish Defence Minister Seppo Kaariainen greeting him upon his arrival at an airport in Helsinki, capital of Finland, on 9 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA



Sharon Stone, who hasspent time on both "best dressed" and "worst dressed" lists thanks to her risk-taking style, will wear high-glamour gowns in an ad campaign for Badgley Mischka.—Internet

UN Human Rights chief urges US to end secret detention

GENEVA, 9 Sept— The United States was urged to completely abolish the CIA's secret detention of terrorism suspects, according to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour on Friday.

US President George W Bush acknowledged the existence of CIA secret prisons on Wednesday, and announced that 14 prisoners had been transferred to Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, where a US naval base is located.

Arbour had learned about Washington's announcement and viewed it as "significant", her spokesman Jose Luis Diza told reporters in a regular briefing. But the high commissioner also "urges that the programme of secret detention be completely abolished", Diaz said. "The system should be done away with."

Washington's surprising announcement had followed previous refusals to admit the existence of secret CIA prisons. The detention programme, which was revealed by the media last year, prompted an international outcry.

"The High Commissioner recalled that secret and incommunicado detention in themselves had infringed international law

and could create an environment ripe for other abusive conduct," Diaz said.

Arbour, a former UN war crimes prosecutor and Canadian Supreme Court judge, has previously called for closing secret detention centres as well as Guantanamo Bay.

Although they can receive the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) visits, many Guantanamo detainees have been held without trial for years, and Arbour also cited allegations of abuse there.—MNA/Xinhua

Fish oil hailed as cheaper treatment for arthritis

ADELAIDE, 10 Sept—Adelaide research suggests fish oil could save the national health system more than a hundred million dollars in arthritis treatments. Professor Les Cleland from the Royal Adelaide Hospital has spent more than 20 years researching the effect of omega-3 fish oil on arthritis suffers.

His findings show large doses of fish oil reduce the risk of arthritis.

Professor Cleland says fish oil is a cheaper option than drugs and could also erve as a preventative measure.

"Potentially, I mean could be looking at savings of greater than a hundred million just in terms of the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs."—Internet

US soldier killed in southern Baghdad

Baghdad, 9 Sept — A US soldier died of wounds on Friday when a roadside bomb struck his vehicle in southern Baghdad, the US military said.

The attack occurred at about 2:00 am (2200 GMT Thursday) in an area in southern Baghdad, the military said in a

Earlier in the day, the military said that a US Marine died of wounds sustained due to "enemy action" while on duty in the Anbar Province on 6 September. The names of the soldiers are being withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statements added.

More than 2,650 US military servicemen have been killed in Iraq since the outbreak of the US-led war on the oilrich Arab country in March 2003, according to media count.—MNA/Xinhua



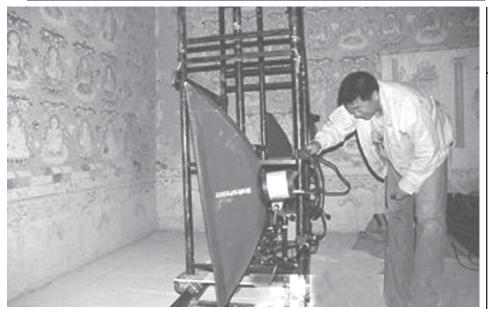
A man carries a child in a basket over his head as he wades through flood waters after continuous rain for three days in Dhantala village on the outskirts of the north-eastern Indian city of Siliguri on 9 Sept, 2006.—Internet

At least 25 killed in western India blasts

Mumbai, 9 Sept — At least 25 people were feared killed in a series of explosions on Friday in a town in the western Indian state of Maharashtra, TV reports said.

Four blasts took place in Malegaon Town, 260 kilometres (160 miles) northeast of Mumbai, India's financial hub, the NDTV channel said. One explosion was outside a mosque. At least 25 people were killed, NDTV said. Police, however, said five people were killed in two blasts.— MNA/Reuters

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Indonesia, Japan to build high-quality coal plant

JAKARTA, 9 Sept — Indonesian and Japanese firms agreed Friday to jointly build a factory to produce upgraded brown coal (UBC) in South Kalimantan Province with an investment of 68 million US dollars.

The project involves Japan Coal Energy as a ready buyer, Kobe Steel as contractor, Indonesia's PT Arutmin as coal supplier, state-run oil firm PT Pertamina and the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry's research and development centre.

The plant aims to upgrade brown coal into highgrade coal that can be used for power generation, with initial production target of 1,000 tons of upgraded coal per day.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro, who witnessed the project signing ceremony, said the government fully supports the upgraded brown coal project which enjoys high global demand.

"Besides, Indonesia has huge coal reserves with an annual production of 170 million tons," he said.

Indonesia's coal reserves are estimated at 36 billion tons. The price of upgraded brown coal on global market may reach 50 dollars per ton, compared with low-quality coal price of between 25 dollars and 30 dollars per ton.

MNA/Xinhua

British soldier dies in southern Iraq

London, 9 Sept — A British soldier has died from injuries sustained during a shooting incident in Iraq, the Ministry of Defence said on Friday.

A spokeswoman said the soldier, from the 58 Battery of the 12th regiment of the Royal Artillery, was wounded in an attack in al Qurna in the south of the country on Tuesday and died of his injuries on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

Dunhuang Research Institute takes digital pictures of murals in No 256 grotto of the Mogao Grottoes in Dunhuang, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 5 Sept, 2006. Dating back to 336 AD, the endangered Mogao Grottoes have been listed as a world heritage by the UNESCO.—XINHUA

A researcher from the

Non-Aligned Movement Summit to focus on Africa

HAVANA, 9 Sept— The 14th summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) nations, which begins next week in Cuba, will focus on Africa's problems, including hunger, poverty and underdevelopment, Cuban newspaper Granma reported on Thursday.

The summit will be a good opportunity to discuss exploitation in Africa and can help to find a way to solve the problems, Cuban officials were quoted as saying.

Depending heavily on agricultural and mineral exports, African economies are vulnerable to exploitation by rich nations, the report said.

Cuba considers that African countries have an important role to play in promoting the democratization of the United Nations, and in making sure

all member states' interests are presented, the report said.

The summit, from Monday to Saturday, will also support African countries' bid for two permanent member seats and five non-permanent

Council, the newspaper added. NAM was established in 1961 in Belgrade by some Third World countries to avoid being manipulated by Cold War powers. It now groups a total of 116 members, of which 53 are African seats on the UN Security | nations. — MNA/Xinhua

Passenger arrested in Bulgaria for bullets on plane

Sofia, 9 Sept — Bulgarian police arrested a passenger for carrying ammunition on a plane after a tip off from a foreign intelligence service, authorities and media said on Friday.

Interior Minister Rumen Petkov told the daily Trud that the National Security Service received "information that a terrorist attack was being prepared on a plane supposed to take off from a Bulgarian Airport". He added: "We found ammunition cartridges in a passenger's luggage. The passenger was supposed to fly on the plane but was detained."

When contacted by Reuters, the ministry and police refused to give further details on the case.

ment.— MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters



Tajik Army musicians play traditional pipes known as "karnay" at the Independence Day parade in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on 9 Sept, *2006*.

Internet

Suicide blast near US Kabul Embassy, 16 dead

harry Western forces

Kabul, 9 Sept — A devastating suicide car bombing in Kabul on Friday, the worst for months, killed 16 people including seven foreig-ners, rescuers and police said.

The blast ripped through one of Kabul's busiest, most protected streets just outside the US Embassy. Jazeera television reported that at least three American soldiers had been killed.

The explosion occurred at a big intersection less than 100 metres (yards) from the heavily fortified embassy.

Taleban fighters

began using suicide in Afghanistan and attacks late last year as desta-bilize President part of a strategy to Hamid Karzai's govern-



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, an Afghan soldier guards at the suicide car bomb blast site in Kabul, on 8 Sept, 2006. A car bomber slaughtered 16 people, including two American soldiers, in a massive explosion on Friday outside the $USEmbassy, the\ deadliest\ suicide\ attack\ in\ the\ Afghan$ capital since US-led forces toppled the Taliban after the 11 Sept, 2001, attacks. —Internet

Iceland resumes whale exports

ICELAND, 10 Sept—Iceland is resuming whale meat exports after a gap of more than 15 years, despite objections from environmentalists that the shipments undermine a global trade ban.

Iceland's whaling commissioner Stefan Asmundsson says the country has started selling whale meat to the Faroe Islands. "We have created a joint trade area between Iceland and the Faroe Islands," he said.

"There is free trade within that area and whale products are simply one item therein.

"We don't have a limit

but I would be surprised if exports this year reached one tonne.

Iceland has caught 60 minke whales in the north Atlantic in 2006 as part of a scientific research programme.

It resumed whaling in 2003, despite a global moratorium on hunts imposed two decades ago by the International Whaling Commission.

Mr Asmundsson says it has not exported meat since some sales to Japan around 1990. Japan and Norway also harpoon minke whales, arguing stocks of the small whales are plentiful, unlike those of endangered species, such as the giant blue whale. The meat is usually eaten as steaks.

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Israel confirms end of sea blockade on Lebanon

JERUSALEM, 9 Sept — The Israeli Government confirmed on Friday that its sea blockade on Lebanon was lifted and the monitoring of Lebanese coastline handed over to a UN-backed joint naval force.

force will continue to enforce the international embargo against the supply of armaments Hizbollah," said Miri Eisin, spokeswoman of the Prime Minister's Office.

Israel would reserve the right to stop arms smuggle along the Lebanon-Syria border, a senior source of the

A model wears a Gottex creation at the spring collection 2007 fashion show in New York on 8 Sept, 2006. Internet



"The Italian-led task | office said. Earlier, Italian and UN officials reportedly announced that the blockade was

> A UN-backed joint naval force started patrolling Lebanese coasts Friday afternoon, Lebanon's Future TV reported.

The naval force composed of French, Italians and Greeks began patrolling Lebanese coasts under a UN mandate at 12:30 pm (0930 GMT), the TV

German forces are expected to arrive in Lebanon to lead international naval patrols in two weeks, while UN Chief Kofi Annan said that as many as 5,000 UN peace-keepers were due to deploy in Lebanon by mid-September.

MNA/Xinhua

Flash floods inundate Thai northern, southern provinces

BANGKOK, 9 Sept — A flash flood has damaged a village in Thailand's northern province of Phisanulok Friday, while heavy rain much further in the south caused flooding in tourist resort island of Phuket.

Incessant overnight rains caused a flash flood in Rak Thai Village in Phisanulok's Noen Maprang District. Waters have risen to about one metre high till Friday morning, the state-run Thai News Agency said.

The town's Bannampad School closed Friday as it was under water one metre in depth which damaged teaching materials and equipment.

In nearby Phichit Province, 16 villages located in low-lying areas of Wang Sai Phun District are under one-metre-deep water. Parts of several roads were cut off by the flooding.

Meanwhile, far to the south on Thailand Andaman Sea shore, heavy rainfall Friday morning caused serious flooding in several parts of Phuket. Relentless rains triggered a flood as much as half a metre deep on many roads.

Residents near the shore were experiencing floodwaters in their homes due to both a high tide and a heavy downpour which was not draining quickly enough. Municipality workers built sandbag embankments to prevent flood-water from flowing into local homes.

MNA/Xinhua

American Red Cross fined for blood violations

WASHINGTON, 9 Sept — The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced Friday that the American Red Cross (ARC) is being fined 4.2 million dollars for failure to comply with requirements under Federal laws and FDA regulations relating to the collection of blood products.

FDA said in a statement at its official website that these fines were assessed under an amended 2003 consent decree that calls for significant financial penalties when ARC fails to comply with FDA regulations and consent decree provisions designed to ensure the safety of the nation's blood supply.

The fines stem from a recently completed FDA review of recalls conducted by ARC between 2003 and 2005 that found these events were preventable by ARC. The violations include a failure to ask appropriate donor screening questions and failures to follow manufacturer test protocols.

"We have no evidence that these violations resulted in serious health consequences," FDA said.

Since entry of the 2003 consent decree and prior to this action, FDA has issued ARC seven similar letters and assessed a total of 5.7 million dollars in penalties.

ARC is responsible for approximately 45 per cent of the nation's blood supply. Other independent community-based blood centres together provide another 45 per cent, and hospitals collect most of the remaining 10 per cent.

FDA continues to advise care providers and consumers that rigorous protections are in place and that the blood supply is safe.

Improvements in donor screening procedures and the use of a variety of new tests in the last few years have made the US blood supply safer from infectious diseases and other risks than it has been at any other time.

MNA/Xinhua



People view a big turtle in Zhangzhou, southeast China's Fujian Province on 7 Sept, 2006. The 22.5-kilogramme turtle was caught in Jiulong River by a fisherman.—XINHUA

Blast in Pakistan's Baluchistan Province kills six

QUETTA (Pakistan), 9 Sept — A bomb exploded next to a clinic in Pakistan's gas-rich Baluchistan Province on Friday, killing six people and wounding several, police said.

Police said they suspected insurgents fighting for greater autonomy and a bigger share of profits from Baluchistan's gas resources were responsible for the blast in the town of Rakhni.

Tension in the province has been high since the killing of a veteran Baluch nationalist leader, Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti, in a government offensive on 26 August.

Initially, two people were killed in the blast on Friday but four later died of their wounds, police

"It was a time bomb planted in a dustbin," said police official Hafiz Inayat. "Three injured are still said to be in critical

condition."

It was not immediately clear if the clinic was the bombers' target.

Nationalist Baluch rebels have waged a lowkey insurgency for decades but in the past year they have stepped up attacks on infrastructure, including gas pipelines, and security posts.

MNA/Reuters



Irish boy music group Westlife members Shane (R) and Kian sing during their concert in Hong Kong on 9 Sept, 2006. —Internet

Japan to launch 3rd spy satellite

Токуо, 9 Sept — Japan is scheduled to launch the third one of a set of four spy satellites on Sunday, making one step further to build a global information gathering system.

The satellite, a half of the second pair, is an optical one, and will be put into space by an H-2A rocket from Tanegashima Space Centre in southern Japan's Kagoshima Prefecture, Kyodo News quoted government officials as saying. The optical satellite is said to be capable of a resolution of one metre and can distinguish objects such as cars on the ground, the report said.

If the launch turns to be a success, Japan will send a radar satellite, which is the remaining half of the second pair, later in the year. The new pair of satellites is designed to work with the first set to take pictures on any point of the earth surface at least once a day.

MNA/Xinhua

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Workers set up shelves for flowers on Tian'anmen Square in Beijing, on 8 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

China to pursue opening-up strategy

XIAMEN, 9 Sept— China will resolutely pursue its opening-up strategy, looking to enhance trade and economic cooperation with other nations in a mutually beneficial manner, said Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi here on Friday.

Even if China has accumulated abundant capital and foreign exchange reserves in recent years, international investment will continue to play an important role in supplying technology, talent and employment in promoting structural adjustments to the economy and

regional director for

BUPA Care Homes.

changing the growth | China would make a mode, said Wu at the 2006 International Investment Forum held in Xiamen, east China's Fujian Province. China would lay more emphasis on opening up while expanding domestic demand, said Wu.

According to Wu, China will strengthen cooperation with multilateral and regional economic organizations to facilitate trade and investment.

The Vice-Premier said

bigger effort to improve its investment environment and protect the rights of overseas and domestic investors, adding that a special regulation would be made to deal with complaints about foreign investment.

Efforts would also be devoted to a national strategy on intellectual property rights protection and on developing public awareness of IPR issues, she said.

MNA/Xinhua

BUPA fined after death of elderly woman in care

London, 9 Sept — Private health company BUPA was fined 90,000 pounds on Thursday over the "entirely avoidable" death of a 95-year-old woman who had been in their care.

It was also ordered at Southwark Crown Court to pay 19,247 pounds in costs to the Health and Safety Executive, which brought

the prosecution.

Charlotte Wood died in hospital of pneumonia in December 2003 shortly after fracturing her shoulder in an accident at a residential care home in Sidcup, Kent, run by BUPA Care Homes.

She had slipped from a hoist being used to get her out of a bath at the Abbotsleigh Mews Residential and Nursing Home. The care assistant looking after her had been with BUPA for six weeks but had not received training and had not used the type of hoist before.

"We accept that in this case we unfortunately failed to meet our own high standards and we would like to apologize to Mrs. Wood's family for this,"

said Oliver Thomas,

JHARA (India), 9 Sept— Rescue teams struggled to locate and remove the charred bodies of 54 Indian miners killed after the roof of a state-owned coal mine collapsed following an explosion, authorities said on Friday.

Eighteen bodies had been brought out so far and another 28 were seen lying hundreds of metres (feet) underground after the explosion late on Wednesday in Dhanbad District in the eastern state of Jharkhand, they said.

Some bodies were so

UN -backed naval force patrols on Lebanese coasts

Beirut, 9 Sept UN-backed joint naval force has started patrolling the Lebanese coasts on Friday afternoon, and Israel would lift its sea blockade of Lebanon within hours, Lebanese Future TV reported. The naval force, composed of the French, Italians and Greeks, began patrolling the Lebanese coasts under UN mandate at 12:30 pm (0930 GMT), the TV said. MNA/Xinhua

badly charred rescuers said they were not sure if they could bring them out.

Rescuers recover charred bodies from Indian mine

"We have given up hope (of finding survivors). It is clear the miners did not have any chance of survival," Beela Rajesh, Dhanbad's District

Thousands of people gathered near the disaster site, with relatives of the miners wailing as they waited through the night for rescuers to bring the bodies of their loved ones

out.— MNA/Reuters

administrator, told Reuters.



In this photo released by the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum on 8 Sept, 2006, the disputed Impressionist masterpiece 'Rue St-Honore, Apres-Midi, Effet de Pluie,' a Parisian street scene painted by Camill Pissarro in 1897, is seen. Madrid's state-owned Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum said on Friday it will appeal a US court decision to keep open a lawsuit seeking the return of the painting estimated to be worth US\$20 million, allegedly stolen by the Nazis from a Jewish family during World War II.—INTERNET



The US space shuttle Atlantis lifted off from its ocean-side launch pad of Kennedy Space Centre at 11:15 pm EDT (1515 GMT) on 9 Sept, 2006, heading for the International Space Station to resume construction of the space outpost, according to NASA TV.—XINHUA

"Altantis" soars from Florida after long delay

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 10 Sept-Space shuttle Atlantis roared off its seaside Florida launch pad on Saturday after two weeks of delays, setting the stage for NASA to resume assembly of the *International Space Station*.

It was the final possible day for the launch before NASA faced a lengthy delay while Russia flies a replacement crew to the space station. The US space agency is eager to resume construction of the 100-billion-US-dollar orbital complex, which was halted after the 2003 *Columbia* shuttle disaster.

Atlantis may have been struck during launch by a piece of ice and some insulating foam shed by the external fuel tank, but there was no sign of damage to the spacecraft, shuttle programme manager Wayne Hale said.

Atlantis soared through pockets of puffy white clouds as it headed up over the Atlantic Ocean. Its hydrogen-fueled engines catapulted the spaceship to a speed of 17,500 mph (28,160 kph) and it later settled into an orbital perch about 220 miles (350 kilometres) above the planet.

The six astronauts aboard the shuttle face a jam-packed, 11-day schedule. In addition to inspections, they have a complicated installation to perform on the space station.

The shuttle carries a 372-million-USdollar truss segment that contains the space station's second set of solar arrays and a rotary joint so the panels can track the sun.

Three spacewalks are planned during the flight.

Atlantis must leave the station by 18 September to clear the way for the arrival two days later of a Russian Soyuz rocket carrying two new station crew members and Iranian-born American entrepreneur Anousheh Ansari, the first woman to fly as a tourist to the outpost.

Atlantis is scheduled to return to the Kennedy Space Centre before dawn on 20 September.— MNA/Reuters

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Viilestones in mation-building endeavour

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In its drive to transform the old system to a modern one, the Tatmadaw Government under the leadership of Senior General Than Shwe is taking all necessary steps to replace the old economic system that was manipulated by the government in the past with the market-oriented economic system. The systems in which the government purchased crops at the prices it fixed were abrogated phase by phase. The gradual decentralization of the government brings growing opportunities to national entrepreneurs, helps open more markets and helps farmers enjoy healthy prices of their produce.

For boosting paddy per acre yield.

Effective programmes were laid down and put into motion for domestic rice sufficiency, and then for rice surplus. Before the time of the Tatmadaw Government, the market's impact on commodity production was not taken into consideration in time due to the prevailing circumstances. In consequence, the nation's total paddy sown acreage stood at only about 11.5 million in 1987. In the colonial time, the nation's total paddy sown acreage reached more than 12.5 million in 1931. The population was growing while the total paddy sown acreage was on the decrease, so the nation's food sufficiency became uncertain during that period.

In that regard, the specific goals laid down as a national duty by the Head of State served as a great impact on the drive for boosting production of paddy for ensuring food security of the posterity.

As the first phase, the target of annual paddy output of 800 million baskets was launched. Commencing 1993-94 fiscal year, annual paddy output increased to more than 800 million baskets. Then, duties were assigned in the second phase for meeting the target of annual paddy production of 1,000 million baskets. So, the paddy production in a year had exceeded 1,000 million baskets since 2000-2001 financial year.

The target set up for annual paddy output in the third phase was 1,200 million baskets, that was achieved in 2005-2006. During the times of successive governments, the highest paddy output in a year was just about 680 million baskets. Without any doubt, the record amount of 1,200 million baskets will be broken in the near future because the government has adopted a new target of 1,500 million baskets.

In the programme of boosting paddy production, extended cultivation is more effective than the



Farmers scattering fertilizers on thriving paddy plantation in Tammadaw village, Patheingyi Township.

method of boosting per acre yield. In 2005-2006, sown acreage of monsoon paddy was the record number of 15.4 million. So, the total sown acreage of monsoon and summer paddy reached over 17.9 million. So, the year 2005-2006 saw the record number of paddy sown acreage.

Annual paddy sown acreage and output oe (million) Output (baskets in million)

i eai	Acreage (IIIIIIIIII)	Output (baskets
1987	11.5	653
1991	11.9	633
1993	14.0	803
1995	15.2	860
2001	15.7	1152

Regional rice sufficiency

Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Shan States and, Taninthayi and Yangon Divisions that could not produce adequate amount of rice for regional consumption previously have enjoyed rice sufficiency. Mandalay and Magway Divisions and Chin State have not enjoyed it so far so, but their rice sufficiency rates are getting high. Now, 11 out of the 14 states and divisions have enjoyed rice sufficiency, and Sagaing Division is in the process of pursuing its goal to become the granary of upper Myanmar. So, the achievement of boosting production of rice, the nation's staple food, is a great historic

victory of the State.

Extended cultivation of crops

Like paddy, beans and pulses are grown increasingly year after year. So far, the sown acreage of beans and pulses has reached about 9 million, up from 1.5 million in 1987. It is one of the milestones in the nation's agricultural sector that Myanmar is in the list of the top producers of beans and pulses in **ASEAN region.**

Overall, remarkably increasing paddy output, regional rice sufficiency and extended cultivation of beans and pulses in states and divisions have depicted the nation's increasing net sown acreage and arable areas, as evidenced by the following table that compares the conditions in 1987 and those in 2005.

1987 2005

Net sown acreage (million) 19.73 28.21 Arable acres

(million) 24.63 43.17 Irrigated acres

(million) 2.46 4.76

As agriculture is the ancestral profession of the national people as well as the nation's major commodity production, the government has been putting strenuous efforts into the construction of dams, river-water pumping stations and underground water tapping stations for the development of the agricultural sector. The government's historic drive has brought incredible changes to the arid zones. And many farmlands have been changed into paddy fields and double and triple cropping patterns can be carried out, thus boosting the incomes of farmers.

With sufficiency of clean water and irrigation water along with higher income of local farmers in rural areas, the living standard of local people is getting high, and the way of life of rural folks is improving. These are, in fact, fruitful results of the prudent investments the government makes in the interests of the nation.

The construction of irrigation facilities including 188 dams and 293 river-water pumping stations is one of the endeavours the government has been making for the development of the agricultural sector, and its nation-building endeavours are to be put on record. The promising future rural residents are having on the basis of the government's efforts to build all necessary infrastructures is of incalculable value that is to be chronicled in the nation's history.

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Mayangon Sluice Gate in Thaton Township.

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Present victory to gear up for the next international...

(from page 1)

to the country and its people but also to bring about the development of sports standard. The Government honoured Merdeka champion Myanmar National Football Team which uplifted the deserved prestige to the State. Myanmar had a glorious time in its history of football. Myanmar football's golden age started in the 1964 Merdeka Cup. The present victory of Merdeka Cup was to gear up for the next international tournaments and it was also a milestone of success. With the belief that the victory of sports enhanced the pride of the country and its people, the Government was pushing hard the sports with the national outlook. Moreover, departments, social organizations, artistes and the people had come out in support to recover Myanma sports standard. Especially, national entrepreneurs are discharging duties in respective sports because they longed for the victories of Myanmar sports. Myanmar achieved success in Asian football arena in the past due to the encouragement of the entire national people. Due to various reasons, Myanmar had been away from the championship for 30 years. It gradually won ASEAN U-17 Championship in 2002, ASEAN U-18 Championship in 2003 and BIMSTEC U-18 Championship in 2004. Besides, Myanmar secured success in ASEAN U-20 Championship in 2005 and ASEAN U-17 Cham-



Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein hands over cash donations to Captain Soe Myat Min and Goalkeeper Aung Aung Oo. — MNA

oldest invitational tournaments in Asia. Myanmar participated in Merdeka Cup for 18 times and claimed four championship titles, runners-up for three times and third for four times. It was a pride for the entire

with good sporting spirit, team spirit and diligence to bring honour to the country by winning international matches. He said Myanmar still needs to try hard to catch up with the international level football tourna-



Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash donation from a wellwisher. — MNA



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pionship for the second time. Myanmar National Team opened a new chapter in the history by picking up Merdeka championship cup for the fourth time after 35 years. Congratulations on the success of Myanmar National Team on behalf of the State, the people and the Myanmar National Olympic Council, he said. The Merdeka Cup started in 1957 and it was one of the

national people that Myanmar won the championship after victory over the rival teams. The entire national people longed for achieving success of Myanmar National Football Team. So they accorded rousing welcome to the players of Myanmar National Football Team on their return.

Those footballers are to make continued efforts

ments. So, the footballers should not be satisfied with the progress achieved and they need to have a high ambition to reach the level of ASEAN, and that of Asia and then that of the world. All in all, the Secretary-1 said at such a time when the State and the people are encouraging the Myanmar soccer team, they on their



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(from page 8) part are to make continued efforts with perseverance and diligence to maintain and hand down the success to future generations. He then stressed the need to draw systematic training plans to enable the Myanmar football team to be qualified for and win rival teams in regional and international football tournaments such as AFF Championship-2007, World Olympic Games qualifiers and Asia age-wise football tournaments.

Next, Deputy Director-General of the

victorious Myanmar soccer team, Union Solidarity and Development Association donated K2 million; Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Myanmar War Veterans Organization K 1 million each; Myanmar Olympic Committee K 5 million; Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association K 1 million each; Myanmar Women's Sports Federation K 500,000 President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co) and Patron Thein (Myanmar Distribution Group) K 5 million; U Aung Din (Myanmar CP Group) and U Yan Ho (Asia Metal Co) K 3 million each; U Nay Win Swe (NWS Co) US\$2,000; U Kyaw Lwin Hla (Retired UNDP Resident Representative) US\$ 1,000; U Wai Soe (Phyu Sin Co) and U Kyaw Lin (Kyaw Brother Co) K 2 million each; Dr Thein Myint (Eleven Media Group) K 3 million; U Kyaw Win (Shwe Thanlwin Co), U Kyaw Myo Tun (Super Coffee Mix) and U Myat Thin Aung-Daw Khin Myint Myint (Aung Aung Enterprise) K 1 million each; U Tun Myint-Daw Aye Aye Nyunt (KSS) K



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500,000; Patron of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Agga Maha Thiri Thudama Theigi Daw Aye Aye Kyi K 300,000. The Secretary-1, Minister Brig-Gen Thura

Aye Myint and U Te Za accepted the donations.

The Secretary-1 handed over the donations to Soe Myat Min and Aung Aung Oo. Team leader Soe Myat Min expressed

thanks. Later, dinner was hosted to those present. The cash awards amounted to K 128.8 million and US\$ 3,000.

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Sports and Physical Education Department U Thein Aung, leader of the victorious Myanmar football team, recounted the team's experiences.

Afterwards, for the

U Te Za (Htoo Trading Co) 30 million each; Patron U Aung Ko Win (Kanbawza Bank Ltd) K 20 million; U Kyaw Sein (Jewellery Luck Co) K 5.5



Captain Soe Myat Min of Victorious Myanmar Football Team speaks words of thanks. **MNA**

Secretariat Member tours Magway, **Mandalay Divisions**

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 Sept — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met teachers and local people at Myolulin Basic Education High School (Branch) in Myothit Township on 8 September.

At Taungdwingyi BEHS No 1, the Secretariat ember attended the first prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students organized by Minister U Aung Thaung and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi. Next, he accepted 2,400 membership applications from the school.

The Secretariat Member presented 100 benches to BEPSs in the township to officials.

While in Taungdwingyi, the minister inspected Cotton Ginning Factory, Maize Product Factory Project (Yanpei) and Horse and Sheep Breeding Farm Project (Yanpei). In Pyinmana, the minister inspected Brick Factory (Branch) (Nay Pyi Taw). At the briefing hall, the minister met with teachers and gave instructions on development of education sector. Afterwards, the minister inspected production process of Brick Factory (Project). — MNA



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung presents award to an outstanding student of No 1 BEHS in Taungdwingyi Township. — MNA

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Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin accepts cash donation from a wellwisher.—MNA

Cash and kind of Tatmadaw families,...

(from page 16) Departments concerned and wellwishers

offered rice and other donations to members of the Sangha. Next, the commander, the Vice Adjutant-General and senior military officers of the

Ministry of Defence accepted cash donations from wellwishers.

Col Chan Maung (Air) supplicated on the purpose of the donations.

Today's donations of Tatmadaw families and wellwishers totalled 104 bags of rice, 94 viss of edible oil, 26 viss of gram, 131 viss of salt, 27 tubes of toothpaste, 329 cakes of soap, 1,998 bottles of medicines, 65 viss of dry fish and K 4.783 million.



Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win accepts cash from a donor.— MNA

MMCWA Vice-President supervises tasks of Pathein Township MCWA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 | Pathein Sept — Vice-President | MCWA, they met with | nutrition development, io-Daw Aye Aye of the expectant women and dine consumption and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association accompanied by Chairperson Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the Commander of South-West Command, and responsible persons viewed Shwe Sar Pathein umbrella Industry on 6 September morning. At

mothers who are in postnatal confinement and gave educative talks on health.

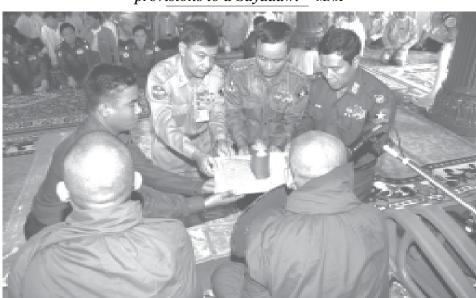
At the Sasana Beikman Building in the township, Vice-President Daw Aye Aye gave a speech to the members of Township MCWA. Executive Director Prof Dr U Tun gave talks on preventive measures against cancer diseases of reprothe delivery room of ductive organs and

Township | MMCWA members, on knowledge development for children. Later, Daw Aye Aye presented teaching aid donated by MMCWA to Division MCWSC Chairperson Daw Than Than Nwe.

In the afternoon, Daw Aye Aye and party inspected child nurturing task of Hsamalauk pre primary school on Pathein-Yangon Road and presented gifts to the children. — MNA



Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin donates provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA



Vice-Adjutant General Maj- Gen Hla Shwe and military officers present donations to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Tatmadaw families, wellwishers donate provisions...

(from page 16) ceremony at Ywama Pariyatti Monastery in Insein Township to offer provisions to 16 monasteries and a nunnery.

The commander and party presented robes and alms to Chairman of Insein Township Sangha Committee Nayaka Malayama Kwetthit Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pandita and nuns.

Three senior military officers offered donations of Tatmadaw families to the Sayadaw. Likewise, wellwishers donated offertories to the Sayadaw.

Afterwards, the commander, the vicemayor and officials accepted cash donations from wellwishers and gave certificates of honour to them. Lt-Col Maung Maung Kyaw of

Mingaladon Air Base supplicated on the purpose of the donations.

Today's donations to monasteries and nunnery in Insein Township totalled 521 bags of rice, 264 viss of edible oil, 2,269 viss of iodized salt, 1.055 bottles of traditional medicine, 753 viss of gram, 454 tubes of tooth pastes and K 10,739,116.

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Military officers (Army, Navy and Air) offer provisions to a Sayadaw.

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Concerted efforts to be made to enhance might of the USDA Hlinethaya Township USDA holds **Annual General Meeting for 2006**



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents award to an outsanding student. — MNA

Yangon, 10 Sept— Member of Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan this morning addressed the **Annual General Meeting** for 2006 of the Hlinethaya Township USDA held at the office of the association in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District.

The meeting was attended by Executive of Yangon Division USDA U Tin Maung Win, the by the USDA in previous year and remedial measures are to be taken based on past experiences. Concerted efforts are to be made to enhance the might of the USDA in

the organizers to make the people widely known the objectives, codes of conduct and basic of principles association.

> Today being

In striving for the association to be qualitatively quantitatively strong, it is of prime importance for the organizers to make the people widely know the objectives, codes of conduct and basic principles of the association.

Myanmar Info-Tech launches e-Government tasks in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — A ceremony to launch e-Government tasks in Nay Pyi Taw of Myanmar Info-Tech was held at the meeting hall of Ministry Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, here, on 8 September, with an address by Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that information and communication technology plays an important role in building a modern and developed nation. In the changing world, ICT becomes a strength that can contribute to searching resources improvement technology and production process. Due development of ICT, the e-Society emerged with the facilities of e-Government, e-Business, e-Commerce, e-Health and e-Education.

He added that about ICT companies participate in Myanmar Info-Tech. Experts had drawn the e-Government Development Plan. To implement the Government modern communication networks have been constructed throughout the nation with the use of fibre, micro link and satellite link. At present, the Government Network linking among government departments had been constructed, and Myanmar Info-Tech is ready to offer its services. Furthermore, Public Access Centres have been set up for applying ICT in all regions of the nation. The Head of State emphasizes on progress of IT tasks and provides assistance to improvement of IT. In addition, buildings of teleports and incubation centres are under construction to establish the Yadanabon ICT City in central area of the nation.

Chairman

of Directors, salient points of Myanmar Info-Tech. Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, the chairman of Myanmar Info-Tech and BOD members replied to the questions raised by those

Myanmar Info-Tech U

Thein Oo reported on the purpose of opening

Myanmar Info-Tech

branch in Nay Pyi Taw

and the methods to carry

out e-Government tasks,

and members of the Board

Also present on the occasion were the ministers, deputy ministers, members of e-National Task Force, the Director-General Government Office, Chiefs Information Officers, Chairman and officials of MIT.

Myanmar Info-Tech opens its office at the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs. Everybody may contact it with Ph: 067-407435 and Fax 067-407436. — MNA

Next, Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation exams with flying colours and outstanding Ward



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses Annual General Meeting 2006 of Hlinethaya Twonship USDA. — MNA

executives of Yangon North District USDA, the secretary of Hlinethaya Townshi USDA and executives, officials, wellwishers, members of social organizations and others.

In his address, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the meeting was to review tasks carried out

organizing, nationbuilding and development. It is encouraging to see the significant increase in the number of the Township USDA members which has reached to 135,262, he said.

He said that in striving for the association to be qualitatively and quantitatively strong, it is of prime importance for Knowledge Age the USDA members are to try their utmost to be highly qualified to keep pace with changes developments.

And the minister stressed the need for the USDA members to actively participate in nation-building endeavours and the five rural development tasks.

After that, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented K 350,000 for the trust funds of Hlinethaya Township USDA through an official.

Later, Secretary of the Township USDA U Nyan Win presented gifts to ward/village USDAs.

Wellwishers presented cash towards the trust funds of the Township

National Convention for a consensus

- * Convention striving to write With digilance **True to National Cause.**
- * Convention to bring forth New Union's charter As work of eight brethren groups.
- Convention on Myanmar's domain Through working together **Putting heads together**
- Convention deliberating to bring about **Fulfillment of Seven Steps** Through unanimity of views.
- **Convention for a consensus** In accord with historic duty Tekkatho Tin Kha (Trs)

USDA through officials who accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to them.

In the afternoon session, the Township executives presented reports on USDA affairs, discussed the reports and presented papers on new generation youths who are going to safeguard Our

Three Main National Causes risking their lives and on warding off the dangers of internal and external destructive elements through united strength of the people, made clarification over suggestions and passed the resolutions of the meeting which brought the meeting to an end. — MNA

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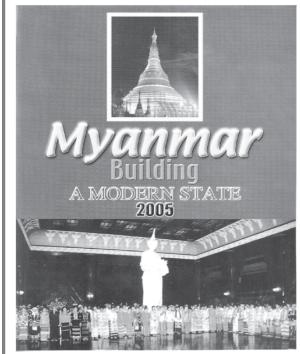


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PLA pledges to strengthen mily exchanges with Cape Verde

Beijing, 9 Sept—The Chinese Armed Forces is willing to further strengthen exchanges

and cooperation with the Cape Verde side in various fields, said a senior Chinese military official here on Thurs-

Liang Guanglie, Chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) made remarks during the talks with his Cape Verde counterpart Antero Matos.

Liang told Matos that the Chinese Armed Forces attaches great importance to the relations with Cape Verde Armed Forces and the two countries as well as the two Armed Forces share traditional friendship and good relations.

Liang expressed his appreciation for Cape Verde's adherence to the one-China policy.

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Chinese engineering troops to stay with UN forces in Lebanon

Beijing, 9 Sept— Chinese engineering troops will continue their duty with the UN peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, said Foreign Minister spokesman Qin Gang on Thursday.

Under UN Security Council Resolution 1701, the UN forces will be expanded to 15,000 troops to monitor a ceasefire between Israel and Lebanon's Hizbollah group.—MNA/Xinhua

China, Arabian states vow to promote petrochemical cooperation

XIAMEN (Fujian), 9 Sept— Government officials and entrepreneurs from China and some Arabian states discussed bilateral petrochemical cooperation here on Friday, vowing to further enhance cooperation in this field.

The petrochemical cooperation between China and Arab countries is important for both sides, said Chinese Assistant Minister of Commerce Chen Jian at the Sino-Arab Petrochemical Cooperation Seminar.

The Arab countries are important partners of China in this field and bilateral cooperation has broad prospects, Chen said.

The bilateral trade volume of petrochemical products in 2005 was 6.38 billion US dollars, making up 12.5 per cent of the total bilateral trade volume. China in 2005

imported petrochemical products worth 5.37 billion US dollars from Arab countries, 19 per cent of China's total. The liquefied natural gas China imported from Arab countries is 55 per cent of China's total imported.

Some joint ventures or cooperative programmes between China and Arab countries including Tunis, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Kuwait also make fruitful achievements.

Karim Ebrahim Al-Shakar, Ambassador of Bahrain to China, said China is a "strategic market" to the Arab countries.—MNA/Xinhua



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Russian oil company opens gas station in Macedonia

TIRANA, 9Sept Russian oil company Lukoil opened on Friday its first gas station in Macedonia, which is part of an investment of 50 million US dollars, news reaching here from Skopje reported. According to the memo of understanding signed last June between

the company and the Macedonian Government, the Russian company is to open 40 gas stations in the country, it was reported.

The company plans to open 20 gas stations by the end of 2006, creating jobs for about 600 people, the report added.

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150 landslide victims ailing in far-western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 9 Sept — Over 150 locals of Khaptad and Devisthan villages in Achham District, farwestern Nepal, who were displaced after massive landslide 12 days ago, have fallen sick, The Himalayan Times daily reported on Friday.

elderly persons staying in temporary camps for landslide victims have fallen ill," a landslide victim told the newspaper. The landslide victims are also facing food shortage as relief material is yet to reach them, some 500 kilometres west of Kathmandu, he said.

As many as six persons died in the massive landslide on August 26 in Balelna Village in the district, and altogether, 92 households in Balelna and 22 households in Devisthan were displaced due to the landslide, according to the report.

Some 556 locals of Balelna have been put up in temporary camps at Melphanta Hill while 137

"Over 150 children and | locals of Devisthan have been shifted to a nearby hill.

> "There are some 150 ailing persons, including children and the elderly in both the camps. Most of them are stricken with pneumonia, cold, fever and diarrhoea due to lack of clean drinking water and having to stay out in the cold," coordinator of the Landslide Victims' Camp, Shyam Rawal was quoted by the daily as saying.

> The stench of decomposing carcasses of cattle has polluted the air in the entire village. An epidemic might break out in the village if medical teams do not come there soon, assistant sub-inspector Tilak Kalauni said.

> > MNA/Xinhua

Albanians rank among heaviest smokers in the world

TIRANA, 9 Sept — Albanians rank among the heaviest smokers of cigarette in the world and smoking is on a rapid increase, especially among women in the country, a local newspaper reported on Friday.

Four out of ten Albanians smoke, and the country, with a population of over three million has some 870,000 smokers, who consume about 6,000 tons of cigarettes worth around 320 million US dollars per year, the Tirana Times quoted figures from the Albanian Institute of Public Health (IPH) as saying.

Smoking has increased

especially among women and youth, the IPH study showed. It said that 81 per cent of Albanian smokers start smoking before 18 years of age.

The Albanian Ministry of Health is struggling to reduce smoking rate, and the Albanian Parliament is going to pass a law to ban smoking in public planes, the report said.

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Portrait from a painting of Russian poet Alexander Pushkin (1799-1837). British writer Peter Ackroyd has declared that he rated Russian 19th-century authors such as Pushkin and Gogol above even Shakespeare as he set out on a "literary pilgrimage"

in western Russia.—Internet



Primary School present flowers to their teachers in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 8 Sept, 2006, to express their gratitude and blessing, with the coming of the Teachers' Day, which falls on 10 Sept.XINHUA

Pupils of Jingshiyilu



Microsoft Corp plans to sell a cheaper version of its Xbox 360 game console in Japan from 2 Nov, 2006, a week before Sony Corp releases the PlayStation 3, to boost sales during the Christmas shopping season, Bloomberg News reported recently.—Internet

Racy balloons act too hot for climate scientists

CANBERRA, 9 Sept — A skimpily dressed burlesque dancer, who asked scientists to pop balloons on her costume, proved too hot for a climate-change conference in Australia.

Some scientists stormed out of the conference dinner when Rebecca Gale, covered in red balloons, started her act and asked delegates to pop her balloons, revealing a racy costume underneath.

Organizers stepped in and cut the spectacle short. But Tuesday night's performance angered Australia's Environment Minister, who withdrew the government's sponsorship of the Australian and New Zealand Climate Change Forum.

Prime Minister John Howard said on Friday he thought booking burlesque entertainers for a science conference was probably inappropriate.

MNA/Reuters

London launches campaign to become greener world city

London, 9 Sept — London, which will host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012, on Thursday launched a campaign to become a green Olympic host city.

The campaign, dubbed Future London: Footprints of a Generation, was colaunched by London Mayor Ken Livingstone and London 2012 Games chairman Lord Sebastian Coe.

"I am determined that the Olympic and Paralympic Games will help to make London a more sustainable city," said Livingstone.

The campaign "offers

an inspiring insight into how we can 'green' our lifestyles and our city. By making informed choices about how we live our lives now we can help avert catastrophic climate change," he said.

"London is already establishing itself as a leading 'green' city we all need to build on this success to build a better future for us all," he added

MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

Sharapova wins first **US** Open title

New York, 10 Sept— Russia's Maria Sharapova used a big serve and powerful forehand to win the US Open women's singles title on Saturday by beating second seed Justine Henin-Hardenne 6-4, 6-4.

Sharapova, the 2004 Wimbledon champion, ended the 90-minute match when the Belgian dumped a forehand into the net. The tall 19-year-old first bent down to the court with her hands covering her face before springing up and jumping for joy.

The third seed, playing in her first Grand Slam final since her Wimbledon triumph, scored the decisive break in the seventh game of the second set after two groundstroke errors by Henin-Hardenne, who had won four of five previous matches against the Russian.

Sharapova, playing her first US Open final, was dominant from the service line.—MNA/Reuters



Russia's Maria Sharapova serves to France's Amelie Mauresmo during their semifinal match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 8 Sept, 2006.—Internet

vantage and the Brazil

midfielder wrapped up his

team's third win in suc-

cession with one of his

trademark free kicks four

On Sunday, Olympique

minutes from time.

Chelsea win London derby, Everton rout Liverpool

London, 10 Sept— Champions Chelsea beat their bogey team Charlton Athletic 2-1, Everton trounced Liverpool 3-0 in the Merseyside derby but Arsenal could only draw 1-1 with 10-man Middlesbrough in Saturday's Premier League action. On a difficult day for preseason title favourites, Chelsea only secured victory with a deflected Ricardo Carvalho header and needed a potential equalizer for Charlton by Marcus Bent to be ruled offside.

Liverpool were cut down to size by England striker Andrew Johnson, who scored twice for Everton, while a faltering Arsenal were heading for another defeat before Thierry Henry converted a penalty, soon after a red card for Boro's George Boateng.

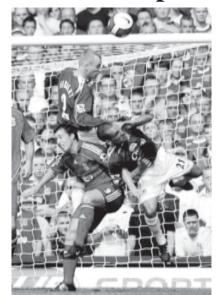
It somehow finished 0-0 between Sheffield United and Blackburn Rovers despite three penalties being awarded, Fulham came from behind for a 2-1 win at Newcastle United and Gary Speed converted a stoppage time penalty to give Bolton Wanderers a 1-0 win over Watford.

Portsmouth went top with a 1-0 win over Wigan Athletic.

Pacesetters United made it four wins from four.

The only goal in front of a Premier League record crowd of 75,453 fans came early on. Cristiano Ronaldo's swirling free kick was only parried up in the air by England keeper Paul Robinson and Ryan Giggs followed up to head home off the underside of the crossbar.

Wasteful Spurs spurned some good openings. Edwin van der Sarr made a fine reflex save to deny Michael Dawson. England striker Jermain Defoe headed over from six yards out and Egypt striker Mido headed softly at van der Sar from a similar position. —MNA/Reuters



Liverpool's Robbie Fowler (bottom) is challenged by Everton's Tony Hibbert (top) and Leon Osman (R) during their English Premier League soccer match at Goodison Park in Liverpool, northern England on 9 Sept, 2006.—Internet

Werder Bremen, Hamburg out of German Cup

Berlin, 10 Sept—Champions League teams Werder Bremen and Hamburg SV suffered shock defeats by amateur sides in the first round of the German Cup on Saturday.

Werder, double winners in 2004, went down 4-2 on penalties to regional Third Division side FK Pirmasens, after the match had finished 1-1 after 120 minutes. Hamburg lost 4-3 at Stuttgart Kickers in extra time.

Bayern Munich were in

striker

Payet hit back in the sec-

ond half.—MNA/Reuters

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danger of following them deflected a Philipp Lahm out when they fell behind cross into his own net to in the first half to St Pauli. give Bayern a 2-1 win in

Lukas Podolski levelled at the start of the second half and unfortunate keeper Patrick Borger

extra time. Energie Cottbus became the third top-flight

ment in Beijing, on 9

Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

side to go out when they

lost 1-0 at Second Division Rot-Weiss Essen.

Werder came from behind against Pirmasens to force extra time with an Ivan Klasnic goal in the 83rd minute.

Klasnic and Hugo Almeida then missed in the shoot-out to help the underdogs to their unexpected win.

Stuttgart Kickers were surprise winners of a thrilling game against Hamburg.

The Bundesliga side went 2-0 down after seven minutes but fought back to take a 3-2 lead, only for Kickers to equalize through Recep Yildiz in the dying seconds.

A foul in extra time gave Kickers a penalty, which Christian Okpala slotted home to wrap up the tie.

MNA/Reuters

Juninho on target as Lyon seize Ligue 1 lead Lille lost two points when they were held to a 1-1 draw at Nantes. Nige-Peter Odemwingie scored his fifth goal of the season in the 11th minute but Dimitri

Eto'o leads classy Barca to 3-0 win over Osasuna

scored two and set up another to steer the Spanish champions to a classy 3-0 victory over Osasuna at the Nou Camp on Saturday. The Cameroon international opened the scoring with just over a minute on the clock when he put the finishing touch to a gleaming passing move involving Ronaldinho and Deco.

Catalans who begin the defence of their Champions League crown at home to Bulgarian side Levski Sofia on Tuesday.

other at the Calderon in Saturday's late match.

MNA/Reuters



Girls perform drums during the opening ceremony of China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, on 9 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

Cris headed home a Marseille will have the opportunity to claim back the Juninho cross on 16 mintop spot if they win at archutes to give the five-times French champions the adrivals Paris St. Germain.

Answers to yesterday's

Crossword Puzzle

Paris, 10 Sept—

Juninho scored one goal and set up another as

Olympique Lyon seized

the Ligue 1 lead with a

clinical 2-0 home victory

over Troyes on Saturday.

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The mascots of China Open Dali (L) and Xiaomei wave to the audience during the opening ceremony of China Madrid, 10 Sept—Barcelona striker Samuel Eto'o Open tennis tourna-

He added a second after racing on to a clever lofted pass from Deco and set up Argentine teenager Lionel Messi for the third before the half was up when he cashed in on a mistake by Osasuna keeper Ricardo. The victory made it two wins out of two for the

Atletico Madrid and Valencia, two of the Primera Liga's biggest spenders in the close season, face each

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US Senate panel finds no prewar Iraq-al-Qaeda link

Washington, 10 Sept — Saddam Hussein had no relationship with al-Qaeda, including Iraq-based guerilla Abu Musab al Zarqawi, despite claims by President George W Bush and other administration officials, a Senate report released on Friday said.

The report, one of two newly declassified reports released by the Senate Intelligence Committee, drew on a previously undisclosed October 2005 CIA assessment as Ameri-

cans prepared to mark the fifth anniversary of the 11 September attacks on the United States by al-Qaeda.

The reports quickly became part of a political battle on Capitol Hill where Democrats and Republicans are wrestling over national security issues before congressional elections in November.

The other report said

the administration chose to provide funding to the Iraqi National Congress, or INC, exile group in 2002 over a warning by the Defence Intelligence Agency that the INC had been penetrated by "hostile intelligence services" and was intent on influencing US policy toward Saddam.

MNA/Reuters



Octopi are displayed for sale after an auction at the Tsukiji fish market in Tokyo on 9 Sept, 2006. The market is the world's largest seafood wholesale market with an annual turnover of \$6 billion, and nearly 3,000 tons and 450 species traded daily by auction. — Internet



Monday, 11 September View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓဇမဟာရဋ ဂုရ၊ အဘိဓအေဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ ဖောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ - ၁၀ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2.တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဆန္အသိ ရိန္အာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော် 7:25 am

3. To healthy be exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am

5. Nice and sweet song 7:55 am

6. Song of national races

8:05 am 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ 8:10 am

8. Cute little dancers 8:25 am

9. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ 8:35 am

10. ပေါင်းလောင်းရေလှောင်တမံနှင့် လျှပ်စစ်ဓာတ်အားပေးစက်ရုံ

8:45 am

11. Grammar Made Easy 4:00 pm

1. Martial song 4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in Reading 4:45 pm

4. Musical programme 4:55 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ . –ဒုတိယနှစ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:10 pm

6. Dance variety 5:20 pm

မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား 5:30 pm

8. Song and dance of national races 5:35 pm

9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:45 pm 10. "မူးလျှင်မမောင်းနဲ့ မောင်းလျှင် မမူးနဲ့ " (လူမင်း၊ သူသူဟံသာ၊ အိမ်အိမ်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ– သက်တင်)

5:50 pm

11.၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ဓေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလ ပေါ်တေး) (ပညာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

6:00 pm

12. Evening news 6:30 pm

13. Weather report 6:35 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်း ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၇)

6:50 pm 15. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ 7:05 pm

16. "စက်မှုဇုန်မှာကျွန်မစက်ရုံ လာတည်တော့မယ်" (ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ မိုးဒီ၊ စောနိုင် (ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ သဇင်၊ နှင်းဆီ၊ ခင်မို့မို့အေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–

တင်အောင်ရွှေ–သုတေသီ) 7:20 pm 1 / . အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:30 pm 18. Musical programme 7:45 pm

19. နမ္မတီးတံတား (ကံလှ) 8:00 pm

20. News

21. International news

22. Weather report 23. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စပိုင်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း–၃)

24. The next day's programme

Monday, 11 September Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news 8:35 am Music:

> -Rocking good way Shaki Stevens

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:

-Stuck in the heart MLTR

8:50 am National news Slogan

9:00 am Music:

-I want you back N'Sync

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:

-The Light .. Clutch & Beta

1:30 pm News / Slogan 1:40pm Lunch time music

-The way that your are Atomic Kitten -Lock me in your

heart Mandy Moore -She's my girl.

Billy Gilman -Angel of your heart Human

Nature 9:00 pm Spotlight on the

star:

-Lee Ryan (New Album)

-Army of lovers -When I think of you, Close to you

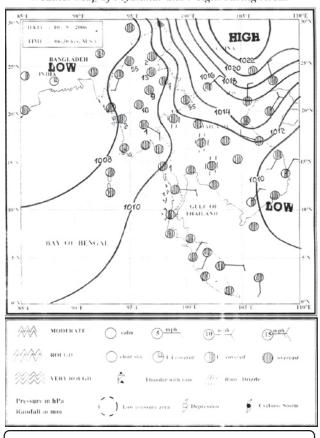
9:10 pm Article 9:20 pm Drug/ Women Affairs

9:35 pm Vocal gems

-Ain't live without your love & affection & Be with you again ... C21

9:45 pm News / Slogan **10:00** pm PEL

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 10 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin, Chin States and Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and Mandalay Division, scattered in Kayah State, isolated in Rakhine and Kayin States, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division and isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.18) inches, Kyaukse (2.76) inches, Kanbalu (2.60) inches, Kengtung (2.24) inches, Homalin (2.17) inches, Namhsam and NyaungU (1.69) inches each, Sagaing (0.90) inch and Chauk (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 9-9-2006 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 10-9-2006 was 79°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 10-9-2006 was (89%). Total sunshine hours on 9-9-2006 was (2.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 10-9-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon, nil at 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 (5) mph from Southeast at (12:10) hours MST on 9-9-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Chin State, scattered in Shan, Kayah and Rakhine States, Mandalay, lower Sagaing, Magway, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 11-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 11-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 11-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Cash and kind of Tatmadaw families, wellwishers donated to monasteries in Lewe



—A ceremony to donate rice, edible oil, salt, medicines and gram of Tatmadaw families and wellwishers to two monasteries in Lewe was held at Paukmyaing Pariyatti Monastery in Ward 6 of Lewe this afternoon.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Vice Adjutant-

Nay Pyi Taw, 10 Sept

Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and departmental heads attended the ceremony. The commander offered alms to MyoU Taikthit Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida. Next, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers presented provisions to the Sayadaws.

On behalf of Tatmadaw families, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Captain Myint Tun (Navy), Col Chan Maung (Air) and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence donated rice and gram to the Sayadaw of MyoUTaikthit Pariyatti Monastery.

Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Religious Affairs Department presented rice of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, and Acting Chairman of Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw, rice of Pyinmana District PDC, to members of the Sangha.

(See page 10)

Today's donations of Tatmadaw families and wellwishers totalled 104 bags of rice, 94 viss of edible oil, 26 viss of gram, 131 viss of salt, 27 tubes of toothpaste, 329 cakes of soap, 1,998 bottles of medicines, 65 viss of dry fish and K 4.783 million.

INSIDE

With sufficiency of clean water and irrigation water along with higher income of local farmers in rural areas, the standard of living of local people is getting high, and the way of life of rural folks is improving. These are, in fact, the fruitful results of the prudent investments the government makes in the interests of the nation.

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Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and congregation receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at the ceremony to donate rice and cash to two monasteries in Lewe Township. — MNA

Tatmadaw families, wellwishers donate provisions to monasteries, nunnery in Kamayut, Insein



Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win offers alms to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Yangon, 10 Sept — Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated provisions to four monasteries in Kamayut Township at 1 pm today.

The ceremony was held at Thuseiktayon Pariyatti Monastery in Ward 3 of Kamayut Township, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win.

The commander offered robes and alms to Presiding Nayaka of the monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagara.

Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and senior military officers donated provisions to members of the Sangha.

Three senior military officers presented offertories of Tatmadaw families to the Sayadaw. Wellwishers also donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

Next, the commander, the vice-mayor, senior military officers and departmental heads accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. Cmdr Nay Win of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command supplicated on the purpose of the dona-

Today's donations to four monasteries in Kamayut Township totalled 134 bags of rice, 43 viss of edible oil, 284 viss of iodized salt, 1,251 bottles of traditional medicine, 56 viss of gram, 57 tubes of toothpaste and K 9,579,000.

At 3 pm, the commander attended a similar (See page 10)

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