

Senior General Than Shwe receives Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received a goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin at Banyintnaung Yeiktha here today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attache Colonel Prissapa Suvanatat. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin at Banyintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence. — MNA

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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

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

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Towards more victories

Achieving victories in international sports meets can raise the dignity of a nation and a people. Myanmar national football team emerged champions in the 38th Merdeka Cup Tournament 2006.

The success of Myanmar national football team was really a shot in the arm for Myanmar athletes. The State, on its part, honoured the victorious team in a deserving way and the entire people gave them a rousing welcome on their return home.

Myanmar youth football teams have also won ASEAN U-17 Championship, ASEAN U-18 Championship, BIMSTEC U-18 Championship and ASEAN U-20 Championship shields since the year 2002.

Nowadays, the government and the entire national people including national entrepreneurs, artistes and sports fans are giving encouragement to all athletes to win more victories in all sports events including soccer.

At a time when the entire nation is enthusiastically encouraging the athletes, Myanmar national football team should try its best to win more victories at ASEAN-level and then at the Asian level.

OIE announces Myanmar free from bird flu

YANGON, 11 Sept — Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries informed the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) that avian influenza occurred in central Myanmar was brought under control. The report was sent to OIE on 4 September and the announcement was carried in the dailies in Myanmar on 6 September.

The disease was brought under control four months ago and the detection of bird flu found no virus. Based on the results of active surveillance, Myanmar has regained its freedom from highly pathogenic avian influenza. The report was announced on the OIE website.— MNA

Names, CVs to be sent to Scrutinizing Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — Scrutinizing Committee for the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions called on participants of the competitions to send a list of names together with CVs and photos to the committee not later than 13 September.

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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

Commander attends rainy season tree planting ceremony of Yangon West University

YANGON, 10 Sept — Yangon West University organized the rainy season tree planting ceremony on its campus in Htantabin Township yesterday morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win gave a speech, and Pro-Rector of the University U Thein Win expressed thanks.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Pro-Rector U Thein Win and officials



viewed the fingerlings delivered to the camp and biotech-

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win gives a nursery plant to a responsible person. — MNA

Yankin Township USDA holds annual meeting



Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa accepts cash donation from a wellwisher. — MNA

YANGON, 10 Sept — The Annual General Meeting of Yankin Township Union Solidarity and Development Association for 2006 was held at the office of the association this morning with an addresses by CEC member of USDA (Yangon Division In-Charge) Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa.

CEC member Col Maung Pa and members of Yangon Division and Yangon East District USDA presented awards to seven outstanding students in 2005-06 matriculation examination, outstanding trainees in Basic Organizing Course.

The CEC member and executives accepted K 332,000 donated by wellwishers to Township USDA and presented certificates of honour to them.

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nology lab of the university. The commander later attended the ceremony to hand over membership applications of Kyaunggon Village of Htantabin Township to Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee. Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai gave a speech.

Next, the commander

viewed harvesting of monsoon paddy in Ward 5 of Htantabin. Afterwards, the commander inspected prevention against bank erosion at Kyunngu Ward.

Later, the commander and wife inspected Htantabin Township Hospital and presented cash assistance to patients.

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Experiences gained from Fourth MWJA Conference recounted

YANGON, 11 Sept — Dagon Myothit (North) Writers and Journalists Association held a ceremony to recount the experiences gained from the Fourth MWJA Conference in conjunction with a book fair at the Township Information and Public Relations Department at noon yesterday.

CEC member of MWJA U Myint Kywe (Maung Myint Kywe) spoke on the occasion. Next, Township WJA Chairman U Nyunt Tin (Maung Nyein Thu-Gyobingauk) recounted the experiences and Delegate to the National Convention U Tun Shwe (Pyi Tun Shwe) explained the guidelines of Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council, and Vice-Chairman U Than Htay (Than Htay-Waida) the instructions of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

The Dagon Myothit (North) magazines were sold to those present on the occasion.

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Belgium criticizes US cover-up of secret prisons

BRUSSELS, 10 Sept— Belgian Foreign Minister Karel De Gucht has voiced concern that the affair surrounding the secret CIA prisons of the United States would have a negative effect on transatlantic relations, Belgian Press agency *Belga* reported Saturday.

“The Americans have

concealed the truth (from their allies) and this kind of behaviour is not acceptable in a democracy,” said De Gucht in an interview with *Belga*.

The United States admitted for the first time on Wednesday that the secret prison camps existed and were used to hold al-Qaeda suspects.

US President George W. Bush said in a televised speech that 14 top terrorist suspects would be transferred from the CIA facilities to the Guantanamo Bay camp to face military tribunals if the US Congress approves.

De Gucht considered the US President’s account of CIA methods

and the treatment of prisoners as “unacceptable”.

It wasn’t a surprising admission. “The top American civil servant (US State Department’s legal adviser) John B Bellinger admitting that the International Red Cross had been denied access to terror suspects, was also an implicit admission that the secret jails existed,” he explained.

De Gucht has asked the Polish and Romanian governments for an explanation at a recent meeting of EU foreign ministers.

“Moreover, I was the only one of the 25 EU foreign ministers at the meeting to do so,” he added.

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France’s President Jacques Chirac (L) shakes hands with Vietnam’s Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung before a meeting during the ASEM summit in Helsinki, on 10 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



Maria de Jesus (L), 112 years old, sits outside her house in Tomar, central Portugal, on 9 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

Pakistan to send Army engineers to Lebanon for demining

ISLAMABAD, 10 Sept— Pakistan will send a contingent of Army personnel to Lebanon for the exclusive purpose of demining of areas bombed by Israel during the recent conflict.

“The decision has been taken in view of the appeals made by our Lebanese friends and keeping in mind the continued threat of explosive devices faced by the people of Lebanon,” Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz told a Press confer-

ence here Saturday. MNA/Xinhua

Indian industry official says India-China trade to “diversify”

BEIJING, 10 Sept—“India-China economic and trade cooperation is diversifying as more Indian companies enter China’s manufacturing, service and finance sectors,” said the president of Confederation of Indian Industry R Seshasayee on Friday at the ongoing Made In India forum in Beijing.

Seshasayee also said India would further develop its software industry and increase exports to overseas markets, includ-

ing China. Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Wan Jifei said the Made in India show, which has been held every year since 2003, has achieved “remarkable” results.

This year’s show is being attended by more than 50 Indian industrial and commercial enterprises, that are exhibiting products and services from nearly 20 sectors, such as agriculture,

health, and engineering.

The show’s technology pavilion will help diversify the trade between the two countries and further deepen economic and trade ties, said Wan.

Kapil Sibal, Indian Minister for Science and Tech and Earth Sciences, said India will strengthen cooperation with China in scientific research and development to realize a faster growth in bilateral economic development.

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Bull rider Hank Broner of Anchorage, Alaska, gets knocked in the head by China Grove after the bull threw him during the Professional Bull Riders Enterprise Tour in Anchorage, Alaska, on 9 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Lucky lady lands \$1m jackpots twice in four years

NEW YORK, 10 Sept— A woman who won \$1 million from a state lottery game four years ago has improbably hit the jackpot again. Valerie Wilson, who works at a Long Island deli, said she won another \$1 million on a lottery scratch-off game last month. “The first time I couldn’t believe it,” Wilson told *Newsday*. “This time I said, ‘God’s on my side.’”

Wilson, 56, beat some long odds to

pull off her double victory.

In 2002, her winning ticket in the Cool Million scratch-off game, which has since been discontinued, was a shot of 1 in 5.2 million, according to the New York State Lottery. Last month, she beat odds of 1 in 705,600 when she got the \$1 million prize in the New York lottery’s Jubilee scratch-off game. Overall, her chances of winning both games were a slim 1 in 3,669,120,000,000. —Internet

Dozens taken to hospital in S Korea gas leak

SEOUL, 10 Sept— An accidental leak of noxious gas from a cooling system in an underground arcade in Seoul sent at least 66 people to hospital on Friday, emergency officials said.

“Many of the people were suffering from nausea, vomiting and dizziness,” a Seoul fire department official said by telephone, declining to be named

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Light plane crashes in central Thailand

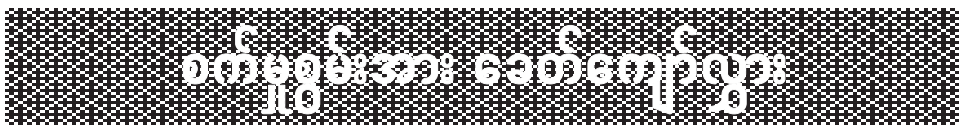
BANGKOK, 10 Sept— A light plane with four people on board crashed in Thailand’s central province of Ayutthaya Saturday afternoon, police said. Four people were injured and they

were rushed to a nearby hospital.

The accident took place at 4:50 pm (0950 GMT). The crash site was in a rice field near Ban Pho Railway Station in Bang Pain District. —MNA/Xinhua



A golden lion statue bearing the name of Chinese director Zhang Yimou, who won the Golden Lion for Best Film in 1992 and 1999, is seen in Venice, Italy, on 9 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA



Chinese leaders oppose resource waste in high-profile buildings

BEIJING, 10 Sept— The problems of wasting resources and imitating foreign construction styles of urban high-profile buildings should be solved through improving managerial systems, said Premier Wen Jiabao in written comments on a report about such projects in

China.

Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan here Friday chaired a symposium on enhancing management over construction of high-profile public buildings.

The construction of large public buildings should follow the concept of scientific development, quality, safety,

resource conservation and environmental protection, Zeng said at the symposium.

High-profile public buildings have been increasing in many Chinese cities in recent years, which are conducive to the economic and social development, he said.

Meanwhile, some project designers pay too much attention to an ornate facade while ignoring the building's practical functions and problems of quality, safety, thrift and environmental protection, he said.

On the principle of putting people first, future public buildings should put more focus on their practical functions, and benefit people's work and life, he said.

The number, scale and standards of high-profile public buildings should be controlled at a reasonable level, so as to fulfil the harmonious existence of buildings, people and the nature, he said.—MNA/Xinhua



Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi attends the premiere of her latest movie 'The Banquet', directed by Feng Xiaogang in Shanghai, on 10 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

US aid volunteers die in Mexico plane crash

TIJUANA (Mexico), 10 Sept— Two US medical volunteers and their pilot died on Friday when the

small plane in which they were travelling crashed near Mexico's border with the United States, a police spokesman said.

A Mexican police spokesman said the plane blew up on impact with a factory wall near the Mexican city of Ensenada, killing the pilot and his two passengers, a doctor and a nurse heading further south to provide voluntary medical assistance in the town of San Quintin.

They were part of a two-plane convoy of Christian missionaries from Brownfield, California, the spokesman said, adding that a technical fault was likely to blame for the crash.—MNA/Reuters

Survey shows many Houston "Katrina" evacuees unemployed

HOUSTON, 10 Sept — More than 80 per cent of Hurricane Katrina evacuees surveyed in the Houston area are unemployed one year after the storm forced them to flee New Orleans, according to a study released by Rice University on Friday.

Sixty-six per cent of the 362 evacuees surveyed had full- or part-time jobs before Hurricane Katrina

battered the US Gulf Coast on 29 August, 2005, the study said.

The devastating hurricane caused massive damage along the coast, killed 1,500 people and drove hundreds of thousands from New Orleans.

Many of the unemployed told Rice professors Rick Wilson and Robert Stein there were not enough jobs in Houston to support the thousands of temporary

residents. Others said a lack of transportation made it difficult to find and keep a job in the sprawling city.

Of those surveyed, 68.5 per cent said they were likely or very likely to stay in the Houston area because their neighbourhoods were destroyed.

"This is a group that does not see their future in New Orleans," professors Rick Wilson and Robert Stein wrote in the study.

"Even though they indicate they are homesick and miss the neighbourhoods from which they came, they do not see anything left in those neighbourhoods."

MNA/Reuters

Paintings worth \$1.5m 'fall from car roof'

SYDNEY, 9 Sept— Police in Sydney are appealing to the public to help find two paintings valued at \$1.5 million.

The artist, Gordon Syron, placed the paintings on the roof racks of his car outside Sydney Town Hall yesterday.

He stopped in the city, after noticing he had not secured the load and the paintings had fallen off.

Officers searched the area but could not find the works.

Police are now asking the public to help find the paintings, called Judgement of his Peers and The Immortalisation of David Gulpilil. Anyone with information should call police.—Internet

Rain plays havoc in S Pakistan, killing several

ISLAMABAD, 10 Sept— Torrential rain continued to play havoc in southern Pakistani Province Sindh, killing some six people in interior districts of Hyderabad and Mirpur Khas, and causing rail traffic suspension by washing away temporary diversion.

Following a 17-hour-long torrential rain starting Thursday evening, the local administration in Hyderabad, some 155 kilometres northeast of the provincial capital Karachi, declared emergency in the district Friday morning, the Geo Television reported.

MNA/Xinhua



Air Force aircraft fly over the National Congress building during the Independence Day parade in Brasilia on 7 Sept, 2006. Brazil celebrated its 184th anniversary of independence from Portugal.—INTERNET

Central Asia declares nuclear free zone

SEMIPALATINSK (Kazakhstan), 10 Sept— The five ex-Soviet republics of Central Asia signed a treaty on Friday declaring a “nuclear-weapon-free zone” but the world’s Western nuclear powers declined to lend their weight to it.

Nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties usually require the world’s five officially recognized nuclear powers — the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia — to sign an accompanying “protocol” pledging to respect the pact.

The treaty signed on Friday between Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan came without such an addition due to opposition from the three Western powers.

Their objections centre on a loophole in the treaty, which could — hypothetically — allow Russia to transport or even

deploy nuclear weapons across the volatile region under provisions of an older security agreement, undermining one of the new pact’s key provisions.

Officials from the five states gathered in the northern Kazakh town of Semipalatinsk, near the now-defunct testing ranges where the Soviet Union exploded more than 400 atom bombs.

In a statement read out by a UN official during the signing ceremony, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the occasion “marks another step” towards agreeing on a treaty. “I note that some nuclear weapon states continue to

be concerned about aspects of the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty,” Annan said. “I would therefore urge the five Central Asian states to engage with the nuclear weapons states with a view to bridging the differences and ensuring the treaty’s effective implementation.”

MNA/Reuters



Cast members perform during a rehearsal of Gioachino Rossini’s opera ‘Il Viaggio a Reims’ at Oviedo’s Campoamor Theatre, Spain, on 8 Sept, 2006.

INTERNET

Party civil war after bid to oust Blair

LONDON, 10 Sept— British Prime Minister Tony Blair appealed for an end to personal attacks within his ruling Labour Party on Saturday days after being forced against his will to announce he will leave office within a year.

Blair acknowledged the week had been a disaster and told followers

to stop attacking each other. “There was something irredeemably old-fashioned about it. The attacks on the leader, the leader responds, the briefings, the counter briefings,” Blair told a

conference of Progress, a group of pro-reform Labour Party members. “We’re not going to win if we have personal attacks by anybody on anyone. Because it turns off the public.”

Polls show the sudden battle over the succession has hurt the Prime Minister. But even more damage may have been done to his presumed successor, Finance Minister Gordon Brown, who for the first time faces serious doubt about whether he will succeed Blair.

But anger and despair among party members was palpable. During a question and answer session, one woman asked Blair in tears what he would say to a mother whose son died in Afghanistan while party leaders were fighting for power. —MNA/Reuters

Annan welcomes ceasefire deal in Burundi

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Sept— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has hailed the signing of a ceasefire agreement in Burundi between the government and the country’s last remaining major rebel group, a UN spokesman said Friday.

The Secretary-General called on both sides to implement the agreement and try to consolidate peace in the strife-torn and impoverished African nation, said spokesman Stephane Dujarric said at UN Headquarters in New York.

MNA/Xinhua



A Lebanese ship arrives from Italy in Beirut port on 8 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Chinese archaeologists discover 2,000-year-old leather shoes

BEIJING, 10 Sept— Six leather shoes, dating back some 2,000 years ago, have been discovered at a relic site in Dunhuang, northwest China’s Gansu Province.

The leather shoes, from the Han Dynasty (205 BC-220 AD), are the oldest leather shoes found in China, indicating that the history of China’s leather shoe-making is some 1,000 years longer than previously believed, said He Shuangquan, an archaeologist from Gansu Province. The newly found, well-preserved shoes were made for children, aged three to six years old, said He, who is in charge of the excavation of the ancient site at Xuanquanzhi in the desert of Dunhuang. The yellow-coloured shoes were made from cattle hide, with a round toe and flat sole. One of the shoes is laced. The leather was not polished, and the threads can still be seen on the shoes, he said.

“We can see that leather shoe-making skills of that time was quite close to that of today,” He added.— MNA/Xinhua

Undersea quake jolts western Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 Sept— An undersea earthquake with a magnitude of 6.6 jolted western Indonesia on Saturday, but a meteorological agency official said there was no danger of a tsunami.

There were no immediate reports of any deaths or damage after the quake centred in the Flores Sea at a depth of 573 kilometres, said Muhaimin, an analyst at the meteorology and geophysics agency. Earthquakes are frequent in Indonesia, a sprawling archipelago of some 17,000 islands that lies in the so called “Pacific Ring of Fire”.

The country has been on edge since a tsunami slammed into the southern coast of Java Island in July, killing around 600 people.

It was the second tsunami to hit the country in less than two years.

In December 2004, a devastating tsunami hit the northern tip of Indonesia’s Sumatra Island, leaving some 170,000 dead or missing in the country.

MNA/Reuters



NASA guests watch as the space shuttle Atlantis launches from pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 9 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Japan, Philippines sign free trade agreement

HELSINKI, 10 Sept— Japan and the Philippines on Saturday formally clinched a free trade agreement, featuring not only trade of goods and services but unprecedented steps to open the door for Philippine nurses to work in Japan.

The agreement was signed by Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in Helsinki on the sidelines of a two-day Asia-Europe summit opening on Sunday.

The free trade pact, referred to as an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) by government officials, would cover industry, agriculture and the services sector as well as government procurements.

Under the deal, Philippine nurses and care providers would be given chances to win qualifications to work in Japan and vice versa.

About a tenth of the

Philippines' 85 million citizens work overseas in jobs such as nurses, musicians, care-givers, engineers, domestic helpers, seafarers, labourers and information technology professionals. Japanese officials said Tokyo had yet to decide how many Philippine nurses it would accept.

"We have never accepted nurses from abroad. The Philippines will be the only country to benefit from the agreement," said a Japanese Government official.

A rapidly ageing population and low birth rate mean there is demand for foreign workers, including health workers,

in Japan but authorities had been reluctant to open the door due to fears about the impact on wages and worries about crime by foreigners.

For Manila, Saturday's "comprehensive" deal with Japan was its first economic partnership agreement.

MNA/Reuters



Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani (C) and European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana are surrounded by journalists in Vienna on 10 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

General says no proof Iran backing militants in ME Iraq

WASHINGTON, 10 Sept— A US general in Iraq on Friday said he had no proof of Iranians supporting armed militants in his area, which stretches north of Baghdad and borders Iran.

The comments from Army Major-General Thomas Turner follow repeated accusations by American officials that the Shiite-led Islamic state is fueling sectarian violence in Iraq by funding, training and supplying Shiite groups there. But scant evidence has been offered.

Turner, speaking from

Iraq to reporters in Washington, said he had heard reports of Iranians aiding militant groups and that weapons believed to be Iranian had been found. But he could not offer specific details about that activity in his area.

"I don't think we have any specific proof of Iranians in our area other

than reports," Turner said.

"We have discovered caches or the Iraqi border police have discovered caches of weapons that look like they were abandoned quickly in their area along the border," he said. "There's not been a lot."

He said weapons used against coalition forces were made in Iran, but could not say where along the border these weapons were crossing into Iraq.

Senior US military

and civilian officials, including Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, have regularly charged Iran with supporting Shiite groups in Iraq. Brigadier-General Michael Barbero, deputy director of regional operations for the US military's Joint Staff, last month said this was a policy of Iran's central government, and said the evidence was "irrefutable".

MNA/Reuters



One of 36 Kungfu practitioners performs martial art in Shaolin Temple after a nine-day seclusion, on 9 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

Indonesian rescuers search dump for buried victims

JAKARTA, 10 Sept— Rescuers combed through garbage near the Indonesian capital on Saturday in a search for bodies, a day after at least three people were killed when a rubbish dump collapsed.

Police initially said up to 22 people could be buried at the Bantar Gebang dump in Bekasi, east of Jakarta, but on Saturday they suggested the number may be lower.

"We will continue the search until we can conclude that there are no more victims," Chairul Anwar, the Bekasi police chief, told Reuters. "It is difficult for us to count how many scavengers there were because they are illegal."

Bantar Gebang is the main rubbish dump for Jakarta and every day hundreds of people pick through the piles of garbage looking for plastic and other recyclable items that are then sold on to factories.

MNA/Reuters

Road accident kills four in central Bangladesh

DHAKA, 10 Sept— At least four people were killed and 52 others injured in a bus crash in central Bangladesh on Friday, local news agency UNB reported.

Witnesses and police said the fatal accident took place at about 2:30 pm (0830 GMT) when a bus plunged into a roadside ditch on Faridpur-Barisal road in central Faridpur District, leaving three passengers dead on the spot. The injured were admitted to hospital where an unidentified passenger succumbed to his injuries. — MNA/Xinhua

Belgian police detain two more in neo-Nazi probe

BRUSSELS, 10 Sept— Belgian police seized more than 100 weapons and detained two further suspects on Friday as part of an investigation into a neo-Nazi network

involving soldiers and feared to be capable of mounting terror attacks.

The prosecutor's office in Brussels said various illegal military weapons were found during raids conducted at suspects' homes near the town of Mechelen and around the northern port city of Antwerp, both in the Dutch-speaking Flanders region.

Police already detained 17 suspects, mostly soldiers, on Thursday during raids at barracks and homes in the same region which unearthed a home-made bomb, landmine detonators, large quantities of ammunition and neo-Nazi propaganda.

MNA/Reuters



A lady views a crystal parrot during a presentation of the new creations for Fall/Winter 2006 by famous ornament brand Swarovski recently.—XINHUA

Milestones in nation-building endeavours - 3

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The embankment of Mya Lake of Mya Lake Greening Plan at the foot of Tuyin Hill in Bagan Archaeological Region, part of the Arid Zone Greening Plan.

The government is scaling up the manufacturing of various types of machinery such as tractors, power-tillers, water pumps and combine-harvesters, while encouraging the use of high-yield strains of crops and disseminating modern agricultural methods. It has also invited the participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from national entrepreneurs in reclaiming virgin and fallow lands in addition to the effective use of the farmlands. So far, hundreds of thousands of acres of vacant lands have been reclaimed across the nation.

As a result, the agricultural sector is making progress with a remarkable increase in sown acreage of paddy, beans and pulses, oil palm and new crops. The agricultural sector-based greening plan being implemented under the guidance of the Head of State is gaining momentum.

In his guidance, the Head of State said that the topography and climate were inter-related. If geographical features deteriorated, there would be erratic changes in the weather, and vice versa. The posterity would be prosperous if the environment is well conserved,

he said, calling for environmental conservation. In particular, Anya region (arid zone) would have to be turned into a green land, and the drive calls for collective efforts to make the dry regions lush and green with temperate climate.

Anya region is made up of three divisions — Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing — whose population stand at 18.9 million or more than 34 per cent of the nation's population. In 1993, the Tatmadaw Government launched the greening drive through conservation of forests and regional greening for long-term interests of the people and sustainable progress of the geographical features of Anya region.

Then, there emerged the Nine-District Greening Plan, in which local people played a role with heart and soul for the prosperity of their posterity and in the interests of Anya region. Those in charge at the central level and those in charge of respective regions raised the public awareness in harmony. Some time later, the drive grew into mass activity, and local residents came to realize the value of the drive and conserved trees. Then, the growing of trees and afforestation picked up a greater speed and the Nine-District

Greening Plan was extended to the level of Arid Zone Greening Plan.

Through an assessment of the environmental conditions of Anya region, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe not just initiated the Arid Zone Greening Plan but made field trips and laid down work guidelines namely **(1) water supply, (2) protection and extended growing of forests and trees, (3) establishment of village firewood plantations, and (4) extensive use of firewood-substitute fuel.** Now, the four work guidelines are in full swing.

In adherence to the work guidelines, the government has constructed a great number of dams, diversion weirs and river-water pumping stations. In addition, there have been small dams and lakes numbering by the thousand constructed by local people, and small lakes and dams built by the Ministry of Forestry.

The Senior General has seen that high-ranking officials carry out regional development tasks with a sense of duty and occasionally exhorts local people to take part in the tasks. That is aimed at shaping the future of the nation through harmonious cooperation of the government and the people. He called for constant conservation of age-old trees and growing of

shady trees and suitable trees. He was displeased whenever watershed areas without trees and barren hills and he was pleased when he saw a place green and lush. It was when discussions were held to decide whether a dam should be built by damming the Taungtha Creek in Taungtha Township, Myingyan District. Officials concerned presented a report to the Senior General, saying that if the dam was built, the stored water would turn soapy.

However, the Senior General gave guidance on continuation of the programme, saying that although the stored water could not be used for the agricultural purpose, that would at least contribute towards the greening of the region.

Therefore, Anya region has seen a large number of irrigation facilities, large and small, in which all available water is stored for the agricultural purpose.

The Forest Department and the Arid Zone Greening Department are protecting the remaining tropical forests and planting more than 10,000 acres of lands with trees and watershed plantations every year.

Now, it can be witnessed that Mt. Popa has been lush and green again, and so have Mandalay and Sagaing hills. And arduous efforts are being made through great difficulties for greening of Tantkyi, Tuyin, Minson, Shinma, Shwethalyaung, Taungtha and Kokke mountains that were bar-

ren in the past. So, these mountains have become lush and green.

On the whole, thanks to the vision, initiative and effective encouragement of the Head of State, the 12-year-old Nine-District Greening Plan has started to bear fruits. And that will ensure a good balance between geographical features and climate of the Arid Zone and alleviate the poverty of local farmers. Surely, that will put an end to poverty of local people and make the region's climate more temperate one day.

The Anya region greening plan initiated with goodwill and vision will continue to benefit the future generations.

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A village firewood plantation at Minphayagan Village, Thazi Township.



Senior General Than Shwe and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin and party pose for a documentary photo at Banyintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence. (News on page 1) — MNA

Thailand donates cash to UDNR

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun attended a ceremony to donate cash to University for Development of National Races by Thai government at the office of CSSTB in Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony was also attended by CSSTB members U Hla Myint Oo, U Win Aung, U Soe Oo, U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung, departmental heads, the UDNR rector and the Thai Ambassador.



Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal presents Baht 3 million to Rector U Zaw Min Thein of University for Development of National Races.

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Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal presented 3 million Bahts to Rector U Zaw Min Thein. MNA

UMFCCI meets Chinese guests

YANGON, 11 Sept—The 13-member delegation led by Mr Zheng Wenlin, Deputy Director of Customs Department of Guangxi Province, the People's Republic of China, called on Union of Myanmar Federation of

Chambers of Commerce and Industry Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and CEC members at the UMFCCI office here this morning.

They discussed

investment opportunities, investment laws, export / import procedures, customs affairs, participation of Myanmar entrepreneurs in China-ASEAN Expo and reducing of taxes on China-imported products. — MNA

Minister inspects Thagara Industrial Region in Yedashe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin and officials visited Thagara Industrial Region in Yedashe Township, Bago Division on 9 September.

Project Director U Khin Win of Myanma Industrial Construction Services reported on construction of buildings for multi-purpose diesel

engine production project, stockpiling of construction materials, arrival of steel structures for workshops and preparation for installation.

General Manager of multi-purpose diesel engine production factory U Aye Thaug reported on organizational set-up, power and water supply to the factory and cultivation of plants for

greening in the environs of it.

The minister gave instructions on completion of the projects, safety and arrangements for maintenance of the steel structure.

The minister inspected the sites chosen for turbine and generator production project and construction of warehouses.

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General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing meets with Chinese guests at UMFCCI office. MNA



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**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and
Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army
General Sonthi Boonyaratglin inspect the
Guard of Honour.**

(News on page 16) — MNA

**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and
wife Daw Mya Mya San welcome
Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army
General Sonthi Boonyaratglin at Nay Pyi
Taw Airport.**

(News on page 16) — MNA



Discovery of new oil fields stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — New oil fields should be discovered, while maintaining the production volume of the existing fields, said Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi during inspection of Mann oil field in Minbu Township, Magway Division, on 9 September.

Various means should be applied to boost oil and gas production as crude oil prices are skyrocketing in the world, he noted.

Officials of

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise explained production of the Mann oil field, plans to drill shallow oil wells in Htangaing Region and estimated production volume, condition of drilling machines, and the geological condition of Htangaing Region.

The minister laid down the work programmes to find oil in Htangaing Region.

In Htangaing Region, the minister heard a report on seismic survey,

the condition of oil and gas reserves.

He inspected the drilling of test well E, speaking of the need to complete the project in time and to drill deep wells as well.

In the afternoon, he visited the No 2 Thankantan oil storage at Htaukshabin/Kanni oil field, where officials explained storage and distribution. He also inspected physic nut cultivation at the field.

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Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects storage of crude oil at No 2 Thankantan in Minbu Township. — ENERGY

Minister attends District USDA AGM

YANGON, 11 Sept — Secretariat member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut attended Hinthada District USDA Annual General Meeting in Hinthada, and presented

prizes to outstanding students.

Joint Secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA U Aung Tin Myint explained public welfare tasks and rural development undertakings of the association. At this meeting

with township cooperatives of Hinthada and Maubin Districts, the minister explained the laying down of the implementation of the cooperative objectives. He also made arrangements for facilitation of the cooperative functions.

During inspection of Hinthada Industrial Zone, he observed the assembling of paddy husk-fired generators and spoke of the need to produce powerful diesel engines. At the briefing hall, the minister discussed progress in setting up the zone, installation of communication lines, and selling of land plots.

The minister also met with farmers, teachers and local people at Sharkhe Village. The next day, he held talks with staff of township cooperatives of Myaungmya District.

MNA



Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut gives award to a student for outstanding performance in 2005-06 academic year matriculation exam. — COOPERATIVES

Training Course on English for Effective Communication opened

YANGON, 11 Sept — With the sponsorship of the ASEAN Secretariat and Civil Service Selection and Training Board, a Training Course on English for Effective Communication was opened at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road here this morning.

Technical Officer (Project) Mr Agus Nugroho extended greetings at the opening ceremony and Course Instructors Ms Christina Wong and Mr

Tan Kok Chee of Polytechnic (Singapore) made introductory speeches.

Next, Deputy Director-General of CSSTB U Wai Myint explained the purpose of the course. The two-week course is being attended by 20 trainees from different ministries and organizations.

The CSSTB has made arrangements to hold five more training courses on public sector capacity building, it is learnt. — MNA

MOC Chairman's Cup and Eighth Inter-State/Division Myanma Traditional Boxing Tournament concludes

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 Sept — Final matches of First Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's Cup Myanma Traditional Boxing A-level, and an 8th Inter-State/Division Myanma Traditional Boxing novice class, B- and C-level were held in conjunction with a prize presentation ceremony in Bahtoo sports ground, Mandalay Division yesterday.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, member of patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation wife of the commander Daw Khin Pyone Win, Chairperson of Central Work Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye, Patron of Man-

dalay Division WSF wife of the mayor Daw Moe Thida, responsible personnel of the Ministry of Sports, President of MTBF U Win Myint and executives, departmental heads at division level and sports enthusiasts.

After the final matches, responsible personnel presented cash prizes to best boxers Shwe Kyai Lay (Kayin), Than Zaw (Ayeyawady), Shan Thwe Lay (Yangon) and Sit Thwe (Kayin) and gave away prizes to winning teams. — MNA

Cash donated towards funds of hill missionary



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepts cash donation for funds of hill missionary. —MNA

YANGON, 11 Sept— A ceremony to donate cash towards the funds of hill missionary took place at the office of the Ministry of Religious Affairs on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here on 9 September, attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

It was also attended by Adviser to the Ministry of Religious Affairs U Arnt Maung, Director-

General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana Dr Myo Myint, Pro-rector (Admin) of International Therevada Buddhist Missionary University Dr Myint Kyi, officials of the ministry and well-wishers.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of Namo Tassa three times. This was followed by the cash presentation. Minister Brig-Gen

Thura Myint Maung, Adviser U Arnt Maung, Director-General Dr Myo Myint and Pro-rector Dr Myint Kyi accepted the cash donations, and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung spoke words of thanks and the ceremony ended with the recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu three times. —MNA

Yangon Command MCWA feeds Vitamin-A tablets to children



YANGON, 11 Sept — Yangon Command Maternal and Child Welfare Association fed Vitamin-A tablets to children aged between six months and five years at the command here today.

First, Head of Mayangon Township Health Department Dr Daw Phyu Phyu Soe briefed on benefits of Vitamin-A.

Yangon Division MCWSC Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai feeds vitamin-A tablet to a child. —MNA

Afterwards, Chairperson of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairperson of Yangon Command Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin May Latt and party fed Vitamin-A tablets to 112

children aged between six months and five years and gave gifts to them. —MNA

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PBANRDA Minister on inspection tour of Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 11 Sept — Soe Tint and Secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA U Than Tun formally opened the new Kyonekayin wooden bridge.

Chairman of Maubin District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Sein Maung, Director of Ayeyawady Division Development Committee U

Next, the minister met with the local folks and members of USDA.

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PBANRDA Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspects upgrading of tarred road at Kwelon model village in Myaungmya Township.

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China's overseas investment to reach \$60b in 2010

XIAMEN, 11 Sept — United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Director-General, Kandeh Yumkella, said China's overseas investments are likely to reach 60 billion US dollars by 2010.

China is turning from a world major investment importer to a capital exporter, said the UN official at an ongoing 2006 International Investment Forum, which kicked off Friday in Xiamen, a coastal city of Fujian Province in East China.

According to him, China's foreign direct investment (FDI) mainly flows to Asian and African countries.

Qiu Xiaohua, director of the National Bureau of Statistics said at the forum that China would try to reduce its foreign exchange reserves, which hit 941.1 billion US dollars at the end of June, to help ease the pressure on the appreciation of the country's currency, the yuan.

This means that Chinese enterprises will continue following the country's drive to pour

their funds into overseas investments in coming years.

China's FDI grew on average 65.6 percent from 2000 to 2005, said Zhao Chuang, an official with the Ministry of Commerce at the forum.

Umberto Vattani, chairman of the Italian Foreign Trade Commission, told Xinhua that Italy could serve as a springboard for China to open its investment

door to European countries.

Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi, who attended the forum's opening, pledged on Friday that China would "resolutely" pursue the opening-up strategy, look to enhance trade and economic cooperation with other nations in a "mutually beneficial manner".

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G-20 meeting issues Rio declaration

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Sept — The G-20, which gathers 23 developing countries, issues on Saturday a declaration aiming at stating the views shared by the ministers and officials who participate in the High Level Meeting with Coordinators of Developing Country Groups in Rio de Janeiro in weekend of 9-10 September. In the Press statement, the countries representatives expressed their deep regret for the suspension of the Doha Rounds Development Agenda in July.

The declaration also underscored the importance of agricultural products, especially for the LDCs (Least Developed Countries), which would require differential treatment in all areas of the negotiations.

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Minor quake rattles southern Zimbabwe

HARARE, 11 Sept — The southern Zimbabwe was hit by a minor quake which shook buildings and rattled windows on Friday afternoon, probably caused by a blast rather than a geological fault, the official newspaper *The Herald* reported on Saturday.

The tremor was felt in Khumalo, Paddonhurst and the Central Business District

of Bulawayo, the country's second largest city at 2:54 pm (0054 GMT).

According to the meteorological department's Goetz Observatory, the monitoring station at Matopore recorded the tremor which lasted about four seconds.

The epicentre and the magnitude of the quake could not be determined due to erratic signal from

Matopo Seismic Station due to power cuts.

But the quake was not included on an international magnitude four or above which suggested strongly that it was below that level, the newspaper said.

The department of meteorological services assume the shaking could have been caused by a blast.

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A model trips on the runway during Sass & Bide's Spring Collections 2007 fashion show in New York on 9 Sept, 2006. — INTERNET

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**Experts say more
die from suicide
than wars,
murders**

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Sept—More people kill themselves each year than die from wars and murders combined, but most suicides could be prevented, two international experts on suicide said on Friday.

Some 20 million to 60 million try to kill themselves each year, but only about a million of them succeed, said Dr Jose Manoel Bertolote, a mental health official at the World Health Organization in Geneva.

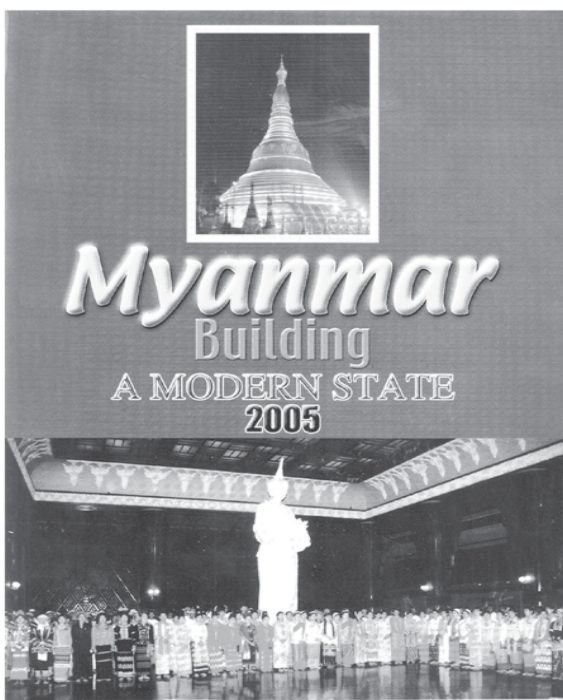
The ones who do end their lives "are tragic situations where help could have been provided", said Brian Mishara, president of the International Association for Suicide Prevention in Gondrin, France.

The two men spoke to reporters on the sidelines of a UN seminar marking this Sunday's World Suicide Prevention Day.

Suicide rates could be reduced if countries would limit access to pesticides, guns and medication and do a better job of treating people with depression, alcoholism and schizophrenia, Mishara said.

About a third of all suicides around the world are caused by pesticides, said Bertolote.

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Cyprus Airways resumes daily flight to Lebanon

NICOSIA, 10 Sept—Cyprus Airways was to resume its daily flight to Beirut on Friday, which had been suspended since the Israeli offensive in Lebanon started on 12 July.

The company made the announcement in a Press release, one day after Israel lifted its air blockade of Lebanon Thursday.

The first 45-minute

flight was scheduled to take off from Larnaca, Cyprus at 10:00 pm local time (1900 GMT).

"Cyprus Airways is among the first airlines to carry out flights since a ceasefire agreement was achieved in Lebanon," the Press release said.

In a symbolic act signalling the resumption of normal air traffic, a

commercial flight operated by Lebanon's national carrier Middle East Airlines circled over downtown Beirut three times at 6:04 pm Thursday (1504 GMT), four minutes after the air

siege ended.

The plane, coming from Paris with 151 passengers aboard, then landed at Beirut Airport. It was followed by a Kuwait Airways plane.

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Incidence of fake drugs drops by 24.3% in Nigeria

ABUJA, 10 Sept—Incidence of fake drugs has dropped by 24.3 per cent in the past five years, according to a study on counterfeit and substandard medicines in the country released here on Friday.

At the ceremony the study was released in the capital Abuja, NAFDAC Director General Dora Akunyili said, "overall, counterfeit drugs in circulation have dropped from an average of 41 per cent in 2001 to 16.7 per cent in 2006".

On the credibility and reliability of the study which was conducted by the National Agency for Food, Drugs Administration and Control (NAFDAC) in collaboration with the Department for International Development of Britain and the World Health Organization (WHO), Akunyili said, "all the samples analyzed, contained active pharmaceutical ingredients as indicated on respective labels".

MNA/Reuters

Norway to send troops to Afghanistan

STOCKHOLM, 10 Sept—Norway will send military personnel to southern Afghanistan, where there has been heavy fighting recently, Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) reported on Friday.

"Seven medical officers and a coordinator will be sent to Kandahar," said Defence Minister Anne-Grete Stroem-Erichsen.

The contingent is sent in reply to a request by the NATO leadership, which has asked its member nations to send reinforcements.

They wish to step up the fight against the Taliban in the south of the country, where the fighting has been heaviest in the past few weeks, according to NRK.

MNA/Xinhua

Life begins at 100? Experts question age frontiers

NUSA DUA (Indonesia), 10 Sept—Medical breakthroughs hold out the prospect of living longer and healthier lives, with current life span norms set to be turned on their head, an expert on anti-ageing said on Friday.

"Life begins at 100? This is an unthinkable today, but in the future, 100 can be pretty young," Robert M Goldman, chairman of the American Academy of Anti-Ageing Medicine, told a con-

ference on the resort island of Bali.

Stem cells, nanotechnology, genetic engineering and therapeutic cloning are being used in the relatively new field of anti-ageing medicine.

Goldman said a calendar with pictures of actress Sophia Loren at the age of 71 wearing only a pair of earrings underlined how perceptions of age had changed. "If somebody

told you 14 years ago that they were going to have a former sex symbol pose in earrings only, you would have been disgusted or you would have closed your eyes," he said. "Today she looks great at the age of 71."

Stem cell therapy will allow people to regain lost hair, remove wrinkles by renewing skins, and grow new nerves for paralyzed patients, Michael Klentze, director of the Klentze Institute of Anti-Ageing

in Munich, Germany, told Reuters.

Stem cells have the ability to act as a repair system for the body, because they can divide and differentiate, replenishing other cells as long as the host organism is alive.

"People who have hair loss they can hope in the next months they've got new hair, not strange hair, but their own hair," he said.

MNA/Reuters

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A Long March-2C rocket carrying the "Shijian-8" satellite blasts off from the launch pad at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 9 Sept, 2006. China on Saturday successfully launched the satellite carrying 215 kilogrammes of seeds of plants and fungus.—XINHUA

Unmanned drones in Florida to penetrate hurricanes

BOCA CHICA KEY (Florida), 10 Sept — Unmanned aircraft are key weapons in high-tech warfare and the war on terrorism. Now, aerial drones resembling orange needle-nosed giant model airplanes may also become an important tool in hurricane observation.

The five *Aerosonde* aircraft, each weighing 33 pounds (15 kilos) and 5 feet (1.5 metres) long with a 10-foot (3-metre) wing span, are being deployed through 30 September at US Naval Air Station Key West.

The aircraft, which will measure a storm's atmospheric boundary layer, fly as low as 500

feet (152 metres) and up to 2,000 feet (609 metres) above the ocean's surface.

The environment where the atmosphere meets the sea is critical in hurricanes, as the ocean's warm-water energy is transferred directly to the atmosphere above it.

"We're looking to penetrate hurricanes at lower levels. This region is where the energy is extracted from the ocean," said Joe Cione, the project's lead scientist and a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research meteorologist.

"It's impossible for a manned aircraft to fly at these levels," Cione said.

The drones, showcased during a media tour of the Naval Air Station this week, can operate within a 100- to 500-nautical-mile radius from their departure point.

The Florida Keys are "an area in the middle of the action" for potential hurricanes that can be fueled from warm waters in the Atlantic Ocean, through the Florida Straits and into the Gulf of Mexico, said Peter Turlington, NASA project manager. "It's a ripe area to sample important storms".

The drones will be launched if a hurricane approaches within a 500-nautical-mile radius of

Boca Chica Key, home to the Navy station and just northeast of Key West at the southern tip of the Florida Keys.

An aircraft would be launched atop an automobile, travelling at 55 miles per hour (88 kilometres per hour), before a hurricane evacuation is ordered. On the Florida mainland, the National Hurricane Centre in Miami would monitor real-time data.

The so-called "loitering technique" allows the aircraft to be in a storm when rapid intensification occurs, helping scientists better predict a hurricane's intensity.—MNA/Reuters

WHO recognizes three bird flu cases in Indonesia

GENEVA, 10 Sept—The World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday that it had recognized three more cases of bird flu in Indonesia, one from June and two dating to 2005.

"The retrospectively confirmed cases bring the total in Indonesia to 63. Of these cases, 48 have been fatal," the WHO said in a statement. The national toll is the highest worldwide.

Bird flu remains essentially an animal disease, but scientists fear the H5N1 bird flu virus, which has killed 143 people since late 2003, could mutate into a pandemic strain capable of killing millions of people.

One case was that of a 14-year-old Indonesian girl who died in June, whom national authorities announced on Thursday had been infected with bird flu.—MNA/Reuters



Residents demonstrate the way to dress head injuries at Hualian Plaza in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 9 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

Official says Nigeria spends \$30m on polio vaccines

LAGOS, 10 Sept— Nigeria has spent 30 million US dollars on polio vaccine procurement since the beginning of this year, an official from Nigeria's National Programme on Immunization (NPI) said on Friday.

Edugie Abebe, interim national coordinator of the NPI told reporters in Kaduna, a leading commercial centre in north Nigeria, that the move was "aimed at reducing the prevalence of poliomyelitis".

She said Nigeria's spending on polio vaccines increased by 50 per cent this year from 2005 during which the country spent 20 million dollars.

Abebe explained that "the expenditure was necessary viewed against the fact that the backstage is being occupied by Nigeria in the global immunization programme".—MNA/Xinhua

Ethiopian police arrest nine southern rebels

ADDIS ABABA, 10 Sept — Ethiopian police said on Friday they had arrested nine suspected rebels and seized automatic weapons, pistols and communication equipment.

"A group of mercenaries comprising nine individuals deployed by the OLF (Oromo Liberation Front) were arrested," police said in a statement.

"The group of mercenaries were sent with a mission to assassinate officials of the Oromo state government."

The arrests came over a month after 45 members or sympathizers of the OLF, were caught in neighbouring Kenya.

MNA/Reuters



A local dock is under proper operation after the arrival of a flood peak at Yunyang County of southwest China's Chongqing municipality on 9 Sept, 2006. The first flood peak of this autumn reached the Three Gorges reservoir area early on Saturday. —XINHUA

SPORTS



Russia's Maria Sharapova (L) and Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne hold their trophies after the women's final match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 9 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

Celtic win, Hearts suffer shock home defeat to St Mirren

GLASGOW, 11 Sept— Celtic stayed top of the Scottish Premier League (SPL) with a 1-0 win at Aberdeen on Saturday while Hearts crashed 1-0 at home to St Mirren.

SPL newcomers St Mirren snatched a late win with a goal from Stewart Kean in the 78th minute and it emerged later that Hearts' Czech striker Roman Bednar was given a red card after the match.

He was censured for showing dissent to referee Stuart McDonald in the tunnel, the BBC reported.

Rangers won 4-0 at home to Falkirk to move into second place in the SPL with 12 points from six games.

Phil Bardsley curled home the opener in 17 minutes before Croatian striker Dado Prso volleyed a shot into the top right from 12 metres.

Roddick reaches final

NEW YORK, 11 Sept— Former champion Andy Roddick came through a tense battle with Mikhail Youzhny to beat the Russian 6-7, 6-0, 7-6, 6-3 and reach the US Open final.

The ninth-seeded American overcame a few early nerves to end Youzhny's surprise run to the last four and set up a final against world number one Roger Federer.

The 2003 champion made just 18 unforced errors but Youzhny took the first set on the tiebreak with some superb ball-court play.

MNA/Reuters

Olympiakos ease to victory but AEK held again

ATHENS, 11 Sept— Olympiakos Piraeus warmed up for their opening game in this year's Champions League with a convincing 2-0 win over PAOK on Saturday.

Fellow Champions League hopefuls AEK Athens, however, were held 1-1 by Atromitos, their third draw of the season. Olympiakos coach Trond Sollied rested Brazilian forward Rivaldo ahead of Tuesday's match against Valencia in Athens but he was barely missed as Olympiakos piled on the early pressure.

Cypriot striker Michalis Konstantinou gave them the lead after just seven minutes.

The Uruguayan Nery Alberto Castillo then doubled it in the 27th minute, his delicate lob adjudged to have crossed the line in spite of a desperate clearance from Pantelis Konstantinidis.

Olympiakos eased off in the second half but did enough to maintain their 100-per-cent record which leaves them clear at the top of the table with nine points from three games.

AEK, who face AC Milan at the San Siro on Wednesday, were left still

looking for their first domestic win of the season.

After a goalless first half, AEK fell behind to a Georgios Koutsis goal. It needed an 86th minute equalizer from Argentine defender Martin Pautasso to give them a share of the

points.

It was, however, a good result for Atromitos as they prepare for the daunting first leg of their qualifying UEFA Cup match against the holders Sevilla on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

Juventus draw on Serie B debut with Rimini

ROME, 11 Sept— Juventus' bid to make a speedy return to Serie A got off to a bad start when they were held to a 1-1 draw by 10-man Rimini on Saturday.

Italy's most successful club, who were ordered by a sports tribunal to start this season in the Second Division Serie B on minus 17 points for their part in a match-fixing scandal, seemed on course for a win when they went ahead in the 60th minute through midfielder Matteo Paro.

Their grip on the contest appeared to tighten shortly afterwards when opposition midfielder Domenico Cristiano was sent off for a challenge on Pavel Nedved.

A defensive mix-up in the 74th minute allowed Adrian Ricchiuti to equalize however and the result left Juventus on minus 16 points.

Juventus' players will hope that the match in the east coast seaside resort does not prove to be a bitter taste of what awaits them up and down the country this season.

Rimini's tiny Romeo Neri Stadium holds fewer than 10,000 spectators and it was packed by fans curious to witness Juve's first match in their history outside the top flight.

On paper the contest was a mismatch.

While Rimini's workmanlike squad spent most of last season battling against relegation, Juventus' starting line-up boasted two World Cup winners -- goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon and striker Alessandro del Piero — and former European Footballer of the Year Nedved.

Juventus dominated the first half, pushing Rimini back into their own half and forcing home keeper Samir Handanovic into a series of early saves.

MNA/Reuters

Dredge coasts to victory in European Masters

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE (Switzerland), 11 Sept — Britain's Bradley Dredge won the European Masters title by eight strokes on Sunday to end a run of missed victory opportunities.

The Welshman took a two-shot lead into the final round and was never troubled after birdieing the first three holes on his way to a four-under-par 67.

Dredge finished with a 17-under-par 267 four-round total, eight shots ahead of Germany's Marcel Siem and Francesco Molinari of Italy.

Although Dredge has a World Cup victory on his CV, after taking the title with compatriot Stephen Dodd last year, his individual success was limited to the 2003 Madeira Island Open. — MNA/Reuters

HOLDERS Al Ahli into African Champions League semifinal

CAIRO, 11 Sept— Holders Al Ahli of Egypt became the first team to book a place in the African Champions League semifinals after holding on for a 2-1 win over CS Sfaxien of Tunisia in Cairo on Saturday.

The win took Al Ahli to 10 points at the top of the Group A standings and still left the Tunisians needing a single point to join them in the final four.

It proved an emotive night for Al Ahli, playing their first game since the death of Egyptian international Mohamed Abdelwahab on their

training ground nine days ago. There were tears after Mohamed Aboutrika opened the scoring in the 29th minute.

Angola international Flavio headed home a cross from Osama Hosni which allowed Al Ahli to double their lead 10 minutes later.

Sfaxien reduced the

deficit five minutes from time and the Tunisians almost snatched a draw in stoppage time.

MNA/Reuters

Paes, Damm win Men's doubles title

NEW YORK, 11 Sept— Leander Paes and Martin Damm crowned their first year as a pair on Saturday as they beat Jonas Bjorkman and Max Mirnyi 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 to win the men's doubles title at the US Open.

Indian Paes and Czech Damm were a breakdown in the second set but recovered to win in two hours, 35 minutes.

Bjorkman and Mirnyi, who lost to American brothers Bob and Mike Bryan in the final 12 months ago, looked on course for victory when they took the opening set on a tiebreak and broke in the first game of the second.

But Paes and Damm, beaten finalists at the Australian Open and who saved five match points in their semifinal win, roared back to clinch victory. Paes said communication had been the key to his success with Damm.—MNA/Reuters



Michelle Wie of the US hits an approach shot to the seventh hole during the second round at the European Masters golf tournament in Crans-Montana on 8 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Rose set to bloom at Canadian Open

ANCASTER (Ontario), 11 Sept— Justin Rose carded a bogey-free five-under 65 to take a one-shot lead over four players at the Canadian Open on Saturday, leaving the Briton on the brink of his long-awaited maiden PGA Tour win. The promise Rose showed when he turned professional as a 17-year-old the day after finishing in a tie for fourth at the 1998 British Open, has been slow to arrive.

But riding the momentum from a season best fourth place finish at last week's Deutsche Bank Championships and a course record 63 in the opening round at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club on Thursday, the 26-year-old Englishman put himself in position to end his drought moving top of the leaderboard with an 11-under 199 total.

MNA/Reuters

China launches satellite for breeding seeds of plants, fungus

JIUQUAN (Gansu Province), 11 Sept — China launched a satellite from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre Saturday, carrying 215 kilogrammes of seeds of plants and fungus, the largest-ever such payload since 1987.

The seed-breeding satellite, *Shijian-8*, has been successfully brought into the pre-set track in space by a *Long March-2C* rocket carrier.

Once the space-bred seeds are recovered, the Ministry of Agriculture will organize research institutions to develop new seeds featuring high yield, good quality and high efficiency, according to a

spokesman with the Space-breeding Centre of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science.

It is the 90th space flight of the *Long March* rockets and the 23rd return satellite China has launched so far. It has been the country's 48th successful space launch in succession since October 1996. The Xi'an Satellite Control Centre is respon-

sible for monitoring, controlling, and recovering the *Shijian-8*.

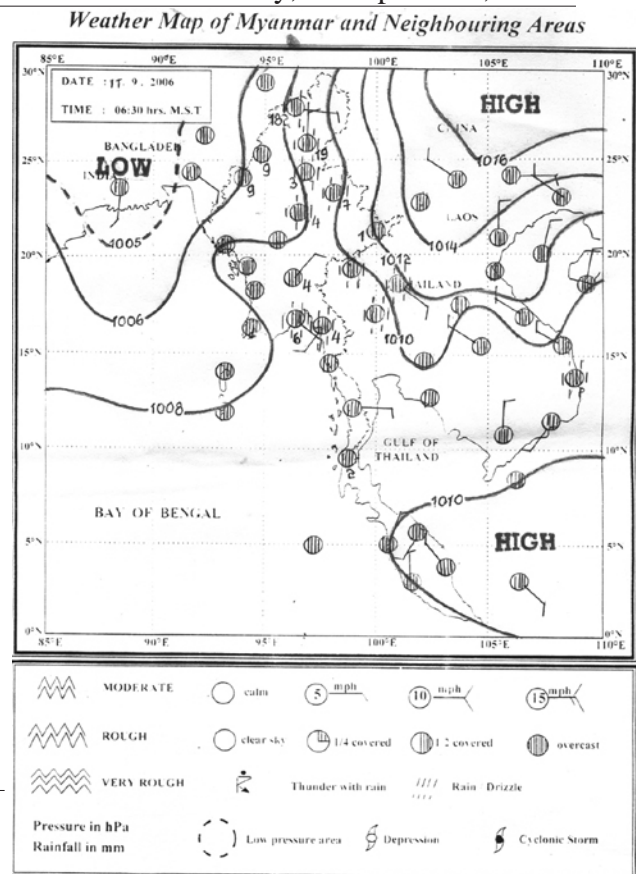
MNA/Xinhua

Italian recluse taken from apartment after 26 years

MILAN, 11 Sept — When Italian health officials came to remove a woman from the apartment she has not left in more than two decades they had to don respirators against the stench, newspapers reported on Sunday.

The woman, named only as "Carmela", was in her late 50s, weighed about 30 kilos (66 pounds) and had hair two metres (seven feet) long when officials came to take her to hospital, *La Repubblica*, *Il Giorno* and *La Stampa* newspapers reported.

MNA/Reuters



A researcher displays seeds to be sent into the space at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 6 Sept, 2006.

XINHUA



Tuesday, 12 September
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -All I really want ... Tik N' Tak Frieny
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Just like a pill ... Pink -It's only love ... Bryan Adams
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Halfway around the world ... A* teen
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Miracle ... Richart Marx
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music -Close to you ... Whigfield Riche -Love will conquer all ... The Commodore & Lionel -Now that I've found you ... Alisan Krauss -One of us ... Donna Richards -If I can't have you ... Jesse Holtberg
- 9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level (I) Unit (25)
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9:30 pm Music for your listening pleasure -I'll never fall in love again ... Decon Blue -Speak softly love ... Andy Williams -Shower me with your love ... Surface -Sailing ... N'Sync
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

WEATHER

Monday, 11 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Mon State, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Shan and Kayin States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (8.43) inches, Hpa-an (3.93) inches, Namhsam (3.54) inches, Monywa (2.91) inches, Sagaing (2.68) inches, Mandalay (2.36) inches, Shwegyin (1.50) inches and Magway (0.31) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-9-2006 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 11-9-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-9-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 10-9-2006 was (0.9) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 11-9-2006 were (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.35) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (83.31) inches at Mingaladon, (94.25) inches at Kaba-Aye and (99.13) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 10-9-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Kayin and Mon States and Yangon Division, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, Sagaing and Bago Divisions and scattered 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: Thundery activities in Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 12-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-9-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 11-9-2006)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1077) cm. It may fall below its danger level (1070) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.



Tuesday, 12 September
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am 2. တီပိတကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တုပါဠိတော်
- 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. တဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:05 am 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:20 am 8. Song of yesteryears
- 8:35 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm 5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm 6. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:25 pm 7. "ချစ်သောမြေချစ်သောရေ" (ရာဇာနေဝင်း၊ နိုင်နင်းဆေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
- 5:30 pm 8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report

- 6:35 pm 11. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်း ဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 6:50 pm 12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 7:05 pm 13. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) (ပညာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 7:20 pm 14. အာဟာရဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး ရက်သတ္တပတ်အကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ
- 7:35 pm 15. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စပိုင်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 20. The next day's programme

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Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army and wife arrive on goodwill visit

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, a goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin and wife arrived here by air today.

The guests were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint and their wives, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Senior Military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar

Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal, Military Attaché Col Prissapa Suvanatat and officials.

First, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and General Sonthi Boonyaratglin took the salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais at the airport and inspected it.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greeted members of the goodwill delegation and General Sonthi Boonyaratglin greeted those who welcomed the delegation.

Afterwards, the goodwill delegation proceeded to Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.
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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin take the salute of the Guard of Honour at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

INSIDE

On the whole, thanks to the vision, initiative and effective encouragement of the Head of State, the 12-year-old Nine-District Greening Plan has started to bear fruits. And that will ensure a good balance between geographical features and climate of the Arid Zone and alleviate the poverty of local farmers. Surely, that will put an end to poverty of local people and make the region's climate more temperate.

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Weather Forecast for (12-9-2006)

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