

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept — 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 received a goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the

Ministry of Defence, here yesterday.

Also present at the call were Member of the SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of SPDC Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein,

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attache' Colonel Prissapa Suvanatat.—MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin.



Together with a goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party pose for a documentary photo at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of Ministry of Defence in Nay Pyi Taw.

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

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Working in concert for emergence of durable constitution

With the object of establishing a durable democracy, the government is striving, by holding the National Convention, for the emergence of a constitution that will be able to protect the interests of the entire national people.

It is essential for a nation to have a constitution whatever political system it practises. The National Convention is laying down the basic principles to be based in drafting a durable constitution for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democracy.

Basic principles to be based on regarding communications between Hluttaws, rights and responsibilities of citizens and the role of the Tatmadaw in all the 15 chapters of the constitution have been submitted and approved by delegate groups.

The National Convention, which was adjourned during the cultivation season, is going to resume on 10 October at the Nyaunhnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

Firm foundations for democracy — national consolidation, regional development, economic development and high living standards — are now being laid down. As the delegates to the National Convention, the National Convention Convening Commission and respective committees are working in concert, the constitution will emerge in a short time.

Deputy Attorney-General inspects law offices in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept—Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, accompanied by officials concerned, on 8 September morning met with law officers in Mandalay District, PyinOoLwin District and Kyaukse District, Mandalay Division and gave necessary instructions.

In the evening, the deputy attorney-general inspected the divisional law office in Mandalay Division, the district law offices in Mandalay District and PyinOoLwin District and the township law office in Chanaye Thazan Township and gave instructions to officials.—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

Commander visits tax-free markets

YANGON, 11 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win this morning visited tax-free market in Hlinethaya and Shwepyitha townships in Yangon North District and left necessary instructions.

During his visits to Hlinethaya tax-free market in Hlinethaya township and Shwepyitha tax-free market in Shwepyitha township, the commander inspected fish and meat shops and green groceries of government departments, social organizations and private growers and breeders, rice shops of Myanmar Rice Dealers Association, edible oil shops of Myanma Edible



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects a tax-free market in Shwepyitha Township. — MNA

Oil Dealers Association and sales of their products. He next gave necessary instructions to responsible persons.

The commander also inspected fruits and vegetables being sold at a reduced price by families of District, Township and

Ward Maternal and Child Welfare Associations. Yangon Division PDC is encouraging the townspeople to grow fruits and vegetables on a manageable scale in order to boost their income and stabilize the commodity prices.

Under the leadership

of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, District, Township and Ward MCWAs are setting up their fruit and vegetable plantations, consuming their products and selling surplus at the city tax-free markets.

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Yangon Div USDA donates desks to primary schools in North Okkalapa Township



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin hands over a document related to donation of desks to primary schools in North Okkalapa Township. YCDC

YANGON, 11 Sept — Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association donated desks to five primary schools in North Okkalapa Township today.

At the donation ceremony held at No 48 Basic Education Primary School in Shwepaukkan Myothit, North Okkalapa Township, Central Executive Committee Member of USDA Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin handed over 50 sets of desks to headmasters and headmistresses.

After the ceremony, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the concluding ceremony of the course on cultural and moral values and summer training courses at the hall of the township and awarded the outstanding trainees. A total of 1,160 trainees attended the courses.

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Talks on SMEs management 21-22 Sept

YANGON, 12 Sept — A Japanese expert will give talks on small-scale and medium-scale enterprises management at UMFCFI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Street, Lanmadaw, here on 21 and 22 September.

Advisor Mr Koichi Hiratsuka of Japan Productivity Centre for Socio-Economic Development will be the speaker at the SMEs seminar jointly sponsored by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Japan Productivity Centre.

Interested persons may contact UMFCFI Office Tower or dial 214344 or 214349. — MNA

New dry season tour programmes launched

YANGON, 12 Sept—The Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services has launched new tour programmes for promoting the tourism industry and for the comfort and convenience of those who want to go on vacation in the dry season.

The newly-launched programmes cover Chaungtha, Ngwe Hsaung, Ngapali, Yangon-Mandalay-PyinOoLwin, Yangon-Myitkyina, Kengtung-Tachilek, Taunggyi-Inlay-Pintaya, Lashio-Muse, Yangon-Mawlamyine, Bagan, Yangon-Bago-Kyaikhtiyo, Minbu-Shwesettaw, Zalun Pyidawbyan Pagoda, and Sittway-MrauK.

Preparations are also being made for private package tours of any part of the nation at any time. For further details, contact the Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services at 77-91, Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon, (Ph: 252859, 378376, 374281).—MNA

ASEM Summit opens in Helsinki

HELSINKI, 11 Sept — Heads of state and government from 38 Asian and European countries started here on Sunday a biennial summit of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) to discuss ways to boost trade ties, the revival of the Doha Round of global trade talks and global challenges such as terrorism, energy security and climate change.

“In 10 years, ASEM has become a central forum for cooperation and dialogue between Asian and European countries,” said Finnish President Tarja Halonen in her opening speech.

“The (Asia-Europe) partnership has resulted in broader political dialogue, stronger economic rela-

tions, as well as deeper cooperation in the field of social affairs and cultural exchanges.”

She emphasized the importance of multilateralism, which, she said, is the key instrument for creating a democratic, legitimate and coherent framework for globalization.

ASEM groups all the 25 member states of the European Union and 13 Asian countries — China, South Korea and Japan plus the 10 members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations.

This year’s ASEM marks the 10th anniversary of the forum. The next summit will be held in Beijing.

MNA/Xinhua



An adult Chinese crested tern bird (*sterna bergii*) (L), is to feed its fledgling in a swamp at the mouth of the Minjiang River in southeast China's Fujian Province, on 10 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Expert says Bush's strategy makes terror threat much worse

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — Despite some tactical gains, the Bush Administration's strategy is making the terror threat much worse from the long-term perspective, a US counterterrorism expert told *Xinhua* in a recent interview.

“I believe we have done well in some tactical areas, but we are slipping strategically. That is to say, our actions over the long term are making the terror threat much worse,” said Daniel Benjamin, a senior fellow with the Washington-based think tank, the Centre for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS).

“Although we have made some tactical strides in terms of dismantling al-Qaeda, the threat has spread to many different regions,” he said.

Benjamin said he “absolutely” did not believe that Iraq was the right place to fight terrorism.

“I consider now as I did at the time that the invasion of Iraq is a huge mistake,” he added.

The United States is not going to win the war on terror very soon because “the consequences of going into Iraq are going to be with us for a while and has set us back considerably”, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

17 injured in blaze at Canadian apartment building

OTTAWA, 11 Sept — Seventeen people were injured in an apartment building fire in Montreal in eastern Canada Friday night, local media reported Saturday.

None of the 17 people, including five firefighters, were said to have been seriously injured, Serge Nadeau, a spokesman for Montreal's fire department, told the *Canadian Press*.

Officials were investigating on Saturday the cause of the five-alarm blaze, which began around 11:15 pm in the three-storey building in the Montreal borough of LaSalle in the west end of the city.

More than 125 firefighters were called in to battle the flames. Firefighters helped evacuate much of the 71-unit building, but some tenants were seen jumping from balconies in order to escape the blaze, *CP* reported. —MNA/Xinhua

Nicaragua seizes bad moonshine after 30 people die

LEON (Nicaragua), 11 Sept — Nicaraguan police stepped up moonshine raids on Saturday, bursting into seedy bars and liquor stores selling an adulterated cane liquor that the government says has killed at least 30 people.

Overnight, about a hundred new patients were admitted to the already overflowing and rundown public hospital in Leon, about 55 miles (90 kilometres) northwest of the capital, Managua, and the centre of the epidemic, raising fears of more deaths.

Following tips from the public, police burst into bars and shops in the colonial city and seized grubby plastic barrels filled with suspected bad hooch.

Many of the bars are bare concrete rooms where the raw liquor is sold to customers who bring their own jugs or

even plastic bags to hold the drink.

“Together with the police, we have confiscated 47,893 litres (12,650 US gallons) of hooch from 312 establishments. We're doing tests to see what is contaminated with methanol and what is not,” said Health Minister Margarita

Gurdian.

Miurel Gamez, regional Health Ministry director, said three additional deaths were attributed to the moonshine on Saturday, raising the official death toll to 30.

A litre (quart) of hooch, called aguardiente in Spanish, sells for about

a dollar in Leon, making it much cheaper than beer or rum.

The bad batch was mixed with methanol, a poisonous type of alcohol which when ingested can cause blindness, organ damage and death from respiratory failure.

MNA/Reuters

Chemical leak poisons water supply in central China

BEIJING, 11 Sept — A sewage leak from a chemical plant has spilled the cancer-causing chemical arsenide into a river in central China's Hunan Province, poisoning

drinking water for nearly 100,000 locals, Chinese media said.

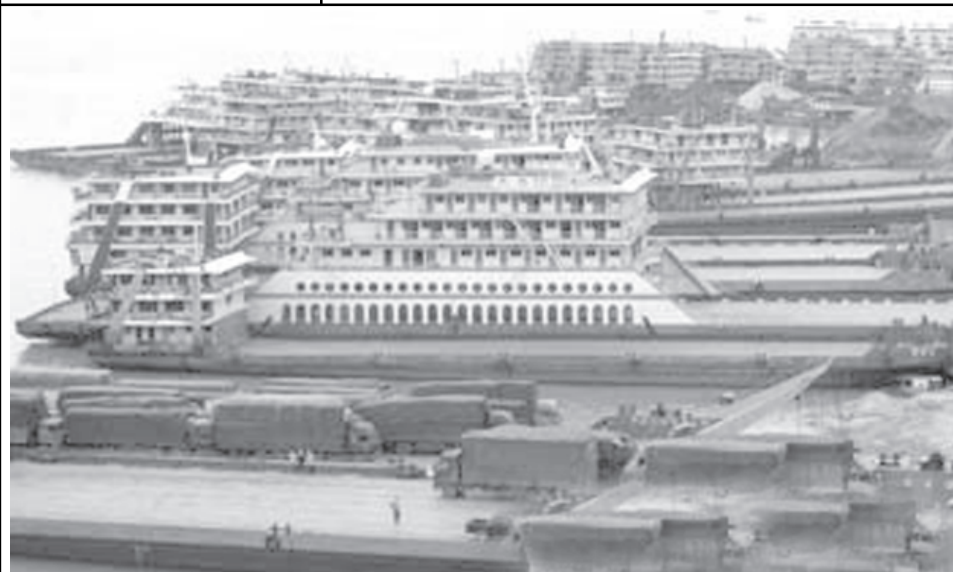
Residents in Yueyang County were asked to stop drinking tap water and 18 fire engines distributed

fresh water, the official *Xinhua* news agency reported on Saturday.

Fresh water from a nearby reservoir was being discharged into the river in an attempt to dilute the polluted water.

Xinhua said Hunan environmental authorities had detected arsenide levels in the Xinqiang River at 10 times the normal standard, after the case was first reported on Friday. It said arsenide can damage the liver, kidney and cause lung or skin cancer, as well as cause convulsions which may lead to coma or even death.

A chemical plant in Linxiang City, 50 kilometres (30 miles) upriver, has been ordered closed after it was found leaking the toxin from its waste water pond. —MNA/Reuters



Vehicles embark a roll-on-roll-off ship at the Three Gorges Project on the Yangtze River in Yichang, central China's Hubei Province, on 10 Sept, 2006. Transshipment over the dam started on Saturday as the project's giant ship lock will enter its final stage of construction from 15 Sept, which will take about one year. —XINHUA

Merkel criticizes US over CIA prisons

BERLIN, 11 Sept—German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who has sought to bolster ties with the United States since she took office, rebuked Washington on Saturday for sanctioning secret CIA prisons used to interrogate terror suspects. “The use of such prisons is not compatible with my understanding of the rule of law,” Merkel said in Berlin.

US President George W Bush admitted this week the CIA had run detention

centres at secret overseas locations, months after reports surfaced that the intelligence agency had used Europe as a hub to shuttle suspects around for interrogation.

Merkel said even in the fight against terrorism, such means did not justify the ends and that other solutions must be found. “(Instead) we must find answers to how we can combat terrorists effectively without calling our fundamental principles and beliefs in

question,” she said.

At the end of last year, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice came to Europe and defended Washington's treatment of its detainees in the war on terrorism, but did not address the issue of whether the CIA had operated secret prisons.

Since taking power in

November, Merkel has been at pains to repair ties with the US that were damaged by her predecessor Gerhard Schroeder's vocal opposition to the invasion of Iraq. Despite her criticism, Merkel said she welcomed the fact that Bush had raised the issue of the prisons himself.—MNA/Reuters



A vendor carrying a portrait of late Chinese leader Mao Zedong walks on a street in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province, on 8 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Russia successfully test launches missiles

Moscow, 11 Sept—Russia successfully launched two intercontinental ballistic missiles this weekend, Vice-Premier and Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov said on Sunday.

A missile was fired against the Kizha testing ground, the extreme continental point on Cape Kanin Nos in Arkhangelsk region, northwest of Russia, from a strategic submarine in the Pacific at 9:00 am Moscow time (0500 GMT) on Sunday, Ivanov was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying. It reached the target on time, covering a distance of 6,000 kilometres, he told Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Another missile was launched on Saturday.

“Yesterday the strategic nuclear submarine

K-84 carried out a training combat launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile against the Kizha testing ground.

The launch was successful,” Ivanov said. The launch was a difficult exercise in terms of navigation and personnel skills. Ivanov said the latest exercise of this kind was carried out 11 years ago.—MNA/Xinhua



Two beams of light representing the World Trade Centre (WTC) shoot into the sky to commemorate the 5th anniversary of 11 Sept attacks on WTC's original site in New York's Manhattan, on 11 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

94 guerillas killed in S Afghanistan operation

KABUL, 11 Sept—A total of 94 militants have been killed in Operation Medusa in the southern Kandahar Province of Afghanistan, Mark Laity, spokesman for NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan, told a Press conference on Sunday.

The rebels were killed late Saturday and early Sunday in the operation, which was launched last Saturday by around 2,000 soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and the Afghan Army to wipe out militants in Panjwai and Zhari

districts, Laity said.

Major Luke Knittig, an ISAF spokesman, said at the Press conference that “in just nine days, ISAF's Operation Medusa has struck hard at the insurgent heartland of Kandahar”.

An ISAF statement said the 94 insurgents were killed in four separate engagements and ISAF has used close air support. Operation Medusa is the largest one against Taleban rebels since ISAF took command in southern Afghanistan from the US-led coalition forces on 31 July.—MNA/Xinhua

Wen Jiabao calls for Europe's political resolve to lift arms ban

HELSINKI, 11 Sept—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao called here Saturday on the European side to make correct political resolution independently for lifting arms ban against China and granting China full market economy status. Wen said such a move, which was made by “proceeding from strategic and long-term point of view,” could wipe out barriers amidst the growth of Sino-European ties.

Wen made the remarks when meeting the Press after the ninth China-EU Summit, which was held in the Finland capital of Helsinki. Since the

founding of the New China in 1949, Wen said, a number of European leaders have made important resolutions on developing relations with China, thus greatly promoting the growth of China-Europe relations.

Long-term practices have proven that the growth of such relationship bring benefits to both, Wen said.

The lifting of arms ban and the granting the full market economy status to China “comply with Europe's own interests”, he said, adding that “the earlier the problems be resolved, the more benefits it could bring”.

MNA/Xinhua

BA flight makes emergency landing in Belgium

BRUSSELS, 11 Sept—A British Airways flight from London to Frankfurt made a safe emergency landing at Brussels airport on Sunday after what appeared to be a false fire alert on board, authorities said.

“There were no visible traces on board the plane,” a Brussels fire brigade spokesman said of inspections carried out after the aircraft landed.

Brussels airport spokesman Jos de Houwer said all 143 people on board the aircraft got off safely after the incident. They were being taken by coach to Frankfurt.

MNA/Reuters



Director Jia Zhangke of China shows the Golden Lion, the Festival's top award, received for his movie *Sanxia Haoren (Still Life)*, at the Venice film festival, Italy, on 9 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA



China's Finance Minister Jin Renqing (C Front) attends the news conference of the 13th APEC Finance Ministers' Meeting in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, on 8 Sept, 2006. The two-day meeting ending on 8 Sept called for reviving the global free trade talks and pledged greater efforts against "terrorist financing".—XINHUA

Norwegian atomic reactor shut by internal leak

OSLO, 11 Sept— A small nuclear test reactor in Norway was shut down early on Saturday after increased radioactivity was detected within the plant, but officials said no one was exposed and there was no leak to the environment.

The Norwegian Radiation Protection Authority (NRPA) said in a statement that the unit was immediately shut

down after radiation was detected within the steel building encasing the reactor at Kjeller, 20 kilometres (12 miles) northeast of Oslo.

"No radioactivity above normal levels has been detected outside the steel building," the NRPA said in a statement.

"No one has been exposed, as far as we know," Finn Ugletveit, an NRPA official, told

Reuters.

He said no one was inside the encasement where the radioactivity was detected.

Nonetheless, NRPA's spokesman Per Strand told Norwegian news agency *NTB* that the Kjeller reactor had never experienced such a serious incident. "We take this very seriously," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Death toll rises to 25 from Russian goldmine fire

MOSCOW, 11 Sept— Rescuers recovered the last four bodies of miners killed in a fire in a Siberian gold mine, bringing the death toll to 25, Russian news agencies reported.

The death toll from the fire has risen to 25, Irina Andrianova, spokeswoman of the Emergency Situations Ministry, was quoted by the *ITAR-TASS* news agency early on Sunday.

The blaze started at a depth of 85-135 metres in the Vershino-Darasunsky gold mine in the Chita region, about 5,000 kilometres east of Moscow.—MNA/Xinhua

Mad fox injures 12 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 12 Sept— At least 12 people including a woman have been injured by a mad fox in central Bangladesh, local daily *The Independent* reported Monday.

Local sources said a fox that went mad started biting whoever it found at Kusumpur Village in Munshiganj District, about 40 kilometres southeast of Dhaka, injuring 12 people on 7 September.

MNA/Xinhua

Teenagers killed as Mexico drug war flares up

MEXICO CITY, 11 Sept— Six teen-age boys were shot to death execution-style in northern Mexico, police said on Saturday, bringing the death toll from a week of violence linked to turf battles between drug gangs to at least 17.

The bodies of the youths aged between 16 and 19 were found on Friday outside Nuevo Laredo, a city on the US border plagued by drug violence, a police spokesman said.

A 17-year-old found at the scene and recovering from gunshot wounds told police that gunmen forced him and his friends out of their sport utility vehicle and made them kneel on the ground before shooting

them.

The spokesman said five of the dead had their T-shirts pulled over their heads and that the killings resembled gangland executions by rival drug-runners.

The slayings followed a week of carnage that police attributed to an escalation in a fight for

territory among drug gangs across the country.

On Friday police found the bodies of six men with slashed throats near Uruapan, a town in western Mexico where two days earlier masked gunmen had rolled five severed heads onto a nightclub dance floor.

MNA/Reuters

30 houses swept away in central Nepal

KATHMANDU, 11 Sept— At least 30 households were swept away and family members of 79 other houses were displaced after the landslide triggered Kabilas Village in Chitwan District in central Nepal on Sunday.

The dead body of another woman was found buried in a landslide at Bhandara Village in the district, some 100 kilometres south of Kathmandu, a leading news website eKantipur.com reported.

Though the flooded Narayanghat bazaar gradually saw a decrease in water level, 300 households of Baseni and Ganesh Than villages are still inundated, according to the website.— MNA/Xinhua



Firemen climb during a fire protection drill in Jinan, in east China's Shandong Province on 11 Sept, 2006. The Chinese characters on the building read "we should train strictly and strive for further progress."—INTERNET

Minor quake jolts India-Myanmar border area

NEW DELHI, 11 Sept— A quake measuring 4 on the Richter Scale hit the area of the India-Myanmar border Sunday morning and no reports of any casualties or damage so far, according to the *Indo-Asian News Service*. The quake occurred at 11:42 am (0612 GMT) Sunday. Its epicentre was plotted along India's border with Myanmar in the Indian state of Manipur. — MNA/Xinhua

Fireworks plant blast kills two in north India

NEW DELHI, 11 Sept— Two people were killed in a blast at a fireworks plant in north India's Uttar Pradesh early Saturday, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

Fireworks manufacturer Sarju Prasad and his wife died when his plant exploded at a Rae Bareilly Village, about 160 kilometres from the state capital Lucknow.

The blast happened because of the negligence of Prasad, Rae Bareilly District magistrate Jitendra Kumar said. The house was reduced to ashes because of the blast, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Earthquake jolts Israel, no injuries reported

JERUSALEM, 11 Sept — An earthquake with a magnitude of 4.4 shook Israel and the occupied West Bank on Saturday but caused no injuries, Israeli media reported.

The quake's epicentre was in the Jordan Valley and was felt across Israel and the West Bank. The magnitude was initially estimated at 4.9.

Minor earthquakes are not uncommon in Israel and surrounding countries.— MNA/Reuters

Security crackdown in Kabul after big suicide blast

KABUL, 11 Sept — NATO battled Taliban holdouts in the deserts of southern Afghanistan on Saturday amid a security crackdown in the capital after at least 16 people were killed by a suicide bomber.

Ali Shah Paktiwal, head of the police crime bureau, said officers were checking every main intersection in Kabul after Friday's blast near the US Embassy, which is known to have killed at least two American soldiers.— MNA/Reuters

India, Mongolia, Pakistan to be invited to join ASEM

HELSINKI, 11 Sept — The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is to invite India, Mongolia and Pakistan to join future gatherings of the forum dedicated to dialogue between Asia and Europe, Finnish Prime

Minister Matti Vanhanen announced at the opening ceremony of the two-day ASEM summit that started here on Sunday.

“I am very pleased to announce that during this summit we will make an important decision

concerning enlargement of our partnership,” Vanhanen said.

“We intend to invite India, Mongolia, Pakistan and the ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) Secretariat on the Asian side, and Bulgaria and Romania as acceding EU member states on the European side, to participate in the ASEM process.” —MNA/Xinhua



Abhay Prakash Verma, 17, a micro artist displays a 3x3 mm waterproof diary in Siliguri on 11 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Astronauts check “Atlantis” for damage

HOUSTON, 11 Sept— Astronauts aboard space shuttle *Atlantis* conducted a close-up inspection of their ship's heat shield on Sunday as they sailed toward a linkup on Monday with the *International Space Station*.

“*Atlantis* looks great,” space shuttle deputy manager John Shannon said at a briefing Sunday, one day after launch. “We have a really good start to this very complex mission.”

shuttle’s wings and nose with lasers and a sensor-laden boom comes after analysis of launch video on Saturday showed the craft's heat shield appeared to have weathered blastoff in good shape.

The video showed there were no problems from glancing impacts from several pieces of ice and foam that fell from its fuel tank as it climbed toward orbit.

MNA/Reuters

US scholar says “smart power” vital to war on terror

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — The most important lesson from the 5 years after 9/11 is that terrorism cannot be defeated by military might alone, and the only way to win is to combine “hard power” with “soft power”, a prominent US scholar told *Xinhua* in a recent interview.

“Winning the war on terror requires more use of the soft power of attraction rather than relying so heavily on hard military power, as the Bush Administration has done,” said Joseph Nye, a leading professor in international relations at Harvard University who initiated the “soft power” theory.

According to Nye, “soft power is the ability to get what you want through attraction rather than coercion”, while “hard power” is to achieve goals by force. “The ability to combine hard and soft power is smart power, which is vital to the outcome of war on terror,” he said.

United States fought terrorism in two rounds after 9/11. The first round was Afghanistan where the United States won.

“While it was far from perfect, the United States successfully removed the Taliban government, avoided large civilian casualties, and created a political framework.

In Nye's view, the

MNA/Xinhua

Two coalition soldiers killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 11 Sept— Two soldiers of the US-led coalition forces were killed while conducting combat operations in southern Afghanistan, ISAF's command region, ISAF said in a statement on Sunday.

The two soldiers were killed on Saturday night respectively in Zabul and Kandahar provinces, the

NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

One of the casualties was working with an Afghan Army unit that is currently in support of Operation Medusa in Panjwai in Kandahar and was mistakenly reported as an ISAF fatality on Saturday, the statement said.

The second casualty was operating in Zabul in support of another Afghan Army unit, it added.

The two coalition soldiers were operating as members of Embedded Training Teams, which live and work along with Afghan soldiers, providing operational advice and logistical support. — MNA/Xinhua

Tonga Crown Prince sworn in as King

WELLINGTON, 11 Sept— The Crown Prince of Tonga was sworn in as King on Monday. According to Radio New Zealand International, the Chief Justice of Tonga Tony Ford said the accession committee received King Taufa'ahau Tupou V at midday Monday Tong time. The new King is aged 57.

The 88-year-old Tonga's late King passed away overnight Monday at a private Mercy Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand.

Taufa'ahau Tupou IV has spent much of the past year in hospital suffering heart problems and was most recently admitted in July.

King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV came to the throne in 1965 following the death of his mother Queen Salote.

MNA/Xinhua



A salesclerk at a shop in Huaibei, Anhui Province selling baby accessories shows the latest gadget in baby spoons: a “singing” spoon, on 10 Sept, 2006. The product has a built-in stereo which plays children's songs to attract the baby's attention and stimulate his or her appetite.—XINHUA



A Yorkshire Terrier dog is prepared for a canine beauty contest in Bucharest on 9 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Bomb blast kills one in Indonesia's Sulawesi

JAKARTA, 11 Sept — A 20-year-old woman died when a small bomb hidden inside a flashlight exploded in Indonesia's strife-torn Poso region in Central Sulawesi Province, police said on Sunday.

The bomb went off when the woman turned on the flashlight lying outside her house in Kawua Village late on Saturday.

It was the second blast in Poso in a week. Last Wednesday, a 50-year-old man died when a bomb exploded in an empty building. — MNA/Reuters

Milestones in nation-building endeavours - 4

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Hlinethaya Industrial Zone plays an important role in developing the nation's industrial sector.

The efforts to steer the nation on the right track to peace, stability, modernity and progress involves endless development and reform programmes.

Synchronized reforms are being made for parallel development of all sectors including political, economic, agricultural, farming, industrial, education and health sectors in all aspects.

It is true that vision and leadership are required in changing a system, but the government alone cannot accomplish such a huge task. It needs harmonious efforts of all. Harmonious unity, mutual understanding and sympathy are also the requisites. Besides, harmonious cooperation is important.

Industrial development

The industrial sector is to be developed alongside the agricultural development. Only with industrial progress, will the nation become a developed and modern one.

The government set up 18 industrial zones about 14 years ago to systematically develop the private sector whose know-how and experience are important in the transition to an industrial country. The emergence of industrial zones can be said a milestone in the country's industrial history.

The government will have to develop the private sector, with industrial zones as the base.

During an inspection tour of industrial zones, the Head of State gave guidance, saying, "Industrial zones will develop only if they can fulfil the nation's real market demand. The industrial zones should not be complacent about their status of just producing ordinary goods, but should make innovative efforts for qualitative improvement of the products. In addition, efforts should be made to manufacture new types of products. The zones will have to manufacture machines required by the public apart from farm machinery."

Three private industrial zones — Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya industrial zones — have set up iron foundries and forgers with government assistance, and are manufacturing quality machine parts. There are also private factories producing moulds. Use of advanced methods and machines will help the private sector leap forward.

The private industries are manufacturing farm machinery including power-tillers, combined-harvesters and pumps and parts for cars and coaches. Moreover, they are producing quality machine parts for export.

In addition to policy and material assistance for development of the private industries, the government is attending to the needs of the State-owned industries for their progress. The State-owned sector and the private sector should make cooperative efforts for actual development of the nation's industrial sector.

The government has plans to promote cottage industries to become medium-scale industries, and

the medium-scale industries to heavy industries. It is also giving priority to manufacturing import-substitute goods for the nation to stand on its own feet in times of emergency; and setting up export-oriented industries based on capital and technology. In this way, advanced industries including finished wood product factories, garment factories, steel mills, farm machinery factories, textile mills, paper mills, soap factories, pharmaceutical factories, cement plants and engine assembling plants have emerged across the nation.

Thanks to the government's assistance and support, the nation has witnessed the rapid development of her industrial sector.

Surplus foreign trade

Trade volume grows together with the annual increase in the production of agricultural, industry and meat and fish sectors. Myanmar ended her trade deficit in 2002-2003, and from that time on she has been enjoying surplus foreign trade for four consecutive years. It is one of the government's milestones in its nation-building endeavours.

Transport development

The government has been trying to facilitate transport in accord with the increase in the trade and production. Before the Tatmadaw government, there was only the Sagaing Bridge on Ayeyawady River at Inwa. Now there are seven new bridges — Bala Min Htin, Anawrahta, Magway, Nawadae, Bo Myat Tun, Maubin and Daydaye — on the Ayeyawady. Now, the Ayeyawady can be crossed through eight places.

In addition to the two existing bridges, Tarkawet, Tarsan, Hpa-an, Mawlamyine and Tarpa bridges have been built on Thanlwin River. Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) is the longest and most magnificent bridge in Myanmar. Similarly, the government has built new bridges on Chindwin and Sittoung rivers and other watercourses the length and breadth of the nation. Up to now, it has built 218 new bridges.



Minkyaung Bridge on Yangon-Kyaukpadaung Highway helps cement national strength and unity.

Moreover, a network of roads have emerged in the nation. The Yangon-An-Sittway Union Highway facilitates travelling from Sittway in Rakhine State to Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Magway. The Yangon-Kyaukpadaung Union Highway links Kyaukpadaung on Yanbye Island with Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions through Taungup. Thanks to An-Maei road, the highway linking northern with southern Rakhine State has also emerged in the nation.

The government has built Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin-Kawthoung highway and Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei highway to connect Taninthayi Division in the south with the rest of Myanmar.

Likewise, the nation has also seen the emergence of Shwebo-Myittha road, Mandalay-Thabeikkyin-Tagaung-Bhamo road, Myittha-Putao road, Pinyinman-Pinglaung road, Pinyinman-Taungdwingyi road, Aungban-Ywangan-Hanmyintmo road, Laikha-Mongkai-Hsipaw road, Yaksawk-Nawngkhio-Kengtung-Tachilek road, and Aungban-Pinglong-Loikaw railroad, Shwenyaung-Yaksawk railroad, Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Namsang railroad, ChaungU-Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad, and Bago Yoma West railroad.

The transport network of motor roads and railroads linking areas in the nation from north to south and east to west is one of the milestones of the nation's history.

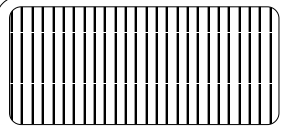
Transport development is the basic requirement for progress of all sectors including economy, health and education of all the states and divisions. Without proper transport, goodwill alone cannot help bring about regional development.

Hence, roads and bridges have been built to link every part of the nation. Rakhine state now has land gateways. Cars as well as trains are running to Kachin State. Ayeyawady Division, that had to rely on waterways in the past, is enjoying the fruits of roads and bridges. As Yangon and Patheingyi is just over a three-hour drive, Yangonites can get Chaungtha beach or Ngwesaung beach in time to have lunch there. Road transport to almost all the towns in the division is now possible. No one can deny the benefits of such a remarkable success is largely due to the development of the transport sector.

Apart from motor roads and railroads, new airfields and communication network covering the border areas have been built in the nation. Hence, it is an honour for all of us as almost all the infrastructures required for a modern nation have already been set up.

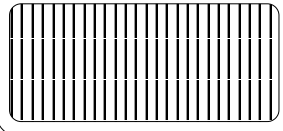
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**Vice-Senior General
Maung Aye receives
Commander-in-
Chief of Royal Thai
Army General
Sonthi
Boonyaratglin at
Bayintnaung
Yeiktha in
Nay Pyi Taw.
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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife host dinner in honour of Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army and party



Also present at the dinner were General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, members of SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye and their wives, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint and wife, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, senior military officers, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attache' Colonel Prissapa Suvanatat and responsible personnel.

Before and during the dinner, artistes of Myanma Radio and Television entertained the visiting Thai delegation members. — MNA

**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hosts a
dinner in honour of Commander-in-Chief
of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi
Boonyaratglin at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in
Nay Pyi Taw.
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NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept — 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 and wife Daw Mya Mya San hosted dinner to the goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin and wife at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Rail Transportation holds four-monthly meeting



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min delivers an address at work coordination meeting for 2006 of Ministry of Rail Transportation. — RAIL TRANSPORTATION

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept— The 2nd four-monthly meeting of Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at the ministry here yesterday.

At the meeting, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min urged participants of the meeting to step up efforts for the transportation sector while striving to achieve success in implementing

tasks of the ministry.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaug Lwin and U Pe Than, directors-general and managing directors of the departments under the ministry and officials.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA

USDA Secretary-General meets farmers in Tatkon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept— Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo met with farmers and USDA members in Tatkon Township at Kyathay Village in the township and gave instructions on boosting agricultural production.

He also pledged to fulfil requirements of the region for socio-economic development of locals.

At the meeting, CEC member of USDA Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and executives of the township USDA presented pesticide to farmers.

There are 57,837 acres of monsoon paddy cultivated in the township and efforts are being made by officials concerned and farmers joining hands with USDA members to boost the yield of agricultural produce. — MNA

Myaungmya Township USDA AGM held

YANGON, 12 Sept— Myaungmya Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held its Annual General Meeting for 2006 at No 1 Basic Education High School in Myaungmya yesterday.

It was opened with an address by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

The minister awarded outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2005-2006 academic year.

Next, the minister accepted K1.7 million donated by Myaungmya District Peace and Development Council to the township USDA.

Afterwards, the secretaries of township USDAs in Myaungmya District read out annual reports of the meeting.

The minister on 10 September also met with executives, secretaries and members of Ayeyawady Division and Myaungmya District USDAs at Myaungmya District USDA office.

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Environmental Conservation Committee meets



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at Meeting No 4/2006 of Environmental Conservation Committee. — FORESTRY

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept — Environmental Conservation Committee held its meeting 4/2006 at the Ministry of Forestry here yesterday, with an address by Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, members of the committee leaders of special task force deputy ministers, directors-general of the Ministry of Forestry, rectors and officials.

Secretary of the

committee Director-General of Forest Department U Soe Win Hlaing reported on four-monthly environmental works.

Special task forces comprising seven deputy ministers from Environmental Conservation Committee were formed and duties were assigned to them. The special task forces will implement the tasks on conservation of environment in states and divisions.

The deputy ministers discussed four-monthly measures undertaken and laid down the future tasks.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for India

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept— A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe yesterday left here by air for India to attend the 12th State-level meeting of Myanmar-India Civil Authorities to be held in New Delhi from today to 16 September.

The delegation comprises Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Oo of Ministry of Defence, Director-General of the General Administration Department U Myat Ko, Director-General of the Bureau of Special Investigation U Aung Saw Win, Deputy Director-General of the

Prisons Department U Zaw Tun, directors of the

Department U Kyin Lin, U Tin Htut and Director of Political Department of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin.—MNA



Deputy Home Affairs Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe departs for New Delhi to participate in 12th State-level meeting of Myanmar-India Civil Authorities.— MNA

Small-scale vegetable plantations being set up in Yangon

YANGON, 12 Sept—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win yesterday inspected the plantations of vegetables of the townships in Yangon North and West Districts.

The commander and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairperson of the Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, inspected the small-scale plantations of greens and livestock farms of village maternal and child welfare association at Laydaunkan model village in Mingaladon Township, Yangon North District, and the five-acre physic nut plantation of Yangon North District MCW Supervisory Committee.

On arrival at Lanmadaw Township, Yangon West District, the commander heard reports by officials on progress of growing of vegetables in the district, and viewed the plantations at Township PDC office.

The commander and wife also looked into the plant of ten species of vegetables of MCWA members in alleys and on balconies of the buildings in Lanmadaw and Latha townships, and agricultural and livestock farms at Munmoedein model village in Kayan Township, Yangon South District.

The vegetables grown on a manageable scale in Yangon Division are also distributed to tax-free markets. — MNA

Energy Ministry awards outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept — Ministry of Energy held a ceremony to award the children of the staff families who passed the 2005-2006 matriculation examination with distinctions at the ministry here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, directors-general, managing directors and directors and parents of the outstanding students.

The minister spoke on the occasion. Next the minister and the deputy minister handed prizes to four six-distinction winners, 17 five-distinction winners and 23 four-distinction winners.

Later, the minister also presented prizes to seven staff members for their outstanding performances in the training courses of the Central Institute of Civil Service.

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Ceremony to mark Nutrition Promotion Week for 2006 held



Prof Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun delivers an address at a ceremony to mark Nutrition Promotion Week for 2006. — MNA

YANGON, 12 Sept—Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held a ceremony to mark Nutrition Promotion Week for 2006 at the meeting hall of MWF on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township here this morning.

It was attended by the general secretary of MWF and CEC members, executives of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, officials of the Ministry of Health, departmental officials and guests.

General Secretary of MWF Professor Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun made an opening speech.

Next, Director of Health Department Dr Soe Myat Tun read the message of the director-general of HD.

After the ceremony, experts from the National Nutrition Promotion and Research Department discussed matters on nutrition promotion with members of Yangon Division Women Affairs Organization.—MNA

Officials leave for Vietnam



Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force U Aung Myint being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport on his departure for Vietnam.

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NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept — A Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint left here by air on 10 September to attend the exposition on communications and electronic devices to be held in Vietnam from 13 to 16 September.

They were seen off at the Nay Pyi Taw airport by officials concerned.

Also included in the delegation as a member is Deputy Chief Engineer U Nyan Win of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications.

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CEC Member attends Pyinmana District USDA Annual General Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept — Pyinmana District held its annual general meeting of Union Solidarity and Development Association at Mingalakantaw Hall, Pyinmana this morning, with an address by CEC member of USDA Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe.

Present on the occasion were local authorities, members of social organizations, members of USDAs and guests.

First, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe made a speech on the occasion and presented prizes to outstanding students who won distinctions

in the matriculation examination of 2006. Next, the minister accepted cash donations presented by responsible personnel and handed certificates of honour to them.

Afterwards, district executives read out the reports of the committee of USDA while joint-secretary of Lewe Township USDA U Than Toe read out the proposals. After joint-secretary of District USDA U Zaw Tint had clarified on the proposals, seven future tasks were laid down.

Next, the meeting chairman passed resolutions after seeking approvals of the delegates. — MNA

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Annan says negotiation is best solution to Iran nuclear issue

PARIS, 12 Sept — The best way to solve the Iran nuclear issue is through negotiation, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Sunday in an interview broadcast.

"Sincerely, I think the best solution is the negotiated solution," Annan told French radio station Europe 1. He said he feared a confrontation would create "enormous problems" in a region already plagued by lots of crises.

The Secretary-General pointed out that the Iranians are willing to return to the negotiating table and what they can not accept is to suspend

uranium enrichment before negotiations.

The UN head said that he visited Iran days ago and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad had assured him of Iran's readiness to talk about all issues and the peaceful intent of its nuclear activities.

Annan said Iran should allow visits by inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

and grant them free movement to prove to the world the peaceful intent of its nuclear activities.

Speaking of the question of whether to use sanctions to force Iran to suspend uranium enrichment, Annan said it is not a simple issue as related parties are still divided over the issue and it is difficult to reach consensus even within the UN Security Council.

MNA/Xinhua



A pilot from the National Aero Club of Ireland opens his parachute after bailing out of his aerobatic plane after a mid-air collision between two planes during the Aero Grand Prix of Malta off Valletta's Marsamxett Harbour on 10 Sept, 2006. Swedish aerobatics champion pilot Gabor Varga was killed on Sunday when his stunt plane collided with another aircraft during a race in Malta, organizers said. The other pilot from the National Aero Club, Ireland parachuted to safety. The name of the surviving pilot has not yet been released by authorities. — XINHUA

Iran says US sanctions on Bank Saderat "a mistake"

TEHERAN, 12 Sept — Iran on Sunday lashed out at Washington's decision to impose sanctions on Bank Saderat of Iran for its alleged dealings with terrorist groups, terming the US action as "a mistake," reported the official IRNA news agency.

The US move to halt banking deals of Bank Saderat of Iran with American financial system is "a mistake," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi was quoted by IRNA as saying.

Asefi said that "Washington has proved that it would use all means to advance its wrong policies," said the report.

The US Government imposed sanctions on the Iranian bank on Friday, barring it from dealing with US financial institutions, even indirectly.

The move against Bank Saderat was announced by Stuart Levey, the Undersecretary for Treasury, who accused the major state-owned bank in Iran of transferring funds for alleged terrorist groups, including Hizbollah.

While Iranian financial institutions are barred from directly accessing the US financial system, they are permitted to do so indirectly through banks in other countries.

But the latest move severs that access for Bank

Saderat and Levey said the action does not apply to other Iranian banks.

It was Washington's latest effort against Iran and Hizbollah.

Levey said since 2001 a Hizbollah-controlled organization had received 50 million US dollars directly from Iran through Bank Saderat.

He said the US Government would also persuade European banks and financial institutions not to deal with Iran.

MNA/Xinhua



A model wears a Carolina Herrera creation at the Spring 2007 Fashion Week in New York on 11 Sept, 2006. — INTERNET

Forest fire scorches large areas in California

LOS ANGELES, 12 Sept— A forest fire raging along the border of Los Angeles and Ventura counties in California has scorched 12,703 acres of land, authorities said on Sunday.

Only 12 per cent of the fire, expanded by hot and dry weather, has been brought under control, Ed Linquist of the US Forest Service information centre said. So far no homes have been damaged and no injuries reported.

About 1,465 firefighters are now battling the blaze which is expected to continue unabated as hot and dry weather

returned and is forecast to last through the week, hampering firefighting efforts, Linquist said.

Although some progress had been made on the containment front, firefighters still have 25 miles of fire line to build, he said. On Friday, flames destroyed two picnic areas in the state — Tin Cup and Bear Trap — on Pyramid Lake's western arm, said

Linquist.

Public access was closed to a large portion of the eastern area of the Los Padres National Forest. The popular Off Highway Vehicle Recreation Area was closed as a precaution even though it is several miles from the blaze, said Helen Tarbet of the US Forest Service.

MNA/Xinhua

Floods, storms claim 24 lives in southern Vietnam

HANOI, 12 Sept — Floods and storms have recently killed 24 people in Vietnam's southern Mekong Delta, local newspaper *Youth* reported on Monday.

The victims were from the two provinces of An Giang and Dong Thap.

Flooding also inundated many houses, schools, irrigation works, acreage of paddy rice, and aquaculture ponds in the delta.

Flooding and landslides caused by torrential rain in Vietnam killed 42 people and injured 20 others from mid to late last month. Among the victims, 12 died in landslides in the two northern provinces of Yen Bai and Cao Bang — MNA/Xinhua



Actress Mischa Barton, left, and US Open tennis champion Maria Sharapova attend the Marc Jacobs spring 2007 fashion show, on Monday, 11 Sept, 2006, in New York.

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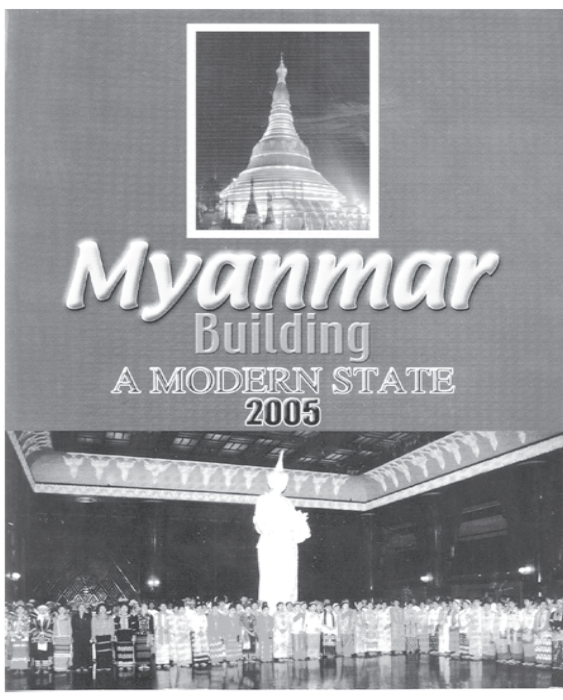
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Cotton exports earn Zimbabwe \$102m

HARARE, 11 Sept — Zimbabwe has raked in more than 102 million US dollars from cotton exports this year, which contributes significantly to the country's export earnings and further enhances the crop's status as one of the leading agro-export commodities, an official said on Sunday.

The earnings are much higher in comparison with last year when export receipts amounted to 60 million dollars, said the spokesman for cotton industry.

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Swedish stunt pilot killed in Malta competition

VALLETTA, 11 Sept — Swedish aerobatics champion Gabor Varga was killed on Sunday when his stunt plane collided with another aircraft during a race in Malta, organizers said. The two single-seat planes crashed into the sea off Malta during the Aero GP competition, witnesses said. The other pilot parachuted to safety.

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Indonesia to send Air Force equipped with "QW-3" missiles to Lebanon

JAKARTA, 11 Sept — The Indonesian Air Force had been equipped with QW-3 missiles to run its peace mission in Lebanon as of 28 September, Air Force Chief of Staff Air Marshall Herman Prayitno said on Sunday.

"Equipping the Air Force with such sophisticated mission is only to show the corps' seriousness in the mission. In addition, we will also send trained, experienced and best personnel in battle field," Antara news agency quoted Herman as saying in Dediri, East Java Province.

Herman added the Indonesian Air Force would send 37 members of the Special Forces (Paskhas) and two staffers.—MNA/Xinhua

Tonga's King dies at the age of 88

WELLINGTON, 11 Sept — The King of Tonga in the South Pacific, Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, has died in a New Zealand hospital at the age of 88, local media said on Monday.

Radio New Zealand reported Tonga's Lord

Chamberlain, Fielakepa, had confirmed the monarch died late on Sunday night, and the *Matangi Tonga* newspaper also reported the death, quoting Tongans living in New Zealand.

King Tupou IV had been in New Zealand for

medical treatment since April, briefly returning to Tonga for his 88th birthday on July 4, before returning to an Auckland hospital.

King Tupou IV has ruled the group of 170 coral islands, sprinkled over the South Pacific

about 2,000 kilometres (1,250 miles) north of New Zealand, since 1965.

The King made international headlines in 1976 when he became the world's heaviest monarch, tipping the Tonga airport scales, the only scales in the country that could hold him, at 462 pounds (209 kilos). Obesity is a major problem in the island kingdom.

The *Guinness World Records* says the King was reported to have slimmed down to 308 pounds (139 kilos) by 1985. By 1998 he had lost further weight.

Tonga is the South Pacific's last monarchy, where the royal family controls a semi-feudal political system.

The economy depends on subsistence farming, tourism and fishing.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam prepares for potential bird flu outbreaks

HANOI, 11 Sept — Vietnam's Health Ministry has assigned 14 hospitals in major cities to closely supervise and promptly cope with any bird flu outbreaks among people, according to local newspaper *Labor* on Monday.

The hospitals and

preventive medicine centres are to ensure the operation of disease surveillance systems around the clock, and the sufficient supply of facilities for treatment of bird flu patients.

The ministry said if the outbreaks spread, general hospitals in provinces had

to form an isolation area at their infectious disease departments, and mobilize healthcare workers and equipment from first aid and pediatrics departments. Each hospital should set aside 10-20 beds for receiving bird flu patients.

MNA/Xinhua

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“Hijack-proof” airliner put on tests in Britain

LONDON, 11 Sept— The first hijack-proof airliner, able to steer itself away from tall buildings and even land by remote control if terrorists kill the pilot, has been put on tests, the *Sunday Times* reported.

The first tests were carried out last month using actors in planes on the ground in Bristol and Hamburg, according to the report. The systems developed by a consortium, including BAE Systems and Airbus, after al-Qaeda’s attacks on America on 11 September,

2001, go far beyond the reinforced cockpit doors and sky marshals introduced as an immediate reaction to the terror strikes.

The first elements of the technology will be available to airlines by mid-2008 and the full system should be installed

a few years after that, the report said, adding that similar work is being done separately in America. The system is designed as a last-ditch defense if airport checks and passenger surveillance fail to prevent a hijack.

New cockpit doors, in addition to being strengthened, are likely to be controlled using

biometric technology which scans irises and fingerprints so only authorized crew can gain access.

There will also be biometric sensors fitted to cockpit instruments so that if, as in the 9/11 attacks, a terrorist kills the pilot, the plane’s controls can be overridden.

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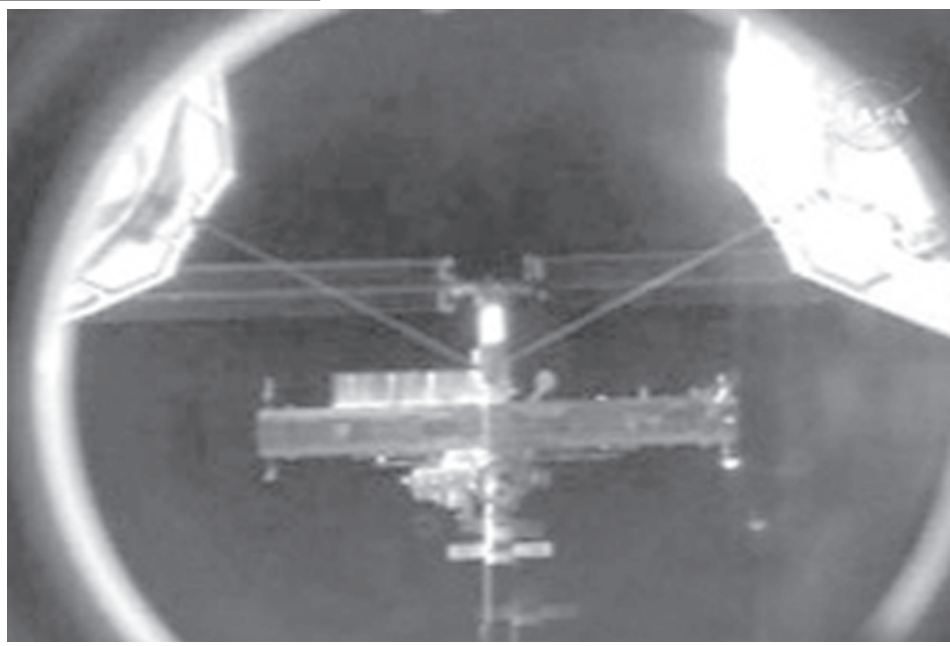
Train derailed by buffaloes in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 11 Sept— A Bulawayo-bound National Railways of Zimbabwe passenger train from Victoria Falls derailed Saturday night near Dibamombe siding after hitting a herd of buffaloes.

The derailment came barely two weeks after another train accident killed eight people and injured scores of passengers almost at the same scene. Reports from Victoria Falls said the derailment took place at about 8 p.m. The NRZ public relations manager Fanuel Masikati confirmed

the accident, adding that no injuries or deaths were reported.— MNA/Xinhua

The International Space Station is seen in a camera mounted inside the Space Shuttle Atlantis’ specialized mating adapter as the two spacecraft approach prior to docking in this view from NASA TV on 11 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA



A woman displays a moon cake made up with cosmetics in Zhoukou, Central China’s Henan Pvince on 10 Spet, 2006. The creative moon cakes attract many customers. This year’s Mid-autumn festival will fall on 6 October.—INTERNET

Traffic accident kills 60 in S-W Nigeria

LAGOS, 11 Sept— At least 60 people have been burnt to death in a traffic accident in southwest Nigeria, a police official said on Sunday.

Femi Awoyale, public relations officer of the Ogun State Police Command, told *Xinhua* on the phone on Sunday that the accident happened in Sagamu along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway on Friday evening.

He also confirmed that at least five others who survived the tragedy and sustained high degree of burn were admitted at the Olabisi Onabanjo Teaching Hospital (OOTH), Sagamu. A doctor at the emergency ward of the OOTH said the five passengers “have been transferred to the Intensive Care Unit” of the hospital.

An eyewitness who refused to be identified told reporters that the accident occurred when a fuel tanker, riding on top speed, ran into a pothole. —MNA/Xinhua

Study says greenhouse gases warm oceans, making hurricanes stronger

BEIJING, 12 Sept— Hurricane breeding grounds in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans are being warmed by greenhouse gases, probably making hurricanes stronger in coming decades, according to a new study.

The study was published online Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS). The scientists, led by

Ben Santer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, used 22 climate models to investigate the possible causes of a rise in sea

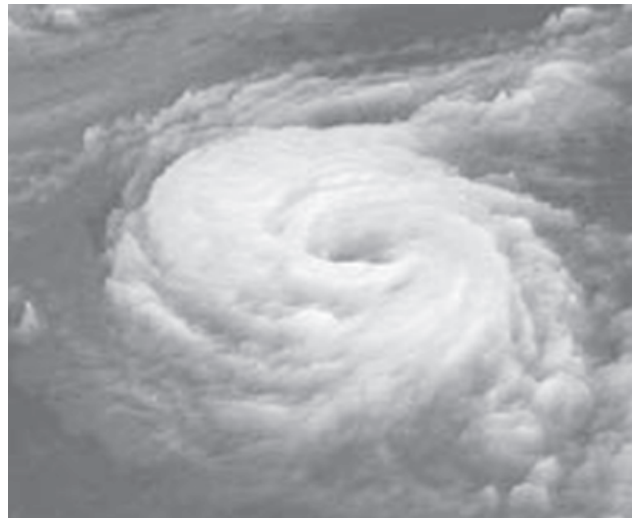
surface temperatures (SST) of up to 0.67 C in the Atlantic and Pacific tropics from 1906 to 2005. Each computer model was run several times to work out how much the SST would have warmed with or without rising levels of greenhouse gases and other pollutants.

“We’ve used virtually all the world’s climate models to study the causes of the SST changes in hurricane formation regions,” Santer said. They found that tiny particulates from volcanos and sulphates from industrial plants blocked

the sun, and so cooled the oceans. But the effect was overcome by the rise in greenhouse gases, which led to warmer oceans.

“The important conclusion is that the observed SST increases in the regions cannot be explained by natural processes alone,” said Tom Wigley, co-researcher of the study, from the Boulder-based National Centre for Atmospheric Research (NCAR). “The best explanation for these changes has to include a large human influence.”

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Low awareness retard “AIDS” control, prevention in China

NANNING, 11 Sept— Low awareness caused by inadequate publicity and inefficient monitoring and testing systems have retarded control and prevention of the disease in China, said Dai Zhicheng, president of the Chinese Association of STD & AIDS Prevention and Control, on Friday.

“Some local officials believe that too much publicity of the disease will negatively impair investment and local economy, while others underestimate the disease and neglect control and prevention,” said Dai.

As a result, the number of reported cases is far less than the actual number, said Dai. By the end of last year, localities in China had reported 144,089 people infected with HIV. This represents just 22.2 per cent of the officially estimated figure of 650,000 people living with HIV. —MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Bronze medallist Toby Dawson of the USA jumps off the ramp in his race in the finals Men's Moguls at Sauze d'Oulx, Italy, in this 15 Feb, 2006 file photo. Dawson announced his retirement, on 11 Sept, 2006 trading in the rough-and-tumble sport of moguls skiing to work on his golf game and continue a low-key effort to find his birth parents in South Korea.—INTERNET

Poland to hold inquiry into FA

WARSAW, 12 Sept— Poland are to hold an inquiry into the country's football association which may lead to the suspension of its management, Sports Minister Tomasz Lipiec said on Monday.

The Polish Football Association (PZPN) has been under fire since the middle of last year when prosecutors began an investigation into match-fixing that has so far led to the arrest of more than 40 referees, club and association officials.

PZPN, largely unreformed since the Communist era, has begun its own investigation but Lipiec said he had lost patience.

"Unfortunately, PZPN's own actions have not been sufficient," he told a news conference announcing the beginning of an administrative court inquiry into the association.

"I took this decision because I know that our checks to date showed breaches of the law and of the association's statute."

He said the proceedings may lead to the suspension of PZPN's whole

management and the appointment of a temporary state administrator.

Association officials were not available for comment.

MNA/Reuters

FIFA moots Robben Island for Zidane-Materazzi reunion

BERLIN, 12 Sept— FIFA is considering South Africa's Robben Island as the stage for a reconciliation between Zinedine Zidane and Marco Materazzi, the defender he headbutted during the World Cup final.

Sepp Blatter, the president of FIFA, said on Monday that plans were afoot for the two players to be reunited, and one possibility was using the site of the notorious prison, where former South African president Nelson Mandela was held.

"We are working on bringing together Materazzi and Zidane," Blatter told reporters ahead of a meeting in Berlin to debrief national coaches after the recent World Cup. "There are different possibilities and one of them is Robben Island in South Africa where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years."

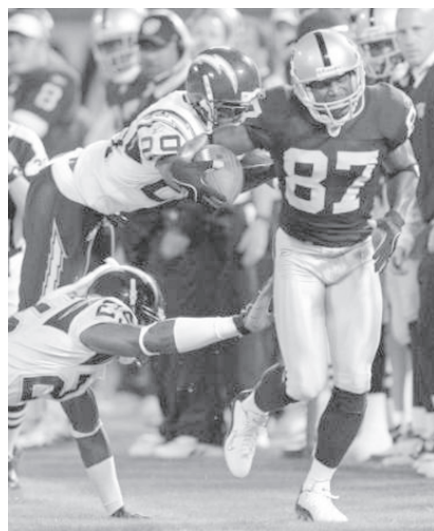
The moment when France's Zidane headbutted Ital-

ian defender Materazzi during the final in July became a defining image of the 2006 World Cup.

Materazzi has since said that a reference he made to Zidane's sister prompted the attack from the French midfielder, which earned him a red card. Italy won the game 5-3 on penalties after Zidane was sent off.

World soccer's governing body FIFA fined Zidane 7,500 Swiss francs (6,044 US dollars) and Materazzi 5,000 Swiss francs.

Zidane said that since he had retired from the sport he would honour an additional three-match ban by undertaking community service. — *MNA/Reuters*



Oakland Raiders wide receiver Alvis Whitted (R) is pushed out-of-bounds by San Diego Chargers Antonio Cromartie (L) and Drayton Florence during third quarter play in their NFL football game in Oakland, California on 11 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Aragones decides to continue as Spain coach

MADRID, 12 Sept— Luis Aragones has changed his mind and decided to stay on as Spain coach after having had his earlier offer to resign rejected by the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF).

"After thinking about it I have decided to continue," Aragones was quoted as saying on the RFEF website on Monday.

Aragones met with the federation on Monday and offered his resignation after a press campaign called for his head following Spain's 3-2 capitulation to Northern Ireland in the Euro 2008 qualifiers last Wednesday.

That setback came two months after a disappointing second round exit from the World Cup in Germany. "Luis came to the meeting with the idea that he was going to resign, but the President has re-

jected it, and said that we have absolute confidence in him," Jorge Carretero, a spokesman for the RFEF, told a news conference in the morning.

"A few months ago everyone was convinced that he was the ideal person for the job. All that has happened is that we have lost a game to Northern Ireland. The sudden change in opinion is lamentable. "He has our support and he's always had it, but it is up to him now. We have told him we are pleased with his work but if he decides to go we will have to accept it." — *MNA/Reuters*

Reading beat Manchester City 1-0 in English Premiership

LONDON, 12 Sept— Reading beat Manchester City 1-0 to earn their second Premiership victory of the season on Monday.

Ivar Ingimarsson scored the winner in the 23rd minute when he latched on to Bobby Convey's first-half free-kick to nod the ball into the corner of the net.

City dominated for long spells but were not clinical enough, Paul Dickov firing at Marcus Hahnemann and Georgios Samaras seeing a shot deflected wide.

Ousmane Dabo was sent off late on for using his elbow as Reading held on.

They deserved the three points for efforts and commitment, but in truth City will be astonished to leave with nothing to show for their efforts.

They started brightly and had immediate joy down the right, with Trevor Sinclair and Micah Richards pouring forward at every opportunity.

One lovely passing move sent Richards to the byline, but Dickov could only strike the teenager's fine pull-back straight at Hahnemann from 10 yards.

Joey Barton was having a big influence on the game, spraying passes all around the pitch and going on one mazy run that ended with a cross Bernardo Corradi should have tucked away.

When a goal did come, it was against the run of play - to the delight of the home faithful. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Reading's American midfielder, Bobby Convey, right, battles for the ball with Manchester City Trevor Sinclair, during their English Premier League soccer match at Madejski Stadium, Reading, England, on 11 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan returns the ball against Germany's Rainer Schuettler during the first round match of men's singles at the China Open ATP tournament in Beijing, on 11 Sept, 2006. Srichaphan beat Schuettler 2-0 (6-3, 6-3).—XINHUA

Argentine match stopped over alleged ref threat

BUENOS AIRES, 12 Sept— A match involving Argentine champions Boca Juniors was abandoned at half-time on Sunday amid allegations the referee had been threatened by officials of home team Gimnasia La Plata.

"The referee said he suspended the game because he received threats from the president of Gimnasia and a group of people," Boca Juniors vice-president Pedro Pompilio told reporters. Gimnasia president Juan Jose Munoz told Argentine television he had spoken to the referee but denied making any threats.

Gimnasia were winning 1-0 with a penalty converted by Uruguayan striker Santiago Silva in the 29th minute. Referee Daniel Gimenez did not speak to the media. — *MNA/Reuters*

Bosnian FA rejects coach's resignation

SARAJEVO, 12 Sept— The Bosnian FA has rejected coach Blaz Sliskovic's resignation, announced after last week's 3-1 home loss to Hungary in a Euro 2008 qualifier.

"The (FA) presidency did not accept the resignations and unanimously gives its support to Ahmet Pasalic and Blaz Sliskovic in performing their duties," the association (NSBIH) said in a statement on its website on Monday.

Pasalic is the national team director who announced his resignation at the same time as Sliskovic. — *MNA/Reuters*

Blair runs into protests on Lebanon visit

BEIRUT, 12 Sept — Hundreds of Lebanese protested against British Prime Minister Tony Blair's visit to Beirut on Monday, accusing him of backing Israel's 34-day war with Hizbollah guerillas.

Troops, riot police and barbed-wire barriers kept the demonstrators well away from the government building in downtown Beirut where Blair was meeting Prime Minister Fouad Siniora.

"I'm standing here because Blair is the killer of Lebanese children," said Ibad Malak, a 19-year-old student.

Blair angered many Lebanese by his refusal to call for an early ceasefire in the conflict which killed nearly 1,200 people in Lebanon, mainly civilians, and 157 Israelis, mostly soldiers.

He is discussing with Siniora a UN truce in effect since 14 August and Britain's contribution to postwar reconstruction.

"Beirut is free, Blair out," chanted the protesters. Some carried placards reading "Thank you Blair for delivering the intelligent bombs" -referring to US flights laden with bombs for Israel that refuelled in Scotland during the war.

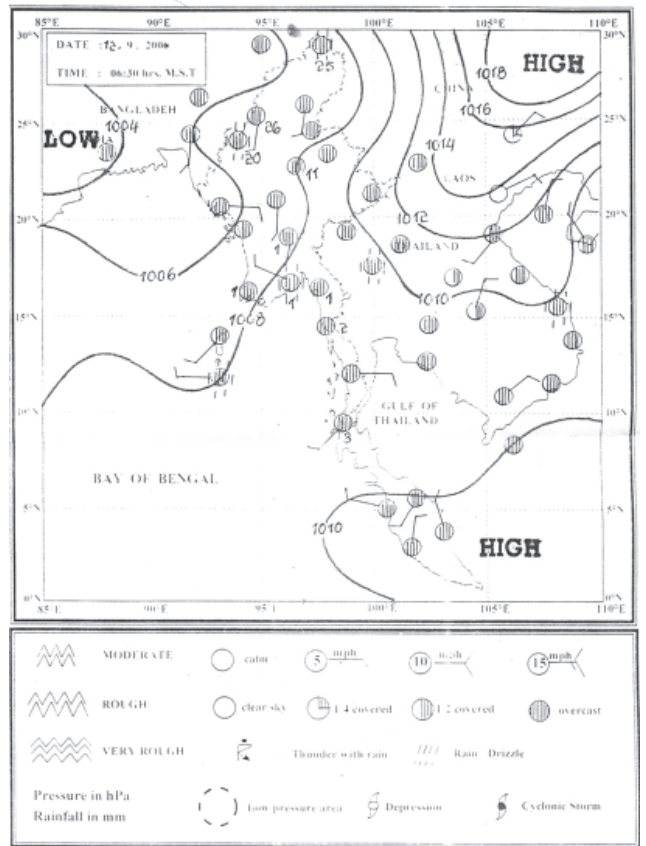
"Tony Blair supports America and Israel and has supported the war, so how

can we welcome him here," said Ali Shahine, 21, a hotel worker who was among the protesters.

Blair had been due to meet Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, an ally of Hizbollah, but an aide to the Shiite Muslim leader said he had left on a private visit abroad on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 12 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division, scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Shan and Mon States, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (4.41) inches, Namhsam (2.83) inches, Bago (2.28) inches, Hpa-an (1.34) inches, Sagaing (0.67) inch, Mandalay (0.44) inch, and Kanbalu (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-9-2006 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 12-9-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 12-9-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 11-9-2006 was (0.6) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 11-9-2006 were (0.39) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.67) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (83.70) inches at Mingaladon, (94.37) inches at Kaba-Aye and (99.80) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from East at (09:15) hours MST on 12-9-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Kayah, Rakhine States and lower Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Seas: Seas will be slight to mode-rate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of withdrawal of southwest monsoon from Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 13-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 13-9-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 13-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Residents watch the high waves from Hurricane Florence crashing at The Causeway in Hamilton, Bermuda, on Monday, 11 Sept, 2006 . Florence blew out windowns, peeled away the roofs of at least three houses and knocked out power to thousands before churning past the British island chain and heading out over open ocean. The Causeway was closed to traffic. Four people lost their lives here during Hurricane Fabian in 2003. — INTERNET



Wednesday, 13 September
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-World of our own ... Westlife
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-I knew I love you Savage Garden
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-I still carry on MLTR
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Feel good Madarem
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Can't we try Don Hill & Vanta Shepar
-Do I Melanic C
-Don't tell me Madonna
-Baby come to me Jame
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune
-A taste of honey
-Trancy Lopez, July London
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request
-Only for you Ronan Keating
-Miss you Westlife
-Rial love Mary & Bliga
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 13 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. လေးဆူတတ်စံရွှေစာရ်
- 7:50 am
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:00 am
6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:10 am
7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
8. ငါ့သရော်ကရေလှောင်တံမံ
- 8:30 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. ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ပထမဆူ) (လသာရတနာ ဝတ်အသင်း)
- 4:45 pm
4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနံပါတ်(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
6. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား
- 5:30 pm
7. Classical song
- 5:40 pm
8. "နင်းကြည့်စမ်းပါ" (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ညီဘူး၊ ခင်စိုးပိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 5:50 pm
9. ရွှေယံစုံလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
12. Japan video topics

- 6:40 pm
13. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်
- 7:20 pm
14. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်(၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းစားနှင့် ကာလပေါ်စား) (ဝါသနာရှင်အဆင့်) (အချိုးသား)
- 7:35 pm
15. "ကြည့်လိုက်ပါ" (ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မင်းထက်-ကျော်စင်၊ နေထူးနိုင်၊ နေယံ၊ စင်စင်စော်မြင့်၊ နန်းဆုရတီ၊ သင်စာဝင်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး(ပဲရစ်))
- 7:45 pm
16. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့် ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 8:00 pm
17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. "ကြယ်စင်ဝန်း၊ ဝေပန်းရိုးမ" (အပိုင်း-၁) (လှမင်း၊ ခန့်စည်သူ၊ နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊ သက်မွန်မြင့်၊ နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ၊ မြင့်မြင့်စိုင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- စင်စင်အောင်)
- 21. The next day's programme

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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife bid farewell to Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin and party

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept — Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin and party who were here at the invitation of 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 and members.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents a documentary photo album of the goodwill visit to General Sonthi Boonyaratglin. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife see off Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Sonthi Boonyaratglin and members of the goodwill delegation at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

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