

Children given polio vaccine and gifts in Myitkyina

Commander coordinates means to extend monsoon paddy cultivation



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe give polio vaccine to a child at the National Immunization Days in Kachin State. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Kachin State launched its fourth consecutive year of national immunization day in the region capital, Myitkyina, on 3 September.

The ceremony held at the town hall was opened

with an address delivered by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint.

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Myanmar Fisheries Federation (Magway) formed

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — A ceremony to set up Myanmar Fisheries Federation (Magway) was held at the town hall of Magway Division in Magway on 9 September, with addresses by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe.

After Vice-President of MFF U Han Tun had made clarifications on matters for setting up the federation, General Secretary U Kyi Ngwe assigned duties to executives of Magway Division Fisheries Federation. Next, Chairman of Magway Division Fisheries Federation U Aung Kyi Nyunt extended greetings on the occasion.

At his visit to Myathalon Pagoda in Magway for homage, the minister made cash donations.

Accompanied by Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe, the minister and party proceeded to a goat farm of Livestock and Veterinary Department in Minhla

Township. In response to the reports presented by Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt (See page 8)



Livestock and Fisheries Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspects a goat farm of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Minhla. — (LIVESTOCK & FISHERIES)

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

INSIDE

In truth, it is man that plays the most indispensable role in establishing a long-lasting rural library. Such a prudent drive also calls for a large number of people with a good habit of reading. And a library committee made up of bookworm members is important for ensuring durability of the facilities. In addition, a librarian or a group of librarians have to take turns to supervise the work.

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CHIT NAING (PSYCHOLOGY)

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 15 September, 2006

Production of potent traditional medicines

Myanma traditional medicine is an age-old art of curing diseases and Myanma traditional medicine practitioners have compiled volumes of treatise on various kinds of potent medicines and therapies and provided health care service to people since time immemorial.

The government has been working for development of Myanma traditional medicine by establishing a traditional medicine university to turn out traditional medicine practitioners, nurturing herbal gardens to preserve medicinal plants and encouraging research on production of potent medicines and development of new therapies.

Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) near PyinOoLwin is conducting research on malaria, TB, hypertension, diabetes, diarrhoea and dysentery and working on production of potent medicines to cure these diseases. At the herbal garden of the department are grown more than 400 kinds of medicinal plants that can be used in producing medicines for curing various diseases including the six major diseases mentioned above.

At a time when the government is encouraging the development of Myanma traditional medicine, we would like to call on Myanma traditional medicine practitioners and private producers of traditional medicines to cooperate with the government to be able to carry out extensive research and distribute potent medicines for curing the six major diseases common in Myanmar.

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Peoples' 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

Construction of Hockey pitch discussed



A wellwisher presents K 100,000 donated by Yangon-Mecca Tour Service to President of Myanmar Hockey Federation Brig-Gen Myo Myint (Retd).

MHF

YANGON, 14 Sept — Officials of Myanmar Hockey Federation today held a meeting and discussed matters on construction of a Hockey pitch with artificial turf here.

At the federation's meeting No 4/2006, Vice-President of the federation reported on tasks carried out for the construction of the pitch, the first of its kind in Myanmar.

At the meeting, U Kyaw Win of MMM Construction presented cash donated by Yangon-Mecca Tour Service to the construction funds through the president of the federation.

MNA

Doh Kyay Ywa Journal appears

YANGON, 14 Sept — Street, Yangon, Tel-371340, 371342.

MNA

Doh Kyay Ywa Journal, volume-3 No 18 has appeared for the subscribers who wish to widen their horizons on agriculture and livestock breeding. The journal ranges from methods for cultivation of grape and beans, features on health and social life to stories, humour, cartoons, poems and local news.

The copies of the journal can be purchased at the offices of Information and Public Relation Department in various townships.

The manuscripts and commercials can be sent to No 22, 24, Pansodan

253 drug-related cases exposed in August

YANGON, 14 Sept — Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 253 drug-related cases exposed in August 2006.

They seized 97.8871 kilos of opium in 46 cases, 5.1583 kilos of heroin in 91 cases, 0.4355 kilo of opium oil in 10 cases, 37.3532 kilos of inferior opium in twenty cases, 8.9319 kilos of marijuana in nine cases, 207,968 stimulant tablets in 54 cases, 0.0211 kilo of stimulant powder in one case, 0.37 kilo of stimulant solid (ice) in one case, 68.25 litres of acetic anhydride, 790.5 liters of chemical liquid, 761. 81 kilos of chemical powder in one case and four cases in failure to register and six other cases.

Action was taken against 378 persons — 303 men and 75 women — in 253 cases in August. — MNA

Police find hundreds of guns in Kent raid

LONDON, 14 Sept — Police investigating drug-related killings in London have found hundreds of guns in three raids on addresses in Kent and have arrested a 55-year-old man, Scotland Yard said on Wednesday.

Law enforcement agencies in the United States were conducting a linked operation in New Jersey.

Officers with search warrants raided two residential and one business address in and around Dartford at 6 am.

At one of the houses police found hundreds of firearms, including shotguns and automatic and semi-automatic weapons.

The arrested man was held on suspicion of supplying firearms.

Scotland Yard said the searches were the culmination of a major operation — codenamed Mokpo — to tackle the supply of guns to criminals in London. — MNA/Reuters



Acting Chairman of Aungmyaethazan Township Peace and Development Council speaks at a briefing on National Immunization Days campaign in the township, recently. —H

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Cuba slams US as Non-Aligned diplomats work to counter US heft

HAVANA, 13 Sept—Cuba let loose a blistering indictment of US foreign policy as top diplomats from more than 100 developing countries at the Non-Aligned Summit hammered out policy stands to counter US might.

“They would impose a genuine worldwide dictatorship through war and economic power,” charged Carlos Lage, vice president of communist Cuba’s Council of State, in a heated speech to delegates that lashed out at US “hegemonic power.”

“The end of the Cold War was not the beginning of the peace that many dreamed of,” he said. “The real story has been growing domination by one nation that unscrupulously applies economic and political pressure, and believes it has the right to invade any country

to achieve its objectives, and which is leading the world we share to its own destruction.”

Lage slammed the United States as a “morally decadent empire.”

“The ideas of limited sovereignty, humanitarian intervention, preventive war and regime change are fascist; they are not modern theories to defend freedoms and fight terrorism,” he argued.

“At a time of wars and threats of more wars, the world is more and more unjust and unequal,” added Lage, in a pointed critique of rich countries’ waste and vanity he said contrasted painfully with the needs of the poor. “Poverty in this world is a consequence of centuries of colonialism and neocolonialism,” Lage said. —INTERNET



Cuban President Fidel Castro smiles while meeting with Argentine congressman Miguel Bonasso (unseen) as he recovers from stomach surgery, in Havana where heads of state and representatives of the member countries of the Non-Aligned Movement gathered for a summit, on 13 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



Dancers take part in a Durga Puja carnival in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata, on 13 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

US Embassy in Damascus attacked

DAMASCUS, 13 Sept— The American Embassy in Damascus was attacked by a group of militants on Tuesday morning, three militants were killed but no one in the embassy was hurt.

The attack occurred at about 10:05 am (0705 GMT) and intense gunfire were heard in a following gunbattle.

The district, where many foreign missions, vital security installations, and houses of the most senior Syrian government officials are located, has been sealed off by security guards.

According to the official SANA news agency, a terrorist group of four gunmen launched the attack using hand grenades and machine guns.

Syrian anti-terror forces exchanged fire with the attackers, killing three of them and wounding the fourth, SANA said. The attackers used two cars, the first of which failed to thrust into the embassy and exploded outside.

The other was a booby-trapped white pickup parking in front of the embassy. The explosive devices hidden in the car were later successfully dismantled by Syrian experts.



A burnt car is seen near the wall of the US Embassy compound in Damascus, which was the target of an attack on 12 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

A member of Syria’s anti-terror squad was killed during the brazen attack.

A senior Chinese diplomat, Political Counsellor Li Hongyu, 41, was slightly injured by a flying shrapnel while he was standing on top of a garage within the Chinese Embassy compound, which is located very close to the US Embassy.

Another 10 citizens were also injured in this terrorist operation, seven of whom were workers of a technical workshop of the Syrian Elecommunication Establishment on a repair mission in the area.—MNA/Xinhua

22 Filipino students sicken by food poisoning

MANILA, 13 Sept— At least 22 Filipino students in a central province were ill and rushed to hospital on Tuesday after they ate a kind of local popular

street snack, officials said.

The ill students, aged 12 to 14, are from Emilio Gaston Elementary School, Silay City, Negros Occidental Province, said

Senior Superintendent Charles Calima, the provincial police director.

Shrimp omelet, a locally available snack, is suspected as the poisoning source, a report of the *Inquirer* news network quoted the official as saying.

The 22 students bought the snack from a 12-year-old schoolmate on Tuesday early morning. Soon after, three of them vomited while others complained of dizziness and stomach pain, according to the report.

All of the 22 are out of danger and are being kept in the hospital for 12 hours for observation to make sure that they are all right, doctors said.

MNA/Xinhua



Model Regina Deutingger wears what is supposed to be the world’s most expensive Dirndl dress in Munich, southern Germany, on 13 Sept, 2006.

XINHUA

Rise in travellers with Chikungunya virus reported

LONDON, 13 Sept— Cases of the mosquito-borne Chikungunya virus in people returning to Britain from islands in the Indian Ocean have risen dramatically, public health experts said on Wednesday.

More than 115 travellers have shown symptoms of the illness, which causes a high fever, headache, nausea, vomiting

and muscle and joint pain, so far this year, compared to an average of about six cases annually.

The Health Protection Agency (HPA), which monitors infectious diseases, said there has been a rise in cases of the illness in the Indian Ocean islands, particularly Reunion.

Sir William Stewart,

the chairman of the HPA, told its annual conference in Coventry that cases in mainland India are also increasing.

“Therefore it is important that travellers to the region follow the usual health advice on how to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes and other insects,” he said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

Wen Jiabao says China strives to maintain trade balance

HELSINKI, 13 Sept—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao told European business leaders on Tuesday that China worked hard to maintain a basic balance between imports and exports and that it did not seek an excessive surplus.

In a speech entitled “Enhance Cooperation to Make Win-win Progress”, at the 2006 China-Europe business summit, Wen elaborated on China’s policy on resolving the trade imbalance with the

European Union (EU).

EU statistics showed that the block ran a deficit of 131.6 billion US dollars in trade with China in 2005, said Wen, noting that a number of factors had contributed to the deficit.

“Ninety-five per cent of the deficit occurred in processing trade and 81 per cent was caused by foreign companies’ investments in China,” he said.

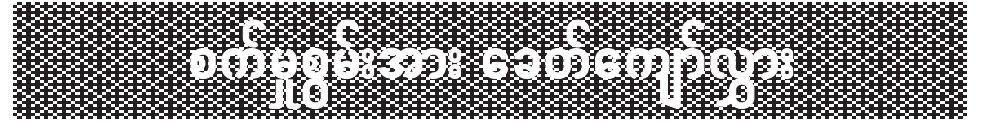
Wen said that the global relocation of

industries had led to a significant change in the flow of international trade.

In looking at China’s surplus in its trade with the EU, to just apply the current rule of origin does not give one the complete and real picture of interests and balance in our trade,” he added.

“China’s policy is to maintain basic balance between import and export. It does not seek excessive surplus,” the Premier stressed.

MNA/Xinhua



Canadian Space Agency astronaut Steven MacLean (L) and fellow spacewalker Dan Burbank stow their gear near the end of their extravehicular excursion installing the P3/P4 truss on the International Space Station in this view from NASA TV on 13 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Indian oil company signs agreement to explore off Cuba

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept—India’s state-run oil company has signed an agreement to explore Cuba’s Gulf of Mexico waters for oil at a time when US companies and politicians are concerned over exploration in the area, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Monday.

Cuba Petroleum Director Fidel Rivero Prieto said upon signing the agreement that six foreign companies had signed for 16 of 59 blocks in Cuba’s Gulf waters, two companies more than previously announced, according to the report.

Prieto declined to name the two other companies or which blocks they had taken due to possible US objections, it added. India’s Oil & Natural Gas Corp’s overseas arm ONGC Videsh Ltd signed joint production agreements for blocks 34 and 35 covering 1,660 square miles. “What we are doing is completely within the law,” the company’s managing director, RS Butola, said when asked about possible US objections. — MNA/Xinhua



Multiple pileup is seen on the Chuo Expressway in Achimura, Nagano Prefecture, central Japan, on 14 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Anti-inflammatory drugs found to boost heart attack risk

SYDNEY, 13 Sept—A commonly used anti-inflammatory drug is under review after concerns it could increase the risk of heart attack.

The review by the Therapeutic Goods Administration follows research by the University of Newcastle which found diclofenac sodium could increase cardiovascular events by 40 per cent.

The drug is most commonly known as Voltaren but is also sold under the names Clonac, Diclohexal and Fenac.

The international

research was based on studies from dozens of people who had used the drugs, Diclofenac and Indomethacin.

Professor David Henry from Newcastle University says the results of the review of the 17 studies into the safety of the drug need to be interpreted carefully.

“I think that for people

at low risk of heart attacks it probably doesn’t constitute much of a risk,” he said.

“For people who are at risk of heart attack because they’ve got risk factors of the drugs that we’ve looked at, Diclofenac and Indomethacin of the older drugs had an

increase in risk, so did Vioxx, but it had already been taken off the market in 2004.”

He says the findings surprised him.

“The findings were that some of the drugs increased the risk of heart attack and some didn’t,” he said.

Internet

A US Forest Service fire fighter in Los Angeles County keeps watch over a back fire while fighting the 27,000 acre Day Fire in Castaic, California, on 13 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



Nicaragua power cuts worsen

MANAGUA (Nicaragua), 13 Sept —Nicaragua’s main electricity distributor, Spanish-based Union Fenosa, extended power rationing on Monday, imposing eight-hour blackouts it blames on high global oil prices.

Union Fenosa has been rationing power on and off for months and blames the INE energy regulator for not allowing it to raise electricity rates to reflect the jump in the cost of the power it buys from generators.

One of the poorest countries in the Americas, Nicaragua is a net

importer of crude oil, which it uses to generate most of its electricity.

Around 80 per cent of Nicaragua’s power is generated from oil.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese police destroy 113 illegal gun factories, shops

BEIJING, 13 Sept—Chinese police have destroyed 113 illegal gun factories and shops in a three-month crackdown on weapons and explosives, the Ministry of Public Security said on Tuesday.

Police also charged 1,794 people for illegally possessing explosives, guns

or knives during that period.

From 2 June to 10 September, police dealt with 48,393 people suspected of possessing explosives, guns or knives, 4,684 of whom were arrested and 1,794 were prosecuted,” said the ministry spokesman.

Police seized 2,445

tons of explosives, 4.81 million detonators and 117,000 guns. About 40,000 safety risks were identified in explosive factories or storehouses, of which 32,000 were subject to rectification notices, while 667 factories and storehouses had their licences revoked.

MNA/Xinhua

Former US deputy secretary of state sued by ex-CIA agent

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — Former CIA undercover agent Valerie Plame has added former deputy secretary of state Richard Armitage in her civil suit in the CIA leak case, CBS News reported on Wednesday.

Armitage was sued for violating the Plame's constitutional right to privacy, according to the report.

However, the suit did not accuse Armitage, who

ranked number two in the State Department between 2002 and 2005, of participating in an administration conspiracy to blow Plame's cover.

Plame and her husband, former US diplomat Joseph Wilson, filed a lawsuit in July against Vice President Cheney, Cheney's former chief-of-staff Lewis "Scooter" Libby and Bush's political adviser Karl Rove,

claiming that they had violated her constitutional rights and discredited her by disclosing that she was an undercover CIA operative. Armitage admitted last week that he had inadvertently revealed Plame's identity to journalists in 2003, but insisted that there is no governmental conspiracy against Plame in the leak.

It took three years for the former deputy secretary of state to reveal

his role in the case.

Plame's CIA status was disclosed by the media in July 2003, days after her husband accused the Bush Administration of twisting prewar intelligence to exaggerate the Iraqi threat from weapons of mass destruction in an article published in *The New York Times*. Since then Wilson has been alleging that the Bush Administration leaked his wife's identity in retaliation for his article.

In December 2003, the US Justice Department assigned Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald to launch an investigation of the case and a number of White House aides and reporters were questioned after that.

Last October, Libby, the former chief of staff to Cheney, was charged for lying to investigators and a grand jury about his knowledge of Plame.

MNA/Xinhua



The photo taken on 14 Sept, 2006 shows an egg carving — a picture of rooster. XINHUA

Turkish police seize 250 kilos of explosives

ANKARA, 13 Sept— Turkish police seized 250 kilos of explosives and 23 members of an extreme leftist organization in operations against a terrorist organization in seven provinces of the country, Istanbul Governor Muammer Guler said Tuesday.

A total of 23 members of an extreme leftist organization, who were suspected of involving in terror acts, were arrested in the operations in the provinces of Istanbul, Manisa, Aydin, Kayseri, Antalya, Mersin and

Malatya, according to Guler.

Police also seized 2,720 bullets and 11 hand grenades in the operations, Guler added.

Guler said that the killers of three people, including a police officer, and 48 bomb attackers in Istanbul and 76 others throughout Turkey were also arrested in the operations. Istanbul has witnessed several deadly bomb attacks in the past and Kurdish rebels have been blamed for the attacks.

MNA/Xinhua

French military equipment arrive in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 13 Sept—More than two dozens of French battle tanks and armoured vehicles arrived in

Lebanon on Tuesday as France builds up its peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, Lebanese National News Agency reported.

The report said that 13 tanks and other armoured vehicles arrived in Beirut's port aboard a cargo ship, where they were expected to be unloaded later in the day and join French forces stationed nearby.

A second French naval ship with additional vehicles and spare parts are expected to arrive Wednesday, a French military official was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



The music band S.H.E from China (Taipei) poses during a news conference to promote their vocal concert in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 13 Sept 2006. XINHUA

Malaysia to offer Internet service in all airports

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Sept—Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB) will provide

free wireless Internet access at all of its 39 airports by the end of next year, its managing director Bashir Ahmad said Tuesday.

Bashir made the remarks after launching the wireless Internet service in Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA).

The MAHA spent about 25 million ringgits (6.75 million US dollars) to upgrade the backbone network at KLIA, said Bashir. "Currently, the expanded wireless services are available at the satellite building, contact pier, arrival and departure halls," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

China to regulate organ donation procedures and transplants

BEIJING, 13 Sept— China's Ministry of Health is drafting new rules to make organ donation easier for the public. The regulation will standardize the organ donation procedures and encourage people to become donors.

"Many more donors are needed, but they often meet difficulties when they apply, so the ministry must standardize the application process and technology of transplants, which is complicated and risky," said ministry spokesman Mao Qun'an.

Mao was responding to questions about reports of would-be donors

having their wishes unrealized because of confusion over the procedures or which agency to apply to.

The regulation would specify the whole application process and stipulate the requirements for medical institutions conducting transplants.

"Only the medical institutions that meet the technological requirements can undertake transplant surgery," said Mao. It is estimated that two million Chinese need transplants each year, but only 20,000 operations are conducted because of a shortage of organs.

MNA/Xinhua



French soldiers, part of the UN peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, unload an armoured vehicle at the port of Beirut, on 12 Sept, 2006. INTERNET



Members of an honour guard wait for heads of state to arrive at Havana's Jose Marti Airport, on 13 Sept, 2006, for the Non-Aligned Movement summit hosted by Cuba.—INTERNET

Mily model planes to be at air raid drill in Guangzhou

GUANGZHOU, 13 Sept — Sirens are commonplace but military model planes will feature for the first time in an air raid drill scheduled to be held in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on Saturday.

The drill is part of the activities organized to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Mukden (present-day Shenyang) Incident which occurred on 18 September, 1931, when Japanese troops began occupying northeast China. 18 September has been chosen as the day to remind the Chinese people of the national humiliation.

A circular issued by the people's air defence department of Guangzhou City Government says sirens will wail three times between 3:40 pm and 4:40 pm in eight urban districts and two county-level cities administered by Guangzhou. A simulated attack will be conducted in which military model planes will drop bombs over strategic targets in Guangzhou, while paramilitary artillery forces on the ground fight back, says the circular. The drill, the seventh of its kind, will be the largest ever held. More than 1,300 professional air defence personnel will take part in various activities such as emergency evacuation and firefighting, alongside 20,000 civilians including students, civil servants and residents.— MNA/Xinhua

At least 42 dead, scores injured in Yemen crush

IBB (Yemen), 13 Sept — At least 42 people were killed and more than 80 injured in a stampede on Tuesday in a Yemeni stadium where President Ali Abdullah Saleh was holding a pre-election rally, a Yemeni official said.

The official, who declined to be named, said the 42 people were killed in the crush that took place after the President left and people rushed to get out of the stadium in the southern province of Ibb.

A Reuters reporter at the scene said the stadium was very crowded, with people standing on the ground as well as in the stands.

Some 150,000 people were inside the building and an even larger number had thronged the streets surrounding it.

He saw ambulances and police cars rushing the injured to hospital.

"The President promised to compensate the families who lost a relative today. They will receive monthly salaries," the official said. — MNA/Reuters

China to strengthen "AIDS" cooperation with UN

BEIJING, 13 Sept — The Chinese Government is to strengthen cooperation with the United Nations in AIDS prevention and treatment, vice-chairwoman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress He Luli said on Tuesday.

He made the remarks in a meeting with Peter Piot, executive director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

She said the government had always attached great importance to cooperation with the UNAIDS and hoped the global spread of the disease could be controlled through the agency's work.

Piot said the UNAIDS would continue to support China's AIDS prevention work and hoped to strengthen cooperation with China in AIDS prevention, and the treatment and care of patients.

China reported its first AIDS case in 1985. Official estimates put 650,000 Chinese living with HIV, including 75,000 AIDS patients.

The government has issued many policies and measures on AIDS prevention and treatment. In February, the State Council issued a set of detailed regulations on AIDS, banning discrimination and requiring free treatment and testing from local governments.

Last year, the central government allocated 800 million yuan (101 million US dollars) to AIDS prevention and treatment and local governments spent 400 million yuan (50 million US dollars).

China needs more support from the UNAIDS in AIDS prevention and treatment, said He.

MNA/Xinhua



Protesters shout slogans on the roof of a house as they try to stop its demolition to make way for a US base extension in Pyongtaek, about 70 km (44 miles) south of Seoul, on 13 Sept, 2006. South Korea's Defence Ministry began demolishing empty houses to make way for the extension of the US base site in the township. The slogans reads "Stop removal of house, People live in here."—INTERNET

Venezuela urges OPEC to closely monitor world oil market

CARACAS, 13 Sept — Venezuela's Oil Minister on Monday urged the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to closely monitor the world oil market to prevent prices from falling before the group's next meeting in December.

"There's a consensus to wait and evaluate price behaviour in the coming months. Depending on that evaluation, a decision will have to be made at the end of this year or early in 2007," Minister Rafael

Ramirez said in a statement.

World oil prices surged to a record 78.40 US dollars a barrel in mid-July after fighting erupted in Lebanon.

The prices plunged to below 66 dollars a barrel on Monday, after Iran said it might consider halting its uranium enrichment programme and OPEC officials said they would maintain the group's 28 million barrel-a-day production target.

Venezuela, the world's fifth-largest oil exporter and a founding member of OPEC, has been one of the nations campaigning for high oil prices within OPEC.

MNA/Xinhua

Zimbabwe enlists Army help to collect maize

HARARE, 13 Sept — Zimbabwe's state grain utility said on Monday it was enlisting the help of the country's defence forces to collect grain from farmers in a bid to boost lagging deliveries.

Maize is a controlled commodity in Zimbabwe and is sold only to the Grain Marketing Board (GMB), which distributes it to private firms for milling.

"The GMB wishes to inform the farmers that there will be a massive grain collection exercise, which will be carried out in conjunction with members of the defence forces," the

board said in a statement.

"This is being done in order for GMB to fulfil its

strategic commitment of ensuring food security," it added. —MNA/Reuters



Two-year-old white tigers Keerthi, left, and Kunal, face each other in an enclosure at the Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad, India, on 13 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Anisakhan on path of development

Chit Naing (Psychology)

Introduction

When I got home from a journey, a friend of mine and one of my colleagues said that my complexion had turned a little darker. But, I did not feel sorry because I do not have a fair complexion. Maybe, to express their sympathy for me, they meant I had been travel-worn. I had made a journey for six days in a row passing towns and villages one after another. Despite being nearly 60, I managed to make such a long journey of more than 600 miles without interruption owing to my enthusiasm.

The itinerary

1. I left Nay Pyi Taw by train for Mandalay at 12 pm on 22 August.
2. I arrived at Mandalay at 6 am the following day. After having my tea, I went to the Central Institute of Civil Service (Zeebingyi). I had my lunch there and visited Phon Myint Aung library in Pyinsar Village and Thabawa Alinyaung library in Nwenin Village, Anisakhan. I spent the night in Zeebingyi.
3. On 24 August morning, I took four classes. In the afternoon, I gave educative talks to the students at No 2 Basic Education High School in PyinOoLwin, to schoolboys and then to school-girls at So San boarding house. I spent the night in PyinOoLwin.
4. I left PyinOoLwin on 25 August morning and visited Thabawa Alinyaung library at Yittan Village in Myittha Township, Zabudipa library at Tetsi Village in Natogyi Township, and Yadana library at Ywagyi Village. I inspected Natogyi Information and Public Relations Department. On arrival at Myingyan, I met with members of Bo Cho library organizing committee. I learnt that Maj-Gen Moe Hein would make another donation of 10 million kyats. I spent the night in Myingyan.
5. At the librarian refresher course in Myingyan on 26 August morning, I met the 300 employee trainees and encouraged them. Later in the morning, I left Myingyan. I visited Yaung Ni Oo library at Nan Myint Village in Taungtha Village. I had lunch at Taungtha IPRD office. I proceeded to Popa via Welaung and visited Mya Parami library in Popa. I gave educative talks on "Leading a meaningful life" to the students at Popa BEHS. I spent the night in Popa.
6. On 27 August, I visited three libraries in Letpanbin Village, eastern Indaing Village, and Dagama Village in Kyaukpadaung Township. In the afternoon, I gave informative talks on "Fruitful results from good deeds" to local people in Dagama Village. I went to Meiktila and spent the night there.

7. On 28 August, I left Meiktila and arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw at about 3 pm the same day. I was utterly exhausted.

Tired but pleased with journey

Needless to say I had a suntanned face, stemming from an over-600-mile journey for six days rigorously. I felt very pleased with my tour of rural areas. During the tour, I never failed to push the car I took when it got bogged in sand. So, my colleagues accompanying me requested me not to do so, and said "Leave it to us, sir. We can manage it by ourselves". In my youth, I used to push cars that bogged in sand, so there was nothing strange. Frankly, somehow I felt happy to push that car with my whole body sweating and covered with dust.

With respect to my journey, the abbot of Dagama Village monastery told me, "As you said in a book; tired but pleased". During my trip, I visited villages, many of which I had never been to. I had never taken Natogyi-Myingyan-Taungtha-Welaung-Popa road, either.

Rural village libraries

It is very heartening to see that rural villages have been facilitated with self-reliant libraries. For the durability of the libraries, the Ministry of Information laid down five guidelines.

1. to arouse the public interest in reading
2. to raise funds of the libraries
3. to construct buildings for villages without a library
4. to furnish the libraries completely
5. to produce competent librarians

For ensuring durability of libraries, efforts are to be exerted in harmony rather than individually. In this regard, there needs four strengths — local administrative bodies, local people and library committees, Union Solidarity and Development Associations at different levels, and Information and Public Relations Departments.

In the past

It was a challenging task to establish libraries in rural areas, that is evidenced by the background histories of the community learning associations, Thahaya association and ward libraries that came into existence before and after independence. Not every town, village and ward could not be served with a library. Only a small number of villages saw libraries at that time. And the facilities lasted only five to ten years.

In truth, it is man that plays the most indispensable role in establishing a long-lasting rural library. Such a prudent drive also calls for a large number of people with a good habit of reading. And a library committee made up of bookworm members is important for ensuring durability of the facilities. In addition, a librarian or a group of librarians have to take turns to

supervise the work.

Five fundamental factors

1. librarian, a librarian committee
2. regular readers, villagers
3. modern publications suitable for respective regions
4. buildings and complete set of furniture
5. funds

There is no need to cling on to any ideology and sectarianism. Dogmatism and negative attitude and all sorts of destructive acts make a nation and its people go downhill, whereas vast knowledge and high intellectual power brings progress and prospects for development to the nation and the people. It is most encouraging to learn that, so far, more than 54,000 villages have been facilitated with a library each. It is needed to create growing number of sound opportunities to achieve the goal of development.

Perquisites

Firstly, it is needed to show positive attitude and to be energetic. Hand work and tenacity is key to success.

Secondly, it is required to update the procedures in conformity with circumstances and present time and to be logical and acceptable to the majority. Without doubt, success can be achieved with such effective methods.

And never will success be achieved when the staff carry out their tasks perfunctorily without a sense of duty. Only when the people and local residents take part in the drive with zest and zeal, will the goal of establishment of community libraries be achieved. The people are a fundamental factor for the goal. Organizational measures are to be taken to equip the people with the spirit of self-motivation. Inspired by the noble tasks for the development of the libraries, I made a trip down to the grassroots level. It is my conviction that it is needed to be patient and diligent and to organize the people to achieve the goal. Besides, I have to emulate the ways and means of successful persons.

PyinOoLwin

I paid a visit to Phone Myint Aung library established by retired Senior Assistant Teacher U Phone Myint in Pyinsar Village, PyinOoLwin. It has a wide range of periodicals and publications including a complete set of the Life of Buddha compiled by Mingun Sayadaw Ashin Vicittasara. Local people visited the library to borrow books.

Near Anisakhan, there is Nwenin Village where Nwenin library was opened with the donations of the abbot of the village monastery. Just after the establishment of the facility, wellwishers donated a lot of furniture and publications to the facility. Indeed, the facility came to being soon after the abbot made a suggestion that a library be opened in the village.

Conclusion

Anisakhan is endowed with parks and gardens and blessed with temperate climate. When I witnessed Thabawa Alinyaung library of Nwenin Village, I could not help appreciating the efforts of the villagers including graduated youths and encouragement of the Sayadaw. And the facility has made a good progress within a year. Reading is a good habit that can be cultivated easily. So, what is needed is just to increase the number of books and publications of the library.

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Commander attends coord meeting, awards winners in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye formally opens 14th Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in Sagaing Division.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Sept — Accompanied by responsible personnel, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye attended a coordination meeting for ensuring smooth and secure transport and generation of electricity to rural areas held at Myathala meeting hall of Division PDC Office on 7 September.

First, the commander gave a speech on measures to be taken for beefing up electricity and transport on the occasion.

Next, Division Senior Electrical Engineer U Aung Myint briefed on efforts made for electricity

in rural areas while Division Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Tint and Director of Division Development Affairs Department U Khin Maung Swe presented reports on road functions.

Afterwards, responsible personnel presented reports on tasks carried out for road construction and electricity supply in their respective districts.

The commander attended to the needs and made concluding remarks.

In the evening, the commander attended a prize presentation ceremony of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in Sagaing Division. Next, the commander, wife and responsible personnel presented prizes to winners in the competitions. Afterwards, prize winners performed songs and music to the commander and those in attendance.

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YED launches Nutrition Promotion Week

YANGON, 14 Sept — A ceremony to launch Yangon East District's Nutrition Promotion Week was held in the people's hospital of Dagon Myothit (South) this morning.

First, Chairperson of Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee Daw Nan Shwe Yin formally opened the ceremony while Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein unveiled the nutrition educative signboard.

After Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein had made a speech on the occasion, he and responsible personnel presented prizes to winners who participated in the nutrition week activities.

In connection with nutrition development tasks, Secretary of Yangon East District MCWSC Dr Daw Sandar gave talks and schoolgirls from Mingala Taungnyunt Township performed a play on nutrition development.

After the ceremony, the chairman and his wife fed vitamin A tablets to children who are under the age of five, distributed iron tablets expectant mothers and tested amount of iodine in the iodized salt.

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Industrial on-job training school (Upper Myanmar) opens

YANGON, 14 Sept — A ceremony to open an industrial on-job training (Upper Myanmar) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held at the workshop of Irrigation Department, Mandalay Division on 4 September.

First, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint formally unveiled the signboard of the training school whereas Director-General of Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win opened the training school.

Next, the deputy minister and the director-general made speeches on the occasion. Director of Industrial Division No 4 U Sai Yi Hkam spoke words of thanks.

Some 50 trainees are attending a three-month course.

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Children given polio vaccine...

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The commander and wife Daw Nu Nu Swe, the Patron of Kachin State Organization for Women's Affairs and the Chairperson of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, gave polio vaccine to children.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, senior military officers, Secretary of Kachin State PDC Lt-Col Maung Myoh, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, faculties and students of the Education College in the town, trainee nurses, mothers and invited persons also took part in the activity in which the vaccine was given to 50 children of age under five.

Acting Head of Kachin State Health Department Medical Superintendent of Kachin State General Hospital Dr Win Ko Ko gave talks on the national immunization days and public health activities. He was speaking there on behalf of the head of Kachin State Health Department.

The commander and party also presented gifts to the children.

Accompanied by officials, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Daw Nu Nu Swe visited the military hospital at Myitkyina Station where they gave polio vaccine to children age under five. The commander and party also presented gifts to the children.

After the ceremony, the commander went to Washaung village in Waingmaw Township, and observed the thriving monsoon paddy plants at a model plot. He also supervised the work of fertilizer feeding and weeding.

At a nearby briefing hall, he held discussions with officials and made arrangements to boost paddy production.

Later, he met with local farmers, coordinating matters relating to extended cultivation of monsoon paddy. He also provided effective methods to raise per acre yield, run perennial farms on commercial scale and grow more physic nut. He then inspected the thriving paddy fields in the township.

In the afternoon, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint visited the 30-acre farm of Myitkyina Station, where he discussed with officials ways and means for the greater success of cultivation work. — MNA

Myanmar Fisheries Federation...

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and farm manager Dr Aung Than, the minister made arrangements to fulfil the needs and inspected the goat breeding farm.

Arriving at Sandakunantha Kyaungtawya pagoda in Minbu, the minister and party viewed river cat fish swimming in Mon Creek.

During the inspection of a pig breeding farm of Livestock and Veterinary Department in Pwintbyu, the minister attended to the needs. — MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Social organizations exhorted to make harmonious efforts in discharging regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaung Aye on 6 September made an inspection tour of Hopong Township to provide close supervision on regional development tasks.

He inspected the 100-acre physic nut farm being undertaken by the Forest Department in Hopong Township and gave instructions on agricultural tasks.

Next, he attended the driving of stakes for digging a lake under the patronage of Hopong Koyinlay Monastery for supply of clean water to local people in Sanwaw Village. The commander and officials drove stakes at the designated places.

On completion, the lake will be a 585' x 585' x 35' one with a water storage capacity of 75 million gallons.

The commander also attended the ceremony to drive stakes for building a pagoda to be named Thitsar Mandaing in the precinct of the monastery. He drove the stakes to launch the project. He sprinkled scented water on the stakes.

The ceremony to share merits for the lake and donation for the building of the pagoda took place at the monastery. Tonkham Monastery abbot

Shin Aloka and members of the Sangha recited religious verses.

The commander and wife offered alms to members of the Sangha, followed by sharing of merits gained for the donations.

Next, he inspected the 50-acre physic nut plantation and mixed cropping of mango and banana, and corn plantations and attended to the needs of the farm. He looked into the crop plantation of Taunggyi Police Force and assessed the reports by the officials and fulfilled the requirements.

In the afternoon, the commander addressed the meeting of social organizations held at the city hall of Taunggyi to coordinate matters for regional development. Officials of the social organizations gave an account of work progress. The commander provided assistance for the achievement of the projects, calling on the social organizations to be cohesive in the regional development tasks.

He saw over the building of an office for Shan State Women's Affairs Supervisory Committee at Thittaw Ward in Taunggyi and the renovation of Kyunhmyaw park at the junction of Bogyoke Aung San Street and the eastern section of the circular road. He left instructions on the tasks and fulfilled the needs. — MNA



MEMBERS OF THE SANGHA IN MAWLAMYINE RECEIVE ALMS: Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and wife Daw Myint Myint Soe offer alms and provisions to members of the Sangha at a ceremony to offer provisions to members of the Sangha in Mawlamyine on 11 September 2006. — MNA

Mon State opens Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (Basic Education Level) of Mon State were opened at Yinmar Hall of No 8 Basic Education High School on 5 September.

Mon State Peace and Development Council Chairman South-East Command Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win, Secretary Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung and officials, State Education Officer U Tun Yi and principals and competitors were present.

Commander Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win opened the competitions.

Next, the students of No 8 BEHS performed entertainment and the state education officer made a speech.

The commander viewed the

competitions and presented gifts to the competitors.

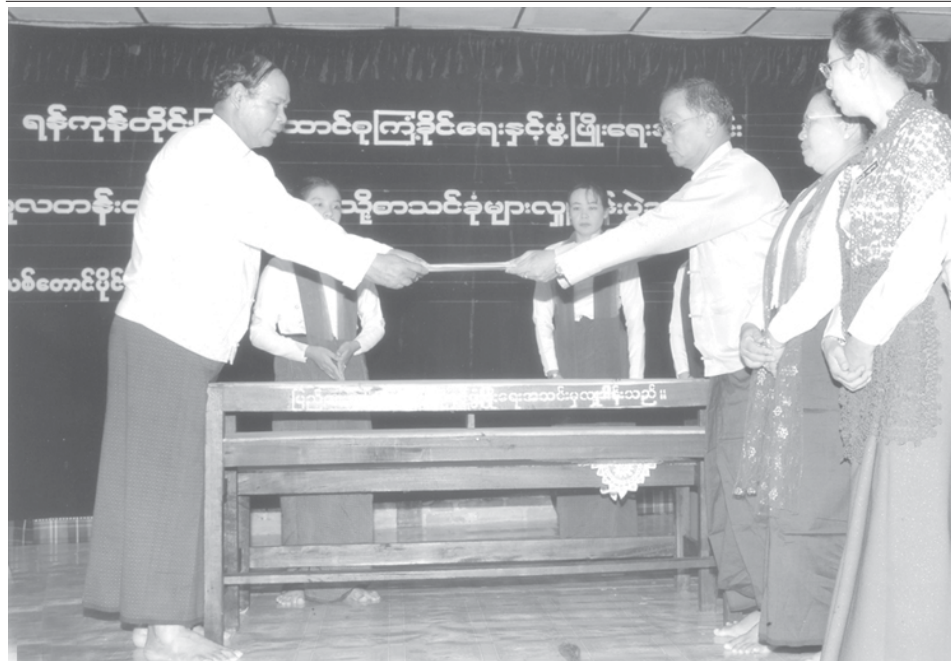
Later, the commander inspected the Than Lwin Garden of Mawlamyine Township Development Affairs Committee and gave instructions.

After inspecting the construction of Kaungkinthit swimming pool of Township Development Affairs Committee, the commander attended the rice offering ceremony held in Yoego, Phaout and Kokkame model villages and made donations.

Next, he attended the coordination meeting at Aung San Hall of Mon State PDC office and heard reports on implementation of annual projects as planned by officials.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the commander.

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DESKS DONATED TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS: CEC of USDA Mayor of Yangon City Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin hands over a document related to donation of desks to primary schools in Dagon Myothit (South) Township on 12 September 2006. Headmasters and headmistresses of primary schools in the township accepted the donation of Yangon Division USDA. — YCDC

Colour photos invited

YANGON, 14 Sept — Photos have been invited for the colour photo contest in honour of the Independence Day, which falls on 4 January 2007. The colour photos depicting developments of the State, cultural factors and panoramic views are to participate in the contest. The size of the photo is 10 inches by 14 inches and numbers of photos are not limited at the contest. The

cameras of different kinds can be used to enter the contest. Handsome prizes will be awarded. The colour photos are to be sent to U Aye Kywe, Deputy Chief Editor (Production Division), Information and Public Relations Department, 22-24, Pansoden Street, Yangon, not later than 4pm on 15 October. For further information, dial 01-371342, 371340.

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FIRE BRIGADE RECEIVES WATER PUMP: Officials of Mandalay Division and District Fire Services Departments inspected a water pump donated by Fire Services Department (Head Office) to Eindawya Fire Brigade in Chanayethazan Township on 30 August 2006. — H

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Memory loss may be first sign of dementia

NEW YORK, 13 Sept — Older adults with memory complaints, despite normal test results, may actually be exhibiting the earliest sign of dementia, according to a study conducted at Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, New Hampshire.

As reported in the journal *Neurology*, Dr Andrew Saykin and his associates used special MRI tests to evaluate various brain regions in 40 subjects who complained of memory loss in the absence of dementia, 40 subjects with early dementia, and 40 healthy comparison subjects. Patients with psychiatric disorders, significant brain disease or those younger than 60 years were excluded. Certain brain regions of patients who com-

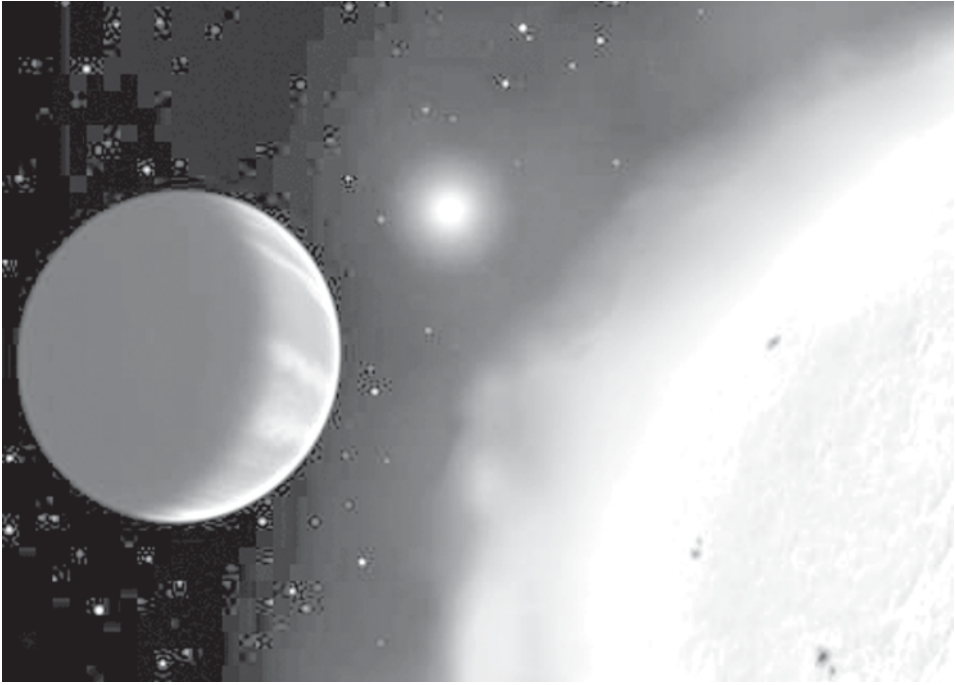
plained of memory loss looked similar to those with early dementia. However, in other brain regions, the subjects with memory loss appeared to be no different from healthy subjects. Subjective complaints of memory loss "may signify a very early stage of the dementing process for some individuals," the team writes. Therefore, they recommend that older adults who report significant problems with memory loss "warrant

evaluation and close monitoring over time." *MNA/Reuters*

US soldier killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept — A US soldier died of wounds sustained due to "enemy action" in Iraq's western Anbar Province, the US military said on Wednesday. A soldier, assigned to a battalion under a Marine Expeditionary Force, was killed on Monday, the military said in a statement. The name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it added. Since the US-led war in Iraq broke out in March 2003, more than 2,660 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq, according to media count.

MNA/Xinhua



An artist rendering illustrates the newly discovered world (HAT-P-1) that has baffled astronomers, since the planet is much larger than theory predicts, scientists said September 14, 2006. HAT-P-1 has a radius about 1.38 times Jupiter's but contains only half Jupiter's mass.—INTERNET

Most Americans see another terror attack inevitable

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — Fifty-seven per cent of Americans believe that terrorists will "always find a way to launch attacks no matter what the US Government does", according to a latest CNN poll released on Tuesday.

The survey also found that the percentage of Americans who blamed the Bush Administration for the 9/11 terror attacks had risen from a third to almost half over the past four years. Asked about how much blame should be attributed to the Bush Administration for the attacks, 45 per cent said

either a "great deal" or a "moderate amount", up from 32 per cent in a June 2002 CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll. But the poll showed that the Clinton administration did not get off lightly either, with 41 per cent of respondents blaming his administration a "great deal" or a "moderate

amount" for the attacks. That is only slightly less than the 45 per cent who blamed his administration in a poll carried out less than a week after the attacks. The poll, carried out between 30 August and 2 September, questioned around 1,004 American adults by telephone. *MNA/Xinhua*

Study finds wide gap in life spans among Americans

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — A Harvard University study of US mortality rates says years of efforts have failed to narrow the gap in the life spans of the healthiest and the least healthy, according to a report in the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday.

The study, published in the latest edition of the *Public Library of Science*

Medicine journal and based on eight demographic groups, found that the healthiest Americans had life spans of about 30 years longer than the least healthy. The findings showed that Asian-American women living in Bergen County, New Jersey had an average life expectancy of 91 years, compared to 58 years for American-Indians in South Dakota. The contributing factors to this difference were tobacco, alcohol, obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol,

diet and physical inactivity, study leader Dr Christopher JL Murray said. "They also give us some hints about the types of public health and medical care interventions that could make a difference in these disparities," he added. The study said Hawaii was the healthiest state with a combined life span for men and women of 80 years. The District of Columbia was the worst, with a life expectancy of 72 years. *MNA/Xinhua*

Cambodian police arrest 450 drug suspects in first 8 months

PHNOM PENH, 14 Sept — The Cambodian police arrested 450 suspects and cracked down on 235 cases of drug trafficking during the first eight months of this year, in a stepped-up efforts to prevent the country from being victimized as gateway for drug smugglers, a Press release said here on Wednesday.

“We succeed in enforcing the anti-drug law to save people’s lives, particularly those of the teenagers, but this is far from enough,” the release quoted Deputy Prime Minister Sar Kheng as telling the government’s annual anti-drug meeting.

Cambodia needed more human resources to carry out more effective efforts to educate people about drugs, promote drug treatment and purchase anti-drug trafficking equipment, he said.

The kingdom also encouraged all the concerned government organs and institutions to cooperate closely with the related countries to combat drug trafficking, he added.

No drugs were produced in Cambodia but it suffered from drugs crossing the kingdom from the Golden Triangle to third countries, said the Press release.

Drug transit caused

Cambodia a lot of problems, which impacted the public security and the national development and the teenagers bore the brunt of the hazard, it said.

Ecstasy pills were usually put in sport

equipment, electrical devices and post office’s carriages to be smuggled here for distribution among Cambodia’s minors, it added.

Meanwhile, drugs like heroin and cocaine used to be smuggled into

Cambodia from the Golden Triangle through Laos and by the Mekong River, re-packed into small amounts here and then transferred to third countries by air or land, according to the release.

MNA/Xinhua



This artist’s concept, released by NASA, shows the planet catalogued as 2003UB313 (nicknamed ‘Xena’) which received an official name on Wednesday, 13 Sept, 2006, as Eris, named after the Greek goddess of chaos and strife and its satellite, Gabrielle, also received a formal name Dysnomia are shown at the lonely outer fringes of our solar system. — INTERNET



A doctor checks the blood pressure of a child at a hospital in Phnom Penh. Dengue fever has killed 102 children this year in Cambodia, becoming the leading cause of child deaths in the kingdom, health officials have said. — INTERNET

Indonesia, Singapore conduct joint military exercise

JAKARTA, 14 Sept — The Indonesian Army

held a joint exercise with the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) at the combat training centre in Paliyan, Gunungkidul, in the Central Java’s province of Yogyakarta on Wednesday.

The opening of the code-named “Safkar Indopura 18/2006” exercise was attended by Indonesian Army Chief of Staff General Djoko Santoso and SAF Chief General DBC Kuek, the chief of the Army’s strategic reserve command (Kostrad), Lieutenant-General Erwin Sedjono and a number of officials from the two countries’ armies.

Djoko Santoso said the exercise involving 2,569 personnel from the Indonesian Army and 450 from the SAG was aimed at increasing the capability of commanders in using command and staff procedures as well as unit leader procedures.

MNA/Xinhua

China on UN rejection of Taiwan’s “representation” proposal

BEIJING, 14 Sept — A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman hailed here Wednesday the United Nations (UN) rejection of Taiwan’s “representation” proposal.

“Any actions breaching the tenet of the UN Charter and the Resolution 2758 of the UN General Assembly, or challenging the one-China principle will be unpopular among the vast majority of UN member countries,” spokesman Qin Gang said in a statement issued by the Chinese Foreign Ministry early on Wednesday.

Qin made the remark on the rejection of the proposals calling for the so-called Taiwan’s “representation” in the United Nations and “the maintenance of peace across the Taiwan Straits” to be discussed at the UN General Assembly.

Qin also urged the Taiwan authorities and certain countries used by

the Taiwan authorities to follow the historical trend and stop all secessionist activities.

On 10 August, Burkina Faso, Gambia and a few other countries, instigated by the Taiwan authorities, wrote to the UN Secretary-General, requesting the 61st session of the UN General Assem-

bly to discuss the issue and a proposal on the maintenance of peace across the Taiwan Straits. UN has rejected for 13 consecutive times to add the proposals for the so-called “Taiwan’s representation in the UN” into the Assembly’s agenda. — MNA/Xinhua

Police recover explosives in crowded Indian town

MUMBAI, 14 Sept — Indian police said they recovered a box containing explosives in a crowded shopping complex in the western town of Malegaon on Wednesday, days after serial bomb blasts killed 32 people there.

“It looks like an explosive device,” said PK Jain, a senior police officer, adding metal scrap was also found in the box.

Malegaon, a textile town in Maharashtra State, has been on edge since three bombs went off in and around a mosque during Friday prayers as thousands gathered for an auspicious day. — MNA/Reuters



Jennifer Lopez laughs at a news conference for ‘El Cantante’ during the Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto, on Wednesday, 13 Sept, 2006. — INTERNET

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Nepali government school students to get ID cards

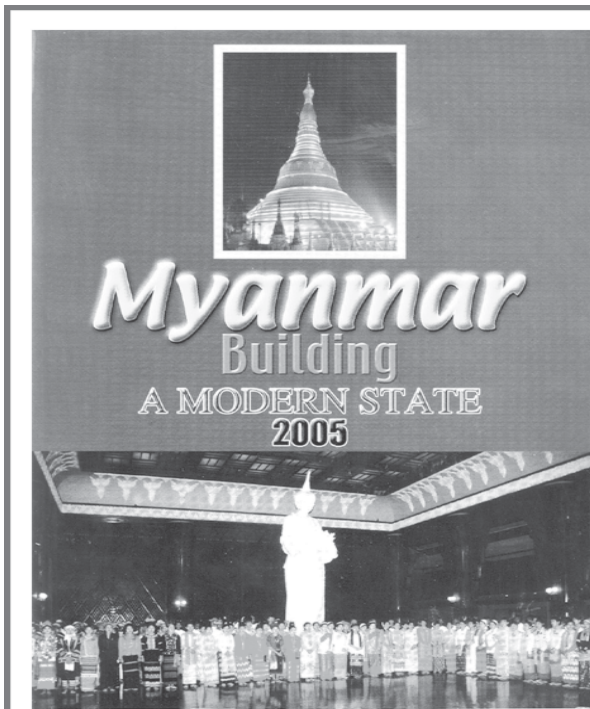
KATHMANDU, 13 Sept— With a view to checking the high drop out rate due to internal displacement caused by the conflict and some other reasons, the Nepali Department of Education will issue identity cards to students studying in government schools from next year, a leading English newspaper, *The Himalayan Times* daily re-

ported on Tuesday.

According to the report, students in government schools will be identified by a number starting with the district number issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

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A model displays a creation from Anna Sui Spring Collections 2007 during New York fashion week on 13 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



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Pakistan geared to be regional hub for trade, manufacturing

ISLAMABAD, 13 Sept— Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Monday said the openness of government policies and transparency in transactions is attracting higher investments and Pakistan is geared to become a regional hub for trade and manufacturing, the Geo Television reported.

Talking to Anwar Merchant, President of Canadian Pakistan Business Council (CPBC) who was on a visit in Islamabad, Aziz said that the investment regime of the government coupled with incentives and the level playing field provided to investors have

reduced the cost of doing business in Pakistan, according to Geo TV. Aziz said that macro economic stability, continuity and consistency of policies have restored the confidence of investors and helped the business to flourish.

The record Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of 3.8 billion US dollars in the last financial year is reflective of the success of government's policies, he added, quoted by Geo.

The Prime Minister identified construction, agriculture-related business, infrastructure, energy, mining, information and technology (IT) and telecom-

munication as areas with vast opportunities for the investors, according to the TV report. He said per capita income grew by an average rate of 13.9 per cent per annum during the last four years rising from 582 dollars in 2003 to 847 dollars in 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Premier, Danish PM laud Sino-Danish ties

HELSINKI, 13 Sept— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen hailed here on Monday the smooth expansion of Sino-Danish relations, vowing to boost bilateral cooperation as well as cooperation between Asia and Europe.

In a meeting on the sidelines of the sixth summit of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), Wen said China and Denmark should enhance political dialogue and coordination, and tap the full potential of economic cooperation.

Wen also tabled several proposals for boosting bilateral ties, including elevating cooperation levels in science, environmental protection, energy and biological technology, expanding cultural exchanges and people-to-people exchanges, as well as promoting cooperation between Asia and Europe.

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S'pore offers IMF delegates cheaper botox facials

SINGAPORE, 13 Sept— Delegates to this week's IMF and World Bank meeting in Singapore, in town to discuss financial reform and world poverty, can enjoy an unexpected perk: a 10-per-cent discount on botox injections and other beauty treatments.

The Raffles Hospital is offering the 16,000 delegates and their spouses discounts on health screenings and

"aesthetic services" such as non-surgical face lifts, "laser hair reduction systems" and botox shots to smooth facial wrinkles.

"Make time while in Singapore to refresh your looks," the company said in a full-page ad in a local paper on Tuesday.

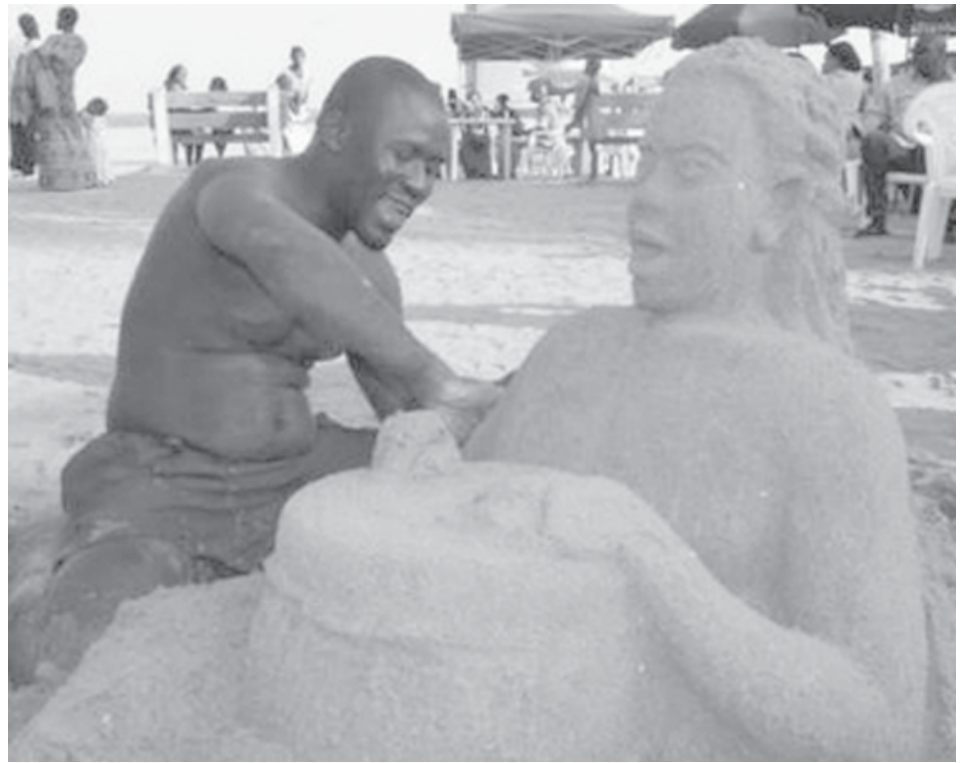
A hospital spokeswoman said the offer was part of efforts to promote Singapore's medical tourism.

"A lot of the delegates

come from first-world countries such as Europe and the United States, where such treatments can be very expensive," she said.

The island nation is trying to establish itself as a medical centre for foreigners. Some 200,000 overseas patients seek medical care in Singapore each year, more than half of them from neighbouring Indonesia.

MNA/Reuters



A Togolese sand artist gives finishing touches to a sand sculpture on the beach of the capital Lome, on 11 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

China to set standard for lead pollution impact on humans

BEIJING, 13 Sept — China's top environment watchdog has started to set a specific standard for evaluating the impact of lead pollution on human's health, in the wake of a major lead poisoning case in the northwest region.

The State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) has dispatched a five-member team of investigators and will base the new standard on their inspection results, said an official with SEPA on Tuesday. The poisoning case swept Xinsi and Muba villages in Huixian County in northwest China's Gansu Province, with the number of victims up to 368 by last Friday. Health experts are now carrying out a general check among all residents in the region identified with lead pollution by SEPA investigators.

Earlier tests showed that the lead content in the blood of four of the poisoned children was three and half times higher than the normal level. One hundred and forty-nine children had been hospitalized with lead poisoning.—MNA/Xinhua



Seized turtles are displayed by Customs officials at the Anna international airport in the southern Indian city of Chennai, on 13 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Copper cable theft worries Chilean Government

SANTIAGO (Chile), 13 Sept—Copperbandits are worrying the Chilean Government as they rustle telephone and electrical wiring to take advantage of a five-fold rise in prices

for the red metal in the past three years.

Deputy Telecommunications Minister Pablo Bello said on Monday theft of copper cable had seen an explosive rise as thieves steal it to sell as raw material on the black market. Copper prices are about 3.40 US dollars per pound these days, and earlier this year were near 4.00 US dollars a pound, compared to levels of 70 cents a pound in 2003.

"This (theft) is something that has been growing exponentially ... and is affecting large sectors of the population," Bello told reporters after a meeting with legislators to discuss harsher laws against cable thieves.

Telefonica Chile, Chile's leading fixed-line telephone service provider, said last week it expected cable theft to cost it about 5.5 million US dollars this year, and affect at least 500,000 fixed-line clients.

"We cannot surrender our energy and telecommunications services to the criminals," said Bello.—MNA/Reuters

Study says humans affect sea warming in hurricane zones

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept—Hurricanes feed on warm water, and a study released on Monday shows a link

between warmer ocean temperatures and human use of fossil fuels, challenging skeptics who blame them on natural climate cycles.

"Our paper suggests that it's human-induced burning of fossil fuels that have altered the levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere that have led to this warming in regions where Atlantic and Pacific hurricanes form," said Benjamin Santer, a climate scientist and co-author of an article in this week's *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Santer and his colleagues focused on these hurricane zones, and used computer models to figure out what the world would have been like if the Industrial Revolution had never happened.

That way, they could

compare what Earth is like now with what all available computer models — 22 of them — indicate it would have been like if humans had never burned fossil fuels, Santer said in a telephone interview.

The question of whether humans cause global warming is a subject of heated debate among scientists, but there is general agreement that warm sea surface temperatures in hurricane zones contribute to hurricane intensity. Santer and the other researchers found only a combination of human-made and natural climate influences could account for the rise in sea surface temperatures by about 1 degree F (between 0.32 to 0.67 degrees Celsius) over the last century.—MNA/Reuters



Workers assemble cars at the production line of Nanjing IVECO Company Ltd, a subsidiary of Nanjing Automobile Group in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 14 Sept, 2006. Nanjing Automobile Group has set up a 1.8 billion yuan (\$226 million) unit to oversee the development of its own-brand cars based on technology bought from failed British car maker MG Rover, state media said on 29 August.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Kuznetsova stands tall over Japanese opponent

DENPASAR (Indonesia), 14 Sept— Svetlana Kuznetsova began her quest for a third Bali International title on Wednesday with a comprehensive 6-1, 6-2 defeat of 18-year-old Erika Takao of Japan.

The top seeded Russian, who claimed the title in 2002 and 2004, found it difficult at times against an unfamiliar opponent ranked 152 in the rankings.

Takao struggled with her serve, especially in the first set, and Kuznetsova broke to lead 2-1 on her opponent's fourth double-fault. A crosscourt forehand winner gave the Russian a second break for 4-1, and she broke again for the set with a return off a second serve.

Although Takao rallied well, a sixth double-fault allowed Kuznetsova to break again for 3-1 in the second set, and Kuznetsova closed out the match with a further break at 5-2.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's Ilona Korstin (L) fights for the ball with China's Bian Lan during their preliminary match at the Women's World Basketball Championships in Barueri, 26 km (16 miles) west of Sao Paulo, on 13 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Ulsan put six past Al Shabab in AFC Champions League

KUALA PUMPUR, 14 Sept — South Korean champions Ulsan Hyundai thrashed Saudi Arabia's Al Shabab 6-0 at home in the first leg of their Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Champions League quarterfinal tie on Wednesday.

In a mixed day for Korean teams, nine-man Chonbuk Motors suffered a 1-0 defeat away to Shanghai Shenhua.

World Cup player Lee Chun-soo, Lee Sang-ho and Choi Sung-kuk gave Ulsan a 3-0 halftime lead. Brazilian Leandro, Choi and substitute Machado added to the scoreline after the break.

Ulsan, who reached the quarterfinals by beating Tokyo Verdy twice in Group F, are overwhelming favourites to advance to the semis after next week's second leg in Riyadh.

Chonbuk will also be confident of going through after restricting Shanghai to one goal, courtesy of Gao Lin in the 33rd minute.

Chonbuk's Kim Hyeung-bum was sent off for kicking out at Gao minutes after the goal and, in the 77th minute, Brazilian substitute Raphael Botti was shown a red card for elbowing Sun Ji in the face. — MNA/Reuters

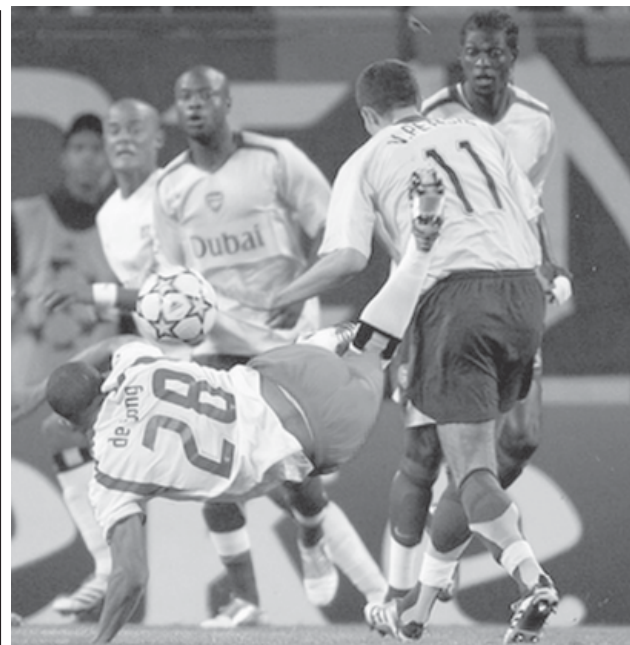
Striker Tristan agrees to return to Real Mallorca

MADRID, 14 Sept— Former Deportivo Coruna striker Diego Tristan has agreed a move to Real Mallorca, the Primera Liga club said on Wednesday.

"Mallorca have reached an agreement with Tristan that will see the player return for his second spell at the club," Mallorca said on their website.

He will be presented later in the day subject to passing a medical.

The 30-year-old former Spain international negotiated a release from his contract with Depor at the end of August after being told he did not feature in Joaquin Caparros' plans. Tristan had a two-year spell at Mallorca between 1998 and 2000, and ended up as the club's leading scorer with 18 goals in the 1999-2000 season. — MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's Robin van Persie, 11 at right, and Hamburger's Nigel de Jong, left, challenge for the ball during their Champions League Group G match Hamburger SV against Arsenal London in Hamburg, northern Germany, on 13 Sept, 2006.

INTERNET

Bookings take gloss off Chelsea's winning start

LONDON, 14 Sept — Four yellow cards have taken the gloss off three points Chelsea earned in their 2-0 win over Werder Bremen on Tuesday, which kicked off their campaign for the Champions League glory they so desperately crave.

Captain John Terry, his England midfield teammates Frank Lampard and Joe Cole as well as marauding Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba received cautions.

Manager Jose Mourinho had warned that in the tournament's most

difficult group, including champions Barcelona, bookings could play a role in how teams were prepared for the knockout stages. He did not hide his irritation that Chelsea had suffered more than other clubs, however.

"I don't want to speak about it because I have spoken a lot over the last three years," said the Portuguese renowned for his clashes with soccer's authorities, before listing the English champions' rivals who also had played on Tuesday and escaped with one or no bookings. "Do you think it was violent?" he asked.

"My players are players with a lot of fair play in English football. You know the mentality of the Terrys and Lampards... they don't get yellow cards in England; they go to European football and they get yellow cards."

Werder captain Frank Baumann was also booked in a game full of fast end-to-end football, that was neither overly physical nor bad tempered. Michael Essien scored in the 24th minute and Germany captain Michael Ballack, taking over penalty duties from Lampard, put the result beyond doubt in the second half.

MNA/Reuters

George Best shirt sells for 24,000 pounds

LONDON, 14 Sept — The Manchester United shirt worn by George Best when he scored six goals against Northampton Town in 1970 sold at auction on Wednesday for 24,000 pounds (44,970 US dollars). Best's performance during the match is widely considered as one of his finest and drew praise from opponents and teammates alike.

Roy Fairfax, the Northampton player who was marking the Northern Irish player, said afterwards: "The closest I got to him was when we shook hands after the game."

The red-and-white shirt was part of a soccer memorabilia sale at auction house Christie's. The world record price for a football shirt at auction of 158,000 pounds paid in 2002 for Pele's shirt from the 1970 World Cup final.

Best, whose flamboyant life took him from the heights of sporting success at Manchester United to the depths of alcoholism, died aged 59 in November 2005.

The Northern Irishman, widely regarded as the only British footballer in the same league as Pele, Diego Maradona and Johan Cruyff, died in the London hospital where he had spent the final two months of his life, drifting in and out of consciousness.

MNA/Reuters

Baghdatis survives 2nd test in Beijing

BEIJING, 14 Sept — Third seed Marcos Baghdatis survived a second tough test in less than 24 hours to progress to the quarterfinals of the China Open on Wednesday with a 7-6, 6-4 victory over Taiwan's Wang Yeu-Tzuoo.

The Cypriot needed a third-set tiebreak to overcome German Denis Gremelmayr late on Tuesday and was equally tested by Wang, who was cheered on by a crowd delighted to see a Chinese man competing with one of the world's top players. Wang never gave an inch without a fight and exploited the world number nine's lapses of concentration to force a tiebreak in the first set and break Baghdatis early in the second.

Baghdatis, however, drew on the competitive spirit he so amply displayed in a five-set defeat to Andre Agassi at the US Open two weeks ago to break back and then break the stubborn Wang's service again. He finally secured the victory with a crosscourt winner after an hour and 39 minutes and will next face Thai Danai Udomchoke, who progressed when Croatia's seventh seed Ivo Karlovic retired while 6-2, 3-1 down.

MNA/Reuters



A synchronised swimmer of the Japanese team performs with her team mates during an official practice session for the FINA Synchronised Swimming World Cup in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, on 13 Sept, 2006. The four-day world cup will start on Thursday in Yokohama. —INTERNET

El Nino making a comeback

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — Scientists at the US National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported on Wednesday that El Nino conditions have developed in the tropical Pacific and are likely to continue into early 2007.

NOAA Climate Prediction Centre reported at its official website that ocean temperatures increased remarkably in the equatorial Pacific during the last two weeks. "Currently, weak El Nino conditions exist, but there is a potential for this event to strengthen into a moderate event by winter," said Vernon Kousky,

NOAA's lead El Nino forecaster.

Some impacts from the developing El Nino are already evident in the pattern of tropical precipitation. During the last 30 days, drier-than-average conditions have been observed across all of Indonesia, Malaysia and most of the Philippines, which are usually the first areas

to experience related impacts. This dryness can be expected to continue, on average, for the remainder of 2006.

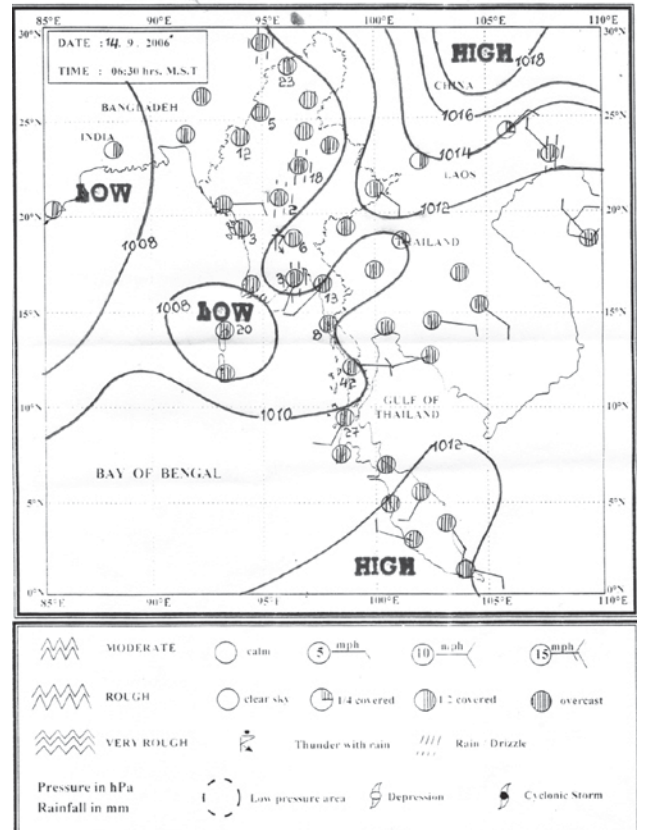
Also, the development of weak El Nino conditions helps explain why this Atlantic hurricane season has been less active than was previously expected. El Nino typically acts to suppress hurricane

activity by increasing the vertical wind shear over the Caribbean Sea region.

However, at this time the El Nino impacts on Atlantic hurricanes are small. "We are still in the peak months of the Atlantic hurricane season, and conditions remain generally conducive for hurricane formation," said Gerry Bell, NOAA's lead seasonal hurricane forecaster.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 14 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan and Rakhine States and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Chin State, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sagaing (2.20) inches, Shwegyin (2.16) inches, Monywa (1.66) inches, Myeik (1.65) inches, Myinmu (1.57) inches, PyinOoLwin (1.34) inches, Loikaw (1.26) inches, Minkin (1.22) inches, Mandalay (0.79) inch and Chauk (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 13-9-2006 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 14-9-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 14-9-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 13-9-2006 was (6.3) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 14-9-2006 were (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.31) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.20) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (84.02) inches at Mingaladon, (94.72) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.0) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 13-9-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, Ayeyawady 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: Likelihood of thundery conditions in Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 15-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 15-9-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 15-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



A star cluster is seen in an image taken from the Hubble Space Telescope. Scientists said on Thursday that they have discovered an unusually large and light planet orbiting a star that could force them to reexamine theories about how planets are formed. — INTERNET

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Friday, 15 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. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:10 am
 6. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:20 am
 7. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:35 am
 8. International news

- 8:45 am
 9. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm
 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
 5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
 6. Song of yesteryears
- 5:30 pm
 7. "အနိုင်အရူး" (ပိစိ၊ ကောင်းမြတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
- 5:40 pm
 8. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို

- အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ဖြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:50 pm
 9. အထူးအမြန်ရထား စီးကာသွား
- 6:00 pm
 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 12. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်နတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm
 14. News
- 8:00 pm
 15. International news
- 8:00 pm
 16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm
 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာသံစဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၀) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
- 8:00 pm
 18. The next day's programme

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Minister for Electric Power No 2 inspects sub-power stations in Pyinmana, Ela

YANGON, 14 Sept — The officials were to improve systematic distribution of electric power so that the people can have regular supply of electric power, said Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint in his inspection tour of Ela on 11 September.

The minister and officials inspected the site chosen for the building of 230-KV Sub-Power Station near Pyinmana on 11 September and left instructions on the project there.

Later, the minister and party also inspected

the construction of 33/11 KV Sub-Power Station of No 3 Sub-Power Station (NanOo Ceti), arrival of Battery Band and the construction of service quarters.

On arrival at 33/11 KV Sub-Power Station (Shwe Ceti), the officials conducted the minister around the sub-power station and the minister attended to the needs.

They proceeded to the Electric Power Office in Ela, and the minister heard reports on supply of power for Ela and neighbouring towns and collection of electricity tax.

The minister called on the officials to redouble the efforts for the improvement of the power supply system and full supply of electric power.—MNA

Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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

Two-goal Myanmar off to a flying start in Mekong Region U-20 Soccer Tournament

YANGON, 14 Sept — Myanmar U-20 team made a flying start in the Mekong Region U-20 Soccer Tournament after a win over Thailand with a 2-0 result in the debut today. Mekong Region Six-Country Sports Tournament started in Thailand on 12 September and will end on 17 September.

Kyaw Thiha opened the scoring for the visiting Myanmar in the 7th minute and Ya Zar Win Thein completed the second in the stoppage time of 91st minute.

Myanmar face Laos at 4 pm local time tomorrow. — MNA

Minister inspects banking, departmental services in Tatkon, Pyinmana



F&R Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun speaks in meeting with the staff of Myanmar Economic Bank in Tatkon. — F&R

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe yesterday inspected banking services of the Myanmar Economic Bank (Branch) in Tatkon Township and called for improvement of the services of the bank.

Afterwards, the minister and party went to Tatkon Township Internal Revenue Department, where officials concerned reported to the minister on tasks carried out in the township.

In meeting with employees, the minister urged them to carry out tasks of the department dutifully and to enable tax payers to understand the rules and regulations of the department.

On his tour of inspection, the minister also inspected the Myanmar Small Loans Enterprise and urged officials concerned to make efforts for people so that they can rely on the enterprise.

He also went to the construction of the building of Myanmar Insurance in Pyinmana and called for completion of the project on schedule.

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Announcement for submitting matriculation exam applications

YANGON, 14 Sept—Application forms for matriculation examination (2007) will be available at the designated price at the Myanmar Board of Examinations as from 2 October 2006.

The green application form is designated for combination subjects Nos 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8, and pink application form, for combination subjects Nos 2, 3 and 4.

External students are to submit their application forms to the Township Education Officer's office concerned from 2 to 31 October.

Each of the application forms of the students of basic education high schools, BEHS branches and affiliated BEHSs is to be stamped and submitted to the MBE beginning from 1 to 30 November.

Those who fail to submit their application forms in time will not be granted permission to sit for the exam. And in the exam, any changes in combination subjects will not be allowed.

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Weather Forecast for (15-9-2006)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is 80%.

Yangon and neighbouring areas

One or two rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is 80%.

Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is 80%.