

## Commander inspects agricultural work in Lashio Township

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Than Htut on 8 September morning inspected the nursing of physic nut plants on a 1,000-acre physic nut plantation near Napha village in Lashio Township,

Shan State (North) and gave necessary instructions.

Accompanied by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and officials concerned, the commander heard reports presented by agriculture in-charge of Hnin Hnin Khine Co U Kyaw Kyaw on the cultivation of physic nut plant and pi-

geon pea on 150 acres, reclamation of land, progress in growing of pineapple, nursing of physic nut plants, Lt-Col Nay Lin Aung of the command on growing of physic nut plants in a model plantation, progress in growing of physic nut plants and pigeon pea and future tasks, agriculture in-

charge of Bala Min Htin Co U Khin Maung Myint on growing of maize, pineapple, pigeon pea and physic nut plants and setting up of two pigsties on a 565-acre highland region and sinking of tube-wells.

In response to the reports, the commander attended to the need and called for extended cultivation of pigeon pea and physic nut plants.

Next, the commander proceeded to the 1,000-acre quality seeds production zone and viewed the growing of physic nut plants by the Tatmadawmen of Lashio Station and thriving physic nut plantation in the zone.

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## Commander visits Tikyit cement factory, physic nut plantation

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaung Aye arrived at Tikyit cement factory in Tikyit village in Naungtaya Township on 9 September and inspected samples of raw materials from which cement is made.

At the briefing hall, in-charge of the factory U Nyan Lin reported on the background history and functions of the factory. After inspecting production process, the commander stressed the need for measures to be taken for worksite safety of and production of quality ce-

ment. Next, the commander visited the 11-acre physic nut plantation in Htiyon village in Pinlaung township. On arrival at the construction project site of Leinli bridge being undertaken by Special Bridge Construction Group-9 at mile post 77/2 on Pyinmana-Pinlaung road in Leinli village, the commander inspected the construction of the approach road and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned. The bridge is 1740 feet long and 30 feet wide.

Afterwards, the commander inspected construction of road sections along Pyinmana-Pinlaung road. Later, at

the briefing hall in Koekway village, the minister heard a report by officials on road construction work and attended to the needs. — MNA

## Minister inspects communication tasks in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept— Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 14 September visited the site for construction of Nay Pyi Taw General Post Office here and gave instructions to officials on timely completion of the project meeting the set standards.

Next, the minister inspected Nay Pyi Taw auto exchange and arrangements being made for the opening of the department for complaint about defective communications. Later, he also visited Pyinmana auto exchange and left necessary instructions.

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*Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspects construction site of Nay Pyi Taw General Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw.*  
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## Extend growing of quality strain rubber

The entrepreneurs and farmers are to extend the cultivation of perennial crops such as rubber in virgin and fallow land and hilly regions where paddy cannot be grown, making better use of favourable geographical conditions.

Mon State is a region where rubber is grown most. At present, the entrepreneurs and rubber growers are striving to meet the target of putting 400,000 acres under rubber in the state.

To meet the target of growing 200,000 acres of rubber, extended cultivation of rubber is being launched in Taninthayi Division which is contiguous to Mon State and has a lot of virgin and fallow lands.

There are over 560,000 cultivated acreage of rubber in the nation last year with over 70,000 acres which latex can be extracted. The nation produced some 65,000 tons of rubber. As extended growing of rubber is being made in 2006-2007 fiscal year nationwide it is expected to produce about 270,000 tons of rubber.

Nowadays, rubber is in high demand in foreign market. So, the entrepreneurs and local rubber growers are to extend the growing of rubber in Mon State and Taninthayi Division as well as other states and divisions where there is favourable geographical conditions. It is sure that the Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise in cooperation with the entrepreneurs and local rubber growers will be able to export more rubber through extended cultivation of quality strain rubber.

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## People's Desire

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

## Sermon to be delivered on 21 Sept

YANGON, 16 Sept— Religious Affairs Department today announced that Member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jotikabhivamsa Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Chanthagyi Taungtaik, Yadana Beikman Sachakaung of Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division will deliver a sermon at Maha Theindawgyi, Pabedan Township at 7 pm on 21 September, it is learnt.

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## Meditation camp to be opened

YANGON, 16 Sept —Itinerant Dhammakathika Bahujana Hitadhara Twantay Sayadaw U Indaca will deliver a sermon beginning 19 September at Sagahla Dhammayon Kyaungtaik in Kalay to mark the birthday of Patron of Division Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Dhammapala. The meditation camp will last seven days. Those who wish to meditate can enlist at Sagahla Dhammayon Kyaungtaik.—MNA

## International trade course concludes

YANGON, 16 Sept —International trade course program-1 No 5, organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, concluded yesterday evening at the UMFCCI training centre.

UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing addressed the concluding ceremony and presented completion certificates to the trainees. The 10-day course was attended by 58 trainees. MNA



A member of Educational Affairs Committee presents prize to a trainee in International Trade Course. — H

## Six more international airlines to fly to Nepal

KATHMANDU, 16 Sept —As tourists from around the world are showing keen interest to visit Nepal, six more international airlines are planning to fly to Nepal, The Kathmandu Post daily reported on Friday.

“The airlines including GMG Bangladesh, Orient Thai, Korean Air, Air Arabia and Etihad Airways of United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Sri Lankan Airlines are set to hit Nepal market as new destination,” the English-language daily reported.

“The GMG Bangladesh Airlines has plans to operate three flights a week on a Dhaka-Kathmandu route starting from October 25,” said Joy Dewan, managing director of Zenith Travels that is the gen-

eral sales agent for the airlines in Nepal.

Orient Thai and Air Arabia, the budget airlines of Thailand and UAE respectively are also in a process to receive permission from the Ministry of Culture Tourism and Civil Aviation (MoCTCA) of Nepal.

After receiving approval from the government, the Korean Air is planning to start direct chartered flights to Kathmandu from Incheon of South Korea from November 13 for three and a half months before starting regular scheduled flight, according to KP Situala, coordinator of non resident Nepalis in Korea.— MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia to build oil refinery with Russian investment

JAKARTA, 16 Sept — The Indonesian Government plans to build an oil refinery in the East Java town of Situbondo with the construction project estimated to cost three billion US dollars to be funded by a Russian consortium, a report said on Friday.

The refinery will occupy an area of 400 hectares in coastal Situbondo, some 850 kilometres of Jakarta, reported *Bisnis Indonesia* newspaper.

The joint operation contract with the Russian investors, whose names were not disclosed, would be signed in November,

East Java Governor Imam Utomo was quoted as saying.

“President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono himself will sign the memorandum of understanding,” he said.

Apart from oil refinery, the cooperation agreement with the Russian partners also will cover technology and tourism, he said.

The would-be refinery will have initial production capacity of 150,000 barrels per day, but can be doubled to produce gasoline, diesel fuel and lubricant oil.

MNA/Xinhua

# Castro receives foreign guest for first time during NAM summit

HAVANA, 15 Sept — For the first time during the ongoing 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Move-

ment (NAM) countries in Havana, 80-year-old Cuban leader Fidel Castro Wednesday received a foreign guest

—Argentine famous writer and legislator Miguel Bonasso — at his home, Cuban TV reported.

During the meeting, Castro, who underwent surgery in late July after suffering gastrointestinal bleeding, talked with Bonasso about the release of the second edition of the book *One Hundred Hours with Fidel*, Cuban TV programme "The Round Table" showed. The book, written by French journalist Ignacio Ramonet, will be given to all delegations participating in the NAM summit scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

MNA/Xinhua

## Number of centenarians in Japan hits new record

TOKYO, 15 Sept — A record number of 28,395 Japanese are of or over 100 years old by the end of the month, marking the 36th consecutive year of growth since 1971, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare said Friday.

According to an annual count, the number is 2,841 more than last year. Women continue to make up the vast majority of centenarians by accounting for 85.4 per cent of the total.

There will be more than 20 centenarians per 100,000 people — at 22.23 precisely — making up one in every 4,500 people, the ministry said.

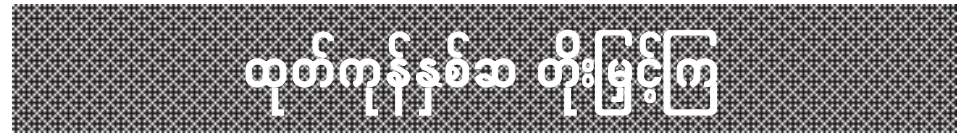
Yone Minagawa, a woman from the town of Fukuchi, Fukuoka Prefecture, is the oldest person in Japan at 113. The oldest man is Tomoji Tanabe, from Miyakonojo, Miyazaki Prefecture, who turns 111 on Monday.

Centenarians numbered 153 in 1963 in Japan when the government

started counting them. The number had topped 1,000 by 1981 and eclipsed 10,000 in 1998.

By prefecture, Okinawa in southern Japan has the largest proportion of centenarians with 54.37 per 100,000 people, maintaining the top position for the 34th straight year.

MNA/Xinhua



Zookeeper Kim Jong-kap shows a spectrogram comparing the phonetic sounds and frequencies of the word "good" spoken by him and 15-year-old elephant Koshick at South Korea's largest amusement park Everland in Yongin, about 50 km (31 miles) south of Seoul, on 14 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



Models display creations from the Ralph Lauren Spring Collections 2007 during New York fashion week on 15 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

## E. coli kills one, makes dozens ill in US

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — One person was killed and dozens of others got sick in eight US states by an outbreak of E. coli, and a warning has been issued not to eat bagged fresh spinach, the federal health officials said on Thursday. The victim came from the upper Midwestern state of Wisconsin, and 49 other cases of the illness have been reported in Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Michigan, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said.

"Preliminary epidemiological evidence suggests that bagged fresh spinach may be a possible cause of this outbreak," the FDA said on its website.

Consumers are advised not to consume bagged fresh spinach at this time, the FDA said, adding that the investigation is ongoing.

E. coli, which lives in the intestines of cattle and other animals, can cause diarrhoea. Most healthy adults can recover within a week but some people, mostly young children and the elderly, can develop a kind of kidney failure, which can lead to serious kidney damage and even death, the FDA said.

Uncooked produce, raw milk, unpasteurized juice, contaminated water and meat, especially undercooked or raw hamburger, are often the sources of the bacterium, the agency said. — MNA/Xinhua

## Einstein 'at least 99.95pc right'

SYDNEY, 15 Sept — Pulses of radiation emitted from a pair of distant stars have confirmed that Einstein's theory of general relativity is at least 99.95 per cent right, scientists say.

An international research team including scientists working at Australia's Parkes telescope measured the radiation from a 'double pulsar' system 2000 light-years away to put the theory through its paces.

According to results published online today in the journal Science, the 91-year-old theory came through with top marks.

"General relativity has passed all our tests," says co-author Dr George

Hobbs from the Australia Telescope National Facility. The double pulsar system, called PSR J0737-3039A and B, consists of two highly compact neutron stars, each of which weighs more than our own Sun but measures only about 20 kilometres across.

The two stars whirl around each other at a million kilometres an hour, emitting lighthouse-like beams of radio waves. Researchers used three of the world's largest radio telescopes, the UK's Lovell Telescope at Jodrell Bank, the Parkes radio telescope and the Robert C Byrd Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia in the US, to observe those beams over a period of three years.

Internet



Russia's Natalia Ishchenko performs during the finals of the solo free routine at the FINA Synchronised Swimming World Cup in Yokohama, south of Tokyo on 15 Sept, 2006. Ishchenko won the event. INTERNET



Actress Sharon Stone (L) smiles with co-star Demi Moore as they leave a news conference for the movie 'Bobby' during the 31st Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto on 14 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

## Chavez calls for revitalization of Non-Aligned Movement

HAVANA, 15 Sept — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said here Thursday that the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) must be given a "new face, a new body and a new soul, since it is a hope for the world".

Chavez made the remarks upon his arrival in Havana to attend the 14th Non-Aligned Summit's session with other heads of state or government scheduled to begin on Friday. "This is the most important forum of the early 21st Century because

it takes place when the US empire is experiencing decline," Chavez said.

He said the Havana Summit is effectively a summit of the countries of the South and Venezuela is maintaining its efforts aimed at promoting South-South cooperation.

Earlier, Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said the NAM is more necessary than ever and the association is "the essential forum to discuss our main problems and continue fighting so that our just demands are heard in the unfair and unequal world we are living in".

Cuba is hosting the summit of the NAM, a 116-member organization made up of mostly developing countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America. The total number is expected to reach 118 with the entrance of Haiti and St Kitts and Nevis very soon.—MNA/Xinhua



Trees stand on the bank of the Siberian river Yenisei in the Biryusa Gulf, 65 km (40 miles) south of the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, on 14 Sept, 2006. INTERNET

## 30 schools in Bangkok closed due to HFMD outbreak

BANGKOK, 15 Sept — At least 30 schools in Bangkok have been closed for 15 days following an outbreak of hand, foot and mouth disease, local media reported Friday.

The Nation newspaper quoted a source at the Bangkok city administration's Health Department as saying on Thursday that 259 pupils in 30 schools in 20 districts of Bangkok have shown symptoms of the disease — high fever, a rash and blisters on hands, feet and mouth. Sai Mai District was the worst affected, with 60 cases.

The sick students have been placed under medical supervision, the source said, and the schools would be disinfected to kill the communicable disease's viral species, which includes Coxsackie

virus type A and B and Anterovirus 71.

Hand, foot and mouth disease can be passed on via direct contact with contaminated saliva, excrement or nasal discharge and there is no cure so far. Doctors only provide treatments according to symptoms. In the worst cases, the disease can lead to fatal lung or brain infection and heart failure. — MNA/Xinhua

## Helicopter crash kills three in Siberia

Moscow, 15 Sept — Three people were killed and one was injured when a helicopter crashed in Siberia on Wednesday, Russian news agencies reported.

The helicopter, carrying two crew members and two passengers, crashed at 2:53 pm Moscow Time (1053 GMT) during landing, 19 kilometres from the city of Novokuznetsk, sources from the Ministry for Emergency Situations were quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.

Rescuers from Novokuznetsk are working at the site. It is not yet known what caused the crash.

MNA/Xinhua

## ပင်ပန်းအား ခံနိုင်စေရန်လွှား



Attendants layout pictures on display for the photography festival in Pingyao ancient city, north China's Shanxi Province on 14 Sept, 2006. The weeklong 2006 Pingyao International Photography Festival will open here on 16 Sept. Photographers from 41 countries and regions will show more than 8,000 works in the festival.—XINHUA

## Ford may cut salaried costs by 30%

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — Ford Motor Co may cut white-collar staffing, benefits and other costs by 30 per cent as part of a broader restructuring plan, The Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday.

The auto maker will aim to cut back mostly on the number of managers and supervisors, with fewer cuts to lower-level, less-expensive salaried workers, said the report.

The white-collar cuts

will take place through the rest of this year and into 2007, said one Ford supervisor, it added.

Under the plan, Ford managers will be told to look at their operating budgets and figure out

how they can reach the 30-per-cent target. "It will be very difficult. A lot of people will lose their jobs and the people that stay will be asked to do a lot," one person who had been briefed on Ford's plans was quoted as saying.

More details of its cost-cutting efforts could be disclosed as soon as Friday, said people familiar with the matter, according to the report. Ford has about 35,000 salaried workers in the United States, including about 300 senior-officer positions and another 2,000 in director-level posts.

Ford is under pressure to speed up cost-cutting efforts after the auto maker — No 2 in the United States after General Motors Corp in terms of production — reported a 254-million-dollar loss in the second quarter and worse-than-expected July and August US sales. — MNA/Xinhua



Indonesian anti-terror soldiers evacuate an Indonesian airline's crew from an aircraft during an anti-terror drill in Juanda Airport in Surabaya on 14 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

## Authorities warn of mosquito increase

DARWIN, 15 Sept — The Northern Territory's entomology branch is warning residents in Darwin's northern suburbs about an expected explosion in the mosquito population. Suburbs within five kilometres of the salt marsh mosquito breeding areas of Leanyer, Holmes Jungle and Mickett Creek swamps are expected to experience the highest numbers.

Other towns and communities along the Territory coast can also expect high mosquito numbers within five kilometres of large brackish swamps, large tidal rivers and extensive mangrove swamps. Salt marsh mosquito can carry Ross River and Barmah Forest viruses.—Internet

## UNSG to attend NAM summit in Cuba

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Sept— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan will be travelling to Havana, Cuba, this week to attend the 14th summit meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), his spokesman announced Wednesday.

Annan, in remarks to the NAM plenary meeting on Friday morning, "is expected to speak about the transformation of the Non-Aligned Movement into a movement for the developing world, and the contribution of developing nations in changing the entire dynamic of international relations over the past few decades," the spokesman said in a statement released in New York.

"He will call for a greater voice for the South

in multilateral institutions, from the financial to the political," the spokesman said, adding that he "will also stress that with a larger voice comes larger responsibility, both globally and at home".

While in Havana the Secretary-General will also have bilateral meetings with senior Cuban officials as well as with a number of heads of delegations who will be attending the summit, according to the statement.—MNA/Xinhua



Workers decorate the Tian'anmen Square and clean the Chang'an Avenue on 14 Sept, 2006. 1 October is China's National Day, and currently more and more tourists visit Beijing. —XINHUA

## WHO confirms 49 bird flu deaths in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 15 Sept— The World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed 49 deaths out of 65 cases of avian influenza in Indonesia, the organization spokesperson in Jakarta said here Thursday. The death figure rose after the international organization revised the definition of confirmation for the case on 29 August, spokesperson Sari Setiogi said.

"The revision has made three probable cases include in categorize of confirm," she told Xinhua here. The three new confirmation were an 8-year-old girl who died in June last year from an outskirts of Jakarta, Tangerang, a 45-year-old man from Magelang, in Central Java Province, who survived, and a 5 and a half-year-old boy from outskirts of Jakarta, Bekasi, who died in March this year, said Setiogi.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese, Belarussian defence ministers discuss military ties

MOSCOW, 15 Sept— Visiting Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan and his Belarussian counterpart Leonid Maltsev held official talks in the Belarussian capital of Minsk on Wednesday to discuss military ties between the two nations.

Maltsev said China was an important power in maintaining world peace and stability, and also a trusted strategic friend of Belarus. "Cooperation with China is one of the priorities of Belarus' foreign policy. Belarus is willing to deepen our cooperation to a broader and deeper extent," Maltsev said.

"China-Belarus relations have enjoyed successful development on the basis of mutual benefit and mutual respect since both sides established diplomatic relations in 1992," he

added. Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and state councillor, said China was satisfied with the smooth development of bilateral ties.

"China is ready to work with Belarus to further

promote friendly ties and cooperation between the two armies, on the basis of the principles of mutual respect, equality, mutual benefit and non-interference in each other's internal affairs," Cao said.—MNA/Xinhua



Claudia Mitchell, the first woman to receive a bionic arm, demonstrates her prosthesis at a news conference in Washington on 14 Sept, 2006. Mitchell, 26, who lost her arm in a motorcycle accident in 2004, can control parts of her new arm using thoughts alone.—INTERNET

## Romanian archaeologists discover Roman stronghold

BUCHAREST, 15 Sept— Romanian archaeologists have unearthed an unknown Roman stronghold dating back more than 2,000 years in the southwest Mehedinti County, Romanian Rompres news agency reported on Wednesday.

The archaeologists discovered that the fortification, in the Izvoarele locality, was from the time of the Roman emperor Diocletian, showing that it was built after the Romans withdrew their armies from Dacia (271-274 BC). The fortification was one of the

strongholds in the defence system built by the Romans along the Danube.

Manager of the local Iron Gates Region Museum Ion Stanga said the discovery was very important for Romanian history, "as it proves that

even after Roman emperor Aurelian's withdrawal, the territory north of the Danube continued to be ruled by the Romans, countering these that question the Romanian people's ethnogenesis".

MNA/Xinhua

## Suicide bomber hits US patrol in Southern Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept— A suicide car bomber struck a US patrol in southern Baghdad on Thursday, causing undetermined casualties, a well-informed police source said.

A suicide bomber

drove his explosive-laden car into a US patrol near the al-Rashid whole sale vegetable market in Doura District," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

MNA/Xinhua



Member of Spanish Marines holds a smoke signal as the first of the Spanish Navy amphibious vehicles, part of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) land on a beach in the southern Lebanese port city of Tyre on 15 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

## Death toll rises to 14 from China building fire

HUZHOU, 15 Sept— The death toll from a commercial building fire in east China's Zhejiang Province has risen from seven to 14, rescuers said Thursday.

The blaze broke out at about 4:30 am on Thursday in the five-storey Fuyin Mansion at Zhili Town, Wuxing District, Huzhou City, rescuers said.

The local government dispatched a fleet of 18 fire engines and nearly 100 firemen to the site and

about 150 residents living near the building were evacuated. The fire was put out at 11 am.

The fire left a blackened building with smoke billowing from windows. Masked firemen were seen searching for people Thursday afternoon.

The building is home to 18 people. Two people were rescued from a window on the fifth floor, rescuers said. It was not immediately known whether the two people not accounted for were in the building or not when the fire broke out.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cuba calls for NAM unity

**HAVANA, 15 Sept—** Cuba called on Wednesday the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries to join forces to defend their rights and build another world.

Carlos Lage, vice-president of the Council of State of Cuba, said another world is necessary and wars are not the way to create it.

“Another world is possible and urgently needed, and wars are not needed to create it. If we grow in conscience, if we join forces, if we become determined to defend our rights with ideas and steadfastness, we can build such a world.”

Lage made the remarks at the opening session of the NAM’s Foreign Ministers’ Meeting at the Conference Palace in Havana on Wednesday. He said the Non-Aligned

Movement countries are essential to the quest for a new system of international relations.

On the United Nations reform, he said the world body must be transformed into a real instrument for cooperation and peace, “an organization that can realize the guiding principles enshrined in its Charter”. Lage admitted these objectives are hard to reach, adding that “but the one way to reach them is by fighting for them”.

At the ministerial-level meeting, the foreign ministers are examining a draft declaration presented by Cuba and the final document will be

signed by the NAM heads state and government in the 14th Summit scheduled to be held on Friday and Saturday.

Cuba is hosting the Summit of the NAM, a 116-member organization made up of mostly developing countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America. The total is expected to grow with the entrance of Haiti and St Kitts and Nevis.

MNA/Xinhua



**Hangzhou Xiaoshan Int’l Airport Expansion work at the airport, a three-hour drive from Shanghai, scheduled to be completed in 2010, annual passenger capacity will rise to 22.5 million from 7.5 million at the end of last year, the Shanghai Securities News said on 14 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA**

## Indonesian troops to leave for Lebanon in October

**JAKARTA, 15 Sept—** The Indonesian troops grouped in Garuda XXIII-A contingent that will join the United Nations peace-keeping operations in Lebanon will leave early in October 2006, spokesman of the Indonesian Defence Forces (TNI) Rear Admiral Mohammad Sunarto Sjoekronoputra said here on Thursday.

The departure of the Indonesian peacekeeping contingent was originally scheduled on 20 September and 28 September, 2006, Antara news agency quoted the spokesman as saying.

He said that the advance team which was initially

scheduled to leave for Lebanon on 20 September will depart on 10 October, 2006.

The troops as a whole which was initially slated to leave on 24 September will leave on 24 October, he added.

He said that the delay was based on the schedules requested by the United Nations International Forces in Lebanon (UNFIL).

UNFIL said its distribution of forces in the field were very tight, so that the arrival of Garuda XXIII-A needed a rearrangement.

MNA/Xinhua



**People chase the “Bull of Fire”, a metal figure of a bull loaded with fireworks, through the streets of Dalias, in southern Spain, as part of the city’s Christ of Light festivity on 13 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET**

## Five Mideast countries agree on projects to upgrade air safety

**NICOSIA, 15 Sept —** The five countries participating in the European Middle East Air Traffic Management Coordination (EMAC) signed an agreement on Wednesday on conducting regional cooperation in upgrading air safety, local media reported.

The agreement was signed in the sixth meeting of EMAC’s Steering Committee, organized by Cyprus and participated by civil aviation officials from

Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

Under the deal, the five countries decided to adopt EU management and safety regulations in the sector of air traffic, install terminals and train staff to monitor the flow of air traffic in Europe and the Middle East.

They agreed to install an information and data exchange system regarding aeronautics and evaluate the existing network of air passages and proposals to improve it.

The projects are to be submitted to the European Commission for funding, according to the report.

Director of Cyprus Civil Aviation Department Leonidas Leonidou said that the projects would promote development of

infrastructure of neighbouring countries and improve aeronautical safety in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

## Guards to be present on Vietnam’s flights

**HANOI, 15 Sept —** Vietnam will allow airlines to position guards on planes to protect crews and passengers from threats to security and safety of their flights, local newspaper Youth reported Friday.

Under a draft programme on ensuring security of the local civil aviation industry, guards will be present on Vietnam’s flights like many countries, which require foreign airlines to have guards on flights to the countries, the newspaper quoted Nguyen Van Linh, deputy head of the Aviation Security Department under the Civil Aviation Administration of Vietnam, as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

## Contraband cigarettes seized on Hungary-Ukraine border

**BUDAPEST, 15 Sept —** Contraband cigarettes worth more than 38.5 million forints (177,478 US dollars) have been seized on the Hungary-Ukraine border in four separate operations, a border guard spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

The operations were carried out in Szabolcs-Szatmar County near the Ukrainian border over the past four days, Judit Jaszai said. In the largest raid, border guards confiscated 50,000 packs of cigarettes worth 23 million forints (105,959 dollars) from a Hungarian truck at the Tur River dam on Sunday, she said. In a Ukrainian registered car, 14,000 packs of untaxed Ukrainian cigarettes worth 6.4 million forints (29,408 dollars) were seized at Nagycsed, she added. At the village of Beregsurany, border guards seized 10,000 packs worth 4.5 million forints (20,660 dollars) from three Hungarian nationals, and a similar amount was confiscated from a Hungarian driver during a road inspection at Kocsord, Jaszai said. —MNA/Xinhua



**Christie’s employees pose with Spanish artist Pablo Picasso’s “Angel Fernández de Soto” (1903) where it is displayed at the auction house in central London, on 15 Sept, 2006. The piece forms part of Christie’s New York Impressionist and Modern art sale and is expected to sell for between \$40-60 million in November.—INTERNET**

# Journey to villages around Popa

*Chit Naing (Psychology)*

"I have read research papers saying that nations with a large number of readers develop fast. We need many people who have the courage to present independent opinions and hold discussions. But it will be impossible without sufficient knowledge. The uneducated have no guts to do so. People who could not distinguish right from wrong are likened to a lamb, and a society with a large number of such persons never makes progress.

"People need to read a lot."

Independent mind: page 309

Written by Maha Myaing Sayadaw U Jotika

## Childhood days

I passed through Myingyan at least once every year but had never spent the night there. When I was young, Myingyan was famous for its cheroots and a large number of drama troupes. I was not familiar with Myingyan although the town was only 50 miles from Chauk, my native town.

## U Pyaung, Daw Hla Khin

I arrived at Myingyan from PyinOoLwin via Singaing, Kyaukse and Myittha on 25 August this year. I spent the night there. My visit was to the library at Htetsi village, one mile from the highway in Natogyi Township. The library was a one-storey 20-foot by 20-foot neat brick building, with CI roofing, donated by aluminium-ware entrepreneur U Pyaung and wife Daw Hla Khin. The library had over 400 books. The donors, who are in their fifties, also presented a TV

for the library. Natives of the village, they are successful entrepreneurs in Mandalay. They have already donated a dispensary, a nine-room primary school, an overflowing well, a tube-well and religious buildings for their native village.

I gave talks on the benefits that always follow the meritorious deeds, with reference to the couple, U Pyaung and Daw Hla Khin. They promised to make donations for libraries in Mandalay. They named the village library "Zabudipa".

## Jewel of Ywagyi

My next stop was at Ywagyi village. The old cooperative shop was renovated into the village library, which was named "Yadana" (Jewel). It keeps over 3,000 books systematically on its shelves. It seemed that the number of bookworms in the village was not few. I gave literary talks at the village. In the evening, I went back to Myingyan where I spent the night at a motel.

## Nanmyint

The next morning, I found myself riding a car on Taungtha road heading for Nanmyint village.

I was greeted by the villagers. The library has thousands of books. When a request was made to the local bookworms to explain the benefits of the library, nine persons including two retired teachers came forward and recalled their experiences. I admired them for their literary knowledge.

## Benefits of literature

In their talks, the speakers made references

to the excerpts from the books compiled by famous men and women of letters of Myanmar. They were all honoured after the talks that lasted for about one and a half hours. The village library is a successful one.

My car passed through Welaung and Hseikhtain villages in Taungtha Township before arriving Popa in the evening. At the high school in Popa I gave literary talks and discussed the human value.

In Kyaukpadaung Township, I visited four rural self-reliant libraries. During my upland trip, I found that some villages still lacked literary enthusiasm and the will to develop their libraries. Committees formed with bookworms should act as coordinators to enhance the reading power of the local people.

But in some villages, I saw libraries improving at an unexpected speed. The evenings at the libraries were always crowded with readers discussing and sharing knowledge. As more people come to realize the value of literature, more people go to the libraries and are making more donations without anyone's urge.

The number of books on different fields is increasing at the libraries of those villages. But the development should not stop there. In my view, those villages should continue to strive till they get access to Internet.

All possible means should be applied to reach this end.

But villagers alone cannot do the job as the journey from libraries to Internet will be impossible without the concerted participation of the local authorities, the general public, the library committees and the Union Solidarity and Development Association coupled with the initiative of Information Ministry staff.

The past successive eras of Myanmar saw the intellectual development through literature. We need to implement the rural library project on a broader scale to catch up with the present-day changes and developments occurring with immense force all over the world.

I firmly believe that with the participation of visionary local heads and influential Buddhist monks, the movement to increase the population of readers will surely gain extra momentum.

(Translation: TMT)

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## Minister meets members of MGDA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Patron of Myanmar Gold Dealers Association Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met the vice-chairman and members of MGDA at the ministry here on 14 September afternoon.

At the meeting the minister gave instructions on the formation of state and division level gold dealers associations, strong memberships of departmental staff and goldsmiths and gold dealers and

systematic measures to be taken to stabilize the gold price.

Next, the minister heard reports by officials on work being carried out and gave necessary instructions.

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## Talks on treatment of hepatitis B, C given

Talks on treatment of Hepatitis in progress at Traders Hotel in Yangon.

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YANGON, 16 Sept — Organized by Myanmar Medical Association and Win Myanmar Co Ltd, medical talks on treatment of hepatitis was given at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, this afternoon.

Doctors of Health Department, liver specialists and guests were present on the occasion.

Liver Specialist Dr Chong Roland of Parkway Group Healthcare Pte Co Ltd of Singapore gave talks on treatment of hepatitis B and C and medical treatment in the hospitals under PGH Pte Co Ltd. The patients can make contact with Win Myanmar Co Ltd, the branch office of Parkway Group Healthcare Pte Co Ltd of Singapore.—MNA

**Chairman U Aung Than Oo of MRMA addresses workshop on stabilization of rice price.** — MNA



Maj-Gen Moe Hein of the Ministry of Defence being welcomed by Malaysian Military Attaché Col Hj Abbas Bin Hj Mat and wife at the reception to mark the 73rd Armed Forces Day of Malaysia on 16 September.—MNA

## Workshop on stabilization of rice price held

YANGON, 16 Sept — A workshop on stabilization of rice price, reserve rice storage and marketing and production of rice was held at Myanmar Rice Dealers Association in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win of Yangon City Development Committee and officials, the

president, the chairmen, the secretaries and responsible persons of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, MRDA and Myanmar Rice Millers Association were present. General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing of UMFCCI made an inaugural speech.

Those in attendance discussed

papers submitted on stabilization of rice price, reserve rice storage and marketing and production of rice.

Later, General Secretary U Myo Aung Kyaw of MRDA explained post-harvest techniques.

The workshop was organized by Myanmar Rice Dealers Association.

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## Beauty Contest of Miss Royal Gold Soap (2006) being held at Excel Treasure Tower.

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## Beauty Contest of Miss Royal Gold Soap (2006) held

YANGON, 16 Sept — Organized by Excel Co Ltd, a Beauty Contest of Miss Royal Gold Soap (2006) took place at Excel Treasure Tower in Bahan Township this evening.

A total of 30 participants took part in the second round of the beauty contest. U Win Nyein (Alindan), U Ko Ko (Ko Ko Beauty Saloon), Director U Thiha Kyaw Soe, Daw Yi Yi Win (Myanmar Body Building and Physical Culture Federation) and Daw Ei Ei Khin (Excel Co Ltd) judged the contest. Co-sponsors are John Co Ltd, Ko Ko Beauty Saloon and Lolane. The contest ranged from entertainment programmes to games and

gifts.

The final round of the Beauty Contest will be held at 6 pm on 30 September. The singers, the comedians and the damsels from Talent and Model will entertain the audience.

Tickets will be available on the ground floor of Excel Shopping Mall, La Pyay Wun Plaza, Dagon Centre, Sein Gay Har Super Centre and Ko Ko Beauty Saloon in Bogyoke Market, Talent and Models (Asia Plaza) and John (Shwe Mann May), Yuzana Plaza.

Lucky Draw programme for the buyers is being held in Excel Shopping Mall from 1 September to 22 October daily. — MNA



## Farmers in Shan State (North)...



**U Kyaung Swet seen with his house built with the profit from growing Hsinshweli strain paddy.**

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strain. Last year, my paddy fields yielded at the rate of only 170 baskets an acre. But, this year, I won the first prize due to the support, encouragement and close supervision of the agricultural supervisory committee.

“This year, I made a profit of more than four million kyats. So, I am having my

house upgraded to a brick building. Now, I have got a small farm truck and a paddy-winnowing machine. And I have bought a tractor recently. During the paddy cultivation period, I hire labourers to transplant paddy saplings. I use tractors to plough the fields. And I hire a combine harvester to harvest the crop. Overall, I use the mechanized farming. In our region, the

farmers no longer use oxen to plough paddy fields.

“The government wants to see farmers do well in their businesses. It has been constructing dams, reservoirs and canals. So, farmers can make progress in growing summer paddy. Now, all the wishes of local authorities in the agricultural sector have been fulfilled. Shan State (North) is doing a good business due to the fact that all the farmers are growing Hsinshweli strain paddy. I have 12 dependents. I am married with two children. I have been engaged in farming for ten years. I started



**Farmers cultivating Hsinshweli strain paddy in Muse.**

growing Hsinshweli paddy in 2002. I did not think I would win the first prize, but I did. Now, I can take pride in being honoured and earn much money. What else is better than that?”

Many of the farmers in Shan State (North) are now building brick houses and buying automobiles. In an interview,

Lin Oo of Muse Township PDC. He organized farmers like us to try growing Hsinshweli strain paddy and distributed Hsinshweli strain paddy seeds free and provided us with modern farming methods. So, I won the second prize. Now, Hsinshweli paddy strain has attracted the complete attention of all

fulfil their requirements. Muse District won the first prize this year, so it is worthy of our efforts”, said Major Ye Lin Oo.

Namhkam Township PDC Chairman Major Aung Zaw Latt said that the chairman of Shan State (North) PDC occasionally made field trips and supervised the agricultural tasks of Township chairmen. Meanwhile, the agriculture supervisory committee members had to assess the work constantly and to provide assistance to the farmers, he said, adding, “We worked very hard. But, it is worth doing so because Namhkam Township won the first prize and that is beyond words”.

Now, the majority of female farmers go to the farms on a motorbike with mobile phones of their own. Their daily wage is more 4,000 kyats.

The farmers in Shan State (North) who relied on other regions in the country for rice in the past are now doing well in their business thanks to the high-yield Hsinshweli paddy strain. Hsinshweli paddy strain is now serving the interests of Shan State (North).

**Translation: MS**



**First prize winner U Sai Aik Aye of Namhkam.**

U Ywet Kyaung Tun, who won the second prize for obtaining the rate of 226 baskets an acre in the district level paddy growing contest, said, “This year, I made a healthy profit of about 2.7 million kyats. In the past, I could make just a meagre profit, so I was in debt. Now, I have paid all my debts and bought two motorcycles for my two children, and a small farming truck. My achievement is due to the assistance of Major Ye

the farmers”.

Now, the majority of the farmers in Shan State (North) have placed their reliance on Hsinshweli paddy strain. In Shan State (North), other farmers have emulated the success of the farmers who have chosen Hsinshweli paddy strain.

“I had to make efforts a lot to persuade the farmers to try growing Hsinshweli strain paddy. Now, there is no need to do so, but I still have to



**A thriving Hsinshweli strain paddy field.**

## Members of armed groups...

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Saw Ahtut and Hpakha of Battalion 19 of Brigade 7; Saw Dee Wah with the rank of lieutenant of Brigade 7; Pvts Nyunt Than and Saw Kyaw Min of Battalion 101; Pvts Saw Wah Lay and Kyaw Saw of DO Battalion 5; Phado Kyaw Oo and Phado Saw Khalline of Hpa-an administration committee; Pvt Saw Aung Kyaw of KNU headquarters together with 3 pistols, one BA 63 rifle, three M-16s, six AK 47s, seven carbines, one rifle, one motor, 19 magazines, 94 rounds of ammunition, 7 grenades, three grenades, three walkie talkies and 79 family members; Pvt Pho Aung (a) Aung Lwin, Yar Zar Nay Win (a) Yar Zar, Ye Naing (a) Kadongsein and Ye Naung (a) Nga Ye exchanged arms for peace in the South East Command area. Pvt Kat

Lyan Khot of KNA armed group together with one grenade in the North West Command area, Cpl Saw Tha Ki Ki, L/Cpl Saw Gha Hto and Pvt Saw Kyu Aung of Special Combat Company of Brigade 4 of KNU armed group together with one M 16, one magazine, 2 rounds of ammunition, one mine exchanged arms for peace in the Coastal Region Command area.

Responsible personnel of the respective units and regiments warmly welcomed 53 members of armed groups and 85 family members who have exchanged arms for peace in the month of May, June, July and August and fulfilled their needs and there remain other armed group members who want to exchange arms for peace, it is learnt.—MNA

## EU condemns secret CIA prisons

**BRUSSELS, 16 Sept — The European Union condemned on Friday the detention of terrorism suspects by the United States in secret overseas prisons, whose existence US President George Bush first acknowledged last week.**

European nations had held back from criticizing Washington over the matter after it first emerged in media reports last year, and said last December they were satisfied with US statements denying any wrongdoing.

“The existence of secret detention facilities where detained persons are kept in a legal vacuum is not in conformity with international humanitarian law and international criminal law,” Finnish Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja told a news conference after the bloc’s 25 ministers discussed Bush’s comments.

“We reiterate that in combating terrorism,

human rights and humanitarian standards have to be maintained,” said Tuomioja, whose country holds the EU’s rotating presidency.

Bush publicly acknowledged the CIA held high-level terrorism suspects, including alleged September 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, in secret overseas locations.

He strongly defended the secret detention and questioning of terrorism suspects and said the CIA treated them humanely and did not torture. The detention programme, disclosed last year by *The Washington Post*, provoked an international outcry.

“Secret prisons are illegal, immoral, and counter-productive in any

strategy to win hearts and minds,” EU counter-terrorism coordinator Gijs de Vries said in a statement on Friday.

Bush announced last week Mohammed and 13 others were transferred recently to the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention centre run by the Pentagon to be prosecuted in the future.

MNA/Reuters

## EU, Ukraine sign agreement on oil, gas metres

**BRUSSELS, 16 Sept —** The European Union and Ukraine signed a deal on Thursday paving the way for European financing of oil and gas metres on pipelines across Ukraine’s borders, the EU’s external relations commissioner said. Benita Ferrero-Waldner announced the signing of the memorandum of understanding after talks in Brussels with Ukrainian Prime Minister Victor Yanukovich.

“This is a very concrete cooperation scheme to increase transparency, reliability and safety of supplies to Ukraine, but also transit to the European Union,” she told a news briefing.

MNA/Reuters



**US astronaut Miguel Lopez-Alegria, the first female space tourist, enters a Soyuz space capsule training module, on 13 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA**

## Scientists discover puzzling giant planet

**WASHINGTON, 16 Sept — Scientists said on Thursday they have spotted an unusually large and light planet orbiting a distant star — a discovery that could force them to reexamine theories about how planets are formed.**

“We have discovered a very bizarre new object,” research astrophysicist Robert Noyes said at a news conference. “The people who do theoretical models are left scratching their heads as to what’s going on.”

The planet, dubbed HAT-P-1, is the largest planet ever detected, roughly one-third larger in diameter than Jupiter, but only weighs half as much, astronomers with the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at

Harvard University said. Unlike Jupiter, Saturn and other “gas giants”, this planet does not have a solid core, they said.

It is extremely close to its parent star, one-seventh of the distance between Mercury and the Sun, and it makes a complete orbit once every 4.5 days.

What is puzzling scientists is that the planet is larger than predicted by current theories.

The large size could be the result of heat coming

from the interior of the planet but scientists have yet to determine how that could happen, Noyes said.

Scientists found the planet because light from the star dims when the planet passes in front of it.

The star, one of a double-star system, is about 450 light-years from Earth.

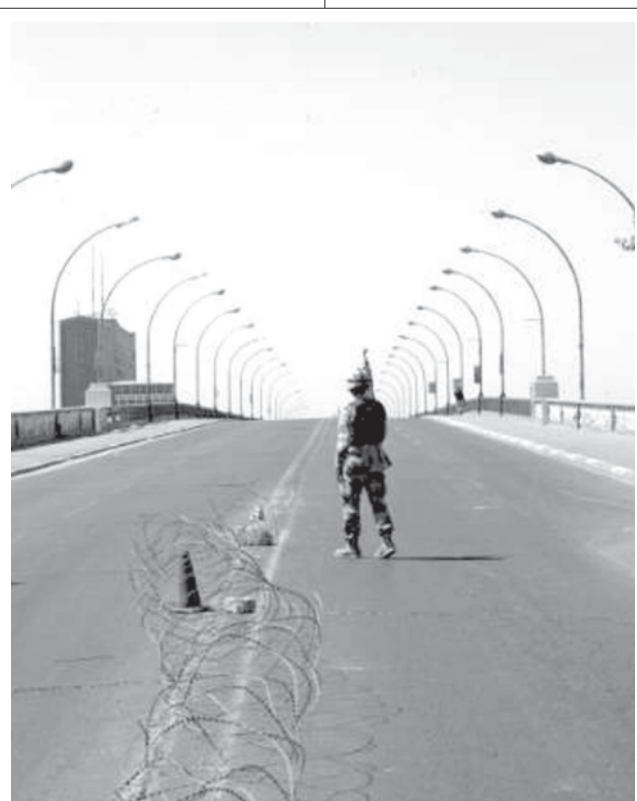
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## Mexican tropical storm “Lane” almost a hurricane

**MEXICO CITY, 16 Sept —** Tropical Storm Lane approached hurricane strength on Friday as it lashed Mexico’s Pacific coast with rain and wind on its way to luxury tourist resorts on the Baja California Peninsula.

Mexico declared a hurricane warning for the tip of the normally arid peninsula, which extends southward from the US state of California and is still recovering from Hurricane John, which killed three people this month.

The US National Hurricane Centre said the strengthening storm carried maximum winds of 70 mph (112 kph), just 4 mph (6.4 kph) short of a Category 1 hurricane, and was about 135 miles (216 kilometres) west of the beach resort of Manzanillo on Friday morning.—MNA/Reuters



**An Iraqi soldier stands on guard in an empty road during a four-hour vehicle curfew in Baghdad, on 15 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET**

## Israel says UN deaths caused by military map error

**JERUSALEM, 16 Sept — An Israeli airstrike which killed four United Nations military observers at their base in Lebanon was due to an error with military maps of the area, an investigation by Israel said on Thursday.**

The airstrike in July destroyed a UN post in southern Lebanon, killing four UN peacekeepers from Austria, Canada, China and Finland.

Israel presented the findings of its investigation into the incident on Thursday to officials from the four countries, Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said.

He said maps of the area had been duplicated due to the deployment of more troops in the area.

“There was a mishap on the Israeli side where

in duplication of maps, the UN position on the maps was not marked as it should have been and that created the tragedy,” Regev said.

Israel launched an offensive into Lebanon after Lebanese Hizbollah guerillas captured two Israeli soldiers in a cross border raid on 12 July.

Regev said the investigation found that about 100 metres from the UN position there was a Hizbollah position where there was “hostile activity”.

MNA/Reuters

### Vietnam may gain 8.8% GDP growth next year

HANOI, 16 Sept — The Standard Chartered Bank has predicted Vietnam is likely to post gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 8.8 per cent in 2007, with strong likelihood of its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) late 2006, a local newspaper reported on Thursday.

“Growth in 2007 and beyond for Vietnam will benefit greatly from lower tariffs and increased access to the world markets. I believed exports will be the engine for GDP growth in Vietnam,” Joseph Tan, economist at the bank’s global research team, was quoted by the *Vietnam News* as saying.

The country would have gained GDP growth of more than 8.2 per cent in 2006, if it had joined WTO in 2005, said the Standard Chartered Bank, a London-based international bank with significant operations in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America, in its recent analysis. — *MNA/Xinhua*

### Scientists watching vegetables grow in space

BEIJING, 16 Sept— Chinese scientists are observing slow motion images of vegetables sprouting in space onboard China’s first seed-breeding satellite launched on 9 September.

The seed-breeding satellite, *Shijian-8*, has been sending back one high-definition digital image of sprouting Chinese cabbage every two hours since September 10, sources with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) said here on Friday.

The slow motion photography will continue throughout satellite’s 15-day space flight, according to the Institute of Plant Physiology & Ecology (SIPPE) with CAS’ Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences which is conducting the experiment.

This is the first space experiment conducted by China on higher plants.

After being exposed to cosmic radiation and zero gravity, some seeds are expected to mutate so their seeds may produce much higher yields and improved quality when they are planted on earth.

The experiment aims to discover just what happens to the germination and sprouting of plants when they

are exposed to zero gravity, the SIPPE said.

The *Shijian-8*, a recoverable satellite, was launched aboard a *Long March-2C* rocket carrier. Its mission is to expose more than 2,000 seeds of nine varieties of plants to cosmic radiation and zero gravity.

*MNA/Xinhua*

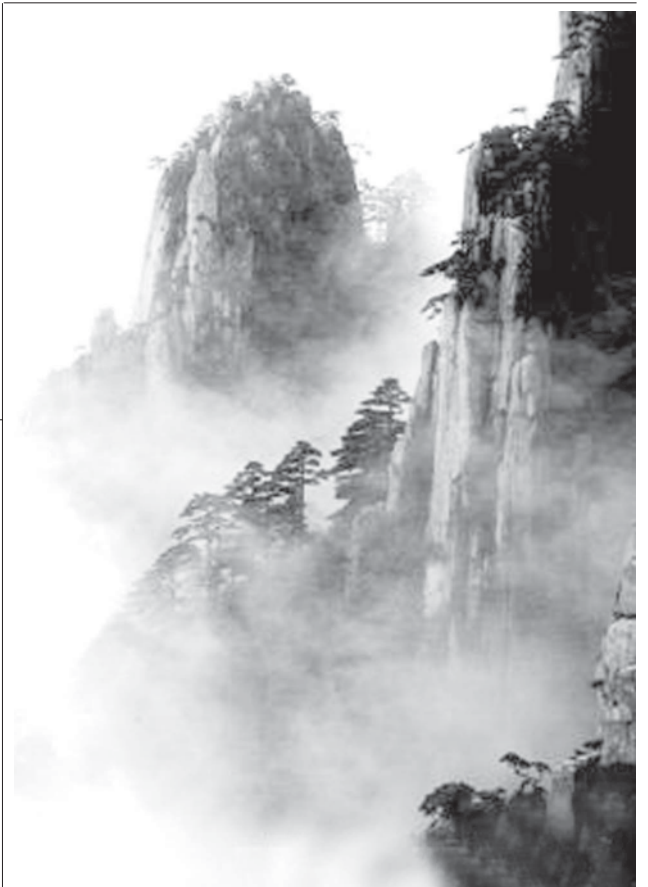


Photo taken on 14 Sept, 2006 shows misty scenery at Xihai Canyon in Huangshan Mountain, a world heritage site in east China’s Anhui Province.—INTERNET

### Hurricane Gordon weakens, Helene strengthens

MIAMI, 16 Sept — Hurricane Gordon weakened on Friday over open waters while Tropical Storm Helene gained strength as it headed west over the Atlantic and could become a hurricane over the weekend, US forecasters said.

By 11 am EDT (1500 GMT), Helene, the eighth tropical cyclone of the 2006 Atlantic hurricane season, had maximum sustained winds of 60 mph (95 kph) as it swirled about 1,355 miles (2,180 kilometres) east of the

Leeward Islands, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

“Helene could become a hurricane on Saturday,” the Miami-based centre said in an advisory. Tropical storms become hurricanes when their

winds reach 74 mph (119 kph).

If it did cross the threshold, Helene would become the fourth hurricane of the six-month Atlantic storm season, which began on 1 June. Compared to last year’s

28 tropical storms, of which 15 became hurricanes, 2006 has been relatively tame.

Hurricane experts said Helene’s chances of reaching the US East Coast appeared slim as computer models showed it was more likely to curve northwestward over the open Atlantic.

*MNA/Reuters*

### Dengue outbreak kills over 100 Cambodian children

PHNOM PENH, 16 Sept — Dengue fever has killed at least 102 Cambodian children this year in one of the worst outbreaks of the mosquito-borne disease since 1998, the government and World Health Organization said on Thursday.

More than 10,000 children have contracted the disease so far this year compared to 6,000 in the same period of 2005, said Ngan Chantha, director of the Health Ministry’s national dengue programme.

In the impoverished Southeast Asian nation’s last major outbreak in 1998, 424 children died out of 16,260 infected, he said.

After decades of civil war and the Khmer Rouge genocide, Cambodia’s public health system remains rudimentary, with much of its funding coming from foreign aid. According to the World Bank, annual government spending on health is about 3 dollars per person. — *MNA/Xinhua*



United States Forest Service firefighter Kacey Allen aims his flare gun to start back fires at the 27,000 acre Day Fire in the Los Padres National Forest near Castic, California, on 13 Sept, 2006. Firefighters have the blaze 25 per cent contained with no estimate for full containment.—INTERNET

#### နိုင်ငံသား စိစစ်ရေးကတ်ပြား ကိုင်ဆောင်သူများမှ သတိပြု လိုက်နာရမည့် အချက်များ

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**Death toll rises to 6 in car bombing in central Baghdad**

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept —The death toll rose to six in a car bomb blast targeting a police patrol in central Baghdad on Thursday, which also wounded 14 others, a well-informed police source said.

"Our latest report said that six people were killed and 14 others injured including policemen when a car bomb parking in Baghdad's Street 52 near the Iraqi passport headquarters," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Initial report said two people were killed and eight others wounded in the explosion. — *MNA/Xinhua*

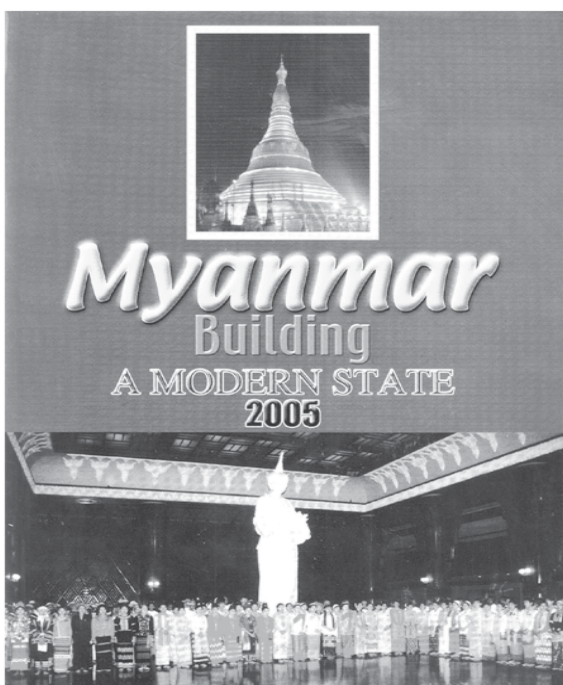
**Minister says Spain may have been CIA flight stopover**

BRUSSELS, 15 Sept — Spain may have been a stopover for secret CIA flights but there is no evidence that violations of international law were committed on its soil, Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos said on Thursday.

He was the first minister to testify before a European Parliament committee investigating allegations that the US Central Intelligence Agency ran secret prisons for terrorism suspects in Europe and flew suspects to states where they could be tortured.

"Our territory may have been used not to commit crimes as such but as a stopover on the way to commit crime in other territories," Moratinos said, adding that 66 suspect flights had made stops in Spain.

*MNA/Reuters*



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**Schmidt says China to overtake Germany in a few years**

**HAMBURG, 15 Sept— Former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said China is going to overtake Germany as the world's third biggest economy in a few years, local reports said Thursday.**

No one would have expected China's economy to develop so rapidly and China will replace Germany in a few years, German radio Deutsch Welle quoted Schmidt as saying when he met Wednesday with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at a Sino-European economic summit in Hamburg.

China may overtake Japan within 15 to 20 years, said Schmidt who served as German chancellor between 1974-1982.

"It's a miracle, really.

There has never been such a phenomenon in the world's history," he said. Meanwhile, Schmidt criticized those who fear or resent the rise of China.

"For those who believe in competition, they have to accept new competitors on the market — just as people had to with Japan over 100 years ago, or South Korea, Taipei or Hong Kong 40 years ago," he said.

"Now the People's Republic of China has come along and the West feels

uneasy. Morally speaking, the uneasiness is not justified," he added.

Talking about China's political reforms, Schmidt said the western world is not in the right position to decide what is the best for China.

"I don't practice that type of Western criticism. China must decide itself what is best; that is not something for foreigners or the West to dictate," he said.

Schmidt, a Social Democrat, was the first German chancellor who travelled to China in German history. He has been there more than 10 times since then.

The former chancellor will publish his new book *Nachbarland China* (Neighbouring China) by the end of this month.

As for what he hoped to deliver through his book, Schmidt said "people in Western Europe and in my own country, Germany, must accept that it is in our own interests to foster a good, neighbourly relationship with China."

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Iran ready for "new conditions" on nuclear dispute**

DAKAR, 15 Sept— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said here early Thursday that his country was ready for the "new conditions" on its nuclear issue and he believed talks would resolve the dispute.

During a midnight Press conference, Ahmadinejad, who was visiting Senegal, told reporters through a translator that Iran supported dialogue and negotiations and believed the nuclear dispute could be resolved in this way.

"We are ready for new conditions," the President said, without elaborating.

On possible sanctions Washington has been pushing the United Nations to impose on the Islamic republic, the President said there would be no sanctions since there were no reasons for sanctions.

Ahmadinejad would fly to Cuba to attend a Non-Aligned Movement summit in Havana scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

Iran's nuclear issue came to a standoff after Teheran refused to stop uranium enrichment by 31 August, a deadline set by the UN Security Council in Resolution 1696.

*MNA/Xinhua*



**Buffaloes in South Africa .The Kruger National Park is suffering an outbreak of bovine tuberculosis, local SABC news reported on its website on 13 Sept , 2006.The report said blood samples taken from buffalo near the Limpopo river confirmed the disease had spread around the entire park.—XINHUA**

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**China plans to set up 200,000 bookstores for farmers by 2010**

**BEIJING, 15 Sept—** China on Thursday announced an ambitious plan to establish 200,000 bookstores in its vast rural areas in five years.

“Each rural bookstore project will at least have 1,000 books, 30 magazines and periodicals and some audio visual products,” Liu Binjie, vice-director of the State Press and Publication Administration told a news briefing.

China on Wednesday publicized a national programme on cultural development during the 11th Five-Year

Plan period (2006-2010).

The programme, issued jointly by the General Office of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and the General Office of the State Council, listed cultural development in rural areas as a top priority.

Liu said the project, with a total investment of four billion yuan (about 506 million US dollars), is aimed to promote

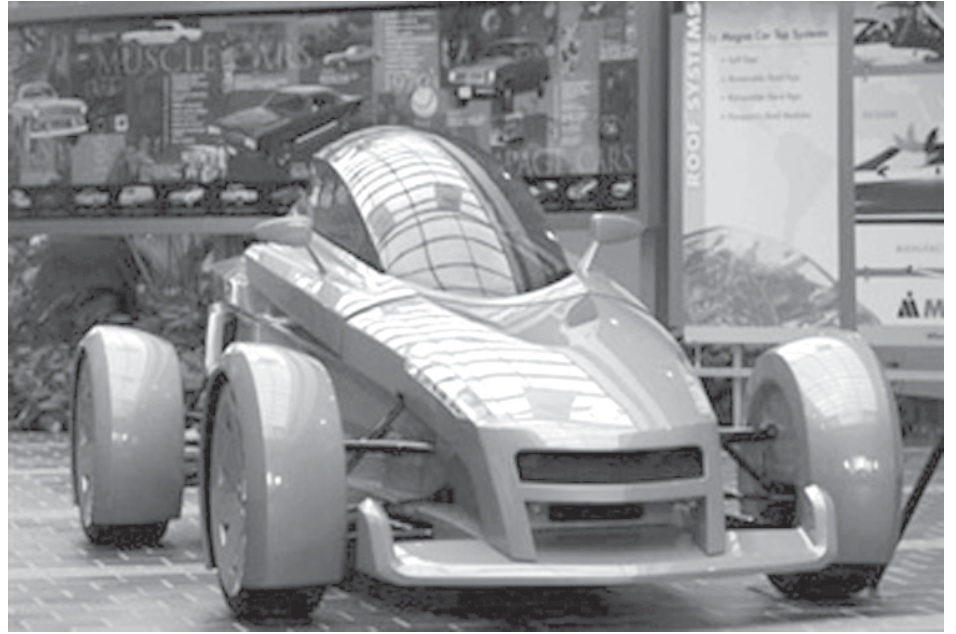
education and popularize science and technology in rural areas.

He said the bookstores, with each to be built at an estimated 20,000 yuan, will be sponsored by the government and also open to public donation.

“Within 10 years, we hope each village will have its own bookstore,” he said.

China’s rural population is about 900 million.

MNA/Xinhua



*Magna International Inc’s concept vehicle MILA is introduced at its headquarters in Troy, Michigan on 14 Sept, 2006. The engine used in MILA is a standard 1.6-liter four-cylinder model that was converted to monovalent CNG operation, which means it will run on natural gas alone. —INTERNET*



*Fifteen-year-old elephant Koshick reaches his nose to eat a slice of an apple at South Korea’s largest amusement park Everland in Yongin, about 50 km (31 miles) south of Seoul, on 14 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET*

**NZ Scientists discover anti-cancer compound**

WELLINGTON, 15 Sept — New Zealand scientists said Friday they are on way to uncovering a secret which could help the body rid of cancer. A team of researchers at Christchurch School of Medicine have discovered compounds in the cruciferous family of vegetables which help kill cancer cells that are resistant to other treatments.

According to their study, cruciferous vegetables

include broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, cabbage, watercress, bok choy, radishes, turnips, and kale.

Team leader Mark Hampton said a protein called Bcl-2 makes human cells resistant to the normal cell-suicide process which removes damaged cells from the body.

He said cancer cells with a lot of Bcl-2 also have increased resistance to chemotherapy drugs, but he says compounds called isothiocyanates found in the

cruciferous family make the cells more susceptible to treatment.

The research team said the next step is to find out how the compounds work inside the cell to negate the power of the protein.

Hampton said from there they could use that information to design new drugs against cancer.

MNA/Xinhua

**India approves drug for treatment of Kala-Azar**

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept—India has approved a drug developed by a US-based non-profit pharmaceutical company for the treatment of “kala-azar”, the second most deadly parasitic disease following malaria.

The approval of Paromomycin Intramuscular (IM) Injection by the Drug-Controller General of India for treatment of Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL), locally known in India and parts of South Asia as kala-azar, came less than three months after the submission of the drug’s application, said the Institute for OneWorld Health, a nonprofit pharma company that develops medicines for neglected diseases of the developing world.

The application was prepared by OneWorld Health in collaboration with the drug manufacturer Gland Pharma Limited based in southern Indian city of Hyderabad.

“The application was based on data from a large Phase III multi-centre,

randomized and controlled clinical trial of 667 adult and pediatric patients conducted in northern state Bihar, India, which showed that nearly all patients (94.6 per cent) treated with Paromomycin were cured of VL,” OneWorld Health said in a statement, adding that a 21-day course of the drug provides a safe, affordable, and effective cure for VL.

A full course of treatment stimulates a specific, cell-mediated immune response, resulting in life-long protection from future infection and the drug is expected to be a key tool for India’s National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), which aims to rid the country of VL by 2010,

and disease control programmes in other VL-endemic countries.

“The approval of Paromomycin IM Injection is a major milestone in global health, providing a lifelong cure for a deadly parasitic disease,” OneWorld Health said.

“With this approval, the Institute for OneWorld Health, with the vital support of our partners, has proven that it is possible to develop new medicines using an entrepreneurial, non-profit model.

“We are pleased that the first drug in our portfolio will be an important public health tool to help the Indian Government safely and affordably control VL,” founder and CEO of OneWorld Health Victoria Hale said.—MNA/PTI



*Christie’s employees pose with Spanish artist Pablo Picasso’s “Angel Fernández de Soto” (1903) where it is displayed at the auction house in central London, on 15 Sept, 2006. The piece forms part of Christie’s New York Impressionist and Modern art sale and is expected to sell for between \$40-60 million in November. —INTERNET*

**Spain police arrest 23 for banking information fraud**

MADRID, 15 Sept — Spanish police said Thursday they had arrested 23 people in connection with a fraud, which netted at least 20 million euros (about 26 million US dollars) through stolen banking details.

Benjamin Blanco, chief inspector of the National Police’s Technological Investigations Division, told media that investigations began in July, after bank account holders reported thefts from their accounts. The suspects are from a range of nationalities. The fraudsters had used the Internet to steal clients’ details and electronic means to access their bank accounts. —MNA/Xinhua

# SPORTS



Brazil's synchronised swimmers perform during the preliminaries of free combination at the FINA Synchronised Swimming World Cup in Yokohama, south of Tokyo on 14 Sept, 2006. The four-day world cup started on Thursday in Yokohama.—INTERNET

## Hanover beat Wolfsburg to claim first Bundesliga points

BERLIN, 16 Sept— Hanover 96 finally got off the mark in the Bundesliga when Thomas Brdaric struck twice to earn them a 2-1 derby win away to VfL Wolfsburg on Friday.

Hanover went into the game in bottom place without a point from their first three games but a change in coach, with Dieter Hecking coming into

replace Peter Neururer, brought an immediate upswing in their league form.

Brdaric put Hanover ahead in the 51st minute with a great shot on the

turn from the left of the area, after Dutch midfielder Arnold Bruggink had flicked on a long ball.

Wolfsburg equalized in a matter of seconds, as Mike Hanke picked out Jacek Krzynowek to send in a flashing shot from the edge of the area, but Hanover were back in front by the 61st minute, when

Brdaric tapped in a cross from Jiri Stajner.

The result leaves Hanover and Wolfsburg each with three points from four games.

Nuremberg, Bayern Munich and Schalke 04 are the league leaders going into the fourth round of matches with seven points apiece.

MNA/Reuters

## Organizers say 2006 World Cup generate 135m euro profit

BERLIN, 16 Sept— This summer's World Cup turned out a real financial success for the German organizers as Theo Zwanziger, president of the German football federation, revealed on

Thursday that the show-piece event made a 135-million-euro profit before tax.

Zwanziger said 56.6 million euros of the total, after tax, will be split between the German Football Federation (DFB) and German Football League (DFL) while football's governing body FIFA netted 40.8 million euros.

Host nation Germany enjoyed giant sell-out crowds at the month-long finals with the country's central European location making it very accessible to football fans.

MNA/Xinhua

## Wenger confident Arsenal can beat United

LONDON, 16 Sept— Arsenal go to Manchester United on Sunday knowing that a defeat will open up a 13-point gap between the two sides.

Manager Arsene Wenger remains upbeat however, rejecting any suggestion that his side's title hopes are over so early in the season.

"I don't think that. We've played three games. Let's play the game and let's win it," Wenger told a news conference on Friday.

"At the moment, Manchester United has twelve points. If we beat them we will be seven (behind) and if we win our game in hand we will be four, so you can count it the way you want but I calculate it like that."

United have had their best start to a Premier League season, with four wins in four games, while Arsenal lie 17th after getting just two points from their three games.

Wenger believes Arsenal can turn things around. "The club is doing very well and we have a very promising team, having just come out of the Champions League final," he said.

"We have a team which is getting better and better. I'm convinced we have a good chance to beat them."

Games between the two sides have always been heated but Wenger said things had calmed down since players such as Patrick Vieira and Roy Keane had moved on.— MNA/Reuters

## Ferguson ready for big day with Arsenal

MANCHESTER (England), 16 Sept— Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson said on Friday his Premier League leaders would not underestimate Arsenal when they face their old foes at Old Trafford on Sunday.

United have enjoyed their best start to a Premier League season with four wins from four, while a misfiring Arsenal lie 17th after taking just two points from their three games.

"I don't think we can underestimate Arsenal," Ferguson told reporters. "We will need to play to our best capabilities, but I am encouraged with the

atmosphere around the place, and the team spirit."

Ferguson believes that Arsenal, who finished fourth in the league last season, are feeling the effects of losing some of their key players.

"Maybe there is a transitional period at Arsenal at the moment because they have lost big figures like (Patrick) Vieira,

(Dennis) Bergkamp, (Robert) Pires and Ashley Cole.

"Just like us, we lost big players and you have to be patient for the next stage of development."

MNA/Reuters



Litex Lovech's Alejandro Cichero hangs from the crossbar during their UEFA Cup first round soccer match against Maccabi Haifa in Nijmegen, the Netherlands on 14 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

## Setubal fire coach Helio Sousa

LISBON, 16 Sept— Vitoria Setubal have fired Helio Sousa, the first Portuguese Premier League coaching casualty of the season, club officials said on Friday.

The latest in a string of poor results for Setubal came on Thursday when they lost 3-0 at home to SC Heerenveen of the Netherlands in the UEFA Cup first round, first leg.

Club deputy Carlos Cardoso will take over

coach duties while the board looks for a successor. In the first two rounds of the Portuguese league season, Setubal drew 1-1 with Academica at home and were defeated 2-0 by Belenenses away last week.— MNA/Reuters

## Panathinaikos sack coach Backe after four games

ATHENS, 16 Sept — Hans Backe has been sacked as coach of Greek club Panathinaikos after just four games in charge.

The club said the 54-year-old Swede, who was appointed just over a month ago, would be leaving with immediate effect.

His assistant Jasminko Veli will take charge of the team in Sunday's Super League game against Panionios.

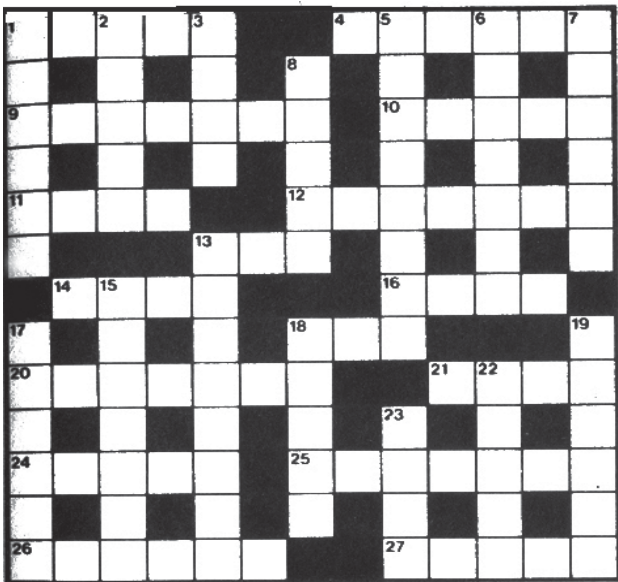
Backe paid the price for an indifferent start to the season in which Panathinaikos lost 2-0 at home to Ionikos and drew 1-1 at home in Thursday's UEFA Cup tie against Ukrainian side Metalurh Zaporizhzhya.

Panathinaikos are now seeking their fifth coach in two years.— MNA/Reuters



Croatia's Mario Ancic returns a shot to Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty during their match at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 15 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Sacrificial table
- 4 Inherent
- 9 Need
- 10 Score
- 11 Entreaty
- 12 Apparel
- 13 Snake
- 14 Footwear
- 16 Piece of news
- 18 Part of a curve
- 20 Sports arena
- 21 Plunder
- 24 Fire-raising crime
- 25 Rebel archangel
- 26 Strata
- 27 Soil

### DOWN

- 1 Brusque
- 2 Close-fitting brimless hat
- 3 Downfall
- 5 Coasting (anag.)
- 6 Enter uninvited
- 7 Reverberates
- 8 Place of pilgrimage
- 13 Learner
- 15 Rumour
- 17 Attack
- 18 Sufficient
- 19 Stiffener
- 22 Bid
- 23 Highest point

## S Korea's ship exports to hit record high this year

SEOUL, 16 Sept — South Korea's ship exports are expected to reach a record high of 22 billion US dollars this year thanks to sales of high-value-added ships, the Korea Shipbuilders Association said on Friday.

The ship exports this year will rise by 24.1 per cent from 17.73 billion US dollars a year earlier, the association said.

According to the association, local companies exported ships worth 11.36 billion US dollars during the first six months this year and are expected to sell 10.65 billion US dollar worth of ships abroad in the second half.

Domestic shipyards are expected to gain a trade surplus of 19 billion US dollars this year, accounting for 70 per cent of South Korea's aggregate trade surplus, it said.

MNA/Xinhua



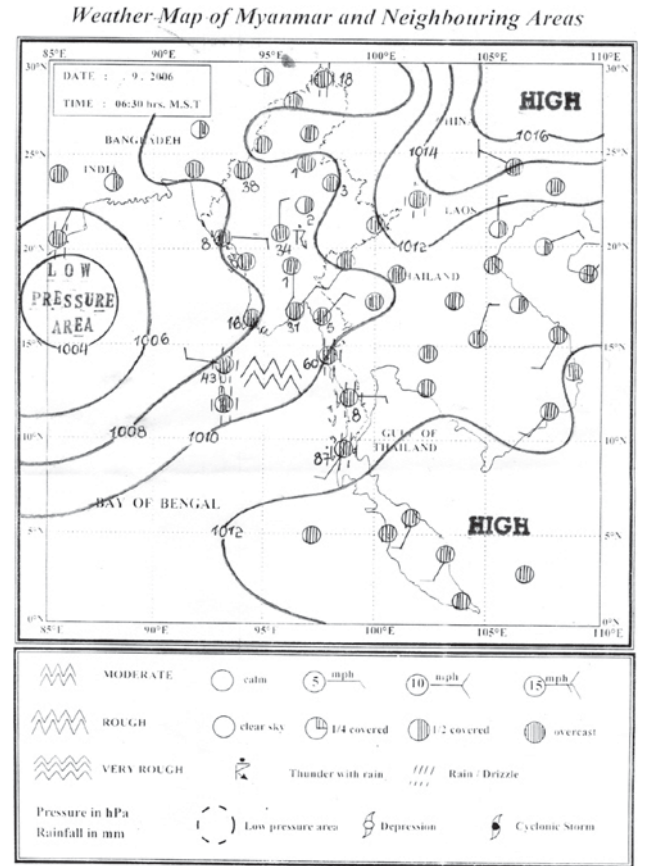
Rose Brunnelle holds an umbrella over Gary Lewis at the World of Speed event at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah on 14 Sept, 2006. — INTERNET

## Belgian trains collide, several slightly hurt

BRUSSELS, 16 Sept — A Belgian passenger train hit a stationary train close to the northwest city of Bruges on Friday, slightly injuring several people, a railway official said.

Three people were taken to hospital but their injuries were not serious, a local fire official said, adding the crash took place around 12:10 pm (1010 GMT).

MNA/Reuters



### WEATHER

Saturday, 16 September, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (3.54) inches, Dawei (3.27) inches, Co co Island (1.93) inches, Meiktila (1.73) inches, Kalewa (1.50) inches, Ye (1.34) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.30) inches, Thipaw and Taunggyi (1.18) inches each, Aunglan (0.51) inch and Magway (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-9-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 16-9-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 16-9-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 15-9-2006 was (5.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 16-9-2006 were (0.99) inch at Mingaladon, (1.36) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.07) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (85.16) inches at Mingaladon, (96.73) inches at Kaba-Aye and (101.54) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (09:30) hours MST on 16-9-2006.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, last night low pressure area over West Central Bay still persist. Monsoon is moderate in Andaman Sea and South Bay and generally weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 17-9-2006:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan, Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread 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:** Continuations of rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 17-9-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 17-9-2006:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 17-9-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

## Radio Myanmar

Sunday, 17 September  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-Can't leave alone... George Mc Crea
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:  
-Goodbye-Nothing to say ... Nosmo King
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:  
-Under my thumb ... Wayne Gilson
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am Music:  
-Get dancing... DiscoTex & The Sex-O-lettes
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Children's delight  
-O—One who freed someone's life  
-Story for children  
-Songs for children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20pm Music/ latest hits/ let's improve English through songs  
- Lullaby .... Mandah  
-Vacation .... Vitamin C
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Sunday, 17 September  
View on today

- 7:00 am  
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- 7:25 am  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am  
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am  
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:00 am  
6. အရေးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am  
7. ခရမ်းချောင်းတံတား
- 8:15 am  
8. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am  
9. International news
- 8:45 am  
10. Say it in English
- 11:00 am  
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am  
2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am  
3. Round up of the week's internatinal news
- 11:35 am  
4. Yan can cook
- 11:50 pm  
5. Myanmar Movie:  
“တိမ်လွှာမို့မို့လွင်” (ဝင်းဦး၊ အောင်လွင်၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- စံရွှေမောင်)
- 2:25 pm  
6. ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်မြောက်ပိုင်း (လားရှိုး) ကြက်ဆူစိုက်ပျိုးရေး
- 2:40 pm  
7. “အန္တရာယ်ဆိုတာလက်တစ်ကမ်းမှာ” (စိုးသူ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)
- 2:45 pm  
8. International news
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm  
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm  
4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm  
5. Dance of national races
- 5:05 pm  
6. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ဖြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 5:15 pm  
7. သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုး အထွက်တိုး (သီးနှံတွင် ပေါက်ရောက်သော ပေါင်းမြက်ကာကွယ် နှိမ်နင်းရေးနည်းလမ်းများ)
- 5:25 pm  
8. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm  
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm  
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm  
11. သိရိဂေဟာ
- 7:00 pm  
12. Discovery
- 7:10 pm  
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဟောမာန်ဆောင်းရဲနေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 8:00 pm  
14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
- 18. The next day's programme

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## MOGE, Russia, India sign production sharing contract on oil and gas exploration, drilling and production

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept — A production sharing contract for Mottama Offshore Block M-8 was signed by Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, JSC Zarubezhneft, Itera Oil and Gas Company of the Russian Federation and Sun Group of the Republic of India at Royal Kumudra Hotel in here yesterday.

Present were Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thin Thin, Charge d'Affairs of the Embassy of the Russian Federation Mr Roman V Svistin, Mr Alexander Ostrovskiy of JSC Zarubezhneft, Director of Department for International Projects of Itera Oil and Gas Company and representative of Sun Group Mr Andrey Lepikhin, officials and guests.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi delivered an opening address. Next, Mr Andrey Lepikhin, Mr Alexander Ostrovskiy and Managing Director of MOGE U Myint Kyi also spoke.

*Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi presents work permit to Director Mr Andrey Lepikhin of Department for Information Projects from ITERA Oil and Gas Company, the representative of Sun Group.*

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Afterwards, Managing Director U Myint Kyi, Mr Andrey Lepikhin, Mr Alexander Ostrovskiy and Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myint signed the contract.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented the work permit and Vice-Chairman of MIC Minister Maj-Gen

Tin Htut the permit of MIC to the representative of Itera Oil and Gas Co and Sun Group.

Under the contract, oil and gas will be explored, drilled and produced in block M-8 of Mottama offshore.

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## Farmers in Shan State (North) reaping benefits of Hsinshweli

Myanmar, an agro-based country, has given the first priority to paddy in growing crops, with a view to ensuring regional rice sufficiency. Local farmers in Shan State (North) are now reaping the rewards of growing Hsinshweli strain paddy that has helped the re-

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gion produce paddy surplus.

Shan State (North) organized the inter-district Hsinshweli strain paddy growing contest for 2005-2006 and the first prize went to Muse District. The

first-prize winner was Shan national U Sai Aik Aye, 27, of Namhkam, whose 4.5-acre field yielded paddy at the rate of 299.59 baskets per acre. Among his fields, the one with the least output showed the rate of

296.24 baskets.

With the aim of ensuring rice security, enabling farmers to sell their paddy surplus and persuading them to choose high-yield paddy strains, the chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council organized the contest and presented handsome prizes and gifts to the winners.

In an interview, first prize winner U Sai Aik Aye said, "I was born of a farmer family. I have extended the business of my parents. Now, I have four and a half acres of paddy field. I wanted to enjoy paddy surplus, so I chose Hsinshweli paddy

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*A combine harvester reaping paddy in the field of U Sai Aik Aye of Namhkam.*

## Members of armed groups exchange arms for peace

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept— Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, the State Peace and Development Council has been paying serious attention to national unity. Moreover, it has put all of its energy into national development. Having realized the attitude and goodwill of the government and known their misdeeds, members of armed groups exchanged arms for peace individually or in groups.

In the months of May, June, July and August, recruit Nwe Shan of SSA (Ywet Sit) group; and Sgt Kyakaw, Pvt Kyati and Hlawka of Battalion 518 together with six family members exchanged arms for peace bringing one pistol, one carbine, one rifle, two magazines, 20 rounds of ammunition in the area of Triangle Region Command. Pvts Sai Leik (a) Silane and Sai Tun Sein of SSA (Ywet Sit) group; Nay Min Aung (a) Law Du with the rank of deputy township chief of KNPP armed group bringing one pistol, one magazine, 6 rounds of ammunition, one grenade and one walkie-talkie; Pvt Lin Lin Oo with one AK 47 automatic rifle and 104 rounds of ammunition; Pvt Real with one gun and 5 ammo exchanged arms for peace in the area of Eastern Command. Cpl Yasin of Brigade 6 of KNU armed group together with one pistol, one magazine and 4 rounds of ammunition; Saw Soe Than with the rank of 2nd Lt, Pvt Saw Kabawyu, Saw Aung Kyi, Saw Aung Naing Tun, Saw Pho Htit and Zaw Htai of Battalion-16; Saw Aung Chit Tun with the rank of major, Saw Mee Khe and Saw Kyaw Kyaw Aung with the rank of 2nd Lt, Sgt Saw Ku Ku, Pvts Aung Zaw Win, Saw Hla Aye, Kyaw Kyaw, Myint Tin, Mya Thein, Saw Nay Hse, Kyaw Tint, Saw Win Aung, Saw Than Win, Saw Joy Htoo, Saw Pho Ta, Saw Kaw Ko Htoo, Khin Maung Win, Saw Soe Moe, Soe Min Htwe,

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