

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

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Chile

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ms Michelle Bachelet Jerla, President of the Republic of Chile, on the anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Chile which falls on 18 September 2006. —MNA

At the upcoming National Convention the reports of the Panel of Alternate Chairmen on the proposals of the respective delegate groups and some delegates to the National Convention held from 5 December 2005 to 31 January 2006 will be presented.

National Convention Convening Work Committee meets

NCCWC to explain matters on detailed basic principles that should be laid down for the remaining chapters

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—The National Convention Convening Work Committee held its meeting at the meeting hall of Supreme Court here this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaung Nyunt, joint secretaries and members of the Work Committee.

Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting and Secretary U Thaung Nyunt acted as master of ceremonies.

In his address, Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe said that the seven-step Road Map has been laid down and is being

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Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers an address at the meeting. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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For greater development of border areas

With a view to forging national solidarity, the government has laid down border areas and national races development projects and has given priority to the development of economy, education and health and social affairs.

With the prevalence of peace and tranquillity in border areas, socio-economic infrastructures were built and now living standard of the national people has improved significantly.

Over 5,000 miles of new roads, 70 major bridges and over 900 small bridges were built and old roads were also upgraded for ensuring smooth transport. As a result, the people living in the border areas have gained access to better communication and travelling.

Basic education schools were constructed for enhancing the efficiency of youths in the border areas and 27 border areas and national youth development training schools were opened. Moreover, two Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges were opened in Yangon and Mandalay to enable national race youths to pursue higher education.

Health care services are being provided to the people with the building of 79 hospitals, 105 dispensaries, 58 rural health care centres and 140 rural health care branches in the border areas.

Nowadays, the entire Shan State including Taunggyi, Lashio, Kengtung and Panglong development regions has developed more and more. The emergence of industrial zones and border trade camps and rapid development of border towns such as Muse, Chinshwehaw, Laukkai, Mongla and Tachilek is testament to the progress of border areas.

So far, the government has spent over K 84,750 million on border areas and national races development projects. The ministries concerned, regional work committees, local national race organizations and the people will continue to raise its development momentum and to actively participate in implementation of the projects.

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

International Literacy Day and UN Literacy Decade observed in Bago

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — A ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day and the United Nations Literacy Decade was held at Kaytu Yadana Mingala Hall in Toungoo on 8 September.

Present were Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chairperson of Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee wife of the Commander Daw Sao Nan Khun Hsam, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint, senior military officers and officials.

The commander spoke on the occasion. Next, the commander, wife and officials presented prizes to winners of essay contest (division-level) to mark the International Literacy Day and the United Nations Literacy Decade. The commander and party viewed documentary photos of the literacy campaign in Bago Division, non-formal education activities and prize-winning essays, paintings and posters. — MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Chile

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Sr Alejandro Foxley, Minister of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Chile, on the anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Chile which falls on 18 September 2006. — MNA

Mr Accounting Software introduced



Adviser U Tin Maung Tun of IT Myanmar presents a certificate to a trainee. — UMFCI

YANGON, 17 Sept — A ceremony to introduce Mr Accounting Software and to present course completion certificates organized by IT Myanmar was held at Traders Hotel here this morning.

General Manager Daw Lwin Lwin Myint of IT Myanmar presented facts about Mr Accounting Software, and Manager of the course U Nay Lin Oo matters on Mr Accounting ERP Production Software. Afterwards, Adviser U Tin Maung Tun completion certificates to trainees who passed the course. A trainee spoke words of thanks.

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Yangon North District USDA AGM held

YANGON, 17 Sept — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa viewed sanitation tasks on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township carried out by members of USDA, Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association yesterday morning.

Next, the CEC member attended the Annual General Meeting-2006 of Yangon North District USDA at University of Medical Technology. Afterwards, he accepted K 1.72 million for the USDA donated by 57 wellwishers and presented awards to outstanding school children of the USDA members and outstanding members of the association. — MNA

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Progress in construction of Nay Pyi Taw Auto-exchange of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in Nay Pyi Taw. (News reported) — MNA

Wen, Merkel agree to promote concrete cooperation

BERLIN, 16 Sept— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and German Chancellor Angela Merkel agreed on Thursday to further promote cooperation between China and Germany.

The agreement was reached during Wen's talks with Merkel after he arrived in Berlin on Thursday morning. Trade is a key issue which Wen and Merkel touched on in their talks. China is satisfied with the "strong growth momentum" in trade, Wen said.

Germany has remained

the largest European trade partner of China for more than three decades and it is also one of the largest foreign investors in China and one of Europe's key technology transferers to China.

The development of the Sino-German partnership with global responsibility is in the interest of the two

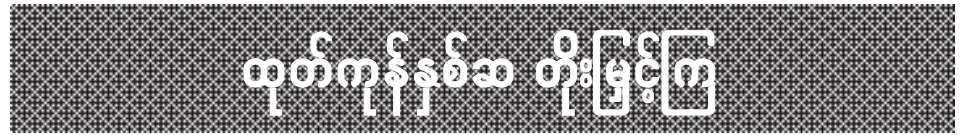
countries and conducive to world peace, stability and development, Wen said.

Merkel said the Germany-China ties are important and the German side is satisfied with the fruitful cooperation.

Wen and Merkel also exchanged views on international issues.

They agreed that the international community should jointly safeguard international non-proliferation regime and addressed the Iranian nuclear issue with flexible methods.

MNA/Xinhua



UN Secretary General Kofi Annan addresses the 14th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit of heads of state or government in Havana, capital of Cuba on 15 Sept, 2006. Representatives from over 100 countries, including 68 heads of state or government, attended the summit at the Conference Palace here Friday.—XINHUA



The Russian Soyuz TMA-9 spacecraft is set on its launch pad at Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on 16 Sept, 2006. The spacecraft carrying the ISS-14 crew is scheduled to blast off on Monday.—INTERNET

US lawmaker to admit guilt in corruption case

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept— A Republican congressman agreed to plead guilty to illegally accepting tens of thousands of dollars in trips, meals, drinks and tickets, becoming the first US lawmaker

convicted in the Jack Abramoff political corruption scandal, US officials said on Friday.

The plea deal represented a sharp reversal for Ohio Representative. Bob Ney, who had denied any

wrongdoing. He was first elected to the US House of Representatives in 1994 and abandoned his race for re-election last month as the federal investigation intensified into his links to the convicted lobbyist

Abramoff.

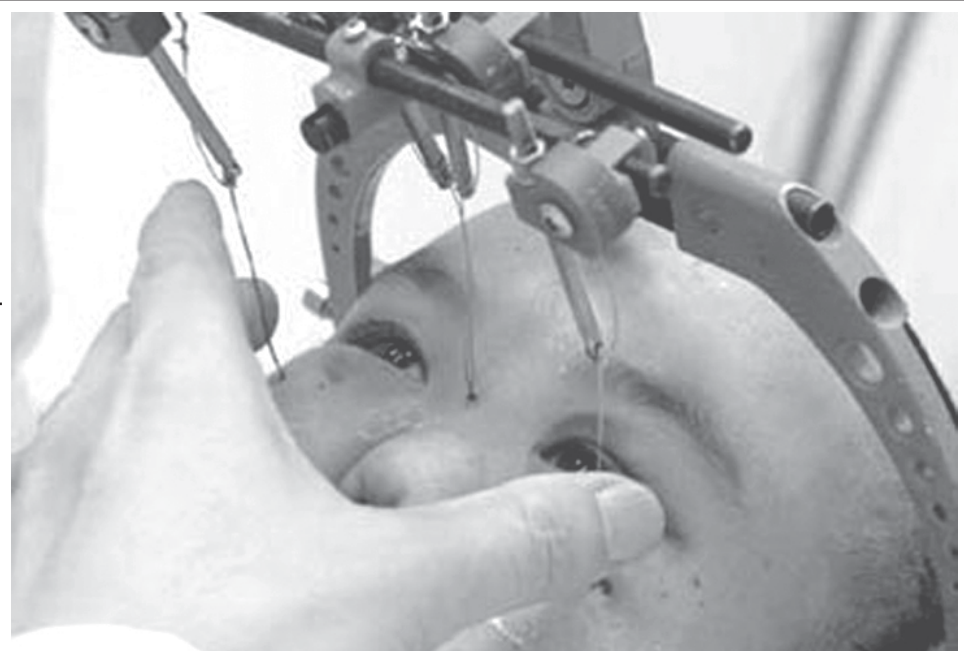
The Abramoff scandal and other corruption cases have hurt Republicans as they seek to keep control of the US Congress in the November elections. Abramoff, a former top Washington lobbyist, had close ties to congressional leaders, especially Republicans.

"Congressman Ney admits that he corruptly solicited and accepted a stream of benefits valued at tens of thousands of dollars in exchange for agreeing to perform and performing a series of official acts," Assistant Attorney General Alice Fisher said.

"He also admitted deceiving the public and the US House of Representatives about his actions," she said.

"I have made serious mistakes and am sorry for them," Ney said.

MNA/Reuters



Wang Na is under treatment at the Oral Hospital under the Fourth Military Medical University, in Xi'an, on 14 Sept, 2006. The 18-year-old girl from the province's Heyang County, has no zygomas, the part of the bone of the skull forming the prominence of the cheek. She also has no maxillas, a pair of bones in the skull which form the upper jaw.—XINHUA

Four robbers caught after 20-minute chase

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 Sept— Four men who robbed a convenience store were arrested after a 20-minute car chase yesterday.

The four, aged between 20 and 26, were caught on Jalan Semarak at 5.50am after a mobile police vehicles (MPV) cornered their Perodua Kancil.

The drama began at 5.20am when two of the suspects, each brandishing a parang, robbed the 7-Eleven convenience store on Jalan Genting Klang of several boxes of Dunhill cigarettes, 12 Hotlink prepaid coupons and cash from the register.

The robbers jumped into the Kancil in which two others were waiting and they sped off towards Setapak Jaya. Police said one of the store's employees called police and an MPV was dispatched.

Ten minutes later, the MPV with two policemen spotted the Kancil in Jalan Usahawan beating a traffic light. They gave chase, calling for four other MPVs for assistance.

Police fired two shots at the Kancil.

One shot hit the right front tyre while the other pierced the back of the car and hit one of the robbers. "The car stopped in front of Menara Celcom and they were arrested," said the police.—Internet

27m Chinese rural households to use marsh gas by 2010

HARBIN, 16 Sept— Around 27 million Chinese rural households, 10 per cent of the total, will be able to use clean marsh gas energy by 2010, according to China's Ministry of Agriculture.

The programme, partly funded by local governments, will make marsh gas available to more rural households as the country strives to curb severe pollution and to use energy more efficiently.

Large numbers of rural Chinese, especially those in remote villages, suffer from severe cooking smoke

pollution caused by using dry straw, reeds or coal as cooking fuel.

"It will also help improve energy efficiency, because a lot of China's one billion tons of straw and reeds is wasted or used in an inefficient manner," said Yan Li, a research fellow at the ministry's marsh gas research centre.

Yan said that straw and reeds can be turned into clean, highly efficient marsh gas for farmers' cooking.

MNA/Xinhua

Leaders of India, Brazil, S Africa meet to boost cooperation

BRASILIA, 16 Sept — The first summit of the India, Brazil and South Africa Dialogue Forum (IBSA) opened here on Wednesday, with agreements on boosting cooperation in politics, economy, trade and technology signed.

The summit held three years after the launch of IBSA drew Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silver, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and South African President Thabo Mbeki.

The three leaders, appreciating the increasing role of the IBSA in coordination and cooperation among the three countries, vowed to strengthen the trilateral ties in all fields, said a communique after their meeting.

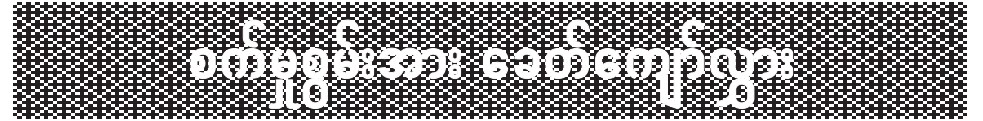
On energy, they agreed to cooperate in the peaceful use of nuclear energy and set up a working group for the research and promotion of alternative

energy technologies.

They also signed agreements on agriculture, energy, naval shipping and information technology, deciding to establish a working group for exploring the possibility of a free trade agreement among India, the South American Common Market and the Southern African Customs Union.

IBSA, initiated by Lula and established in 2003, aims to enhance the exchanges and cooperation among the three developing countries and seek a stronger say during their talks with developed countries. The next summit is slated for 2007 in South Africa.

MNA/Xinhua



Heads of the six member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), heads from the four observer countries of SCO, and SCO Secretary-General pose for a group photo in Dushanbe, on 15 Sept, 2006. The fifth SCO Prime Ministers' meeting held here on Friday.—XINHUA

Minister calls for global green technology sharing

SYDNEY, 17 Sept—Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell says more must be done to encourage the transfer of energy-saving technology throughout the world. Senator Campbell has just returned from an international climate change meeting in Zurich. He says he is frustrated at the lack of action to ensure the spread of environmental breakthroughs, such as low-emission light bulbs.

Senator Campbell says the United Nations must establish a high-level working group to focus on technology transfer.

“Let’s identify the barriers and challenges that stand in the way of technology transfer, say for a light bulb but also for carbon sequestration storage or a range of other technologies, then work together as a group of ministers to identify those barriers,” he said.—Internet



Mine rescuers from Chinese Pingdingshan Colliery Group participate in the simulated rescue contest during the 5th International Mine Rescue Contest held in Pingdingshan City, central China’s Henan Province on 15 Sept, 2006.—Xinhua

US Marine killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept—An American Marine was killed on Friday in the volatile Anbar Province as a result of “enemy action”, the US military said in a statement.

In a separate statement, the military said another soldier was killed late on Thursday in a roadside bomb blast while conducting a foot patrol.

The US military said earlier Friday that bombings and shootings killed four American soldiers and wounded 25 in and around Baghdad on Thursday.

A suicide car bomber attacked US troops at approximately 2:50 pm (1050 GMT) on the western outskirts of the city, leaving two soldiers killed and 25 others wounded, the US military said in a statement.

Since the US-led war in Iraq, broke out in March 2003, more than 2,670 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq, according to media count.

MNA/Xinhua

A truck leaves the flooded Bonneville Salt Flats race track in Utah on 15 Sept, 2006. The World of Speed event was cancelled on Friday after heavy rains flooded the Bonneville Salt Flats.
INTERNET



Singer Beyonce performs during a free outdoor concert to promote her new solo album "B'Day" in Toronto on 15 Sept, 2006.
INTERNET

Immigrant deaths on US-Mexican border double

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept — The number of illegal immigrants dying while trying to cross the Mexican border to enter the United States has almost doubled since the late-1990s, according to the report by the investigative arm of Congress. Most died in Arizona because increased border security in urban areas in California and Texas forced immigrants to take the dangerous route

across the state’s desert, according to the General Accounting Office, or GAO.

The number of deaths reached 472 last year, compared to 241 deaths in 1999, the study showed, and there was a sharp increase in the number of women and children dying, probably because it is becoming harder for men to cross and bring their families later.—MNA/Reuters

China refutes US senators' criticism of China's currency regime reform

BEIJING, 16 Sept— Linking the issue of China's currency regime reform to the United States's growing trade deficit with China is "detrimental to both sides", a spokesman with the Ministry of Commerce said on Friday.

"The current friction in Sino-US trade is normal," spokesman Chong Quan told a Press conference here on Friday.

The response came after two US senators threatened Thursday to push for a vote on punitive

tariffs against China for making little progress on reforming its currency regime.

He said that China hoped both sides could resolve disputes through peaceful consultation.

"Taking restrictive or

protective measures in Sino-US trade relations will damage the interests of both sides," he said.

On Thursday, senators Charles Schumer and Lindsey Graham submitted a request to the Senate leadership for a

vote on a bill seeking to impose a punitive tariff of 27.5 per cent on Chinese imports unless China revalues its yuan currency.

China started to revalue its currency, the yuan, in July last year by linking it to a basket of currencies instead of the greenback alone and allowing it to move within a 0.3-per-cent floating band, up or down, each day.—MNA/Xinhua

Letter from captive Israeli soldier given to family

GAZA, 16 Sept— A letter written by abducted Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit was given to his family by Gaza militants in a potential breakthrough after nearly three months in captivity, a source involved in the talks said on Friday.

The letter written in Shalit's handwriting is the first tangible sign of life since militants from the governing Hamas group and two other factions seized him in a cross-border raid on 25 June, prompting an Israeli offensive.

"The abducted soldier wrote the letter by his own handwriting to his parents telling them he is fine and well," the source told Reuters, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The source said the

letter was handed to Egyptian mediators in Gaza, who then handed it over to Shalit's family.

The letter appears to have been written earlier this week, the source said.—MNA/Reuters



Spanish peace-keepers strike camp near Taybeh village in south Lebanon, on 16 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Spain's 570 soldiers arrive in Tyre to join UNIFIL

BEIRUT, 16 Sept— A total of 570 Spanish troops on Friday arrived South Lebanon to join the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL) implementing of UN Resolution 1701, said a UNIFIL source.

The source said that 570 officers and soldiers

on board of three Spanish warships arrived in Lebanese seashore city of Tyre, adding that the deployment of the Spanish forces would require three days, and that they would be working under the umbrella of the UNIFIL.

MNA/Xinhua

Hurricane "Lane" pounds Mexico's Pacific coast

LOS CABOS, 17 Sept— Hurricane Lane barrelled into Mexico's Sea of Cortez on Saturday, threatening to lash a popular tourist resort with high winds and heavy rain after killing a small boy in a rockslide in Acapulco.

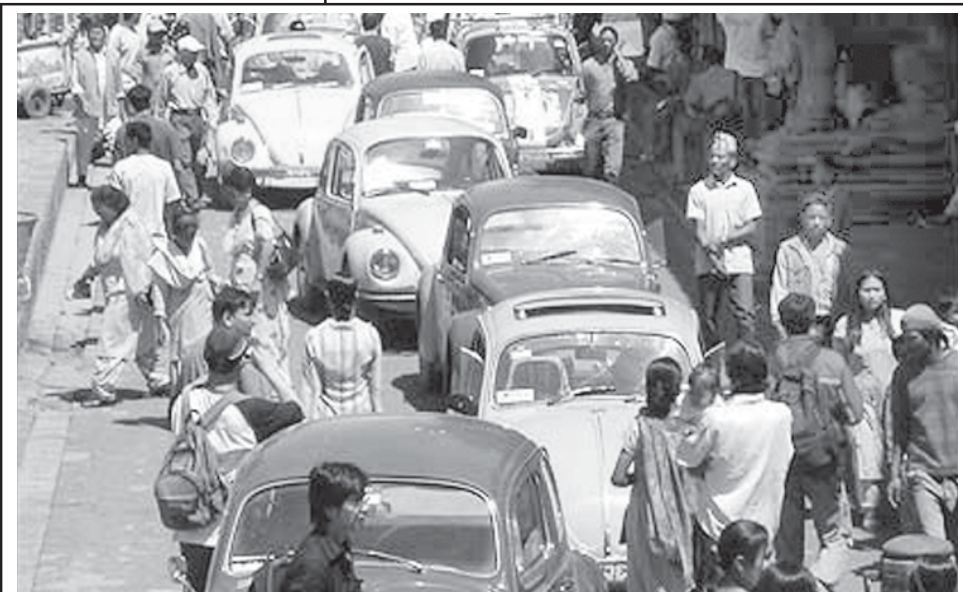
Gathering power swiftly, Lane packed winds of almost 120 mph (195 kph), blowing down trees in the city of Manzanillo as it churned north-northwest along the coast.

Lane steamed toward the northwestern state of Sinaloa as it turned into a Category 3 storm, according to the US Hurricane Centre in Miami.

A hurricane warning was in force in the Baja California beach resort of

Los Cabos, popular with US vacationers for its golf courses, yachting and big game fishing.

MNA/Reuters



Dozens of Volkswagen Beetles—also known as bugs—have converged on the Kathmandu area recently for the sixth rally run by An-Bug—the Association of Nepal Beetle Users Group.—INTERNET

Visitors watch a piece of needlework during a needlework culture exhibition in Shanghai, east China on 15 Sept, 2006. XINHUA



Dead ape sparks rabies fear in Paris suburbs

PARIS, 16 Sept— An ape found near Paris might have died of rabies and anyone who has recently been bitten or scratched by a monkey in the region should seek medical care, health authorities said on Friday.

The sick Barbary ape was abandoned near a vet's clinic in the southeastern suburbs of Paris earlier this week. It died shortly afterwards and initial tests suggested it had been suffering from rabies or Simian herpes. Further tests are underway, but as a precautionary measure the Health Ministry issued a statement warning of the risks.—MNA/Reuters

Jet crash kills two in south Russia

MOSCOW, 16 Sept— A jet crashed in south Russia on Friday, killing two on board, the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said.

The Yak-52 belonging to Russia's Aviation Lovers Federation crashed two kilometres from the southern Russia city of Stavropol at 2:00 pm Moscow Time (1000 GMT). "There were no fatalities or damage on the ground," an emergencies official was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.—MNA/Xinhua

Small plane crashes in southern Turkey

ANKARA, 16 Sept— A small plane crashed on Friday in the southern Turkish province of Adana, injuring the pilot, the private NTV news channel reported. The one-engine plane crashed in a factory in Denizli District of Adana, causing minor damage to the nearby buildings, witnesses were quoted as saying.

The injured pilot was rushed to hospital for treatment, NTV said, adding the cause of the incident was under investigation.—MNA/Xinhua

Powerful typhoon bears down on southern Japan

TOKYO, 16 Sept—A powerful typhoon was battering Japan's remote southwestern islands with strong winds and torrential rains on Saturday, as it shifted course to head closer to the country's main islands.

Typhoon Shanshan was 70 kilometres (44 miles) north of the tiny island of Ishigakijima as of 9:00 am and moving north northeast at 15 kilometres per hour, bringing winds gusting up to 180 kilometres an hour.—MNA/Reuters

Belarus warns nationals against working in US

MINSK, 16 Sept — Ex-Soviet Belarus, accused in the West of crushing fundamental rights, told its nationals on Friday not to take part in summer work programmes in the United States because it was too dangerous.

The US Embassy dismissed the allegations and said Belarusians — and other foreigners — were safe in the United States.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said a note had been submitted to US Charge d'Affaires Jonathan Moore noting that two Belarusian students

had been killed while taking part in the US State Department's Summer Work and Travel programme.

A third participant in the programme, offering a four-month stay in the United States, had been robbed.

"A series of tragic incidents involving

Belarusian citizens show that competent US authorities have neither the ability nor the wish to ensure the safety of Belarusians," a ministry statement said.

"In view of the serious danger posed to the life and health of Belarusian citizens on the territory of the United States, it is

therefore recommended that they avoid taking part in the Summer Work and Travel Programme."

The ministry said that if authorities in Washington were unable to protect foreign nationals, "they should openly warn world public opinion".

MNA/Reuters



Germany's Development Minister Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul (R) speaks while World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz looks on during a news conference on the bank's new "Gender Equality as Smart Economics" initiative at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)-World Bank meetings in Singapore on 16 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Yemen confirms foiled attacks on oil, gas facilities

SANAA, 16 Sept — Yemen's security sources confirmed on Friday that it foiled two attempted attacks on oil and gas facilities, killing four suicide car bombers.

Yemen's state news agency *Saba* reported that Yemeni security forces blew up four cars used by unknown gunmen to carry out the suicide attacks before they reached their targets, leaving one security guard was killed during the action.

There was no damage to the facilities targeted, the agency added.

Security sources had said earlier that the gunmen's targets were an oil refinery in the northeast province of Mareb and an oil storage facility at the Dubba Port in Haramut Province.

MNA/Xinhua



French peacekeepers in a convoy of newly painted armoured personnel carrier, head off from Beirut, on 16 Sept, 2006, to join UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon. —INTERNET

Another US soldier killed in Baghdad roadside bomb attack

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept — A US soldier was killed late on Thursday in northwest of Baghdad in a roadside bomb attack,

the US military said on Friday.

A soldier from the MultiNational Division-Baghdad was conducting a foot patrol when the blast occurred, the military said in a statement.

Earlier on Friday, the US military said bombings and shootings killed four American soldiers and wounded 25 in and around Baghdad on Thursday.

A suicide car bomber attacked US troops at approximately 2:50 pm (1050 GMT) on the western outskirts of the city, leaving two soldiers killed and 25 others wounded, the US military said in a separate statement.

Another two US soldiers were also killed in the capital region. One soldier was killed when a

roadside bomb hit his vehicle in southern Baghdad, while the second soldier died of wounds received from small arms fire when his unit was attacked in southeastern Baghdad, according to the statement. —MNA/Xinhua

Activists slam birth control for elephants in India

KOLKATA, 16 Sept — Wildlife groups have slammed a move by an Indian state to give contraceptives to domesticated elephants to control their numbers saying it would hurt the pachyderm population already under threat.

The eastern Indian state of West Bengal has said that it lacked funds for the upkeep of elephants that it employs for patrolling sanctuaries, and will start giving them birth control injections and pills from

this month.

But the move has been criticized by wildlife groups who say the animals are already under pressure due to increasing habitat destruction and poaching.

India has nearly half of the world's 60,000 Asian elephants. West Bengal accounts for around 400 elephants, 65 of which are in captivity, some of which are used by forest guards for patrolling wildlife sanctuaries.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese court introduces computer system to decide prison sentences

BEIJING, 16 Sept — A Chinese court which adopted a computer software system to help judges sentence criminals has seen no appeals after more than 1,000 criminal cases.

The software, tested for two years in a court in Zibo, east China's Shandong Province, was applied in more than 100 different crimes and aimed at ensuring standardized decisions on prison terms.

A local software company and a Beijing-based software company have worked with the Zichuan District Court to develop the programme and input laws and judicial interpretations since 2003.

Judges enter the details of a case and the system suggests a sentence under a minute. Judges still have the discretion to adjust the sentence on the basis of their own judgement to the case.

The Legal Daily newspaper cited a traffic accident case, when a judge input "a traffic accident in which one person died" and the computer stated the "basic sentence should be one year".

The judge then input "the accused should bear 90 per cent of the responsibility for the accident", and the screen showed "an increase of nine months". The judge input "the accused confessed and promised compensation", and the software replied "reduce the sentence duration by 15 to 25 per cent".

Finally the judging panel imposed a 13-month jail term.

MNA/Xinhua



Firemen extinguish a fire in an industrial area on the outskirts of the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 15 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Ingyin Thaboe Dam to benefit 1,268 acres...

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Dabayin Township is a region where water is scarce in the hot season especially in the months of Tagu and Kason, so in the past, local residents had to fetch clean water from its surrounding regions about four to six miles away. Since the month when the embankment was built, the region has no longer suffered the difficulties based on scarcity of water. In the region,

In the past, we had to walk for about three miles to fetch clean water. When the rainy season was over, we spent a night to fetch water from the Kanparni Creek. The Tatmadaw Government, it sinks tube-wells and that has relieved our anxiety about water.
(Farmer U Tut)



it is needed to drill as deep as 400 to 600 feet to sink a tube-well.

Thanks to the new roads needed for the implementation of the project, the region has enjoyed better transport. Mostly, the region cultivates beans and pulses and plum. Township level organizations are now taking all possible measures to enable the region to start growing paddy as soon as the facility starts its course of water supply. It is expected to cultivate



Assistant Director U Soe Tint briefs Myanmar Alin daily staff on salient points about the project.

late monsoon paddy plus 500 acres of summer paddy.

The facility has a 44-foot-high and 8,900-foot-long embankment. Its full water storage capacity will be 6,226 acre feet, and still water storage capacity, 1,449 acre feet, and its full water surface area, 654 acres.

We Myanmar Alin daily staff interviewed a local farmer.

Q: Your name, please?

A: I am U Pyu.

Q: Where do you live and what are you?

A: I live in Ingyin Thaboe Village. I am a farmer.

Q: May I know your opinion about the dam?

A: I am very pleased with it. It has not been opened yet but has already started to supply clean water. Prior to the project, we villagers had to get water from waterholes for human consumption and water from tube-wells for livestock breeding. And in the hot season, we had to walk for three or four miles to fetch clean water.

Q: What crops do you grow?

A: We grow green gram and sunflower in addition to monsoon paddy and pigeon pea.

Then, we interviewed U Tut of Ingyin Thaboe Village.

Q: What is your name, please?

A: My name is U Tut.



I am very pleased with the dam because it is going to supply irrigation water and clean water. (Farmer U Pyu)

Q: And, how old are you?

A: I am 64.

Q: What is your occupation?

A: I am a farmer.

Q: What crops do you grow?

A: I grow green gram, pigeon pea and paddy.

Q: How many acres do you grow paddy and pigeon pea?

A: Not so many. Just three to four acres.

Q: What else do you grow?

A: Plump, round about 1,000 plump trees or ten acres.

Q: How long does it take for a farmer to start to reap benefits from plum trees?

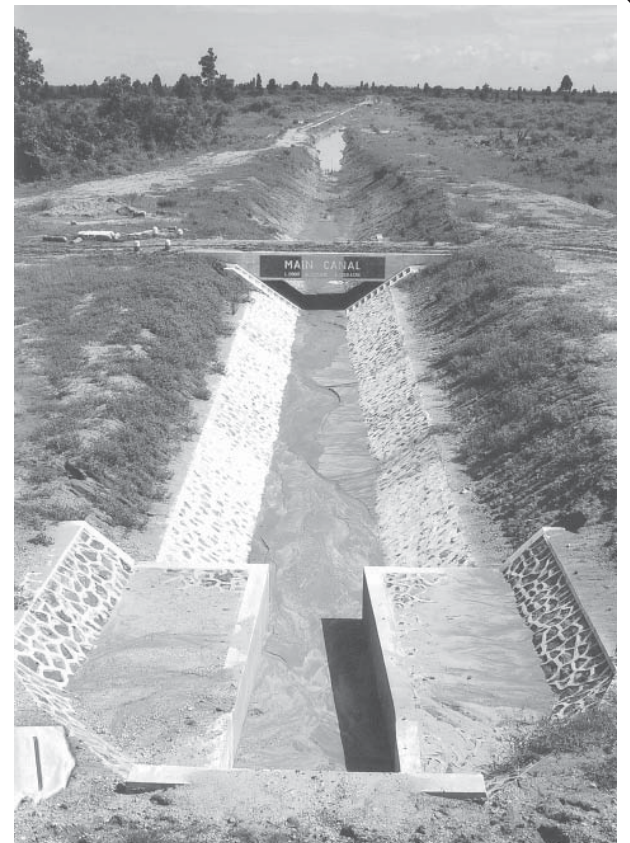
A: We recoup the capital in the third year.

Q: Well, what are the benefits?

A: I make a benefit of 1.2 million kyats from 1,000 plum trees a year. I have to spend over three hundred thousands on the farm including labour charges of over one hundred thousand kyats.

Q: What is your opinion if you are advised to grow paddy instead of plum?

A: I will have to do so if the government wants to. As a matter of fact, paddy is a crop that can serve long-term interests of our posterity as well as ours. Now, water is scarce in our region, so I still have to grow plum. I have never grown paddy and I don't know the process and benefits of growing paddy. In the past, we had to walk for about three miles to fetch water. In the



The 2.5-mile-long main canal of the Ingyin Thaboe Dam.

time of the Tatmadaw Government, it sinks tube-wells and that has relieved our anxiety about water. And we don't need to pay money for the project. Now, a dam has been constructed and it has started to supply water. I am very pleased with it. When the dam starts irrigation process, we can grow paddy, and then, we will no longer need to buy rice from other regions for our consumption.

In addition to the villagers of Ingyin Thaboe Village, many people from Dabayin and Budalin said that on completion of the project, there would be plenty of rice and clean water.

For the time being, they could fetch water from the dam by bullock cart. The villagers of Ingyin Thaboe Village were very fortunate because they had also enjoyed better transport. When they start growing paddy, they no longer need to go to other regions to earn money and they can do their businesses in their own region, they said.

Therefore, upon completion, the facility will make substantial contribution towards water supply, raising the social and economic sectors of the region and the nation, and the greening of the region.

Translation: MS

(Myanma Alin: 17-9-2006)



Staff Officer U Htay Win explains construction of the embankment, spillway, and control tower of the irrigation facility.

Tatmadaw families (Army, Navy and Air), wellwishers offer provisions...

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provisions of the Tatmadaw families to the Sayadaw.

Wellwishers also donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine, gram and other donations to the Sayadaw.

The Yangon Station Commander, senior military officers and departmental heads accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented

Vipassana Monastery Sayadaw Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Bhaddanta Sundara delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

Today's donations to monasteries and nunneries in Thingangyun Township totalled 704 bags of rice, 351 viss of edible oil, 3,112 viss of iodized salt, 2,044 bottles of traditional medicine,

monasteries in the precinct of Thayettaw Kyaungtaik, at 3 pm today. Chairman of the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Hmamkyaung Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññajota invested the congregation with the Five Precepts.

Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe presented robes and provisions to the



A military officer accepts cash donation from a wellwisher.

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Military officers donate alms to a Sayadaw.— MNA

certificates of honour to them.

Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters supplicated on the purpose of the donations to the Sayadaws.

Later, Sunlungu

622 viss of gram, 622 tubes of toothpaste, 3,112 bars of soap and K 37,462,840.

In Lanmadaw Township, a similar ceremony was held to donate provisions to 66

Sayadaw. Senior military officers and departmental officials donated robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

On behalf of the Tatmadaw families, three senior military officers

offered provisions to the Sayadaw. Likewise, wellwishers presented cash and kind to the Sayadaw.

Senior military officers accepted cash donations from wellwishers and gave certificates of honour to them.

Cmdr Myint Swe of Ayeyawady Naval Region

Command Headquarters supplicated on the purpose of the donation.

Later, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññajota delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Today's donations to monasteries in the precinct of Thayettaw Kyaungtaik totalled 243

bags of rice, 119 viss of edible oil, 123 viss of gram, 657 viss of iodized salt, 1,960 bottles of traditional medicine, 123 tubes of toothpaste, 752 bars of soap and K 6,203,050 to the 'soon' offering fund and K 803,000 for renovation of the Pariyatti Ale Taik.

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Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe donates provisions to a Sayadaw.— MNA

Coordination meeting of Ministry of Construction concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — The coordination meeting of the Ministry of Construction was held at the ministry on 16 September morning.

It was attended by Minister for Construction

Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, departmental heads, superintending engineers of States and Divisions and officials.

Minister Maj-Gen

Saw Tun instructed them to abide by departmental rules and regulations.

Later, the coordination meeting came to a close.

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Reclamation of livestock breeding farms inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected construction of the roads in livestock breeding zone in Kangyi Village of Tatkon Township this morning.

The minister inspected construction of the management office of the zone, and milch cow farm of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) in Kangyi Village.

The Ministry of

Livestock and Fisheries would make plan to establish livestock breeding farms by reclaiming virgin and fallow lands around Nay Pyi Taw for ensuring development of the meat sector of the region, said the minister. — MNA

Kyaikmaraw Township USDA holds annual general meeting 2006

YANGON, 17 Sept — Kyaikmaraw Township Union Solidarity and Development Association of Mon State held Annual General Meeting 2006 at Shwe Hintha Hall of the Township Peace and Development Council on 11 September.

Acting Chairman U Htay Myint Oo of Township PDC gave a speech and accepted cash donations for Township USDA

from wellwishers. He presented awards to outstanding students who passed the 2006 matriculation examination and blood donors.

Next, the annual general meeting of the township association followed. Secretary of the

Township USDA U Hla Tun, presiding over the meeting, spoke on the occasion.

Responsible persons submitted the reports of the executive committee. Later, the meeting chairman gave concluding remarks. — MNA

Donate Blood

CPT Minister leaves for Brunei



Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw seen at Nay Pyi Taw Airport before departure for Brunei. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw left here by air yesterday morning to attend the Sixth ASEAN

Communications and IT Ministers' Meeting to be held in Brunei Darussalam.

The delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for

Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and departmental officials. The minister was accompanied by Chief Engineers U Tint Lwin and U Zaw Tint of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications. — MNA

Lolane Hair & Skin Care Beauty Center-3 opens

YANGON, 17 Sept — Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd opened its third Lolane Hair & Skin Care Beauty Center-3 at Excel Treasure Shopping Mall in Bahan Township this afternoon.

Director U Sein Win formally opened the centre and General Manager U Al Main Dain extended greetings on the occasion. Next Marketing Manager

U Moe Thu Swe explained the purpose of opening the centre.

Afterwards, Thai hair stylish technicians together with models demonstrated products from Lolane Hair & Skin Care. As a token of opening the centre, Lolane cosmetics will be sold at special price. Free services will be provided to

everyone who buys Lolane cosmetics worth K 5,000. The center keeps open from 10 am to 8 pm daily. Those wishing to distribute Lolane products may contact Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd which is situated at No 40, 67th Street, Botahtaung Township (Tel-294045, 291170 and 291318).

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Director U Sein Win and responsible persons open Lolane Hair & Skin Care Beauty Center-3. — MNA

Myanaung Township Association to hold Cash donation and prize-presentation

YANGON, 17 Sept — Myanaung Township Association will offer 'soon' and rice to members of the Sangha and nuns, donate cash for holding Pariyatti examinations and present awards to children of members of the association who won distinctions in the 2005-2006

matriculation examination. Wellwishers and members of the association are to contact U Aye Ko Ko (Tel: 566687), Lt-Col Than Aung (Tel: 297540), U Soe Win (Tel: 566546), and U Hla Myint (Tel: 704461), not later than 31 October.

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National Convention Convening ...

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implemented for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing multi-party democracy. The National Convention, the first phase of the seven-step Road Map, has already been reconvened for three times. And it will resume on 10 October 2006 at Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby Township. This being so, the meeting of the Work Committee is being held, he stressed.

At the upcoming National Convention the reports of the Panel of Alternate Chairmen on the proposals of the respective delegate groups and

some delegates to the National Convention held from 5 December 2005 to 31 January 2006 will be presented. Moreover, there will be other matters on laying down the detailed basic principles for the legislation of the respective Hluttaws, the citizenship, the basic rights and responsibilities of citizens and the role of the Tatmadaw discussed at the previous sessions of National Convention. In addition, there will also be matters to be explained by the Work Committee on detailed basic principles that should be laid down for the remaining chapters, he disclosed.

He said it is incumbent upon the Work Committee to try its utmost in taking those matters for the emergence of an enduring State constitution capable of serving the interest of the State and the people.

Next, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung and Secretary U Thaung Nyunt explained other salient points on measures to be taken by the Work Committee.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

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Myanmar delegation returns from Philippines



Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin arrives back after attending 27th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO). — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — The special observer delegation led by Member of the National

Convention Convening Commission and the National Convention Convening Work Committee Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin arrived back here by air this morning after attending the 27th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Or-

ganization (AIPO) held in Sibuyan of the Philippines, from 10 to 15 September.

The Deputy Attorney-General was accompanied by NCC Work Committee member Supreme Court Justice U Tin Aye.

They were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Chairman of

National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe, member of NCCC Vice-Chairman of NCC Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Attorneys-General U Myint Naing and U Tun Tun Oo, departmental heads of the Supreme Court and the Attorney-General's Office and officials. — MNA

Myanmar delegation back from Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar National Electronic Task Force Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint arrived back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by air after attending seminar and exposition on

communications and electronics devices held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from 13 to 16 September.

Deputy Chief Engineer U Nyan Win of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs also arrived back home on the same flight.

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People choose cellphones at a PCCW shop in Hong Kong, south China on 15 Sept, 2006.

XINHUA

G24 ministers call for increase in voice of developing countries in IMF

SINGAPORE, 17 Sept — The ministers of the Group of 24 (G24) have called for an increase in the voice and representation of developing countries in the International Monetary Fund (IMF), resuming multilateral trade talks and increasing support for low-income countries.

The call was made in a communique issued after the G24 ministerial meeting held here Saturday.

The communique stressed the importance of reaching early agreement on a credible and time-bound package of reforms that would ensure an increase in the voice and representation of developing countries in the Bretton Woods Institutions (BWIs), or today's IMF.

The emerging market countries, other

developing countries and economies in transition account for over half of global GDP measured in terms of purchasing power parity, hold most of the world's international reserves, and represent a majority of the world's population, said the communique.

In order to reflect this new reality in the world economy and increase the legitimacy and relevance of the BWIs, the voting power of developing countries and low-income countries as groups should

be expeditiously increased and protected, said the communique.

In the communique, the ministers expressed deep disappointment about the suspension of the Doha Round of

multilateral trade negotiations. They stressed that the current trading system is heavily biased against developing countries, especially the least developed countries.

MNA/Xinhua

US industrial production down slightly in August

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — US industrial production dropped 0.1 per cent in August, compared with an upwardly revised 0.4 per cent increase in the previous month, the Federal Reserve reported on Friday.

The decline in industrial production, an indicator of the output of mines, factories and utilities, was unexpected. Analysts had been forecasting an increase of 0.2 per cent for the month.

Data showed that manufacturing output was unchanged in August after a revised 0.4 per cent gain in July.

The production at utilities fell 0.8 per cent in August as temperatures returned to normal levels. Also, output at mines decreased by 0.3 per cent following increases in the previous four months.

MNA/Xinhua

Survey shows pessimism grows in "Lucky Country" Australia

SYDNEY, 17 Sept — A decade and a half of economic growth, rising incomes and a housing boom has not made Australians — traditionally proud of their country's "Lucky Country" moniker — any happier.

A survey for the *Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper showed that only a quarter of the population of a country blessed with abundant sunshine, scenic beauty and a lifestyle much envied in many other countries think that life is getting better, while four in 10 believe things are getting worse.

Factors behind the pessimism, the newspaper said in its Saturday edition, include the

insecurity of rising mortgage repayments as well as long work hours, engendering a sense that wealth does not automatically bring happiness. "Given that economic conditions have been very favourable for over a decade...it seems remarkable that only a quarter of the population believes that life in Australia is improving and four in 10 believe it is deteriorating," the *Herald* quoted Clive Hamilton, director of research body The Australian Institute, as saying.

MNA/Reuters

Strong earthquake jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 17 Sept — An earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter Scale rattled eastern Indonesia on Saturday, but there were no immediate reports of any deaths or damage, a meteorological official said.

The epicentre of the quake was on Seram Island, 177 kilometres (110 miles) northeast of Ambon City in the Moluccas chain of islands, said Jajat Jatmika from the Indonesian meteorology and geophysics agency.

MNA/Reuters



Revellers frolic in grape pulp during an annual grape battle in the village of Binissalem on the Spanish island of Mallorca on 16 Sept, 2006. Binissalem celebrates its wine tradition with the fiesta every year at the end of the grape harvest.

INTERNET

China urges Iran to be flexible on nuclear issue

BEIJING, 17 Sept — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao has urged Iran to show more flexibility on its nuclear programme but said there was still hope for a negotiated settlement to the standoff, state media reported on Saturday.

Wen made the comments in a Friday meeting with Iranian Vice-President Ali Saidlu on the sidelines of a meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, a regional security forum, in Tajikistan's capital, Dushanbe. Iran is an observer to the SCO.

"The Chinese Premier said Iran's flexibility will help create conditions for an early resumption of the talks and the final settlement of the Iranian nuclear issue," the official *Xinhua* news agency reported.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq plans to dig trenches around Baghdad

NEW YORK, 17 Sept — Iraqi officials plan to dig a series of trenches around Baghdad in the coming weeks to seal it off and control movement into and out of the city, *The New York Times* reported on Saturday.

"We're going to build a trench around Baghdad" — a distance measuring about 60 miles (97 kilometres)—"so we can control the exits and entrances so people will be searched properly," Brigadier-General Abdul Karim Khalaf told the *Times* on Friday in an interview.

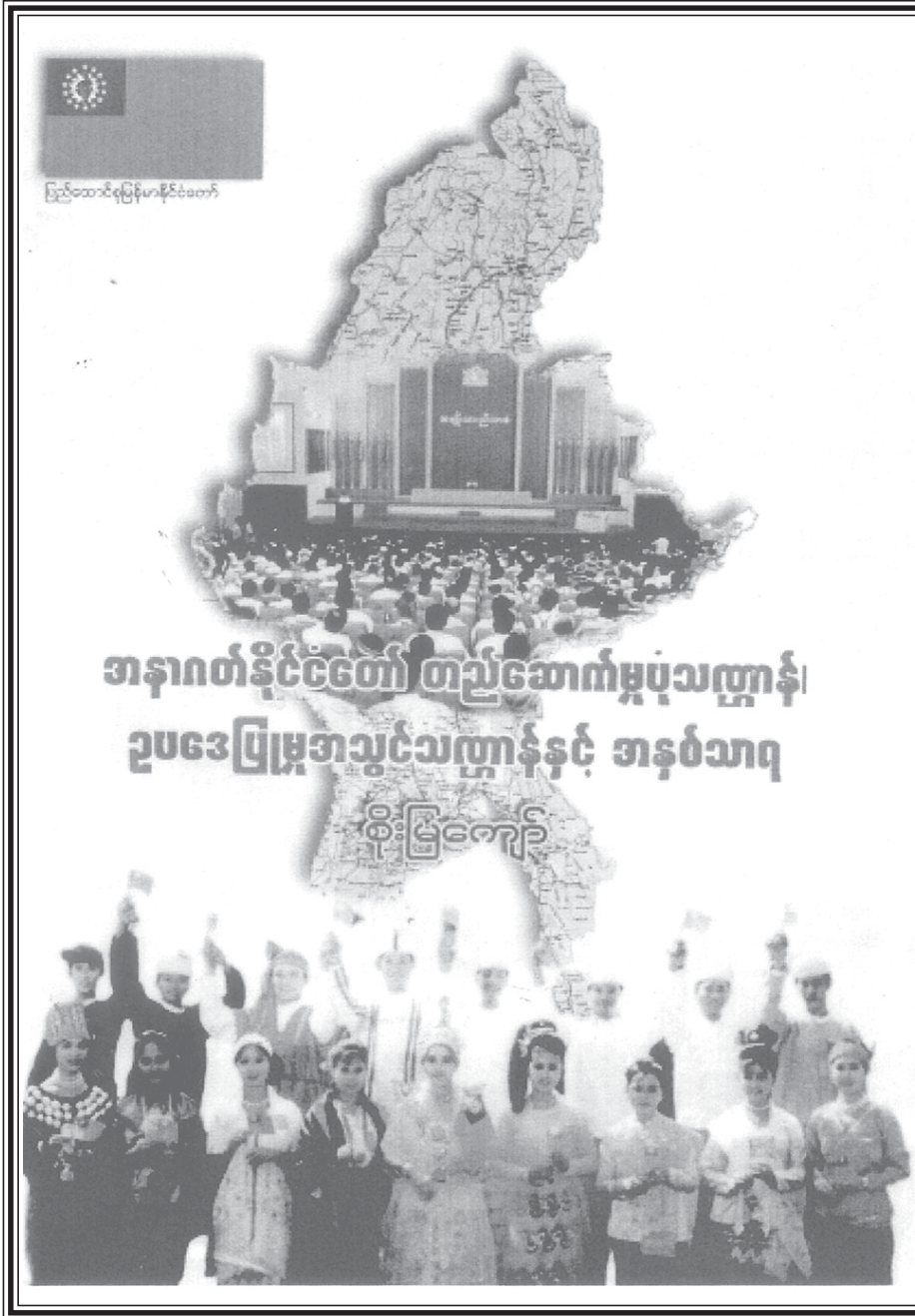
"The idea is to get the cars to go through the 28 checkpoints that we set up," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

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An aerial view of Baghdad is seen through a window on 16 Sept, 2006.

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Vietnam-era US Marine deserter caught at border

PHOENIX, 17 Sept — US border agents arrested a Marine deserter wanted for the last 40 years as he drove into California from Mexico, the Customs and Border Protection agency said on Friday.

Officers checking 63-year-old Victor Aguirre's car and papers at the busy San Ysidro border crossing near San Diego discovered there was a felony warrant issued by the Marines outstanding against him since 1966, during the Vietnam War.

Aguirre would likely be taken to Camp Pendleton, a Marine base north of San Diego, and be discharged without facing formal charges, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* quoted a Marine spokesman as saying.

MNA/Reuters



Designer Uli Herzner introduces her designs during the Project Runway Spring 2007 fashion show in New York on 15 Sept, 2006.

INTERNET

DaimlerChrysler opens first Chinese factory in Beijing

BEIJING, 17 Sept — The Beijing Benz-Daimler-Chrysler Automotive Cooperation, a joint venture between DaimlerChrysler and Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Company (BAIC), opened its new factory on Friday.

The factory is the first DaimlerChrysler factory in China and will manufacture Mercedes E-Class, Chrysler 300C sedans and Mitsubishi's Outlander sports utility vehicles.

Located in the Beijing Development Area, in the southeast of the capital, and covering an area of 210,000 square metres, the new plant currently has an annual production capacity of 100,000 sedans.

When the second phase of the factory is completed, the annual production capacity will be raised 300,000 sedans and Mercedes-Benz C-Class sedans will also be produced. An Qinngheng, chairman of the BAIC, said that the opening of the new factory signal that Chn's auto manufacturing industry has reached a new level.—MNA/Reuters

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Russian banks offer reward for Kozlov's killers

Moscow, 16 Sept— Russia's bankers offered a big reward on Friday for information on the killers of a top central bank official who had crusaded against money laundering.

Despite launching a major manhunt, police said they had no firm suspects in the suspected contract killing of Andrei Kozlov, 41, who died on Thursday in hospital, hours after being gunned down as he left an amateur football match.

"We are checking painstakingly his contacts, links and acquaintances to establish if he had received any threats or whether he had been in any conflict with someone," an investigator told ITAR-TASS news agency.

MNA/Reuters

Seven killed in clash in eastern Turkey

DIYARBAKIR (Turkey), 16 Sept— Five Kurdish separatist guerillas, a Turkish soldier and a village guard were killed during an armed clash in eastern Turkey on Friday, security sources said.

Village guards are recruited locally by the authorities to fight militants of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK). "One village guard was killed along with three PKK terrorists in a clash in Van Province," a security official told Reuters.

Later, security sources confirmed the death of two more guerillas and of the soldier.

The official said security forces had also discovered shelters used by the militants in nearby Agri Province.

Ankara blames the PKK for the deaths of more than 30,000 people since the group launched its armed campaign for an ethnic homeland in southeast Turkey in 1984. Clashes between the militants and security forces have

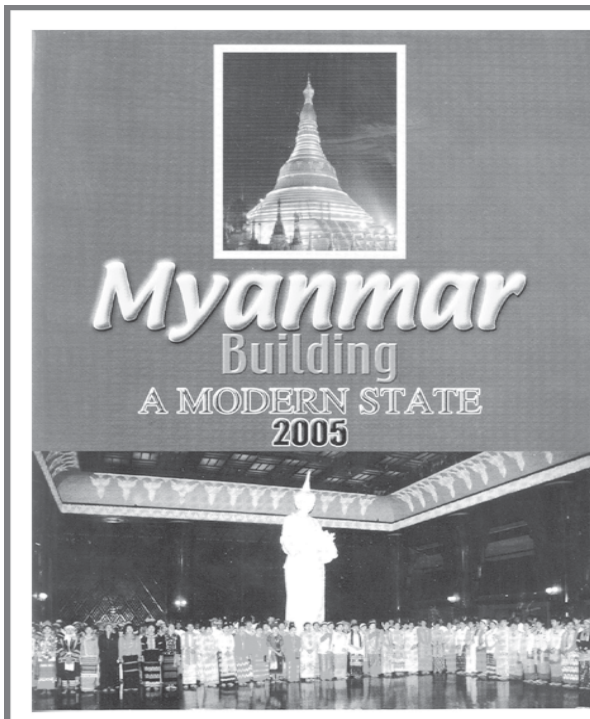
increased in recent months. On Friday, Turkish police said they were fairly sure the PKK was behind a bomb blast on Tuesday evening in Diyarbakir, largest city of the mainly Kurdish southeast, which killed 10 people, mostly children, and wounded 16 others.

The PKK has denied any involvement in that blast.

Also on Friday, a paramilitary policeman was lightly hurt when two assailants hurled a hand grenade in a village near the holiday resort of Marmaris in southwest Turkey.

Kurdish militants believed linked to the PKK claimed responsibility for a series of bomb blasts in the Marmaris area last month in which 27 people were injured.

MNA/Reuters



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Iran urges US "to be more patient" in nuclear standoff

TEHERAN, 16 Sept— Iran has urged the United States "to be more patient" in the current standoff between Teheran and the West over its nuclear issue, the official IRNA news agency reported Thursday.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad-Ali Hosseini advised Washington "to be more patient" if it was to prove its honesty in supporting the path of negotiations and diplomacy in solving Iran's nuclear case, IRNA said.

Iran believes that the negotiation is "the only way out" of its current nuclear standoff with the West, the new Iranian

Foreign Ministry spokesman was quoted as saying.

Hosseini was commenting on recent remarks by US State Department Spokesman Sean McCormack who accused Iran of trying to string out the diplomatic contacts to avoid punitive action of the United Nations.

"We've seen this game before from the Iranians. They want to stretch things out...It's time to act through the (UN) Security Council, and it's time to impose sanctions on Iran," McCormack said on Wednesday.

Hosseini dismissed the US official's remarks, saying that Washington was "seeking to advance its own goals in a threatening and bullying manners". The United States was "to poison the atmosphere of nuclear talks and derail it through its anti-Iran propaganda", the Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Gregory Shulte, the US representative to the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), also said on Wednesday that sanctions should be imposed on Iran if it still refuses to comply with the UN Security Council resolution.

MNA/Xinhua

Senate probes clash over CIA reports on Iraq arms

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept— A US Senate panel has begun an inquiry to determine what a top official in Saddam Hussein's government told the CIA about Iraqi weapons of mass destruction in late 2002 as the Bush Administration made its case for war.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence said in a 8 September report that it launched the investigation after the CIA's former chief of European clandestine operations appeared on the CBS' "60 Minutes" news magazine in April. The official, Tyler Drumheller, told CBS that the Iraqi Government source had said Iraq had no active unconventional weapons programme.

Drumheller's disclosure contradicted spy agency documents quoting the same Iraqi source as saying Saddam did have such programmes, according to an addendum to the Senate report written by three

Republican senators including chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas.

"We have differing interpretations, and I think mine's right," Drumheller, who has already testified on the matter before the committee, told Reuters on Friday. Drumheller is preparing to publish a book about his 26-year career that will include material on Iraq and the US war on terrorism.

The Iraqi official, identified by CBS as former Foreign Minister Naji Sabri, also told the CIA that Iraq considered al-Qaeda a longtime enemy and had "no past, current or anticipated future contact" with Osama bin

Laden, the senators said.

The CIA did not pass that along to policymakers, the senators said. Nor was it disseminated to intelligence analysts. That was because CIA officials concluded the Iraqi official's comments on al-Qaeda were nothing new, the senators said.

The CIA gained access to the source in Saddam's inner circle in September 2002, as President George W Bush warned Americans that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction posed an imminent threat and that Saddam had ties to the al-Qaeda network responsible for the 11 September attacks.— MNA/Reuters

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Spacewalkers complete work on space station

HOUSTON, 16 Sept —The shuttle *Atlantis* astronauts completed their work on the *International Space Station* on Friday with a third and final spacewalk to put the finishing touches on a new power module and set up gear for NASA's next service call.

The shuttle is scheduled to wrap up its weeklong stay at the station on Sunday. The mission is NASA's first to resume construction of the 100-billion-US-dollar outpost since the 2003 *Columbia* accident. Astronauts Joe Tanner and Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper left the station's airlock for their second spacewalk of the mission. Another spacewalk was staged by

crew members Dan Burbank and the Canadian Space Agency's Steve MacLean.

Tanner and Stefanyshyn-Piper unfastened restraints on a radiator panel, which is part of the new 372 million US dollars solar power unit that was installed earlier this week.

Ground controllers then sent commands for the 44-foot (13-metre) long panel to unfurl.—MNA/Reuters

China sets up national centre to protect cultural heritage

BEIJING, 16 Sept — China has set up a national centre to better protect the country's rich intangible cultural heritages, according to Friday's *Beijing News*.

"With the establishment of the centre, we hope to complete a nationwide assessment to the country's intangible cultural heritages in three years," said Wang Wenzhang, president of Academy of Arts of China, which supervises the centre.

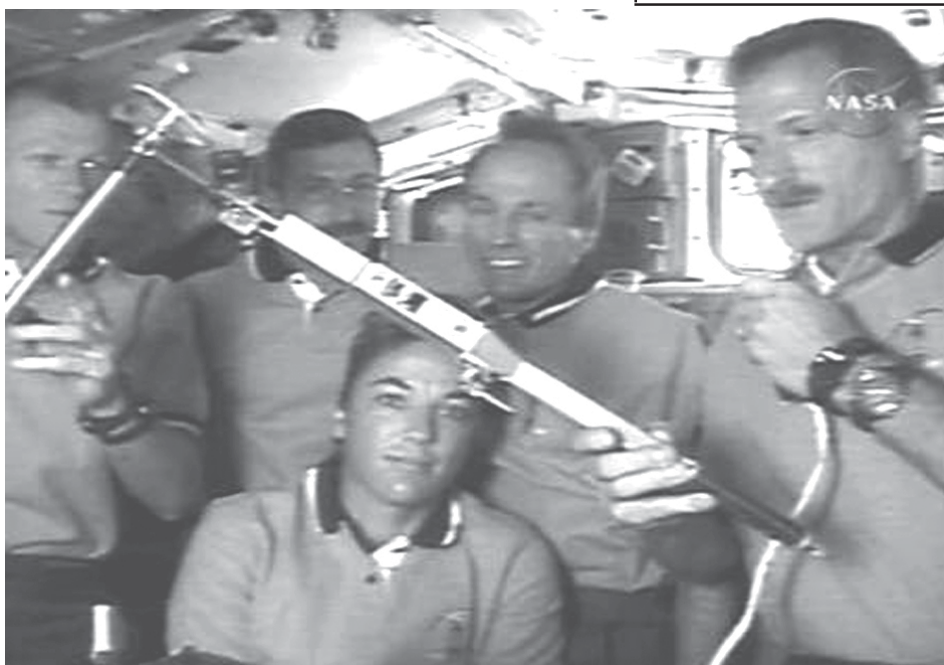
Intangible cultural heritage in China is facing a rigorous challenge in its battle against urbanization and globalization.

Wang said the national centre will also focus on the academic study, investigation and promotion of China's intangible cultural heritages in a bid to better conserve them.

The Chinese State Council published in June its first intangible heritage list, which includes the Spring Festival, Peking Opera, acupuncture, the Legend of Madame White Snake and Shaolin Kungfu.—MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 6 Sept, 2006 shows the virgin forest in Hunlunbuir in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.—XINHUA



Spacewalking veteran Joe Tanner (R) holds a tool used by spacewalkers to free a frozen bolt that enabled the deployment of the International Space Station's new solar arrays in this view from NASA TV on 16 Sept, 2006. The *Atlantis* crew gathered on the flight deck of the orbiter for a news conference and are (L-R) Commander Brent Jett, Dan Burbank, Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper, Canadian Space Agency astronaut Steven MacLean and Tanner.—INTERNET

Zimbabwe earns \$210m from mineral sales

HARARE, 16 Sept — Zimbabwe, one of the biggest producers of precious metals in the world, has raked in a total of 210 million US dollars from the sale of various minerals in the first seven months this year.

Mineral production figures released by the Chamber of Mines on Friday indicated that gold, platinum, nickel and high-carbon ferrochrome were among the major contributors to mineral earnings. A total of 6,031 kilogrammes of gold worth 51.2 million dollars were sold from January to July

this year while some 2,804 kilogrammes of platinum valued at 36.8 million dollars were sold.

Some 5,146 tons of nickel worth 35.2 million dollars and 122,401 tons of carbon ferrochrome worth 32.8 million dollars were also sold. Other contributors include chrome, rhodium, palladium and coal.

Meanwhile, production of several minerals has been on a downward trend in recent months, with asbestos production having declined from 10,829 tons in June last year to 9,064 tons in June this year.—MNA/Xinhua

Death toll rises to 15 in S China's clothing store fire

HANGZHOU, 16 Sept— The death toll from a fire in a children's clothes store in east China's Zhejiang Province has risen to 15 people and one person is still missing.

Rescuers recovered one more body on Friday morning and are still searching for the missing person in the five-storey Fuyin Mansion at Zhili Town of Huzhou City, said Cheng Yongli, head of the provincial fire-fighting unit.

Built in 2001, the Fuyin Mansion sells children's clothing.

The bottom three floors of the building stock a large collection of garments, the fourth floor contains the storehouse and the employee dormitory and the fifth floor houses 18 people who are all family members of the building's owner, according to Cheng.

Police are trying to find out the cause of the fire and identify the dead, he said. The blaze broke out at about 4:30 am on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

China-Italy SME Fair opens in Guangzhou

GUANGZHOU, 16 Sept — The China-Italy Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Fair opened in Guangzhou on Friday, with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi hailing it as an important opportunity to boost economic ties between the two countries.

"I am heading a large delegation here to promote the Italy-China partnership," Prodi said at the opening ceremony.

Prodi is leading a business delegation of

about 700 entrepreneurs in finance, industry and trade. "The fair provides a good platform for SMEs in both countries to step up cooperation and seek common benefits," Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan said.

Zeng said Prodi's presence at the fair demonstrated the great importance Italy has attached to boosting cooperation between SMEs from Italy and China.—MNA/Xinhua



Used Lexus RX400h SUVs. The US government proposed on Thursday that all new automobiles come with antirollover technology as standard equipment beginning in 2009, the *New York Times* reported on 15 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

SPORTS

English Premier League match reports

LONDON, 17 Sept— Brief reports of English Premier League matches played over the weekend:

Everton 2 Wigan Athletic 2

Andy Johnson scored his fifth goal of the season to put Everton ahead after 49 minutes when he converted a cross from Tim Cahill from 12 metres out.

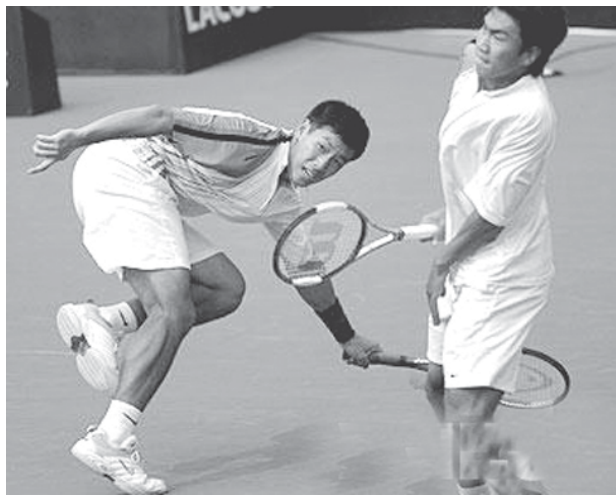
Wigan equalized when Paul Scharner powered home a header 12 minutes later but Everton regained the lead five minutes after that when James Beattie, who had just come on as a substitute, scored from the penalty spot after Gary Teale fouled Leon Osman.

Scharner pulled level Wigan again three minutes later for the fifth goal he has scored in the Premier League since arriving last season — three of them against Everton.

Watford 0 Aston Villa 0

A pulsating match with play swinging from end to end at Vicarage Road ended goalless but still provided plenty of entertainment for the fans.

Watford goalkeeper Ben Foster made some outstanding saves while defender Martin Laursen was superb for Villa.—MNA/Reuters



China's Xin-Yuan Yu/Shao Xuan Zeng (R) return the shot from Denmark's Kenneth Carlsen and Germany's Michael Berrer during the men's doubles semifinal match at the China Open, Beijing, capital of China, on 16 Sept, 2006. They lost 0-2.—XINHUA

Portsmouth go top after 1-0 win at Charlton

LONDON, 17 Sept— Portsmouth went top of the English Premier League after winning 1-0 at Charlton Athletic on Saturday with substitute Lomana Lua Lua scoring the only goal after 74 minutes.

Portsmouth, whose match kicked off at lunchtime, retained top spot after Everton were held to a 2-2 draw by Wigan Athletic at Goodison Park in an afternoon kickoff.

Pompey's victory moved them ahead

of Manchester United, who will go clear at the top if they maintain their perfect start to the season with a fifth successive league win against Arsenal at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Portsmouth have 13 points from their opening five matches, Manchester United have a maximum tally of 12 from four while Everton have 11 from five.

MNA/Reuters

Russia's Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov perform during the Ice Dancing event at the Super Match 2006 Super Stars on Ice in Seoul on 16 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



Britain's Paul Casey lines up a putt on the seventh green on his way to win the semi-finals against Scotland's Colin Montgomerie during the World Match Play Championship at the Wentworth Club in Virginia Water, southeast England, on 16 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Capdevila double gives Depor win over Villarreal

MADRID, 17 Sept— Two goals from Deportivo Coruna defender Joan Capdevila condemned misfiring Villarreal to a 2-0 away defeat in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

Capdevila put Depor ahead after only four minutes with a spectacular long-range strike and sealed the win from close range midway through the second half.

Villarreal, last year's Champions League semi-finalists, have yet to score in the league this season and rarely looked like breaking their duck.

Depor have moved top of the table with seven points from three starts, while Villarreal are 16th with just one.

The rest of the weekend matches are on Sunday with champions Barcelona visiting Racing Santander looking to make it three wins from three.

Sevilla host city rivals Real Betis in the Seville derby, Getafe visit Valencia, and Real Madrid host Real Sociedad.

Saturday's game had barely started when Depor fullback Capdevila advanced towards the edge of the area and let fly with a dipping left-foot shot that flew over goalkeeper Sebastian Viera into the top corner.

MNA/Reuters

Own goal saves wasteful Inter in 1-1 draw with Sampdoria

ROME, 17 Sept— Italian champions Inter Milan failed to capitalize on a series of chances and needed a late own goal to draw 1-1 with Sampdoria in Serie A on Saturday.

Inter were punished for lacking the finishing touch when Francesco Flachi put Sampdoria ahead with a 47th minute penalty.

They continued to dominate the game but had to wait until 11 minutes from time before Sampdoria midfielder Massimo Bonanni headed the ball into his own net from a corner.

The draw, which put Inter top with four points from two matches this season, seemed an unlikely result at the start of the game at the San Siro Stadium.

Inter, still smarting from a midweek Champions League defeat by Sporting, started briskly and would have taken a first-half lead but for the heroics of Sampdoria keeper Luca Castellazzi.

MNA/Reuters

Lyon win at Lorient to go top

PARIS, 17 Sept— Olympique Lyon returned to domestic duties in convincing fashion on Saturday, winning 3-1 at Lorient to move top of Ligue 1.

Three days after opening their Champions League campaign with a 2-0 win over Real Madrid, the champions earned their fifth victory from six league matches.

Portugal midfielder

Tiago tapped in from close range after a corner in the sixth minute to put the visitors in the lead.

Brazilian forward Fred doubled the advantage by heading home a Francois Clerc cross after 62 min-

utes.

France midfielder Florent Malouda then exploited a blunder from Lorient's defence to make it 3-0 three minutes later.

Lorient reduced the arrears with a headed goal from a free kick by defender Michael Ciani in the 69th.—MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Celtic stay top after 1-0 home win over Dunfermline

GLASGOW, 17 Sept— Celtic beat Dunfermline 1-0 at home to boost their lead at the top of the Scottish Premier League on Saturday thanks to a first half goal from defender Stephen McManus. He headed home from close range after 31 minutes following a corner by Japanese midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura.

Dunfermline's Dutch keeper Jan De Vries pulled off a series of fine saves but he was beaten again in the first half by Danish midfielder Thomas Gravesen only for the ball to crash back off the bar. In other matches Aberdeen won 2-0 at Falkirk, Kilmarnock won 1-0. St Mirren and Inverness Caledonian Thistle drew 0-0 at home with Dundee United.—MNA/Reuters

Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne reacts after winning the penultimate point of her match against Italy's Flavia Pennetta during the final of the Federation Cup tennis tournament in Charleroi, Belgium on 16 Sept, 2006. INTERNET



Peru-China Entrepreneurs Committee established

LIMA, 17 Sept— The Peru-China Entrepreneurs Committee was established on Friday to boost bilateral business, trade and investment ties.

The founding of the committee "will mark a new milestone in our history of economic and trade exchanges", said Chinese Ambassador to Peru Ying Hengmin, noting that Peru is one of China's major trading partners and investment targets.

China is making concerted efforts to create favourable conditions for trade and commerce, especially in fields such as service, agriculture and technology, said Zhang

Wei, vice-president of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, while attending the inauguration ceremony of the committee.

Rene Cornejo, executive director of Peru's Private Investment Promotion Agency, expressed his confidence that the trade between the two countries would be boosted.

Peru will offer important opportunities for Chinese investment in

fields such as mining, hydrocarbons, textiles, fishing, transportation infrastructure, water culture, logging, tourism and agriculture, he said.

The bilateral trade reached 2 billion US dollars in 2005, and recorded 1.2 billion dollars in the period between January and June this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Tibet to eliminate illiteracy by 2010

LHASA, 17 Sept — Southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region intends to reduce its illiteracy rate to less than 5 per cent in 2007 and to less than 3 per cent in 2010, a senior regional education official announced on Friday.

The ongoing campaign to eliminate illiteracy in the region mainly targets people aged 15 to 50, the official said. Last year 15 per cent of that group were illiterate, down from 39 per cent in 2000, he added.

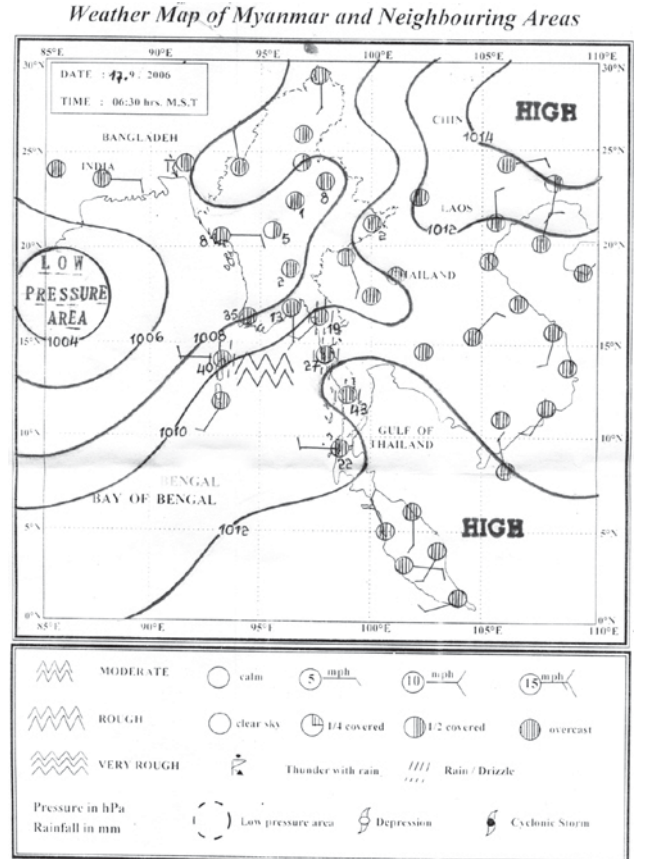
According to the regional education authorities, literacy in the region means knowing 30 Tibetan letters by heart and being able to read a pho-

netic transcript of the Tibetan or being able to read and write 1,500 Chinese characters.

MNA/Xinhua



A combination picture shows Manuel Poggiali of San Marino crashing his KTM during qualifying for the Australian 250cc Motorcycle Grand Prix at Phillip Island race track near Melbourne, on 16 Sept, 2006.— INTERNET



WEATHER

Sunday, 17 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Kayah States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and Sagaing Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.78) inch, Thandwe (3.23) inches, Gwa (2.99) inches, Taungdwingyi (2.60) inches, Myeik (1.84) inches, Hmawbi (1.70) inches, Magway and Co co Island (1.65) inches each, Hinthada (1.42) inches, Patheingyi (1.38) inches and Thaton (1.30) inches.

Maximum temperature on 16-9-2006 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 17-9-2006 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 17-9-2006 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 16-9-2006 was (0.4) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 17-9-2006 were (0.78) inch at Mingaladon, (0.51) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.47) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (85.94) inches at Mingaladon, (97.24) inches at Kaba-Aye and (102.01) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (15:30) hours MST on 16-9-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over West Central Bay still persists. Monsoon is moderate in Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 18-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayah State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Seas: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Deltaic areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 18-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 18-9-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 18-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 18 September
Tune in today

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- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Past time lover ...
Stevie Wonder
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-A message for your mind ...
Rappin 4 toy
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Bop Bop Baby ...
Westlife
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
-We should have been stars ...
Mist
-Like I love you ...
Justin Timber Lake
-Other side of love ...
Bardot
-Before you ...
Chantal Knevezule
- 9:00 pm Spotlight on the star:
-The corrs (New Album)
-Would you be happen
-Breathless
-When the star go blue
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20pm Drug! Women affairs
- 9:35pm Vocal Gems
-It ain't obvious ...
Gareth Gates
Everytime ...
Gil
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 18 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီးနိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. Song of national races
- 8:05 am
6. Cute little Dancers

- 8:15 am
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
8. International news
- 8:45 am
9. Grammar made easy
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု)
- 4:45 pm
4. Dance variety
- 4:55 pm
5. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား
- 5:00 pm
6. Songs and dance of national races
- 5:20 pm
7. Musical programme. (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:35 pm
8. "မျှော်သူမမောစေချင်" (စိုးသီဟ၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ)

- နန်းကလျာလှိုင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)
- 5:45 pm
9. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလပေါ်တေး) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 6:00 pm
10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 7:00 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခြင်းနှင့်အတူ" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm
14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စပိုင်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 18. The next day's programme

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Tatmadaw families (Army, Navy and Air), wellwishers offer provisions to monasteries, nunneries in Thingangyun, Lanmadaw



Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and congregation share merits gained at the donation of rice and cash to monasteries in Lanmadaw Township.— MNA

YANGON, 17 Sept—Rice, edible oil, salt, medicine, gram and other donations of Tatmadaw families and wellwishers were offered to 29 monasteries and eight nunneries in Thingangyun Township this morning.

The ceremony took place at Dhamma Beikmandaw in the precinct of Kyaikkasan Pagoda in Thingangyun

Township.

Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Sagaing Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Dhammananda administered the Five Precepts.

Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe

presented robes and alms to the Sayadaw. Next, senior military officers donated offertories to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, three senior military officers of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) offered (See page 8)

Ingyin Thaboe Dam to benefit 1,268 acres of paddy fields

Article by Kyaw Sein & photos by Thein Win Lay (Myanma Alin)

The Ingyin Thaboe Dam Project has been launched since July 2005 at the place about one mile north of Ingyin Thaboe Village and south-west of Dabayin Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division, which has an average annual rainfall of about 45 inches only, with the aim of irrigating crop land of 1,268 acres in Kanparnichaung, greening the sur-

rounding areas of the facility, and ensuring adequate supply of clean water for local people and livestock.

Of the 1,268 acres, 115 acres were paddy fields and the remaining ones were put under other crops. Upon completion of it, all the 1,268 acres can be put under paddy.

(See page 7)



The 25-foot-wide and 3,000-foot-long spillway of Ingyin Thaboe Dam being built in Dabayin Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division.

20 members quit Danubyu and Hinthada Township NLDs

They lose trust in NLD

YANGON, 17 Sept — A total of 16 members of Danubyu Township National League for Democracy of Ayeyawady Division — U Thant Zin, U Aung Kyi Nyein, U Thein Tun, U Hla Soe, U Thein Aung, U Than Zin, U Maung San, U Thein Swe, U Win Shwe, U Myint Aung, U Hla Myint, U Than Tin, U Naing Oo, U Soe Myint, U Than Htaik and U Win Htaik — and U Kan Yin, U San Myint, U Nyunt Shwe and U Ohn Thein of Hinthada Township NLD — left the party of their own accord on 23 August by sending letters of resignation to the NLD (HQ) and local authorities concerned.

In their letters sent to Danubyu and Hinthada Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commissions, they said that as the NLD did not engage in the party politics only they had lost their trust in it, and in the end they decided to quit the party of their own volition, they added.— MNA

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Over 5,000 miles of new roads, 70 major bridges and over 900 small bridges were built and old roads were also upgraded for ensuring smooth transport. As a result, the people living in the border areas have gained access to better communication and travelling.

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