

### 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

## China presents coaches and Myanmar, steam engines as goodwill gifts between two countries



*Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and party view passenger coaches presented by the People's Republic of China. — MNA*

YANGON, 19 Sept — The People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Rail Transportation of the Union of Myanmar held a ceremony to transfer passenger coaches and steam engines at Yangon Railways Station this afternoon.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min attended the ceremony and spoke words of thanks on the occasion. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister U Pe Than, heads of department and enterprises of the ministry, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, Director General of Kunming Railway Bureau Mr Qiu Zhipeng and members, advisers to the ministry, general managers, responsible personnel and guests.

First, Director General of Kunming Railway Bureau Mr Qiu Zhipeng explained the presentation of carriages to the Ministry of Rail Transportation as goodwill gifts.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min spoke words of thanks on the occasion, saying the State Peace and Development Council is making all-out efforts in the political, economic fields and social sectors for the progress of the State. Transport facilitation will ensure

closer relations and stronger ties between the brethren, thus, helping consolidate national unity. In this regard, the government has been laying down and implementing a large number of transport projects. Myanmar Railways is one of the nation's leading transport enterprises.

The government while extending railways to all the parts of the country, with Nay Pyi Taw as the centre, is also giving priority to facilitating passenger and freight services between the two largest commercial cities of the nation — Yangon and Mandalay. Apart from these measures, the ministry is fulfilling the requirements of passengers and freight transport and extending railroads and train services in

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**Myanmar and China are good neighboring countries. Both countries have been enjoying Paukphaw relationships since time immemorial.**



*A steam engine presented by Ministry of Rail Transportation to the People's Republic of China. — MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Crush the danger of destructive elements trying to jeopardize peace and stability of the nation

Now is the time when the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are working in concert to establish a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy and much headway has been made. At this time, there are also destructive elements within and without the nation who are trying through various means to jeopardize the measures being taken for peace and democracy in the nation.

The US permanent representative to UN wrote to the President of the Security Council to refer Myanmar to UNSC, alleging that situations in Myanmar are threatening the regional stability and international peace and security. In reality, all these allegations were based on misinformation provided by some big nations and their stooges, expatriates, destructive elements and terrorists whose attitude is always biased and negative so far as Myanmar is concerned.

The situation in Myanmar is just her domestic affairs, far from threatening international peace and security. Therefore, putting Myanmar on UNSC agenda is the breach of Article 24 of the UN Charter. Russian Federation and People's Republic of China, permanent members of the UNSC with veto power, are against it. Heads of State and government of Non-Aligned Movement member-nations are also against it, making it clear that it is contrary to the UN Charter to refer Myanmar to Security Council formally or informally as she is a UN member-nation whose internal affairs do not pose a threat to international peace and security.

Domestic affairs of Myanmar are not the concern of UNSC. The United States is hindering Myanmar's efforts to bring peace, development and democracy to the nation by trying to refer her to UNSC. In any situation, the government and the people of Myanmar are prepared to crush the danger of destructive elements who are trying to jeopardize peace, stability and the rule of law prevailing in Myanmar and grab the State power through a short cut or terror.

### Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's bowl boat race to be held

YANGON, 19 Sept — Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman's bowl boat race organized by Myanmar Rowing Federation will be held in Inya Lake in the second week of November.

The race features Myanmar traditional boat race, international boat race and dragon boat race. The trial for the race will be held and travel allowance will be provided to qualified teams.

Qualified contestants will also be chosen as tentatively selected rowers.

International boat race includes single scull, coxless fours, double scull, coxless pairs, tub fours novice events.

Handsome prizes will be given to winning teams.

Teams wishing to participate in the race can enlist at MRF in Inya Lake 5 October at the latest.

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## PEOPLE'S VOICES

- \* 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

### MMCWA donates cash, medical equipment to Waibargi Hospital

YANGON, 19 Sept — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association donated cash, medicines and medical equipment to the Specialists Hospital (Waibargi), North Okkalapa Township, today.

First, Secretary of MMCWA Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha explained the purpose of the donation and contributed K 500,000 to

the hospital's medical fund and donated medicines and medical equipment worth K 5 million to the hospital through Physician Dr Htin Aung Saw of the hospital. — MNA

Secretary of MMCWA Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and party present K 500,000 and medical equipment worth K 5 million to Dr Htin Aung Saw of Specialists Hospital (Waibargi). — MMCWA



### Sermons to be delivered at Botahtaung Pagoda

YANGON, 19 Sept—Sagaing Sayadaw U Kheminda of Khinmakan Monastery in Dagon Myothit (South) and member of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Kaingkon Monastery in Khayan Township Agga Maha Gandha Vasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Jotika will administer the sermons at the Botahtaung Pagoda in Botahtaung Township on 21 September afternoon. — MNA

### Confiscated property returned to owners

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept — Patheingyi District Police Force returned some property that was confiscated in criminal cases to owners at its office on 9 September.

The confiscated property worth about K 8 million included 21 bicycles, three motorbikes, one 21-inch TV, 11 batteries and three tickles of gold.

Present on the occasion were Police Lt-Col Kyaw Myint, Secretary of Patheingyi District Union Solidarity and Development Association, Pro-Rector of Patheingyi University U Hla Tint and officials. — MNA

### Roads being repaired in Yangon

YANGON, 19 Sept—Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin today inspected the repairing of Pansodan Road between Bogyoke Aung San Street and Anawrahta Street in Kyauktada Township, and Kyaikkasan Road near Kyaukmyaung Market

bus-stop and Shwe Baho Cinema in Tamway Township.

He also looked into the tasks for upgrading of Waizayanta Road in South Okkalapa Township and gave necessary instructions on construction tasks and fulfilled the requirements.

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### Experts discuss challenges and prospects for future of ASEAN-EU

YANGON, 19 Sept — "Workshop on Challenges and Prospects for the Future of ASEAN-EU Relations" organized by Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at Savoy Hotel here today.

On behalf of the President of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Nyun Tin, Ambassador U Nyunt Tin, Secretary of MISIS deliv-

ered the opening address. Welcoming remarks were made by Dr Paul Pasch, Representative of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and opening speech of the workshop were made by Dr Christian Hauswedell, European delegation and German Ambassador.

The papers presented at the workshop of today's sessions were "Assessing the Relations between ASEAN and EU" by Ambassador Dr Christian Hauswedell, European Delegation; "Challenges Ahead: ASEM,

ARF, ASEAN+APEC" by U Aung Htoo, Deputy Director from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Professor Dr Daw Myint Kyi from IR Department; "Development in Myanmar - Prospects for the Road Map" by Rector Dr Kan Zaw from Institute of Economics and Professor

Robert Taylor.

After the presentation, the participants, the academicians and researchers actively participated in the discussion on the respective subjects.

The workshop will continue tomorrow at the same venue.

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## All this needs to be known

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

# “AP” says US forces holding photographer in Iraq

**NEW YORK, 18 Sept**—The US military has been holding an Iraqi photographer working for the *Associated Press* since April, and the agency asked on Sunday that he either be charged or released.



*Associated Press photographer Bilal Hussein*

Bilal Hussein, 35, was taken into US military custody on 12 April in the Iraqi city of Ramadi and has been held since then without charge, *AP* said.

“Bilal Hussein has been held in violation of Iraqi law and in disregard to the Geneva Conventions. He must be charged under the Iraqi system or

released immediately,” said Tom Curley, *AP* president and chief executive.

*AP* said its own examination “had produced no evidence that Hussein had done anything to justify holding him” and that it was making its request public because all other efforts had failed to secure his release.

Hussein has worked as a photographer for *AP* for two years and has been based at Ramadi, a hot spot of the insurgency against US occupation forces, since early 2005, the US-based agency said.

Hussein is one of a number of Iraqi journalists detained by US forces without charge since the 2003 invasion of Iraq. The New York-

based Committee to protect journalists said it documented seven such cases in 2005.

In June, Ali al-Mashhadani, a cameraman working for *Reuters*, was released at Abu Ghraib Prison in Baghdad. He had been detained by US Marines in Ramadi 12 days previously.

It was Mashhadani’s second spell in US military detention. In January he was released after five months without being charged.

*MNA/Reuters*



*Chinese Vice President Zeng Qinghong (1L) looks at the model of a building during his visit to the Haidian Exhibition Hall where activities in various themes were being held for the National Science Popularization Day in Beijing, on 17 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA*

## Chinese Premier ends visit to Tajikistan

**DUSHANBE, 18 Sept**—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao concluded a two-day official visit to

Tajikistan on Saturday and left for home.

During the visit, Wen held talks with Tajik

President Emomali Rakhmonov and Prime Minister Akil Akilov on bilateral ties and issues of common concern.

In Dushanbe, capital of Tajikistan, Wen also attended and delivered a speech at the fifth meeting of heads of government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

The SCO groups Russia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. Mongolia, India, Iran and Pakistan are the observers of the regional organization.

Tajikistan is the last leg of the Chinese Premier’s four-nation tour, which had also taken him to Finland, Britain and Germany.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## At least 20 bodies found in Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 18 Sept**—The Iraqi police patrols found at least 20 bodies during the past 24 hours on Sunday, a well-informed police source said.

“We have at least 20 bodies found in different parts of Baghdad,” the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The bodies were bound and blindfolded, showing signs of torture with bullet holes in their head and chest, the source added.

The almost daily gruesome body findings, assassinations and explosions in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities were seen as a major setback for the Iraqi Government’s efforts to stem violence and achieve national reconciliation.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*A member of the security forces stands guard on a closed road near the venue of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) — World Bank meetings in Singapore on 17 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET*

*A person posing as a victim of a ‘dirty bomb’ explosion is laid outside a mall as Cambridge Firefighters turn to go back in during a Homeland Security training exercise in Cambridge, Massachusetts on 17 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET*



## Gas prices fall but worries remain over winter supplies

**LONDON, 19 Sept**—British gas prices were on the slide again last night, bringing potential relief to homeowners and government alike as supplies were boosted by North Sea fields coming back on stream.

The mood of optimism was also helped ahead of the winter cold by the planned opening of the new Langeled pipeline later this week, which can bring significant supplies from gas-rich Norway.

Within-day prices of gas slumped from 29.30p to 24.80p a therm while forward prices for this winter were cut by 1.55p to 65.60p as warm weather helped reduce current demand.

The return to action of the fields such as Shearwater at the weekend outweighed a brief stoppage on the Britannia facility and most of the regular, but potentially disruptive, maintenance schemes are now largely complete.

A nervous UK government put pressure on field operators to ensure companies started their annual field shutdowns earlier in the summer in an attempt to ensure there were fewer breakdowns this winter. Supply shortages have become a major political issue and the government last month dismissed earlier optimism and warned that Britain was heading into a third winter of potential trouble.—*Internet*

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**Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R) shakes hands with his Italian counterpart Romano Prodi at a joint Press conference at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 18 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA**

**Chirac urges no sanctions on Iran**

PARIS, 18 Sept— French President Jacques Chirac has said he believes a diplomatic solution to the Iranian nuclear crisis can be found without resorting to UN sanctions. “I believe that dialogue still is open ... there is a lot more potential to dialogue and I would like us to go the end of that particular road before we decide to go any further in any other direction,” Chirac told

CNN in an exclusive interview. The UN Security Council demanded that Iran suspend its uranium enrichment programme by 31 August or face the possibility of economic sanctions. Iran missed that deadline but has said it would consider temporarily suspending its programme as a condition for beginning talks with the United States.

Teheran’s latest offer was serious. Diplomats from the five permanent members of the Security Council, along with Germany, are to meet during this week’s General Assembly session in New York to consult about a sanctions resolution. Chirac said he believed that negotiations remained the way forward. “I remain convinced that dialogue is the only way that we can come up with a positive result,” he said. —Internet

**Dogs banned from Cambodia’s Angkor Park temples**

PHNOM PENH, 18 Sept —Dogs would no longer be allowed inside the temples in Angkor Park and pet owners bringing in their animals would be fined and have their pets confiscated, the *Cambodia Daily* reported on Monday.

“I have notified all hotels and guesthouses last week that we don’t permit any kind of dogs to tour the temples,” he said.



**Tourists visit one of the grand Angkor Wat temples in Cambodia. Cambodian police have banned dogs from the kingdom’s Angkor Wat complex in a bid to give tourists visiting the famed temples an excrement-free experience, an official has said.—INTERNET**

When dogs left excrement inside a Buddhist temple, “this is no good for our culture,” he added.

Police stations throughout the park have been enforcing the ban since Saturday, the paper said.

Angkor is now on UNESCO’s World Heritage List and the List of World Heritage in Danger.

Tourism is Cambodia’s second largest foreign currency generator and Angkor has the lion’s share of the incomes.—MNA/Xinhua

The US, which has refused to rule out military action against Iran, last week said it was doubtful

**Road accident kills five in Nicaragua**

MANAGUA, 18 Sept — At least five people were killed and seven others injured on Sunday after a car carrying wedding guests drove off a cliff in northern Nicaragua.

Police said Gerardo Godínez Obando, the 35-year-old groom, died when the truck he was driving plunged off a cliff in the Esteli Province. His bride, Johana Olivás Méndez, 26, was among the injured.

Godínez, who was driving drunk, lost control of the overcrowded vehicle when he was taking a dangerous curve, police said.

MNA/Xinhua

**GMO rice strain unlikely to pose health risk**

BRUSSELS, 18 Sept— Europe’s leading food safety agency advised consumers on Friday that eating rice with trace amounts of an un-

authorized genetically modified (GMO) strain was unlikely to pose a health risk to humans or animals. “The panel considers

that the consumption of imported long grain rice containing trace levels of LL RICE 601 is not likely to pose an imminent safety concern to humans or animals,” the European Food Safety Authority said in a statement.

But the Parma-based agency said there was insufficient data to provide a full risk assessment, adding that its conclusions were based on available molecular and compositional data and the toxicological profile of a newly introduced protein. In August, the Euro-

pean Commission tightened requirements on US long-grain rice imports to prove the absence of the LL RICE 601 strain, which it said was marketed by Germany’s Bayer AG and produced in the United States.

Its decision followed the discovery by US authorities of trace amounts of the GMO rice, engineered to resist a herbicide, in long-grain samples that were targeted for commercial use.

Last week, France and Sweden detected the presence of LL RICE 601 originating in the United States and the same strain was also found within a cargo of US rice being tested in the Dutch port of Rotterdam.

MNA/Reuters



**A Cuban boy takes his turn at bat during a game of stickball on a street in Havana on 17 Sept, 2006. INTERNET**



**A model wears a creation for designer Peter Jensen during his Spring/Summer 2007 show at London Fashion Week on 18 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET**

## Putin says G-8 contributes to settlement of M-E crisis

Moscow, 18 Sept—The Group of Eight (G-8) major industrialized countries have contributed to international efforts to settle the Middle East conflict by formulating proposals aimed at ending the crisis at the group's July summit, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Sunday.

Russia, for the first time this year, hosted a summit of G-8 leaders in Putin's hometown of St Petersburg in July, and Parliament speakers from G-8 countries gathered in

the former Russian imperial capital this weekend as part of a series of meetings under the Russian G-8 presidency.

"Proposals and ideas formulated in St Petersburg on the Middle East, above all on the danger of the persisting and unsettled Arab-Israeli conflict, are a contribution of the G-8 to international efforts to resolve the crisis in the region and create conditions for resuming the peace process," the ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Putin as saying while briefing the

G-8 top parliamentarians in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. "The summit also confirmed the G-8's readiness to continue active and orchestrated efforts in the sphere of non-proliferation," Putin said. "This is reflected now in resolving problems of the Iranian nuclear programme."

MNA/Xinhua



More than 300 surfers took part in an attempt to break the world record for the number of surfers on a wave in Cape Town on 17 Sept, 2006 in

Muizenberg. —XINHUA

## Iranian President cements anti-US front with Venezuela

CARACAS (Venezuela), 18 Sept—President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad shored up opposition to a US drive to curb Iran's nuclear programme on a visit to Venezuela on Sunday that cemented an anti-American front with President Hugo Chavez.

Ahmadinejad's first trip to Venezuela highlighted Iran's backing for the fellow OPEC country's bid for a UN Security Council seat that Chavez would use to challenge Washington's



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (L2) welcomes his Iranian counterpart Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (R 2) at the Maiquetia International Airport near Caracas, on 17 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

Asia, the Middle East. Venezuela is one of the emerging countries of Latin America," he told a state-owned TV network. "It is a union that seeks a balance in the world and to save the future of your children, my children and our grandchildren."

Buoyed by high oil prices that underpin their popularity at home and tapping into anti-American sentiment around the world, both presidents are awkward foes for the United States.

"Two revolutions are giving each other a hand," Chavez said at the capital's airport where he welcomed Ahmadinejad, walking with his arm across the visitor's shoulders. Iran established an Islamic republic after a 1979 revolution that ousted a US-backed leader and Chavez says he is creating his own revolution to overturn capitalist and US influence in the South American country. —MNA/Reuters

campaign for international sanctions against Teheran.

Chavez, who Washington calls a des-

tabilizing, anti-democratic force, cast the visit as two countries jointly defying what he says is the imperialist aggression of the world's only super-power.

"Iran is one of the emerging countries of

A dancer from the National Ballet of Cuba gets ready in her dressing room for a performance of 'The Magic of Dance', an anthology of classical dances, before making the troupe's first appearance in Egypt at the Cairo Opera House in Cairo on 16 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

## World financiers told to cut the gobbledegook

SINGAPORE, 18 Sept—What do you understand if someone tells you they are about to withdraw accommodation?

For most people, nothing at all. Or perhaps they think they are being evicted.

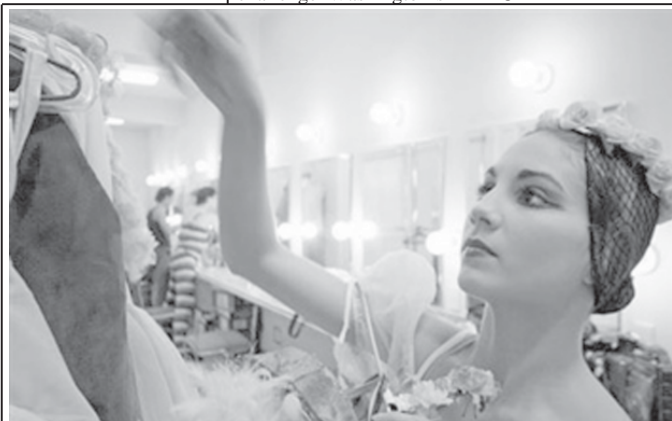
Angel Gurria of the OECD, an economics think-tank, believes bankers and economists must speak simply, whatever their mother tongue, and he made the point while attending one of the world's biggest gatherings of financial leaders, in Singapore.

"I asked a doctor friend what he understood when he heard the words 'we will remove accommodation gradually'," Gurria said. "Here replied, 'someone plans to take your hospital bed

away, but only bit by bit'.

What the phrase, often uttered by European Central Bank boss Jean-Claude Trichet, actually means in the world of high finance is that the central banker plans to raise interest rates.

MNA/Reuters



## Air Force to test coal-based jet fuel

DAYTON, 18 Sept—The Air Force is scheduled Tuesday to test a new jet fuel made from coal instead of oil.

A B-52 bomber at Edwards Air Force Base in California is expected to take off with two of its eight jet engines burning a 50-50 blend of synthetic and oil-based fuel.

Research on the fuel project has been conducted at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

in Dayton. The goal is to develop, test and pave the way to commercialize the fuel.

The research is focused on the Fischer-Tropsch process for producing synthetic kerosene from coal. The military wants a fuel that works with engines, fuel systems and supply infrastructure already in the field.

Known since the 1920s, the process produces clean-burning fuel, but it

hasn't been economical, Harrison said. High fuel prices are making it more attractive, and the Pentagon hopes it can help jump-start an industry by earmarking funds for synthetic jet fuel starting in 2008.

The Air Force says it burned 3.2 billion gallons of jet fuel last year, some 57 percent of the Defence Department's total consumption.

Internet



Gerry Motes parks his 1947 Ford at "Wavecrest", the world's largest gathering of wooden-bodied automobiles, in Encinitas, California on 16 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

## Non-Aligned Movement summit wraps up in Havana

**HAVANA, 18 Sept**— The 14th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit concluded here early Sunday morning with adoption of five documents urging solidarity among member countries to better respond to global threats and challenges.

The summit adopted five documents: "Declaration on purposes and principles and the role of the NAM in present international juncture," "Final Document," "Document on Methodology Plan of Action," "Declaration on Palestine" and "Statement on the Islamic Republic of Iran's Nuclear Issue."

"Declaration on purposes and principles and the role of the NAM in present international juncture" confirms the Movement as a forum of political coordination and agreement for countries of the South, to promote their interests, to enhance solidarity, unity and coordination among the members of the Non-Aligned Movement.

This declaration will be the main guideline for the work of the Cuban presidency over the next three years.

"Final Document" makes fundamental statements

advocating the promotion and preservation multilateralism. It reaffirms that the United Nations, its Charter and International Law continue to be indispensable.

"Document on Methodology Plan of Action" is a document of great importance, which allows the ratification and institutionalizing of practices and procedures in the working methods the Movement has followed over the years.

In "Declaration on Palestine", solidarity with the cause of the Palestinian people is reaffirmed.

"Statement on the Islamic Republic of Iran's Nuclear Issue" ratifies that all nations have the right to develop and use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors touch a bell commemorating the 18 September Incident at the history museum of "18 September Incident" in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province on 17 Sept, 2006. Large amount of people paid a visit to the museum on Sunday as the 75th anniversary of the incident is approaching.—XINHUA



The Russian Soyuz TMA-9 rocket carrying the world's first female space tourist, Anoushen Ansari, US Astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Yuririn takes off from the Baikonur cosmodrome, in Kazakhstan, early on 18 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

### Bombs kill 23 in Iraq's Kirkuk

**KIRKUK, 18 Sept**— Four blasts killed 23 people in Iraq's ethnically mixed city of Kirkuk on Sunday, including a huge suicide truck bomb, a day after Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki urged divided Iraqis to embrace reconciliation.

In the deadliest blast, a suicide attacker driving a truck rigged with explosives blew himself up outside the offices of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), the political party of Iraq's President Jalal Talabani, killing 17 people.

The area also houses a police crime centre and local offices of Iraq's state television. The toll included 10 women and two children visiting relatives being held at the police centre.

The explosion caused massive damage, with firefighters battling flames at collapsed buildings. Charred and mangled corpses lay in the streets with scattered bits of flesh and twisted car parts.

Three car bombs in separate areas also rocked the oil-rich city 250 kilometres (150 miles) north of Baghdad, which is disputed by Sunni Arabs, ethnic Kurds and Turkmen. Hospital sources said the overall death toll could climb.—MNA/Reuters

### Woman's place no longer at home in S Korea textbooks

**SEOUL, 18 Sept** — South Korea is set to cleanse gender stereotypes from its school textbooks, where women have long been depicted as housekeepers and men as the breadwinners.

The government said on Monday that it would also encourage bigger families to boost the country's sagging birth rate. "I personally don't believe there's anything wrong with a mother

cooking a meal," said Education Ministry official Kim Soon-ju. "But there's imbalance about gender roles still in our textbooks that should look undesirable to anybody."

The ministry said it wanted to promote the idea of a flexible family life and reverse a trend where women marry and bear children later in life or choose not to have them at all. South Korea has struggled to erase deeply entrenched stereotypes about gender roles and to boost its birth rate, which — at an average of 1.08 children per woman — is the lowest in the developed world.

Gone from primary and high school textbooks from next year will be suggestions that it is a woman's job to iron and cook. The new books will promote working mothers and fathers who help at home, and will show families that have more than one child.

MNA/Reuters

### Lasker Awards honour DNA, psychological discoveries

**WASHINGTON, 18 Sept** — Three researchers who discovered telomerase, an enzyme key to aging and cancer, one who founded the field of cell biology and another who invented an important psychological treatment called cognitive therapy won the 2006 Lasker Awards for medical research on Saturday.

The awards carry an award of 100,000 US dollars but are more important for the prestige they confer.

The Lasker Award for Basic Medical Research this year is shared among three people — Dr Elizabeth Blackburn, 57, of the University of California, San Francisco; Carol Greider, 45, of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore; and Jack Szostak, 53, of Harvard Medical School and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

The three predicted and

discovered telomerase, an enzyme that synthesizes and protects the telomeres at the ends of chromosomes, the structures that carry the genes. Their discoveries laid the groundwork for studies connecting telomerase and telomeres to human cancer and age-related conditions.

"Today, telomerase research is one of the hottest fields of biomedical science," said Dr Joseph Goldstein, who won a Lasker and a Nobel for helping discover cholesterol and who chairs the Lasker jury, in a statement.

The Lasker Award for Clinical Medical Research went to Aaron Beck, 85, emeritus professor of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, for developing cognitive therapy.

Cognitive therapy — a type of talk therapy that contradicted conventional psychiatric thinking — can improve and even cure serious mental illnesses such as depression, suicidal behaviour, and eating disorders and is a mainstay of modern psychiatric and psychological treatment.

MNA/Reuters



Some US soldiers guard at an explosion site on the outskirts of Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 17 Sept, 2006. A suicide bomber rushed to a car and blew himself up at the spot on Sunday, injuring two US engineers and two Afghans in the car.—XINHUA

# A garbage and tobacco free school environment

*Thant Sin Latt (Education)*

My educative talks on school health began with a short poetry, and the students and I recited it in chorus. The poetry teaches children to carefully cover drinking water pots and water containers and to keep the water in the pots and containers always fresh and clean and free from larvae.

Then we sang a song in which a verse says "When Pa comes back home, we will have some coconut." And when I asked anyone who liked coconut to raise their hands, all did. I told them to wash their hands thoroughly before eating and never eat any foods exposed to flies. It was all about flies and garbage in the first part of my talks.

"We Myanmar call alcohol 'Theyee' (deadly beverage) as it can kill the consumers", I explained the meaning of the word 'Theyee' before starting to share students knowledge about all kinds of intoxicating agents.

Although I am happy with the public welfare work as a staff of Myanmar Red Cross Society, my 25 years of service as a primary assistant teacher are unforgettable for me. The competitive efforts for school health and all-round progress whether I was a

teacher in the urban or rural areas are always in my memory.

As for me, the fluttering State flag and other multi-colour pennants symbolizing all-round education development undertakings at schools, the signboards bearing the education slogans reminding teachers about mental and educational development of the pupils and teaching students discipline and organizing them for ensuring a clean and beautiful school environment, and multimedia centres, school all-round development activities covering anti-narcotic drugs campaigns, share-and-care programmes and health care works and children playing in the school playgrounds are all but impossible to forget.

Since decades ago, old and young teachers alike have been striving in harmony to nurture the students to blossom. The present era sees the gradual development of the education sector in which the number of schools that have a clean and healthy environment and that are developing in all aspects and free from mosquitoes, garbage and tobacco are increasing.

Potable water, fresh air, hygiene, wholesome food and clean toilets are basic requirements for ensur-

ing tranquillity, happiness and success of children. Hence, sanitation should be given priority for the schools to be free from all kinds of waste and garbage, the haven for flies.

The world has about 85,000 species of flies, and a female fly can produce 559,872,000 new flies within 15 days or a month. A fly's eye contains about 4,000 hexagon-shaped magnifying lens and 100,000 active brain cells. A gram of human excrement can contain a million virus plus thousands of parasites. Hence, a clean environment is important in controlling flies that carry dust and excrement. We will be free from various kinds of diseases including typhoid, dysentery, hepatitis, trachoma, cholera, lung illness and Bali Belly if we can create a clean environment and totally control flies.

Another deadly insect more fertile than the fly is the mosquito, as a female insect of its kind can produce 159,857,000,000 mosquitoes a year. The danger of mosquitoes is not less than that of the flies, as those blood-suckers depending on their species can cause illnesses such as dengue fever, malaria, hepatitis, Bali Belly and elephantiasis. Thus, mosquito control is also a must.

Youths have curiosity and strong will to imitate or emulate others. They want to test everything practically. We should educate all youths before they start trying to test smoking that cigarettes and cheroots are just poison, that a cigarette has about 4,000 kinds of harmful chemical agents in addition to nicotine, that cigarettes can cause cancer, abortion, lung diseases, heart failures, stroke, hypertension and so on and so forth, and that smoking is a kind of gradual suicide.

Owing to the above-mentioned facts, I value and honour the efforts to create schools totally free from garbage and tobacco and the national task to shape the future of youths.

(Translation: TMT)

Myamma Alin: 18-9-2006



*Members of Mingala Taungnyunt Township USDA and students spray insecticide in the compound of Basic Education High School No 5 in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.*

## Philippine military seize explosive materials in the south

**MANILA, 19 Sept** — The Philippine authorities seized a large amount of explosive materials which was suspected of terrorists' use in Zamboanga City, south of the country on Monday morning, local TV said.

A total of 18 sacks of ammonium nitrate were seized at the city by the military from a ferry that came from Jolo, Sulu Province, according to a report by ABS-CBN TV.

The chemicals, the main ingredient in making

home-made bombs, were recovered by Filipino soldiers conducting combat patrol against Abu Sayyaf rebels, Army Lieutenant Colonel Susthenes Valcorza was quoted by the report as saying. This was the second time for the

Philippine military to intercept illegal bombing materials in transportation within less than a month, the report said. Soldiers recovered 10 sacks of ammonium nitrate in Jolo last month.

MNA/Xinhua



*Ambassador U Nyunt Tin delivers an address at "Workshop on Challenges and Prospects for the Future of ASEAN-EU Relations". (news on page 2) — MNA*

**China presents coaches, Myanmar steam engines as goodwill gifts between two countries...**

(from page 1)  
 accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State. China presented a total of 130 passenger coaches to Myanmar during the Prime Minister's goodwill visit. Myintnge Carriage and Wagon Workshop has renovated

tation held a ceremony to hand over two steam engine locomotives and two passenger coaches to the People's Republic of China. First Managing Director U Min Swe and Director-General of Kunming Railway Bureau Mr Qiu Zhipeng



*Rail Transportation Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min expresses thanks. — MNA*

tives were started at Myanma Railways in 1958. The steam engine

locomotives are still in use so far. The steam engine locomotives were manufactured by Robert Stephenson & Hawthorn Co Ltd and they were used as shunting engines in Myanmar in 1948. The shunting engines can draw up to 600-ton and they are run by coal. Now the trains with steam engine locomotives are being used in the tourism industry. With a view to strengthening bilateral ties in railways transport between Myanmar and China, Myanmar's purpose of handing over two steam engine locomotives is a milestone of railway transport between the two

countries. On behalf of Myanmar Government, the minister felt very grateful to present old-fashioned steam engines to China for the sake of mutual friendship.

Afterwards, Director General of Kunming Railway Bureau Mr Qiu

Zhipeng spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and members and Chinese guests inspected the passenger coaches and steam engine locomotives.

MNA



*Managing Director U Min Swe and Mr Qiu Zhipeng sign the agreement. — MNA*

the passenger coaches and they are being used for special express service. The special express trains have begun running on Yangon-Mandalay railroad section as from 4 September of 2006. China's purpose of handing over passenger coaches is to ensure smooth and secure transport for Myanmar citizens. Myanmar and China are good neighbours. Both countries have enjoyed Paukphaw relationships since time immemorial. On behalf of the State, the minister felt very grateful to China for the presentation of the passenger coaches representing a good result of bilateral cooperation.

Next, Managing Director of Myanma Railways U Min Swe presented a document on acceptance of 130 passenger coaches to Director-General of Kunming Railway Bureau Mr Qiu Zhipeng.

Afterwards, the Ministry of Rail Transport-

ation held a ceremony to hand over two steam engine locomotives and two passenger coaches.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min made a speech on the occasion, saying Myanmar started its rail transportation services on 1 May of 1877. Myanmar imported steam engine locomotives from England since then. Locomotive Shed was established in Insein, Yangon. Diesel loco-



*Director-General of Kunming Railway Bureau Mr Qiu Zhipeng. MNA*



*Railway coaches donated By People's Republic of China as a goodwill gift. — MNA*

**POEM :**

**We're Myanmar!**

- \* Home-grown greens and fruits  
We've consumed  
We're strengthened, we're strong.
- \* Our parents have instructed us  
So that we can, without faltering  
Without tilting over  
And we've learned to walk properly.
- \* Our grandparents, teachers  
Have constantly taught us  
In social and cultural matters  
To deal in true Myanmar style  
To be upright in this human abode  
And thus you will see how  
In straight and orderly manner  
We have been going about actively.
- \* How objectives for our lives  
Have been laid down  
From start to finish  
You will see for yourself.
- \* Therefore—  
— Don't come and give  
Sugar-coated poison  
Such as being offered brimming  
with "good will".  
— Don't act up, feigning help  
To teach us to walk  
Standing beside, interfering  
— Goading is socio-cultural matters  
To see already cultured  
Myanmar founder  
Don't try interfering.  
— Our journey toward objective is set  
Don't interfere and disturb  
with ill will.
- \* Our Myanmar's sovereignty  
Won't be swapped with anything, remember  
We're Myanmar!

Byan Hlwar( Trs).



## Chinese cultural troupe performs



*Chinese cultural troupe performs dances at National Theatre to mark the 15th anniversary Sino-ASEAN dialogue partnership. — MNA*

YANGON, 19 Sept — Under the programme of the 15th founding anniversary of Sino-ASEAN dialogue partner relationship, the commemoration of Sino-ASEAN goodwill cooperation and the China-Myanmar cultural week, a 17-member cultural troupe of the People's Republic of China presented a performance at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street this evening.

Among the audience were departmental heads, officials, the Chinese ambassador to Myanmar and embassy staff, foreign diplomats, guests and enthusiasts.

Diplomatic Affairs Department Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw, Rector of University of Culture U Tin Soe, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu and leader of the cultural troupe Mr Chen

Jiang formally opened the performance programme.

After the performance, U Kyaw Kyaw and the Chinese ambassador presented a basket of flowers to the cultural troupe.

The cultural troupe of Chinese national races continues to perform tomorrow at 7 pm.

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### Terrorists harming peaceful life of the people, committing destructive acts and inciting mass demonstrations

**People urged to raise security awareness, to join hands with authorities**

YANGON, 19 Sept—Internal and external terrorist expatriates and insurgents are conspiring and committing destructive acts and inciting mass protests with the intention of undermining security and peaceful life of the people.

It is learnt that KNU members held a meeting at Lawkhealar camp on the border on 18 September morning and passed a resolution to continue their armed attacks. There was an attendance of about 30 at the meeting including KNU secretary Phado Mann Shar, joint-secretary (1) Tu Tu Lay, KNU Brigade (2) commander Ar Si and Soe Soe of KNU (Central). Ar Si has sent groups of destructionists to inner parts of Toungoo-Nyaunglebin in Bago Division and masterminded many bomb blasts to destroy railroads, roads and towns and villages. In this regard, the Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and local people are thus protecting travellers from terrorist acts being committed by the KNU.

According to the tip-off, it is exposed that in the meantime, expatriate terrorists and insurgent terrorists are speeding up their clandestine scheme in Maesot in the neighbouring country to incite mass demonstrations and to perpetrate destructive acts in Myanmar; that the UGs they have sent to the nation are surreptitiously distributing anti-government flyers to the people; that ABSDF general secretary Kyaw Ko led 40 UGs, who were mobilized at the ABSDF office in Maesot, to Daungkhwin camp, where ABSDF HQ is based; and that these 40 UGs have completed the course on inciting mass protests and they would enter Myanmar on 18 September via Daungkhwin damp.

Accordingly, the authorities today reminded that the people raise security awareness in order that the destructionists will not be in a position to enter public areas. They also urged the people to inform the officials if they notice any acts suspicious. — MNA

### State, People, Tatmadaw to crush anyone who poses threats to stability and community peace of Myanmar

YANGON, 19 Sept — After trying to put Myanmar on UN Security Council's agenda, internal and external destructive elements are plotting to incite unrest in the country.

While the US led nations are trying to put Myanmar on UN Security Council's agenda saying Myanmar poses a threat to international peace and security, internal and external destructive elements are also making plans to provoke people into unrest and acts of violence in Myanmar.

In collusion with remnants of Burma Communist Party - BCP, NCUB which is formed with terrorists in exile and remnants of insurgent groups organized a people's uprising central committee under the people's riots scheme of BCP. Under the central committee, there is a people's uprising committee on the aboveground which consists of so-called new generation students, veteran politicians, some members of CRPP and some members of NLD. They are trying to mobilize and train some monks, university students and workers as their hardliners to cause unrest and commit terrorist acts.

While some foreign countries putting pressure on Myanmar, external and internal elements are planning to jeopardize the stability, community peace and tranquillity of the State and democratization process and to take the power of the State via short-cut and acts of violence. Hence, the State, the People and the Tatmadaw will crush them with patriotism and Union Spirit.

MNA

## Afghanistan, Pakistan urged to cooperate in fighting terrorism

KABUL, 19 Sept — A senior UN official on Monday called on Afghanistan and Pakistan to end their "war of words" and fight terrorism together.

Speaking at a Press conference, Tom Koigns, special representative of the UN Secretary General in Afghanistan, said the "war of words" between Afghanistan and Pakistan is discouraging and "pointing finger at each other doesn't improve security in Afghanistan".

The security situation in southern Afghanistan is so much influenced by "cross-boarder elements", and cooperation between

Afghanistan and Pakistan is much needed, he added.

"The security in Afghanistan and that in Pakistan is closely connected. The insurgents have to be fought on both sides," the UN official said, noting the two countries can't afford "a safe haven for militants".

Afghanistan, which has a 2400-kilometre border with Pakistan in the east and south, has been critically accusing Pakistan of supporting the Taliban and al-Qaeda, while Pakistan insists it has deployed 80,000 troops along the border to fight terrorism.

Bilateral relations have been badly strained over disputes on the anti-

terror issue.

There was positive sign of the improving of the relations after Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf paid an official visit to Afghanistan from 6 to 7 September.

During the visit, he repeatedly emphasized the importance of keeping a neighbourly Afghan-Pakistani relationship and fighting terrorism together.

The latest "war of words" broke out after Musharraf described the Taliban as a threat more dangerous than al-Qaeda during a speech to EU parliamentarians on 12 September.

MNA/Xinhua



Technicians clean up toxic area in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, on 17 Sept, 2006. The pollution was attributed to a Panamanian-registered ship that unloaded hundreds of tons of waste containing hydrogen sulphide in densely populated areas last month. — XINHUA

## Space station alert after foul smell, no danger seen

HOUSTON, 19 Sept — Astronauts on the International Space Station put on protective clothing after reporting a foul-smelling vapor on Monday, but the three crew members were not in danger, NASA said.

Initial reports of smoke on the space station proved false and the situation was now stable, said NASA spokesman Kelly Humphries in Houston.

"The crew was asked to put on some protective gear," Humphries told CNN.

He said the alarm was set off by "an odour that was not normal." Humphries said the vapor might have been potassium hydroxide.

The three astronauts in the space station are Russian Pavel Vinogradov, American Jeff Williams and German Thomas Reiter.

The incident occurred as the six astronauts on the shuttle *Atlantis*, which left the space station on Sunday, conducted a final inspection of their craft's heat shield before heading back to Earth.

Astronauts used a sensor-laden robot arm to scan the shuttle's wings and other surfaces that bear the brunt of the super-hot temperatures the spacecraft experiences as it glides through the atmosphere to a landing at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

In an inspection on 11 September, they looked for any damage that might have occurred during launch, but found none.

This time they were looking for potential damage from debris and micrometeoroids that hurtle through space undetected and might have struck the shuttle during flight.

While NASA says the chances of such damage are low, the heat shield inspections are now part of shuttle life due to safety procedures put in place after the 2003 *Columbia* disaster.

The damage inspections take several hours as the robot arm slowly pores over the shuttle surface, collecting data and images that will be examined by NASA experts on Earth.

MNA/Reuters



Shanghai Tourism Festival kicked off on 16 Sept, 2006. The opening floats parade drawing a great number of tourists. — INTERNET

## Italian PM appreciates China's role in world

BEIJING, 19 Sept — China has an important role to play in the world and its development has provided opportunities for Italy and other nations, said visiting Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi here on Monday.

Prodi made the remarks when meeting with Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee.

Wang thanked Prodi for choosing China as the first country he visited outside the European Union (EU) since becoming Prime Minister in May.

Wang said the CPC

is willing to deepen exchanges with all major political parties of Italy and enhance mutual understanding to make new contributions to the development of relations.

Wang congratulated Prodi on the success of his visit.

Prodi is here for a six-day official visit at the invitation of Premier Wen Jiabao.

MNA/Xinhua

## Annan warns of civil war as Iraq bombs kill scores

BAGHDAD, 19 Sept — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Monday Iraq was in danger of descending into civil war, as guerrillas killed more than 30 people in a fresh wave of bomb attacks ahead of the holy month of Ramadan.

Annan, opening an international aid conference for Iraq, said: "If current patterns of alienation and violence persist much longer, there is a grave danger that the Iraqi state will break down, possibly in the midst of full-scale civil war."

Bracing Baghdad for an expected increase in attacks by al-Qaeda and other Sunni militant groups fighting the Shiite-led government, US and Iraqi officials are planning to shield the capital from car bombers by sealing off its entrances with checkpoints and trenches. Ramadan starts next week.

However, suicide bombers and gunmen have staged deadly attacks in the past two days to the north and the west of the capital, where US forces have diverted troops from the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Anbar Province to boost security in Baghdad.

MNA/Reuters



International Space Station flight engineer Thomas Reiter of Germany floats out of the Destiny laboratory module in this view from NASA TV on 18 Sept, 2006.

INTERNET

### US Embassy official attacked in Kenya

NAIROBI, 19 Sept — A US Embassy official was seriously wounded after being shot in the chest in Kenya's crime-ridden capital, an embassy spokeswoman said on Monday.

The weekend incident was the third reported attack on a diplomatic official in Kenya this year.

"It happened between on Friday night and Saturday morning in Nairobi," Jennifer Barnes, a spokeswoman with the embassy told Reuters. "He was shot in the chest. His condition is stable but bad".

Barnes could not confirm whether the man was a military attache and was shot in a carjacking incident as reported in local media.

Carjackings, robberies and rapes are common in Kenya where the capital city has been nicknamed "Nairobi".

In August, Valery Egoskin, the Russian ambassador to Kenya was stabbed by criminals when he stopped by the roadside to attend to a sick grand child. In another incident, a Danish Embassy official's eye was gouged out by criminals. — MNA/Reuters



A girl floats in the Caribbean Sea along the Malecon seawall in Havana, Cuba on 17 Sept, 2006. — INTERNET

### US Capitol shut down after security breach

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept — The US Capitol was shut down on Monday after a man was arrested for racing past security into the building, Capitol police said.

The suspect breached security with his car first and then got out and ran past guards into the building, Sergeant Kimberly Schneider said.

The incident happened before the congressional day began and there were no members of Congress in the building at the time.

The incident occurred near a construction site for the new visitors centre being built

at the Capitol, Schneider said.

His vehicle was being searched for anything suspicious, she said.

Capitol police were searching room by room, hallway by hallway, Eric Ueland, chief of staff for Republican Senate leader Senator Bill Frist, told CNN.

There have been a string of security alerts involving evacuations of

the Capitol and various surrounding office buildings since the 11 September attacks five years ago.

"This individual was apprehended before he could get his way too far in the Capitol and if he intended to do any damage, not be able to follow through on that," Ueland said.

A congressional aide said she had received an email from the Capitol police saying the Capitol building was in "lock down" because of a security breach and that no one would be allowed access to the building pending a security sweep. — MNA/Reuters

### Afghan to join race for top UN post

SINGAPORE, 19 Sept — Former Afghan finance minister Ashraf Ghani will make a late entry into the race to succeed Kofi Annan as UN secretary-general, taking the number of formally declared candidates to seven, the Financial Times said on Monday.

"I hope to win, through ideas," Ghani, 57, told the daily. "In the public debate so far, I have yet to see a clear articulation of vision, an analysis of the central issues and a programme for change." An informal straw poll by the 15 UN Security Council members last week showed South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon pulling ahead of four other contenders to replace Annan, whose term ends on 31 December.

In second place was Shashi Tharoor of India, a novelist and the UN Undersecretary-General for public information, while Thai Deputy Prime Minister Surakiart Sathirathai was third.

Jordan's popular UN ambassador, Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini, ranked fourth and Jayantha Dhanapala of Sri Lanka, a former UN undersecretary-general for disarmament, was fifth.

UN tradition deems

it is Asia's turn for the post. Jordan is technically considered a member of the Asian group at the United Nations. — MNA/Reuters



A guardsman marches past supporters of the International Day as they wait after a march in London on 17 Sept, 2006. Peace activists around the world staged a day of action on Sunday to highlight the "forgotten war" in Darfur where tens of thousands have been killed and two million left homeless. — INTERNET

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**Putin stresses diversification on Russia's energy export routes**

Moscow, 18 Sept—Russian President Vladimir Putin reaffirmed on Sunday his country's strategy of diversifying its energy export routes.

"Russia has been consistently diversifying energy export routes and, consequently, has been working to make energy exports more reliable," Putin said in Sochi, a resort on southern Russia's Black Sea coast, where he has a summer residence, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

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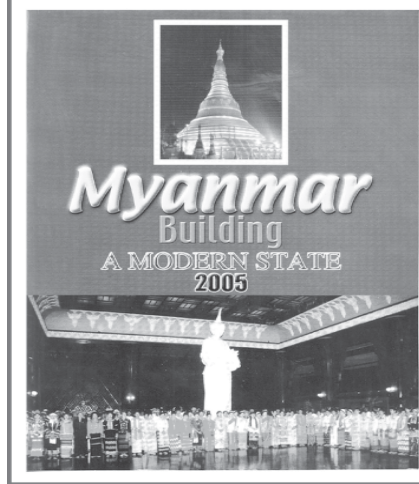
**China to survey Hepatitis B infection**

BEIJING, 18 Sept—The Chinese Ministry of Health has begun a year-long nationwide survey of the Hepatitis B situation, in order to update data and guidelines on prevention and control of the disease.

The survey, to run from September 2006 to September 2007, involves collecting blood serum samples from 79,000 residents aged one to 59, conducting lab tests, filing archives and making reports for future control plans.

The Chinese Centre for Disease Prevention and Control will be responsible for the survey plans and send experts to inspect and train local staff. The Chinese Foundation for Hepatitis Prevention and Control will take part in the survey as well, according to the ministry on Friday.

It is estimated that China has about 100 million people living with Hepatitis B and about 20 million chronic Hepatitis B patients. Each year in China about 280,000 people die of cirrhosis or liver cancer linked to Hepatitis B.—MNA/Xinhua



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**Thailand tightens visa rules for tourists**

**BANGKOK, 18 Sept—From 1 October this year, tourists from 41 countries and districts who are allowed to enter Thailand without visa could stay in the country for no more than 90 days in six months, as a new move by Thai Government to tighten immigration regulations.**

Tourists who have stayed for 90 days must stay out of the Kingdom for at least 90 days before being permitted a reentry, according to the new rules issued by Thai Immigration Bureau, effective from 1 October.

The move will affect tourists from 40 countries, among them most European nations, Japan, the United States and the Association of South-East Asian Nations, plus Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China. Tourists from these favoured countries have been allowed

to stay in Thailand without visa for up to 30 days.

The new rules are issued as an increasing number of tourists have overstayed the period allowed, according to Immigration Police Chief Suwat Thamrongsisakul in an announcement on

Friday. Some tourists would extend their stay by so-called "visa runs" — making brief trips to neighbouring countries and returning with new entry stamps.

Repeating this practice has enabled some

foreigners an almost unlimited stay in Thailand, during which they "exploit" the policy aimed at boosting tourism by doing business or working illegally in the country, rather than sight-seeing.

MNA/Xinhua

**China destroys 13 mln illegal CDs, DVDs, software**

BEIJING, 18 Sept—China destroyed nearly 13 million pirated CDs, DVDs and computer software on Saturday as part of a 100-day intensive crackdown on piracy, according to the Ministry of Public Security.

The illegal products were confiscated nationwide, with six million from Guangdong, one million from Beijing, 1.88 million from Sichuan, 600,000 from Liaoning, 500,000 from Jiangsu, 750,000 from Fujian, 300,000 from Shandong and 230,000 from Henan, the ministry said.

The 100-day campaign started on July 25 and is

said to be unprecedented in terms of its duration and number of government departments involved.

Police and copyright officials have raided more than 537,000 publication markets, shops, street vendors and distribution companies, and closed down 8,907 shops and street vendors, 481 publishing companies and 942 illegal websites in two months.—MNA/Xinhua

**China's cross-strait trade up 22% in first eight months**

CHENGDU, 18 Sept—The two-way trade between the Chinese Mainland and China (Taipei) reached 68.65 billion US dollars in the first eight months of this year, up nearly 22 per cent from a year earlier, statistics show.

More than 70,000 Taiwan-funded projects had been approved on the Mainland during the period, and the actual amount of investment reported over 43 billion US dollars, said Tang Wei, an official with the Commerce Ministry who is in charge of trade affairs between the Mainland and Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao.

He made the remarks at an expo on economic and technological cooperation across the Taiwan Strait, which opened on Saturday in Chengdu, capital of southwestern Sichuan Province.

"The Chinese Mainland has become the largest export market and the largest source of favourable balance of trade for Taiwan," Ye Kedong, deputy director of the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council, told the expo.

By the end of last June, Taiwan enjoyed 363.4 billion US dollars of favourable balance of trade with the Mainland.—MNA/Xinhua



**A Bull Terrier is seen at a dog show in Vigo, northern Spain, on 17 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET**

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### Haiti, St Kitts and Nevis admitted as new members of NAM

HAVANA, 18 Sept — The 14th summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) formally admitted Haiti, and St Kitts and Nevis, as two new members, bringing the membership of NAM from 116 nations to 118. Haiti is located in the

Western Hemisphere while St Kitts and Nevis is a small dual Caribbean island nation whose economy relies on tourism.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said earlier in a speech "their admission

is indicative of the interest of the countries of the South to become integrated into and belong to this forum where, without a doubt, we share common values and interests and, in a united and friendly manner, defend our right to live and develop as independent nations".

NAM is made up of mostly developing countries from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

MNA/Xinhua



Children learn Chinese characters during a trial course in Futian District, Shenzhen, on 17 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

### Jordan sends relief aid to Palestinians

AMMAN, 18 Sept — The Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) on Saturday sent a 15-truck convoy carrying 221 tons of relief aid to the Palestinians facing Israeli embargo and aggression, local media reported.

JHCO Secretary-General Abdul Salam Abbadi was quoted as saying that 9 trucks of the relief goods will head to the Gaza Strip, while the rest will be sent to the West Bank.

The aid was sent in cooperation with the Armed Forces Crisis Management Centre and the Jordanian Embassy in Palestine. Jordan has sent a total of 215 convoys of

relief aid to the Palestinians since the start of the Palestinian uprising in 2000. —MNA/Xinhua



German twins Folke (centre L) and Gyde Schmidt (centre R) hold twin babies in their arms as they pose for a family picture with other participants of an international twin meeting in the northern German town of Wolfsburg on 16 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

### "Shanshan" weakens to tropical storm, nine dead in Japan

TOKYO, 18 Sept — A powerful typhoon left nine people dead and hundreds hurt in southwestern Japan on Monday as it weakened to a tropical storm and headed out to sea.

But gusts of wind caused by the storm continued to disrupt transport in the southwest and west of the country, forcing the cancellation of nearly 80 flights and delays in the high-speed bullet train service, NHK television said.

Typhoon Shanshan's torrential rain triggered flash floods and landslides on the main southwestern island of Kyushu over the weekend.—MNA/Reuters

### Minister says London fashion should ban thin models

LONDON, 18 Sept — Britain's Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell urged organizers of London's Fashion Week on Saturday to ban "stick-thin" models from its catwalks.

But the British Fashion Council (BFC), which runs the London Week, has said it will not tell designers how to run their shows. It has, however, decided to cancel a planned photocall on Sunday "because it is unwilling to add any more impetus to the publicity surrounding this complicated issue".

The growing trend for super-slim — so-called "size zero" — models in the industry has created controversy at the height of the fashion show season.

London's Fashion Week, which starts on Monday, follows New York and comes before

Milan and Paris.

Madrid fashion organizers took the unprecedented step of rejecting underweight women, saying they wanted to project an image of beauty and health — not a waif-like look.

The new Spanish rules say models with a body mass index — a ratio of height to weight — below 18 are not allowed to appear at the shows.

Urging London to follow Madrid's example, Jowell said: "The fashion industry's promotion of beauty as meaning stick thin is damaging to young girls' self-image and to their health.— MNA/Reuters

### New drug in trial shows signs to cut diabetes risk

LONDON, 18 Sept — A new drug that has been in trial for years has shown it cuts the risk of diabetes by two thirds, offering a novel preventative approach.

The drug rosiglitazone tried in 21 countries including the United Kingdom for three years has shown that it reduced the incidence of Type 2 diabetes by over 60 per cent in high-risk

individuals, local Press reported on Saturday.

The results of the trial were based on over 5,200 people with impaired glucose tolerance, an early warning sign of diabetes,

selected from almost 25,000. After three years, researchers found 658 individuals on a placebo had developed diabetes, compared with 280 on rosiglitazone.

The results of this

study suggest that the addition of rosiglitazone to basic lifestyle recommendations substantially reduces the risk of developing diabetes by about two thirds, the researchers said.

A spokesperson for Diabetes UK was quoted as saying "research has shown that the risk of diabetes can already be cut by two thirds by reducing weight to the normal range and increasing activity. Lifestyle adjustments must go hand-in-hand with drug treatment or they will be ineffective. That is why we are backing off from this study."

MNA/Xinhua



Hong Kong super pop duo Twins pose for the cover photo for their latest Cantonese album "Ho Hoo Tan" on Saipan Island, United States recently.

INTERNET

# SPORTS



Italy's team celebrate their 3-2 victory over Belgium as they pose with the trophy at the Fed Cup final in Charleroi, Belgium, on 17 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

## Brazil, Spain qualify for women's basketball quarterfinals

SAO PAULO, 19 Sept— Brazil and Spain booked their tickets to the quarterfinals of the women's world basketball championship on Monday, in the second phase of the tournament that runs until Saturday in the Brazilian cities of Sao Paulo and Barueri.

Brazil battered Canada 82-41 but despite its triumph, the team left the basketball field worried, due to the third-quarter ankle injury sustained by veteran player Janeth, who began treatment immediately. She told media she hopes to be ready for Wednesday's match, against a rival to be decided on Monday, by a Group F final in Barueri's Jose Correa Gymnasium. Separately, Spain won

through to the quarterfinals with a 75-55 win over Lithuania, in which Spanish star Amaya Valdemoro scored 39 points by herself, outdoing her record set earlier in the competition of 28 points against Canada.

MNA/Xinhua

## Newcastle keeper has stomach surgery

LONDON, 19 Sept— Newcastle United's Ireland goalkeeper Shay Given has had stomach surgery after getting injured in their victory over West Ham United, the Premier League club said on Monday.

Given spent the night in a London hospital after suffering the injury in the latter stages of Sunday's 2-0 win at Upton Park. He was carried off on a stretcher and was later taken to hospital after feeling unwell after the game.

Newcastle manager Glenn Roeder told the club's Internet site: "Shay has had surgery to repair a small tear in his lower stomach. He is comfortable and will have a short stay in hospital."

MNA/Reuters

## Owen eyes goal Bonanza on Newcastle, England return

LONDON, 19 Sept— Striker Michael Owen said on Monday his long-term knee injury was just a pause in his career and that he would be back to his best in 2007.

Owen, who ruptured a cruciate ligament in the second minute of England's World Cup match against Sweden in June, is recovering from surgery in the United States.

Convinced of a successful return to the game, Owen wrote in a column in *The Times*: "I am mentally strong — tougher than most, I like to feel — and my ambitions and expectations are

exactly the same as they were the day my knee gave way against Sweden.

"I have heard a few doubts expressed, and I suppose that was inevitable, but anyone who thought that I had a chance of breaking Sir Bobby Charlton's goalscoring record for England six months ago should still believe it is possible."

MNA/Reuters



Chinese national basketball team scraped past Cuba 73-70 in a Group F match on 17 Sept, 2006 at the FIBA women's World Championship.

XINHUA



AC Milan's Kaka (L) shoots against Parma goalkeeper Alfonso De Lucia during their Italian Serie A soccer match at Tardini stadium in Parma on 17 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

## Zambia's U-17 closer to Togo finals

LUSAKA, 19 Sept— Zambia's Under-17 soccer team moved closer Sunday to the Togo 2007 Africa junior championships with a resounding second round first away leg win 3-0 over Sudan in Khartoum, *Times of Zambia* reported Monday.

The poor home result enraged supporters who later turned against their own team, throwing objects on the pitch to register their displeasure.

Leading by example, team captain Yorum Mwila fired all three goals to put Zambia one leg into the last qualifying round against either Egypt or Eritrea who were also battling at the weekend.

With Zambia making its intention known in the opening minutes, Mwila who was rampaging in the Sudanese defence made several inroads. He was to be rewarded after 11 minutes of play when he put Zambia in the lead. As Sudan tried to reorganize and recover after falling behind, they were caught once again by Mwila who made it 2-0 in the 21st minute and put Zambia on a victory path. —MNA/Xinhua

## Valencia' Marchena out for the rest of the year

MADRID, 19 Sept— Valencia's Spanish international defender Carlos Marchena will miss his side's remaining Champions League group games after tearing the cruciate ligament in his left knee in a Primera Liga match at the weekend.

Valencia said that tests carried out on Monday revealed that the 27-year-old would be out of action for around three and a half months.

The central defender, who has been playing in midfield to cover for the injured David Albelda and Ruben Baraja in recent games, was forced off the pitch

in the 19th minute of his side's 2-0 win over Getafe on Sunday.

Striker David Villa also picked up a minor muscle strain, while left back Asier del Horno has yet to play for the club since moving from Chelsea in the close season.

Valencia, who are one of three remaining teams who have yet to drop a point, are away at Barcelona in their next league match on Sunday.

They beat Olympiakos 4-2 away in their opening Champions League match in Group D where they will also meet Shakhtar Donetsk and AS Roma.

MNA/Reuters



China's synchronised swimmers perform during the finals of the team free routine at the FINA Synchronised Swimming World Cup in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, on 17 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus kisses the cup at the awarding ceremony of the men's singles at the China Open in Beijing, capital of China, on 17 Sept, 2006. Baghdatis defeated Croatia's Mario Ancic 2-0. —XINHUA

## PSV beat Feyenoord while Roda defeat Ajax

EINDHOVEN (Netherlands), 19 Sept— PSV Eindhoven beat Feyenoord 2-1 on Sunday while Roda JC Kerkrade struck both sides of the interval to defeat Ajax Amsterdam 2-0 in the Dutch league.

Peruvian Jefferson Farfan opened the scoring after seven minutes for Eindhoven when his 30 metres free kick bounced in the area and surprised Feyenoord goalkeeper Henk Timmer.

Three minutes before the break right back Jan Kromkamp broke through on the right flank to set up central defender Alex for a second goal. Jonathan de Guzman pulled one back from close range on the stroke of halftime for

Feyenoord.

Davy de Fauw opened the scoring for Roda when he netted a Adil Ramzi free kick after nine minutes.

Twenty minutes into the second half Ramzi surprised the Ajax defence with a quick free kick to set up Andres Oper for the deciding goal.

AZ Alkmaar remained top of the league with 10 points after a 2-2 home draw with Twente Enschede. —MNA/Reuters

# Lao Airlines soon to open routes to 3 neighbour countries

HANOI, 19 Sept — Lao Airlines will launch three routes to Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia to link their major tourist sites, Lao news agency KPL reported on Monday.

Lao Airlines, in which the Lao Government holds a 40-per-cent stake, will on 4 October open a route with three flights a week linking the ancient capital city of Luang Prabang, a world

heritage site, to Bangkok, capital of Thailand. The air carrier will conduct two weekly flights on each of the two other routes, linking to Vietnam's Hanoi capital city, starting on 29 October,

and to Cambodia's northern Siem Reap Province, beginning on 30 October. Some 245,000 do-

mestic and foreign passengers fly with Lao Airlines each year, KPL said. *MNA/Xinhua*

## S Korea offers to share atomic energy technology

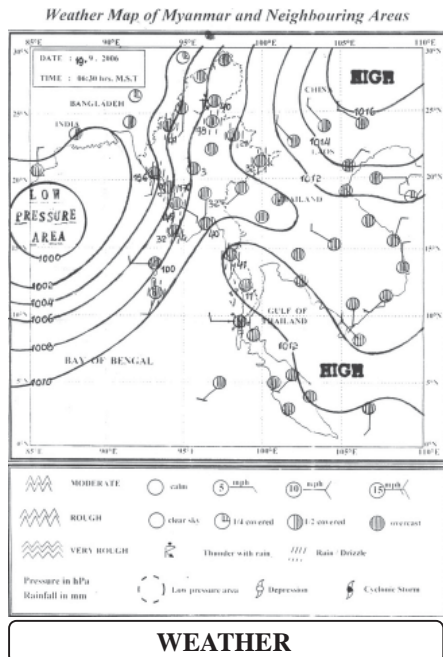
SEOUL, 19 Sept — South Korean Government has expressed its will to share atomic energy technology and knowhow on running nuclear power facilities with other countries, the South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported on Monday.

According to the Yonhap, South Korean Science and Technology Minister Kim Woo-shik made the remarks during a keynote address at the 50th general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna.

About 20 commercial reactors are now running in South Korea and producing 40 per cent of the country's electricity.

South Korea, which had received nuclear energy technology from the United States, Canada and France, can now

design its own nuclear generators. *MNA/Xinhua*



Panjiyuan Antique Market in Beijing is always crowded. — INTERNET



Wednesday, 20 September  
View on today

- 7:00 am
- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီးနိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟရဋ္ဌဂူ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကံ၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
  - To be healthy exercise
  - Morning news
  - Nice and sweet song
  - အတိတ်ပြင်ပွဲ
  - မြူးမြူးကြဲကြဲယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
  - အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
  - International news

- 8:45 am
- Let's Go
  - Martial song
  - Song to uphold National Spirit
  - အမှတ် (၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ရန်ကင်းတိုင်းအခြေခံပညာကျောင်းများ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲတွင် ဒုတိယဆုရ (အထက-၂၊ စမ်းချောင်း ဝတ်အသင်း)
  - Song of national races
  - မြန်မာစာမြန်မာကဏ္ဍ
  - Classical song
  - “အားနားလိုက်တာ” (ဓမ္မစံ၊ ကျော်စာနည်းလှိုင်၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောဇွန်လှိုင်)
  - ရုပ္ပယ်နီလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
  - ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို

- အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းစောနှင့် ကာလ နှိုင်းစာ)
- (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- Evening news
  - Weather report
  - သုတစုံလင်ရွှေ့ထံရှင်
  - ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ (အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲဆွေးနွေးခန်း)
  - ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
  - ထုထည်ကြီးမားထင်ရှားစကန် ဓမ္မရုံ
  - News
  - International news
  - Weather report
  - “နာမည်တစ်လုံးနှင့်အကြောင်းများ” (လူမင်း၊ ခန့်စည်သူ၊ နန္ဒလင်းဦး၊ နန္ဒတိုး၊ ကြိတ်၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်၊ မိုးပြည့်ညောင်အောင်၊ စင်စင်အေးမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်စောလင်း)
  - The next day's programme



Wednesday, 20 September  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-Positively somewhere .... Mclanic C
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:  
-Somewhere I belong .... Linking Park
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:  
-Mambo No 5 - Loubega
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:  
-Club hoppon .... Gareth Gates
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music  
-Right here waiting .... Monica & 112  
-You are .... Lionel Riche  
-Paradise .... Natural
- 9:00pm Variations on a tune "My heart will go on"  
-Radio Edit, Celine Dion, Instrumental
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request  
-More than a feeling .... No Mercy  
-If I let you go .... Westlife
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

### WEATHER

Tuesday, 19 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 lower Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Yangon Division and isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.23) inch, Kyaukpadaung (6.97) inches, Sittway (6.35) inches, Thandwe (5.79) inches, Co co Island (3.98) inches, Gwa (3.90) inches, Bhamo and Hmawbi (3.11) inches each, Myitkyna (2.17) inches, Thayawady (2.01) inches, Hinthada (2.00) inches, Kalay (1.97) inches, Aunglan (0.63) inch, Monywa (0.43) inch, and Magway (0.39) inch.

Maximum temperature on 18-9-2006 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 19-9-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 19-9-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 18-9-2006 was (1.3) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 19-9-2006 were (1.77) inches at Mingaladon, (1.84) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.71) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (88.31) inches at Mingaladon, (99.68) inches at Kaba-Aye and (102.91) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (07:15) hours MST on 19-9-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 20-9-2006:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Yangon Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the Seas:** Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 35 to 40 mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Decrease of rain are likely in Eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 20-9-2006:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 20-9-2006:** Some rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 20-9-2006:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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# Minister visits electrical engineer's offices, sub-power stations

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by officials, visited Thawutthi Electrical Engineer's Office on 17 September. Electricity Supply Enterprise Managing Director U Tin Aung reported on power supply tasks in the township and the construction of sub-power station. Next, the minister inspected Yeni Electrical Engineer's Office.

On arrival at Thephyu sub-power station in Myohla, the minister heard a report by the managing director on the distribution of electric power to Yeni, Thawutthi and Myohla and their neighbouring regions and construction of sub-power stations. Later, the minister chose the site for building a sub-power station and left necessary instructions.

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## Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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- To preserve Myanmar national character
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- To prevent influence of alien culture, and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

### Weather Forecast for (20-9-2006)

#### Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Some rain which may be heavy at times.

Degree of certainty is (80%).

#### Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain or thundershowers.

Degree of certainty is (80%)

### The noteworthy amounts of rainfall record (19-9-2006)

Nay Pyi Taw	(0.23) inch,
Kyaukpyu	(6.97) inches,
Sittway	(6.35) inches,
Thandwe	(5.79) inches,
Coco Island	(3.98) inches,
Gwa	(3.90) inches,
Bhamo & Hmawbi	(3.11) inches each,
Myitkyina	(2.17) inches,
Thayawady	(2.01) inches,
Hinthada	(2.00) inches,
Kalay	(1.9) inches,

## Forestry Ministry honours outstanding children of staff families

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung awards a six distinction winner.

FORESTRY



YANGON, 19 Sept — Ministry of Forestry honoured outstanding students of the ministry's staff today in Nay Pyi Taw and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered an address at the ceremony to honour the students.

At the ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung presented cash awards and certificates of honour to the three outstanding students who passed the Matriculation Examination for 2005-2006 Academic Year with six distinctions.

Director-General U Than Swe of Planning and

Statistics Department, Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Director-General U Tun Tun of Department of Greening of Arid Zone and Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing of Forest Department also awarded distinction winners.

A total of 175 distinction winners including three 6 distinction winners, eight 5 distinction winners and 25 four distinction winners were awarded at the ceremony. On behalf of the outstanding students, six distinction winners Ma Phyu Mon Theint spoke words of thanks. — MNA

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*Youths have curiosity and strong will to imitate or emulate others. They want to test everything practically. We should educate all youths before they start trying to test smoking that cigarettes and cheroots are just poison, that a cigarette has about 4,000 kinds of harmful chemical agents in addition to nicotine, that cigarettes can cause cancer, abortion, lung diseases, heart failures, stroke, hypertension and so on and so forth, and that smoking is a kind of gradual suicide.*

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THANT ZIN LAIT (EDUCATION)

*Domestic affairs of Myanmar are not the concern of UNSC. The United States is hindering Myanmar's efforts to bring peace, development and democracy to the nation by trying to refer her to UNSC. In any situation, the government and the people of Myanmar are prepared to crush the danger of destructive elements who are trying to jeopardize peace, stability and the rule of law prevailing in Myanmar and grab the State power through a short cut or terror.*

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