

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Defence Secretary of India

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received a goodwill delegation led by Defence Secretary Mr Shekhar Dutt of the Republic of India at Bayintnaung Yeiktha of the Ministry of Defence here this morning.

Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Mem-

ber of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Win of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and Military Attaché Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra and Embassy staff.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes Defence Secretary of India Mr Shekhar Dutt at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Indian delegation led by Defence Secretary Mr Shekhar Dutt at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 22 September, 2006

Try to realize the objectives of Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions

Myanmar people have valued their national prestige and characteristics since the time of their forefathers and it is up to posterity to constantly preserve and enhance Myanmar way of thinking, cultural traditions, social values and ethics.

Holding Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions every year is, in a manner of speaking, preserving Myanmar traditional culture. The essence of Myanmar traditional fine arts is manifested at these competitions. Moreover, the competitions enable the youth today to enjoy Myanmar traditional fine arts, thus awakening their nationalism.

The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2006) are going to be held in the second week of October and amateur and professional artistes have been chosen from various states and divisions to enter the competitions. The contestants ought to show their excellent performance and make this year's Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions more successful than the previous ones.

The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2006) are to be held in accordance with the seven objectives, namely, to vitalize patriotism and nationalism, to preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage, to perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts, to preserve Myanmar national character, to nurture spiritual development of the youths, to prevent influence of alien culture and to strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

We would like to call on all those responsible to try their level best to realize these objectives and make this year's competitions a complete success.

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Peoples' Desire

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

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 21 Sept — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) Dr Aye Myint Deputy Director-General Myanma Science and Technology Research Department Ministry of Science and Technology	Director-General Myanma Science and Technology Research Department Ministry of Science and Technology
(b) U Aung Koe Shwe Deputy Director-General Hydel Power Implementation Department Ministry of Electric Power No (1)	Director-General Hydel Power Implementation Department Ministry of Electric Power No (1)
(c) Dr Than Myint Rector University of Medicine (Magway) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health	Director-General Medical Science Department Ministry of Health
(d) Dr Maung Maung Win Deputy Director-General Medical Science Department Ministry of Health	Rector University of Medicine (Magway) Medical Science Department Ministry of Health
(e) U Zaw Htay Deputy Director-General Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) Ministry of Education	Director-General Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Education
(f) U Tin Myint Deputy Director-General Attorney-General's Office	Director-General Attorney-General's Office

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Vice-Chairman of Myanmar e-National Task Force Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint being welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport on 21 Sept 2006. Myanmar delegation participated in seminar and exposition on communications and electronic devices in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, from 13 to 16 September 2006. — MNA



Mon State Performing Arts Competitions conclude

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — A ceremony to present prizes to winners in the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Mon State was held at the city hall in Mawlamyine on 11 September afternoon.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Secretary of Mon State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung explained the prize presentation matters.

Deputy Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Zaw Min, wife and officials awarded prizes to the respective winners. Next, the Deputy Commander and wife watched the entertainment of artistes.

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Development tasks in Bago Division (West) inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Col Sein Myint, accompanied by departmental officials, met with departmental personnel and members of social organizations at Minhla Township Peace and Development Council Office on 11 September.

On 12 September, Col Sein Myint inspected maintenance of Kwamtheetabin embankment in Letpadan Township. Col Sein Myint looked into Tharawaw-Letpadan railroad section.

While in Letpadan, Col Sein Myint met with departmental personnel and members of social organization members. Next, he inspected Inhla Dam in Okpo Township.

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Iran accuses West of abusing UN nuclear role

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Sept— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad accused the West on Tuesday of abusing the United Nations to try to deny Iran the right to the peaceful nuclear technology which Western states enjoy.

His hard-line speech offered no hint of willingness to comply with UN demands that Teheran suspend uranium enrichment, which can be used to produce fuel for power sta-

tions or bombs. "The abuse of the Security Council, as an instrument of threat and coercion, is indeed a source of grave concern," Ahmadinejad told the UN General Assembly.

Iran's atomic activities are "transparent, peaceful and under the watchful eyes of IAEA inspectors," he insisted, referring to the UN nuclear watchdog.

Earlier, US President George W Bush accused Iran's rulers of spending

their resources on funding terrorists and pursuing nuclear weapons and demanded Iran abandon what he called "its nuclear weapons ambitions".

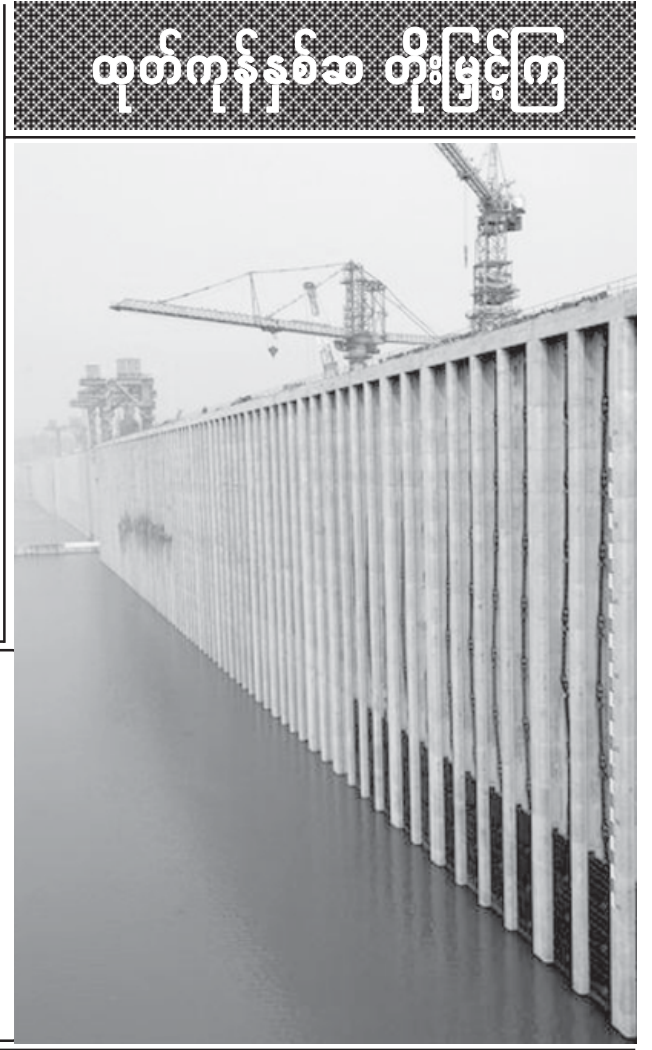
Ahmadinejad said the United States, Britain and others themselves benefited from nuclear energy and the fuel cycle.

"Some of them have abused nuclear technology for non-peaceful ends including the production of nuclear bombs, and some even have a bleak

record of using them against humanity," the president said. He delivered another tirade against Israel, declaring, "the pretexts for the creating of the regime occupying al-Qods al-Sharif (Jerusalem) are so weak that its proponents want to silence any voice trying to merely speak about them."—MNA/Reuters

Photo taken on 20 Sept, 2006 shows the water level before the second phase of the water level raising of the Three Gorges Reservoir on the Yangtze River in central China's Hubei Province.

XINHUA



Over 110 killed in rains in southern Pakistan

KARACHI, 20 Sept— More than 110 people have been killed in seasonal rains in southern Pakistan as fears rose of an outbreak of water borne diseases in the city of Hyderabad, officials said on Tuesday.

Southern Sindh Province has received above average rains this year, which has also damaged the crops.

"We have 112 deaths in the rain-hit areas due to drowning, collapse of houses and diseases," provincial relief commissioner Anwar Haider said.

Shabbir Qaimkhani, the provincial health minister said that Hyderabad, 160 kilometres (90 miles) from Karachi, was worst-hit by the rains. Vaccines and water-purifying tablets were being distributed to prevent spread of diseases.

Around 230 millimetres of rain was recorded in Hyderabad on 8 and 9 Sep-

tember and most areas of the city are still submerged.—MNA/Xinhua

Waves break in the bay of Sao Mateus village on Terceira Island in the Azores, on 20 Sept, 2006.

INTERNET



A model on the catwalk displays an outfit from the Christopher Kane Spring-Summer 2007 collection during London Fashion Week, London, on 20 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Thai King signs royal decree to appoint commander

BANGKOK, 21 Sept — A spokesman of the martial group who staged a coup Tuesday night announced Wednesday that His Majesty the King has issued a royal command to appoint General Sonthi Boonyaratglin as the Administrative Reform Council (ARC) president.

Thai media The Na-

tion news website reported the news, quoting the spokesman from the ARC, which grouped top military and police commanders and declared a takeover of the regime from Thaksin's caretaker government Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, the ARC issued its 13th statement

to maintain the status of the new Election Commission, which has just been elected by the Senate.

The ARC statement said the EC ACT would continue to be effective so that the new EC could organize election of local administrations and councils.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai commanders appointed posts

BANGKOK, 21 Sept — The Administrative Reform Council (ARC), the provisional martial authority after seizing power by a bloodless coup Tuesday night in Thailand, appointed members of the Council in an announcement Wednesday as follows:

Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces Ruengroj

Mahasaranond becomes chief adviser of the ARC. Army Commander-in-Chief General Sonthi Boonyaratglin becomes chief of the ARC.

Navy Commander-in-Chief Admiral Sathirapan Keyanon becomes first deputy chief of ARC.

Air Force Commander-in-Chief Air Chief Marshal Chalit

Phukphasuk becomes second deputy chief of ARC.

Police Commissioner-General Police Lieutenant-General Kowit Wattana becomes third deputy chief of the ARC.

National Security Council secretary-general General Winai Phatthiyakul becomes secretary-general of the ARC.—MNA/Xinhua

Mortars kill ten in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 20 Sept— A round of mortars slammed into residential homes in southern Baghdad on Tuesday, killing 10 people and wounding 20, an Interior Ministry source said.

But a police source gave an initial toll of two peo-

ple killed and 19 wounded, adding the numbers could change.

The attack took place in a religiously mixed area in Doura, one of several Baghdad districts where US-led forces have conducted security operations to flush out guerillas and

ease violence gripping the capital.

US commanders are expecting an increase in attacks by al-Qaeda and other Sunni Arab Islamist militant groups ahead of the holy month of Ramadan, which begins next week.

MNA/Reuters

UNSG urges members to implement counter-terrorism strategy

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Sept— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan formally launched the UN's Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy on Tuesday, calling on member states to implement the strategy adopted by the General Assembly earlier this month.

In a statement delivered on his behalf by Deputy Secretary-General Mark Malloch Brown at UN Headquarters in New York, Annan said, "We now have a chance to harness real political will that has been built up over the past four months."

"The adoption of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy by all 192 UN member states can be called an historic breakthrough in many ways," the UN chief said. "But whether it proves

to be truly historic in the eyes of the world's people will be known only in the weeks, months, and years ahead, once we see what member states actually implement," he stressed.

The strategy was adopted unanimously on 8 September by the General Assembly's 192 member states after a year of sometimes fractious negotiations as countries

worked to overcome differences and agreed on a common approach.

Acknowledging many countries would still continue to pursue their own approach to combating terrorism, Annan said only time would tell whether member states actually honoured their commitments under the global strategy.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Iraqi journalist killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 Sept— Gunmen shot dead an Iraqi television journalist in the volatile western province of Anbar over the weekend, the TV station he worked for reported on Tuesday.

"Ahmed Riyadh al-Karboli, 25, was killed when gunmen in two cars showered him with bullets near a mosque in Ramadi city," said the Baghdad TV station, owned by the Iraqi Islamic party.

The Journalistic Freedom Observatory, a US-based committee on protection of journalists, condemned Karboli's assassination, saying that "the goal of killing journalists, especially in the restive areas, is to hide the facts of what is happening there". —*MNA/Xinhua*

China exposes cosmetics containing poisonous ingredient

BEIJING, 20 Sept— A cream produced in Guangzhou, capital city of southeast China's Guangdong Province, contains a banned ingredient called dexamethasone, which makes users "addicted" to the products, China's central television reported on Sunday.

The effect of dexamethasone is similar to "opium". Initially, it optimizes skin tone, but as the days go by, customers become dependent on the cosmetics and can get spin-off diseases such as dermatitis, the report said. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Indian bystanders look on as floodwaters rush over the remains of a bridge carrying a main highway at Karimnagar, some 150km north-east of Hyderabad, on 20 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Sea lion cubs bark at one another on the beach of "Isla de Lobos" (sea lions island), 4.5 nautical miles south east of Punta del Este city, in the Uruguayan Atlantic coast, on 20 Sept, 2006. INTERNET



German Chancellor Angela Merkel holds a trophy

during the German media prize 'Die Goldene Henne' (The golden hen) award ceremony in Berlin, on 20 Sept, 2006. The prize, sponsored by a popular German magazine, is awarded to artists and politicians with links to east Germany.— INTERNET



Vietnam to build strategic road in central region

HANOI, 20 Sept — Vietnam is pouring nearly 222 million US dollars into constructing a 700-kilometre road linking together localities in the central region and Tay Nguyen (Central High-

lands region).

The road named Truong Son Dong, once operational, expected in 2010, will connect together 398 communes of seven provinces, mainly socio-economically dis-

advantaged ones, helping develop infrastructure, healthcare, economy, education and culture in the localities, and ensure national defence and security, newspaper *People's Army* reported on Tuesday.

Investment for the road construction is 3,529 billion Vietnamese dong (221.9 million dollars), coming from government bonds.

Military construction companies are actively building first sections of the road with total length of nearly 700 kilometres which runs through the provinces of Quang Nam, Quang Ngai and Phu Yen in the central region, and Kon Tum, Gia Lai, Dac Lac and Lam Dong in the Central Highlands region. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Moose wanders onto N Michigan U campus

MARQUETTE, 20 Sept—A moose that wandered onto the Northern Michigan University campus and broke a dormitory window might have been looking for love in all the wrong places, a wildlife expert said.

City police chased the animal away after the Tuesday evening incursion at Magers Hall, Detective Capt Mike Angeli said. It was unclear whether the

moose got inside the building.

"It's not unusual for a moose to do something like this now," said Dean Beyer, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist who has an office at Northern Michigan. "We're in the middle of the (mating) rut right about now."

"Moose, especially a young bull moose, will move long distances," he said. "They could be

searching for a cow to mate with, or simply be a young bull dispersing after being chased away from its herd and looking for a new home range."

A yearling bull generally weighs 500 to 600 pounds, but any wild animal should be avoided, Beyer told *The Mining Journal*.

"They're more aggressive this time of year," he said. "It's always best to keep your distance."—*Internet*



Labourers transport steel bars at Wuhan Iron & Steel Group on the outskirts of Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province, on 20 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

California PC thief takes court computers

NOVATO, 20 Sept— A man was convicted of various theft charges, after prosecutors say he stole computers from the courthouse while he was on trial for computer theft.

“It just amazed me that someone could be in the middle of a jury trial for a burglary involving computers and immediately get involved in another burglary at the

Civic Centre,” said sheriff's Sgt Jerry Niess.

Jon Houston Eipp, 39, of Novato pleaded guilty Monday in three separate cases involving 10 different charges, including burglary, theft, drug possession, attempted auto theft and more.

He could be facing nearly five years in prison when he is sentenced next

month.

In an interview Monday night at the county jail, Eipp said he stole the computers “for personal reasons.”

“I needed help, and I didn't know how to ask for help,” he said. “And I guess, in my crazy way, that was my way of asking for help. Help with my drug problems, help with my sanity.”—Internet

Year 2010 to see 100 mln foreigners learning Chinese

BEIJING, 20 Sept— The year 2010 will see 100 million foreigners learning the Chinese language, according to a prediction by the Chinese National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language.

“The Chinese language is gaining increasing popularity throughout the world, and there is a big shortage of qualified teachers,” said an official of the office.

Xu Lin, director of the office, said the Chinese Government is strengthening efforts to train professionals to teach Chinese as a foreign language.

Beijing Normal University this year recruited 47 students for a master's degree in teaching Chinese as a foreign language, and the country as a whole is planning to train more than 300 master's students

over the next four years.

Xu said the government has launched a national exam for the Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (TCFL) certificate.

“Teachers who obtain a TCFL certificate will have opportunities to be sent to teach Chinese in a foreign country,” said Xu.

Currently, more than 4,000 people are studying for a TCFL certificate.



This photo provided on 20 Sept, 2006 by MondoMostre events organizer, shows a bronze water caraffe also known as 'he', of the Zhou Dynasty (1045-221 BC), part of an exhibition 'Cina - Nascita di un impero' (China — the Birth of an Empire), which will open in Rome on 22 Sept and run until 28 Jan, 2007.—INTERNET

Iran calls for reform of structure, working methods of UNSC

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Sept— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Tuesday that serious reform in the structure and working methods of the UN Security Council was urgently needed.

Speaking at the general debate of the 61st session of the UN General Assembly, the President said the present structure and working methods of the Security Council were “legacies of the Second World War,” which were “not responsive to the expectations of the current generation and the contemporary needs of humanity”.

“The persistence of some hegemonic powers in imposing their exclusionist policies on international decision making mechanisms, including the Security Council, has resulted in a

growing mistrust in global public opinion, undermining the credibility and effectiveness of this most universal system of collective security,” he said.

The Iranian President said the Security Council most critically and urgently needed legitimacy and effectiveness, adding that as long as the Council was unable to act on behalf of the entire

international community in a transparent, just and democratic manner, it would neither be legitimate nor effective.

“We cannot, and should not, expect the eradication, or even containment, of injustice, imposition and oppression without reforming the structure and working methods of the council,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

At least five die of heavy rain in S-E India

NEW DELHI, 20 Sept— At least five people have been killed and dozens of villages flooded as heavy rains hit part of southeast India's Andhra Pradesh since Monday, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Tuesday. Six of the total 23 districts in the state have seen downpour since Monday, the local government said.— MNA/Xinhua

Mild quake rocks S-W Pakistan city

ISLAMABAD, 20 Sept— An earthquake of mild intensity rocked the southwestern Pakistani city of Quetta on Tuesday.

The tremor was felt at 11:00 am local time (0600 GMT) in Quetta, some 600 kilometres southwest of Islamabad.— MNA/Xinhua

Four killed in Monday's Milan building collapse

ROME, 20 Sept— A seven year-old boy was among the four victims of a gas blast that ripped through a Milan apartment block Monday night, causing the front of the building to collapse, local media reported on Tuesday. According to the reports that the boy, Francesco Orlando, was killed almost instantly along with Esmeralda Spolcini, 50, and Tommaso Giaccola, 62, who lived in different apartments on that side of the building.— MNA/Xinhua



French UN soldiers stand atop Leclerc tanks upon their arrival in their new camp in the southern Lebanese village of Deir Kifa, east of the port city of Tyre recently.—INTERNET

Chavez, Ahmadinejad open joint oil-drilling venture

CARACAS, 20 Sept— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his Iranian counterpart Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Monday inaugurated a joint oil-drilling venture to be developed by the two nations.

Work was begun on the joint venture, designed to explore for oil in the 500-square-kilometre area of Ayacucho's Block 7 on the Orinoco Petroliferous Strip, on the Kuricapo oilfield close to San Tome Town in the northeast Venezuelan state of Anzoategui.

The two heads of state jointly unveiled a plaque commemorating the beginning of operations at the MFK-4E well in Kuricapo, the first drilling operation under a March 2005 contract signed by state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela and its Iranian counterpart Petropars.

The joint drilling operation will allow the companies to quantify and formally certify the deposits in the block, which are

estimated to be as high as 31.2 billion barrels of crude oil in situ.

This certification process is a part of Venezuela's Magna Reserva (Bumper Reserve) plan which foresees a massive increase in Venezuela's certified oil reserves.

The 11,593-square-kilometre belt consists of four areas — Boyaca, Junin, Ayacucho and Carabobo, each being further divided into

27 blocks. The Iranian President, who arrived in Venezuela on Sunday, was on a two-day official visit to the South American country.

Chavez and Ahmadinejad had both attended the 14th Summit of Non-Aligned Movement nations in Cuba. On Sunday they held a formal meeting here at the Miraflores Palace, and signed a series of cooperative agreements.

MNA/Xinhua



Italy's Prime Minister Romano Prodi (L) meets with Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad during a meeting at the 61st General Assembly of the United Nations at UN headquarters in New York, on 20 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



A sculpture of a bird is seen in front of the Queen Hatshepsut Temple in West Bank of Luxor, some 900km (550 miles) south of Cairo, on 20 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

S Korea to expand rice imports by 53% next year

SEOUL, 20 Sept— South Korea will import 34,400 tons of rice next year, up 52.6 per cent compared to the amount imported this year, the South Korean Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry said on Tuesday.

The announcement for bidding will be posted this week, with actual sales taking place in 2007, said an official of the Agriculture Ministry.

According to the ministry, South Korea is expected to import 21,500 tons of rice from China, 10,400 tons from the United States, 1,500 tons from Australia, and 1,000 tons from Thailand in 2007.

In a pact signed with nine rice exporting countries in late 2004, Seoul is obliged to import a set amount of rice until 2014. Between 10 and 30 per cent of it must be sold directly to consumers.

MNA/Xinhua

UN says LDCs remain marginalized in world economy

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Sept— The least developed countries (LDCs) remain marginalized in the world economy and continue to suffer from extreme poverty, child mortality and HIV/AIDS, said Sheikh Haya Rashed al Khalifa, president of the 61st session of the UN General Assembly, on Monday. Sheikh Haya made the remarks in a speech delivered at the opening session of the high-level meeting on the implementation of a 10-year global anti-poverty plan adopted by the United Nations and major donor countries in 2001.

The LDCs often have insufficient domestic capacity to have a long term impact on the problems they are facing and "in many instances development is being set back by civil conflict, and

the cost required to rebuild everyday life," she said.

Despite an average growth rate of 6 per cent achieved by the LDCs in 2004, she said, overall progress remains mixed.

Recent studies by UN agencies and the World Bank have revealed that 34 of the total of 50 LDCs are experiencing increases in extreme poverty, she said.

She warned that the LDCs will not reach the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 if this situation persists.

She called on the international community to "spare no effort to bring about significant changes in the lives of the millions of women, men and children trapped in extreme poverty".

The high-level meeting on the LDCs,

due to be held from 18 to 19 September, will review progress made towards reaching the goals of the Programme of Action for the LDCs for the Decade 2001-2010.

MNA/Xinhua

Gazprom suspends assets swap talks with Shell

MOSCOW, 20 Sept— Russian gas monopoly Gazprom said on Tuesday it had suspended assets swap talks with Royal Dutch/Shell due to uncertainty surrounding Shell's Sakhalin-2 oil and

gas project. Gazprom had planned to swap half of a giant Siberian gas field for a 25-per-cent stake in Sakhalin-2, the world's biggest liquefied natural gas (LNG) project off

Russia's Pacific coast.

"We have learned about the withdrawal of ecological approval (for Sakhalin-2) from the Press and it was news to us," spokesman Sergei Kupriyanov told Reuters.

"As far as our assets swap talks are concerned they haven't progressed for more than a year after Sakhalin-2 declared changes to the initial economic parameters of the project, which have yet to be approved by the Russian Federation.

"In this situation, we cannot continue talks," he said. Gazprom had planned to swap 50 per cent in lower deposits of its Siberian Zapolyarnoye field against a 25-per-cent stake in Sakhalin-2, which will eventually supply LNG to customers in Japan and the United States.—MNA/Reuters



A girl of the Miao ethnic group catches carps in a rice field at Yaogao Village in Rongshui Miao Autonomous County, southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 20 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

Pakokku District witnessing small dams and lakes for regional greening and irrigation of farmlands

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



Photo taken on 6 September shows the progress of construction of Po Ni Dam in Seikpyu Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division, for the greening of the region and supply of irrigation water.

The Irrigation Department, local administrative organs and local people, in a bid to translate into reality the guidance given by the Head of State, are building small dams and lakes for the greening of respective regions and supply of irrigation water for the agricultural purpose in Pakokku District, Magway Division, which has an average annual rainfall of 26 inches only.

Recently, Pakokku District has seen 71 projects for establishment of small dams and lakes that will contribute to the regional greening drive and benefit 8,628 acres in total, and among them, 47 were undertaken by the Irrigation Department

and 24 by local administrative bodies mobilizing local residents.

The construction of the 24 dams and lakes — three in Pakokku Township, 10 in Pauk Township, five in Myaing Township, and seven in Yesagy Township — have been completed cent per cent, and now they are irrigating 1,036 acres of farmlands. Among the 47 projects, 26 — four in Pakokku Township, four in Pauk, seven in Myaing Township, one in Yesagy Township, and 10 in Seikpyu Township — have been completed and are benefiting 3,922 acres of arable lands. The remaining 21 are six in Seikpyu Township, two in Yesagy Township, eight

in Myaing, three in Pakokku Township and two in Pauk Township.

In order to complete the 21 projects on schedule, Magway Division Irrigation Department is undertaking six projects, Construction (2) of the Irrigation Department in Pyi, three, Construction (3) of the ID in Magway Division, seven, and Construction (8) of the ID in Magway Division, five.

The 24 projects completed cent per cent include installation of a sluice gate in Hnawgon Dam, Chike and Shardu dams in Pakokku Township, and Thaphanchaung Dam, extension of Shwebontha and Gwaygon canals, renovation of Pinhtaung and Po

Phyu Lone lakes, extension of Pinhtaung and Aungchantha canals, construction of Lin-htaung, Inn Nge and Kaingma canals.

Myaing Township witnessed the construction of Yanhton, Bogwe, Phalannwe, Seiksin and Htanbinngge dams, and Yesagy Township, installation of a sluice gate in Sintantna Dam, dredging of TaungU Dam, building of a canal for Myenigon Dam, raising the level of the embankment of Myekhedaung Dam, renovation of Kwehmyok Dam and construction of Kaingmagyi Dam.

And the 26 projects completed by the ID are Kaing, Inbat, Khingyi Balauk and Gyobyan dams in Pakokku Township, extension of Pha Ah Canal, renovation of Theechauk Canal, building Nyaungwun Canal, and construction of Kya Diversion Weir in Pauk Township, and renovation of the canals of Kyetmauktaung and Myaungchaung dams, and construction of Magyeesu, Htanyingon, Thitkyidaw, Thirinda and Twinma dams in Myaing Township.

In addition, the drive covers renovation of the canals of Sinchaung Dam in Yesagy Township, and renovation of the canal of Wunyu Dam, and construction of a canal to link Ohn Hmin, Tegyi, Nantin, Kyitpyin, Panpauk, Yogyidwin and Wunchaung dams, and construction Polon Dam in Seikpyu Township.

To complete the 21 projects, the Magway Division ID is putting strenuous efforts into the construction of Tamar, Yaybok and Dagun dams in Seikpyu Township, Gwaygyo and Singyi dams in Yesagy Township, and Kyauksauk Dam in Myaing Township.

Simultaneously, Construction (2) is implementing Sabe, Myintat and Magyee Thonbin dams in Pakokku Township, Construction (3) Padaing, Moenat and Mingan dams in Myaing Township, Thon Hmwa

Dam in Pauk Township, Thetkeyyin, Ngachin and Kazun dams in Seikpyu Township, Thadut, Wedaung and Lapanadams and South Yama Cana in Myaing Township, and Thayet Dam in Pauk Township.

The 21 projects are scheduled to be completed by March 2007. So, on completion, they will be able to supply water to 3,670 acres of farmlands.

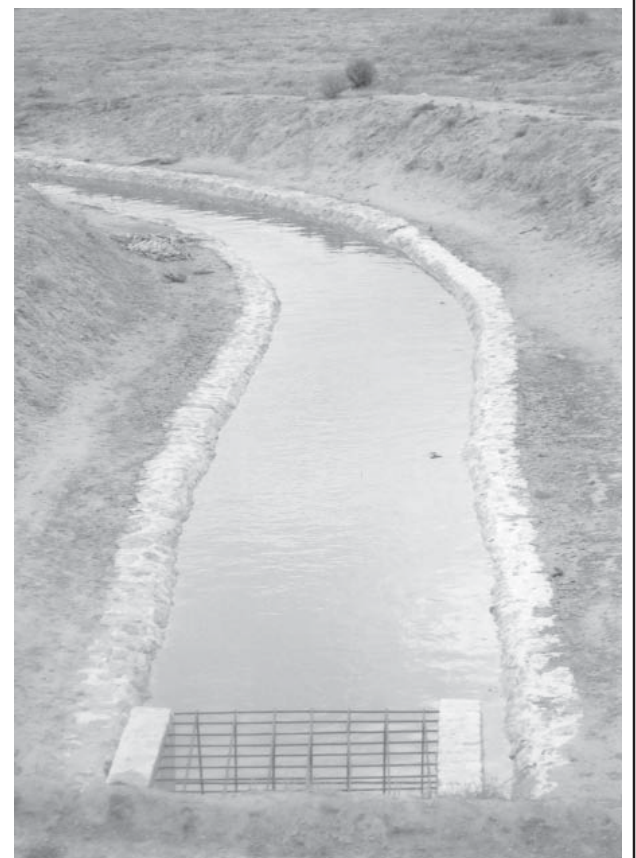
Thanks to the drive for the greening of Pakokku District and supply of irrigation water, the region was able to increase its paddy sown acreage to 6,765 in 2004-2005, and 6,889 in 2005-2006. And now a target has been set to raise the number of paddy sown acreage to 9,520 in 2006-2007.

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A bulldozer seen at Sabe Dam Project being undertaken by Construction (2) of the Irrigation Department near Sabe Village in Pakokku Township.



Progress of construction of the sluice gate, part of Khingyi Balauk Dam Project being implemented near Chaing Village in Pakokku Township by Magway Division Irrigation Department.

It is historic duty for Myanmar people to...

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threat of Western culture spreading all over the world with the help of modern musical instruments.

It is the historic duty for all the Myanmar people to perpetually preserve their cultural heritage including performing arts and to ward off infiltration of alien culture. Preserving culture means safeguarding the nation.

Hence, presenting donations for the performing arts competitions is more than making an ordinary donation, it amounts to preserving and protecting traditions and culture, national prestige and lineage.

Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and officials accepted K 50 million donated by the Ministry of Information; K 1 million each by the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Rail Transportation; K 500,000 by the Ministry of Transport; K 200,000 each by the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas

and National Races Development Affairs, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, and Ministry of Cooperatives; K 100,000 each by the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the Ministry of Energy, the Minister of Health, the Ministry of Education, the Auditor-General's Office, and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement; K 30,000 by the Attorney-General's Office, K 1 million by Pinyinana District Peace and Development Council; K 2 million by Asia Kyeepwar Toetetyay Export and Import Co Ltd; K 1.9 million by ACE Co Ltd; K 1.8 million by A-1 Co; K 1.5 million by Moe Kyesin Co; K 1.3 million by TZTM Co; K 1.2 million by Shwetaung Co; K 1.1 million by Ayeya Shwewa Co; K 1 million each by Tetlan Co, WEG Co, and Aung Kaung Kyaw Co; K 900,000 by S P Din Co; K 700,000 by Tetkham Co; K 600,000

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Members of the Fund Raising and Prize Presentation Sub-Committee Director-General of Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint spoke words of thanks.

Today's donations for the first time totalled K 76.33 million.

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Ministry of Mines holds work coord meeting



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses coordination meeting of Ministry of Mines. — MINES

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — The Ministry of Mines held a coordination meeting for work review and exceeding target at Thiriyadana Hall of the ministry on 19 September, with an address by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

The minister presented prizes to five students who picked up five distinctions in the matriculation exam of 2006 while directors-general and managing directors handed K 3.103 million to the students who won stipends and outstanding ones.

Next, the minister made a speech on the occasion. Afterwards, directors-general, managing directors,

deputy directors-general and general managers briefed on measures taken during 2006 fiscal year and arrangements to be made for hitting the target.

A work coordination meeting was held the following day. During the meeting, directors-general, managing directors, deputy directors-general and general managers briefed on sector-wise functions.

Afterwards, the minister called on service personnel to gear up their work efficiency in their respective fields.

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C-in-C (Air)'s shield shooting tourney commences

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept—Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Championship Shield Shooting Tournament was launched in Ground Training Air Base in Meiktila on 18 September.

Commander of the air base Col Thura Khin Maung Win delivered an address and opened the tournament.

Among the spectators were squadron leaders, heads of units, and senior military officers and other ranks of local station.—MNA

Ministry of Defence holds Military Code of Conduct Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — The Ministry of Defence held Military Code of Conduct Contest of offices and departments under the ministry at the Kyansithar Yeiktha of the ministry, here, at 8.30 am today. Commandant of Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein and officers inspected the participation of the contestants.

Altogether 198 officers and other ranks — 46 officers, 49 WOs, 63 Cpls/Sgts and 40 privates — from different offices and departments under the Ministry of Defence took part in the contest.

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Commandant of Camp Commandant's Office Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein supervises contest of Military Code of Conduct. — MNA

Literary talks given at Taunggyi Education College

YANGON, 21 Sept — Under the arrangement of Education Planning and Training Department under the Ministry of Education, literary talks on Myanmar culture were given at Taunggyi Education College on 18 September.

Principal Daw Mya Mya Kyi of the college made a speech on the occasion. Later, Film Director Zun Maung Maung gave talks on the benefit of the Three Gems, code of ethics and cultural and literary heritages, Writer She (Ingyin) on the rights of Myanmar

Women and costume of the would-be teachers and Writer Maung Lwan Nwe (Aung Lan) on Myanmar cultural ethics.

Responsible persons and faculty members of the college were present on the occasion. Similar talks will run at Mandalay Education College on 22 September, at Meiktila Education College on 25 September, at Bogale Education College on 27 September, at Myaungmya Education College on 29 September, at Kyaukpadaung Education College on 5 October. — H

Indian goodwill delegation arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — An Indian goodwill delegation led by Defence Secretary Mr Shekhar Dutt of the Republic of India, accompanied by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Win of the Ministry of Defence, Indian ambassador Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and military attaché Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra, arrived in Nay Pyi Taw by air this morning.

They were welcomed by Vice Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

Defence Secretary Mr Shekhar Dutt and party called on Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Win and military officers at Paunglaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw at 10.30 am.

The Indian goodwill delegation, accompanied by the ambassador and the military attaché proceeded to Mandalay in the afternoon.

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NPED Ministry holds work coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development was held at the meeting hall of the ministry on 19 September, with an address by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw, directors-general, deputy directors-general, directors, heads of Division and State Planning Departments and responsible personnel.

First, the minister made a speech on the occasion. Next, the directors-general of the ministry briefed on progress of work and future tasks and so did heads of Division and State Planning Departments.

Next, the deputy minister gave supplementary reports and the minister made concluding remarks.

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Yangon East District USDA holds annual meeting

YANGON, 21 Sept — Yangon East District Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual general meeting for 2006 today in Thingangyun Township and wellwishers donated cash to the association at the meeting.

CEC Member of USDA Yangon Division in-charge Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor

Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin delivered an opening address of the meeting and presented prizes to outstanding members of the association.

At the meeting, participants discussed the report of the executive committee of Yangon East District USDA. The meeting approved one proposal and passed three resolutions.

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Coord meeting for implementation of reclamation of breeding zones

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held its coordination meeting for preparing of breeding zones at the meeting hall of the ministry yesterday.

First, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein made a speech on the occasion, saying that the ministry was taking measures for establishment of breeding zones in and around Nay Pyi Taw after reclaiming the fallow and virgin lands. Upon completion, arrangements were to be made for the animals to be raised,

their feedstuff and health.

Next, Director of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Aung Gyi clarified on reclamation of the fallow and virgin lands to establish No-1 Breeding Zone in Kangyi village, Tatkon Township.

Afterwards, Director-General of LBVD U Maung Maung Nyunt briefed on arrangements necessary in the breeding zones.

Afterwards, responsible personnel replied to the queries raised by those present. — MNA

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin awards an outstanding student. — MNA

Indian Defence Secretary arrives

YANGON, 21 Sept — Defence Secretary of the Republic of India Mr Shekhar Dutt and party arrived here by air yesterday morning.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Kyi Win, Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Brig-Gen Zin Yaw, Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Win Shein, senior military officers, Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra, Defence Attaché Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra and officials.

In the afternoon, the Indian Defence Secretary and party arrived at the Defence Service Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road. Major Kyaw Kyaw Myint and officials of Directorate of Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute welcomed the guests and explained salient points of the museum.

The Indian guests proceeded to the National Museum on Pyay Road. Director Daw Nu Mra Zan, Curator Daw Mi Mi Thet Nwe and officials welcomed and conducted them round the museum.

The Indian Defence Secretary signed in



Defence Secretary of India Mr Shekhar Dutt pays homage to Jade Buddha Image at Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA

the visitors' book of the museum.

At 4 pm, they

arrived at Shwedagon Pagoda. The guests offered flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the pagoda.

After signing the visitors' book, the Indian Defence Secretary made cash donations to the funds of the pagoda.

The pagoda board of trustees presented the picture of Shwedagon Pagoda as Dhamma gift to the guests.

The Indian guests paid homage to Jade Buddha Image and the pagoda.

Later, they visited the pagoda and viewed religious buildings on the platform of the pagoda.

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Deputy Minister of Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Kyi Win welcomes Defence Secretary of India Mr Shekhar Dutt at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Minister meets representative of WFP



Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha receives Resident Representative of World Food Programme Mr Bhim Udas. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha received Mr Bhim Udas,

representative of World Food Programme, who had completed his tour of duty in Myanmar at the ministry here this morning.

Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and officials of the ministry were present on the occasion.

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Work coord meeting held at Sports Ministry



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers an address at work coordination meeting of Ministry of Sports. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Sports was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry yesterday, with an address by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Next, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik briefed on tasks performed by heads of states and divisions while

responsible personnel of SPEDs of States and Divisions reported on work done.

Afterwards, responsible personnel of Sports and Physical Education Institutes (Yangon) and (Mandalay) briefed on joint training course for sports and education and sports training course.

In connection with the reports presented by the states and divisions,

officials of branch department made clarification and directors held sector-wise discussions.

Next, Director-General U Thaung Htaik and Deputy Director-General U Thein Aung gave supplementary reports and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint made concluding remarks.

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MMCWA Vice-President in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and central executives held a meeting in Pyinmana on 19 September.

Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint coordinated with personnel concerned the functions of the

Township MCWA, school health activities, maternal and child welfare services and anti-HIV project (mother to child HIV infection). Later she and central executives inspected fly-proof latrines and presented cash assistance to MCWAs of Pyinmana and Lewe.

The project to

prevent mother to child HIV infection will be launched with UNICEF assistance in Pyinmana Township, Hline township in Yangon Division, Maha Aungmye and Kyaukpadaung townships in Mandalay Division and Kyaikhto Township in Mon State this year.

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Joint-Secretary-1 of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw May Mar Lar briefs on prevention of HIV infection. — MMCWA

Medical students visit MMCWA

YANGON, 21 Sept — The students from the University of Medicine-1 led by the faculty members of the university visited Multi Functional Building of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association at the corner of Thanthuma Road and Parami Road in South Okkalapa

Township on 19 September.

Executive Director Prof Dr U Tun Yi of MMCWA extended greetings. Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha explained organizational set up of the association and its health care services and Dr Than Oo tasks on education,

economic and social welfare service.

Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and Prof Dr U Tun Yi replied to the queries by the students.

Later, the officials conducted the faculty members and the students around the building.

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Secretary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha briefs medical students on MMCWA.

MMCWA

N-E China water diversion tunnel to set new world record

SHENYANG, 21 Sept — A water diversion tunnel under construction in northeast China is set to become the world's longest man-made tunnel, and is currently less than four kilometres short of the record.

The tunnel in Liaoning Province has progressed 53.13 kilometres and will soon break the record held by Switzerland's 57-kilometres Gotthard Base Tunnel, according to project managers.

The tunnel — with a diameter of eight metres and running through 50 hills, 50 river valleys and 29 geographic faults — will be 85.3 kilometres long on completion in

2008. Jiao Yong, Vice-Minister of Water Resources, said in Liaoning on Tuesday that the tunnel and diversion pipelines with a total length of 231 kilometres will bring water from the Dahuofang Reservoir in the east of Liaoning to 10 million people in six industrial cities in the province's central region.

The second-phase of

construction, which includes the building of closed pipelines to divert water from the trunk line into the respective cities, was officially begun on Tuesday.

With a per-capita water resource of less than 700 cubic metres, the province, known as one of the cradles of China's heavy industry, is one of China's thirstiest areas.

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Chinese monks practise with fire extinguishers during a fire drill at a temple in western China's Chongqing Municipality on 20 Sept, 2006.— INTERNET

“Shanshan” lands on Hokkaido in N Japan

TOKYO, 21 Sept — The powerful typhoon Shanshan, which landed on southern Japan on Sunday evening and swept across the Kyushu and Chugoku regions, made landfall on Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido on early Wednesday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

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The Space Shuttle Atlantis is serviced after it landed at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Fla, after a twelve day mission on 21 Sept, 2006. Two spots of light at the right are caused by lens flare.

INTERNET

Russian “Soyuz” ship docks with “ISS”

Moscow, 21 Sept — A Russian Soyuz spaceship docked with the International Space Station (ISS) on Wednesday, bringing the world's first female space tourist and a two-man crew to the orbiting outpost, the Mission Control near Moscow said.

Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin, US astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria and Iranian-born American Anousheh Ansari blasted off aboard the Soyuz TMA-9 vessel on Monday from the barren steppes of Kazakhstan and hurtled two days in space to catch up with the station. — MNA/Xinhua

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New timetables of passenger trains on Yangon-Mandalay section issued

YANGON, 20 Sept — Myanma Railways has issued the new timetables for departure and arrival of up and down passenger trains on Yangon-Mandalay railroad section commencing on 26 September 2006 (Tuesday). The new timetables of the trains are as follows:-

Up-trains

Sr. Train No.	Departure from Yangon	Arrival at Nay Pyi Taw	Arrival at Mandalay
1. 29th Up-train	04:00	12:07	18:00
2. 17th Up-train	04:30	13:08	19:30
3. 5th Up-train	05:00	13:45	20:00
4. 3rd Up-train	05:30	14:33	21:30
5. 11th Up-train	06:00	15:10	22:00
6. 31st Up-train	09:00	17:45	-
7. 7th Up-train	09:30	18:15	-

Down-trains

Sr. Train No.	Departure from Mandalay	Departure/Arrival at Nay Pyi Taw	Arrival at Yangon
1. 8th Down-train	-	06:30	15:30
2. 32nd Down-train	-	08:45	17:45
3. 30th Down-train	04:00	09:33	18:00
4. 18th Down-train	04:30	10:24	19:30
5. 6th Down-train	05:00	10:58	20:10
6. 4th Down-train	05:30	11:49	21:30
7. 12th Down-train	06:00	12:20	22:00

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California, Oregon, Washington join hands in Ocean protection

LOS ANGELES, 20 Sept—California, Oregon and Washington, three US western states, on Monday signed an agreement to become partners in protecting the Pacific Ocean and coastal communities.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the partnership at an environment conference in Long Beach, about 40 kilometres southwest of Los Angeles.

“Just as our western states have started to work together to fight global warming and protect our air, we now join forces to make sure we are doing everything in our power to maintain clean water and beaches along our coasts,” the governor told the conference.

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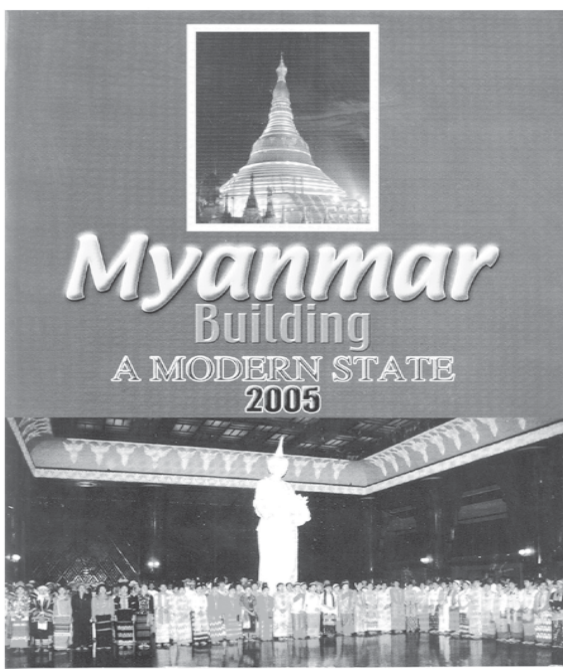
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Italian PM's aide resigns amid Telecom Italia row

ROME, 20 Sept—A chief economic aide to Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi has resigned in the latest development of a political and economic controversy over Telecom Italia (TI), local media reported Monday.

Angelo Rovati said on Monday morning that he had stepped down in order to protect Prodi from opposition allegations, which accused the Prime Minister of being behind a plan suggesting a reorganization of the debt-ridden communications group, according to the reports.

In his letter of resignation to Prodi, Rovati said: “Following Tronchetti Provera’s resignation as Telecom Italia chairman and the

government’s declared readiness to discuss the telecommunications system in Parliament, I believe it is my duty to step down in order to clear the field of any further speculation.”

TI leapt into the political spotlight last week when then chairman Marco Tronchetti Provera announced a plan to reorganize the company, which included a spin-off of its mobile phone unit TIM.

Many observers saw this move as setting the stage for its sale in order to offset TI’s debts of over 40 billion euros (50.8 billion US dollars).

Prodi expressed his reservations about the plan, which he said had come as a surprise to him.—MNA/Xinhua

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Germans most discontent with living standards among Europeans

BERLIN, 20 Sept—Germans have the most pessimistic view of their current living conditions and the future among all Europeans, said a recent report released by the German Statistics Office.

According to the report, only 29 per cent of Germans feel that their income allows them to live comfortably. In Denmark, the number is 64 per cent; in Sweden, it is 54 per cent and in Ireland, it is 50 per cent.—MNA/Xinhua

China, EU sign agreement on trade security

BRUSSELS, 20 Sept—China and the European Union (EU) vowed on Tuesday to enhance their cooperation on trade security and facilitation by signing a deal to establish “smart and safe trade lanes” in a bid to boost trade while countering the threats of piracy and terrorism.

The scheme will start with a pilot project focusing on sea containers transport between Rotterdam in the Netherlands, Felixstowe in Britain, and the southern Chinese port of Shenzhen, Chinese Customs officials said. A “smart” examining and monitoring system using high-tech electronic devices will be developed to minimize the risks of counterfeit goods and make the process of going through Customs quicker and cheaper, they said.

According to Tuesday’s deal, a steering group comprising representatives of the Customs authorities of China, the EU, the Netherlands and Britain will be set up to guide the pilot project and see to its implementation.

“The EU is China’s biggest trading partner, and

enhancing Customs cooperation with the EU is very important to China,” Mu Xinheng, Minister of China’s General Administration of Customs, told reporters at the EU headquarters in Brussels. Mu met with EU Taxation and Customs Union Commissioner Laszlo Kovacs on Monday

to discuss closer cooperation between the two sides. On Tuesday he and Kovacs attended a meeting of the China-EU Joint Customs Cooperation Committee, which focused on protection of intellectual property rights and trade security.

MNA/Xinhua

Nine miners found dead after Ukraine pit blast

KIEV, 21 Sept—An explosion caused by a build-up of gas struck a colliery in eastern Ukraine on Wednesday, killing at least nine miners, a spokeswoman for the emergencies services said.

“One survivor and nine bodies were found. We are looking for another 10 miners,” she said by telephone from Donetsk, the main town in the Donbass coalfield where the Zasyadko mine is situated. Earlier, an Emergencies Ministry spokesman in Kiev said 43 miners were trapped by the explosion

caused by a mixture of coal powder and methane. Ihor Krol said altogether around 400 miners were underground when the blast occurred.

Russia’s Interfax news agency said 172 miners had been evacuated from the mine by 0600 GMT. Accidents are frequent occurrences in Ukraine’s ageing coal mines plagued by lack of cash and poor maintenance. In August 2001, more than 50 miners died in a blast at the Zasyadko mine. A similar blast at the mine in July 2002 killed more than 20.—MNA/Reuters

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“Xinhua” says new media rules open for negotiation

BEIJING, 20 Sept — China’s Xinhua news agency said on Monday foreign news agencies would have to deal with a state-approved agent to distribute information, but added details of its new media regulations were still up for negotiation.

In comments faxed to Reuters, the state news agency also said the regulations, which seek to bar financial information companies, including Reuters and Bloomberg, from selling services directly to Chinese banks and brokerages, would not hurt China’s financial market reforms.

“As to whether or not fees will be paid, the distribution of news and other questions, these will be resolved through consultations based on mutual respect and equal consultation and under the principle of mutual benefit,” Xinhua said.

“The administrative measures will not influence China’s financial reforms,” the agency’s Foreign Information Administrative Centre said in an unsigned response to a Reuters faxed request for clarification.

The rules, announced on 10 September, require foreign media to seek

Xinhua’s approval to distribute news, pictures and graphics within China.

Xinhua said the China Economic Information Service, which it appointed, was the sole agent authorized to distribute news from foreign agencies, although it added that other distributors that met its requirements could be approved.

“If the existing clients of foreign agencies want to continue to subscribe from these agencies, they have to sign contracts with a designated distributor,” it said.

Xinhua said government departments would “safeguard the rights and interests of foreign news agencies and domestic subscribers”, adding the rules were aimed at promoting “healthy news and information and orderly communication”. “The regulations will not create a Xinhua monopoly,” said Li Xiguang, deputy head of the journalism school at Beijing’s Tsinghua University.

“To the contrary, this will prompt Xinhua’s own reporting to contain more information and strengthen its news value and timeliness, and will broaden and deepen the field of reporting.”

MNA/Reuters



Models show silk underwears during the 2006 Hangzhou Silk Festival in Hangzhou, capital of east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 19 Sept, 2006. The festival, opened on Tuesday, is part of the 2006 West Lake Expo. —XINHUA



A model displays an outfit created by designer Duyos during the Spring/Summer 2006-07 Pasarela Cibeles fashion show in Madrid on 19 Sept, 2006. INTERNET

NASA delays “Atlantis” landing until Thursday

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept— NASA delays space shuttle Atlantis’ landing until Thursday, mainly due to bad weather at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, according to US media reports on Monday.

“The mission management team has decided to keep Atlantis 24 more hours in orbit,” NASA spokesman Doug Peterson said.

The weather was expected to improve on Thursday and Friday. Atlantis has enough supplies to stay in space for two extra days and could also land at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

MNA/Xinhua

New agreement on whales and dolphins conservation

WELLINGTON, 20 Sept— A new international framework to conserve Pacific Island whales and dolphins (cetaceans) and their habitats has been endorsed by nine countries.

According to Tuesday’s report from Pacnews, a Suva-based regional news agency, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated

States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, New Zealand, Niue, Samoa and Vanuatu signed the memorandum of understanding (MoU) at the regional environment ministers meeting in Noumea, New Caledonia, last week.

The contracting parties to the Conservation of Cetaceans and their Habitats are Australia,

Cook Islands, France, New Zealand and Samoa.

The new MoU was negotiated under the auspices of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), in close collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment programme (SPREP) based in Apia, Samoa.

MNA/Xinhua

Motorola to buy Symbol Technologies Inc for \$3.9b

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept— Motorola Inc said on Tuesday that it agreed to purchase Symbol Technologies Inc, a maker of bar code scanners, for about 3.9 billion US dollars.

Motorola, the world’s second-largest handset company, said in a statement that it would pay 15 dollars per share, a 2.2-per-cent premium to Symbol’s Monday closing price of 14.67 dollars on the New York Stock Exchange.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese girl with facial deformation recovers well

XI’AN, 20 Sept — A Chinese girl suffering from a “sunken face” is recovering well after a plastic surgery and is expected to leave hospital in 10 days, doctors said on Monday.

The girl, named Wang Na, underwent recovery surgery for sunken congenital cheekbones and an upper jaw deficit on 5 September in the stomatological hospital attached to the Fourth Military Medical University in Xi’an, capital of

northwest China’s Shaanxi Province.

The doctors revealed the patient’s situation when over 70 stomatologists and surgeons from 23 countries, in Xi’an for a medical conference, came to see the 18-year-old girl. Surgeons said that the surgery was a world first.

Currently Wang is wearing a traction frame on her head. Though the girl still has difficulty turning her head, she is in a buoyant mood. Wang is recovering well and is in

good spirits, said Liu Yanpu, the surgeon in charge. “The only problem is she cannot eat by herself because of the frame,” the doctor said.

Liu said the traction started six days ago and they have already completed five millimetres.

The doctor planned to complete the remaining traction in the next five to 10 days and he said that if everything goes smoothly, Wang will leave hospital in about 10 days.

MNA/Xinhua



A child runs near fishing boats at the port of Bueu in northern Spain, on 20 Sept, 2006, as Hurricane Gordon turned into a tropical storm on Wednesday. — INTERNET

SPORTS



Liverpool's Momo Sissoko, left, challenges Scott Parker of Newcastle United during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, England, on 20 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Ukraine-Poland Euro 2012 bid worthy of note

KIEV, 21 Sept — The joint bid by Ukraine and Poland to stage the 2012 European Championship has many elements in its favour and is worthy of serious consideration, a UEFA official was quoted as saying on Wednesday.

Giorgio Marchetti, a member of the UEFA delegation that toured four Ukrainian cities last week, told the daily *Kommanda* that inspectors found "many positive elements" during their visit.

"You must understand that the demands for staging Euro 2012 will be more stringent than they were for the world championship which just took place. So no one should be surprised that we asked so many questions," he told the newspaper.

"This, first of all, shows that we are taking the Ukraine-Poland bid seriously... Ukraine and Poland combine desire, enthusiasm and a willingness to turn words into action.

"There are undoubtedly problems, but also an understanding of how to resolve them. Ukraine and Poland could well get the chance to stage the tournament."

The bid is up against Italy and a similar joint proposal from Croatia and Hungary.

MNA/Reuters

Leeds sack manager Blackwell, QPR appoint Gregory

LONDON, 21 Sept — Leeds United and Queens Park Rangers, former Premier League clubs now occupying the bottom two places in the Second Division, changed their managers on Wednesday.

Leeds, who are 23rd in the 24-team division, sacked Kevin Blackwell, their manager since May 2004, while QPR appointed former player John Gregory, his first management job since leaving Derby County in 2003.

Leeds have won just two of their opening eight matches and have seven points, while QPR have won one of their first eight games and are bottom with six points.

Blackwell's sacking came the day after Leeds beat Barnet 3-1 in the League Cup on Tuesday while QPR went out of the competition after being beaten 3-2 by Port Vale.

Gregory, who spent four years at QPR and played for them in the 1982 FA Cup final, takes over from Gary Waddock, who was appointed manager in June, but who now reverts to first-team coach.

MNA/Reuters

Curbelo sends holders Nancy through in League Cup

PARIS, 21 Sept — A first-half goal by Gaston Curbelo gave holders Nancy a 1-0 victory over Nice in the French League Cup first round on Wednesday.

Nancy, who defeated Nice in the final last season, got the only goal of the game when Curbelo netted after 25 minutes.

Nice, bottom of Ligue 1, at one stage fielded four strikers but were unable to penetrate Nancy's defence.

Other first round matches on Wednesday include Paris St. Germain hosting Lorient and Valenciennes taking on troubled Monaco. On Tuesday, Toulouse knocked out Nantes 2-0 while Lille needed a Mamatou Coulibaly own goal to see off Ligue 2 side Istres.

MNA/Reuters



New England Revolution forward Clint Dempsey battles for control of the ball with New York Red Bulls defender Seth Stammler (6) and midfielder Chris Henderson, rear, during first half MLS soccer on Wednesday night, 20 Sept, 2006 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. —INTERNET

FA opens investigations into BBC bung claims

LONDON, 21 Sept — England's Football Association said on Wednesday it was launching a series of investigations into corruption allegations made by a BBC television programme.

Tuesday's *Panorama* claimed 18 unnamed current or former Premier League managers had been given money or "bungs" from transfers, with two agents implying on the programme that Bolton Wanderers manager Sam Allardyce had taken them.

Allardyce has denied any wrongdoing. The FA said it "takes any allegations of corruption in the game extremely seriously", and would launch one set of investigations jointly with the Premier League and another purely on its own.

With the Premier League, the FA will look at allegations of illegal approaches made to players involving Chelsea's director of youth football Frank Arnesen, Portsmouth manager Harry Redknapp, Liverpool and Newcastle United.

MNA/Reuters

China's Peng downs holder Kirilenko in Beijing

BEIJING, 21 Sept — China's Peng Shuai outlasted Russia's defending champion Maria Kirilenko 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 on Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals of the China Open.

Eighth seed Kirilenko, who played her first-round match on Tuesday evening, was beaten for the first time in seven contests at the Beijing Tennis Centre. Peng, one of four Chinese to reach the second round at the 600,000-US-dollar tournament, was edged out in the first set but broke the 19-year-old Russian early in the second and never looked back.

"She was the defending champion and ranks higher than me but I was playing at home and the crowd were cheering for me," 20-year-old Peng said.

MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Martina Hingis returns a shot to Tzipora Obziler of Israel during their match at the Kolkata Open tennis tournament in the eastern city of Kolkata, on 20 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



Aston Villa's Czech Republic striker, Milan Baros, centre, battles for the ball with Scunthorpe United goalkeeper Joe Murphy, right and defender Richard Hinds, during their Carling Cup soccer match at Glanford Park, Scunthorpe, England, on 20 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Wins for champion Hidayat

MADRID, 21 Sept — Defending champion Taufik Hidayat of Indonesia fought back from a game down to overcome Kestutis Navickas of Lithuania 19-21, 21-15, 21-10 and book his place in the last 16 of the world championships on Wednesday.

Top seed and world number one Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia also made it through into the next round with a 21-18, 21-14 win over Germany's Bjoern Joppjen in his first match of the competition.

Lee, who won gold at the Commonwealth Games earlier this year, said he would need to improve if he was to add the world crown to his medal collection.

"Everyone tells me that the top seeds don't often win at the worlds and I made a lot of mistakes out there today," he told *Reuters*. "Maybe I felt the pressure and I will have to get a lot better if I'm to win this."

Hidayat, who has recently recovered from injury and is unseeded in Madrid, was put under heavy pressure by Navickas and went down in the opening game after sending an overhead smash into the net.

But he managed to step up a gear in the second, working his opponent around the court and then ending the match in assured fashion.

"I was a bit over-confident and didn't warm up properly before the match," said the Olympic champion.

MNA/Reuters

Beijing police crack 3 illegal foreign currency trading gangs

BEIJING, 21 Sept — Beijing law enforcement officers have broken up three illegal foreign currency trading rings, arresting 10 people and seizing almost a million US dollars, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE) said on Wednesday.

More than 120 police and officials from the municipal foreign exchange authority took part in raids on 13 September, seizing 960,000 US dollars and over 500,000 yuan (63,000 dollars) in cash.

The authorities also seized 63 bank cards and froze 170 accounts, involving funds worth 6.9

million yuan (870,000 dollars).

The joint law enforcement operation began in June last year, when the gangs were put under surveillance, SAFE said.

The authorities sus-

pect that illegal transactions by the gangs involve funds worth more than 100 million yuan in accounts in Beijing, Guangdong, Zhejiang, Xinjiang and other regions.

MNA/Xinhua



Fans of US Ryder Cup player Tiger Woods smile as they brave the rain to watch practice for the Ryder Cup at the K Club in County Kildare, Ireland on 20 Sept, 2006. — INTERNET

“Flood Bulletin”

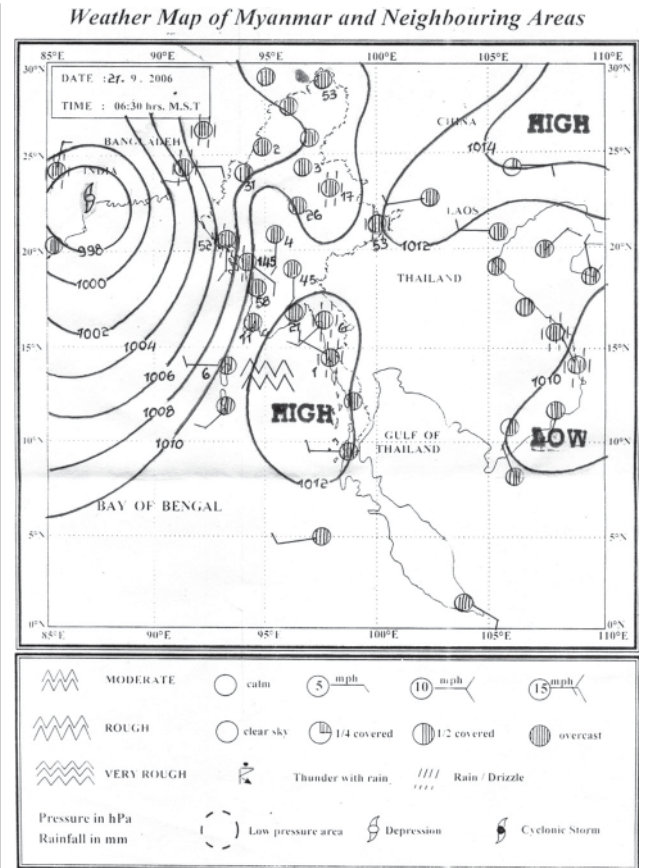
(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 21-9-2006)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Dokehtawady River at Myitnge is (916) cm. It may fall below its danger level (870) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

“Storm News”

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 21-9-2006)

According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's depression over Northwest Bay is crossing the west Bengal Coast, India.



WEATHER

Thursday, 21 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State, isolated heavyfalls in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.40) inch, An (7.75) inches, Kyaukpyu (6.34) inches, Maungtaw (5.12) inches, Shwegyin (2.68) inches, Sittaw (2.44) inches, Kyauktaw (2.40) inches, PyinOoLwin (2.01) inches, Kanbalu (1.89) inches, Shwebo (1.11) inches, Pyinmana (1.03) inches and Mandalay (1.02) inches.

Maximum temperature on 20-9-2006 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 21-9-2006 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-9-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 20-9-2006 was (0.3) hour approx. Rainfalls on 21-9-2006 were (1.18) inches at Mingaladon, (0.83) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.24) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (89.53) inches at Mingaladon, (100.51) inches at Kaba-Aye and (103.27) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (11:30) hours MST on 20-9-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's depression over Northwest Bay is crossing the west Bengal Coast, India. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 22-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Chin, Kachin and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Northern Shan State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Southern Shan State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Seas: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 35 to 40 mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of thundery conditions in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 22-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 22-9-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 22-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 22 September
View on today

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

- The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:10 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- မြန်မာ့စီးရထား စွမ်းအား ကျောက်ရေတွင်း ခုံးကျော် တံတား

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- Musical programme

4:45 pm

- အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

4:55 pm

- Song of national races

5:10 pm

- မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား

5:20 pm

- Song of yesteryears

5:30 pm

- “သတိနဲ့ ယှဉ်အသိနဲ့ ပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁) (ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျှော်၊ မြတ်ကောသီအောင်)

- ရတနာခင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနှင်းဝေ၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေပြေဦး (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

5:40 pm

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5:50 pm

- တည်ဆောက် ပြုပြင်ရမ်း အရှေ့တစ်ခွင်

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်နတ်သမီး” (အပိုင်း-၃)

7:40 pm

- ယှဉ်ပြိုင်ဝင်နဲ့ ASEAN Quiz 2006 ပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 pm

- News

- International news

- Weather report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေညှိမလေး ပထမချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂)

- The next day's programme

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It is historic duty for Myanmar people to preserve cultural heritage and ward off infiltration of alien culture

Wellwishers contribute cash to funds of 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin delivers an address at cash donation ceremony for organizing 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept — The first cash donation ceremony for organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held this afternoon here, and Chairman of the Leading Committee for the Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin accepted the donations.

The cash donation ceremony was also attended by Chairman of Fund Raising and Prize Presentation Committee for the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competi-

tions Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe and members of sub-committees, departmental officials and wellwishers.

In his address, Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin said the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held in 1993 for the first time, and since then, the competitions have been held every year with the aims of preserving and safeguarding Myanmar cultural heritage, perpetuating genuine traditional fine arts and preserving

national characters. The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held in Nay Pyi Taw for the first time, and preparations for the 14th competitions are being made by respective committees, he said.

The commander continued to say that high standards of Myanmar traditional fine arts have been possessing own culture, arts and national characteristics since time immemorial because ancestors put all their energy into preserving the cultural heritage. So, it is the duty of today's citizens to shoulder the responsibility for perpetuation of Myanmar's traditional fine arts.

Regarding the preservation of Myanmar cultural heritage, the Government also laid down Four Social Objectives including two objectives — "Uplift of na-

20 youths who represent two-fifths of global population as the main market for their cultural exports. The alien influence on traditions and culture, customs and faiths through technological

changes and developments has alarmed many nations. In the same vain, global countries are anxious about their long-preserved performing arts that are now under the (See page 8)



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin accepts cash donation from a wellwisher. — MNA

tional prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character" and "Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit". The reason why performing arts competitions are held is to hand down the high standards of Myanmar traditional fine arts to posterity and to uplift the national prestige and integrity.

The commander said, the Western countries are targeting under-

21 quit Budalin Township NLD

They no longer trust in NLD and its functions

YANGON, 21 Sept — Members of Budalin Township National League for Democracy, Sagaing Division, U Soe Lwin, U Saw Myint Aung, U Nyo, U Than Yin, U Htay Maung, U Myint Aung, U Nyein, U Win Naing, U Hla Myint, U Win, U Hla Maung, U Htay Hlaing, U Dway, U Kaung Hlaing, U Tint, U Rar Po, U Than Myint, U Tin Nwe, U Aung Lwin, Daw Aye Pu and Daw Khin San Win of Panmo Village resigned from the party of their own accord on 21 August.

They sent the letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities. In their letter sent to Budalin Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission, they said they no longer trusted in the NLD and took no interest in its functions, and so they quit the NLD of their own accord. — MNA

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Myaing Township witnessed the construction of Yanhton, Bogwe, Phalannwe, Seiksin and Htanbinngge dams, and Yesagyo Township, installation of a sluice gate in Sintantna Dam, dredging of TaungU Dam, building of a canal for Myenigon Dam, raising the level of the embankment of Myekhedaung Dam, renovation of Kwehmyok Dam and construction of Kaingmagyi Dam.

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