

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Saudi Arabia

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which falls on 23 September, 2006. — *MNA*

Some projects that are instrumental in national development are under implementation and there are also other projects to be implemented.

It is incumbent upon government discharging State duties to strive for all-round development of the nation Large number of development projects implemented

Special Projects Implementation Committee holds coordination meeting No 1/2006

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — The Special Projects Implementation Committee held the coordination meeting No 1/2006 at the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) here this afternoon with an address by Chairman of the Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

The meeting was also attended by Vice-Chairman of the Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development

Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, members of the Committee member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary of the Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-

Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, heads of department and officials.

Joint Secretary of the Committee Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win acted as master of ceremonies.

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Senior General Than Shwe addresses coordination meeting No 1/2006 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee. —MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 23 September, 2006

Protection and conservation of environment for development of fauna

In the drive for environmental conservation and prevention against environmental degradation, Myanmar is pursuing its national environmental policies for ensuring efficient use and conservation of its land and marine resources.

Now, the Ministry of Forestry and related ministries are speeding up the tasks for nurturing forests and trees, and establishing forest reserves, forest plantations, protected forests and sanctuaries.

In Myanmar, a wide range of fauna are seen in Hugaung Valley, Alaungdaw Kassapa National Park, Meinmahla Island Wildlife Park, Shwettaw Wildlife Park, Inlay Lake and Bird Sanctuary, and Moeyungyi Bird Sanctuary.

At the meeting on protection of tigers held at the National Gardens in India, the researchers and scientists recognized that the geographical feature of Hugaung Valley was the best haven for wildlife in South-East Asia.

Since 1999, the Forest Department and the wildlife conservation society have been carrying out tasks for protecting tiger species and collecting the tiger population in Myanmar. According to the data collected up to 2005, Hugaung Valley is home to some 70 tigers of various species including Indo-China and Bengal species.

Now, forest departments and wildlife conservation associations of respective nations and regional organizations are joining hands in the drive for ensuring long-term life security of tigers in the Asian nations such as the eastern Russian Federation, China, Laos, Malaysia, Cambodia, Thailand, India, Indonesia and Myanmar.

All the people are duty-bound to conserve and protect territorial and aquatic resources of the nation. They are thus urged to collectively conserve natural forests, rare species of birds and animals for sustainable development of variety of wildlife in the nation.

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People's Desire

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

Central Committee for Holding Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium meets

YANGON, 22 Sept — The Central Committee for Holding the Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium held the first meeting at the Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Street in Mayangon Township here this afternoon with an address by Patron of the Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

It was attended by Secretary of the Central Committee Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and members, members of Committee for Forming the Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and secretaries of the sub-committees.

Those present including officials of the sub-committees reported matters on holding of the Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium at the Myanmar Convention Centre on Min Dhamma Street and at the Myanmar Gems Emporium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road from 19 to 29 October, work being carried out



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses meeting of Central Committee for Holding Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium. — MINES

committee-wise, invitation of gems merchants at home and abroad, rules and regulations on payment of gems and others. Patron of the Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint gave necessary instruction.

The meeting ended in the evening with the concluding remarks by Patron of the Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint. — MNA

Kathina robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 22 Sept — A ceremony to offer Kathina robes to 45 members of the Sangha will be held at Chanmyemyaing Yeiktha Monastery in Laydaungtan Model Village in Mingaladon Township on 2nd Waning of

Thadingyut 1368, (8 October). The ceremony will commence at 7.30 am, and the Sayadaw will deliver sermons to share merits gained. Wellwishers are invited to the ceremony. MNA

Corrigendum

Please read U Zaw Htay, Director-General, Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar), Ministry of Education, in the Myanmar Gazette on Page 2 of the New Light of Myanmar Daily issued on 22-9-2006. Error is regretted. Ed.

New timetables of passenger trains on Yangon-Mandalay section issued

YANGON, 20 Sept — Myanmar 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. 29 Up-train	04:00	12:07	18:00
2. 17 Up-train	04:30	13:08	19:30
3. 5 Up-train	05:00	13:45	20:10
4. 3 Up-train	05:30	14:33	21:30
5. 11 Up-train	06:00	15:10	22:00
6. 31 Up-train	09:00	17:45	-
7. 7 Up-train	09:30	18:15	-
Down-trains			
Sr. Train No.	Departure from Mandalay	Departure/Arrival at Nay Pyi Taw	Arrival at Yangon
1. 8 Down-train	-	06:30	15:30
2. 32 Down-train	-	08:45	17:45
3. 30 Down-train	04:00	09:33	18:00
4. 18 Down-train	04:30	10:24	19:30
5. 6 Down-train	05:00	10:58	20:10
6. 4 Down-train	05:30	11:49	21:30
7. 12 Down-train	06:00	12:20	22:00

Railways

China calls for diplomatic negotiations on Iran N-issue

BEIJING, 21 Sept—All parties involved in the Iran nuclear issue should maintain diplomatic negotiations and dialogue, and promote a peaceful resolution, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang on Tuesday.

Qin said all sides should make the most of the opportunity provided by the negotiations between the European Union and Iran, which were making progress.

French President Jacques Chirac on Monday

day urged the six major powers involved in the issue — Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — not to refer Iran to the UN Security Council, and to find an agenda for negotiation, then engage in the negotiations.

A peaceful resolution of the Iran nuclear issue through diplomatic negotiations was the common will of the international community, Qin said, adding it was also in the interests of all parties and the “best option”.

MNA/Xinhua



Police uses road roller to destroy bottles of illegal alcohol confiscated in a pre-Ramadan anti-alcohol campaign, in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 21 Sept, 2006. Every Ramadan, the holiest month in Muslim calendar, the government conducts raids at unlicensed liquor stores and then destroys the liquor in a public display. — INTERNET

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Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (C) speaks to the media after addressing the 61st session of the UN General Assembly at the United Nations headquarters in New York on 20 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

Senate Democrats want probe of US hiring in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept— Democrats hoping to capture control of the US Congress in this fall elections called on Tuesday for probes of the Bush Administration’s Iraq rebuilding effort, which they likened to the government’s botched response to Hurricane

Katrina in 2005. Senate Democrats urged congressional and Pentagon investigations into hiring and contracting practices in Iraq. The requests came after the *Washington Post* newspaper reported young novices with Republican political connections got high-level jobs rebuilding Iraq in 2003 and 2004.

“Iraq, in one of the most critical moments in its history when the United States was there was being run by neocons (neoconservatives) in diapers,” said Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois, a senior Democrat. “The Coalition Provisional Authority became the Bush Administration’s FEMA in Iraq,” Durbin added, referring to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The CPA was the US-led governing authority in Iraq after the United States

toppled Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from power in 2003. Bush’s domestic popularity plummeted after Hurricane Katrina tore through the Gulf Coast a year ago, leaving New Orleans in ruins. The public backlash followed a slow, uncoordinated response by Washington, especially FEMA which was headed then by an inexperienced political appointee, Michael Brown. Hoping to demonstrate that political “cronyism” also contributed to American failures in an increasingly unpopular war in Iraq, Durbin said the CPA hired “incompetent political hacks to try to rebuild a country”.

MNA/Reuters

Two US soldiers lose lives in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 Sept— Two US soldiers were killed in separate incidents in Iraq, the US military said on Wednesday.

A US soldier was killed when a roadside bomb went off near his vehicle in northwest of Baghdad on Tuesday, while the second died of non-combat incident in Baghdad early on Wednesday, the military said in a brief statement. — MNA/Xinhua



Actress Jessica Simpson (R) greets fans at the world premiere of “Employee of the Month” at the Mann’s Chinese theatre in Hollywood on 19 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



A Thai investor walks past the electronic board at a private stock trading floor in Bangkok, Thailand, on 21 Sept, 2006. The Thai stock market reopened on Thursday following Tuesday’s military coup. INTERNET

Two blasts kill 18 near Iraqi city of Mosul

MOSUL (Iraq), 21 Sept— A car bomb followed by a suicide blast killed 18 people and wounded 11 in a town near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Tuesday, a police source said.

The source in the town of Shergat

said a suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest shortly after a crowd had gathered around the remains of a car bomb that went off near a passing Iraqi Army and police patrol.

MNA/Reuters

Musharraf exudes confidence on Indo-Pakistan peace process

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Sept—Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf Tuesday exuded confidence that his “positive” meeting with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in Havana will help to carry forward the peace process in the region and resolve various

issues facing the two nations including Kashmir.

Addressing the 192-member UN General Assembly, he said, “Pakistan desires a peaceful environment in the region. We have been engaged in a peace

process with India, aimed at confidence building and resolving issues, including the Jammu and Kashmir dispute, which have been the source of tension and conflict between the two countries in the past.”

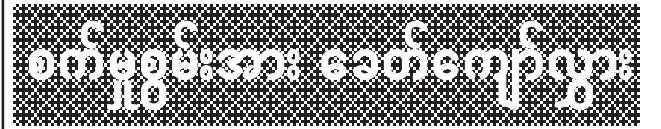
Improved relations and

the conducive international environment, has brought “an acceptable solution of this long-standing dispute within reach”, he said.

Stressing that stable security environment is also important for peace in the region, Musharraf commended Pakistan’s proposal for the creation of a “Strategic Restraint Regime” in South Asia, encompassing minimum nuclear deterrence and a balance of conventional forces.

“We do not want to enter into an arms race. But we will do whatever is necessary to preserve the credibility of our minimum defensive deterrence level,” he said.

MNA/PTI



Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker (L), chairman of the Eurogroup club of finance ministers, and Cambodia Prime Minister Hun Sen (R), listen to the national anthem upon his arrival at Phnom Penh international airport on 21 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Thai CDRM Chief receives King’s endorsement

BANGKOK, 22 Sept — Sonthi Boonyaratkalin, Thai Royal Army Chief who led the coup Tuesday night taking over the Thai Government, officially received in a ceremony Friday noon the King’s endorsement as chief of the Council for Democratic Reform

under Constitutional Monarchy (CDRM).

Wearing snow-white costume and supported with a sword, Sonthi stood along with other coup commanders to receive from a representative reading the royal decree of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, endorsing the appoint-

ment of Sonthi as Chief of CDRM.

The ceremony, two days after the CDRM announced the royal endorsement, was held at the Army headquarters, where houses the head office of CDRM in Bangkok, was broadcast live on TV.

MNA/Xinhua

Anti-Iraq war protester stands in front of the White House with a sign indicating US military killed in Iraq since the US invasion as part of a peace demonstration in Washington on 21 Sept, 2006.
INTERNET



Kazakhstan’s Health Minister fired over children’s HIV infection

ALMATY, 22 Sept— Kazakh Health Minister Yerbolat Dosayev was dismissed on Wednesday after 55 children were infected with the HIV virus, the Interfax news agency reported.

Nurlan Abdirrov, deputy secretary of Kazakhstan’s Security Council, confirmed that Dosayev had been relieved of his position due to serious negligence in the infection case.

Kazakh authorities have begun an investigation into relevant medical personnel linked to breach of duty. Altogether 55 children and two adults were infected with the HIV virus in a hospital in the southern Kazakh city of Shymkent, apparently after receiving blood contaminated with the virus. At least four babies have died.— MNA/Xinhua

Sunless tanner may protect skin

OTTAWA, 21 Sept— A Boston cancer doctor has found a sunless tanning chemical that can make fair-skinned people produce real skin pigment, protecting their skin against cancer from sun exposure.

So far it has only been tested in mice, but Dr David Fisher says pale blondes and redheads everywhere have reason to hope for a genuine tan not just dye and sun protection at the same time.

Caucasian people who tan a deep brown are producing a skin pigment called melanin. It’s triggered by ultraviolet light from the sun, or a tanning studio.

Very fair-skinned people have a genetic defect that won’t let them produce enough pigment to tan. They tend to burn instead.—Internet

Five Canadians arrested in Australian drug bust

CANBERRA, 21 Sept — Five Canadian men were arrested after cocaine worth 35 million Australian dollars (26 million US dollars) was found hidden inside computer equipment, in what was believed to be Australia’s fifth-largest illegal drugs seizure, police said on Thursday.

The 135-kilo haul (297-pound), as well as 3.5 million Australian dollars (2.6 million US dollars) worth of ecstasy tablets, was uncovered in a warehouse during a routine X-ray check by Customs officers in Queensland state’s capital, Brisbane. One Canadian man was arrested trying to reach the drugs, while four others were detained in police raids across Brisbane. An Australian man was also arrested in New South Wales state capital, Sydney, over suspected links to the five.

“We have arrested five Canadian nationals and one other man,” an Australian Federal Police spokesman said.—MNA/Reuters



Tourists visit the Huguangyan Volcano Museum, part of the Leiqiong Geoparks, in Zhanjiang, south China’s Guangdong Province, on 19 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA



Saturn has a newly discovered ring, a faint trail of particles just visible in between some of its better-known rings, NASA said on 19 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

Cambodian newspaper says Thailand's coup is an internal matter

PHNOM PENH, 21 Sept— The bloodless coup in Bangkok was an internal matter for the Thai Government and the military takeover would not cause instability in Cambodia, the *Cambodian Daily* on Thursday quoted government spokesman and Information Minister Khieu Kanharith

as saying.

“We are not issuing a travel warning to Cambodians because the situation seems calm, but we are monitoring it very closely,” he said.

“The situation in Cambodia is quite stable,” he said, adding that it was up to the Thai Government to resolve the

situation peacefully.

Meanwhile, Defence Minister Tea Banh told reporters that the Cambodian Military remained united behind the government. “There will never be such a coup in Cambodia because we do not have such deep social rifts as in Thailand,” he added. —MNA/Xinhua

India's former French colony changes name

CHENNAI (India), 21 Sept — India has changed the name of its former French-ruled territory of Pondicherry to Puducherry to reflect the indigenous history of the region, officials said on Wednesday.

The federal enclave in south India came under French influence at the end of 17th century, becoming a key trading post in the Bay of Bengal. It then came under direct colonial rule in the 18th century.

MNA/Reuters



British billionaire pledges \$3b to fight climate change

NEW YORK, 21 Sept— British business mogul Richard Branson on Thursday pledged to invest about \$3 billion over the next decade to combat global warming and promote alternative energy, saying that it was critical to protect the environment for future generations.

Branson, the billionaire behind the multiplatform Virgin brand, said the money would come from 100 percent of the profits generated by his transportation sectors — trains and airline companies.

It will be invested in efforts to find renewable, sustainable energy sources in an effort to wean the world off oil and coal.

The billionaire made the announcement on the second day of the Clinton Global Initiative, an annual conference of business, political and

nonprofit leaders hosted by former President Clinton.

“Our generation has inherited an incredibly beautiful world from our parents and they from their parents,” Branson said at a news conference, with Clinton at his side.

“We must not be the generation responsible for

irreversibly damaging the environment. We must hand it over to our children in as nearpristine a condition as we were lent it from our parents.” Clinton praised Branson, calling him one of the “most interesting,” “creative” and “genuinely committed” people he had ever known.

Branson's commit-

ment assured that the Clinton Global Initiative conference would surpass its goal of matching last year's efforts. By early Thursday afternoon, initiative organizers said they had 114 commitments amounting to \$5.7 billion. In 2005, the conference resulted in \$2.5 billion in pledges.

Internet

Twenty-year-old male elephant “Ya Kun” (L) and 27-year-old female “Li Ya” get “married” at the Jinan Zoo in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 20 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA



Salmon meat. Eating fatty fish could lower a woman's risk of developing a common form of kidney cancer, according to Swedish scientists. XINHUA

China's digital TV industry to boom

BEIJING, 21 Sept — The newly-announced terrestrial digital TV standard will help make digital TV a 500-billion-yuan (62.5-billion-US-dollar) business in China in 2015 as opposed to the paltry 40 billion yuan chalked up in 2002.

According to an estimate from the China digital TV industry association, there will be 230 million digital TV users in China in five years from now, with a yearly increase of 70

per cent.

TV set manufacturers believe that the 2008 Beijing Olympics are a great chance for the industry, and will whet people's appetites for digital TV.

Three big TV set manufacturers released digital TV sets that meet the new standard as soon as it was launched.

Other factories are following suit.

“Domestic and overseas TV set makers have both been waiting for the new standard for a long time. It will give the high-end TV set market a shot in the arm,” Hong Chengshao, an engineer with one of the manufacturers, was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Hong Kong star Jackie Chan talks about behind-the-screen stories at the premiere of his latest movie “Rob-B-Hood” in Beijing, on 20 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA



Myanmar's path to peace, development and democracy is smooth no matter whoever tries to hinder and disturb

Tekkatho Myat Thu

The 19-9-2006 issues of Myanmar newspapers carried the stance of the government and the people as regards the matter to put Myanmar on United Nations Security Council agenda.

The front page of the Myanma Alin daily dated the same day featured some headlines on the stance such as US constantly attempting to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar and trying to make use of UN to put pressure on the nation; the acts of the US are not in conformity with the UN Charter principles; accusation that Myanmar's situation poses threat to international peace and security is illogical and lopsided one; government taking all possible steps for democratic transition; in the process, seven-step Road Map has been laid down to achieve the goal; despite pressure, coercion and sanctions, Myanmar's policies will remain unchanged. The stance is thus made clear. The brief accounts of the announcement on the stance are as follows:

- * The government, the people and the Tatmadaw are making earnest efforts in concert for restoration of peace, economic development and of democracy reform as aspired by the people,
- * Now, considerable progress has been made and necessary foundations have been laid down for transforming the nation into a democratic one,
- * While the nation is peaceful and stable with economic growth, there emerge attempts to undermine those favourable conditions,
- * On 1 September 2006, the US Permanent Representative to the UN wrote a letter to the President of the Council to put Myanmar affairs on the agenda of the UNSC due to, what he said, deteriorating situations in Myanmar including continued detention of political inmates, outflow of refugees and drugs as well as HIV/AIDS and other diseases have harmed the regional stability and constitute a threat to international peace and stability,
- * On 15 September 2006, the UNSC approved the decision by 10 votes in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention, and those countries that cast negative votes included the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China, which are permanent members of the UNSC and have veto power,
- * Despite being persuaded and put pressure, Myanmar's friendly countries stand steadfastly

on the side of Myanmar as they understand the actual objective conditions of Myanmar and cannot bear to see the UNSC being misused as a tool in the interest of a big nation. Myanmar and her people appreciate very much their correct and proper stand.

- * The President of Non-Aligned Movement wrote a letter dated 10-7-2006 to the UNSC President stating that attempts to put on the agenda formally or informally the affairs of a member country that does not constitute a threat to international peace and security are contrary to Article 24 of the UN Charter. Thus, NAM rejects the pressure of permanent member nation of the Security Council to put Myanmar on the UNSC agenda.
- * At the procedural meeting of the UNSC held on 15 September 2006, the Chinese representative said that only threats to international peace and security according to the UN Charter warranted inclusion on the agenda. If other issues such as human rights, refugees, drugs and AIDS were also considered for inclusion, any country facing similar issues could be inscribed on the agenda as well, which was 'preposterous'. Few countries in the region thought the situation in Myanmar was a threat to peace and security and the fact that some countries from over the ocean thought otherwise was a far cry from reality. Inclusion of a member country's internal affairs on the agenda is in fact violation of Article 24 of the UN Charter.
- * Likewise, Qatar's representative noted that Myanmar's neighbours did not consider the country's human rights situations to constitute a threat to the regional peace and security and the door should be left open for the relevant organs to deal with such question; Including the Myanmar item on the Council's agenda was inappropriate and would close diplomatic channels to the competent international organizations in the human rights field. So, Qatar turned down the attempts to put Myanmar affairs on the UNSC agenda.
- * In the UN Charter principles, it is said that 'Nothing contained in the present Charter shall authorize the United Nations to intervene in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state'.
- * Moreover, in the declaration adopted by the UN

General Assembly held on 9 December 1981, it was stated that every nation shall avoid misuse of human rights issues with the intention of interfering in internal affairs of other nations.

- * Therefore, it is apparent that the attempts of the US are not in conformity with the UN Charter principles and declarations.

The above-mentioned points highlighted that the US attempts to deal with Myanmar affairs in the UNSC are not in conformity with the UN's policy and that violates the UN Charter; that such deliberate attempts are facing a lot of objections of international community; and that the approval to discuss Myanmar affairs does not mean the rights to take action against the nation. The accusations the US has levelled against Myanmar are always found unreasonable. This time, also, its accusations met with a firm rebuttal of Myanmar government and people.

On 4 January 1948 when Myanmar regained independence, the nation declared its independent and active foreign policy that was non-aligned and neutral, and that was aimed at ensuring friendship with other nations. The AFPFL government, the Revolutionary Council government, and the Tatmadaw government continued to practise it, and dealt with its neighbours, while strengthening bilateral friendship. As a member to the global community, Myanmar has played an active role with a sense of duty in the international affairs. And Myanmar has never invaded nor is hostile to any other countries. It always upholds the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, the Bandung (Non-aligned) Conference declaration and its principles, UN Charter, international agreements and norms on international law. Paying a serious attention to mutual respects, understanding and friendship with neighbouring and regional nations, Myanmar is taking an active part in the tasks of ASEAN, BIMST-EC, and Non-Aligned Movement. So, US Permanent Representative to the UN John Bolton's accusations against Myanmar are found groundless.

Since the time of King Mindon of Konbaung Period, Myanmar and the US had had good diplomatic relations, sending goodwill messages to each other. Myanmar has never harmed the interests of the US nor breached her policies in dealing with it. Documented in the Myanmar records are behaviours of the US that it is dealing with Myanmar, whereas it is opposed to the nation and is harming the interests of the nation clandestinely or brazenly. In adhering to the international code of conduct, Myanmar has still been in the list of exemplary countries. She has not got nor kept any alien outlaws, rebels and expatriates who are opposed to respective mother countries.

Myanmar respects sovereignty of nations in accord with the principles of the UN Charter, the Bandung principles, the international law, and the International Convention. She stays away from committing barbarous acts including interferences and intrusions. As majority of Myanmar people profess Theravada Buddhism and the rest, other

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religions, and are living in unity, they always lead a civilized and gentle way of life thanks to their traditions and culture, characters and religious teachings.

Myanmar people regained independence after launching the historic struggle to liberate the country from under the unjust aggression and occupation of the aliens exploiting the country's resources and riches for over a century. The people launched the struggle to freely serve the interest of the nation and of their own. They are safeguarding the Union, independence and sovereignty to protect the country from falling under subjugation again. They made endeavours to end internal armed strife in which national races were killing each other for years, and restored national peace. Up to now, 17 major armed groups and 18 small armed groups have returned to the legal fold. At present, they are joining hands with the government and the people for regional and national interest, or in other words they are developing the nation in all aspects in an environment totally free from drugs.

All the Myanmar people's struggles to regain independence and safeguard independence, endeavours to ensure peace in the entire Union and develop rural and urban areas as never before and stance to stay neutral in the global powers' efforts to form groups based on ideology, adhere to the policy of peaceful co-existence are just, correct and sincere.

If someone is against Myanmar's endeavours to serve her interest and safeguard her independence, it is because of his own negative attitude. The US and the UN know that Myanmar has been achieving success in rooting out the problem of opium, the evil legacy of the colonialists, and another problem of stimulant tablets. The 15-year drug elimination plan of Myanmar is also witnessing success gradually. The earliest success of the plan is the declaration of Mongla region as a drug free zone. Kokang and Wa regions have also made the same declaration as Mongla.

Every year, the US State Department issued a report in which it accuses over 100 nations including Myanmar of the so-called human rights abuses. In accord with the traditions and culture and religious teachings, Myanmar always help each other and never make any racial or colour discrimination. Myanmar has no associations as the KKK that tortures and kills Blacks. Myanmar adheres to the UN Human Rights Declaration. The US is always at the top in the countries that face harsh criticism from other nations at the UN human rights conferences.

AIDS infection rate is high in nations that openly run brothels and sex tours in cities and importing heroin and demanding the freedom to refine stimulants and abuse narcotic drugs. There are few HIV cases in Myanmar resulting from the infiltration of alien culture. The country is controlling the disease with health projects and treatment programmes. The US is slandering

Myanmar as if the country has become the source of AIDS infection in the region. The US never has the tradition of giving correction of its false news. During the reign of King Thibaw, the New York Times slandered court and internal affairs of Myanmar. Although it knew from the start that it was based on wrong information, it never looked into the matter for correction. The US has spent a large amount of money to control various media and to make all nations believe all what the US tells them. And instead of giving a clarification, it even covers up the explanations made by the countries concerned.

Millions of people died and countries reduced to ashes in the Korea War, Vietnam War, Balkan War and the wars in Latin America, Africa and Middle East. Some nations were divided into two or three parts. The US was the country that directly or indirectly involved in the wars, without a reasonable proof. The US is the country that launches invasions and interferences to make the world an unstable place. A UN team in 1991 searched weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, and did not find any piece of nuclear, chemical or biological weapon. But the US attacked Iraq in 2003 against the wish of UN that was requesting the US not to invade Iraq as the global body was going to continue its WMD search in the country. The US presented a certain reason and attacked Afghanistan and Serbia without acknowledging the UN.

The list of US military bases around the world can be found even in the books published by the country. But it has no military bases in the 10 ASEAN nations of the Southeast Asia region. In the 1950s there was SEATO formed with two regional countries and other six nations including the US from outside the region. Like the NATO of Europe, the aim of SEATO was to destroy communist countries. In 1961-62, the US in collusion with some leaders of national race groups under its influence, attempted to destroy the Union of Myanmar with federal policy. The great conspiracy was that the breakaway regions after establishing themselves as states would join the SEATO.

The foreign policy Myanmar has adopted after regaining independence never allows stationing of

troops from any nation or bloc on her soil. The US attempts to station troops on Myanmar soil during the Burma Socialist Programme Party government failed. The Tatmadaw has never accepted such schemes. The 104 basic principles adopted by the National Convention does not permit any foreign troops from stationing in Myanmar either. Hence, a US ambassador rushed to Myanmar. And when she left, Daw Suu Kyi gave the order to NLD delegates to boycott the National Convention which they had attended for nearly three years and participated in adopting the 104 basic principles. Since then, the elements inside the nation have been launching activities to disrupt the Convention, while the outside forces have been putting pressure and imposing sanctions on Myanmar. Foreign troops could be allowed to station on Myanmar soil only if the Convention can be halted. The US will station military bases in Myanmar and threaten the region as soon as it has wrecked the Convention and install a puppet government in the country.

The US has been continuously making attempts to destroy the Convention and install a puppet government through the scheme under the name of dialogue. However much the US is disturbing, the government continues to preserve peace and develop the country. Over 1000 delegates of workers, peasants, political parties, intellectuals and intelligentsia, State service personnel and peace groups and representatives-elect and scholars are attending the National Convention, the first step towards building a true democratic state. Representatives of the national races of the entire nation and masses and classes are holding discussions in accord with democratic practices at the Convention that has made much headway. There cannot be a national level meeting as comprehensive as the National Convention in Myanmar.

Myanmar people are tired of hearing whispering campaigns of axe-handles and the slanders of traitors and fugitives. They are nothing new for them. In the meantime, the government will continue to serve the national interest together with the people.

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Chaungmange Dam near Pannyosan Village in Lewe Township, Pyinmana District: Chaungmange Dam is of earth embankment. It has 103 square-miles of watershed area. The embankment is 96 feet high and 2,150 feet long. The dam can store 91,770 acre-feet of water. One 50-kilowatt generator will be installed at the dam for producing 0.6 million kilowatt hours yearly. The dam will irrigate 8,000 acres of farmland.

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Division. These projects benefit 918,111 acres of farmland and supply drinking water to the regions. In addition, Kinta Dam irrigates farmlands in Kyaukse District and generates 56 megawatts.

A total of 13 projects are being implemented in Kayin State, Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Magway Division, Mon State, Rakhine State, Yangon Division and Shan State. On completion, these projects will benefit 1,059,125 acres of land and generate 1,205.08 megawatts.

The minister presented a report concerning Manipura Multi-purpose Dam Project, Kengkham Multi-purpose Dam Project, Myogyi Multi-purpose Dam Project, Hsedawgyi Supporting Dam Project, Shanmange (Mondaing Supporting) Dam Project, Nagapauk Sluice Gate Project, Zarmyri (Kodukwe) Dam Project, Buywa Dam Project and Upper Buywa Dam Project.

A total of 92 implemented river water pumping projects run by electricity and 187 river water pumping projects run by diesel, totalling 279 that have not been submitted yet to the Committee benefit 260,933 acres of farmland. Furthermore, 14 electricity-run river water pumping projects and 15 diesel-powered river water pumping projects, totalling 29 are being implemented to benefit 30,652 acres of farmland. Next, the minister reported on matters related to Letpan river water pumping project and Kayanchaung river water pumping project.

Afterwards, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug presented reports on Taungtha Vest Factory

Project, Pharmaceutical Factory (PyinOoLwin) Project, Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyaung) Project, 30-ton Hydrogen Peroxide Factory Project and Enamel and Steel Ware Factory Project (Minsu).

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin submitted reports on implementation for Bulldozer and

After hearing the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave necessary guidance on respective projects, and the meeting ended in the evening.

The reports submitted by seven ministers were as follows:-

The Irrigation Department under the Ministry of



No 3 paper mill (Paleik) of Ministry of Industry-1.

Excavator Factory (Project), Hydel Power Turbine and Generator Factory (Project), Radial Tyre Factory (Project), and Machine and Machine Tools Factory (Project).

Likewise, seven ministers, the Minister for Construction, the Minister for Transport, the Minister for Energy, the Minister for Rail Transportation, the Minister for Electric Power No (1), the Minister for Electric Power No (2), and the Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs reported on matters on implementation of respective projects.

Agriculture and Irrigation is constructing dams in all States and Divisions. Manipura Multi-purpose Dam Project will be implemented on Manipura River, 2.5 miles upstream Gabarni Bridge in Kale Township, Kale District. Manipura Dam will be 527 feet high and 2,444 feet long. On completion, the dam will prevent floods in Myittha River valley, reduce floods caused by Chindwin River in lower Kalewa region, irrigate 50,000 acres of farmland and generate 380 megawatts. Therefore, the project will contribute to development of the regions.

Kengkham multi-purpose dam project will be implemented at Namat creek near Kengkham village in Yakswak township, Shan State (South). On completion, six megawatts can be generated and more water can be stored in Zawgyi dam so as to generate more electricity. Besides, with water supply of Kengkham dam, Myogyi dam which is under construction will generate about 30 megawatts providing 990,000 acres feet of water for the greening of Meikhtila plains.

Myogyi multi-purpose dam project is being undertaken at Zawgyi river near Myogyi village in Ywangan township. It is of an earth dam with 2,461 feet in length and 258 feet in height. The project started in April 2005. On completion, it will generate 30 megawatts and supply water to Kingta diversion dam. Hsedawgyi supporting dam will be built 33 miles from Hsedawgyi dam in Madaya township, Mandalay Division. Chaungmagyi creek, where Hsedawgyi dam is situated, can provide more water than the water

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Garment Factory (Pakokku): The factory is 340 feet long, 150 feet wide and 20 feet high. It is a reinforced concrete building. The factory is equipped with one 11-KV sub-power station, a water tank, warehouses and 704 machines including 526 multi-functional sewing machines. A total of 816 employees have been appointed at the factory. The strength of the workforce is 31 officers and 1,597 staff members. The factory will manufacture 1.2 million pieces of garment yearly.

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storage capacity of the dam. In addition to generating electricity and supplying irrigation water, 800,000 acre feet of water is being released from the dam. Therefore, to make full use of water supply of Hsedawgyi creek, Hsedawgyi supporting dam project has to be undertaken.

On completion, 60 megawatt of electricity can be generated and Hsedawgyi dam will generate 60 million KWH of electricity. Meiktila plains receives average annual

township, Bago Division. **On completion, the Nagapauk project will not only help green the 30-mile radius of the city but also benefit 15,000 acres of farmland.**

Zarmayi (Kodukwe) dam project at Kodukwe creek in Bago township is also part of the greening plan. The dam will supply water to Zaungtu diversion weir for greening tasks and agricultural purposes. The dam is of earthen type with 100 feet in height and 1,130 feet in length.



Myogyi Multi-Purpose Dam Project in Ywangan Township, Shan State (South).

The A & I Ministry is constructing dams, ca-

Among the pharmaceutical factories under construction, the pharma-

and capsules in the second phase along with injection, intravenous fluids, lotion, syrup and powder.

steelware factory (Minsu) in Minsu Village, Kyaukse Township, on 20 March 2006.

The Ministry of Industry-2 is building modern factories in Thagara Industrial Zone, four miles from Thagara, Yedashe Township, Bago Division, including a bulldozer and excavator factory and a hydel power turbine and generator factory.

The Myanma Tyre and Rubber Industries will implement the radial tyre factory in Bilin Township, Thaton District, Mon State.

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Paunglaung underground power station in Pyinmana Township.

rainfall of 30 inches. So, the region does not have enough water to grow crops even in the rainy season. For the greening of Meiktila, Shanmange (Mondineyeku) dam project will be implemented at Shanmange creek near Aungtha village in Meiktila township. By undertaking the project, Mondine lake can be prevented from silting-up and crop lands will be much benefited.

The Head of State gave guidance that a plan was to be drawn for the all-year-round greening of the 30-mile radius of Yangon city. In accord with the guidance, Nagapauk sluice gate will be built at Nagapauk creek at the confluence of Nagapauk creek and Khamon river in Waw

The water storage capacity is 216,000 acre feet.

Magway Division is seeing dam projects. And Bu Ywa Dam Project will be launched on the Mone Creek near Bu Village, 13 miles upstream Mone Creek Dam in Sedoktara Township, and Ahtet Bu Ywa Dam Project on the same creek near Thukaungkyin Village, about 25 miles upstream Mone Creek Dam. On completion, the two facilities will be able to generate 42 megawatts and 150 megawatts respectively and contribute towards effective use of the current of the Mone Creek and help accelerate the generation of hydel power by the Mone Creek Dam constructed and Kye Ohn Kye Wa Dam under construction.

nals, river water pumping stations and underground water tapping stations.

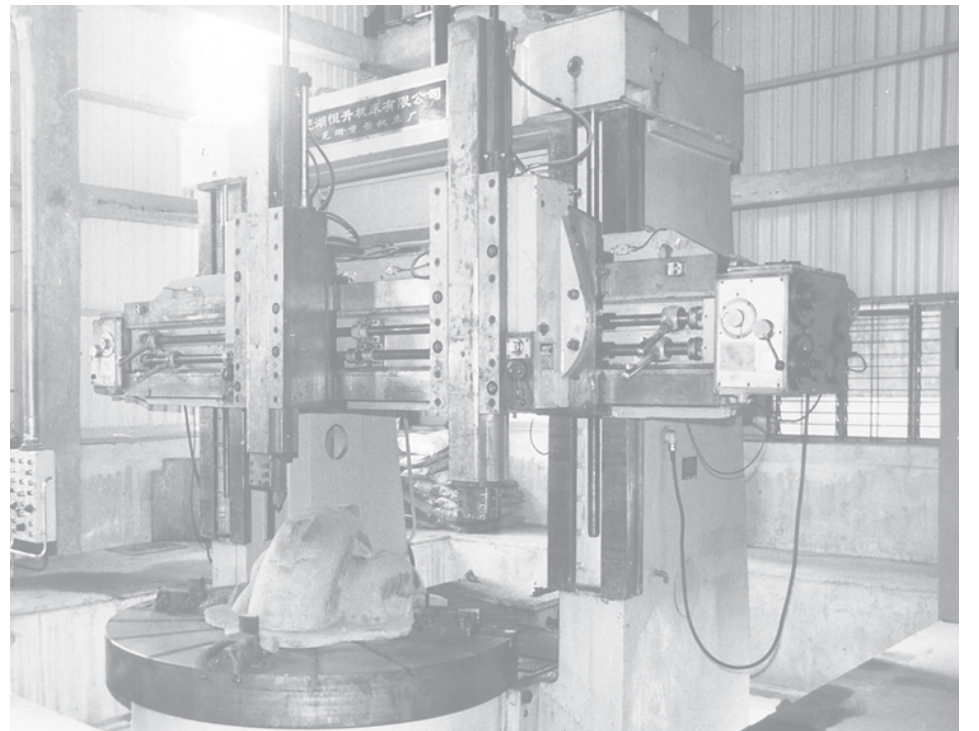
From 1995 to April 2006, the nation has witnessed 298 river water pumping stations that benefit more than 430,000 acres of arable lands.

Now, plans are under way to construct Letpan (Shantegy) river water pumping station on the Ngamoeyeik Creek in Hlegu Township, that will be able to benefit about 9,300 acres of farmland and Kayanchaung river water pumping station in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division, that will irrigate 5,000 acres of farmland.

The Ministry of Industry-1 is opening more factories to fulfil the requirements of household items.

ceutical factory (PyinOoLwin) is scheduled to produce 1,050 million tablets and capsules in the first phase and 2,100 million tablets

On completion, the pharmaceutical factory (Inyaung) project in Inyaung, Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, it will produce 30 million disposable syringes, 2.5 million intravenous fluids and 50 million injection bottles in a year.



No 5 farm machinery factory (Ywathagyi).

Destructionists spreading fabricated news, rumours, turning a blind eye to the sector-wise achievements All are to guard against their destructive acts

Basic Journalism Course No 6 concludes

YANGON, 22 Sept — The Basic Journalism Course No 6, organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association, concluded at the hall of USDA Headquarters on New University Avenue in Bahan Township this morning, with an address by Secretariat Member of USDA U Thaung.

In his speech, USDA Secretariat Member U Thaung said that the USDA was formed with the new generation youths who will discharge national duty to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation and preserve national prestige and integrity. USDA members are also the people and they joined the association with the desire to serve the interests of the people and the nation. Since its birth, the association has been nurturing the increasing members for improvement of their efficiency, while carrying out organizing, management and mobilizing tasks with firm conviction under the correct leadership of the Government. The association is performing its tasks of human resources development and shaping the future State. The Basic Journalism Course is one of the tasks to nurture the members.

He said that at the training course, topics on media counter-attacks,



USDA Secretariat Member U Thaung speaks at the conclusion ceremony of No 6 Basic Journalism Course.—MNA

rebutting rumours and instigation, organizing, propaganda and the role of media, news reporting, news applying, news security and others were discussed. Furthermore, arrangements were made for participation of the trainees in the trips to recount their experiences by writing articles and coverage of TV news.

The Secretariat Member urged the trainees to use their experiences and knowledge from the training course in their worksites and organize USDA member people. He stressed the need for the trainees to continue their learning for improvement of efficiency while serving the interests of the nation and the people.

He went on to say that stability of the nation, uplift of social-economic life of the Government and the people, and human resources development

are basic needs in establishing a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. At present, the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people are joining hands to implement the plans and projects on stability of the nation, strengthening of national economy, and human resources development. Therefore, progress can be witnessed in all aspects. In addition, 24 special development plans and rural development tasks are also being undertaken. Departmental personnel, social organizations and locals are participating in the tasks of development facilities in rural area and border regions.

Due to the concerted efforts of the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw upholding Our Three Main National Causes, remarkable progress has been made in political,

economic and social fields. In addition, the seven-step Road Map is being implemented. Furthermore, the National Convention is being held, and basic principles were adopted for drawing the constitution. Indeed, emergence of the State Constitution is the national duty of all citizens of the nation. Therefore, the USDA is to actively take part in the respective tasks of realizing the seven-step Road Map and the National Convention.

It is known to all that internal and external destructionists and some organizations are committing destructive acts and spreading fabricated news and rumours by turning a

blind eye to the sector-wise achievements of the nation. All the people are to guard against such destructive acts — interfering in internal affairs of the State and disturbing Our Three Main National Causes, with the united strengths.

In conclusion, the Secretariat Member urged the trainees to take part in the respective tasks for realizing the seven-step Road Map, five rural development tasks and implementing nine future tasks of the association as the national duty; to strive for forging the Union Spirit by upholding Our Three Main National Causes; to serve the interests of the nation and the people;

and to ward off those who disturb Our Three Main National Causes, through the united strength of the people.

Next, Secretariat Member U Thaung presented first, second and third prizes to U Win Hsan, U Myint Naing and Daw Khin Myo Hla respectively, completion certificates to leader of the trainees U Ye Myint and gifts to the instructors through coach instructor U Myat Thu (Tekkatho Myat Thu).

Also present on the occasion were USDA CEC members Thura U Myint Maung, U Aung Thein Lin and U Maung Pa, responsible persons of the USDA Headquarters and instructors.

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Talks on Myanmar custom and tradition given

YANGON, 22 Sept — Jointly organized by Cultural Sub-Working Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization, talks on custom and tradition of Myanmar family were given at Shinsawpu Hall in Thanlyin Township in

Yangon South District this afternoon.

Leader of Social and Cultural Working Group Dr Daw Sanda Aung of MWAFF made a speech on the occasion.

Member of the sub-working group Dr Daw Tin Tin Tun gave talks on fine traditions of Myanmar Culture to be practised.

Leader of the sub-working group Dr Daw Khin Thein spoke words of thanks.

Chairperson Daw Khin Myo Thu and members of Yangon Division WAO, members of Yangon South District WAO and local women were present on the occasion.

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Officials urged to exert efforts in growing rubber, physic nut

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, accompanied by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun and officials, arrived Moklwe Village of Waingmaw Township on 19 September and inspected monsoon paddy field of farmer U Zaw Zaw Win.

Manager U Ohn Shwe of Myanmar Agriculture Service and officials clarified the agricultural tasks being carried out.

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint called on extended cultivation of monsoon paddy and physic nut as well as cultivation of more perennial crops on a



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint hears reports on completion of agricultural tasks in Waingmaw. — MNA

commercial scale.

The commander and party also viewed scattering of fertilizers on the paddy fields of local farmers and thriving physic nut plantations of farmer U Tha Aung in Naungtalaw Village.

In meeting with local residents, the commander called upon them to successfully grow physic nut plants as targeted and attended to their needs.

On arrival at No 2 rubber plantation of the

command headquarters, the commander urged the officials concerned to expend their efforts on cultivating rubber.

Later, the officials conducted the commander around No 1 rubber plantation. — MNA

Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to Saudi Arabia

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — On the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which falls on 23 September 2006, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Saud Bin Al-Faisal Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. — MNA

Coord meeting on hosting archery championships held

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — A coordination meeting on organizing the Third Asian Circuit Archery Championship 2006 and the Second SEA Archery Championship was held at the Ministry of Sports, here, on 20 September.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address.

President of Myanmar Archery Federation U Tint Hsan reported on hosting the championships in detail.

MOC member Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and departmental officials reported on assistance to be provided by their respective sectors.

Also present at the meeting were executives of MAF.

The Third Asian Circuit Archery Championship 2006 and the Second SEA Archery Championship will be held in Yangon from 1 to 7 November. A total of 33 countries have been invited to take part in the championships. — MNA

Coord meeting of NCC Management Committee held



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung addresses coordination meeting of NCCMC. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — The National Convention Convening Management Committee held the coordination meeting at the hall of the Auditor-General's Office here this afternoon.

Chairman of NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung presided over the meeting and Secretary of the NCC Management Committee Lt-Col Than Htay acted as MC.

In his address, Maj-Gen Lun Maung said that the National Convention will be reconvened at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township on 10

October 2006. Hence, sub-committees are to discuss renovation of buildings including hostels for the NC delegates, tasks of reception and accommodation, greening Nyaungnapin Camp, and tasks of reception, welfare and health facilities for the NC delegates. The Management Committee had assigned duties to respective sub-committees. All are to harmoniously strive for smoothly convening the National Convention.

Chairmen and secretaries of respective sub-committees submitted their respective

sectors.

Next, officials of the Ministry of Energy, YCDC and Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board reported on completion of their tasks and future plans.

Members of the NCC Management Committee took part in the discussions.

Later, the meeting chairman gave necessary instructions and gave the concluding remarks.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairmen Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence and Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism

Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and members, chairmen and secretaries of sub-committees and departmental officials. — MNA

New products introduced

YANGON, 22 Sept — Myanmar Indobest Co Ltd introduced new products at Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road, here, yesterday evening.

Managing Director U Zaw Latt extended greetings.

Later, he introduced Pampers baby items, Hair Care Products — Rejoice, Pantene, Head and Shoulders, and herbal essences, Camay soft soap, Paic and Fab detergents, Olay skin care products, Pringles foodstuff and Whisper items for women. — MNA



Managing Director U Zaw Latt speaks at launching ceremony of new products of Myanmar Indobest Co Ltd. — MNA

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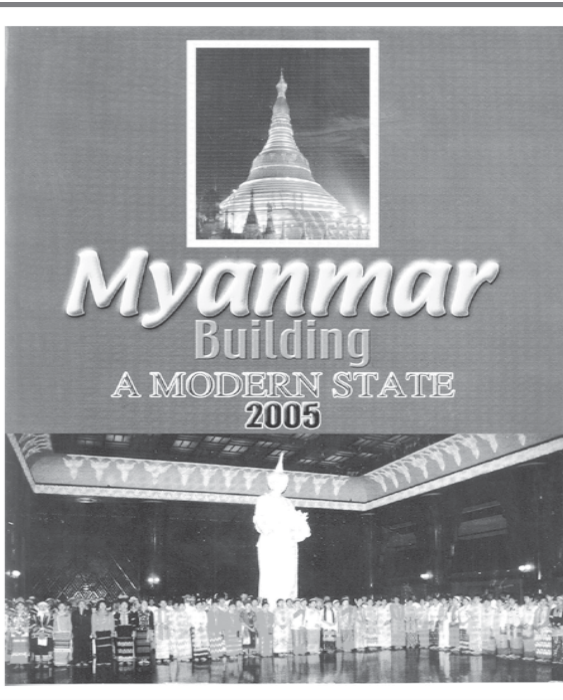
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30 fishermen feared dead in Bay of Bengal

DHAKA, 21 Sept—Over 100 fishing trawlers capsized in the Bay of Bengal Tuesday evening during a sudden storm, leaving at least 300 fishermen missing and 30 of them feared dead, the Bangladeshi news agency UNB reported Wednesday.

One of the fishermen, Hatem Ali Khan, 60, resident of southern Barguna District, was confirmed dead.

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British soldier admits war crime against Iraqis

BULFORD CAMP

(England), 21 Sept—A British soldier pleaded guilty on Tuesday to committing a war crime by inhumanely treating detainees while serving in Iraq. Corporal Donald Payne is one of seven British soldiers facing court martial over the death in custody three years ago of an Iraqi hotel receptionist in the southern city of Basra.

Five of the seven were serving with the Queens Lancashire Regiment while two others were with

the Intelligence Corps at the time of the death of Baha Musa after his arrest by a British patrol six months after 2003 the US-led invasion of Iraq.

The men face an array of charges from manslaughter to negligence. Musa, the court heard, had 93 injuries on his body, including a broken nose and ribs, while another man was so badly beaten that he nearly died from kidney failure. All were held in a raid on a hotel in Basra as the

insurgency grew. Guns, grenades, ammunition, bayonets and a sniper scope were found in the raid.

Britain, Washington's main ally in Iraq, has investigated scores of deaths and injuries of Iraqis since joining the war. Three British soldiers were jailed in February 2005 for abusing Iraqi detainees in a case which drew comparisons with the mistreatment of Iraqis by US troops at the Abu Ghraib Prison.

Chief among the

accused is Payne, 35, charged with the manslaughter of Musa, inhumane treatment of prisoners and trying to pervert the cause of justice by getting people to lie about the cause of death. Opening the prosecution case against him, Julian Bevan accused Payne — a military policeman in charge of the detainees — of beatings, sleep deprivation and forcing the men to stand for hours in extremely painful positions.—MNA/Reuters

South Africa arrests ten for illegal diamond trade

JOHANNESBURG, 21 Sept— A three-year investigation into illegal diamond dealing has led to the arrest of nine men and one woman in the Northern and Western Cape on Wednesday, a police spokeswoman said.

Captain Cherelle Ehlers said: "Ten suspects, some of them well known in the diamond industry, were arrested in a coordinated operation."

Operation 2081 — an undercover investigation by the precious metals and diamonds unit — was initiated in the Northern Cape in May 2004 with the aim to infiltrate and gather information on illicit diamond dealing in the industry.

The dealers were arrested at 6 am in Kimberly and Port Nolloth

in the Northern Cape and in Cape Town.

The police seized diamonds, evidence of illegal transactions, documentation and cash from their homes and

workplaces.

"Investigations in a third province are continuing and more arrests are likely," Ehlers said.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 50 nations press for binding nuclear test ban

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Sept—More than 50 nations issued a plea on Wednesday for 10 more countries to ratify a 10-year old treaty banning nuclear tests, a step that

would transform an informal moratorium into a binding commitment.

A meeting of "Friends of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty" at UN headquarters was intended to "serve as a wake-up call for those nations that have not done so to sign and ratify the CTBT," said Bernard Bot, the Netherlands Foreign Minister.

The pact was adopted in New York in September 1996. So far, 176 nations have signed it and 135 have ratified.

But under the treaty's terms, it will come into force only after it is ratified by the 44 states deemed capable of producing nuclear weapons.

To date just 34 of those states have done so. The 10 that have not are the United States, China,

Colombia, North Korea, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel and Pakistan.

President George W Bush's Administration actively opposes the pact although US officials have said they have no plans to resume nuclear testing.

"We live with the risk of someone going ahead and testing nuclear weapons all of the time," said Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, who co-chaired Wednesday's meeting with Bot.

Downer singled out North Korea as one country that might soon do so. US officials have reported signs that Pyongyang may be preparing to conduct an underground nuclear test.

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In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, cofferdam of the Longtan hydropower station, located on the upper reaches of the Pearl River in southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, is seen being demolished for the safety of the dam during flood season, on 20 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

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Customers line up for return and refund on SK-II cosmetics. SK-II, a top Japanese cosmetic maker, took back its products sold and refunded customers at Shanghai International Hotel on 20 Sept, 2006. Recently series of SK-II cosmetics were found containing prohibited ingredients by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.—XINHUA

Pakistan-China oil, gas cooperation rapidly growing

ISLAMABAD, 21 Sept— Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources of Pakistan Amanullah Khan Jadoon has said that Pakistan-China cooperation in the oil and gas sector was rapidly growing for the mutual advantage, according to a Petroleum Ministry statement Tuesday.

He was talking to the delegation from China Xinjiang Petroleum and Allied Services headed by General Manager Youting Kou who called on him here Tuesday and discussed with him investment opportunities in the oil and gas sector, said the statement.

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HK employment hits record high

HONG KONG, 21 Sept— Hong Kong's total employment rose to a record high of over 3.47 million in the June-August period, while the jobless

rate fell to 4.8 per cent, the lowest in five years, the Census and Statistics Department said Tuesday.

Total employment grew by 21,400 to an all-time high of 3.474 million, while the labour force rose by 23,800 to a new high of 3.663 million.

The underemployment rate fell from 2.6 per cent in May-July period to 2.4 per cent in June-August

period. Jobless rate falls were mainly observed in the foundation and superstructure construction, business services, and welfare and community services sectors. As for the underemployment rate, falls were found in the construction (especially decoration and maintenance), sanitary services and manufacturing sectors.

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Six mln Chinese suffering from Alzheimer's disease

BEIJING, 21 Sept— A recent survey reported in Tuesday's *China Youth Daily* shows that nearly six million Chinese are suffering from Alzheimer's disease (AD).

The survey, which was conducted by the Peking Union Medical College Hospital, revealed that about five per cent of Chinese aged over 65 have the disease.

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As the disease progresses, individuals may also experience changes in personality and behaviour, such as anxiety,

suspiciousness or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations. Professor Zhang Zhenxin from Peking Union Medical College Hospital, who led the survey, pointed out to a

research finding that only 23.3 per cent of China's AD patients seek medical advice and only 21.3 per cent receive medical treatment.

Public ignorance of the disease is another

obstacle. Zhang said that about 48.8 per cent of the interviewees believed that the disease is a normal part of aging and nearly 96 per cent of the people who take care of AD patients had not received standard training.—MNA/Xinhua

Wild fire continues unabated in California

LOS ANGELES, 21 Sept—A wild fire continued its march across uninhabited forestland in California on Tuesday, prompting officials to advise evacuations of hundreds of homes in the rural area.

Strong winds pushed the flames northward, making it more difficult for firefighters to put out the fire, authorities said.

More than 2,000 firefighters are battling the blaze that started September 4 near Pyramid Lake, outside Los Angeles. Officials suspected that it was started by someone burning trash.

Fire commanders estimated that 74,052 acres of land have been burned, with fire lines cut around just 15 per cent of the perimeter.

MNA/Xinhua

Chen Qian (C), winner of the China final for Miss International Beauty Pageant 2006, poses with the first and second runners-up Chen Xiaomeng (R) and Jiao Jian in Beijing, on 20 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA



Baby-boomers face care bill timebomb

LONDON, 21 Sept— Two-thirds of the "baby-boom" generation have made no provision for their future care, despite warnings that care homes cost an average of 21,000 pounds a year, a charity said on Wednesday.

A survey for Help the Aged said 62 per cent of people aged between 45 and 65 have no plans to cope if they need care in later life.

Nearly half said they

would sell their house if they needed to pay for a place in a home.

A fifth of 942 people questioned said "life is too short" to worry about what may happen when they are elderly.

"People are deluding themselves if they think that it will never happen to them," said Jonathan Ellis, senior policy manager at Help the Aged. "Many people feel let down by the very system

meant to help them."

The survey highlights widespread confusion over who will pay if they are forced into a care home, where charges average 400 pounds a week.

Many "baby boomers" — people born during a period of higher birth rates after World War Two — are unaware of the looming expenses, the survey suggests.

MNA/Reuters



A fisherman feeds a sea lion at the harbour of Punta del Este city in the Uruguayan Atlantic coast on 20 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Romario eyes 1,000 goals mark, possibly in Australia

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Sept — Veteran Brazil striker Romario said on Thursday he was 16 goals short of reaching the 1,000 mark and had received an offer to continue his career in Australia.

The 40-year-old told reporters at Rio de Janeiro airport that his contract with Miami FC had finished and he was still pondering his future.

"It was a positive experience, I scored 20 goals in 27 matches and the standard was better than I expected," he said of his five months in the United States.

"The 1,000 goals are not an obsession for me, but I'm very close," he said. "I don't know if I'm going to get there but all my friends and family are keeping count."

When Romario joined Miami FC — who play in the US Soccer League rather than the more prestigious Major League Soccer (MLS) — from Brazil's Vasco da Gama in March, his tally was reported to be 964.

Brazilian media have long questioned Romario's total, however, saying it includes goals from youth team matches and training games.

Earlier this year, Vasco da Gama declared some pre-season practice games as official friendlies to give Romario a better chance of pushing his total towards 1,000 goals.

MNA/Reuters



France's Amelie Mauresmo returns a shot against China's Sun Tiantian during a match for the China Open Women's tennis tournament held in Beijing, China, on 21 Sept, 2006. Mauresmo won 6-3, 6-2. —INTERNET

Marseille striker Cisse could return next month

PARIS, 21 Sept — France and Olympique Marseille striker Djibril Cisse could resume training next month as he continues his recovery from a broken leg, the Ligue 1 club said on Wednesday.

"What I've heard from the medical staff and from the lad himself let me think he could resume training in October," OM chairman Pape Diouf told the club's website.

"Let's be optimistic, we might see him on the pitch at the end of October," he added.

Cisse missed the World Cup finals in Germany after he broke his leg during France's last warm-up match against China on 7 June.

The striker joined Marseille from Liverpool in a season-long loan in July. — MNA/Reuters

FIFA keeping eye on corruption allegations in England

LONDON, 21 Sept — FIFA said on Thursday it was monitoring the inquiries into corruption allegations in English football and said the affair was not good for the game.

The BBC television programme Panorama made accusations of corruption and rule-breaking by managers and agents on Tuesday, prompting the English FA to launch a series of inquiries.

FIFA spokesman Markus Siegler said that FIFA, world soccer's governing body, was aware of the allegations and said they coincided with FIFA moves already underway for it to become more involved in the policing of agents' activities.

"We are informed about what has been brought forward," Siegler told Reuters, adding he had a detailed summary of the Panorama programme on his desk by 7.00 am the next morning.

"Of course, we must be careful and we

must apply the principle of innocent unless proven guilty.

"That's very important. But of course, when something like that comes up, this is not good for football.

"If it's true, if the

evidence is proven, this is certainly not what we want."

Under FIFA's current rules, the inquiries and any disciplinary action are entirely down to the FA.

However, Siegler

indicated this could be about to change. FIFA launched a series of task forces in September 2005 to look into various aspects of football, one them charged with financial matters.

MNA/Reuters



China's Peng Shuai returns a shot during a second round match of the women's singles against defending champion Maria Kirilenko of Russia at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 Sept, 2006. Peng won 2-1. —XINHUA

BBC face lawsuit over Panorama, Boro complain over agent

LONDON, 22 Sept — Former Portsmouth assistant manager Kevin Bond is to sue the BBC for libel and soccer agent Teni Yerima is considering similar action after a programme alleging corruption and rule-breaking in the English game.

Middlesbrough said they will file a complaint about agent Peter Harrison after Tuesday's Panorama, "Undercover: Football's Dirty Secrets", made a series of allegations about coaches and agents.

Two agents indicated that Bolton Wanderers manager Sam Allardyce had taken payments, known as 'bungs', as part of transfers.

All of those accused in the programme have denied any wrongdoing, with some planning legal action.

Bond was secretly recorded by Panorama as saying he would consider discussing payments by a proposed new agency, entirely fictitious, involving Harrison.

"My client will be taking proceedings for libel against the BBC over the programme and the media hype generated to publicize it," Bond's solicitor David Price said in a statement.

"The short extract from my client's conversation with the reporter was taken out of context and presented in a completely misleading manner.

"It was all smoke and mirrors. It seems that my client was

only included because after one year of working on the programme the producers were struggling to fill the one hour slot."

MNA/Reuters

Albelda says Aragonés not the root of Spain's problems

MADRID, 21 Sept — Spain midfielder David Albelda has said simply replacing Luis Aragonés as coach will not improve his country's chances of success on the international stage.

Aragonés was singled out for criticism in the Spanish media when the side slumped to a 3-2 defeat away to Northern Ireland in a Euro 2008 qualifier on 6 September, two months after another disappointing World Cup finals showing. The 68-year-old offered his resignation last week but quickly changed his mind when the Spanish Football Federation refused to accept it.

"Whether Luis Aragonés is there or not, it will be very difficult to achieve anything because there is no unity. In fact it more like disunity," Albelda, who has 38 caps, told Radio Valencia.

MNA/Reuters

Embarrassed wrestler retires after punch-up

TOKYO, 21 Sept — Japan's longest-serving active sumo wrestler has retired in shame after punching an opponent in the face, Japanese media reported on Wednesday.

A disgruntled Kotokanyu saw red after losing a bout to 19-year-old Ikioi in Tokyo at the weekend, storming into the locker room and punching him.

The highly respected Sadogatake, who runs the sumo stable Kotokanyu belonged to, submitted the wrestler's retirement papers to the Japan Sumo Association (JSA) on Tuesday.

"He did something you just cannot do in sumo," Sadogatake told reporters. "It was right to draw the line there and then."

Kotokanyu had never reached the sport's elite "makuuchi" division.

His outburst was just the latest incident of violence to shatter the serene image of the ancient Japanese sport.

Russian wrestler Roho was banned for three days after smashing a bathroom window and slapping two photographers in a post-bout tantrum in July.

Roho's meltdown was reminiscent of the infamous 'battle of the bathtub' involving firebrand Mongolian Asashoryu three years ago.

MNA/Reuters

Hingis subdues Obziler to reach last eight

KOLAKTA (India), 22 Sept — Former world number one Martina Hingis overcame a dogged display from Tzipora Obziler of Israel 6-2, 7-5 to reach the quarterfinals of the Kolkata Open on Wednesday.

The Swiss top seed appeared set for an easy win after going a break up to lead 4-3 in the second set, but her opponent, ranked a lowly 131, produced a series of blistering shots to either flanks to hustle the five-times grand slam winner.

Obziler broke back to make it 4-4, the world number nine netting a backhand return and sending wide a backhand volley with an open court before her.

Hingis failed to convert four break-points in the ninth game, but finally displayed her class with a break of serve to lead 5-6 before unleashing three winners in a row to wrap up the match.

MNA/Reuters

150,000 bio-gas plants installed in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 22 Sept — Around 150,000 bio-gas plants are being installed as an alternative source of traditional domestic energy in Nepal, the national news agency RSS reported Thursday.

According to the RSS, Nepal has a potential of installing around 1.9 million bio-gas plants, of which only 8 per cent

have been constructed. The development pace of bio-gas is accelerated following the inception of Bio-gas Support

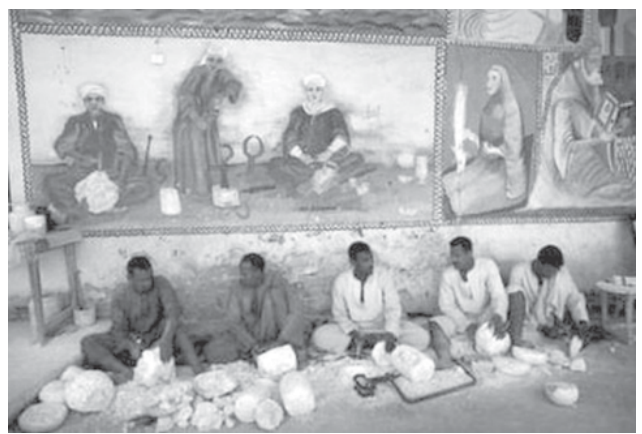
Programme in Nepal launched by the government.

At a special ceremony organized here Wednesday on the occasion of the construction of 150,000 bio-gas plants, many speakers stressed that the access of poor people should be increased to the bio-gas plants construction as a source of clean energy in rural area by ending the dependence upon the use of fire-wood and kerosene.

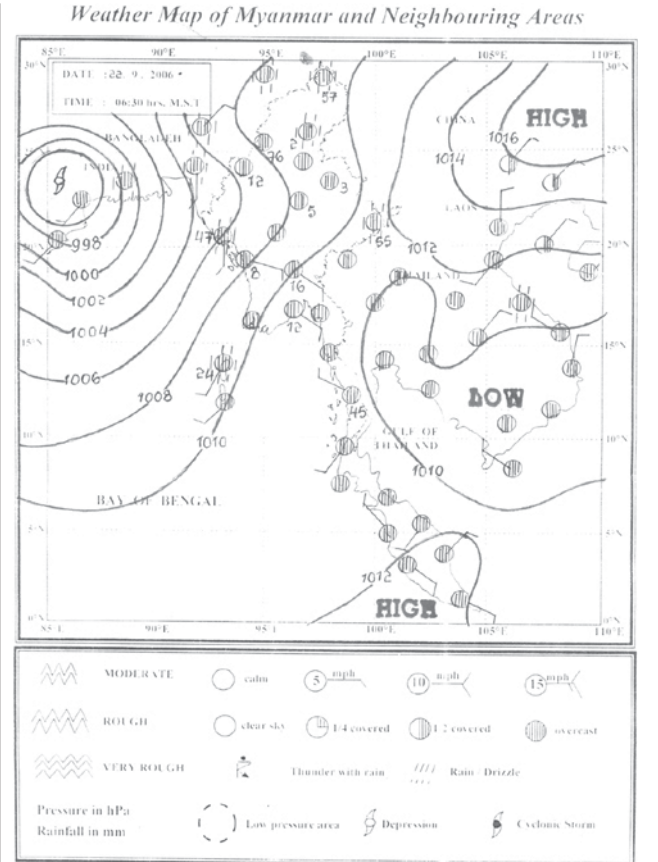
On the occasion, Minister of State for Environment and Science and Technology Man Bahadur Bishwokarma informed that some amendments have

been brought in policies of subsidies so as to increase the access of poor people to bio-gas plants construction in the days to come.

MNA/Xinhua



Egyptian workers work with stones to make sculptures depicting characters from ancient Egyptian history in front of a shop on the West Bank of Luxor, some 900km (550 miles) south of Cairo on 20 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Friday, 22 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Shan States. Lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (2.99) inches, Putao (2.40) inches, Kengtung (2.28) inches, Sittway (1.85) inches, Myeik (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-9-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 22-9-2006 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 22-9-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 21-9-2006 was (1.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 22-9-2006 were (0.90) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.98) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (90.43) inches at Mingaladon, (100.98) inches at Kaba-Aye and (104.25) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (16:40) hours MST on 21-9-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's depression over Northwest Bay has crossed the west Bengal Coast of India and remained as a land depression. It is forecast to move in a Northwest direction. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 23-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Mon and Kayin States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Chin States and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of withdrawal of Southwest monsoon from the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 23-9-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 23-9-2006: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 23-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for last weekend of September 2006: During the coming weekend, scattered rain or thundershowers will be in Naypyitaw and Mandalay Divisions, widespread in Yangon Division.



Saturday, 23 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am
 6. Musical programme
- 8:15
 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 am
 8. ဝမ်ပုံရေလှောင်တံ
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am
 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
 3. News
- 11:40 am
 4. Games for children

- 12:05 pm
 5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဆည်းဆာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 12:45 pm
 6. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 12:55 pm
 7. “ကြိုဆိုလျက်ပါ” (၎င်းကောကြော်၊ မင်းထက်ကျော်စင်၊ နေထူးနိုင်၊ နေယံ၊ ဝေင်စေတီမြင့်၊ နန်းဆရာတော်စိုး၊ သင်ဇာတင်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး [ပဲရစ်])
- 1:10 pm
 8. Dance of national races
- 1:30 pm
 9. ယှဉ်ပြိုင်ဝင်နွဲ့ ASEAN Quiz 2006 ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:45 pm
 10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:55 pm
 11. ဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်စေမည့် ဒုဌတော်တား
- 2:00 pm
 12. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:15 pm
 13. “သတိနဲ့ယှဉ် အသိနဲ့ပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂) (ဝါးခယ်မရဲမောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျှန်၊ မြတ်ကေသိအောင်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ရတနာစင်၊ ပြည့်ဖူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ ဆောင်းနင်းပေါ၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း၊ ဆိုင်းရစ်လေမြင့်စိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 2:30 pm
 14. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:35 pm
 15. စိုက္ကရဲရေထိန်းတံခါး
- 2:45 pm
 16. International news
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs for uphold National Spirit

- 4:30 pm
 3. Musical programme
- 4:50 pm
 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:15 pm
 6. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm
 7. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလ ပေါ်တေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅-၁၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 5:35 pm
 8. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကအရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ (အရေးဘာသာရပ်ဆွေးနွေးခန်း)
- 6:00 pm
 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 11. အလှူရှာမယ် လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm
 12. Discovery (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:10 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဟေမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့နေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 8:00 pm
 14. News
- 8:00 pm
 15. International news
- 8:00 pm
 16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm
 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 8:00 pm
 18. The next day's programme



- Saturday, 23 September
- Tune in today
- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
 - If I told you way that.... W Houston
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
 - You can win if you want
 - Modern Talking
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
 - Try again
 - Westlife
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
 - Larger than life
 - BSB
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
 - Tell me one more time Garath Gates
 - Honey come back ... Tracy Haung
 - Best Friend ... Toy Box
- 9:00pm ASEAN news review
 - Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20pm Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30pm Souvenirs
- Blue star ... Linda Scott
 - Angle of the morning
 - ... Skeeter Davis
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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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

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In his address, Chairman of the Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe said that it is incumbent upon a government that is discharging the responsibilities of the State to strive for all-round development of the nation. Thus, since its assumption of the State responsibilities the State Peace and Development Council has been implementing the nation-building projects one after another. At present, a large number of

emerged in the nation, he disclosed.

In the meantime, concerted efforts are being made for development of the electric power sector that is imperative for national development. Regarding this, work is well under way for establishing of power stations and hydel power stations for the distribution of power required, he added.

According to geographical condition, a number of hydel power stations can be implemented in the nation, thereby contributing to development of the electric power sector.

Priority is being given to projects needed to be implemented for development of the agricultural sector

development projects have already been implemented and the people are now enjoying the fruits of the projects, he added.

He said that some projects that are instrumental in national development are under implementation and there are also projects to be implemented.

The meeting held today is to review projects already implemented, those under implementation and those to be undertaken, he stressed.

In the agricultural sector, there are a string of water supply projects for agricultural purpose such as dams and reservoirs, river water pumping projects, underground water projects as well as project for reclamation of virgin and fallow lands, project for boosting the per acre yield of crops and project for introducing of new item crops, he noted.

Priority is being given to projects needed to be implemented for development of the agricultural sector. Likewise, the government in cooperation with the private sector has been making all-out efforts for development of the industrial sector of the State. As a result, a series of factories and workshops have



Minister U Aung Thuang.—MNA

With a view to bringing about better transport for trading, enabling national races to have frequent contact with one another and ensuring regional development, a large number of roads and bridges were constructed. With the emergence of those transport facilities, people in different parts of the nation can now travel from one place to another including border areas.

Likewise, prospects for oil and gas exploration and mining sector have a bright future. The Government has also encouraged the industrial sector with a view to mushrooming of factories and workshops that can efficiently use the forest resource. Meanwhile, the Government has implemented the Nine-District Greening Project and Bago Yoma Greening Project and has been making efforts for environmental conservation.

Therefore, the government has built infrastructures that are necessary for the development of the State and if these infrastructures are maintained, the State will always be able to enjoy the fruits of the development.

To keep pace with the economic development, the government has been making efforts for develop-



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo.—MNA

ment of the social sector.

Regarding the education sector, the government has implemented plans for the higher education and now it is easily accessible in main regions of the Union. It is also striving for providing public health care services in rural areas as well as border areas.

We all put energies into development projects for all-round development of the State.

Grasping the concept that development projects are important for the future of the State and posterity, everyone should make concerted efforts for timely completion of the projects, Senior General Than Shwe urged in his concluding remarks.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on matters related to the implemented water supply projects for agricultural purpose that have not been submitted yet to the Special Projects Implementation Committee. He said that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation had implemented 84 more projects in Kayah State, Kayin State, Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Mon State, Rakhine State, Yangon Division, Shan State and Ayeyawady

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