

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Senior General Than Shwe calls for implementation of significant projects as soon as possible

Use locally available materials as much as possible

Ministers report progress of on-going projects

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance at the Special Projects Implementation Committee Meeting 1/2006 at the military operation hall of Commander-in-Chief (Army) here, at 1.45 pm yesterday.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation 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 Special Projects Implementation 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 of the Special Projects Implementation

Committee SPDC members, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the departmental heads and officials.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported on upgrading of Pyay-Paukhaung-Toungoo Road, construc-

tion of Shwenyaung-Nyaungshwe-Mong-thauk-Nampan-Tonhon-Pinlaung Road, and building of Leinli Bridge and Kyungon Bridge.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe presented reports on matters related to completed airports, the airfields under construction and tasks

to build new airports.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi submitted reports on exploration

and production of oil and natural gas in offshore regions of Mottama and Rakhine State,

and matters related to Oil Refinery and Fertilizer Plant projects.

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The 124 miles and two furlongs long Pyay-Paukhaung-Toungoo Road submitted by Public Works has 48 miles and one furlong tarred road section, 50 miles and one furlong gravel road section and 26 miles earth road section.



Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe attends Special Projects Implementation Committee Meeting 1/2006. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 24 September, 2006

Infrastructures for national development

Placing the interest of the people in the fore, the government has implemented a large number of development projects the length and breadth of the nation. And the people are now enjoying the fruits of those development projects.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation implemented 84 more water supply projects for agricultural purpose in states and divisions. Those projects are now benefiting over 900,000 acres and supplying drinking water. At present, altogether 13 projects are under implementation and, upon completion, they will be able to benefit over one million acres and generate over 1,000 magawatts.

Likewise, the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2 are building more factories to produce import-substitute products, consumer goods factories and, mills and factories capable of manufacturing heavy machinery.

Similarly, such ministries as Energy, Mines, Forestry, Construction, Transport, Electric Power, Communications, Posts and Telegraphs are fully engaged in development projects. Remarkable progress has been made in this regard.

The task being carried out by the government is mammoth. That is why all the ministries are making integrated efforts for successful realization of this task.

The sooner special projects are completed, the earlier the people can enjoy the fruits, thereby contributing to all-round development of the State.

At a time when a string of necessary infrastructures are being built for national development we firmly believe that all the ministries will be able to do their bit in the implementation of the special projects.

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REPUBLICS OF THE WORLD

- * 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

Talks on reproductive health held at Yangon Command

YANGON, 23 Sept— Maternal and Child Welfare Association of Yangon Command organized the talks on reproductive health at the hall of the command headquarters this afternoon, attended by Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai.

Obstetric and Gynaecologist Lt-Col Dr Daw Yin Yin Zaw of Defence Services Obstetric and Gynaecological and Children's Hospital gave lectures on reproductive health, and replied to the questions raised by those present.

A total of 290 MCWA members of Yangon Command attended the talks. — MNA



Talks on reproductive health in progress at Yangon Command Headquarters. — MNA

Cash donated to construction of road in MGH

YANGON, 23 Sept— A ceremony to donate cash to the funds for construction of the tarred road in Mandalay General Hospital was held at the hall of the hospital in Mandalay this morning.

Medical Superintendent Dr U Maung Win accepted K 2.4 million donated by Daw Khin Myint and family of Mogok, K 1.2 million by Associate Professor Dr U Ye Lwin-Dr Daw Hla Myo Khin and family (Linn Special

Clinic); K 1 million by U Kyaw Myint-Daw Pun (Myint Kyaw Kyaw Cafe); K 500,000 by Medical Superintendent Dr U Maung Win-Daw Khin Saw; and K 300,000 by U Than Lwin-Daw Than Than Oo (Singapore Store). Today's donation was K 5.4 million. The medical superintendent presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Construction of the road will cost K 12 million. Wellwishers may contact the office of the Medical Superintendent.

MNA

Stakes driven for construction of Leinli Bridge

YANGON, 23 Sept— A ceremony to drive stakes for construction of Leinli Bridge to be constructed by Bridge Construction Special Group 9 of Public Works was held at the pandal of the bridge yesterday morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and Shan State Police Force Commander Police Col Nyunt Win and officials. The bridge is situated at mile post 47/3 on Pinyinana-Pinlaung Road. The bridge will be built of steel cable suspension bridge. It can withstand 75-ton loads. — MNA

Delegation of UM FCCI seen at the airport prior to departure for the People's Republic of China. UM FCCI



Myanmar Badminton Federation President U Maung Maung Swe and General Secretary U Robin Tin seen at the airport on Friday before departure for Spain to attend IBF Extraordinary General Meeting.

NLM

Vegetable show from 23 to 26 Sept in Yantai, PRC

YANGON, 22 Sept — To attend the Eighth International Fruit, Vegetable, Food Exposition to be held in Yantai of the People's Republic of China, a four-member Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of

Commerce and Industry Chairman of Myanmar Fruit and Vegetable Producers Association U Win Aung and Vice-Chairman U Sai Ba Nyan left here for PRC yesterday. The delegation was seen off at the airport by officials of UM FCCI.

MNA



Musharraf says US threatened to bomb Pakistan if he didn't help

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said the United States threatened to bomb his country "back to the Stone Age" after the September 11 attacks if he did not help America's war on terror.

The threat was delivered by Richard Armitage, then the deputy secretary of state, to Musharraf's intelligence director, Musharraf told CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" programme.

"The intelligence director told me that (Armitage) said, 'Be prepared to be bombed. Be prepared to go back to the Stone Age,'" Musharraf said in the interview to be shown Sunday on CBS.

"I think it was a very rude remark," Musharraf said in the interview.

Armitage, former

deputy secretary of state, reportedly disputed the language attributed to him but did not deny the message was a strong one.

Musharraf told "60 Minutes" programme that Armitage's message was delivered with demands that he turn over Pakistan's border posts and bases for the US military to use in the war against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

Some were "ludicrous," the President said, such as a demand to suppress domestic expression of support for terrorism against the

United States.

"If somebody is expressing views, we cannot curb the expression of views," Musharraf said.

The White House on Thursday declined to

comment on Musharraf's charge that the United States had threatened to bomb his country "back to the Stone Age" in 2001.

MNA/Xinhua

US soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 Sept — An American soldier shot dead in Baghdad on Wednesday, the US military said on Thursday.

A soldier, assigned to Multi-National Division-Baghdad, was killed by small arms fire in northeast Baghdad at about 10:40 am (0640 GMT) on September 20, the military said in a statement.

The name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it added. Since the US-led war in Iraq broke out in March 2003, more than 2,680 US soldiers have killed in Iraq, according to media count.

MNA/Xinhua

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An Indian army soldier rides through a wall of glass tubes during a daredevil show in the northern Indian city of Amritsar on 21 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



Chinese walk alongside a scale model version of the Potala palace and a Tibetan snow capped mountain being built in Tiananmen square for 1st Oct National Day celebrations in Beijing, China on 19 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Old man survives attack by wild tiger in N-E China

CHUNHUI (Jilin), 22 Sept — An elderly man survived an attack by a wild Siberian tiger on Thursday, local police said.

The tiger was lurking in a corn field and suddenly pounced on cattle herded by Jin Zhencheng, a 68-year old farmer from Xijiashan Village of Chunhui City.

After the cattle escaped, the tiger turned and attacked the cowherd, whose arms were clawed, his right clavicle fractured and legs scratched in the struggle with the tiger.

Another cowherd in the village rushed to the site and frightened the tiger away, according to the police.

The old man is out of danger after receiving emergency treatment at a local hospital.

After examining the tiger's footprints at the site, zoological experts said that the tiger lives in a forest near the village.

Villagers said that tiger footprints had been seen in the area before, but it is the first time a tiger has attacked a man.

Siberian tigers are an endangered species. There are no more than 20 Siberian tigers living in the wild in northeast China, zoologists said. However, recent attacks on livestock show that their habitat is improving.

MNA/Xinhua

Coup unlikely to dent Thai tourism industry

BANGKOK, 22 Sept — Some travellers have cancelled trips to Bangkok in the wake of a bloodless military coup, but the impact on Thailand's lucrative tourist industry should be brief and small, travel agents said on Thursday.

One said about 60 per cent of his clients, mostly those due to visit Bangkok, had called off trips soon after the Armed Forces seized power on Tuesday and dismissed prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra's government.

"But more than half of them came back and booked for the next few weeks," he said in a coun-

try THAT expects nearly 14 million visitors this year, more than one million of them Japanese.

The Japan Travel Bureau, Japan's largest travel agency, said it was cancelling some Bangkok-bound tours until September 26th, affecting nearly 1,000 people during one of its busier travel weeks.

"But from the people on

our tours who are already in Bangkok, we aren't hearing reports that they're changing their itineraries and going to other places," a spokeswoman said.

A woman leaving for Thailand told NHK national television: "Everything appears to be all right, and since I have my ticket already, I thought I'd go."

Many governments have issued warnings to their citizens about travelling to Thailand, where tourism produces about 6 per cent of gross national product and employs millions of people.

MNA/Reuters

Five children, woman killed in building fire in E China

WENZHOU, 22 Sept — Five children and a woman were killed after a two-storey building caught fire in east China's Zhejiang Province, local fire fighting sources said on Thursday.

The fire occurred around 11:40 pm Wednesday in a rented building in the Ou Hai District of Wenzhou, a booming economic coastal city in eastern Zhejiang.

Local fire fighters rushed to the site after the fire broke out and put it out at 0:30 am Thursday.

All the dead were from southwest China's Guizhou

Province, according to the sources.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

Five die of unidentified disease in western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 22 Sept — Five people died of unidentified disease at remote Chamchet Village of western Gorkha District during last two weeks, local Nepal Samacharpatra daily reported here on Thursday.

"Five people including two children died of unidentified disease in the area, some 150 kilometres northwest of capital Kathmandu," the Nepali-language daily reported, quoting Gopal Lama, former village chief, as saying. But, officials at the District Health Office said they were uninformed about the disease in the area. — MNA/Xinhua

UNSG urges to enhance cooperation between UN, regional organizations

UNITED NATIONS, 22 Sept—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Wednesday called for enhancement of cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations.

The Security Council held on Wednesday a ministerial-level thematic debate on cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations in maintaining international peace and security.

Addressing the foreign ministers of the Council members and leaders of regional organizations who attended the meeting, Annan stressed that "the time has come for us to take

the regional- global partnership to a new level of clarity, practicality and serious" because the demand for peacekeeping and other services will continue to grow in the next decade. "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations offers a framework for doing this with the requisite flexibility, accountability and legitimacy," he added. The Secretary-General

thus welcomed the deepening engagement of regional organizations in UN efforts for peace and security, and called for new ways to cooperate and to create a global collective security mechanism that protects people and lays the ground work for lasting peace.

Meanwhile, in his report entitled "A regional-global security partnership: challenges and opportunities," Annan noted that the opportunities before the international community lay in the establishment of a more effective partnership operating in close cooperation with the Security Council, based on a clear division of labour that reflects the comparative advantage of each organization.

MNA/Xinhua

Remains of earliest child discovered in Ethiopia

LONDON, 22 Sept— A 3.3-million-year-old skeleton of the earliest child ever found shows the ancient ancestor of modern humans walked upright but may also have climbed trees, scientists said on Wednesday.

They found the well-preserved remains of a three-year-old girl of the species *Australopithecus afarensis* — which includes the fossil skeleton known as "Lucy"—in the Dikika area of Ethiopia, 400 kilometres northeast of the capital Addis Ababa.

"It represents the earliest and most complete partial skeleton of a child ever found in the history of paleoanthropology," said Dr Zeresenay Alemseged, of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary

Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. The skull, torso and upper and lower limbs, including the hand, show both human and ape-like features. The state of the ancient bones suggest she was buried in a flood which may also have caused her death.

The remains provide the first evidence of what babies of early human ancestors looked like. The nearly complete skeleton will also provide information about the child's height and structure.—MNA/Reuters



Sea lions rest 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. At least 180,000 sea lions live on the island.—INTERNET

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The staff workers monitor the water level of the Three Gorges Reservoir on the Yangtze River in central China's Hubei Province on 20 Sept, 2006. The second phase of raising the water level of the Three Gorges Reservoir began at 10:00 pm on Wednesday.—XINHUA

China opens first direct air cargo route to North Europe

BEIJING, 22 Sept— China Air Cargo Service Co Ltd opened on Wednesday its first direct air cargo route to North Europe.

The Shanghai-Beijing-Copenhagen flight will operate on every Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday.

This was the second air cargo route between China and Europe initiated by the company. In December last year, the company launched

Chengdu-Beijing-Frankfurt cargo service.

The two routes are operated by Boeing 747 cargo planes.

MNA/Xinhua

Tropical storm "Gordon" lashes northwest Spain

MADRID, 22 Sept— Tropical storm Gordon lashed northwest Spain and Portugal on Thursday, injuring a policeman and cutting power to 29,000 homes.

Winds gusting up to 180 kilometres per hour (110 miles per hour) forced the closure of 2,000 schools, blocked highways with dozens of fallen trees and damaged power lines in the Galicia region.

Construction cranes and

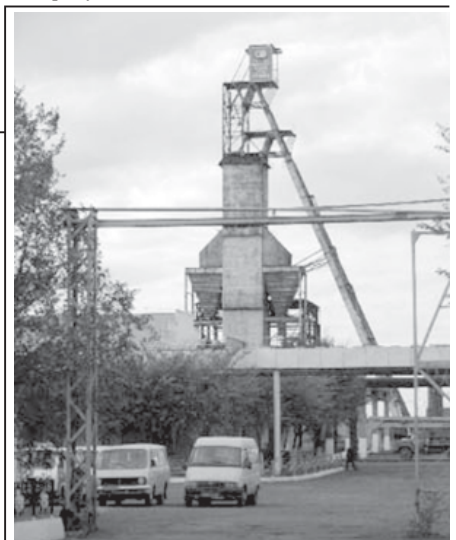
lampposts were blown over in the La Coruna area. Flights were cancelled or delayed in the cities of Santiago de Compostella and La Coruna.

A policeman was injured in Arteixo when a tree fell on his car. Much of Portugal suffered heavy rain and high winds, causing long delays on roads and a 14-car pile up in the Lisbon area.

Emergency authorities in Galicia said the storm was milder than initially feared but they remained on red alert because torrential rain is set to follow the high winds.

Last year a tropical storm with winds of 140 kilometres per hour (90 miles per hour) killed seven people in Spain's Canary Islands and left hundreds of thousands without electricity.

MNA/Reuters



General view of the Lenin coal mine in the town of Shaktinsk, some 125 miles south of the capital Astana, on 20 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

43 killed in Kazakhstan coal mine explosion

ALMA ATA, 21 Sept— At least 43 people were killed in the Lenin Mine explosion in Kazakhstan's central Karaganda region early Wednesday, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

The blast happened at 9 am local time (0300 GMT) at a depth of about 500 metres underground and caused a big fire, which is still not extinguished, the local emergency situations department was quoted as saying.

As many as 19 bodies have been recovered, emergency officials said, adding that 324 other miners survived the blast.

MNA/Xinhua

German telecom-giant T-Mobile set to expand in US market

BERLIN, 21 Sept — German telecommunications giant T-Mobile is set to expand its presence on the US market after it won the most licences in an FCC auction of advanced wireless services, local reports said on Wednesday.

In the auction initiated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), T-Mobile bid some 4.2 billion US dollars for 120 licences, including regional rights for large parts of the United States, German radio Deutsche Welle reported.

The German giant also won individual licences for major cities, such as New

York and Chicago, said the report.

T-Mobile can now significantly expand its business in the United States, it said. Currently, the Deutsche Telekom subsidiary is number four on the US market.

The FCC's four-week auction of Advanced Wireless Service (AWS) spectrum

licences brought total revenue of 13.9 billion dollars.

The AWS licences can be used to provide a wide range of wireless services and technologies, including voice, data, video and other wireless broadband services offered over third generation (3G) mobile networks, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua



A technician works on the body of the 555-seat superjumbo Airbus A380 in the Jean Luc Lagardere assembly line in Toulouse, southwest France, in this 29 June, 2006 file photo. Airbus parents EADS confirmed on 21 Sept, 2006 fresh delays to its A380 superjumbo, but said it was too early to say how long the third postponement in deliveries would last or how much it would cost.—INTERNET

Archaic beliefs cause many child-birth deaths in Zambia

LUSAKA, 21 Sept— Maamba Hospital in Sinazongwe District of Zambia has been handling about 16 cases of child-birth complications every month because of the adherence to traditional beliefs that only the husband is supposed to see his wife's nudity.

Traditional beliefs in Maamba were so strong that efforts to sensitize people to delivery in hospitals yielded little success, *Times of Zambia* quoted medical superintendent Angel Mwiche at the hospital as saying on Tuesday.

"Most women just want to deliver at home. So most maternal deaths are results of rupture uterus.

The uterus ruptures occur at home and they come when they have bled too much," Mwiche said.

It is usually difficult for medical staff to reverse the situation, according to the newspaper.

"It's extremely difficult to change the mindset.

When they come to the hospital with such complications, the cause is the husband. Traditional beliefs are very strong and destructive to some extent," he said.

Teenage pregnancies were also common and contributed to child-birth complications, he added.

MNA/Xinhua



A fire fighter arrives at the scene of the Pine Fire above the La Canada Flintridge area of Los Angeles County, California on 19 Sept, 2006. Local media reported the fire stands at 150 acres and started in the Angeles National Forest in the late afternoon.—INTERNET

Two US soldiers killed in helicopter crash in Germany

BERLIN, 22 Sept— Two US soldiers were killed when an Apache attack helicopter crashed Wednesday in south Germany, local reports said.

The cause of the crash at the US Army training grounds in the southern city of Grafenwoehr was unknown, *Deutsche Presse-Agentur* reported.

A military spokesman said one serviceman died immediately and the other died at a German civilian hospital. A US military investigation is underway, said the spokesman.

MNA/Xinhua

Dozens die, hundreds missing in south Asia storms

HYDERABAD (India/Dhaka), 21 Sept— Storms caused by a depression in the Bay of Bengal have killed more than 60 people in eastern India and Bangladesh and left hundreds of fishermen

missing at sea, officials said on Wednesday. Thousands of people have been left homeless.

Most of the deaths came in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, where heavy rains and strong

winds caused flash floods. More than 31 people have been killed since Monday night, most from drowning and house collapses.

In West Bengal State in India's east, at least 12 people were killed after a storm hit on Tuesday night. Hundreds of trawlers were reported missing and authorities said more 15,000 people had been left homeless. "Some people died in their sleep when their houses were hit by the storm," West Bengal government official Santanu Basu said.

In Bangladesh, 18 fishermen drowned and more than 80 were unaccounted for and feared dead after they were caught in rough seas and strong winds on Tuesday night.

MNA/Reuters

Four dead, at least 20 injured in expressway pile-up near Beijing

TIANJIN, 21 Sept— Four people were killed and at least 20 injured in a pile-up on the Tangshan-Tianjin Expressway, about 120 kilometres southeast of Beijing on Wednesday.

A police officer said the accident took place at 7:30 am on the Xiqianmiqiao section of the expressway.

Dozens of vehicles were involved in the accident, said the police.

Four of the injured are described as critical.

The section of the expressway has been closed and an investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan, Chile clinch basic free trade deal

TOKYO, 23 Sept — Japan and Chile reached a basic deal on Friday to abolish tariffs on most products over the next decade, Japanese Trade Ministry officials said.

Under the free trade accord, nearly all of Japan's exports to Chile would be tariff-free, while 90.5 per cent of Chilean shipments to Japan would be exempt from tariffs within 10 years of the deal taking effect, the officials said. — MNA/Reuters



Italian peacekeepers from the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) look at merchandise in Burj Kalaway village in south Lebanon, on 21 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Top Chinese official urges closer regional links with Russia

IRKUTSK (Russia), 22 Sept — A senior Chinese legislator on Wednesday called for closer regional-level cooperation between China and Russia as part of joint efforts to boost bilateral ties.

“Regional cooperation enriches the strategic partnership between China and Russia and has become a highlight in bilateral ties,” Uyunqing, vice-chairwoman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress, told the fourth Baikal Economic Forum.

The regional development plans adopted by the two countries “provide opportunities for forging closer regional links, particularly for the neighbouring regions of

the two countries”, she said. Uyunqing called for government policies aimed at facilitating cooperation between Chinese and Russian enterprises and closer business ties in such areas as high-tech, machinery, electronics, energy, telecommunications, forestry and farm produce.

China and Russia can “share experience in building special economic zones and boost mutual investment”, she said.

She also expressed the hope for extensive exchanges in education, culture, health care and tourism between the two countries.

The forum, which opened Wednesday in the Siberian city of Irkutsk, gathered some 1,100 business people, officials and experts from over 20 countries.

MNA/Xinhua



Japan’s Chief Cabinet Secretary Shinzo Abe (R) poses for a photo with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi at the headquarters of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 20 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

Afghanistan names candidate for UNSG

UNITED NATIONS, 22 Sept — The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan announced on Thursday the nomination of Ashraf Ghani, former finance minister of Afghanistan, as the candidate for the next Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Afghan Government believes that Ashraf Ghani is “uniquely equipped to lead the United Nations at time when imagination and leadership are required in both security and development”, said a government Press release.

With experience at the frontlines of conflict and poverty, Ghani stands at the intersection of Islam and the West with the capacity to bring the world

together at a time of growing religious and geographical tension, according to the Press release.

Ghani, currently chancellor of Kabul University, served as Afghanistan’s Finance Minister. Before that he worked for the World Bank in Asia, spending 10 years working in China, India and Russia.

“He is Secretary-General Kofi Annan

expires on 31 December.

He has served two five-year terms and cannot serve again. According to UN tradition, the next Secretary-General should

come from Asia, though the United States and some other countries argue the race should be wide open.

MNA/Xinhua

Much of British basks in sunshine, thanks to “Gordon”

LONDON, 22 Sept — Former hurricane Gordon may be lashing the Ryder Cup golf venue in Ireland with heavy rain, but for much of mainland Britain the impact of the storm has been far more welcome.

The Met Office said on Thursday that the remnants of Gordon, which has been downgraded to storm status, are bringing rain to Ireland, Scotland and western parts of Wales, but that for other parts of Britain the sun was shining.

Forecasters said it will be dry, very warm but also quite windy as a result of warm air drawn up from the tropics by Gordon. Temperatures in the east and in London could touch 28 degrees Celsius (82 degrees Fahrenheit), 10 degrees warmer than usual.

But western parts of mainland Britain were still likely to be hit by bad weather overnight. Gusts could reach 80mph and there was a risk some trees might be uprooted because they are more vulnerable when they still have leaves on their branches.

The risk of flooding

was judged minimal because the weather system is expected to move through quite quickly.

This weekend marks the autumnal equinox, when the sun is directly over the equator, and when it is not uncommon for the remains of tropical storms to affect European weather.

MNA/Reuters



A dog owner prepares food at a dog food cooking class in Seoul on 21 Sept, 2006. The cooking class was held as a promotional event for a dog food brand.—INTERNET

Five Afghan women killed by explosion at wedding party

KABUL, 22 Sept — Five Afghan women were killed at a wedding party by a grenade explosion in the central Parwan Province of Afghanistan, an official with Interior Ministry told Xinhua on Wednesday.

The women were singing and dancing on Monday night at the party

in Sayadan Village near the provincial capital Charikar, when attacked

and killed by a grenade thrown by unknown assailants, the official said on condition of anonymity. The explosion also wounded 18 others including women and children, he added. In Afghanistan, women and men separately attend wedding parties. The police are investigating the incident and four suspects have been detained, according to local media reports.

Officials said it was uncertain what motivation was behind the attack, while they did not rule out that personal feud caused it.

MNA/Xinhua

Child dies after Turk shopping centre roof collapses

ISTANBUL, 22 Sept — A three-year-old died and four other people were

injured when strong winds caused the roof of a Turkish shopping centre to collapse, doctors said on Thursday.

The accident occurred late on Wednesday during a storm in the coastal city of Antalya. Firemen rescued the five people from the rubble but the young girl died later in hospital.

“The ceiling of a store fell and the wounded were trapped underneath,” Doctor Mutlu Kartal told Reuters from Akdeniz University Hospital.

Four other people were injured when a platform supporting a screen erected for a film festival in Antalya collapsed in the storm.

MNA/Reuters

Drive safely

World Heart Day

Prof Khin May San

Today is World Heart Day, a special day designated by the World Heart Federation with the objective to build awareness of the threat of heart disease and stroke and the importance of a heart-healthy lifestyle. The World Heart Federation, a Non-Governmental Organization based in Geneva, Switzerland, is committed to helping the global population achieve a longer and better life through prevention and control of heart disease and stroke, with a particular focus on low and middle-income countries. Members of the World Heart Federation include 189 societies of cardiology and heart foundations from 100 countries, covering the regions of Asia-Pacific, Europe, the Americas and Africa.

The annual World Heart Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of September of each year. This year, it falls on the 24th of September and this special day is being celebrated for the 3rd consecutive year in Myanmar. The slogan for the World Heart Day is "A Heart for Life" and there is a new theme for every year. The theme for 2006 is "How Young is Your Heart."

A healthy heart is vital for living life to the full, regardless of your age and gender. The heart is a crucial organ for your body. It beats every minute and second without a pause throughout your life since before birth. It pumps blood to distribute oxygen and nutrients to all organs and systems so that your body can function normally. Once it stops beating, all of the organs fail to maintain their functions and subsequently, death follows. The heart will age as we get older, and this process is not only affected by chronological age but also through abuse inflicted by unhealthy lifestyles and chronic diseases. According to Professor Valentin Fuster, President of the World Heart Federation, "It's almost an obsession in many societies to look as youthful as possible, but we should really be thinking about the age of our hearts. If we put as much effort into keeping our hearts young, we would see a dramatic decrease in the number of premature deaths from heart disease and stroke each year."

According to surveys conducted all over the world, cardiovascular disease, mainly heart disease and stroke, is the world's largest killer, claiming 17.5 million lives a year, that is one in three of all deaths. Eighty per cent of these deaths are from populations in low and middle income countries, many amongst people of working age.

How can we keep our hearts young?

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle and controlling the major risk factors, such as an unhealthy diet, physical inactivity and smoking, can prevent heart attacks and stroke and help the heart to age more slowly, thereby reducing the risk of premature death or disability from these diseases. This year's World Heart Day campaign, under the theme — *How Young is Your Heart* — encourages people around the world to adopt a heart-healthy lifestyle so as to have a young heart for life. The good news is that major health benefits can come in as little as six weeks of adopting a heart-

healthy lifestyle. Small lifestyle changes can bring big rewards and help the heart to age more slowly. For an adult, thirty minutes of brisk walking a day, for example and adopting a balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables can help make a difference (60 minutes of exercise a day is recommended for children).

What is healthy diet?

It is a balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables, whole grain products, lean meat, fish and pulses, alongside low-fat and fat-free products, unsaturated soft margarines and oils such as sun flower, corn, rapeseed and olive oil. Diet can improve your health significantly. For example, as demonstrated by the DASH diet, reducing the salt intake and increasing fruit and vegetable intake over 8 weeks can lead to a decrease in systolic blood pressure of 2.8 mmHg and diastolic of 1.1 mmHg. Oxford Fruit and Vegetable Study Group likewise reported that taking more fruit and vegetables, at least five 80 g servings per day for six months, showed a significant decrease in both systolic (4 mmHg) and diastolic (1.5 mmHg) blood pressure. A diet rich in pulses, such as lentils and chickpeas, has also been shown to significantly reduce the risk of coronary heart disease (CHD). Those who ate pulses four times or more a week were found to have a significant decrease in the risk of CHD and CVD in general.

An unhealthy diet is one that is too salty and sweet and contains a lot of saturated fat. It inevitably leads to overweight/obesity, hypertension, high cholesterol levels and abnormal glucose tolerance. Cooking food at high temperatures, by frying or grilling, can produce products that are known to cause low-grade inflammation that leads to atherosclerosis. Boiling, steaming or stewing food may help to prevent atherosclerosis.

Is regular exercise good for you?

Regular physical activity helps slow down the narrowing of the arteries to the heart and brain, encourages the body to use up excess stored fat, can help to reduce high blood pressure, improves cholesterol levels and maintains normal blood glucose levels. It also helps control weight and reduces stress, anxiety and feeling of depression, risk factors of CVD increase HDL cholesterol, lower triglycerides and the propensity to thrombosis. For adults, moderate activity, such as brisk walking for 30 to 60 minutes a day most days of the week, is associated with significant reductions in the risk of stroke (by 25%) and CAD (40%). The hearts of veteran athletes aged 50-70 have been found to be as strong and healthy as those of an inactive 20 year-old.

Exercise benefits the heart, even without weight loss. Overweight and obese people who exercise but do not lose weight are still fitter and have beneficial reductions in cholesterol. Regular exercise converts body fat to muscle. As muscle burns more calories than fat, people with more muscle have higher metabolic rates which in turn may lead to lower rates of heart disease. Exercise lowers the levels of "bad" LDL-cholesterol which increases risk for heart disease and stroke, and increases the "good" HDL-cholesterol which reduces risk of coronary artery disease. Overweight people should not only concentrate on just losing weight but also on becoming physically fit. As physical activity levels increase, the risk of type 2 diabetes also decreases.

Physical inactivity has been established as a major risk factor for CVD. It doubles the risk of developing heart disease, type II diabetes (90% of world diabetes cases) and obesity; increases the risk of hypertension by 30% (affecting 20% of the adult world population); doubles the risk of dying from cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Smoking can damage your heart and cause premature death. It has long been established as a major cause of cardiovascular disease mortality, accounting for 20% of cardiovascular deaths. Smoking increases blood cholesterol levels and levels of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol ("bad" cholesterol), raises the levels of blood clotting and overall increases the chance of a sudden blockage of an artery.

What if you do not eat a healthy diet or are not physically active?

As you gain weight especially around your waist, your blood pressure will rise, as will your blood cholesterol (especially triglycerides) and glucose levels. You will eventually develop the "metabolic syndrome" which is the harbinger of cardiovascular disease, mainly heart disease and stroke. Do not be discouraged if you already have features of "metabolic syndrome". You can reverse it by proper dieting, exercise and certain medications to control your blood pressure and blood glucose levels. Each component of the "metabolic syndrome" is discussed below.

Obesity and being overweight, specifically described by a large waist circumference, lead to health risks. Being overweight increases risk of developing common chronic diseases like gallstones, diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and stroke. An overweight person has a 2-6 times greater risk of developing high blood pressure, and greater risk of developing high blood cholesterol, type 2 diabetes mellitus (80% of people with diabetes are overweight). Weight gain beginning in childhood leads to enlarged hearts in young adults. Therefore, obesity has now been recognized as a new treatment goal in coronary heart disease prevention. Diet, exercise and modifying behavior remain the gold standard of obesity treatment and to maintain weight loss. If these measures are ineffective, medication and surgery are options in selected patients. Modest weight loss can improve the whole risk factor profile for coronary heart disease.

High blood pressure contributes to around half of all cardiovascular disease. According to recent guidelines, the normal BP is 120/80 mmHg and below. Although hypertension is defined as a BP of 140/90 mmHg and above, pressures in between these two cut-off points are considered as high normal or pre-hypertension. The risk of cardiovascular disease doubles for every 10 mmHg increase in diastolic BP or every 20 mmHg increase in systolic BP. It is now established that the lower your blood pressure the better, as long as you do not feel faint or light-headed.

The human body requires only about 500 mg of sodium a day. A high salt intake is an important cause of hypertension in our community. A good rule of thumb is that if you can taste the salt in your food, then there is too much of it. Canned foods, snack foods, fast foods, other prepared foods and seasoning powder are loaded with sodium. It is much better to prepare your own low-sodium meals. Your blood pressure can fall by 2-10 mmHg by reducing your salt intake, 5-10 mgHg by reducing your weight, 3-10mm Hg by reducing your alcohol intake, 2-10 mg by physical exercise.

Blood glucose levels that are higher than formal but below the threshold for type 2 diabetes are associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease and death. Taking action to control blood glucose levels at the pre-diabetes stage may delay or prevent type 2 diabetes from ever developing. The risk of cardiovascular disease is very high in diabetics, especially if they have other risk factors. The combination of diabetes

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Public Works of the Ministry of Construction will upgrade Pyay-Paukhaung-Toungoo Road

The 140-megawatt Thaukyaykha-2 Hydel Power project will be built on Thaukyaykha Creek near Htonbo Village, seven miles east of Toungoo, Bago Division. The project will be undertaken with the aim of distribution of electricity through the power networks, protection Sittaung Basin from flood and supply of water to 50,000 acres of land in Toungoo and Htantabin regions.



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe. — MNA



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to tarred one for ensuring easy transport. The Shwenyaung-Nyaungshwe-Mongthauk-Nanpan-Tonghon-Pinlaung Road is 53 miles long. Most section of the road is gravel one and the rest is tarred. Public Works will upgrade the road to tarred one for progress of economic, social, education and health sectors of local people.

The two-lane Leinli suspension Bridge on Pynmana-Pinlaung Road links Nay Pyi Taw, Shan State and Kayah State. The total length of the bridge is 1,740 feet and it is 28 feet wide. It can withstand

75 tons of load.

The Kyungon-Shwelaung-Kyinkanaung-Pathein Road is 46 miles six furlongs shorter than the Wakema-Einme-Myinkaseik Road to Pathein across Pyamalot River in Ayeyawady Division.

The bailey-type Kyungon Bridge across Pyamalot River will be constructed. It is 500 feet long and 11 feet wide and it can withstand 18 tons of load.

The Ministry of Transport built new airport terminals and runways and renovated the old ones for safe landing and taking off of passenger and cargo

planes. Thirteen new airfields including Mandalay International Airport were opened and 16 old ones were renovated.

Altogether 36 airfields for taking off and landing of F-27 and ATR aircraft have been built, 26 airfields for F-28 aircraft, 17 airfields for Y-8 aircraft, 13 for Boeing 737 aircraft, 10 for Air Bus A-300 and 7 for DC-10.

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Ponnyataung Railroad Tunnel Construction Project.



Progress of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project seen from Sagaing bank.

aim of distribution of electricity through the national grid, protection of Sittoung Basin from flooding and supply of water to 50,000 acres of land in Toungoo and Htantabin regions.

Tarsan Hydel Power Station will be built on Thanlwin River between Mongpang and Mongtong Townships in Shan State (South).

During the implementation period, a low head power plant capable of generating 200 megawatts will be built through the diversion tunnel. At the second phase, ten turbines that can generate 7,110 megawatts will also be built.

Hydro-electric Power Department will undertake 600-megawatt Hatgyi Hydel Power Project on Thanlwin River, 19 miles north of Kamamaung Village in Kayin State.

An Creek Hydel power project will be implemented on An Creek, 3.5 miles north east of An in Kyaukphyu District in Rakhine State. It can generate 15 megawatts and protect the nearby areas from flooding.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Electric Power 1 will jointly build

Htamanthi Dam on Chindwin River near Tazone Village in Homalin Township, Sagaing Division. It can generate 1,200 megawatts and supply water to 1 million acres of farmland.

The Ministry of Electric Power built power grids and sub-power stations and distributes electricity to the whole country.

Power grid projects and main power station projects are being implemented for local power consumption.—MNA

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An aerial view of drilling platform of oil and natural gas of Yedagun Natural Gas Project in Taninthayi Division.

Only when a society of high intellectual power emerges...

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In the higher education sector, new universities and colleges were opened and the old ones upgraded. Efforts are being made to conduct more doctorate courses and masters' degree courses, to do more research work, to use ICT based management and to extend international cooperation.

There were 32 universities and colleges in 1988 and now the number has increased to 156. Moreover, there were about 6,300 faculty members in 1988 and there are now 20,201 with an increase of 13,902. There were 138,236 university students in 1988 and there are now 748,883 with an increase of 610,647.

Doctorate courses were launched in 1995. In addition to the Ministry of Education, doctorate courses are being conducted at the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Science and Technology. As of 2005, doctorate degree has been conferred on 988.

With 46 universities and colleges applying VSAT and 13 applying fibre optic a WAN network has been set up in

the higher education sector.

There has still been the education gap in some regions. There are still weaknesses in basic education schools of rural areas in terms of teaching, rule enforcement and building when compared with those of urban areas.

The advanced education system in both basic education and higher education sectors is imperative in ensuring national development. To promote the nation's education standard, over 40,000 more primary schools have been opened, so while other primary schools are also to be upgraded.

With an increase in the number of middle and high schools efforts are being made to narrow the education gap region-wise. In this regard, work is well under way for the basic education teachers to teach subjects according to degrees they hold.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, systematic arrangements will be made for the second five-year plan. Supervision is important for the implementation of education promotion pro-

grammes. Besides, the Head of State has given guidance that state and division PDCs, the minister, the deputy ministers and departmental heads under the Ministry of Education are to closely supervise the teaching-learning process in respective regional schools. Township education officers should also be assigned duties to supervise the condition of education promotion. A standing order needs to be issued for township education officers concerned to pay regular visits to basic education schools for their inspection. The order must include the name of region, the name of school, the number of inspection. Moreover, they are to submit condition of teaching-learning process, teaching aids, image of school as a task of education promotion programme.

The Secretary-1 said primary education is very important and it needs to meet the standard set. Only then, will other step-by-step education levels such as middle and high school education and higher education meet their required standards. The state has laid down plans to improve the education of students. Therefore, a thorough review



Minister Dr Chan Nyein. — MNA

should be made regarding the education sector. The Secretary-1 stressed the need for submitting four-monthly progress of work to the cabinet meeting regarding the reviews of subjects taught in all four levels of education namely primary, middle, high and higher, school disciplines and curriculums as well as the image of school, and condition of teaching-learning process.

Next, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt submitted the minutes of the meeting (1/2006) of Myanmar Education Committee held on 22 May 2006 and sought the approval at the meeting.

Minister Dr Chan Nyein reported on the increasing number of graduates and post-graduates as teaching programmes are being extended in the education sector, holding of seminars on upgrading school curriculum and syllabus, establishment of National Centre for English Language, conducting refresher courses for English, Maths and Physics teachers at high school level, opening of educa-

tion technology courses and arrangements being made for school enrollment programme for 2006-2007 academic year.

Then, those present took part in the discussions.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 said in implementation of the tasks for the promotion of the education standard, the level of curricula and syllabuses must be upgraded to at least the same level of other ASEAN nations and then to be drawn to reach the international standard.

He highlighted the need of proficiency in English in international communications and to train and nurture the students to be skilful in mechanical, science and technology, mathematics, physics and chemistry.

At the same time, he said emphasis is to be placed on teaching of history and geography to know geographical conditions of the country and the course of history, to keep patriotism dynamic after realizing the efficiency of Myanmar heroes who built and led

the nation in the different periods.

Subjects such as sports training and knowledge on health are to be taught from basic education level for uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire people.

He also spoke of the need for the appointment of qualified teachers in the respective subjects, quality teaching, provision of books and teaching aids and effective application in practical fields, harmony of teaching and learning and inspection and reporting on measures undertaken on education and its achievement regularly at the basic education schools for equal development of education standard in the entire nation in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

He urged the officials concerned to make earnest efforts to ensure equitable development of the standard and qualification at primary, middle, high and university levels in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

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Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects CNG filling station No 008 in Pale. — ENERGY

Minister for Energy inspects CNG filling stations

YANGON, 23 Sept— Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected CNG filling station No 008 (Pale), No 004 (Kyaikkaloh) and No 002 (Insein) this afternoon.

He viewed filling of CNG into vehicles. General Manager U Thein Htay and officials briefed the minister on filling CNG.

Next, the minister

gave instructions on arrangements to be made for opening more CNG filling stations in Yangon.

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European delegation on study tour of Kayin and Mon States



European expert delegation views Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). — MNA

YANGON, 23 Sept — Ambassador Dr Christian Hauswedell and European delegation members, who recently attended the Workshop on Challenges and Prospects for the Future of ASEAN-EU Relations, organized by Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies under the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs made a study tour of Kayin and Mon States to view regional development on 21 and 22 September. Secretary of MISIS Ambassador U Nyunt Tin and Joint-Secretary U Than Tun accompanied the delegation.

On the way to Mokpalin Village in Kyaikhto

Township in Mon State by car on 21 September, the European expert delegation studied regional development. On arrival at Sittaung Bridge (Mokpalin) construction site near Mokpalin Village, the guests were briefed by the project engineer on progress in construction of the bridge. The bridge whose construction started in January 2005 links Kyaikhto Township in Mon State and Waw Township in Bago Division. Seventy per cent has been completed and the project is expected to be finished in March 2007.

Next, the delegation went to Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine). At the briefing hall, officials explained construction tasks. The delegation visited Mawlamyine Railway Station and spent the night at Attaran Hotel in Mawlamyine.

Yesterday, the guests visited Hpa-an Township and met with local national race leader Phado U Aung San at Nyeinchanyay Hall. The host explained arrangements being made for regional development and assistance being rendered by the state. The European delegation proceeded to Myaingyingu Special Region in Hlinebwe Township. National race leader U Tha Htoo Kyaw explained arrangements being made for regional development and assistance being rendered by the state. Afterwards, the guests viewed documentary photos displayed at the hall. The delegation arrived back here in the evening.

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National race leader U Tha Htoo Kyaw of Myaingyingu Special Region explains regional development to European expert delegation.

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Rescue services being carried out in flooded regions

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—Some parts of states and divisions in Myanmar were flooded these days due to torrential rains.

On 20 September, it rained heavily in Shan State (South), causing a landslide between mile post Nos 53 and 68 between Langkhio and Mongpan with the result that the road was blocked. Similarly, torrential rains destroyed some pillars of the concrete bridges on Laikha-Mongkai Road in Loilem District.

At about 7 pm the same day, Yanbye Township in Rakhine State saw a tornado that caused damage to some houses in Kyauknimaw Village. But, there was no loss of life of men and animals.

The heavy rains that occurred in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Division, on 20 and 21 September led to temporary closure of the railroad between Kodaungboe station and Lawchaung station and some sections of Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

The Dokhtawady River was raging between Shwesayan in Patheingyi Township and Singaing Township in Mandalay Division on 21 September, and so was the Zawgyi River in Kyaukse Township. Thus, local people in the flooded villages — Shwesaryan (lower), eastern Inya, Taungbo, Pintale, Dawei, Oo Yin and Pyipan — were evacuated to safe places.

Officials concerned are now supervising major repairs to the damaged facilities and rescue services.

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Shwe Parami Shopping Mall opens

YANGON, 23 Sept — Shwe Paramin Shopping Mall was opened at the corner of Yangon-Insein Road and Parami Road in Hline Township, Yangon West District this morning.

The responsible persons formally opened the shopping mall constructed by Wah Wah Win Construction and viewed the shops in it.

The eight-storey shopping mall takes in fashion shops, beauty saloons, photo labs, restaurants and internet cafe, game city and movie theatre. About 100 cars can park on the ground floor.

Shwe Parami Shopping Mall opens daily from 9 am to 9 pm.

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Shwe Parami Shopping Mall is open at the corner of Yangon-Insein Road and Parami Road in Hline Township. — MNA

German President calls for education reform

BERLIN, 22 Sept— German President Horst Koehler called on Thursday for an urgent reform of the country's education system following a recent report that showed that Germany's educational standard is lagging behind those of other leading industrialized countries.

The standards in Germany were embarrassing, said Koehler in a keynote speech at a secondary school in a working-class Berlin suburb after a report by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) showed that Germany was not producing enough university graduates.

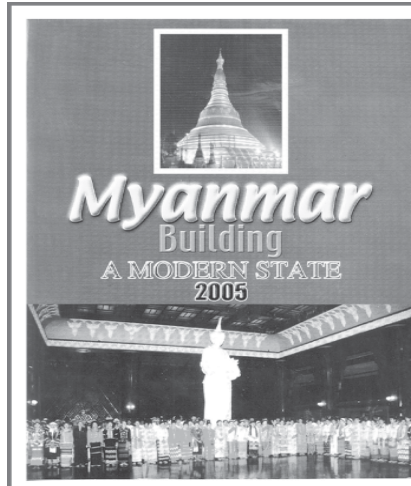
The percentage of young people obtaining a degree in Germany stood at 20.6 per cent in 2004, well below OECD average of 34.8 per cent, said the report.

Koehler called for more money to be invested in education, especially in pre-schooling.

Education is the most important investment that society and individual can make, he said.

The President also highlighted the need for religious education at schools even in a pluralist society like Germany.

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China enforces ban of poisonous pig-feed additive

BEIJING, 22 Sept— China's Ministry of Agriculture has issued an urgent circular to local government departments ordering them to clamp down on an illegal additive used in pig-feed.

The notice comes soon after 300 people in Shanghai suffered acute food poisoning after eating pork which contained traces of the additive,

which is used to produce leaner meat.

The victims were admitted to hospital with symptoms of dizziness, quickened pulse rates and muscle cramps after they ate pork, pig liver and other pig organs. Most of the patients have left hospital, while some remain for further observation.

The additive has been banned for years but is

still being used illegally in some regions, the ministry said in the circular, asking local watchdogs to enhance supervision to ensure food safety and protect people's health.

The licences of enterprises producing food products containing banned medicine should be cancelled, and inspections should be carried out in key areas, the ministry said.

The pork products in most parts of China are safe, the ministry said.

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China to boost trade cooperation with Argentina

Buenos Aires, 22 Sept — Yang Jiechi, visiting Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister, said here Wednesday that the Chinese Government had made as much effort as possible to boost trade cooperation with Argentina.

Yang, who arrived here on Wednesday, took part in the ninth session of the Bilateral Political Consultation Meeting in Argentina's San Martin Palace, the seat of the country's Foreign Ministry.

During the meeting, Yang and Roberto Garcia Moritan, his Argentine counterpart, analyzed the progress in bilateral relations since 2004: the year in which Hu Jintao, China's President, visited Argentina, and his Argentine counterpart, Nesto Kirchner, made a reciprocal visit to China.

Yang said China was keen to deepen and strengthen existing ties and boost trade, investment and tourism, adding that China's and Argentina's economies created many opportunities for cooperation and mutually beneficial initiatives.

Garcia said that Argentina would continue to adhere to the one-China policy and publicly thanked China for its support in international forums. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi soldier salutes during a ceremony handing control of Dhi Qar Province from Italian troops to Iraqi soldiers in the southern city of Nassiriya, on 21 Sept, 2006.

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Indonesia reaches deal on French military vehicles

Jakarta, 22 Sept — The Indonesian Government says it has wrapped up negotiations with a French vendor to buy 32 armoured vehicles for a peacekeeping mission in war-torn Lebanon, a newspaper reported Thursday.

Defence Minister Juwono Sudarsono said that French automaker Renault and representatives from his ministry had agreed on the prices of three types of armoured vehicles for the mission.

"For armoured command vehicles the price has gone down from 750,000 euros (949,800 US dollars) to 600,000 euros. It's around 500,000 euros for a personnel carrier and below 500,000 for ambulances," Juwono was quoted by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

The ministry's secretary-general Lieutenant-General Sjafrie Sjamsuddin is currently in Paris to renegotiate the price of the armoured vehicles.

The government plans to buy 24 personnel-carrying armoured vehicles, six ambulances and two command armoured vehicles.

Juwono said the armoured vehicles would be ready by the time the Indonesian troops arrived in Lebanon in late October.

The Indonesian peacekeeping mission is scheduled to depart on 28 September, but the United Nations has extended the deadline for sending troops to the conflict-torn country until late October.

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Undersea eruption pollutes Fiji coast

Wellington, 22 Sept— Fijian villagers living along the coastal areas of Saqani in Cakaudrove are battling to clear their seashores and rivers, which are covered with pumice.

According to Thursday's report from *Fiji Times*, the pollution is believed to be from submarine volcanic eruptions deep in the ocean far from Fiji.

Villagers said they saw the pumice floating in the sea near their homes last week. The pumice covered the river and villagers could not fish or travel by boats and

bamboo rafts to their plantations. Villagers also noticed a few dead fish along the seashore and the riverbank.

Local officials said no tremors were recorded in the Fiji waters in the last few days but more details would be available Thursday. Principal research officer for the Fisheries Department Aisake Batibasaga said

samples of the sea and river waters were taken for tests. He said because of the eruption there was a possibility that the water would be polluted with toxins that may have killed the fish.

Batibasaga said the river would be cleaned up through the natural process during high tides and flooding.

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Chinese cultural events launched in S Korea

SEOUL, 22 Sept — A series of cultural events will be launched on Thursday in Seoul to promote South Koreans' understanding to China and push forward the friendly cooperation between Beijing and Seoul, officials of China and South Korea said Wednesday.

At a news conference held on Wednesday, Cai Wu, Minister of Chinese Information Office of the State Council, said the events, named as Experience China in South Korea 2006, will be the biggest-ever Chinese cultural gathering staged in South Korea since the

two nations established diplomatic ties in 1992.

The events were carried out under an agreement by Chinese President Hu Jintao and South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun during the APEC summit in South Korea's southeastern port city of Busan in last November,

said the minister, stressing that the events reflect the developing all-around partnership between China and South Korea and will be recorded as an important event in history of the Beijing-Seoul relations.

"The Experience China in South Korea 2006 will

boost the understanding of South Korean people over China and help to further develop the friendly cooperation between the two nations," said Yoo Jae-wong, director of the Korean Overseas Information Service (KOIS).

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Russia's Svetlana Khorkina gestures during a ceremony at the 2nd Xiantao International Gymnastics Festival held in Xiantao, Hubei Province of central China, on 19 Sept, 2006. Khorkina was recognized as the "Honored Citizen of Xiantao" in the ceremony.—XINHUA

Shuttle back on earth after Space Station mission

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 22 Sept — The US space shuttle Atlantis returned safely to its Florida home port on Thursday, capping a successful mission to resume International Space Station construction after the 2003 Columbia accident.

After 12 days in space, including six at the half-built 100 billion US dollars space station, Atlantis dropped from its orbital perch into Earth's atmosphere, shedding speed as it soared through predawn skies over the Pacific Ocean, Yucatan Peninsula and the Gulf of Mexico before reaching Florida's west coast.

Gliding across the state, commander Brent Jett circled Atlantis high over the Kennedy Space Centre, lining up his ship to touch down on a three-mile (4.8-kilometre) long, canal-lined runway at 6:21 am (1021 GMT).

Double sonic booms rang out over central Florida as the shuttle slipped below the speed of sound for the first time since it blasted off on 9 September after two weeks of delays. The mission marked NASA's re-entry into the space-station construction business — a task put on hold for nearly four years for safety upgrades after the Columbia accident — and boosted confidence the massive construction project can be completed by 2010, when the shuttle fleet is to be retired.

"The space station's half built. We have

half to go," NASA administrator Michael Griffin said. "When we're all done it will weigh nearly a million pounds, for humanity's first really long-term outpost in space. We're halfway there but I think we're going to make it."

Shuttle commander Brent Jett and his five crewmates — pilot Chris Ferguson, flight engineer Dan Burbank, Canada's Steve MacLean, Joe Tanner and Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper — delivered and installed a 372-million-US-dollar solar power system during a complex series of robotic

manoeuvres and three spacewalks. NASA needs to fly at least 14 more station assembly missions to finish the outpost before the shuttle fleet is retired.

MNA/Reuters

Britons spent billions keeping cool this summer

LONDON, 22 Sept — The long, hot summer was not without cost this year as overheated Britons spent an estimated 5 billion pounds trying to keep cool, according to a survey on Thursday.

The most popular route to keeping the temperatures at bay was the electric fan, but other means — including buying bags of ice or investing in air-conditioning units — were also used.

According to the 2,009 adults surveyed, nearly a quarter of Britons are thought to have bought fans, spending nearly 300 million pounds in their bid to be comfortable as the mercury soared, the study from utility power said.

"The Cost of Cool" also found people had to pay out for increased energy consumption, including washing clothes and themselves more often. Investing and running air-conditioning systems also added to costs.

According to the findings, just over 60 per cent of people washed more than twice a day and three quarters consumed more anti-perspirants and body sprays.

MNA/Reuters

Dementia may become biggest threat to health in APR

SINGAPORE, 22 Sept — Dementia-based illnesses like Alzheimer's Disease may soon replace heart disease and cancer as the top killer in the Asia Pacific Region.

According to Singapore's Channel

NewsAsia reports on Wednesday night, a report, which was commissioned by Alzheimer's Disease International, said that there are 4.3 million new dementia cases in the Asia Pacific Region per year, and the figure may soar to

19.7 million by 2050.

In Singapore, the report added, the number of dementia cases is expected to hike from 22,000 to 186,000 by 2050, especially with an increasing population of the old people.—MNA/Xinhua



A model holds up a Toshiba notebook recently. Japanese electronics giant Toshiba is to recall 340,000 laptop computers worldwide due to defective batteries made by rival Sony, which is already facing woes over its batteries.—INTERNET

Police quiz biotech chief in honours probe

LONDON, 22 Sept — A third man to be quizzed by police investigating a loans-for-Lordships scandal is a leading businessman in the biotechnology industry, media reports said on Thursday.

Reports citing unnamed sources said Sir Christopher Evans, founder

of Merlin Biosciences, had been arrested on Wednesday by detectives probing whether political parties had offered honours, knighthoods or peerages to their donors.

Police have already questioned Lord Michael Levy, Labour's top fundraiser, and Des Smyth, a former

government adviser.

"A man was arrested by police officers in connection with alleged offences under the Honours (Prevention of Abuses) Act 1925," London police said in a statement. The man was released on police bail after questioning.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Federer puts Swiss in front

GENEVA, 23 Sept— World number one Roger Federer gave Switzerland a 1-0 lead in their Davis Cup World Group playoff match against Serbia on Friday, dismissing world number 92 Janko Tipsarevic 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Playing for the first time since his US Open win on September 10, Federer was never forced hit top gear. Generously applauded by the sympathetic Geneva crowd whenever he got the better of the home favourite, Tipsarevic enjoyed a mini triumph during the first set when he was able to break Federer's serve.

The Serb was already two breaks down by then, however, and there was no further chance of a fightback with Federer easing to a straightforward victory in one hour and 27 minutes.—MNA/Reuters

Safin beats Roddick to put Russia 1-0 up

MOSCOW, 23 Sept— Marat Safin beat Andy Roddick 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 in the opening singles to give Russia a 1-0 lead against the United States in their Davis Cup semifinal on Friday.

Playing on a slow clay surface at Moscow's Olympic Sports Complex, the Russian broke Roddick's formidable serve four times while losing his only once.

Safin broke the US Open finalist in the seventh game to clinch the first set after 32 minutes.

Roddick saved three

break points in the third game of the second set but Safin earned the vital break two games later with a beautifully-executed lob before breaking the American again in the ninth game to take a two-set lead.

Safin served for the match at 5-3 in the third set but Roddick broke back to force a tiebreaker.

Teenager steers Tolima into last 16 of Copa Sudamericana

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 Sept— Nineteen-year-old striker Darwin Quintero sent Colombia's Tolima into the last 16 of the Copa Sudamericana by scoring the equalizer in their 2-2 draw away to Mineros.

Tolima, held 0-0 at home in the first leg of the first round tie, went through on away goals at the expense of their Venezuelan opponents after Thursday's game in Caracas.

Quintero beat his opponent to the ball to volley home a cross from the right for the equalizer as all four goals came in the space of 35 minutes in a dramatic first half.

Brazilian striker Chad put Mineros ahead in the ninth minute only for John

Charria to volley the equalizer 12 minutes later. Mineros regained the lead in the 23rd minute thanks to a bizarre own goal.

Midfielder Juan Garcia sent a long ball forward out of his own half and

Tolima captain Hilario Cuenu headed the ball into his own net from the edge of the penalty area.

Quintero's goal earned Tolima a second-round tie against Mexico's Pachuca in the region's equivalent

of the UEFA Cup.

Ecuadorean Army club El Nacional completed the line-up by beating Bolivia's Universitario de Sucre 2-1 to complete a 5-2 aggregate win.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova returns a shot against China's Peng Shuai during their semi-final match at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing on 23 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

ASEC Abidjan win 7th successive Ivory Coast title

ABIDJAN, 23 Sept— ASEC Abidjan secured a seventh successive league title in the Ivory Coast on Thursday, winning 1-0 against Ecole Formation Yeo Martial to move out of the reach of their closest challengers.

ASEC, coached by Frenchman Patrick Liewig, made sure of the title with two games to spare.

A 22nd-minute goal from Didier Ya Konan ensured the win for the hosts, who need only a draw to clinch the title. They are nine points clear of second-placed Sewe Sport.

MNA/Reuters

Nalbandian sweeps aside Philippoussis, Argentina lead 1-0

BUENOS AIRES, 23 Sept— World number four David Nalbandian swept aside Mark Philippoussis as Argentina drew first blood in their Davis Cup semifinal against Australia on Friday.

Nalbandian demolished Philippoussis 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in two hours three minutes in the opening rubber of the tie watched by a 14,000 crowd including Diego Maradona, garbed in dark glasses and an Argentina soccer shirt.

"It was a very comfortable match," Nalbandian told Argentine television immediately after coming off court.

Philippoussis, playing his first match on red clay for more than two years and returning to Davis Cup action for the first time in two-and-a-half years, looked edgy from the outset.

He was quickly in trouble when he

double-faulted on break point to drop his serve in the seventh game of the first set.

Nalbandian also swept through the second set, breaking in the third and ninth games and wrapping it up thanks to another unforced error from his opponent, who over hit a drive from the baseline.

The match briefly came to life when Philippoussis broke serve in the fourth game of the third set, at one stage volleying the ball straight at Nalbandian who tumbled over backwards as he ducked out of the way.

MNA/Reuters

Romania, South Korea level at 1-1

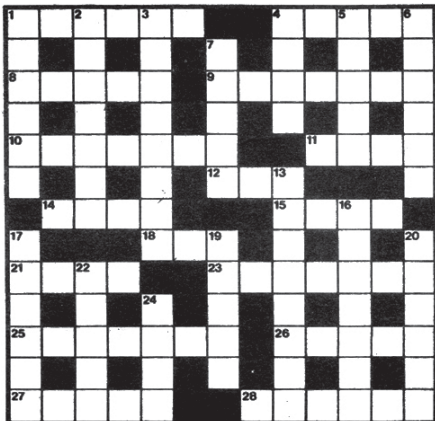
BUCHAREST, 23 Sept— Romania and South Korea were level at 1-1 after the opening singles matches in their Davis Cup world group play-off match on Friday.

Andrei Pavel beat Jun Woong-Sun 6-0, 6-4, 6-3 but suffered a slight shoulder injury to put his participation in Saturday's doubles in doubt.

Korea's Lee Hyung-taik demolished Romania's Victor Crivoi 6-1, 6-1, 6-0 to level the tie.

MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Standing
- 4 Part of shoe
- 8 Bird's sleeping place
- 9 Unlawful
- 10 Great achievement
- 11 Mosquito
- 12 Consume
- 14 Conversation
- 15 Competent
- 18 Finish
- 21 Stretch of grass
- 23 Air pilot
- 25 Set free
- 26 Join together
- 27 Stunned
- 28 Supplementary building

DOWN

- 1 Airy fairy
- 2 Do away with
- 3 Final
- 4 Unprepossessing
- 5 Heathen
- 6 Narrate
- 7 One-tenth tax
- 13 Surly
- 16 Screen of crossed laths
- 17 Highly coloured
- 19 Risked
- 20 Light wind
- 22 Dance
- 24 Celtic minstrel

India's Mirza romps into Kolkata Open semis

KOLKATA (India), 23 Sept— India's Sania Mirza won a battle of teenagers to upstage fourth seed Aravane Rezaï and reach the semifinals of the Kolkata Open on Friday.

Fifth-seed Mirza rallied from 4-1 down in the second set for a 6-4, 7-5 victory over fellow 19-year-old Rezaï, a French player of Iranian origin.

Mirza, who has struggled after a superb 2005 when she became the first Indian woman to win a WTA title and rose to 31 in the world, broke her rival in the ninth game to clinch the first set.

The hard-hitting Rezaï broke Mirza in the fourth game to go 4-1 up in the next set, but dropped her serve in the seventh game to allow the home favourite back into the set. The French player, who needed court-side treatment for shoulder trouble, lost serve again before Mirza served out for the match.—MNA/Reuters

Rose, Cejka share lead at Texas Open

HOUSTON, 23 Sept— Germany's Alex Cejka and Briton Justin Rose shared the lead in the Texas Open first round after returning six-under-par 64s on Thursday. Cejka enjoyed an error-free afternoon at San Antonio's LaCantera Golf Club, carding six birdies, while Rose continued his superb form by mixing eight birdies with a pair of bogeys.

While both Cejka and Rose have celebrated international wins, they arrive in Texas chasing their maiden PGA Tour title.

Cejka came close this year with a third place at the John Deere Classic and Rose has flirted in recent weeks with lifting the elusive title. Enjoying rich late season form, the Briton held the lead after three rounds at the Canadian Open and was in contention at last week's Lumber Classic.—MNA/Reuters

World Heart Day

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and smoking is associated with a significant increase in mortality risk in comparison with non-smokers. Physical inactivity is another compounding factor. Inactive diabetics are 70% more likely to die than the active group. Physical exercise that cannot achieve weight loss reduces blood pressure by a 4-mmHg, whereas exercise which also achieves weight loss can reduce the systolic pressure by 7 mmHg systolic and diastolic pressure by 5 mmHg.

High cholesterol causes around a third of all cardiovascular disease worldwide. Saturated vegetable fat and oils including coconut fat are cholesterol-free but can cause an increase in blood cholesterol. Some foods that do not contain animal products may contain trans-fats (eg. margarine) which also cause the body to make more cholesterol. Fruits, vegetables and cereals do not contain

cholesterol. Eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day. Eat less meat, more fish, poultry without skin and leaner cuts of meat instead of fatty ones. If a heart-healthy diet is not enough to lower your cholesterol, medication may be needed.

High-density lipoprotein, or HDL, is known as the "good" cholesterol. Your body makes HDL cholesterol for your protection because it carries cholesterol away from your arteries. High levels of HDL reduce your risk of heart attack. Low-density lipoprotein, or LDL, is known as the "bad" cholesterol. Too much LDL cholesterol can clog your arteries, increasing your risk of heart attack and stroke. When there is too much cholesterol in your blood, cholesterol and other substances build up in the walls of your arteries, forming a plaque. Over time, it causes "hardening of the arteries" so that arteries become narrowed and blood flow to the heart

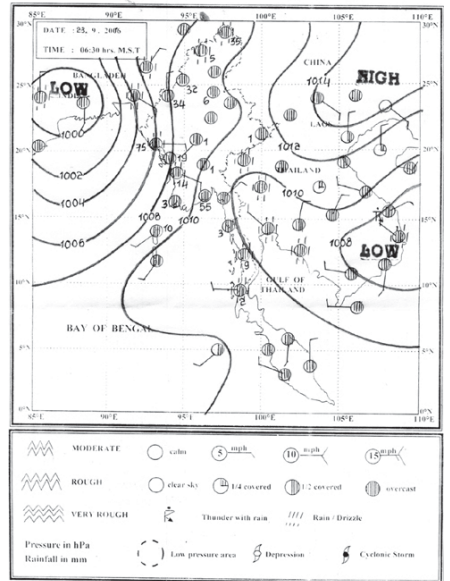
is slowed down, causing chest pain. If the blood supply to a portion of the heart is completely cut off by a blockage, the result is a heart attack. Heart attacks most commonly occur when plaques become fragile and rupture. Then blood clots are formed and can completely cut off blood supply to a portion of the heart.

A lot of evidence therefore informs us that an **unhealthy lifestyle and risk factors** can damage our heart and cause early death. Having no cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors at age 50 greatly reduces lifetime risk of CVD and lengthens life. Framingham Heart Study reported that men who were free of CVD at age 50 had a 5% risk of CVD, compared with almost 69% for those with two or more major risk factors. In women these risks were 8% and 50%, respectively. Men with optimal risk factors also lived more than 11 years longer than those with two or more; for women the survival advantage was

more than 8 years. Diabetes was associated with the greatest risk of developing CVD, and obesity was also high risk. Smokers died at a younger age than non-smokers from smoking-related non-CVD causes, paradoxically reducing their lifetime CVD risk. The data support addressing CVD risk factors from an early age by encouraging prevention and behaviour modification.

According to Professor Sidney Smith, University of North Carolina and Chairman of Scientific Advisory Board, World Heart Federation **"It is never too late to start living a healthy lifestyle. By asking everyone to think about the age of their hearts on World Heart Day we are encouraging the world's population to adopt a heart-healthy lifestyle."**

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 23 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, the Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the Central Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan and Chin States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (4.57) inches, Maungtaw (4.25) inches, Sittway (2.95) inches, Mawlaik (2.52) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.17) inches, Aunglan (0.87) inch, Magway (0.79) inch and Pymmana (0.31) inch.

Maximum temperature on 22-9-2006 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 23-9-2006 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 23-9-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 22-9-2006 was (1.4) hours approx. Rainfalls on 23-9-2006 were (0.63) inch at Mingaladon, (2.17) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.67) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (91.06) inches at Mingaladon, (103.15) inches at Kaba-Aye and (104.92) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (18) mph from Southwest at (11:10) hours MST on 22-9-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 24-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Shan, Mon and Kayin States, Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Seas: Seas are likely to be moderate to rough in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 24-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 24-9-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 24-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:00 hr MST on 23-9-2006)
According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada is (1306) cm. It may reach its danger level (1342) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today.



Sunday, 24 September

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: - Heaven ... All Saints
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Mamaloo ... Cartoons
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar -Myanmar& lotus
- 9:20 am Music: -When you're looking like that... Westlife
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Children's delight -Story for children "Goldielock & the 3 bears" -Songs for children
- 9:00pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20pm World Heart Day 2006 by Professor Dr Daw Khin May San
- 9:30pm Let's improve English through songs -Kiss me honey... Yadana Oo -I'll never gonna let you go ... Soe Mg Mg
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Sunday, 24 September
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၀)ပြာ မင်္ဂလာ
- 8:05 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am 7. ရေတောင်တစ် ရံ့နွယ်
- 8:20 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Say it in English
- 11:00 am 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am 2. Musical programme

- 11:25 am 3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:35 am 4. Yan Can Cook
- 11:50 am 5. Myanmar Movie: "စကားပြောဆော အသံညွှန်လုံး" (စိုးနိုင်၊ ဒွါးသိန်းမောင်၊ ကြည်ကြည်ဌေး၊ တင်တင်နွဲ့၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးသုခ)
- 2:15 pm 6. တည်ဆောက်ပြုပြင် ရှမ်းအရှေ့ တစ်ခွင်
- 2:25 pm 7. "အလျှော်အစား" (စင်ပိုင်၊ ရွှေစင်သွန်း၊ စင်သန်းနွယ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်စောလင်း)
- 2:35 pm 8. ထပ်ဆင့်အောင်ပွဲ စရာဝတ် တံတား (အေးဒါရို)
- 2:45 pm 9. International news
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
- 4:45 pm 4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm 5. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းစား ဂီတစား

- 5:05 pm 6. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရဟန်းတော်များ အဆိုအကဲ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်မောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလာစိုင်း) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅-၁၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:20 pm 7. သိန်းစိုက်ပျိုး အထွက်တိုး (ပေါင်းပန်းတိုင် အထွက်နှုန်း တင်း ၁၀၀၀) ထွက်ရှိရန် စည်းပညာများ) (အမျိုးသား)
- 5:30 pm 8. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. သီရိဇဂဟာ
- 7:00 pm 12. Discovery
- 7:10 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဟာမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့ ဝန်ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
- 18. The next day's programme

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Senior General Than Shwe calls for...

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Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min reported on completion of Narnattaw Overpass and Kyaukyedwin Overpass, upgrading projects of Yangon-Nyaunglebin railroad section, Bago-Dawei railroad, and Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad, new construction projects of Sittoung-DaikU railroad, Kyangin-Pakokku railroad and Pyawbwe-Phayangahsu railroad, and construction of Nay Pyi Taw railway station project.

Afterwards, Minis-

ter for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min also reported on progress of Yeywa Hydel Power Project and Shweli Hydel Power Project that have been approved by the Special Projects Implementation Committee, and Nancho Hydel Power Project, Thaukyekhat (2) Hydel Power Project, Tarhsan Hydel Power Project, Hatgyi Hydel Power Project, Anchaung Hydel Power Project and Htamanthi Hydel Power Project to be implemented.

Minister for Elec-

tric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported on completion of power lines and sub-power stations permitted by the Special Projects Implementation Committee, other power lines and sub-power stations that have not been submitted yet to the committee, and power lines for supply of electricity.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented reports on tasks of advanced communication project, progress in establishment of information and Internet communication project in Myanmar,

and introduction of broadband system.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on the projects and called for implementation of significant projects of the State, as soon as possible, urged not to seek funds lumpsum unnecessarily, and to use locally available materials as

much as possible in implementation of the projects, and the meeting came to a close.

The 124 miles and two furlongs long Pyay-Paukhaung-Toungoo Road submitted by Public Works has 48 miles and one furlong tarred road section, 50 miles and one furlong gravel road

section and 26 miles earth road section.

Thanks to construction of Pyay-Paukhaung-Toungoo Road, local people in the eastern region of Bago Yoma mountain range will have access to the western region of Bago Yoma mountain range via Toungoo in a short time.

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Hydro-electric Power Department of Ministry of Electric Power (1) will implement Nancho Hydel Power project on Nancho Creek. It lies upstream from Paunglaung Hydel Power Station, 16 miles east of Pyinmana. The project will generate 40 megawatts.

Only when a society of high intellectual power emerges will the nation develop

Meeting No 2/2006 of Myanmar Education Committee held



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the meeting No 2/2006 of the Myanmar Education Committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—The meeting No 2/2006 of the Myanmar Education Committee was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Education here this afternoon with an address by Chairman of MEC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

It was also attended by ministers, members of MEC, deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department.

In his address, Chairman of MEC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the development of highly qualified human resources is indispensable in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Education plays a greater role in national development. Only when the education standard is high will the intellectual power of the people develop. And only when a society of high intellectual power emerges will the nation develop. This being so, the 30-year long term education promotion programme has been laid

down and is being implemented.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State the special 4-year national education promotion plan (2000-2001 to 2003-2004) was implemented under the 30-year long-term education promotion programme. At present, the special 4-year national education promotion plan is being implemented along with the first 5-year plan of the 30-year long-term education promotion programme.

Although progress has been made in implementing the education promotion programme, there are weaknesses in some cases. There were 33,747 basic education schools in 1988 and there are 40,525 in 2006 including post-primary schools with an increase of 6,778. There were 173,772 teachers in 1988 and there are now 248,072 with an increase of 74,300. There were 5,239,878 students in 1988 and there are now 7,819,176 with an increase of 2,579,298.

At the same time, a total of 1,660 were equipped with multimedia classrooms while school enrollment has increased from 91 per cent in 1999-2000 to 97.58 per cent in

2005-2006.

Thanks to the opening of the Three-R courses the adult literacy rate has increased from 79.7 per cent in 1988 to 94.1 per cent in 2006. Under the 5-year plan 5,597 primary schools were renovated and a number of primary schools were built with the contributions of the people.

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INSIDE

The annual World Heart Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of September of each year. This year, it falls on the 24th of September and this special day is being celebrated for the 3rd consecutive year in Myanmar. The slogan for the World Heart Day is "A Heart for Life" and there is a new theme for every year. The theme for 2006 is "How Young is Your Heart."

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PROF KHIN MAY SAN