

Private sector to participate in the tasks to develop agricultural implements for boosting agricultural production as government manufactures farm machinery

Prime Minister inspects manufacturing of power-tillers, paddy harvesters at Myanma Agricultural Equipment Factory (Ingon) in Kyaukse

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Prime Minister General Soe Win inspected manufacturing of power-tillers and paddy harvesters at Myanma Agricultural Equipment Factory (Ingon) of Agricultural Mechanization Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday morning.

Accompanied by members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, the ministers and departmental heads, Prime Minister General Soe Win arrived at the factory at 8.30 am.

At the briefing hall, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported that Myanma Agricultural Equipment Factory (Ingon) is manufacturing 10,000 power-tillers and 5,000 paddy harvesters yearly. In the process, Leyar-16 and Leyar-22 power-tillers are being upgraded for convenient better use of the farmers. Arrangements are being made for cutting the production cost. Machinery will arrive at the factory by the end of the year to manufacture combine harvesters.

Director-General U Win Maw of Agricultural Mechanization Department reported on production capability of the factory and machinery provided by the Government to the factory.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented reports on efforts being made for the yield of average 100 baskets



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects power-tillers and paddy harvesters at Myanma Agricultural Equipment Factory (Ingon) in Kyaukse Township. — MNA

of monsoon paddy per acre in Kyaukse District.

After hearing the reports, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that the factory is manufactures power-tillers and other agricultural equipment for development of the agricultural sector. Power-tillers

produced by the factory are useful for small agricultural farms. It is necessary to produce machines that meet customers' satisfaction and to study actual market demand.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win hears a report on production of agricultural equipment from Myanma Agricultural Equipment Factory (Ingon) by Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 25 September, 2006

Progress of education sector through concerted efforts

In building a peaceful modern developed nation qualified human resource is necessary. To turn out qualified human resource the standard of education must be upgraded. Only when the education standard is high will the intellectual power of the people develop.

The 30-year long-term education promotion programme has been implemented since 2001-2002. Now the special four-year national education promotion plan and the first five-year of the 30-year long-term education promotion programme have been undertaken.

There has been progress in basic education sector. There were 33,747 basic education schools in 1988 and the number of schools increased up to 40,525 including 5,545 post-primary schools in 2006.

Kindergarten enrollment rate has also increased from 91 per cent in 1999-2000 to 97.58 per cent in 2005-2006.

The adult literacy rate increased from 79.7 per cent in 1988 to 94.1 per cent in 2006 after launching adult literacy campaign in states and divisions and conducting the Three Rs courses.

In the higher education sector, new universities and colleges were opened and the old ones were upgraded. The government is making concerted efforts for extended teaching programmes such as conducting more doctorate and master's degree courses and doing more research work, using ICT based management, providing national and regional requirements after establishing a national human resource development centre and promoting international cooperation with greater momentum. There were 32 universities and colleges in 1988 and there are now the number has increased to 156.

The education conditions of the State have improved in form with the implementation of educational projects. Officials of the education sectors are urged to make endeavours for improvement of education sector in essence through active participation.

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Peoples' Desire

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

Commander inspects sanitation tasks for prevention against DHF

YANGON, 23 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected sanitation tasks and preventive measures against dengue haemorrhagic fever in Mayangon Township this morning.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai heard reports on sanitation tasks and prevention against DHF presented by Mayangon Township PDC Chairman U Tin Ohn.

Next, the commander and wife inspected sanitation tasks being carried out



Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects sanitation tasks in Mayangon Township. — MNA

by employees of YCDC, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, WAO and MCWA members together with local people Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road and Thamaing Railway Station Road in Ward 3 and Ward 2 of the township. — MNA

Health care provided, cash donations presented to aged persons

YANGON, 24 Sept — A ceremony to provide health care and present cash donations towards aged persons, organized by Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee was held at Hninzigon Home for the Aged on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township this morning.

First, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar

Wai made a speech on the occasion and accepted 15,000 membership application presented by Daw Ni Ni Sein. Next, Chairman of Administrative Board of Home for the Aged U Kyaw Shein explained the salient points of the home. Afterwards, the chairperson and responsible personnel accepted cash and kind donated by the wellwishers and presented certificates



Entrepreneurs urged to boost tourism industry

NAYPYITAW, 23 Sept — In a bid to boost the economy of the State, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is needed to earn more foreign exchange and the entrepreneurs are also to exert their efforts on developing the tourism industry, said Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing in meeting with Hotels and Tourism Entrepreneurs at Panda

Hotel in Yangon on 22 September.

The State has always emphasized the economic development of national entrepreneurs and so the entrepreneurs are to pay tax regularly and comply with the rules and regulations in opening the account of foreign exchange, said the minister.

of honour to them.

After the ceremony, the chairperson and party viewed health care services being provided to the ageds and donated medicines and provisions to the old aged persons at the home.—MNA

Director-General U Htay Aung gave supplementary reports. And the entrepreneurs submitted reports on work being done. The minister later attended to the needs of the businessmen.

Thereafter, the minister inspected Yuzana Hotel, Excel Treasure Hotel and Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel and the officials reported to the minister on services, arrival of tourists and preparatory tasks for opening season. The minister called on boosting tourism industry. — MNA

Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yagon Division MCWSC provides medicine to an aged person.

MNA

Ex-central bank chief favourite to be Thai PM

BANGKOK, 23 Sept — A former central bank chief has been tipped to become Thailand's interim civilian leader after prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra was ousted in a military coup, a newspaper reported on Saturday.

Chatu Mongkol Sonakul was deemed one of the best-qualified for the job because of his monetary and fiscal expertise as well as his recognition in the world community, the *Bangkok Post* quoted "highly placed

sources" as saying.

The British-educated technocrat led the Bank of Thailand from 1998 to 2001 when he was sacked by Thaksin in a dispute over interest rate policy. He was not available for comment.

The military, which seized power four days ago and promised to name a civilian leader in two weeks and then step back, was reported to favour a lawyer to steer political reform over the next year.

Air Force Chief Chalit Phukpasuka confirmed on Friday that Supreme Administrative Court President Ackaratorn Chularat was a candidate, dousing speculation that an economist would get the job.

But the *Bangkok Post* said Ackaratorn was unlikely to be named interim prime minister because his knowledge of economic issues was regarded as limited, and he is not widely known in the international community.

The new prime minister was expected to be named on 30 September, one day after the endorsement of the interim constitution, the newspaper said.— *MNA/Reuters*



Protesters tear a mock US flag at an anti-US rally near the headquarters of the US Army in Seoul, on 24 Sept, 2006.

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A model displays a gold crown with diamonds during an exhibition "Jeweller-2006. Best jewelry of Russia" in Moscow in early September. As the world's second-largest diamond producer, Russia's Alrosa has already made its mark on world markets. But the Russian state is aiming to transform Alrosa into Russia's latest national champion.—INTERNET

UN experts criticize US for failing to close Guantanamo

GENEVA, 23 Sept — UN human rights experts on Thursday criticized the US for failing to take steps to close the Guantanamo Bay prison for terror suspects.

"We note with the greatest concern that the government has not taken any steps to close Guantanamo," the five independent human rights investigators said in a joint statement.

"We call on the government to close down the Guantanamo Bay detention centre and, until that

time, to refrain from any practice amounting to torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment," said the statement read out to the UN Human Rights Council.

The experts also criticized the Bush Administration for a proposed new

law on interrogation of suspects, saying the law might permit torture in certain circumstances.

"The government has not only taken no step to close Guantanamo, but that it has recently proposed draft legislation to the Congress which is in

breach with US human rights obligations..." said the statement.

The five experts on Thursday also presented their report on Guantanamo and its 450 detainees to the 47-nation UN Human Rights Council.

A summary of the report had been released in February this year. The report demanded that the US close the Guantanamo detention facility and said it was effectively a torture camp where prisoners had no access to justice.

MNA/Xinhua

Firearm found in a bag in airport near Washington

WASHINGTON, 23 Sept — A firearm was found in a bag in the Baltimore Airport near Washington DC on Friday morning, CNN reported.

The firearm was discovered and held by the security screeners, but its owner continued through the checkpoint and disappeared, according to the report. Airport officials then shut down two concourses for 90 minutes. The bag's owner appeared to be a male passenger but authorities have not found him yet.— *MNA/Xinhua*



A man looks at the wreckage of a vehicle used in a car bomb attack in Baghdad, on 23 Sept, 2006. A bomb killed 26 people in east Baghdad on Saturday as Iraq's minority Sunnis began the fasting month of Ramadan, which US commanders have warned may see a rise in sectarian bloodshed.—INTERNET

Four Colombian policemen die in crash of anti-drug helicopter

BOGOTA, 23 Sept — Four Colombian police officers died on Friday in a crash of a helicopter of the country's Anti-Narcotics Police (PA), a PA spokesman in Bogota told media.

The helicopter was on the way to return to its base after escorting aircraft that were fumigating coca plantations in the southern Colombian department of Putumayo, a province on the Ecuador border where drug trafficking groups operate.

The helicopter, which

carried the four police officers, crashed shortly after taking off at a Villa Garzon base, close to Putumayo capital Mocoa.

MNA/Xinhua

Landslide buries eight people in N Philippines

MANILA, 23 Sept — At least eight people were killed and 14 were injured when a landslide slammed into a narrow mountain road in the northern Philippines, local disaster officials said on Friday.

Vicente Tomas of the Office of Civil Defence in Baguio City said passengers of a mini-bus were clearing a road near Natonin Town when boulders and mud rolled down and buried them late on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

Japanese voters see Abe lacking strong leadership

TOKYO, 23 Sept — A hefty majority of Japanese voters support the country's new prime minister-to-be, Shinzo Abe, two media surveys published on Friday showed, but many also have doubts about his leadership capabilities.

A nationwide survey of 1,062 voters, conducted on Wednesday and Thursday by the *Asahi* newspaper, showed 57 per cent of the respondents felt positive about Abe's rise to the post of Liberal Democratic Party president. Abe, who at 52 will be Japan's first prime minister born after World War II, was elected LDP

president with two-thirds of the party vote on Wednesday. Parliament will convene on 26 September to confirm him as Prime Minister.

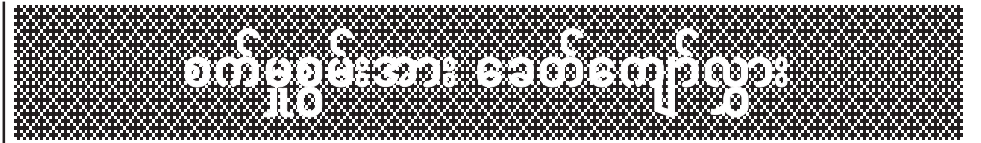
While 59 per cent of the voters felt themselves "close" to Abe, only 29 per cent believed he could exercise strong leadership, the *Asahi* poll showed.

A survey by the

Mainichi newspaper, also carried out on Wednesday and Thursday, showed 67 per cent of voters supporting Abe.

Abe fares especially well among women. The *Mainichi* survey showed 69 per cent of female voters backed Abe, compared with 60 per cent of male respondents.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's President Vladimir Putin, right, signs the *Livre d'Or* (Guest Book) as Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel and France's President Jacques Chirac, left, look on to end a three-way summit in Compiègne, north of Paris, on 23 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Thai leading think tank believes economy to grow despite coup

BANGKOK, 23 Sept— Although a coup d'état will affect some foreign investors' confidence, the Thai economy will continue to grow in the same direction with global economies and economies of its key trading partners, according to Kasikorn Research Centre (KRC).

The leading think tank was quoted by *Thai News Agency* on Friday as saying that the country's economy is expected to grow around 4- 4.05 per cent this year but is likely to drop to 3.5-4.5 per cent next year due to a slowdown in exports to be affected by the global economic sluggishness.

KRC admitted the military coup happened on Tuesday evening would affect some foreign investors' confidence, particularly in direct investment and invest-

ment in the Stock Exchange of Thailand.

However, the centre said it believed a new government to be formed soon would have an

absolute power in the legislature regime and could push for an approval for the 2007 fiscal budget quickly.

Also, the new

government might come up with a new economic stimulus package to boost confidence in the local private sector.

MNA/Xinhua

Genetically modified rice from US blocked in Belgium port

BRUSSELS, 23 Sept — Belgium's Federal Food Safety Agency has blocked at Antwerp Port a 20-ton shipload of rice from the United States, *VRT* news reported on Friday.

The load is said to

contain genetically modified rice and it is part of a 700-ton load that arrived in Antwerp last June. The Federal Food Safety Agency has now ordered the importer to call back the rice already sold

to shops.

It is the first time genetically-modified rice was discovered in Belgium.

Though there is no scientific proof of genetically modified food being dangerous to public health, no biotech rice is currently allowed to be grown, sold or marketed in the EU.—MNA/Xinhua



A man checks the sizes of two male stag beetles before they fight in Chiang Mai Province, about 700 km (435 miles) north of Bangkok, on 23 Sept, 2006. Villagers place bets of up to 100 baht (\$2.68) to watch the fights, which are held annually from September to November.—INTERNET

Italian Govt finds GMO-tainted rice in US shipments

ROME, 23 Sept — The Italian government said on Friday it had found traces of genetically modified rice in batches shipped from the United States, the latest European country to detect the grain which has no licence to be sold.

The Health Ministry said in a statement it had tested the rice after being alerted to possible GMO contamination by the US authorities.

Belgium and the Netherlands have already said they detected the LL Rice 601 strain, developed by Germany's Bayer AG as resistant to a herbicide.

Italy is the European Union's biggest rice producer by far, growing an average of about 1.4 million tons of paddy, mainly in the north of the country, but it does import relatively small amounts.

While there is no evidence the rice is harmful to health, no biotech rice is allowed to be grown, sold or marketed on the territory of the European Union's 25 countries and anti-GMO campaigners have expressed anger at the contamination.

MNA/Reuters

Explosive device disguised as DVD discovered in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 Sept — An improvised explosive device (IED) disguised as a DVD was found on Friday in the eastern Paktika Province of Afghanistan, and five suspects were arrested, said the US-led coalition force.

A 10-year-old Afghan boy in Urgun District noticed wires hanging from an apparent explosive device disguised as a DVD, and notified coalition forces in the area, it said in a statement. The forces confirmed it was an explosive device and neutralized it.

Five suspects were

detailed in the incident, the statement added.

Due to backwardness in military equipment and tactics, militants in Afghanistan have frequently planted various IEDs to attack foreign and government troops.

Also on Friday, three privately-owned "jingle" trucks were attacked by

small-arms fire from unknown militants in Dila District of Paktika, the statement said, adding at least one contractor was injured. Also on Friday, an IED composed of mines rigged together with wires was found blocking access to Andar District centre in the central Ghazni Province.—MNA/Xinhua

Indian DM holds talks with world leaders

NEW YORK, 23 Sept— India, Russia, China and Brazil who discussed a range of issues, including the situation in Middle East, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session here have decided that the group would meet from time to time for coordinating positions on various issues.

Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee, leading the Indian delegation to the United Nations, participated in the high-level discussions convened by Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov on Wednesday.

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and his Brazilian counterpart Celso Amorim represented their countries.

The representatives also discussed the major economic issues, including logjam in the negotiations in the World Trade Organization, and steps needed to get them moving again, officials said.

Among other issues that came up were energy conservation and extended use of renewable sources of energy.

Shortly after his arrival here on Tuesday to attend

the annual General Assembly session, Mukherjee had the occasion of interacting with President George Bush and other world leaders at a reception organized by the Ameri-

can President. He had brief discussions with several leaders on the issues coming up during the current session of UN General Assembly.

Mukherjee also had

wide-ranging discussions with the NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer on Tuesday with a special focus on regional security.

MNA/PTI



Skycrane helicopters hover over a pond as they wait their turn to take in water to be used for battling the Day fire near Lockwood, California, on 23 Sept, 2006. Firefighters on Saturday struggled to dig fire lines around the 117,000-acre (47,350-hectare) Day fire.—INTERNET

1,100 laptops missing from US Commerce Department

WASHINGTON, 23 Sept— More than 1,100 laptop computers have vanished from the US Commerce Department since 2001, including nearly 250 from the Census Bureau containing such personal information as names, incomes and Social Security numbers, *The Washington Post* reported on Friday.

This disclosure by the department came in response to a request by the House Committee on Government Reform, which this summer asked 17 federal departments to detail any loss of computers holding sensitive personal information, said the report. Of the 10 departments that have responded, the losses at Commerce are "by far the most egregious", said David Marin, staff director for the committee.—MNA/Xinhua

Thousands rush to buy cheap French train tickets

PARIS, 23 Sept— Tens of thousands of people flocked to French train stations on Thursday, crowding ticket offices and jostling for position in a rush to buy heavily discounted tickets in a one-off sale.

State railway operator

SNCF sold 200,000 tickets for the high-speed TGV train at 5 euros (6.34 US dollars) apiece to mark the 25th anniversary of the TGV, whose sleek locomotives and comfortable carriages hurtle along at 300 kilometres (186 miles) per hour.

All tickets were sold in one hour and 15 minutes, it said. The SNCF had originally planned to offer 50,000 tickets but decided to multiply the offer by four in the face of strong demand, the operator said in a statement. French television channel LCI showed footage of people jostling at a Lyon Station. One woman lay on the floor after apparently fainting while another looked shaken after being pulled from a scrum by security staff.—MNA Reuters

Storm death toll rises to 65 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 23 Sept— Nine more bodies of the fishermen who went missing after the capsizing of hundreds of fishing boats in the Bay of Bengal during Tuesday night's storms, were recovered in the coastal areas here Friday, raising the death toll to 65, private news agency UNB reported. The bodies were recovered from various canals and rivers along the Bay.

Commanding Officer of Navy ship *BNS Shaheed Farid* Lieutenant Commander Firoz Kabir, who went missing since Tuesday night's storms, could not be traced till Friday morning.

Official and local sources said at least 25 boats, about 630 trawlers and the Navy ship were overturned in the Bay of Bengal by violent storms.

Around 3,500 fishermen and the naval commander went missing during the sea storms in that fateful evening.

Navy, Coast Guards and forest department officials

have been searching hard for the missing since Wednesday but the rescue operation is being hampered due to inclement weather and strong waves in the sea. Coast Guard Commander of West Zone Badrudozza Chowdhury said they have been continuing rescue operations amid the rough weather.

MNA/Xinhua

Gas explosion in Germany kills one, more missing

MUNICH (Germany), 23 Sept—At least one person was killed and another 12 are thought to be missing after a gas tank exploded and destroyed an apartment block in a village in northern Bavaria, a police spokesman said on Friday.

Around eight people were injured, some seriously, in the explosion which tore through an

apartment block and bakery in the village of Lehrberg, north of Ansbach.

"The block collapsed in on itself right down to the ground," a police spokesman said. "We still do not know if there were more people in the building."

A police spokesman in Nuremberg said that around a dozen were

thought to be missing, buried under the debris after the explosion.

The blast occurred shortly after 8 am (0600 GMT), local fire service officials said, most likely as a gas tank was being refuelled. A neighbouring barn complex was also destroyed, police said. At least six other properties close by were damaged.

MNA/Reuters

Tests show Indonesian boy dies of bird flu

JAKARTA, 23 Sept— An 11-year-old Indonesian boy has died of bird flu, the Health Ministry said Friday, taking the country's death toll from the disease to 50.

The boy died on Monday at a hospital in Tulungagung in East Java Province, said Runizar Ruesin, the head of the ministry's bird flu information centre.

Tests by two local laboratories confirmed he had bird flu, he said.

"He had contact with dead chickens. Chickens have died in his house," Ruesin told *Reuters*, adding that the ministry would send officials to the area where the boy lived to investigate.

Indonesia has the highest bird flu death toll of any nation. Not including the latest death, the H5N1 avian flu virus has killed 144 people worldwide, the World Health Organization says.

MNA/Reuters



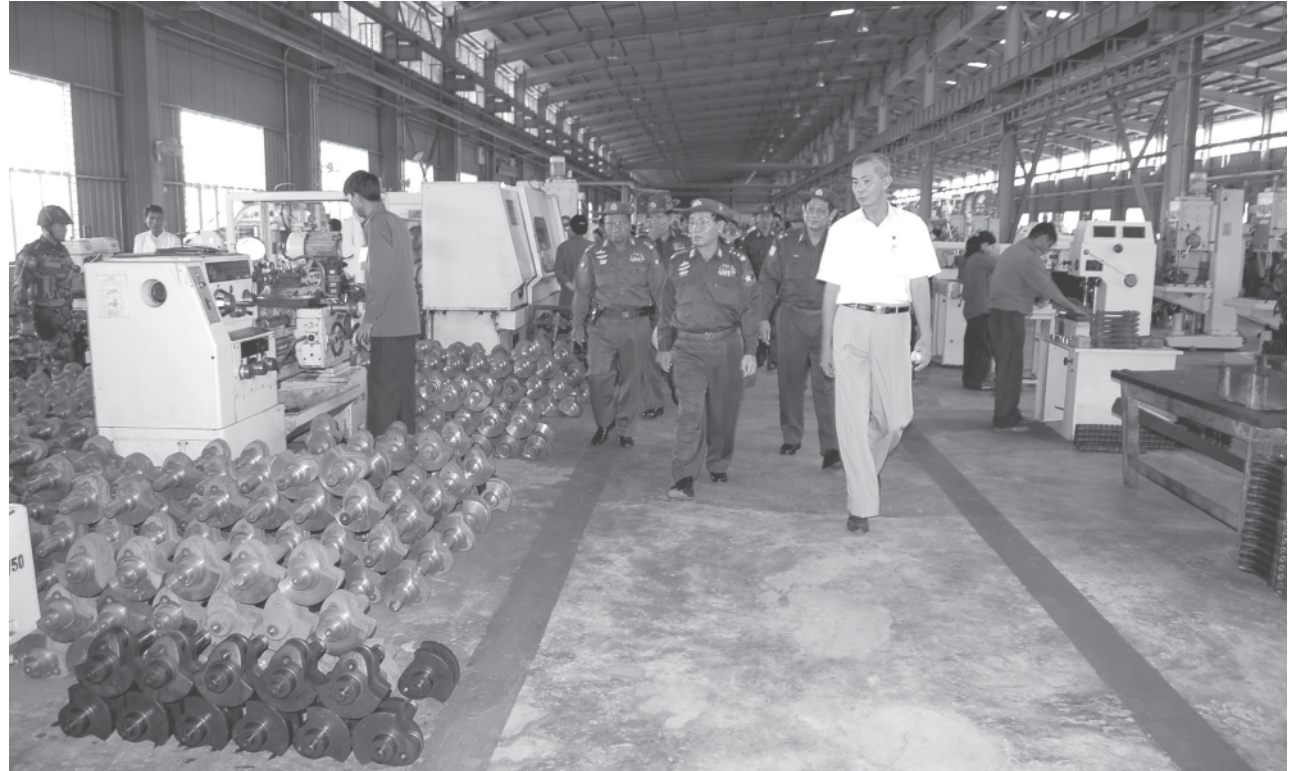
A Palasma turtle is seen in the La Flor nature reserve, about 150 km (100 miles) south of Managua on 22 Sept, 2006. La Flor is one of only seven places in the world where turtles of this species lay their eggs every year.

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Prime Minister inspects manufacturing of power-tillers, paddy harvesters at Myanmar Agricultural Equipment Factory (Ingon) in Kyaukse

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He said that private sector is to participate in the tasks to develop agricultural implements for boosting agricultural production as the government, on its part, manufactures farm implements. In addition, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is to place emphasis on extended cultivation of physic nut for bio-diesel to be easily used in agricultural equipment and extrac-



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects machine parts at Myanmar Agricultural Equipment Factory (Ingon). — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win views power-tillers at Myanmar Agricultural Equipment Factory (Ingon). —MNA

harvesters near No 2 Workshop.

Next, they inspected production of gear and shaft, tasks of Heat Treatment Shop and raw materials for the pre-coated sand. They inspected progress in construction of the workshop for manufacturing of combine harvester.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on matters related to three kinds of power-tillers, paddy harvester and vehicle for agricultural purpose.

After inspecting combine harvesters manufactured at home and abroad, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions to officials. — MNA

Manufacturing of agricultural equipment and extraction of bio-diesel are rural development tasks that connect with enhancement of socio-economic life of the rural people.

tion of bio-diesel from physic nut seeds. In conclusion, the Prime Minister said the manufacturing of agricultural equipment and extraction of bio-diesel are rural development tasks that connect with enhancement of socio-economic life of the rural people.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected engine oil and gear oil refined from physic nut oil being displayed at the hall.

The minister and officials briefed the Prime Minister on display of Leyar-16 power-tiller, Leyar-22 power-tiller, Leyar-16 power-tiller for hill regions paddy harvesters and other agricultural equipment manufactured by Myanmar Agricultural Equipment Factory (Ingon).

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party inspected sample machine parts of power-tiller at the No 1 Workshop of the factory. They also viewed production process of the power-tiller and assembling of its engine.

At No 2 Workshop, officials explained matters related to sample parts of power-tiller and paddy harvester, manufacturing of paddy harvester and power-tiller and quality control tests. The Prime Minister and party viewed test-running of two paddy



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects paddy harvester at Myanmar Agricultural Equipment Factory (Ingon). — MNA

Ministers meet UMFCCI, its brother associations



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo addresses the meeting of patron ministers of UMFCCI and brother associations. — MNA

YANGON, 24 Sept — Patron ministers of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and members of the federation and its brother associations met this morning at UMFCCI Office Tower in Lanmadaw Township.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Agri-

culture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Labour U Thaug, Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, departmental heads, UMFCCI President U Win Myint and chairmen, vice-chairmen and secretaries of subordinate associations under UMFCCI.

U Win Myint explained functions of the federation, holding of local and foreign trade fairs, conducting of training courses, economic progress of the State, cooperative efforts for development of human resources.

Next, Ministers U Thaug, Maj-Gen Htay Oo, and Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein made speeches. Those present at the meeting also took part in the discussions.

Later, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo give concluding remarks. — MNA

Opium, chemical precursors exposed in Hopong Township

YANGON, 24 Sept — Authorities exposed opium, chemical precursors and materials used at opium refineries in Kyauktan Village in Hopong Township, Shan State (South), on 19 September.

Taunggyi Township Special Anti-drug Squad arrested Yan Naing Aye together with 100 stimulant tablets on Anaukmyopat street in Yandana Thiri Ward in Taunggyi at 10.30 am on 18 September and Sai Ba Maung of Thanda street in the same ward along with 40 stimulant tablets.

After questioning them, authorities also nabbed U Pyinnya (a) U Han of Lwekaung Village in Hopong Township on 19 September. According to his confession, the squad members raided the house of stimulant tablet trafficker Talay (a) Maung Lay in Kyauktan Village in Hopong Township and seized 553.59 kilos of opium, 1,633 kilos of lysol, 73.49 kilos of ammonium chloride, two cars, one motorbike, five donkeys, seven kinds of materials used at opium refineries and K 4.9 million. — MNA

Functions of dry day inspection teams supervised in Yangon

YANGON, 24 Sept — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe, committee members, departmental heads and officials supervised functions of dry day inspection teams this morning.

Members of dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, wheel tax bill, driver's licence, wearing of respective uniforms and breaking of traffic rules at the main points in downtown Yangon from 7 am to 5 pm. — MNA

YANGON, 24 Sept — Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Kyi Win hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting goodwill delegation led by Defence Secretary Mr Shekhar Dutt of the Republic of India at Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel, here, yesterday evening.

The delegation members, accompanied by senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and the military attaché of the Indian Embassy, visited Commonwealth Military Cemetery Commission (Htaukkyant) this morning. They were welcomed there by Col Win Naung of Mingaladon Station and officials. The Indian Defence Secretary and delegation members next paid tribute to fallen soldiers.



Afterwards, the Defence Secretary signed the visitors' book.

The Indian goodwill delegation left here by air for home at 1.30 pm today. At the lounge of Yangon International Airport, Maj-Gen Kyi Win presented a photo album on the goodwill visit to the Indian De-

AGM 2006 of Mandalay Division USDA held

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Mandalay Division Union Solidarity and Development Association held the Annual General Meeting 2006 at its office this morning.

Patron of Mandalay Division USDA Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Secretariat member of USDA Minister U Aung Thaug delivered addresses.

The Commander and the Secretariat Member presented prizes to outstanding students in the matriculation examinations for 2005-06 from Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Kyaukse, Meiktila, Myingyan, Yamethin, Pyinmana and NyaungU Districts.

Mandalay Division USDA Secretary U Tin Maung Oo and officials accepted cash donations from wellwishers including Mandalay Division PDC and Chairperson of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Pyone Win.

At the annual meeting, Mandalay Division USDA Secretary U Tin Maung Oo gave an opening speech. Executives reported on organizing, management, economic, social and education sectors. Later, the meeting approved one matter, adopted three decisions and put four matters on record. — MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for China

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe accompanied by Director of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department U Aye Lwin left here by air on 22 September to attend the Second ASEAN + 3 poverty eradication meeting to be held in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, from 25 to 29 September.

They were seen off at the airport by Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt, directors-general and departmental officials under the ministry. — MNA

Indian goodwill delegation concludes visit

Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Kyi Win bids farewell to Indian Defence Secretary Mr Shekhar Dutt at the airport. — MNA

fence Secretary before his departure. The Indian goodwill delegation was seen off at the airport by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Win, Mingaladon Air Base

Commander Brig-Gen Zin Yaw and senior military officers, Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and Military Attaché Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra. — MNA

Soap bubbles of US and axe-handles will not be able to stop Myanmar's progress and building of democracy

Maung Po Hmat

World War II stemmed from the vying of Hitler of Germany, Mussolini of Italy and General Tojo of Japan for colonies with predominant colonialists that had already colonized three-fourths of the world at that time. The first three formed an alliance to have their shares of colonies. In consequence, the colonies fell victim to the struggles of the colonialists.

WWII claimed about 60 million world people and reduced a great deal of public property to ash. The United Nations was established by 51 countries on 24 October 1945 with the aim of averting recurrence of a world war, ensuring equality of world people in security and peace and enabling global nations to serve freely the interests of their own. Consisting of 191 members, the UN is now an organization that represents the whole world.

The UN work programmes were laid down to avert wars, ensure world peace, wipe out colonialism, ensure independence and equality of all the nations, eliminate discrimination against colour, race and class, ensure non-nuclear proliferation to avoid such an incident in which the US dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki of Japan on 6 and 9 August respectively, leaving more than 300,000 civilians of the two cities dead, persuade world nations to cooperate for disarmament, avoid interference in internal affairs of one another, cope with conflicts through political means or negotiations instead of the use of force, ensure mutual respect for sovereignty of all nations, and send peace-keeping troops to the regions that are facing civil or regional wars and alien invasion.

The developing countries, ex-colonies, countries with less development, countries that wish

to live in peace and security and countries in the course of development place reliance on the UN, which is also called the world pillar organization.

After the Second World War, the West bloc or capitalist bloc or rightist bloc and the East bloc, socialist bloc, communist bloc or leftist bloc were engaged in the race, thus culminating in the Cold War. At the time, the nations, which had just regained their independence, remained neutral between the two blocs and focused on the reconstruction tasks. Upholding non-aligned policy, Asian and African nations held a conference at Bandung in Indonesia in the early 1950s. The resolutions passed at the Bandung Conference were in conformity with the UN principles and the principles of the UN Charter.

The developing nations that regained independence in the early 1970s joined the UN. In the meantime, the two blocs engaging in the cold war attempted to exploit the UN as a forum. The East bloc and its associates consisted of about 30 nations, and the West bloc was made up of the same number. The members of the Non-Aligned Movement outnumbered those of the two blocs. At the UN general assemblies, only the proposals submitted by the NAM members could be passed with the votes of the vast majority. Every time, the US representative told the NAM members not to bully with the votes of the majority.

Member nations have to fund the UN in proportion. The US always failed to do so whenever it did not have clear outlook on the UN. Since the Clinton administration, the US has failed to fund the global organization, accounting for more than one billion US dollars. The US Congress coerced the UN and put pressure on it in one way or another. The UN Finance Committee removed the US. When UNESCO launched the world human rights declaration and human rights

committees came into existence, the US resigned from the body.

UN peace-keeping forces were deployed in the civil war of Bosnia and Herzegovina. At the time, the US refused to pay over 30 million US dollars for the UN peace-keeping funds. The then-US President Clinton made a comment that the UN peace-keeping forces were not effective, and sent troops of NATO bloc led by the US to the country as a replacement.

A UN secretary-general is elected in turn from different regions of the world. A secretary-general representing the region concerned has the rights to serve for two terms successively. After the first term, ex-UN secretary-general Boutros Boutros Ghali of Egypt from Africa region won the support of all the member countries for his second term. But the US used the veto power and dismissed the proposal. So, Secretary-General Kofi A. Annan became the successor.

In the time of Boutros Boutros Ghali, the US was not in a position to install its men in the UN agencies. Later, its members could take seats in the agencies and managed to make the stance of the US that of the UN agencies. And the US became capable of making outlaws from various countries entitled attend the conferences of the UN and UN agencies. Therefore, Mexican journalists once said that the US was turning the United Nations Organization into the United Nations of America.

The US has resorted to a wide range of means to force the UN to take action against the nations that failed to comply with its wishes. And whenever other countries submitted proposals to the UN to take action against its allies, the US rejected the proposals with the use of veto power.

In 2003, the Washington said that Iraq had nuclear weapons and posed a threat to the world and the US. So, the UN sent inspection teams to the country. The search for weapons of mass destruction had been launched since 1991. The UN calmed down the US, saying that the WMD had not been found in the nation and the programme would continue. And the UN dissuaded the US from waging a war on Iraq. Showing total disregard for the wishes of the UN, world countries and world people including US citizens, the US did invade the country. It was, in fact, the violation of the prohibition of the UN. Nevertheless, the UN was not in a position to take action against the US for the reason that the US would turn down all the proposals to take action against it for its invasion with the use of veto power.

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In 1948 when it regained independence, Myanmar became a member of the UN. It has never failed to carry out the duties prescribed in the framework of the UN principles. And it has always cared for the global organization. Its nearly-60-year-old independent and active foreign policy was in conformity with the UN principles. Myanmar is one of the five countries that initiated formation of the Non-Aligned Movement, which now has a membership of 116.

Myanmar's independent and active foreign policy is part of the UN functions laid down to address the global issues and to enhance the interests of the world. It is always free from localism and sectarianism in casting its votes to tackle the world affairs, giving priority to the welfare of the world. Myanmar has always upheld the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.

Myanmar is playing an active role in the work programmes of the UN such as anti-war campaigns, disarmament, anti-colonialism, non-interference and non-aggression, anti-apartheid, mutual cooperation among world nations and peace-keeping.

Myanmar objected the planting of mines by the US in Tonkin Gulf, the waters of North Vietnam, in the time of Vietnam war. The whole world viewed that the act was not in conformity with the international law and the US intruded into the waters and violated the sovereignty of North Vietnam.

Today, Myanmar is actively implementing international conventions (agreements) in cooperation with UN agencies and international organizations. In its capacity as member of the Association of South-East Asian Nations, Myanmar is serving the interest of the region. In addition, it is joining hands with member countries to enhance friendship, mutual respect and understanding in the functions of BIMST-EC, Mekong Region countries, the anti-narcotics group of six countries, and the NAM.

When the colonialists unavoidably had to grant independence of some of their colonies, the colonialists drew the maps of their colonies with sinister schemes to create border disputes. Some nations after regaining independence were in conflict with their neighbours regarding the demarcation of border lines. Myanmar has signed border agreements with her neighbours one after another. It never interferes in the internal affairs of neighbouring and regional countries and it never intrudes into the territories of other countries. And it never forbears the alien intrusion into its territory. It pays a serious attention to regional peace.

Myanmar has built national unity among the national races and put an end to the internal armed conflict that lasted over 40 years. And it has introduced the market-oriented economic system for its economic development. It has constructed infrastructures including a large number of roads, bridges, irrigation facilities, hospitals, dispensaries,

schools, universities, colleges and hydel power stations, resulting in remarkable development of the entire Union. Despite economic sanctions imposed and wedge driven among national races by some alien countries especially the US, the government has managed to ensure non-disintegration of the Union, perpetuation of sovereignty, strengthen national solidarity, make progress of mechanized farming and industries, ensure equitable development of all parts of the Union including border areas and rural areas, mobilizing the participation of the entire people.

The US cannot bear to see the fruitful results of unprecedented peace and stability the entire people are enjoying. In fact, it is because of its insincerity and negative attitude. It is known not only to Myanmar but also to the world that the US is attempting to get rid of patriotic forces serving the national interests, and install a puppet and axe-handle government to manipulate the affairs of the nation. With lopsided and groundless accusations that the Myanmar situations pose a threat to regional and international peace and security, the US put Myanmar affairs on the UNSC agenda. However, Myanmar's friendly nations that know well the Myanmar affairs did object the attempt.

Indeed, the US brazenly violated Article 24 of the UN Charter (signed by all the 191 UN members including the US). It is reminiscent of the objections of the US representative in the past saying not to bully one using the vast majority of votes

Although the US knows that the case is not true, it did so to propagate that Myanmar affairs had to be on the agenda of the UNSC, and to give some relief to national traitor axe-handles, expatriates and outlaws. It will be just discussions and not action against Myanmar. It is one of the 148 cases on the UNSC agenda, and is not included in the list of 10 major subjects to be discussed in the UNSC. So, Myanmar people do not need to worry about that.

However much the US-dominated media, renegades and axe-handle national traitors are making a mountain out of a molehill, and shouting loud, their attempts are like merely soap bubbles. Thus, the entire national people are to continue to make increased efforts in harmony to achieve the goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with discipline-flourishing democracy.

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Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and congregation receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated rice, edible oil, medicines and gram to six monasteries and a nunnery in Ngwetawya monastery, Tatkon Township, Pyinmana District this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Presiding Sayadaw of Ngwetawya monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pannasiri and members of Sangha, nuns from Theingi Yadana nunnery, Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, heads of department, local authorities, members of social organizations, wellwishers and local people.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Agga

Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pannasiri. Next, Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and heads of departments donated alms to members of Sangha.

Afterwards, Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Cmdr Col Myint Tun of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and Col Chan Maung of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) donated members of Sangha and nuns.

Next, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Myo Kyaw, Acting Director-General of Institute of Traditional Medicines Dr Tin Nyunt, local authorities and responsible personnel of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and the Ministry of Mines offered

rice, edible oil, salt and medicines to members of Sangha.

Afterwards, Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Maj-Gen Mya Win of the Ministry of Defence, Maj-Gen Aung Thein, Maj-Gen Saw Hla and Cmdr Col Myint Tun of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) accepted cash donations made by the wellwishers. Next, Col Chan Maung of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) supplicated on the purpose of the donation of the families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and the wellwishers.

After Presiding Sayadaw of Ngwetawya monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pannasiri had delivered a sermon, the congregation shared merits gained.

Today's donations

towards six monasteries and one nunnery in Tatkon made by the families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and the

wellwishers were 165 bags of rice, 51 viss of edible oil, 410 viss of iodized salt, 82 boxes of tooth paste, 52 cakes of rough

soap, 52 bars of soft soap, 26,16 boxes of varieties of traditional medicines, 205 viss of dried fish and K 7.599 million.

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Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe offers provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Mandalay Division USDA offers 'soon' to members of the Sangha

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — In commemoration of Annual General Meeting 2006 of Mandalay Division Union Solidarity and Development Association offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha at USDA office in Mandalay this morning.

It was attended by Patron of Mandalay Division USDA Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife, Secretariat Member of USDA

(Central) Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Secretary U Tin Maung Oo of Mandalay Division USDA.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Agghiya.

Next, commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife, Minister U Aung

Thaung and mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and wellwishers donated provisions to the Sayadaw and the members of Sangha.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Saddamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Sasana Bhivamsa shared merits gained. The commander and party offered 'soon' to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

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Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and military officers donate alms to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Malaysia to join in ASEAN disaster emergency response exercise

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Sept— Malaysia will participate in the ASEAN Regional Disaster Emergency Response Simulation Exercise in Cambodia, a senior official said Friday.

The exercise, slated for next Tuesday, aims to enhance the capacities and capabilities of member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in joint disaster management operations, said Director-General of

the National Security Division in the Prime Minister's Department Azhar Mohamad Yusof.

In addition to Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand will join in the exercise in Cambodian capital

city of Phnom Penh, Azhar said in a statement released here.

"International bodies and agencies under the United Nations will also be involved in the two-day exercise," said Azhar.

The exercise will simulate a "flood disaster" scenario following a week-long heavy rainfall in the Kandal Province in Cambodia, said Azhar.

Under the exercise, Cambodia would then

"appeal" for humanitarian assistance through ASEAN, and ASEAN member countries would mobilize their disaster response assets including search and rescue teams to assist the country.

This is the second exercise of emergency response and humanitarian assistance involving ASEAN countries.

Malaysia hosted the first exercise last September.

MNA/Xinhua



Australia's Lauren Jackson kisses the gold medal after winning the final of FIBA Women's World Basketball Championships against Russia 91-74 in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 23 Sept, 2006.

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High tech German train crash kills at least one

LATHEN (Germany), 23 Sept — A high tech German train carrying 29 people smashed into a maintenance vehicle on a trial run in northern Germany on Friday, killing at least one and trapping 10 more in the wreckage, a local official said.

The elevated Transrapid, one of the world's fastest trains, collided with the vehicle at a speed of at least 200 kilometres per hour (120 miles per hour) on the track in the Emsland District of Germany near the Dutch border. The train set a speed record of 450 kmh in 1993.

One passenger was confirmed dead, while rescue officials believe that 10 were still trapped inside the wrecked train, said Dieter Sturm, a spokesman for Emsland authorities. Eighteen people had been rescued, some with severe injuries, he added.

A spokeswoman for the operating authority, IABG, said the death toll from the accident near the

town of Lathen could rise.

"We must assume that there have been deaths, most likely in single digit figures," the spokeswoman said.

The crash occurred at around 10:00 am (0800 GMT) on a 32-km (20 mile) figure-of-eight circuit built as a testing facility for the train, which is propelled along at high speeds by a frictionless, electro-magnetic system.

MNA/Reuters



Firemen and rescue workers climb into the damaged train. Twenty-five people were killed and 10 injured when a high-tech train travelling at speed crashed into a service vehicle on an elevated test track in northwestern Germany, police said. — INTERNET

Philadelphia high-rises evacuated after explosions

PHILADELPHIA, 23 Sept — Two or three explosions and a fire in the basement of an office building rocked central Philadelphia on Thursday, leading to evacuation of about 5,000 workers but causing no injuries, officials said.

Workers for the PECO utility who were in a building in central Philadelphia reported the underground explosions, said Lisa Rotolo, a spokeswoman for the Philadelphia police.

Rotolo said there were no reports of any injuries and that some parts of the surrounding area had been sealed off by police. She said the cause was not immediately known.

A spokesman for the

PECO utility said there was a fire in an underground cable vault but the cause was not immediately known.

"We are not exactly sure how that fire was caused," the spokesman said in an interview on KYW radio.

Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said about 5,000 people were evacuated

from two office buildings and that the fire was contained and primary electrical lines were unaffected.

Fox television news reported an apparent utility malfunction caused the explosion. CNN quoted the FBI as saying there was no apparent link to an extremist attack.

MNA/Reuters

Beijing citizens live longest in China

BEIJING, 23 Sept — The average life expectancy of Beijing citizens has reached 80.09 years, the longest in China, and 4.24 years higher than in 2001, said a China urban life quality report released on Wednesday.

The report, submitted by Beijing international urban development institute, was completed after a two-year survey of 773,325 people in China's 287 cities.

Beijing women live longer than Beijing men — on average 81.76 years, up 3.86 years on the 2001 figure.

Statistics from the National Statistics Bureau said the national average life expectancy was 71.9 years at the end of 2005.

Lian Yuming, head of the institute, said worldwide people live longest in Japan and Sweden where life expectancy is 84 to 85 years.

"Though the life expectancy of Beijingers is a bit lower than that, it is close to the average of most developed countries in the world," said Lian.

The expert said Beijing citizens' long life is partly due to the capital city's modern medical services and equipment as well as a relatively complete social welfare system.

The report also identified problems of most concern to Chinese urban residents. — MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela arrests Colombian cocaine baron

CARACAS (Venezuela), 23 Sept— Venezuela said on Friday it had arrested a top Colombian cocaine baron in a luxury villa in Caracas, but did not name him.

"He was the second-most-wanted man in Colombia. It was in co-operation with Colom-

bia," Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said in a television broadcast, boasting that his country had landed a "big fish" from the world's No 1 cocaine producer.

Colombia's Ministry of Defence said the captured man answered to the name of Farid

Dominguez and was accused of being a member of the "Norte del Valle" cartel, reckoned by the United States to be Colombia's biggest.

Colombian police sources classed the arrest as important but did not agree with Chavez's assessment that the

arrested man was their second-most sought drug baron. Venezuelan authorities could not immediately offer more details.

The United States criticized Venezuela this week for doing too little to fight the narcotics' trade.—MNA/Reuters

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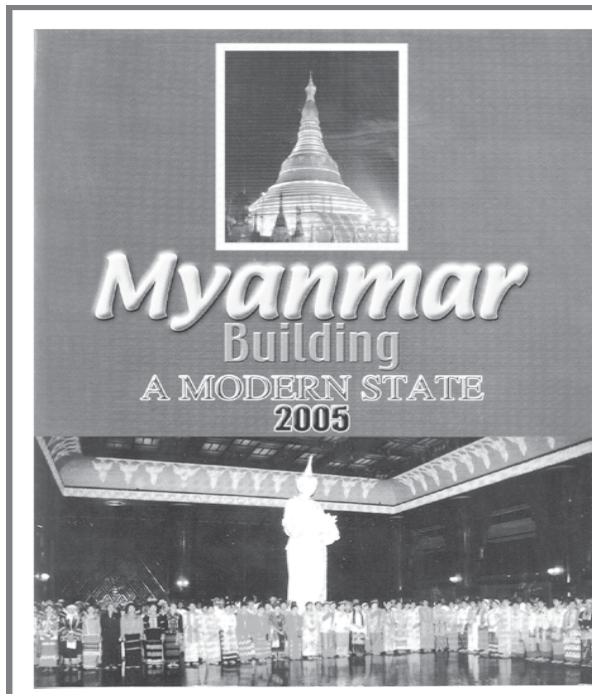


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Beijing starts building Asia's largest hangar

BEIJING, 23 Sept — China started building Asia's largest hangar at Beijing Capital Inter-

national Airport on Friday. The hangar, a service bay for the new Airbus A380 plane, will be located to the north of number three terminal, which is also under construction.

Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering Corporation Beijing said they

will spend 700 million yuan (about 87.5 million US dollars) on the project. The hangar, expected to cover 70,437 square metres, will comprise a service hall and a building. Six wide-body

airplanes like the Airbus A380 will be able to undergo simultaneous

repairs in the hangar, which will provide maintenance services for more than 11,500 planes each year.

The company source said they may build another hangar at the airport when this one is finished.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam not to import ozone-depleting substances from 2010

HANOI, 23 Sept — Vietnam will not import some substances which deplete the ozone layer from 2010, and all the substances by early 2040, according to a local agency on Thursday.

From 2010, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment will grant licences for import of chlorofluorocarbons (CFC), halons and carbon tetrachloride (CTC), said the ministry's Environmental Protection Department.

According to commitments in the Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer, an international treaty designed to protect the stratospheric ozone layer by limiting and then removing the production and consumption of compounds that deplete ozone in the stratosphere, Vietnam will not import all the substances, including CFC, CTC, halons, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl chloroform, from early 2040, the department said.

Scientific theory and evidence suggest that, once emitted to the atmosphere, the compounds could significantly deplete the stratospheric ozone layer that shields the Earth from damaging ultraviolet radiation.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 34 % Fijians live below poverty line

WELLINGTON, 23 Sept —The Fiji Government believes 34.4 per cent of its people are living under the poverty line.

This was revealed at the weekend in the government's proposed Strategic Development Plan, according to Saturday's report from Pacnews, a Suva-based regional news agency.

The Plan said the ratio of population living under the poverty line indicates a 5 per cent rise from the 29.4 per cent figure recorded in the 1990-91 period.

The Plan said in rural areas, 43.1 per cent of Indians lived under the poverty line, compared with 41.3 per cent of

people classified as others and 38 per cent of Fijians.

In urban areas, the government believes the picture is similar, with 29.1 per cent of Indians living in poverty, followed by 27.2 per cent of Fijians and 17.3 per cent of others.

The survey also revealed that subsistence workers were prevalent in the country, with 61 per cent of rural Fijians and 37 per cent of rural Indians engaged in subsistence work.

In urban areas, 25 per cent of Fijians and 14 per cent of Indians were believed to be engaged in subsistence work.

MNA/Xinhua

Police seize Telecom Italia files

ROME/MILAN, 23 Sept — Italian finance police seized documents from Telecom Italia's offices in Milan on Friday, judicial sources said, after prosecutors opened a probe into the telecoms group for possible corporate crimes.

Prosecutors also questioned several people in a separate investigation into illegal wiretapping at Europe's fifth-largest telecoms operator, and Italy's Cabinet took emergency measures to prevent publication of sensitive transcripts.

The developments were the latest in a battle over Telecom Italia's future that has shaken its management and Prime Minister Romano Prodi's government and triggered several probes.

A surprise shift in Telecom Italia's strategy

last week that could lead to the sale of its mobile phone unit, TIM, triggered a clash between management and the government, which culminated in the resignation of Chairman Marco Tronchetti Provera. — MNA/Reuters

US Navy retires Cold War "top gun" jet

WASHINGTON, 23 Sept — The US Navy will formally retire the F-14 Tomcat jet Friday, which is the "top gun" in its Cold War arsenal and one of the most recognizable warplanes in history.

The US Navy will hold a ceremony for the retirement and then mothball some F-14s in the Arizona Desert and ship others to aviation museums, according to The USA Today.

The reason of its retirement is the raising maintenance costs, and the replacement, the F/A-18 Super Hornet, is more versatile and cheaper to maintain. — MNA/Xinhua

2006 Annual World Dental Congress opens in China

SHENZHEN, 23 Sept — The 2006 Annual World Dental Congress opened in China Friday and will address dental healthcare issues over the next four days. This year's Congress of the World Dental Federation (FDI) is the first to be held in China. More than 8,000 dental healthcare professionals and workers will discuss dental prevention and control measures.

The opening of the Dental Congress in China will have a positive impact on China's dental health development, said Vice-Premier Wu Yi in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province.

Wu urged governments and health departments at all levels to continue to develop dental healthcare services and strengthen the prevention and control of dental diseases.

China now has 84 dentistry institutes as opposed to 30 when reforms began in late 1970s and dentists have increased from 5,700 to more than 60,000. — MNA/Xinhua

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Fulani women from the Wodaabe sub tribe partake in a beauty pageant during the annual Cure Salee (salt cure) festival in Ingall, Niger, recently. The nomad tribes in Niger (Tuareg and Fulani) gather for one week in the Niger side of Sahara because of the rich salt deposits and to rest, fatten their animals, give them the 'salt cure' and enjoy music, dance, and camel racing. —INTERNET

China collects one mln ancient ethnic books to rescue cultural heritage

BEIJING, 23 Sept— China's cultural agencies have recovered and collected more than one million ancient ethnic books over the past 50 years in a bid to preserve precious cultural heritage.

"More than 5,000 types of books have been published," Tondrub Wangden, vice-director of the State Ethnic Affairs Commission, said on Thursday. The published books include three most recognized ethnic heroic epics: *The Biography of King Gesar*, the Tibetan; *The Life Stories of Janggar*, the Mongolian; and *The Manas of the Kirghiz*. China has 56 ethnic groups. The Han people accounts for 90 per cent of its total population. 21 ethnic groups have their own written languages. Tondrub said the government had made great efforts to help promote the popularization and development of ethnic languages. He said China had 32 publishing houses producing books in 20 ethnic languages. Over 50 million books in ethnic languages were published each year. In addition, 99 newspapers and 223 periodicals were issued in 10 ethnic languages.

Vietnam's Internet subscriptions surge

HANOI, 23 Sept— Vietnam had over 13.7 million Internet users, or 16.5 per cent of its population, by early this month, compared with the respective figures of 8.1 million and 9.8 per cent in early September 2005. Of the 13.7 million users, nearly 3.8 million are subscribers, many of whom use broadband Internet services, the Vietnam Internet Network Information Centre told *Xinhua* on Friday, noting that the country's total international bandwidth currently stands at 5,795 Mbps. Under Vietnam's strategy on developing information technology and telecommunications, every 100 residents will have 32-42 telephones, over 10 personal computers, and 8-12 Internet subscribers, and 30 per cent of them will use broadband Internet services, by 2010, the centre said.

Eighty-nine per cent of surveyed enterprises in Vietnam have Internet connections, 80 per cent of them use broadband services, indicates a recent survey by a local trade agency. The proportion of using ADSL services among companies having Internet connections was 71.4 per cent in 2005, up from 54 per cent in 2004, the E-Commerce Department under the Trade Ministry announced early this year, noting that it surveyed 504 enterprises of different kinds nationwide last year. —MNA/Xinhua

Philippine sunken ship still leaking oil

MANILA, 23 Sept— At least 120 litres of bunker oil are still leaking daily from the Philippine sunken ship in the central region, a government disaster official said on Thursday.

Philippine Coast Guard. However, Coscolluela said that the situation is under control, as the workers trying to siphoned off the remaining oil from the tanker wreckage. Government-led inves-

tigation concluded that overloading, bad weather, and the incompetence of the ship's captain and crew caused the vessel to sink and discharge more than half million litres of oil so far. —MNA/Xinhua

Australian court jails "Catch Me If You Can" thief

SYDNEY, 23 Sept— An Australian woman nicknamed the "Catch Me If You Can" thief was jailed for four years on Friday after an audacious crime spree across eastern Australia.

Jody Harris, 28, taunted police to try and catch her, telephoning detectives and offering up false promises to turn herself in before police finally trapped her in a "sting" operation in July.

Harris pleaded guilty to 43 of 124 identity fraud charges after the eight-month fling. She was ordered to repay 175,000 Australian dollars (132,560 US dollars) in compensation to banks caught up in her crimes. Local media dubbed Harris the "Catch Me If You Can" thief after the movie in which actor Leonardo DiCaprio played a master conman.

Magistrate Allan Moore told Sydney's Central Local Court that Harris was intelligent but her scams were not very sophisticated. — MNA/Reuters



A child rides a cycle past a flooded road on the Kharimnagar-Hyderabad highway at Tothapally, about 125 kilometres (78 miles) from Hyderabad, India, on 20 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Japan launches solar observation satellite

TOKYO, 23 Sept— Japan launched a solar observation satellite with an M-V rocket from Uchinoura Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture in southern Japan early Saturday, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) said. The *Solar-B*, launched at

6:36 am local time (21:36 GMT, Friday), will study the mechanisms which power the solar atmosphere and look for the causes of violent solar eruptions. The mission is an international effort with the participation of the United States and the United

Kingdom, JAXA said. The satellite will be placed into a 96-minute polar sun-synchronous orbit around the Earth, which allows the spacecraft to be in continuous sunlight for at least eight months a year during the planned mission of three years. — MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Diarra earns Real Madrid 1-0 victory at Betis

MADRID, 24 Sept— Midfielder Mahamadou Diarra scored his first goal for Real Madrid to earn a four 1-0 win at Real Betis that sent them top of the Primera Liga on Saturday.

The Mali midfielder, signed from Olympique Lyon in the close season for 26 million euros (33.33 million US dollars), sent a bullet header past keeper Toni Doblbas after a sixth-minute corner.

Real started brightly and threatened to overrun a lethargic looking Betis in the opening quarter but they quickly ran out of steam and seemed happy to settle for a narrow win over Javier Irureta's side.

Betis, who have now lost three of their four games, finished with 10 men when midfielder Nano was shown a red card for elbowing Diarra as they jumped for the ball in injury time.

Real's victory was soured by what appeared to be a serious knee injury to Brazilian right back Cicinho, who suffered a suspected torn cruciate ligament after turning awkwardly just before the half-hour mark.

Four teams are in a position to dislodge Real from top spot on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters

Lampard double puts Chelsea top, United held

LONDON, 24 Sept— Champions Chelsea hit the top of the table for the first time this season when a second-half Frank Lampard double earned them a 2-0 victory at local rivals Fulham in the Premier League on Saturday.



Fulham's Ian Pearce, right, blocks a shot from Chelsea's Didier Drogba during their English Premier League soccer match at the Craven Cottage Stadium, London, on 23 Sept, 2006. Chelsea won the match 2-0.—INTERNET

England midfielder Lampard, criticized for his performances at the World Cup, took his season's tally to four with a 73rd-minute penalty and right-foot finish seven minutes later.

Manchester United failed to join Chelsea at the top when they were held 1-1 at Reading in the evening game — Cristiano Ronaldo rescuing a point for the Reds with a stunning strike.

MNA/Reuters

Arsenal's wait for a first league win at their new Emirates Stadium ended with victory over Sheffield United as French duo William Gallas and Thierry Henry were both on target.

Martin O'Neill's much-improved Aston Villa climbed to fourth place with a 2-0 home victory over Charlton Athletic, Gabriel Agbonlahor and Luke Moore scoring the goals at Villa Park.

Arjen Robben struck the underside of the bar for Chelsea in the first half but they had to wait until the 63rd minute for their superiority to be rewarded when Liam Rosenior handled in the box and Lampard dispatched the penalty.

Lampard then made the game safe after being set up by Didier Drogba's pass.

"We clearly deserved the three points," Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho told Sky Sports, picking out Lampard for special praise. "He needs to know he is one of the best players in the world and he needs to know always," added the Portuguese.

Chelsea's fourth straight win takes them to 15 points from six matches, two ahead of surprise early pacesetters Portsmouth, who host Bolton Wanderers on Monday, and Manchester United.



Bayern Munich's Dutch midfielder Mark van Bommel (R) tackles Alemannia Aachen's defender Moses Sichone during their German Bundesliga first division soccer match in Munich, on 23 Sept, 2006. Bayern won the match 2-1.—INTERNET

Liverpool hit 3 past struggling Tottenham

LONDON, 24 Sept— Liverpool maintained their perfect home record this season with a 3-0 defeat of Tottenham Hotspur in early Premier League action on Saturday. Second-half goals from Chile winger Mark Gonzalez, Dutch striker Dirk Kuyt and Norway's John Arne Riise condemned Tottenham to their fourth defeat in six league matches.

Liverpool's victory, their third at home this season without conceding a goal, moved them up to fifth place with 10 points before the day's later fixtures.

Depending on results elsewhere Tottenham could find themselves in the bottom three before the end of the day.

Gonzalez fired in a rebound from eight metres after 63 minutes after Craig Bellamy had contrived to hit the post from Steven Gerrard's cross.—MNA/Reuters

Milan's winning run ends with draw at Livorno

ROME, 24 Sept— AC Milan lost their 100-per-cent winning start to the Serie A season when they drew 0-0 at Livorno on Saturday.

Milan had earned a maximum nine points against Lazio, Parma and Ascoli to overturn the eight-point penalty handed to them for their part in a match-fixing scandal but could not continue their run at Livorno's Picchi Stadium. The draw left Milan with two points from four games, seven behind leaders Palermo, who travel to Empoli on Sunday.

In Saturday's other Serie A match, Sicilian rivals Catania and Messina

played out a lively 2-2 draw. Milan several times went close to taking a first-half lead. Playmaker Kaka grazed the post with a shot from just outside the area and Filippo Inzaghi put a close-range volley over the bar.

Cristiano Lucarelli wasted the home side's only chance before the break when he ran into the area only to lash a wild shot high into the stands.

Having ridden their luck in the first half, however, Livorno looked more composed when they reemerged after the interval. Midfielder Stefano Morrone nearly put them

ahead on the hour when a poor clearance by Alessandro Nesta gave him a chance which he blasted against the bar from 10 metres.

Milan's last opportunity to claim all three points was snatched away five minutes from time when Livorno keeper Marco Amelia plucked the ball from the feet of on-rushing striker Ricardo Oliveira.

Messina led at halftime against Catania thanks to a goal by striker Sergio Floccari after 32 minutes but Giuseppe Mascara equalized just before the hour mark.

MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Lyon break Lille jinx with crushing win

PARIS, 24 Sept— Champions Olympique Lyon extended their strong start to the Ligue 1 campaign by beating Lille for a change on Saturday, doing it in style with a crushing 4-1 win.

Lyon, chasing a sixth successive title, had lost their last four competitive matches against northerners Lille including their two league encounters last season.

Two goals from Brazilian forward Fred and one each from France midfielder Florent Malouda and Brazil midfielder Juninho kept Lyon top with 19 points from seven games.

"We're playing better and showing more character."

Lille, who face the daunting prospect of entertaining AC Milan in Champions League action on Tuesday, slide down to eighth place and are now nine points off the lead.

MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's Thierry Henry, centre, in action against Sheffield United during the English Premiership League soccer match at Emirates Stadium, London, on 23 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

- ၁။ သီတင်းကျွတ်ကာလနှင့် တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ကာလများတွင် ဖြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးခိုင်း) ပစ်ဖောက်ခြင်းဖြင့် ပြည်သူများအထိတ်တလန့်ဖြစ်စေခြင်း၊ မသမာသူများမှ ရုပ်ရွာအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် လုံခြုံရေးကို ထိခိုက်အောင် လုပ်လာနိုင်ခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ဖြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးခိုင်း)တို့ ပစ်ဖောက်ခြင်းကို တားမြစ်သည်။
- ၂။ ယင်းသို့ တားမြစ်ထားသော်လည်း ယမန်နှစ် ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ သီတင်းကျွတ်ကာလနှင့် တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ကာလများတွင် ဖြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးခိုင်း) များအား-
 - (က) ထုတ်လုပ်ရောင်းချသဖြင့် အရေးယူမှု (၁၂)မူတွင် တရားခံ (၁၆)ဦးအား အနည်းဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ် (၂)နှစ်မှ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ် (၃)နှစ်အထိ ချမှတ် အရေးယူခဲ့သည်။
 - (ခ) ဖောက်ခြင်း၊ ပစ်လွှတ်ခြင်းများ ပြုလုပ်သဖြင့် အရေးယူမှု (၁)မူတွင် တရားခံ (၁)ဦးအား အနည်းဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ် (၁)နှစ်မှ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ် (၂)နှစ်အထိ ချမှတ်အရေးယူခဲ့သည်။
- ၃။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ယခုနှစ် ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်၊ သီတင်းကျွတ်ကာလနှင့် တန်ဆောင်တိုင် ကာလများတွင် ဖြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးခိုင်း)များအား ထုတ်လုပ်ရောင်းချခြင်း၊ ပစ်ဖောက်ခြင်းများ ပြုလုပ်ပါက ယခင်နှစ်များနည်းတူ အောက်ပါအတိုင်း အရေးယူသွားမည် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေး နိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်-
 - (က) ထုတ်လုပ်ခြင်း၊ ရောင်းချခြင်းများ ပြုလုပ်ပါက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ်အထိ ချမှတ်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
 - (ခ) ပစ်လွှတ်သည့်နေရာ အနီး၊ အဝေး၊ အနိမ့်နှင့် အမြင့် တို့တွင် ပေါက်ကွဲစေ တတ်သော ဖြောက်အိုး၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးခိုင်း) ဖောက်လျှင် တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ်အထိ ချမှတ်မည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
 - (ဂ) သတင်းပေးသူကို ထိုက်တန်စွာ ဆုပေးမည်။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ

Mexican President rejects US criticism over rising violence

MEXICO CITY, 24 Sept — Maintaining security in the border region between Mexico and the United States should be a shared responsibility, outgoing Mexican President Vicente Fox told the media on Friday.

He made the remarks one day after US Ambassador to Mexico Tony Garza said that advice to US citizens who planned to visit Mexico to exercise extreme caution remained in effect because of "the rising level of brutal violence".

The lack of security was a problem to both sides of the Mexican-US border, Fox said, noting that the United States had also witnessed rising crime levels this year, especially the number of murders.

Both sides faced the great challenges of organized crime, drug trafficking and drug consumption, said Fox whose term is due to end in December,

pledging to fight them for the remainder of his administration.

A wave of drug-related violence has killed 1,500 people this year across Mexico, many in its border region with the United States.

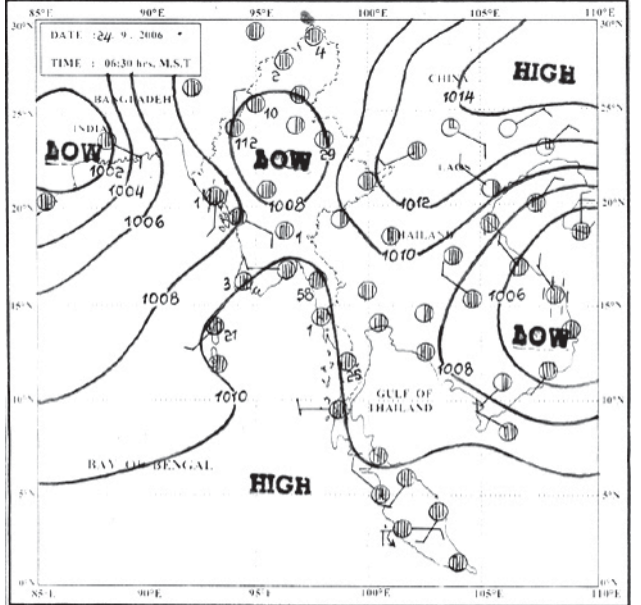
MNA/Xinhua



Monday, 25 September

- Tune in today**
- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -There you'll be Booshida
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -All the small thing All antic
- 8:50 am** National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: -When you're looking like that Mc Boy
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: -Jump for my love DJ space'e
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40pm** Lunch time music -Still remind me Anggun -Could this be love Jennifer Lopez -Tell it to your heart MLTR -Sweet dreams Air Supply
- 9:00pm** Spotlight on the star: -Slow - Rock-Special Hits -I'll wait -Unchain the night
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20pm** Drug/ Women Affairs -Let me be Britney Spears -Still Macy Gray
- 9:35pm** Golden Land melody/ Vocal gems
- 9:45 pm** News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



MODERATE	calm	5 mph	10	15
ROUGH	clear sky	1/4 covered	1/2 covered	overcast
VERY ROUGH	Thunder with com	Rain	Drizzle	
Pressure in hPa	Low pressure area	Depression	Cyclonic Storm	
Rainfall in mm				

WEATHER

Sunday, 24 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Rakhine States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions, scattered in Shan State, fairly widespread in Kayah State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kalewa (4.49) inches, Mawlaik 2.37) inches, Mawlamyine (2.28) inches, Maungtaw (1.34) inches and Lashio (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 23-9-2006 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 24-9-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 24-9-2006 was (93%). Total sunshine hours on 23-9-2006 was (4.3) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 24-9-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Tr) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) 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 (7) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 23-9-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 25-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions 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 Deltaic areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 25-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 25-9-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 25-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Monday, 25 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. Song of national races
- 8:05 am**
- 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
- 7. Cute little dancers
- 8:20 am**
- 8. အသွင်သဏ္ဍာန်တောက်သည့် သခင်တန်ပေါက်တံတား

- 8:30 am**
- 9. International news
- 8:45 am**
- 10. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
- 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒ၊ သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm**
- 4. Dance variety
- 5:00 pm**
- 5. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:15 pm**
- 6. Songs and dance of national races
- 5:20 pm**
- 7. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ပထမတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား၊အမျိုးသမီး)

- 5:35 pm**
- 8. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ (အတီးဘာသာရပ်ဆွေးနွေးခန်း)
- 6:00 pm**
- 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
- 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
- 11. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 6:50 pm**
- 12. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:10 pm**
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခြင်းနှင့်အတူ" (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:00 pm**
- 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စပိုင်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 18. The next day's programme

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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

Tatmadaw families, wellwishers donate cash and kind to Homes for the Aged in Dagon, Mayangon, Kyimyindine, Mingala Taungnyunt, Thingangyun

YANGON, 24 Sept — Ceremonies to donate cash and kind of Tatmadaw families and wellwishers to Mary Chapman's School for the Deaf and Schools for the Blind in Dagon, Mayangon and Kyimyindine Townships, Kandawgale Little Sisters for the Poor in Mingala Taungnyunt Township and Muslim Home for the Aged and Thukha Yeiktha in Thingangyun Township were held at the venues today, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

At 1 pm, the donation ceremony for Mary Chapman's School for the Deaf and Schools for the Blind in Dagon, Mayangon and Kyimyindine Townships was held at Mary Chapman's School for the Deaf.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon



Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends cash and kind donation ceremony of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) families. — MNA

Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior military officers, departmental heads, local authorities and wellwishers.

Chairman of the Mary Chapman's School for the Deaf Administrative Board Archbishop Mahn San Si Htay gave blessings.

Next, the commander, the vice-mayor, three military officers and wellwishers presented

cash and kind to Principal of the Mary Chapman's School for the Deaf Daw Margaret Kyaw Mya, Principal of Kyimyindine School for the Blind Daw Yu Yu Shwe and Secretary of Mayangon School for the Blind Daw Tin Nu May.

Lt-Col Min Lwin of Mingaladon Air Base explained the purpose of the donations.

Principal Daw Margaret Kyaw Mya expressed

gratitude. The donations for the schools in Dagon, Mayangon and Kyimyindine Townships totalled 146 bags of rice, 58 viss of edible oil, 588 viss of iodized salt, 345 bottles of traditional medicine, 118 tubes of toothpaste, 117 viss of gram, 588 bars of soap and K 2,493,000.

A similar ceremony was held at Kandawgale Little Sisters for the Poor in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at 2 pm.

The commander, the vice-mayor and three senior military officers, on behalf of Tatmadaw families, donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine, gram and cash to the Head of the Kandawgale Little Sisters for the Poor.

Likewise, wellwishers presented cash and kind to responsible persons of the Home.

Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters explained the purpose of the donations.

Today's donations to the Kandawgale Little Sisters for the Poor totalled 54 bags of rice, 26 viss of edible oil, 167 viss of iodized salt, 700 bottles of traditional medicine, 33 viss of gram, 34 tubes of toothpaste, 167 bars of soap and K 10,134,000.

At 3 pm, the donation ceremony was held at Muslim Home for the Aged and Thukha Yeiktha in Thingangyun Township.

The commander, the vice-mayor and senior military officers presented rice, gram and cash to responsible persons of the Home.

Afterwards, departments concerned and wellwishers donated cash and provisions to the home.

Cmdr Myint Swe of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command explained the purpose of the donations.

Secretary of the Home Administrative Board Haji U Hla Wai expressed gratitude.

The donations to the Home totalled 92 bags of rice, 28 viss of edible oil, 153 viss of iodized salt, 47 bottles of traditional medicine, 30 viss of gram, 31 tubes of toothpaste, 153 bars of soap and K 8,483,000. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presents cash to Kandawgale Little Sisters for the Poor. — MNA

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In the time of Boutros Boutros Ghali, the US was not in a position to install its men in the UN agencies. Later, its members could take seats in the agencies and managed to make the stance of the US that of the UN agencies. And the US became capable of making outlaws from various countries entitled attend the conferences of the UN and UN agencies. Therefore, Mexican journalists once said that the US was turning the United Nations Organization into the United Nations of America.