

## Prime Minister General Soe Win congratulates Mr Shinzo Abe

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win has sent a message of congratulations to Mr Shinzo Abe, elected as Prime Minister of Japan.  
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As the Myitnge workshop staff already have experience and technology, they should run the entire production process of carriages apart from major repairs.

## Prime Minister on inspection tour of Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Workshop, Ywahtaung Diesel Locomotive Shed

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — Prime Minister General Soe Win went on an inspection tour of Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Workshop of Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, Amarapura, Mandalay Division on 23 September and Ywahtaung Diesel Locomotive Shed, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division on 24 September and gave instructions to fulfill the requirements during his tour.

Accompanied by Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, ministers, departmental heads, Prime Minister General Soe Win visited Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Workshop on 23 September.

First, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min briefed the Prime Minister and party on matters relating to Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Workshop and General Manager U Tun Oo on functions and accomplishments of the workshop, and the workshop's progress in realizing the guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe during his tour, upgrading of carriages, innovative means to save foreign exchange, renovation of coaches presented by the People's Republic of China as goodwill gifts to be used on the railroads across the country.  
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Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects construction of a carriage at Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Workshop. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects Ywahtaung Locomotive Shed. — MNA

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Strive for speedy completion of hydroelectric projects**

As Myanmar is rich in aquatic and terrestrial resources, the government has been trying to build large, medium and small hydroelectric power stations wherever possible by making use of all the water resources available. At present, hydelpower station construction projects are being implemented at Yeywa, Kyunchaung, Pyuchaung, Khabaung, Yenwe, Shwegyin, Shweli and Kengtawng.

The Yeywa hydelpower station is being built across the Myitnge river near Ye-Yaman village 31 miles southeast of Mandalay. The 2000-foot-long main concrete embankment is being constructed with the use of heavy machinery. The 35 per cent of construction work is now finished and, on completion, the power station will be able to generate 790 megawatts.

In the same way, the Shweli hydelpower project is being implemented with the cooperation of the companies from the People's Republic of China. This project is situated 17 miles southwest of Namhkam in Shan State (North) and the dam is being constructed across the Shweli river. The project is 38 per cent finished; on completion, this power station will be able to generate 600 megawatts and the electricity will be distributed through the Belin sub-station.

Electric power is an essential prerequisite for the development of the nation's production and social sectors. Nowadays, as the living standard of the people has become higher, the need for electricity has also become more striking. Therefore, we would like to call on all those responsible to try their level best to complete the hydelpower projects in time. For, only then will the speedy socio-economic development be assured.

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**People's Republic of Myanmar**

- \* 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

**USDA's annual meeting sign-board unveiled in Sagaing**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept — Signboard of the Annual General Meeting-2006 of Union Solidarity and Development Association was erected in Monywa, Sagaing Division, yesterday.

Sagaing Division's outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2006 with six distinctions unveiled the signboard in the presence of Central Executive Committee Member of USDA Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn and secretaries and executives of division/township USDAs in Sagaing Division.

Sagaing Division USDA continued its annual general meeting-2006 at the town hall in Sagaing yesterday.

At the meeting, wellwishers made cash donations and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepted the cash totalling K 6.4 million.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn and Chairperson of Sagaing Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Wai Wai Khaing presented prizes to outstanding students of Sagaing Division. — MNA

**Minister inspects Nyaungdon oil and gas field**

YANGON, 25 Sept — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi yesterday went to the oil and gas field in Nyaungdon, Ayeyawady Division, and called for more oil exploration in the field.

At the meeting with officials of the oil and gas field, the minister assisted the officials in exploration of oil and gas in the southern part of Maubin, Ayeyawady Division.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi went to the new well No 36 and inspected production process of the well which produces over 4 million cubic feet of natural gas and 55 barrels of condensate a day.

On his inspection tour, Brig-Gen Lun Thi also inspected laying of 10-inch pipe linking Nyaungdon and Thabaung.

Afterwards, he went to Maubin and assisted in preparation for drilling of an oil well. Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi called on officials for exploration of more oil fields to be able to meet the demand of the country.

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**Seminar on SMEs Productivity Improvement held**

YANGON, 25 Sept — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in cooperation with Japan Productivity Centre (JPC), Japan, held a seminar on SMEs Productivity Improvement at UMFCCI Office Tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road in Lanmadaw Township on 21 September.



Seminar on SMEs Productivity Improvement in progress. — MNA

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairmen of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint-Secretary U Tun Aung, CEC members, executive committee members, guests and Adviser to JPC Mr Kochi

Hiratsuta. Vice-Chairman U Zaw Min Win made an opening speech and Executive U Aung Moe clarified facts on the seminar.

Next, Mr Kochi Hiratsuta discussed the processes carried out in Japan Productivity Centre and the importance of productivity in small and medium enterprises based on his experiences and Japanese technology.

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**Talks on revenue on 5 Oct**

YANGON, 26 Sept — Talks on revenue jointly organized by Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association and Internal Revenue Department will be held at International Business Centre here at 1 pm on 5 October.

MWEA members, entrepreneurs, businessmen and enthusiasts may take part in the discussion.

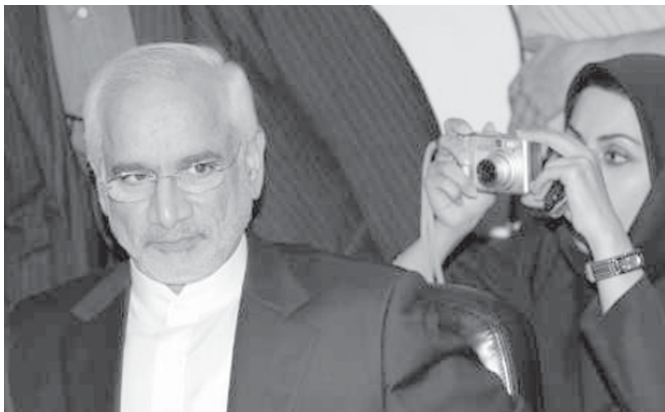
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**Talk on Pozzolan to be given**

YANGON, 26 Sept — Geologist U Win Maung of Twinsah Oil Company will give a talk on Pozzolan at the Myanmar Engineering Association's building on Hline University's Campus here at 1 pm on 30 September 2006.

Members of MEA, engineers and those interested may attend it, it is learnt.

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A senior Iranian nuclear official, the head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization Gholamreza Aghazadeh (L), listens during his meeting with the head of Russia's atomic energy agency Sergei Kiriyenko in Moscow on 25 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



## APEC seeks ways of promoting SMEs

HANOI, 25 Sept—Delegates from the Asia-Pacific Region are attending the 13th APEC SME Ministerial Meeting and related ones here on 25-29 September to facilitate development of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

The ministerial meeting, slated for September 28-29, with the theme "Strengthening SME Competitiveness for Trade and Investment," will centre on business enabling environment for SME, SME capacity building for trade and investment and facilitating linkages for SME.

A series of SME-related events also started Monday with the 7th APEC Micro Enterprises Sub Group Meeting, during which delegates from member economies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) are to focus discussions on measures to build micro enterprise capacity for

market integration, including those on creating business-enabling environment, facilitating micro enterprises to resources, and enhancing business opportunities for them.

"We all appreciate the role of micro enterprises as the engine for job creation and poverty reduction, especially as the contribution to trade and services in APEC economies is increasing," Nguyen Van Trung, director general of the Agency for SME Development under Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment, said at the one-day micro enterprise meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

## Sudanese President slams US over Darfur

KHARTOUM, 25 Sept — Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir slammed the United States on Sunday, saying Washington had a hidden agenda behind its campaign for a UN peacekeeping operation in Darfur, west Sudan.

Addressing Cabinet ministers and journalists in Khartoum, Bashir said that by pressuring Sudan to agree to a UN force in Darfur, the United States and Britain were intending to create a "new Middle East" in the interests of Israel.

Darfur has been plagued for more than three years by a conflict between government troops, militias and rebel groups.

"They want to use the Darfur issue to re-colonize Sudan," Bashir said. He reiterated that he totally

rejected the resolution adopted by the UN Security Council on 31 August calling for a 20,000-strong UN force to be deployed in Darfur.



Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir

"The resolution would in effect put Sudan under an international mandate," Bashir said. "It negates every institution of the Sudanese state." Under the resolution, the UN force would replace the 7,000 African Union (AU) peacekeepers currently stationed in Darfur. At a recent meeting in New York, AU leaders agreed to extend for at least three months the mandate of the AU force, which expires on 30 September.

Bashir also accused Western news media of exaggerating the humanitarian crisis in Darfur, and questioned the precision of their reports of the conflict's death toll.

"I challenge any precise statistic that shows the fighting killed more than 10,000 people in Darfur," he said.—MNA/Xinhua

## Air crew deliver baby mid-flight

LONDON, 25 Sept—A British Airways flight crew this weekend delivered a baby girl with the help of two medical students, before the pilot could land at the nearest airport.

The mother, who was travelling in the Club World cabin, went into labour about five hours into flight BA 215 from London Heathrow to Boston on Saturday night.

Stunned staff hastily shifted nearby passengers into the first-class cabin before helping the woman give birth to baby Nadine, assisted by two medical student passengers.

Crew member Kam Dobe said he noticed the woman, thought to be Egyptian and travelling on a US passport, looking "uncomfortable" during the pre-flight emergency procedures demonstration. He said: "She was clearly pregnant and I could see she was a bit uncomfortable. But I thought she was just scared of flying."

Internet

## Death toll in car bombing in central Baghdad rises to four

BAGHDAD, 25 Sept—The death toll in car bombing in central Baghdad rose to four on Sunday, and seven others injured, a well-informed police source told Xinhua. Earlier report said that two people were killed and seven others injured when a car bomb attack targeted a police patrol near Baghdad's morgue.

"A parking car bomb detonated at about 1:20 pm (0920 GMT) near police patrol close to the Baghdad morgue, killing four people, including a policeman and wounding seven others, including four policemen," the source said on condition of anonymity.—MNA/Xinhua

Red Cross members help a colleague who was trapped by a second landslide while searching for victims of an initial landslide on Toluca motorway outside Mexico City on 24 Sept, 2006.

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Two children costumed as ancient Chinese perform during the march parade of the 9th Beijing International Cultural Tourism Festival in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

# Singapore's PM to visit Vietnam

SINGAPORE, 25 Sept—Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong will pay a two-day visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam from Monday,

according to the local media *Channel News Asia*. Lee is going there at the invitation of his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Tan Dung. According to

*Channel NewsAsia*, Lee is expected to attend the 10th anniversary celebrations of the Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Park in Binh Duong Province.

He will also witness the signing of a commitment letter to launch Vietnam-Singapore Industrial Park Two.

Singapore is the largest foreign investor in Vietnam, with 425 projects.

MNA/Xinhua

## 3 US Marines to be court-martialed for killing innocent Iraqi

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept—Three US Marines will be court-martialed for killing an innocent Iraqi man in April near Hamdania, a town west of Baghdad, the US military said Monday.

The US Marine 1st Division, which the three soldiers belong to, made the announcement in a statement, but said the military would not seek death penalty in the court-martials against the three Marines.

The three are among seven US Marines and one Navy corpsman charged with kidnapping and murdering 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad on 26 April near Hamdania.

All the eight have been held in the headquarters of the US Marine 1st Division at Camp Pendleton, California, since May.

The four other marines and Navy corpsman will face preliminary hearings in coming weeks to determine whether they should be court-martialed.

There have been several incidents in which US soldiers were accused of killing Iraqi civilians over the past several months.

On 19 November, 2005, 24 Iraqi civilians were allegedly killed by US troops in the western Iraqi town of Haditha, and in March this year, 11 Iraqi civilians, including five children, were killed during a US-led raid against a suspected al-Qaeda site

MNA/Xinhua



A dancer from Armenia performs a traditional dance during a cultural programme in New Delhi on 25 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

# ဝတ်မှုမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား



Christie's employee Samantha Ryan looks at part of a Barbie collection in Christie's auction house in London on 25 Sept, 2006. The Ietje Raebel and Marina Collection, which auctioned on Tuesday, spans the entire history of Barbie, her family, friends and fashion during the second half of the 20th century.—INTERNET

## All 24 aboard WWF helicopter killed in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 26 Sept — All 24 people on board a helicopter chartered by conservation group WWF (World Wildlife Fund) in Nepal were killed after the aircraft crashed in bad weather two days ago, officials said on Monday.

The wreckage of the Russian-made helicopter was found earlier on Monday by a Nepali Army team after incessant rains and fog had hampered rescue efforts.

The Army helicopter found the crashed aircraft about two kilometres southwest of Ghunsa, a village in Taplejung District, about 300 kilometres (190 miles) east of the capital, Kathmandu.

"There are no survivors," Purushottam Shakya, who coordinates rescues from Kathmandu Airport, told Reuters.

Officials said the helicopter was found broken into pieces. Plans were being made to recover bodies and more helicopters were being sent to Taplejung, they added.

Some rescuers had also reached the site by land.

"There were 24 people on this helicopter, including 7 staff of WWF," WWF Director-General James Leape told Reuters television at WWF headquarters in Gland, Switzerland.

MNA/Reuters



Martial arts star Jet Li may be fearless, but a terrified stunt man caused both of them to fall from a building recently while shooting a fight sequence for "Fearless." The incident occurred when a stunt man lost his balance and the pair tumbled to the ground.—INTERNET

## Sudan says Darfur issue becomes card in American elections

KHARTOUM, 25 Sept—Sudanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Ali Ahmed Karti said that the crisis in the western Sudanese region of Darfur has become a card in elections in the United States, the *Sudan Vision Daily* reported on Sunday.

The steps taken by the US Administration on the Darfur issue were aimed at "getting satisfaction of American voters in the complementary elections for the Congress and to gratify humanitarian and Jewish organizations that are funding the American

elections", Karti was quoted as saying.

"The Darfur issue has become a subject of internal discussion and competition between the American parties in their race for getting power at the administration," the minister added.

US President George W Bush repeated the charge of genocide in Darfur when he addressed world leaders at the UN General Assembly earlier this week and he appointed a special envoy to bring more pressure on the Khartoum Government under the leadership of

President Omarel-Bashir.

Karti accused Israel of attempting to distort the situation in Darfur and supporting the armed opposition in Sudan.

Karti said that "Zionist organizations" were funding major US newspapers so as to reflect a

distorted image on the situation in Darfur.

He also accused Israel of providing weapons and ammunition for the armed opposition in Sudan and helping them to establish extensive relations with European and other countries.—MNA/Xinhua

## Explosion near bus station kills two in eastern Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 Sept— An explosion occurred on Saturday at a bus terminal in eastern Pakistani province of Punjab killed two and injured over a dozen people, local police said.

Explosives planted on a bicycle went off at a crowded bus stand in central city of Dera Ghazi Khan, some 400 kilometres southwest of the Punjab's provincial capital Lahore, police said.—MNA/Xinhua



A ceremony is held for China Merchants Bank's trading debut at the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in Hong Kong, south China, on 22 Sept 2006.

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## India, Britain to hold joint air exercise

NEW DELHI, 25 Sept— Indian and British Air Forces will hold a joint exercise in Agra of north India's Uttar Pradesh and Gwalior of central India's Madhya Pradesh from 13 to 20 October.

*Indo-Asian News Service* quoted the military source as saying that 100 Indian Air Force (IAF) officers and 100 officers of Royal Air Force (RAF) of Britain will take part in

the exercise named "Indradhanush".

Eight *Tornado* aircraft, accompanied by a *VC-10* aerial tanker, will participate in the exercise. Pilots of the two countries will also fly in each other's aircraft as co-pilots.

The IAF will use the *Mirage 2000* aircraft while other aircraft like the *Su-30*, the *Jaguar* and *IL-78* mid-air refuellers will fly in the exercise.

Gwalior is one of India's leading training and operational centres and the home base of IAF's two *Mirage 2000* squadrons.

Agra has the best training facilities and the only Para Training School in India.

India had conducted similar joint exercises with US Air Force in Agra two years ago.

MNA/Xinhua

## Glittering golden floor in N-E China hotel sparks debate

HARBIN, 25 Sept—The use of 270 kilogrammes of gold bullion as a floor inlay has turned a newly inaugurated hotel in Harbin, capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, into the centre of a debate.

Paradise Island Hotel, located on Zhongyang Street in downtown Harbin, started business on Tuesday. The gold bullion, bearing the inscription "Swiss Bank Corporation" and "Paradise Island", glitters in two heart-shaped formations beneath transparent glass in the hotel lobby.

"The gold floor is a great innovation. A lot of customers have been coming in to take a look and some of them stayed to have dinner," said Yin Yingchuan, sales director with Paradise Island Hotel Co, Ltd.

The hotel is owned by Wanda Group, a property developer based in Dalian, a coastal city in Liaoning Province. 56 million yuan (about 7 million US dollars)

was spent on acquiring and transporting the gold bullion, according to Yin.

Opinions are divided about the luxurious display. A primary school teacher, who refused to be identified, said the fanfare about the gold floor was extravagant and in bad taste.

"I didn't think a modern enterprise would act like that," he said. An ordinary citizen identified as Xu Bin took a different view. "The gold floor idea has made the newly-opened hotel famous right from the word go," said Xu, "and it is also a show of economic strength by the hotel operator."

Xu is supported by Li Shuanghe, another resident of Harbin. "The gold bullion is underneath the glasswork and won't be damaged," said Xu, "Gold is gold and the carefully designed floor will preserve its value."—MNA/Xinhua

## US contractor killed in S Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Sept—A US contractor working for the American consulate in Basra, the second largest city of Iraq, was killed in a rocket attack overnight, a spokesman of the multinational forces in southern Iraq said on Saturday.

Several rockets struck a former presidential palace, which is now guarded by the British forces and houses some of its troops as well as diplomatic missions for Britain, the United States and their allies. "One of the rockets hit the British consulate without causing casualties, but the second hit the US consulate, killing the contractor," the spokesman said.—MNA/Xinhua

## Road accidents kill over 10,000 in Uganda in five years

KAMPALA, 25 Sept—Traffic accidents have become one of the leading killers in Uganda, with over 10,000 people having died in such accidents in the last five years, the local media reported on Sunday.

Police statistics show that 2,034 people died in 1,732 accidents in 2005, making an aggregate of 10,551 deaths on roads in the last five years.

The death toll could be much higher than what the police statistics show since the figures do not include accident victims who die of injuries later after admission to hospitals. John Nasasira, Minister of Works, Transport and Communication, said road accidents "compete with malaria and HIV/AIDS, as the leading killers" in Uganda.—MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 24 Sept, 2006, shows the debut of a ship imitating the vessel Zheng He navigated to the west about 600 years ago, in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province.—XINHUA

## Gaza-Egypt border reopens for two days

GAZA, 25 Sept— The Rafah Crossing between Gaza and Egypt, the only outlet for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip to the outside world, reopened on Friday, an EU official said.

The crossing will remain operational for two days, EU spokesman Pekka Korhola said,

adding that it reopened at 8:00 am (0500 GMT) and was due to be closed at 6:00 pm (1500 GMT) before opening again on Saturday.

The Gaza's unique gateway to the world bypassing Israel was reopened ahead of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. Korhola said

that students, the patient and the pilgrims were being allowed from Gaza into Egypt on Friday, while the crossing would be open for everyone on Saturday.

As for people from Egypt into the Gaza Strip, however, there were no restrictions, Korhola said. MNA/Xinhua



Ron Dantowitz, operating a high-powered telescope capable of tracking space vehicles, awaits the launch of SpaceLoft XL, a rocket packed with cargo set to blast off into space from a desert launch range near Truth or Consequences, New Mexico on 25 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

## China, Portuguese-speaking countries forum meeting ends

MACAO, 25 Sept — The two-day 2nd Ministerial Conference of the Forum on Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries closed here Monday morning.

The conference was crowned with the adoption on Sunday of a new cooperation Action Plan for the next three years.

Under the theme of "strengthening cooperation, common development," the current

conference made a retrospective analysis of the implementation of the previous "Action Plan for Economic and Trade Cooperation," which was approved by the 1st ministerial conference of the Forum in October 2003.

Member countries of the Forum are China and seven Portuguese-speaking countries, namely, Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal and Timor-Leste.

MNA/Xinhua



Competitors take part in the Great Gorilla Run in central London, on 24 Sept, 2006. Every year, competitors wear gorilla suits and walk, run or jog around a 7km (4.3 miles) route in the city of London to raise money for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund.—XINHUA

## Afghanistan to buy passenger planes from China

KABUL, 25 Sept— Afghanistan's Ministry for Transport and Aviation is considering buying some passenger planes from China, a Kabul-based English newspaper reported on Sunday. In talks with the daily *Afghanistan Times*, Minister for Transport and Aviation Nimatullah Ehsan Jawid said his ministry would buy five small planes from China to restore Afghanistan's former domestic airliner

company the Bakhter.

"With buying such planes from China the Bakhter's activities would be revived," Ehsan Jawid told *Afghanistan Times*.

Bakhter, a small company providing domestic flight services in the past, stopped its services due to over two and a half decades of war. Currently Afghanistan's state-owned national carrier Ariana and a private airline company the KamAir are in operation.

Ariana has only three Boeing 727s and two Air Bus 300s and KamAir has a few planes connecting post-Taliban Afghanistan with the outside world.

MNA/Xinhua

## France urges Russia to let Total continue project

PARIS, 25 Sept— France hopes Russia will allow energy company Total to continue with its production sharing agreement in Western Siberia, Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy said on Sunday.

The *Vremya Novostei* newspaper on Friday quoted a source close

to Russia's Natural Resources Ministry as saying that it was only a matter of time before Total's PSA (production sharing agreement) licence for the Kharyaga project was withdrawn.

Asked whether France had received any guarantees, Douste-Blazy said: "To my knowledge no, but I really hope that the good relations between France and Russia translate very quickly into the possibility for Total to continue its whole programme in Russia."

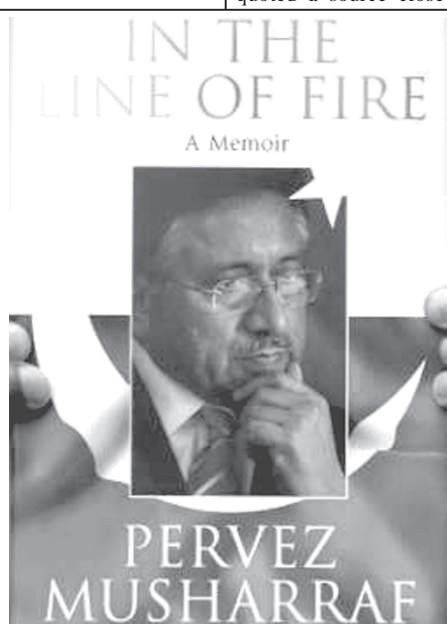
He was speaking on

LCI Television.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was in Paris on Friday to meet French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, played down fears over the report.

"I can assure you that the rumours about taking away the licence (Total's) are greatly exaggerated," Putin said.

Total and Russia's energy ministry have been at odds for years over how to develop the Kharyaga oil field in the Arctic.—MNA/Reuters



A Pakistani man displays a book written by President Pervez Musharraf titled "In The Line of Fire: A Memoir" after it was released in Islamabad on 25 Sept, 2006. — INTERNET

## British baby girl dies after Rottweiler attack

LONDON, 25 Sept— A five-month-old baby girl died after being attacked by two Rottweiler dogs in the Midlands city of Leicester, British police said on Sunday.

Leicestershire police and ambulance staff were called to a pub in the New Parks area of the city on Saturday afternoon, before the baby was rushed to Leicester Royal Infirmary, where she later died from her injuries.

The BBC reported the baby girl had been dragged onto the roof of the pub, which was run by her parents.

Police said they had taken away the two Rottweilers from the scene of the attack and have launched an investigation into the baby's death.

MNA/Reuters

## Spain seizes 2.4 tons of cocaine

MADRID, 25 Sept— The Spanish authorities on Saturday seized 2.4 tons of cocaine in a British-registered boat close to the island of Ibiza, one of the Spanish-owned Balearic Islands in the western Mediterranean.

The operation began on Saturday morning when police raided the *Tatibat*, a catamaran leisure vessel, suspected of carrying drugs to the Iberian mainland, Spain's National Guard said in a statement on Sunday.

Officers captured 2.4 tons of cocaine packed into 80 bundles of between 25 kilos and 35 kilos each, encountering no resistance from the three crew members on board.

The vessel was then taken to the Ibiza port of Sant Antoni, where police were to take statements from the three sailors and verify their identities.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman (L) selects craftworks at stall on San Jacinto Avenue in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 24 Sept, 2006.

XINHUA

## Mon State USDA holds Annual General Meeting

YANGON, 26 Sept— Mon State Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual general meeting (2006) at its office in Mawlamyine on 24 September.

Patron of Mon State USDA Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and USDA CEC Member Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivered ad-

resses at the meeting.

Wellwishers presented cash donations to Mon State USDA through the commander and the minister.

The commander, the minister and departmental officials presented gifts to three basic education schools that achieved best pass rate in the matriculation exam (2005-2006) and outstanding students in Mon State.

Next, Mon State

USDA Secretary U Tin Soe Moe Naing gave a speech.

The central executive committee of Mon State USDA presented the annual report; and secretaries of Thaton and Mawlamyine District USDAs, on the annual report of the committees. The Mon State USDA assessed the reports. And resolutions were passed and put on record.

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## Home Affairs Minister receives Indian Ambassador



NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received In-

dian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra at the minister's office here this evening.

Present also were Director-General U Myat Ko of General Administration Department, Director-General U Zaw Win of Prisons Department, Deputy Director-General U Ye Myint of Bureau of Special Investigation, Police Brig-Gen

**Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra. — MNA**

Soe Win Myint of Myanmar Police Force and Head of Office U Khin Maung Thein of the ministry.

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**CEC Member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivers an address at Annual General Meeting of Mon State USDA. — MINES**

## Minister for Finance and Revenue attends 61st Annual meeting of IMF, WB

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — The 61st annual meeting of International Monetary Fund and the World Bank was held at Sentec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Singapore from 19 to 20 September.

It was attended by Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Finance Ministers from 184 member countries of IMF and WB, governors, representatives, those of NGOs and guests.

Chairman of the meeting Finance Minister of Guyana Mr Bharrat Jagdeo and Singaporean Prime Minister and Finance Minister Mr Lee Hsein Loong extended greetings. Managing Director of IMF Mr Rodrigo De Rato reported on economic progress among the member nations and monetary and financial cooperation.

Next, Chairman of the WB Mr Paul Wolfowitz reported on the WB's efforts for development of the nations. The Finance Ministers also reported on financial, monetary and economic situations of their countries and world economic situation.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun explained about the government's efforts for economic stability utilizing resources available, combating human trafficking, money laundering and active participation in regional and international organizations.

Deputy Executive Chairman of Overseas Chinese Banking Corporation called on Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun and discussed common interest on 20 September.

The Myanmar delegation arrived back here this afternoon. They were welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials. — MNA

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## Ministry of Health holds Work Coordination Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept— The Health Ministry held its work coordination meeting here yesterday with an opening address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe also attended the meeting.

At the meeting held at the hall of the National Health Committee, directors-general and directors of the departments under the ministry and medical superintendents reported on tasks being implemented to the minister and deputy ministers. After hearing reports, the deputy ministers fulfilled the requirements, and the meeting concluded with remarks by Minister Dr Kyaw Myint.

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**Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint delivers an address at Work Coordination Meeting of Ministry of Health. — HEALTH**

## Prime Minister on inspection...

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Next, Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin gave a supplementary report. In connection with the reports, the Prime Minister asked questions to get further details and stressed the need for manufacturing of comfortable passenger coaches and wagons by the workshop. As the Myitnge workshop already have experience and technology, the workshop should run the entire process of carriages apart from major repairs, added the Prime Minister.



**Prime Minister General Soe Win hears report on Ywahtaung and Insein locomotive sheds presented by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min. — MNA**

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and responsible personnel explained facts about the carriage parts manufactured by the workshop, experiments for production of coach parts, car-

also heard reports on production of passenger coaches.

Next, the Prime Minister and party looked into renovation of passenger coaches presented by

North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Prime Minister General Soe Win

At the briefing hall, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min briefed the Prime Minister on matters relating to Ywahtaung Diesel Locomotive Shed and Insein Locomotive Shed. Next, General Manager of Ywahtaung Diesel Locomotive Shed U Myint Khine and General Manager of Insein Locomotive Shed U Saw Valintine briefed the Prime Minister

and party on maintenance of diesel locomotives, the workshop's undertakings in respect to the guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe during his tour, purchase of machines for maintenance of locomotives and production of spare parts in cooperation with industrial zones and related ministries.

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**Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects machinery parts at Ywahtaung Locomotive Shed. — MNA**

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party inspected scale models of the passenger coaches renovated by the workshop.

riage linking parts produced by the workshop, bogies used at passenger coach and upper-class seats. The Prime Minister

the People's Republic of China as gifts.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of

and party went on an inspection tour of Ywahtaung Diesel Locomotive Shed on 24 September.

**Technicians and service personnel are to manufacture diesel locomotives inside the country based on technical know-how and experiences. If the workshops of Myanmar Railways, state-owned factories and private-owned ones take cooperative measures, diesel locomotives can be manufactured.**



**Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects construction of carriages at Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Shed. — MNA**



**Prime Minister on inspection tour...**

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In connection with the reports presented by the general manager of Insein Locomotive Shed, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min gave a supplementary report. Next, the Prime Minister gave instructions on the requirements to be fulfilled by the Government for ensuring production of diesel locomotives inside the country. Technicians and service personnel were to manufacture diesel locomotives inside the country based on technical know-how and experiences. If the workshops of Myanma Railways, state-owned factories and private-owned ones take cooperative measures, diesel locomotives can be

manufactured.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected diesel transmission workshop, diesel electrical workshop and air-conditioner workshop. Next, they looked into carriage spare parts manufactured by the workshops under Myanma Railways, locomotives and spare parts by private factories and Monywa industrial zone and imported spare parts.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister oversaw diesel locomotives and building of railcar and gave necessary instructions. Next, the Prime Minister and party left for Mandalay by train and proceeded to Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



**Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects carriages at Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Workshop. — MNA**

**USDA Secretary-General presents cash to free funeral service association**



**Secretary-General of USDA Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo (L) presents K 500,000 to Chairman of Free Funeral Service Association (Yangon). — MNA**

YANGON, 26 Sept — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 24 September presented cash to the free funeral service association (Yangon) in Ward 16/2, Thingangyun

Township, Yangon East District.

The minister explained the purpose of the cash donation and presented K 2 million donated by USDA, K 1.5 million donated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, and K 500,000 by his family

totaling K 4 million.

Chairman of the association U Aye Thant accepted the donation and spoke words of thanks.

After hearing the reports presented by those from the association, the minister fulfilled the requirements.

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**Energy Minister meets PRC Ambassador**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu

at the ministry here today.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Director-General of Energy

Planning Department under the ministry U Soe Myint, Managing Director of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise U Myint Kyi and officials.

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**DKBA objects, condemns indirect...**

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3. We, the DKBA, have been witnessing regional peace, stability and development and enjoying the benefits as never before since we have joined hands with the Tatmadaw. As the entire Myanmar is also enjoying peace and stability practically, the situation in Myanmar will in no way threaten regional peace and stability.

4. The DKBA does not accept and objects and condemns the indirect attempts of the US, using the UN as a tool, to destabilize Myanmar and cause public hardships concerning basic needs and to encroach on the sovereignty of the country, a signatory to the UN Charter.

**U Tha Htoo Kyaw  
Chairman  
DKBA Headquarters**

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**Mingaladon Township MCWA gets new members**

YANGON, 27 Sept— With the sponsorship of Yangon North District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, a ceremony to present membership applications of Mingaladon Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held in conjunction with the hand-over of a new

building of the rural health care sub-centre at No 15 Post-primary School in Paungku Village in the township this morning.

Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai made a speech on the occasion and presented school uniforms and

stationery to students of the school.

The chairperson accepted K 13.5 million for regional development work donated by Wah Wah Win Finished Wood Factory 1,019 membership applications and presented uniforms for new members and permanent members of the town MCWA.—MNA



**Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai views cultivation of ginger. — MNA**

# Myanmar to enjoy development significantly in near future

## People, government, Tatmadaw to be cohesive in crushing destructive elements

YANGON, 26 Sept— Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan on 24 September supervised regional development undertakings in Magway Division.

He formally opened the paddy husk-powered generator constructed by the USDA at Ponna Village in Bilin Township, Gangaw District, Magway Division. It contributes towards supply of power to 150 houses, irrigating 70 acres of farmland and

2006) of the villages, K 200,000 for replacement of the old pump with a six-inch-diameter one for supply of water to 30 more acres of paddy fields, and clothing, household items, exercise books and publications to rural folks through officials concerned.

He also attended the opening of the paddy husk-powered generator at Htilin Township USDA office.

He met with service personnel, townselders and more than 1,000 local people from Htilin and

and desks to Gangaw, Htilin and Saw township USDAs.

On 23 September morning, the minister attended the presenting of a K 550,000 worth TV set and satellite disc antenna to the self-reliant library of Kyattoe Village in Pakokku Township. He presented publications to the facility.

During his tour of Magway Division, the minister briefed local people on dramatic development the nation is witnessing. The government has constructed



Secretariat Member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects paddy husk-powered generator at Ponna Village in Htilin Township. — MNA



Secretariat Member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with local people in Htilin Township. — MNA

operating a small-scale rice mill.

In meeting with over 2,300 local people at Ponna Village, the minister dealt with regional development tasks and accepted 517 USDA membership applications. He presented awards to outstanding tenth standard students (2005-

accepted 550 membership applications. He presented awards to outstanding matriculation students, household utensils, exercise books and periodicals to local people. He also presented K 780,000 for desks to the schools in Gangaw District, K 200,000 each

almost all infrastructures needed for national development, so the nation is going to enjoy development significantly, he said.

However, internal and external destructive elements who cannot bear to see national development are inciting unrest and

mass protests and attempting to destabilize the nation. An internal organization is employing four-cut policy, utter devastation and defiance of order-policy, while internal and external elements are waging three-pronged attacks on the nation.

In conclusion, he called on the people to join hands with the government, the Tatmadaw and the USDA in crushing the destructive acts. — MNA



Secretariat Member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents award to an outstanding student of Ponna Village. — MNA

**The government has constructed almost all infrastructures needed for national development, so the nation is going to enjoy development significantly.**

## Earth may be at warmest point in 1mln years

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept — Earth may be close to the warmest it has been in the last million years, especially in the part of the Pacific Ocean where potentially violent El Nino weather patterns are born, climate scientists reported on Monday.

This does not necessarily mean there will be more frequent El Ninos -- which can disrupt normal weather around the world -- but could well mean that these wild patterns will be stronger when they occur, said James Hansen of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York City. The El Nino phenomenon is an important factor in monitoring global warming, according to a paper by Hansen and colleagues published in the current Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

El Ninos can push temperatures higher than they might ordinarily be. This happened in 1998 when a so-called "super El Nino" helped heat the Earth to a record high.

What is significant, the scientists wrote, is that 2005 was in the same temperature range as 1998, and probably was the warmest year ever, with no sign of the warm surface water in the eastern equatorial Pacific typical of an El Nino.

The waters of the western equatorial Pacific are warmer than in the eastern equatorial Pacific, and the difference in

temperature between these two areas could produce greater temperature swings between the normal weather pattern and El Nino, they wrote.

They blamed this phenomenon on global warming that is affecting the surface of the western Pacific before it affects the deeper water.

Overall, Earth is within 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit (1 degree Centigrade) of its highest temperature levels in the past million years, Hansen and the others wrote. They noted a recent steep rise in average temperatures,

with global surface temperatures increasing about 0.4 degrees Fahrenheit (0.2 degrees Centigrade) for each of the last three decades.

Scientists attribute this rise to human activities, notably the release into the atmosphere of greenhouse gases -- notably carbon dioxide -- which let in sunlight and trap its heat like the glass walls of a greenhouse.

Human-caused global warming influences El Ninos much as it sways tropical storms, the scientists wrote. — MNA/Reuters



Xbox Peter Moore is leading the charge in Japan. Microsoft is still determined to crack the Japanese market, Xbox boss Peter Moore has told BBC News. — INTERNET

## Shinzo Abe elected Japan's new Prime Minister

TOKYO, 26 Sept — The newly-elected president of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party Shinzo Abe expectably won the vote

in an extra Diet session and was elected the country's new Prime Minister on Tuesday afternoon.

His earlier victory, with 339 votes out of the 480, in the Lower House, which holds the final say in picking a Premier, was approved in the Upper House given the majorities enjoyed by the ruling bloc, made up of the LDP and its coalition partner New Komeito Party, in both Houses.

Abe, who sealed a landslide victory in the LDP presidential race on 20 September and was set to succeed Junichiro Koizumi to become new Premier, will announce the lineup of his Cabinet later in the afternoon.

After an attestation ceremony at the Imperial Palace, Abe will give his first news conference as Premier in the evening.

Abe has indicated that in choosing the Cabinet ministers, he will break traditions and appoint members who support his policies and are suitable for their respective posts, according to *Kyodo News*.

Sources indicated that current Senior Vice Foreign Minister Yasuhisa Shiozaki is likely to be nominated chief Cabinet secretary, the post of top government spokesman which will be concurrently given the assignment to handle the issue of abductions of Japanese nationals by North Korea.

MNA/Xinhua

## Study says Alcoholics Anonymous may prevent murders

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept — Alcoholics Anonymous, the worldwide group that helps addicts stop drinking, may also help drive down the number of murders in a community, Canadian researchers reported on Sunday.

As membership in the group in Ontario, Canada, increased between 1968 and 1991, murders there dropped off, said Robert Mann from the University of Toronto and Mark Asbridge from Dalhousie University.

Research has shown there is a significant relationship between drinking and homicide in Europe, the United States and Canada, they wrote in their report, published in the October issue of *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*.

But they found an increase of one AA member per 100,000 people was followed by a drop of 0.3 to 0.5 per cent

in Ontario's homicide rate.

The relationship was only apparent when it came to men. They did not find a relationship in the case of women.

"Males drink more often, more heavily and consume more beer and spirits than females," Asbridge said in a statement.

"Moreover, the nature of the link between alcohol consumption and violence is more readily a male experience, for example, drinking heavily in bar settings leads to aggression and violence."

For the study, Mann and Asbridge used

Statistics Canada data to calculate per capita total alcohol consumption as well as murders of people aged 15 and older from 1968 to 1991.

Alcoholics Anonymous gave estimated membership data from surveys and mailing lists.

"Our study showed that male homicide rates in Ontario were strongly related to average levels of alcohol consumption," Mann said in a statement.

"These observations confirm previous research showing that alcohol is a leading contributor to violence, as well as violence-related mortality."

MNA/Reuters

## Study says taller women more likely to have twins

NEW YORK, 26 Sept — Taller women are more likely to have twins, according to a US study.

Gary Steinman, an obstetrician at New York's Long Island Jewish Medical Centre, compared the heights of 129 women who gave birth to twins or triplets with the average height of women in the United States and found women with multiple-birth pregnancies averaged more than an inch taller.

Steinman, whose study is being published in the September issue of the *Journal of Reproductive Medicine*, said the reason seems to be an insulin-like growth factor, which has been positively linked to both height and twinning.

MNA/Reuters

## Asteroid named after Chinese physicist

BEIJING, 26 Sept — An asteroid discovered by a Chinese observatory has been named after Peng Huanwu, who made important contributions to the development of China's first atomic and hydrogen bombs.

The asteroid bears the international code No 48798. The naming has been approved by the International Astronomical Union (IAU).

At a ceremony here on Monday, the 91-year-old scientist accepted the certificate to mark the naming of the asteroid from Deng Nan, vice president of the China Association for Science and Technology.

The asteroid was discovered by an observation station of the State Observatory of

China in Xinglong County, north China's Hebei Province, on 6 October, Peng's birthday, in 1997.

Peng, an academican of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), has been mainly engaged in the basic and applied studies of theoretical physics and has made significant achievements.

MNA/Xinhua



A model shows a kind of new game console during the Tokyo Game Show 2006 in Makuhari Messe in Chiba, on 22 Sept, 2006. — INTERNET

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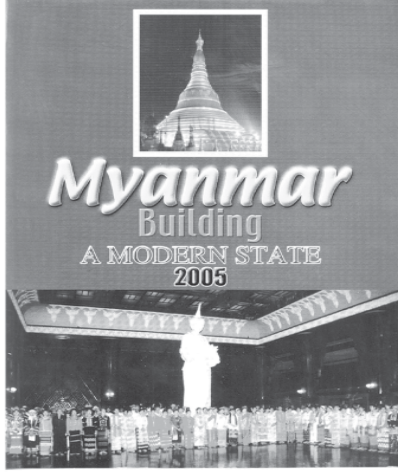
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**Tourists flock to Three Gorges dam**

**YICHANG, 25 Sept** — A record 1.3 million visitors will have visited the mammoth dam area of the Three Gorges Project on the middle reaches of the Yangtze by the end of the year.

At 9:55 am Saturday, the dam area notched up its 1 millionth visitor for the year, according to Chen Menjiu, general manager of the Yangtze River Three Gorges Tourism Company.

The increase in the number of tourists can be attributed to two key milestones: completion of the gigantic dam in May, and the raising of the water level from 135 metres to 156 metres last

Wednesday, according to Zhang Chao, deputy manager of the Yangtze River Three Gorges Tourism Company.

1.16 million people had to be relocated when construction of the 203.9 billion yuan (25.5 billion US dollars) Three Gorges project began in 1993. The massive dam has a span of 2,309 metres and is 185 metres high. There are 26 power generators on the two banks of the river, and a five-tier,

dual-track ship lock.

When completed in 2009, the reservoir will have a capacity of 39.3 billion cubic meters and produce 84.7 billion kw/h of electricity annually.

Workers have completed the dam, installation of 14 generating units on the northern bank and most of the ship lock system. Thirteen of the 26 generators are already producing electricity.

MNA/Xinhua



*Heung Soo Lheem, Hyundai Motor India Ltd.'s Managing Director and CEO, stands next to the newly launched 'Verna' car in New Delhi on 25 Sept, 2006. The Indian unit of South Korea's top car maker Hyundai Motor Co on Monday said it was investing \$500 million in a new engine plant in the southern city of Chennai. —INTERNET*

**Mine landslide kills two, injures two others**

**SHUIJIAZHANG, 25 Sept** — Two people have been killed and two others injured in a mine landslide in Laiyuan, a county in north China's Hebei Province.

The landslide took place around 11 a.m on Friday at an iron ore mine belonging to Laiyuan Iron and Steel Plant. Three excavators were buried by falling stones and earth, said an official with the general office of Laiyuan County Government.

The official was unable to confirm whether the victims were operating the excavator machines.

An investigation is underway to determine exactly how many workers were present when the landslide occurred and the cause of the accident.

MNA/Xinhua



*Tourists sightsee the Venetian Square on a carriage in Rome, capital of Italy, on "Car Free Day", on 24 Sept, 2006. Cars except for buses were banned on Sunday in central Rome in a move to decrease pollution and protect cultural relics and historic sites. —XINHUA*

**Macao Int'l Trade and Investment Fair opens**

**MACAO, 25 Sept** — The Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) opened here on Saturday, attracting some 150 commerce and trade delegations from 47 countries and regions.

The fair, sponsored by the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (MTIPI), is a venue for over 30 seminars, conferences and product promotion programmes.

It features 336 exhibition

booths and pre-arranged 380 "business matchings" for the participants to engage in business talks.

Lee Peng Hong, president of the MTIPI, said while addressing the opening ceremony that the MIF boasts the largest comprehensive commerce and trade exhibition in the special administrative region. This year's MIF version has enhanced services for the small and medium enterprises by "actively optimizing" buyers and business matching activities, Lee said. The four-day annual event has become an important trade platform for enterprises from the Chinese Mainland, European and Portuguese-speaking countries, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

**China's industrial sector sees soaring profits**

**BEIJING, 25 Sept** — China's industrial firms scored 1.1327 trillion yuan (143 billion US dollars) of profits in the first eight months, up 29.1 per cent from a year earlier, according to the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). Profits of state-owned enterprises rose 19.7 per cent to 508.6 billion yuan, while collective and foreign-invested enterprises scored 33.9 billion and 313.6 billion yuan respectively.

Profits of private enterprises hit 167.2 billion yuan, up 53.1 per cent from a year earlier.

The booming growth was primarily driven by soaring profits in sectors such as non-ferrous metals, oil and gas, and transport equipment, according to NBS.

MNA/Xinhua



*Villagers travel on boat through the flooded village of Jagatpur, about 150 km (93 miles) north of Kolkata, on 25 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET*



*Meng Derong (L), a biology associate professor, gives treatment to a catagmatic bird at a wildlife rescue station in Cangzhou, north China's Hebei Province, recently. —XINHUA*

# SPORTS



The European Ryder Cup team poses for photographers after defeating their US counterparts to retain the Ryder Cup at The K Club in County Kildare, Ireland, on 24 Sept, 2006. The players are holding up three fingers after winning the tournament three times in a row.—INTERNET

## Europe on course to retain Ryder Cup

STRAFFAN (Ireland), 26 Sept—Europe were comfortably on track to retain the Ryder Cup after making a bright start in the last-day singles at the K Club on Sunday.

Needing only four points from the 12 matches, they were up in seven, down in four and all square in one three hours into the action.

Colin Montgomerie, so often the talisman in the Ryder Cup environment where he is unbeaten in singles, was two up on David Toms after 14 holes in the top match.

The Scot birdied the third and fourth, was pegged back at the fifth but regained the two-shot cushion with a birdie two at the 14th after a superb tee shot.

Briton Paul Casey, boosted by four early birdies in match two, was four up on Jim Furyk after 10 holes as afternoon sunshine replaced morning rain.

Winner of last week's World Match Play Championship, Casey sank a 10-footer at the first and a 15-footer at the third before picking up further shots at the fifth and seventh.

In match six, Paul McGinley led J.J. Henry by two after seven holes, Darren Clarke was one up on Zach Johnson after six while David Howell birdied the fourth to take the lead against rookie Brett Wetterich.

MNA/Reuters



Sweden's Robin Soderling celebrates after winning against Brazil's Flavio Saretta during the Davis Cup tennis play-offs in Belo Horizonte, on 25 Sept, 2006. Soderling won 6-0, 6-3, 7-6.—INTERNET

## Everton, Newcastle share goals, red cards

LONDON, 26 Sept — Everton maintained their unbeaten start to the season and finished the day in fourth place in the Premier League after a 1-1 draw against Newcastle United at St James' Park on Sunday.

Shola Ameobi was allowed to play on and score the opener for Newcastle after they were adjudged to have sprung Everton's offside trap in the 14th minute.

Everton equalized five minutes before halftime when Tim Cahill scored with a powerfully executed header from a Mikel Arteta cross after Newcastle failed to clear a corner.

Both sides finished with 10 men after Newcastle defender Titus Bramble was sent off for picking up a second yellow card for a late sliding tackle on Leon Osman in the 75th minute. — MNA/Reuters



Portsmouth's Nwankwo Kanu, left, challenges for the ball with Bolton Wanderers' Abdoulaye Meite during their English Premier League soccer match at Fratton Park, Portsmouth, England, on 25 Sept, 2006. Bolton won 1-0.—INTERNET



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) looks downfield as Atlanta Falcons' Rod Coleman (75) defends in the first half of their football game at the newly re-opened Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans on 25 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

## Toronto Marathon suffers death incident

TORONTO, 26 Sept— The Toronto Marathon suffered a death incident when a 41-year-old man runner collapsed and died, organizers said on Sunday.

However, the officials declined to release the name of the man. The race was won by Kenya's Daniel Rono who ran Canada's second fastest marathon time ever in 2 hours, 10 minutes and 14 seconds.

Abderrahime Bouramdane of Morocco finished second by 26 seconds. The fastest Canadian marathon was during the 1976 Montreal Olympics, where Waldemar Cierpinski took the gold medal by clocking 2:09.55. Malgorzata Sobanska of Poland won the women's division in a course record of 2:34.31. She beat the mark of 2:36.20 set by Russia's Lyubov Morgunova in 2003. — MNA/Xinhua

## Argentina complete whitewash against Australia

BUENOS AIRES, 26 Sept— Argentina completed a 5-0 whitewash in their Davis Cup semifinal against Australia on Sunday.

Argentina, who wrapped up the tie on Saturday when they took a decisive 3-0 lead and will meet Russia in Moscow in the final in December, won the first of Sunday's reverse singles when Agustin Calleri thumped doubles specialist Paul Hanley

6-0, 6-3. The hosts were awarded a walkover in the final rubber when Australia said that none of their eligible players were fit to play.

Tennis Australia said Lleyton Hewitt and Mark

Philippoussis were ruled out due to knee and back injuries respectively while Wayne Arthurs picked up an Achilles problem during Saturday's doubles.

MNA/Reuters

## Suarez, Pascual win doubles title at China WTA Open

BEIJING, 26 Sept— Paola Suarez and Virginia Pascual won the women's doubles title at the China Open WTA tennis tournament on Sunday after beating Anna Chakvetadze and Elena Vesnina in straight sets.

Second seed Suarez from Argentina and Pascual of Spain had no problem with the Russian pair of Chakvetadze and Vesnina 6-2, 6-4 in just one hour and 19 minutes.

Australian Open and Wimbledon doubles champions Zheng and Yan suffered a stunning first round exit at the China Open. — MNA/Reuters



Chinese gold medal winner Xingfang Xie, right, and Silver medal Ning Zhang also of China celebrate on the podium after the singles women final 21-16, 21-14 at the World Championship Badminton tournament in Madrid, on 24 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

## Ex-Uruguay striker Silva in intensive care after crash

MONTEVIDEO, 26 Sept — Former Uruguay striker Dario Silva was in intensive care and in danger of having his lower right leg amputated after a car crash on Sunday, a hospital official said.

Silva suffered an exposed fracture of the leg after the accident on Montevideo's main seafront avenue on Sunday morning.

"It's the condition of the leg which worries us," Mario Cancela, head of the

intensive unit at the private hospital where Silva is being treated, told reporters.

"It's a very complex injury and a real risk."

Silva, who played for English Premier League Portsmouth last year, is currently without a contract.

The 33-year-old striker began his career with local side Defensor Sporting before joining more fashionable Penarol.

MNA/Reuters

# China blasts US Congressional-Executive report as "groundless"

**BELING, 26 Sept** — The Chinese Government on Monday denounced a report from the US Congressional-Executive Commission on China, saying the charges against it are "groundless"

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  - (က) ထုတ်လုပ်ရောင်းချသဖြင့် အရေးယူမှု (၁)ခုတွင် တရားခံ (၁၆)ဦးအား အနည်းဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ် (၂)နှစ်မှ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ် (၃)နှစ်အထိ ချမှတ် အရေးယူခဲ့သည်။
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- ၃။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ယခုနှစ် ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ်၊ သီတင်းကျွတ်ကာလနှင့် တန်ဆောင်တိုင် ကာလများတွင် ဗြိတိန်အစိုးရ၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးဒိုင်း)များအား ထုတ်လုပ်ရောင်းချခြင်း၊ ပစ်ဖောက်ခြင်းများ ပြုလုပ်ပါက ယခင်နှစ်များကဲ့သို့ အောက်ပါအတိုင်း အရေးယူသွားမည် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေး နိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်-
  - (က) ထုတ်လုပ်ခြင်း၊ ရောင်းချခြင်းများ ပြုလုပ်ပါက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ်အထိ ချမှတ်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
  - (ခ) ပစ်လွှတ်သည့်နေရာ အနီး၊ အဝေး၊ အနိမ့်နှင့် အမြင့် တို့တွင် ပေါက်ကွဲစေ တတ်သော ဗြိတိန်အစိုးရ၊ မီးရှူးနှင့် ခုံးများ (ရှူးဒိုင်း) ဖောက်လျှင် တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ်အထိ ချမှတ်မည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
  - (ဂ) သတင်းပေးသူကို ထိုက်တန်စွာ ဆုပေးမည်။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ

"China is strongly dissatisfied with and resolutely refutes the US accusations about China's social and judicial system, ethnic and religious policies as well as human rights situation in its report," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said in a statement.

Qin's comments came in the wake of a report by the US Congressional-Executive Commission on China, which was released last week.

The annual report had ignored China's progress and achievements made in the fields of human rights and the legal system, said Qin.

The Chinese Government suggested the US congress and other institutions pay more attention to their own problems, to stop interfering China's internal affairs and to focus on issues more conducive

to Sino-US relations, Qin said.

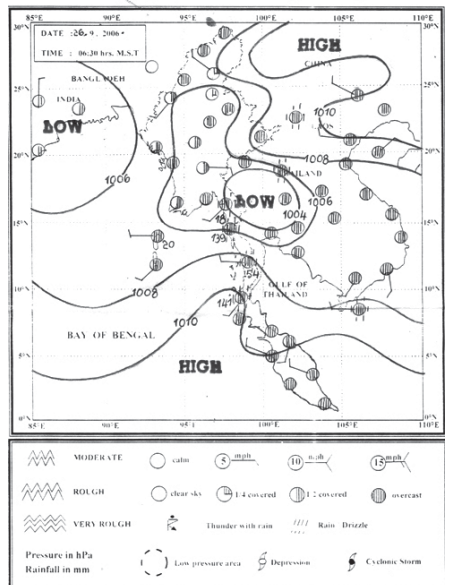
"We demand that the US Government seriously treat the solemn stance of China and take substantive measures to eradicate the adverse impact of the report," said Qin.—MNA/Xinhua



Wednesday, 27 September  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
  - Little town girl .... Del Shannon
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
  - The locomotion .... Little Evan
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
  - Rose Rose I love you .... Frankie Lane
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
  - Someday .... Lisa
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
  - You are everything .... Diana Ross + Marin Gayle
  - When I dream at night .... Marc Anthony
  - So much in love .... All yone
  - Come back when it ain't .... Trisha Yearwood
- 9:00pm Variations on a tune
  - Bye Bye love -Symon & Garfunkel,
  - Connie Francis,
  - Poso Scko
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request
  - So real .... Mandy Moore
  - It's gotta to be you .... BSB
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 26 September, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the central Bay of Bengal and Deltaic areas, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Chin State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaikhame (9.33) inches, Ye (6.34) inches, Kawthoung (6.10) inches, Dawei (5.56) inches, Myeik (2.44) inches, Mawlamyine (2.05) inches, PynOoLwin (1.61) inches, Heho (1.46) inches, Monywa (0.12) inch and Pynmana (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 25-9-2006 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 26-9-2006 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 26-9-2006 was (92%). Total sunshine hours on 25-9-2006 was (6.9) hours approx. Rainfalls on 26-9-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (91.61) inches at Mingaladon, (103.23) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.22) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (18:15) hours MST on 25-9-2006.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Special feature:** According to the observations at Mid-night, the tropical depression over South China Sea has crossed Vietnam Coast at Mid-night.

**Forecast valid until evening of 27-9-2006:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin, Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining states and divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the Sea:** Squalls with rough seas are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon- Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 27-9-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 27-9-2006:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 27-9-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday, 27 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. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
  - 6. မြန်မာ့ပြုကြွယ်ပညာကျေးဇူးအက
- 8:15 am
  - 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
  - 8. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွားအိပ်မက်တံတား

- 8:30 am
  - 9. International news
- 8:45 am
  - 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
  - 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  - 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
  - 3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm
  - 4. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရှုထောင့်အထူးပြု) (ရှုထောင့်)
- 5:00 pm
  - 5. Song of national races
- 5:10 pm
  - 6. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm
  - 7. Classical songs
- 5:30 pm
  - 8. "ဧရာဝတီမြစ်နားခြေ" (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ကုသိုလ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ခင်နီနီမူ)
- 5:45 pm
  - 9. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန်

- (မဟာဂီတ) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသားအမျိုးသမီး)
- 6:00 pm
  - 10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  - 11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  - 12. သူတစ်လင်ရွှေညောင်ရင်
- 7:05 pm
  - 13. "ဘဝနှင့်ရင်း၍" (ဦးဇော်စိုး၊ သူထူးစံ၊ ကျော့ကောသုယံ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- သိန်းဟန်-မီးနှစ်)
- 7:15 pm
  - 14. မဟာနိသွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်
- 7:30 pm
  - 15. ကြားမြင်သူတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပေဒေသာ
- 7:40 pm
  - 16. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ (ရုပ်သံပြိုင်ပွဲ) ဆွေးနွေးခန်း
- 8:00 pm
  - 17. News
- 8:15 pm
  - 18. International news
- 8:30 pm
  - 19. Weather report
- 8:45 pm
  - 20. "သုံးနားနားဆယ့်ငါး" (သူထူးစံ၊ ဟင်စင်စင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ရဲဝန်ထမ်း မောင်တင်ဦး၊ ချောချစ်စံ)
- 9:00 pm
  - 21. 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

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits tax-free markets

YANGON, 26 Sept — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence visited tax-free markets here this morning. On arrival at Pantaya tax-free market in Dagon Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party visited Hanthawady tax-free market in Sangyoung Township, the tax-free markets near Hthilaingshin Estate in Hlinethaya Township and in Thirimingala circular road in Ward-5, Shwepyitha Township, Nawaday tax-free market in Mayangon Township and inspected shops of consumer products of the Ministry of Industry-1 and Ministry of Energy, shops of eggs, fish and meat, vegetables and dairy products of YCDC, battalions and units in Yangon Division, district and township PDCs, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, rice and edible oil shops of Myanmar Rice Dealers Association and Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association.

During his inspection, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions to officials on upholding of the objectives



of opening the tax-free markets, keeping the markets neat and tidy, sale of various kinds of foods, fresh meat and vegetables at fair prices.

*Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Hanthawady tax-free market in Sangyoung Township.*

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## DKBA objects, condemns indirect attempts of US, using UN as tool, to destabilize Myanmar

### US deliberately plotting to undermine Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept — The Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA) today issued a declaration officially expressing its stance concerning the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council.

The following is the full text of the declaration:

#### The declaration (1/2006) on the stance of the Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA)

1. Due to the submission of the permanent US representative to the UN on 15 September 2006 that Myanmar posed a threat to regional stability and peace, a decision was made to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC.
2. The DKBA assumes that the US by using the UN
  - (a) is deliberately and purposely plotting to undermine the

nation since it is against Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national solidarity; and perpetuation of sovereignty —, in other words, the national policy.

(b) is attempting to delay and disturb the National Convention that is nearing successful completion. With the participation of all the mass and class organizations, the National Convention has been held in accord with the seven-point Road Map.

(c) is attempting to harm the stability and peace, the rule of law and democracy transition of the nation in addition to disturbing the building of a new modern developed nation.

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