

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Military Attachés of PRC



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets outgoing Military Attaché Senior Colonel Ma Shoudong of PRC at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes incoming Military Attaché Senior Colonel Fan Lian Feng of PRC at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

of the People's Republic of China at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here this morning.

Present also at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint.

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Military Attaché Senior Colonel Ma Shoudong who had completed his tour of duty and his successor Military Attaché Senior Colonel Fan Lian Feng



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives outgoing Military Attaché Senior Colonel Ma Shoudong and incoming Military Attaché Senior Colonel Fan Lian Feng of PRC at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

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

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Strive for production of advanced passenger coaches and wagons

Transport being very important for economic development and transportation of passengers and goods, efforts are being made to facilitate the transport system.

Myanma Railways plays a major role in the transport sector and therefore new railroads are being built all over the nation and service extended, especially between Yangon and Mandalay, commercial cities of the nation.

In Myanmar, rail service was introduced on 1 May, 1877. Various kinds of locomotives for passenger and goods train were imported. Diesel engines have been used since 1958 and steam engines are still in use.

In the past, there was only one locomotive shed in Insein Township in Yangon Division. But now, there is a Carriage and Wagon Workshop at Myitnge in Amarapura Township in Mandalay Division and another locomotive shed at Ywahtaung in Sagaing Township to repair locomotives and produce passenger carriages and spare parts for engines.

Nowadays, the government is making financial investments and developing human resources for the progress of various sectors. Therefore, the technicians of the factories under Myanma Railways are required to combine their skills and experiences and cooperate with other State-owned and privately-owned factories to be able to boost the production of advanced passenger and freight carriages and diesel engines.

Sales of fuel inspected in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay on 23 and 24 September inspected fuel filling stations in Mandalay and Sagaing.

On 23 September, the deputy minister went to the fuel installation of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise in Mandalay and inspected the storage and distribution of fuel. On his inspection tour, the minister called for speedy distribution, no shortage of fuel and minimizing loss and wastage of fuel.

He also inspected filling stations in Mandalay and Sagaing on 24 September and called on employees of the ministry for abiding by the rules and regulations of the ministry in sales of fuel and carrying out the tasks of the ministry.

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Republics' Destructive Elements

- * 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

Hoteliers to expedite tasks for development of tourism industry

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 25 September inspected Tharapa Gate Hotel in Bagan Region.

He had a meeting with hotel and tourism entrepreneurs of Bagan Region at Bagan Hotel. In his speech, the minister said that the government will render sufficient assistance to the entrepreneurs for achievement in their operations, calling for adherence to the rules and regulations. Bagan is the archaeological hub and the most fascinating tourist attraction in the nation, so the hoteliers of Bagan Region are to strive for the development of the culture-based tourism industry, he said. He also called for cooperation among the hoteliers for regional development.

Director-General of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung gave instructions on tasks for the hoteliers. The hoteliers reported on progress of their tasks. The minister fulfilled their requirements and delivered concluding remarks. In the afternoon, the minister inspected the hotel project sites in Bagan Region.—MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Sept — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Ioannis Papadopoulos as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Greece to the Union of Myanmar.

He was born on 24 December 1945 in Athens, Greece. He was a Graduate of Political Sciences, Panteios University and a Graduate of International Law, Department of the Law School of the University of Athens. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece in 1979 as an Attache'. Then he served at different departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece and at Greek embassies in Rome, Warsaw, Wellington and Montreal, in various capacities from 1979 to 2003. Since 2003, he has been serving as Alternate Head of the Directorate for Administrative and Judicial Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece.

Mr Ioannis Papadopoulos is married and has three daughters. — MNA

Myanmar delegation to study food-stuff processing



UMFCCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win and party before departure. UMFCCI

YANGON, 26 Sept — A nine-member delegation led by Vice-President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Chairman of Myanmar Agro-Based Food Processors and Exporters Association U Zaw Min Win left here by air for abroad this morning to study processing and production of consumers products, and production of

new foodstuff with the use of machinery.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by UMFCCI Vice-President U Thaug Tin and officials.

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Over 9,000 tons of palm oil arrive in two days

YANGON, 27 Sept — Over 9,000 tons of palm oil arrived at ports, here, within two days.

MT-AMA-3 Vessel loaded with 2,900 tons of palm oil arrived at Htidan Warf yesterday and Daman-I Vessel loaded with 3,150 tons today. MT-Smooth-SEA-4 Vessel loaded with 3,050 tons of palm oil arrived at Asia World Warf yesterday.

Two vessels loaded with each nearly 3,000 tons of palm oil are expected to arrive on 30 September and 1 October. The government has imported palm oil from Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore to distribute to the public at reasonable prices. — MNA

MT-SMOOTH
SEA 4 carrying 3,050 tons of palm oil arrives at Asia World Port.
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Russia, Iran discuss N-power plant construction

Moscow, 26 Sept—Russia's Federal Agency of Atomic Energy chief Sergei Kiriyenko met with Iran's Atomic Energy Organization chief Gholamreza Aghazadeh here on Monday to discuss the building of a nuclear power plant in Iran, Russian news agencies reported.

Aghazadeh, also Iran's Vice-President, said at the start of the meeting that the negotiations "will largely address issues related to the completion of the construction of the Bushehr nu-

clear power plant".

Other matters on the agenda of Russian-Iranian cooperation would be discussed as well, he was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying.

Earlier, Kiriyenko had said that under the effective schedule, the Bushehr nuclear power plant would be commissioned to Iran in September 2007 and would start supplying electricity to the power grid in November 2007.

"The construction of the Bushehr nuclear power plant has nothing to do with the Iranian nuclear

programme under consideration," the *ITAR-TASS* news agency quoted Kiriyenko as saying.

"The Bushehr is being built in keeping with the schedule and under IAEA control. There are no enrichment risks on the nuclear power plant premises or the use of nuclear materials for non-peaceful purposes," he said.

"It is obvious to all professionals and experts that Russian specialists are building a peaceful atomic energy facility in Bushehr," Kiriyenko added. —*MNA/Xinhua*



A fountain sprays in the middle of a flowerbed on the Tiananmen Square in central Beijing, capital of China, on 26 Sept, 2006. Some 500,000 pots of flowers have been laid at the Tiananmen Square to welcome the Chinese National Day, which falls on 1 Oct. —*XINHUA*

Nepal probes helicopter crash

KATHMANDU, 26 Sept—Nepal on Tuesday ordered an investigation into a helicopter crash that killed 24 people including a Cabinet minister and several top international conservationists in the Himalayan nation's worst helicopter accident.

Rescuers began collecting bodies of the victims from the crash site in forested mountains of eastern Nepal where the helicopter, chartered by environmentalist group WWF, went down Saturday after the group visited a conservation project.

Among those killed in the accident were Nepal's Forest Minister Gopal Rai, Finnish Embassy Charge

d'Affaires Pauli Mustonen, and USAID Deputy Director in Nepal Margaret Alexander.

WWF said seven of its employees were among the victims, including four Nepalis, an Australian, a Canadian and an American. The victims also included Nepali journalists, government officials and four crew members—two Russians and two Nepalis.

Tourism and Civil Aviation Minister Pradeep Gyawali said Tuesday that the government has formed a seven-member committee headed by appellate court judge Keshari Pandit to investigate the crash. —*Internet*

Leading media group resigns in Thailand

YANGON, 27 Sept—The Board of Directors of Mass Communication of Thailand Public Company Limited (MCOT Plc), Thailand's leading broadcast media, yesterday announced their resignation en masse to take responsibility for the 19 September incident, the board chairman Mingk-wan Sangsuan announced yesterday.

The Thai News Agency (TNA) announced that the resignation would take effect on 27 September.

Heads of Army, Navy and Air Force and Police Force seized power from Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra in a coup on 19 September. The coup leaders declared martial law across the country and abrogated State Constitu-

tion, two parliaments, court of constitution and governing body.

The coup leaders issued new orders banning political activities of political parties across the country and barring public gatherings of more than five people. In addition, they pressured the media into self-censorship.

Since 20 September, the coup has caused a rise in commodity prices and affected commodity flow throughout the nation.

—*MNA/Xinhua/Reuters*



Miss China Duo Liu dancing during a ceremony at the Chinese Embassy in Warsaw, Poland on 26 Sept, 2006. A new Miss World will be crowned in Warsaw on 30 Sept. —*INTERNET*

Thai Central Bank chief to head coup's economic advisers

BANGKOK, 27 Sept—Thai coup leaders appointed respected Central Bank chief Pridiyathorn Devakula as head of a 19-member economic advisory board set up on Tuesday.

The board consisted of top bankers, private economists and retired civil servants, the military council said in an announcement on television. "The advisory board is authorized to give economic advice to the council," military council spokesman Lieutenant-General Palangoon Klaharn said.

—*MNA/Reuters*

Africa's biggest smelter project launched in Zambia

LUSAKA, 26 Sept—Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa Monday officially commissioned and

opened the Mufulira Copper Mines (MCM) smelter upgrade project, the largest in Africa and one of the biggest smelters in the world.

The copper smelter project in Copperbelt Province has been built at a tune of over 190 million US dollars and will process over one million tons of copper ore per year.

The smelter upgrade project will cost over 290

million US dollars when fully completed. It will also process copper ore from the already existing and established mines such as Lumwana, First Quantum Minerals and Konkola Copper Mines KCM.

He said the project was adding value to the buoyant mining industry and contributing favourably to the country's balance of Payment Support (BOP).

—*MNA/Xinhua*



A developer watches 'MURATA BOY' robot make an S-curve as Japan's electronics equipment maker Murata Manufacturing Co, Ltd, unveils its upgraded bicycle-riding robots in Nagaokakyo, western Japan, on 26 Sept, 2006. —*INTERNET*



Children perform traditional hand lion dance in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 25 Sept, 2006. Lion dance was performed here to celebrate a local food festival on Monday night.—XINHUA

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Low cost US rocket fails to reach space

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES (New Mexico), 26 Sept— A commercial rocket blasted off from a site in New Mexico on Monday, but malfunctioned before it reached space, organizers said.

The UP Aerospace SpaceLoft XL rocket, which organizers had

hoped would usher in a new era of cheap public access to space, blasted off from Spaceport America, a remote desert launch site near the town of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

It slewed off course 40,000 feet (12,190 metres) above ground due to a malfunction.

“Because of an unexpected aerodynamic effect, the vehicle was

short of its effected range, it went to an altitude of 40,000 feet,” a mission director said over a public address system said.

The Connecticut-based company aims to become the first offering public access to space at accessible prices, with payloads priced from a few hundred dollars for small items weighing a few grammes (ounces).

MNA/Reuters

“Helene” starts to fade over cool Atlantic

MIAMI, 26 Sept— Hurricane Helene started to unravel over cool Atlantic waters on Sunday as it headed toward the British Isles and Western Europe as a strong cyclone, having slipped below hurricane strength.

Helene was no longer a tropical cyclone but still had maximum sustained winds of 70 miles per hour (110 kilometres per hour) and was located around 595 miles (955 kilometres) west-northwest of Portugal’s Azores islands at 11 am (1500 GMT), the US National Hurricane Centre said. The storm was moving toward the northeast at 21 miles per hour (33 kilometres per hour) and tropical storm-force winds extended for

430 miles (695 kilometres) from the weather system’s core, meaning the Azores, battered by Hurricane Gordon last week, could again feel gale-force winds. Helene was the 8th tropical cyclone of the 2006 Atlantic hurricane season, and the fourth hurricane. So far the season has been milder than initially expected, and certainly tame when compared with 2005, when a record 28 named tropical storms spawned 15 hurricanes.

MNA/Reuters



A high-speed Maglev train during testing west of Tokyo in 2003.—INTERNET

Vietnam’s cashew exports to drop

HANOI, 26 Sept — Vietnam is estimated to earn some 400 million US dollars from exporting cashew nuts this year,

down from 486 million dollars last year, according to the Vietnam Cashew Association on Monday. The potential decline

is partly attributed to the world’s weaker purchasing power for cashew nuts and low quality of most of Vietnamese nuts.

Poor application of scientific and technical advancements in growing cashew trees and processing cashew nuts results in uneven quality of the nuts. As a result, some foreign customers turn to imports from India.

Vietnam exported 79,000 tons of cashew nuts worth 317 million dollars, mainly to China, US, the Netherlands, Australia, Canada, England and Russia, in the first eight months of this year, up 21.2 per cent in volume and 1.4 per cent in value, the association said.

MNA/Xinhua

Wealthy Canberrans saddled with debt

SYDNEY, 26 Sept—New figures show households in the ACT are among the richest in Australia, but they also have the most debt.

Canberrans own an average of \$580,000 worth of assets, according to the latest figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

But Rod Campbell from the ABS says Territory households also racked up the highest debt in the country, owing an average \$76,000.

The balance of owner occupied home loans is the largest liability, with around \$48,000 for the Canberra households against around \$40,000 for the national average, he says.

Canberrans also have more than \$2,000 charged to their credit cards and \$1,800 worth of student loans.

But they have a better chance of clearing the debts, with the biggest pay packets in the country, averaging \$200 a week more than the other states and territory.

Internet



A model displays the Canon Ixus 65 camera decorated with 380 diamonds one day before the opening of the Photokina 2006 World Fair for Imaging in Cologne on 25 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



In this undated photo provided by IronMind Enterprises, Charleston, W Va, firefighter Phil Pfister pulls a bus during a competition in Sanya, China, to become the first American in 24 years to win the World’s Strongest Man competition.—INTERNET

Japan urged to make constructive efforts to remove political obstacles

CHANGSHA, 26 Sept—Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi on Monday called on Japan to make constructive efforts to remove political obstacles on bilateral ties.

Wu told Nikai Toshihiro, visiting Japanese Economy, Trade and Industry Minister, chill political ties between

the two countries had brought negative impact on bilateral cooperation in various fields.

China attaches importance to developing friendly relations with Japan, she said, expressing hope the two sides join hands to promote China-Japan peaceful co-existence, mutual benefits

and long-term friendship.

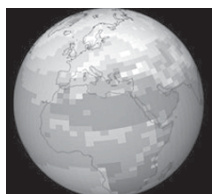
Regarding China and Japan as crucial close neighbours, the Vice-Premier said to develop stable and long-range good-neighbourly ties meets the fundamental interests of the two countries as well as the two peoples.

MNA/Xinhua



Yang Min, 22, poses with a photo which shows her look before plastic surgery, in northwestern Xi'an on 24 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Scientists say Earth temperature reaches dangerous level



BEIJING, 26 Sept—The Earth's temperature has reached its highest level in thousands of years, which has begun to affect plants and animals, according to a report published in Tuesday's issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

According to the study that analyzed temperatures around the globe, researchers from NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York, found that the Earth has been warming at a rate of 0.36 degree Fahrenheit (0.2 degrees Celsius) per

decade in the last 30 years. That brings the overall temperature to the warmest in the current interglacial period, which began about 12,000 years ago, said James Hansen, who led the research team.

The researchers noted that 1,700 plant, animal and insect species moved poleward at an average rate of about 6.4 km per decade in the last

50 years. The warming has been stronger in the far north, where melting ice and snow expose darker land and rocks beneath allowing more warmth from the sun to be absorbed more over land than water. —Internet

A policeman walks among 1,200 motorcycles provided by the local government for the police in Guiyang, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 27 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



Villagers carry their belongings and board a boat at a flooded paddy field at Bharatpur in Murshidabad district, about 280 kilometres (175 miles) north of Kolkata, India, on 26 Sept, 2006. The annual monsoon rains, which begin in June and generally end in September, have killed more than 800 people this year across India, with most deaths blamed on drowning, landslides, house collapses, or electrocution. —INTERNET

New bird flu death in Thailand confirmed

BANGKOK, 26 Sept—A Thai man in his middle age has died of the deadly H5N1 bird flu virus in northeastern Thailand last month, Public Health Ministry source quoted

by local media said on Tuesday.

The 59-year-old man of northeastern province of Nong Bua Lam Phu died on 10 August at hospital and laboratory test just confirmed the H5N1 virus, a health official quoted by Thai multimedia group *The Nation*.

The new deadly case brings the death toll in the country from the H5N1 virus this year to three. Thailand is among the countries hardest hit by the deadly H5N1 virus, having recorded 25 human cases, including 17 fatalities, since the outbreak in 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

Moderate quake jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 26 Sept—A 6.0 magnitude earthquake struck the Indonesian eastern province of Gorontalo Monday, causing no harms.

The quake occurred at 10:43 local time (02:43 GMT) and was centred 52 kilometres beneath the South Maluku Sea, according to a report by the meteorology and geophysics agency.

The tremour lasted for about 10 seconds but caused no damages, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

China exports 53% of local-made air conditioners

BEIJING, 26 Sept— Fifty-three per cent of Chinese-made air conditioners have been sold overseas since the beginning of this year, according to a latest report released by the China Household Electrical Appliances Association (CHEAA).

This is the first time the export of air conditioners made in China has exceeded domestic sales since the country started to export

air conditioners 16 years ago, the CHEAA said in the annual report on China's air conditioner industry.

China, the world's largest base for air conditioner production, now has an annual production capacity of over 120 million air conditioners, which can meet 80 per cent of the global market demand, the CHEAA said.

The current global market, however, only needs about 52 million

air conditioners from China, so the country's manufacturers face the problem of oversupply, according to the CHEAA.

China's air conditioner market is now dominated by a few brands. The top three home brands, Haier, Gree and Midea, occupy 55.8 per cent of the market share, and the first ten brands account for more than 85 per cent of the country's market share.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, a foreign performer wears sunflower-shaped decoration as she smiles during a parade of the 9th Beijing International Cultural Tourism Festival in Beijing, China, on 24 Sept. —INTERNET

China to help build Nigeria's first standard railway

LAGOS, 26 Sept— China is to build the 1,400-kilometre-long Lagos-Kano Railway, the first standard railway in Nigeria, a spokesman for the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC) said here on Monday.

The construction of the double-track line would involve a total investment of 8.3 billion US dollars, NRC Spokesman David Ndakotsu told reporters in Nigeria's commercial capital Lagos.

To pave way for the new line, he said, "the NRC management has set up monitoring units in its seven districts to identify and demolish structures in areas proposed for the new standard rail".

Ndakotsu said masts erected by public utility companies and private organizations on the corridors of the proposed standard gauge would be demolished.

He added that such organizations had been served a month's notice to relocate such facilities.

"The NRC is hopeful that companies such as the Power Holding Company of Nigeria, the Nigerian Telecommunication Corporation (NITEL) and private telephone operators who have erected masts, cables and pylons on the rail lines will comply with the directive," he said.

Ndakotsu expressed satisfaction with the level of support the corporation had received from the governments of Lagos, Oyo, Ogun, Kaduna and Kano states on the Lagos-Kano railway project that will traverse these states. — MNA/Xinhua



Staff employee Charlotte Paradise looks at a gold clock salt owned by sixteenth century British monarch Henry VIII, at the Tate Britain in central London, on 26 Sept, 2006. INTERNET

Ecuador bus crash kills 47, including 17 children

QUITO (Ecuador), 26 Sept — At least 47 people, including 17

children, were killed when their bus crashed and flipped off the highway in Papallacta about 40 miles (60 kilometres) from the Ecuadorean capital Quito, authorities said on Sunday.

The victims were members of the same extended family who had rented a bus for a trip, a Red Cross official said.

Five children survived the crash and were transferred to a hospital, officials said.

A television station showed images of bodies on the side of the road and firefighters trying to pull survivors from the wreckage.

MNA/Reuters



An egret picks up a fish from the water in the Mangrove Nature Reserve on the Shenzhen Bay in Futian District on 26 Sept. Groups of migrant birds have arrived in Shenzhen to spend the winter here, one month earlier than usual, which experts say has been caused by the early arrival of cold weather in the north. —INTERNET

Albania faces increased brain drain

TIRANA, 26 Sept — More and more skilled and educated Albanian people left the tiny Western Balkan country and sought jobs abroad, a study by the International Organization for Migration available on Monday concluded.

The study found that, since 1990 when the brain drain began, more than 40 per cent of Albanian lecturers and researchers have left the country, most

flowing to Canada, the United States and Germany.

Many young people, still working in Albania, wish to leave the country for a long period, if not forever. And of those who are studying abroad, only 5 per cent say they will return, the study revealed.

Albania is a country

of emigration.

It has a population of a little bit of more than three million, more than one million of them have emigrated abroad, of whom about 700,000 are living in neighboring Greece and some 300,000 in Italy, with the rest in Western Europe and North America.

MNA/Xinhua

Norway to monitor data from Japanese satellite

STOCKHOLM, 26 Sept— The European Space Agency (ESA) has awarded the Norwegian Space Centre the contract to monitor the scientific data sent from the Japanese solar research satellite *Solar B*, according to reports reaching here from Oslo on Monday.

The six-year contract is worth 60 million Norwegian kroner (about 10.2 million US dollars), and is one of the largest contracts between ESA and Norwegian research and industry, Norwegian Broadcasting reported.

Norway will also build a European data base which will distribute all data from *Solar B*, the report said.

The data from the *Solar B* will be downloaded to the Norwegian ground station SvalSat at Svalbard which has been chosen because of its favourable location in the far north.

This allows several more "readings" during the day, than at other ground stations around the world, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua



Lam Sai-wing, chairman of Hang Fung Gold Technology Group, poses during an opening ceremony of an exhibition hall decorated with two tonnes of gold next to his jewellery shop in Hong Kong on 23 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye shakes hands with outgoing Military Attaché Colonel Hj Abbas Bin Hj Mat of Malaysia at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. (News on Page 16) —MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes incoming Military Attaché Colonel Sanusi Bin Hashim of Malaysia at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. (News on Page 16) — MNA

Union Highways, roads and bridges linking major cities being built for emergence of development infrastructures

Phainglin Bridge on Tamu-Zedi Road inaugurated in Tamu Township

YANGON, 27 Sept — A ceremony to open Phainglin Bridge built by Bridge Construction Special Group 14 on Nantya Creek at mile post 37/2 of Tamu-Zedi Road in Tamu Township was held at the pandal near the bridge yesterday morning.

First, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye delivered

an address. He said that thanks to opening Phainglin Bridge, local people will have easy access to Tamu and Zedi Regions in a short time. The Government is striving with goodwill for equitable development of all parts of the Union and economic growth of the people to ensure uplift of their living standard. Especially, Union Highways, roads and bridges linking major cities are being built for emergence



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Phainglin Bridge. — CONSTRUCTION

of development infrastructures.

He added that as

peace and stability have been restored in the nation, the seven-step Road

Map is being implemented for transformation of the nation into a

modern, developed and democratic nation. Therefore, the people are to join hands with the Government for durability of the development infrastructures. In addition, the people are to make utmost efforts for the emergence of the peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation and for perpetuation of the Union.

Afterwards, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun gave a speech. He said that in the time of the Tatmadaw (See page 9)



Phainglin Bridge in Tamu Township, Sagaing Division. — CONSTRUCTION

Plots and conspiracies hatched up by US using UN to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs

A Reader

I noticed the statement about the stance of the government and the people in the 19th September issues of Myanmar newspapers in respect to the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

The news carried facts about various attempts of the US to put pressure on and persuade some UNSC alternate members in its endeavour to interfere in the Myanmar's internal affairs as follows:

The US has been interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar constantly. Now, it has attempted to put pressure on Myanmar by utilizing the UN. In the procedural voting at the UNSC, the US pressured alternate member countries politically and economically and persuaded them with international aids. Even Japan which has been traditionally friendly to Myanmar and had declared that it would not accept the attempts of the US to put Myanmar on the agenda, has changed its stance, yielding to the pressure of the US, that is regrettable. In reminiscence, during World War II, the Japanese occupied Myanmar and treated cruelly upon Myanmar people. Nevertheless, Myanmar people with sincerity and broad-mindedness forgave the Japanese. However, Japan ignores it and has a bias in favour of the superpower instead of rendering a helpful hand to Myanmar, a fellow Asian country. Likewise, some alternative member countries which hold the correct view that Myanmar as just

internal affairs posing no threat to intentional peace and security, changed their stance under the pressure of the US. Myanmar and her people understand those countries. Yet, all should be aware of the fact that the danger of interfering in internal affair of a small nation by misusing the UNSC authority in the interests of a big nation can also befall other small countries at any time. It is also found that the US had made such inappropriate efforts in the past to persuade alternate member countries with foreign aids. Such inappropriate efforts were also criticized in a study at Harvard University.

For in-depth knowledge of the study the full text of the article will be presented. In the article **"Vote Buying in UN Security Council by Any Other Form: Study"** dated 25 August 2006 by JT Nguyen of Deutsche Presse Agentur it is stated as follows:

"Developing countries that succeed in winning a seat on the UN Security Council may reap economic benefits from rich countries, particularly the United States, that are willing to buy their votes, a Harvard study says.

"Foreign aid receipts to those countries may increase in time of conflict and political crises around the world because the main payer - the United States - would need their votes in the 15-nation council, two Harvard economists say.

"On average, a non-permanent member of the council enjoys a 59-per-cent increase in total aid from the United States and an 8-per-cent increase in total development aid from the United Nations," the study says.

"In dollar terms, the study says a developing country serving on the council expects to receive

during its tenure an additional 16 million dollars from the US in foreign aid and 1 million dollars from the UN. The aid may increase in time of crises: 45 million dollars from the US and 8 million dollars from the UN.

"The study says a country's strategic interests have a causal impact on the way foreign aid is distributed, which explains why aid for poverty alleviation does not always work, since humanitarian concerns are not a priority when governments decide on their aid package.

"The study titled, 'How much is a seat on the Security Council worth? Foreign aid and bribery at the United Nations,' is to be published in October in the Journal of Political Economy. An advanced copy was given to Deutsche Presse-Agentur, dpa.

"Their authors, Ilyana Kuziemko and Eric Werker, respectively from Harvard University and Harvard Business School, use mathematical formulas and government data on foreign aid to make the case of vote buying and bribery in the UN political body, whose decisions are binding.

"They say results of their study on the voting practices and the amount of foreign aid received by council members lends 'strong support to the bribery hypothesis.'

"The study names no countries. It says previous empirical studies by other authors show a 'political component to the allocation of foreign aid.'

"The council is composed of five permanent members: the US, Russia, China, France and Britain which hold veto power over UN resolutions, and 10 countries elected for two-year terms - usually referred to as non-permanent or elected members.

"The elected members are mostly developing countries. But others like Germany, Japan, Spain, Canada and Italy belong to the developed world, which disburse financial assistance to poor countries.

"The study says aid payments to elected Security Council members increase sharply during their two-year term and drop almost immediately as soon as they complete their tenure.

"The sharp increase challenges the notion that the correlation is being driven by an unobserved, secular change in a country's international influence or diplomatic savoir-faire," the study says.

"It says the elected members are 'willing to trade their vote for favours: they promote another country's interests in the Security Council in exchange for development aid from a UN agency over which the other country has influence.'

"It said the United States may send aid payments directly or funds from the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) to the elected council members. The US is the largest financial contributor to UNICEF, which has been headed by an American. The current UNICEF executive director is Ann Veneman, a former US secretary of agriculture.

"The authors of the study said they investigated key events in the Security Council and international diplomacy since the founding of the world organization in 1945 as a basis for their charges of corruption in the UN system.

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For in-depth knowledge of the study the full text of the article will be presented. In the article "Vote Buying in UN Security Council by Any Other Form: Study" dated 25 August 2006 by JT Nguyen of Deutsche Presse Agentur it is stated as follows:

"Developing countries that succeed in winning a seat on the UN Security Council may reap economic benefits from rich countries, particularly the United States, that are willing to buy their votes, a Harvard study says.

"Foreign aid receipts to those countries may increase in time of conflict and political crises around the world because the main payer - the United States - would need their votes in the 15-nation council, two Harvard economists say."

Plots and conspiracies hatched up by US using UN to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs

A Reader

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"The 10 elected seats in the council are divided among the world's five regions, which decide each year which countries should run for the seats. The UN General Assembly elects new council members, usually in October, by a two-thirds majority of vote.

"The current elected members are Argentina, Denmark, Greece, Japan and Tanzania, whose two-year terms will expire December 31. The other five are Congo, Ghana, Peru, Qatar and Slovakia with terms running until next December.

"Venezuela, which is opposed to US policies around the world, is campaigning for a seat in the coming October election in the General Assembly. The United States is opposed to Venezuela and has urged Guatemala to run."

Studying the article by the two economists from Harvard University makes it clear to the readers how the US conspires in the UN Security Council. The US has made attempts for years to put Myanmar affairs on the UNSC agenda. On 15 September 2006, the UNSC approved the decision by 10 votes for and four against, with one abstention. The nations that voted against the decision were

Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, two permanent members, and Qatar and Congo, two alternate members, and the abstention was Tanzania.

The above-mentioned facts unquestionably lend credence to the schemes plotted by the US in its attempt to use the UN for the interference in the internal affairs of Myanmar. The next article, I will present the stance of the countries that viewed impartially the objective conditions of Myanmar that does not pose any threat to international peace and security.

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Union Highways, roads and bridges linking...

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Government, 5,386 miles of roads and 218 major bridges 180 feet and above have been built. In Sagaing Division, 763 miles of roads and 12 major bridges have been opened. Furthermore, Kangyiwa Bridge, Uru Bridge and Namsalein Bridge are under construction. With regard to Phainglin Bridge, a Bailey bridge was built in 1996. However, the bridge was washed away in the flooding of the Nantya Creek in 1999. Hence, the construction of a new Bailey suspension bridge commenced on 10 October 2002, spending K 86 million, and the bridge was opened today. Thanks to construction of the bridge, various crops and forest products will be sent to the other regions of the country through Tamu-Kalay-Kalewa route and commodities will be sold to other

country through normal trade.

Later, U Khin Maung Tar, on behalf of the locals, spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, the commander, the minister and Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin of Kalay Station formally opened Phainglin Bridge.

They posed for a documentary photo with local people.

Next, the commander unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge. The commander and the minister sprinkled scented water on it.

The lower structure of the bridge is reinforced concrete foundation and pillars and the upper structure, suspension Bailey type. The bridge is 420 feet long and it has 10 feet and 9 inches wide motorway. The bridge can withstand 13-ton loads. — MNA

NPED Minister receives Indian Ambassador



National Planning and Economic Development Minister U Soe Tha receives Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra called on U Soe Tha, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development at the Ministry here this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw and officials concerned. — MNA

Minister meets Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw met Indian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra at his office

yesterday.

Also present at the call were officials of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw receives Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra. — COMMUNICATIONS

Diamond jubilee celebration of PyinOoLwin National Kandawgyi Gardens in December

YANGON, 27 Sept — The plan is underway to organize the diamond jubilee anniversary of National Kandawgyi Gardens of the Ministry of Forestry in PyinOoLwin Township on a grand scale in December 2006.

The celebration will include the first floriculture show and the opening ceremony of National Landmarks Garden. A magazine will be published to mark the diamond jubilee anniversary of the gardens. Manuscripts and cartoons including documentaries related to the gardens may be sent to the Director of Environmental and Wildlife Conservation Division of the Forest Department, Tel: 067-405397 and 01-681761 and the Director of Administration Division, Forest Department, Tel: 067-405401 and 01-681929. The ceremony to honour the manuscript writers will be held, and the magazine invites advertisements.

MNA

Minister inspects information work in Mandalay, Magway Divisions

YANGON, 27 Sept— Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a field trip to Kyaukpadaung Township Information and Public Relations Department in Mandalay Division on 22 September. During his meeting with service personnel of the department, the minister held discussions with them.

Present at the meeting were service personnel of Myingyan District and Kyaukpadaung Township IPRDs and responsible personnel

of Popa TV Re-transmission Station of MRTV. In his meeting with service personnel, the minister held discussions on systematic measures to be taken at the respective departments, fire preventive measures, efforts for sustainable development of rural libraries, tasks to be carried out for transmission of quality MRTV programme round the clock.

The following day the minister went on an inspection tour of Pauk

Township IPRD and held a meeting with service personnel. During the meeting, responsible personnel of Magway Division and Pakokku District IPRDs reported on functions and accomplishments of the departments. In connection with the reports, the minister gave instructions on measures to be taken for sustainable development of self-reliant libraries, making field trips down to grassroots level and discussions to be held and conducting mobile



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects wall magazines and photos at IPRD in Kyaukpadaung Township. — MNA



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with trainees of Refresher Course No 3/2006.— MNA

libraries.

Next, the minister inspected an already-finished TV Re-transmission Station of MRTV in Pauk Township and U Kyaw Shwe of Minbu District MRTV reported on preparations to retransmit MRTV programme. Afterwards, the minister made arrangements to fulfil the requirements.

On 24 September, the minister made an inspection tour of a newly-built TV Re-transmission Station in Htilin Township and U Kyaw Shwe of

Minbu District MRTV reported on arrangements made for establishment of a re-transmission station. In response to the reports, the minister made arrangements to fulfil the requirements.

The next day, the minister visited Refresher Course No 3/2006 for Work Proficiency, collectively-organized by Meiktila, Yamethin and Pyinmana Districts at Meiktila District IPRD and gave instructions that IPRD service personnel are to try to become qualified and skillful ones

as they keep in close touch with the public.

They already have skills, so they are to carry out the assignments given. They are to have sincerity, honesty and sense of duty while performing their tasks. They are to organize rural people to practise the habit of reading.

They are to repay gratitude of the State and the Head of State by striving to realize the objectives laid down by the ministry. Later, the minister cordially greeted the trainees.

MNA

Development tasks in border areas inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — Director-General U Than Swe of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department discussed regional development tasks with officials in Laukkai on 17 September.

On 18 September, he inspected Drug Elimination Museum in Laukkai and poppy-substitute paddy plantations. In Narli, he viewed thriving poppy-substitute plantations in Kokang region and Tarshwehtan and progress in construction of 22km road section of Tarshwehtan-Kongyan gravel road.

The director-general attended the ceremony to hand over

10,000 tons of rice provided by the People's Republic of China to farmers who had abandoned cultivation of poppy in border areas, and the senior official meeting

on cooperation in poppy-substitution development tasks between two countries on 19 September. On 20 September, he met with employees of border regions and inspected the

new hospital in Laukkai. He met with officials of Kokang region rice distribution office of WFP in Laukkai and pig breeding farm in Lonhtang Village. — MNA

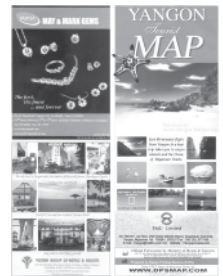


Director-General U Than Swe inspects poppy-substitute corn plantation in Tarshwehtan Village, Kokang Region. — MNA

Tourist Maps of Myanmar, Yangon Tourist Map in circulation

YANGON, 27 Sept— With the guidance of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Design Printing Services Co Ltd started publishing Tourist Guide Maps in 1995 with the purpose of the development of tourism industry in Myanmar. It has already published a total of 1,200,000 copies of maps so far.

With a view to ensuring smooth and convenient trekking for local travellers in open season, DPS is now publishing 60,000 copies of Tourist Maps of Myanmar and Yangon Tourist Map.



Tourist Guide Maps.

Tourist Maps of Myanmar and Yangon Tourist Maps are available at Myanmar Travel Service and DPS, No (165-167), 1st floor, 35th Street in Kyauktada Township free of charge.

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Commander attends Shan State USDA Annual General Meeting 2006

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — Shan State Union Solidarity and Development Association held the Annual General Meeting 2006 at the city hall in Taunggyi on 23 September morning.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye delivered an address.

Commander Brig-Gen Thaug Aye, Secretary of Shan State USDA U Nyan Lin and executive U Sai Lon Kyaw presented prizes to outstanding students and USDA members.

Next, the commander inspected the Sankyaungdaw of Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda in Nyaungshwe.

Chairman of Taunggyi District PDC Lt-Col

Myint Tin and officials reported on conveyance of the Buddha Images in Inlay Lake. In Namhu Village, the commander paid homage to Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda and offered gold foils to the image.

Later, the commander visited Myasekkya Weaving Workshop in Inpawkhon Village of Nyaungshwe Township.

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Commander visits blood donation ceremony in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 27 Sept — To hail the National Convention, a blood donation ceremony of Mawlamyine Township Lifelong Blood Donors Association was held at General Hospital in the township on 22 September under the leadership of Mawlamyine Township Union Solidarity and Development Association.

It was attended by Patron of Mon State USDA Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council

Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Thet Naing Win and wife Mon State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Myint Myint Soe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Zaw Min, Secretary of Mon State PDC Commissioner U Aung Win of Mon State General Administration Department, the Chairman of Mawlamyine District PDC and members, the Acting Medical Superintendent and officials, the Secretary

of Mawlamyine District USDA and executives. The commander and officials concerned viewed blood donations and presented and to the blood donors.

Altogether 30 blood donors participated in the donation.

Members of Lifelong Blood Donors Association had donated 300 bottles of blood within a year including the fifth blood donation ceremony and emergent cases.

MNA

MWAF provides cash assistance to patients



Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Lay Myint visits 300-bed General Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Health and the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, a team of specialists provided health care to 1,036 patients at Lewe People's Hospital here on 6 August.

The MWAF this afternoon made a cash donation to 114 patients who have to be transferred to Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (300-bed) at a ceremony held at the hospital.

Present on the occasion were MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint, heads of respective working groups, Director-General of the Department of Health Dr Tin Win Maung and officials. The Vice-President presented K 1.3 million to the hospital through medical superintendent Dr Kyi Win.

Then, the Vice-President and party comforted the patients. Lewe Township Women's

Affairs Organization and Peace and Development Council fulfilled the requirements of the patients.

The MWAF has so

far provided K2.1 million for the patients in Lewe Township. The ministry also performed medical check-ups on the patients.

MNA

Information Department of MWAF holds educative talk

YANGON, 27 Sept — Organized by Information Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, an educative talk was held at Women's Vocational Training School in Bahan Township this morning, attended by Deputy Head of the department Daw Mya Mya of MWAF and members, members of Information Department of Yangon Division WAO, the principal and trainers and trainees of the school.

Deputy Head of the department Daw Mya Mya extended greetings on the occasion.

Next, National Literary Award winner

Writer Ma Sanda gave talks titled "Half A Glass of Water".

Later, the principal accepted K 82,000 donated by Information Department of MWAF and Yangon Division and West District WAOs. — MNA

Writer Ma Sanda gives educative talks at Women's Vocational Training School in Bahan Township. MNA



Talks on combating trafficking in persons held



Daw Khin Myo Myint of MWAF holds a discussion with members of MWAF in Thandaypin Village.— MNA

YANGON, 27 Sept — Leader of Second Group for Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group Daw Khin Myo Myint of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, together with Leader of Sub-Working Group for Trafficking in Women and Children Daw Khin May Soe, Leader of Sub-Working Group for Violence against Women retired

professor Daw Htay Htay and members, held discussions with women from factories and wards of Hmawby Township at the Dhammayon of Koelongwin Monastery in Thandaybin Village in Hmawby Township yesterday afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairperson of Yangon Division Women's

Affairs Organization Daw Khin Myo Thu and members, the chairperson of Hmawby Township WAO and members and local women, totalling 300.

First, Leader of the Working Group Daw Khin Myo Myint gave lectures on salient points of MWAF, IP Daw M Khong Din of Anti-Human Trafficking Special Force on facts about combating trafficking in persons and legal affairs, retired professor Daw Htay Htay on prevention of violence against women, and Dr Daw Aye Myat Lwin of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group on human behavior for control of HIV/AIDS and replied to the questions raised by those present.— MNA

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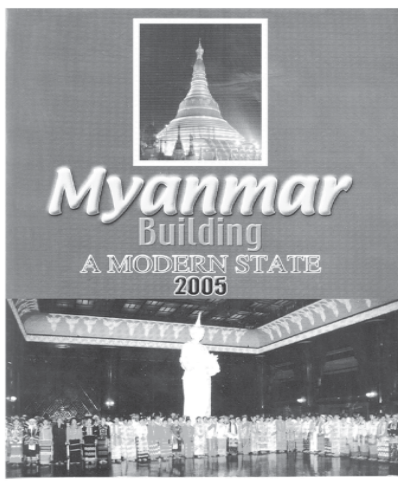
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Daihatsu Indonesia expanding production, outlets

JAKARTA, 25 Sept — Japanese carmaker Daihatsu has plans of expansion in Indonesia, including increasing production capacity and developing more outlets across the country, an executive has said.

"We plan to increase our production capacity from the current 114,000 units per year to 150,000 units next year," Johannes Loman, president director of PT Daihatsu Sales Operation, was quoted Monday by *The Jakarta Post* newspaper as saying.

"We'll also further

expand and strengthen our distribution network and improve after-sales services by raising the number of outlets across the country."

Daihatsu will continue to target the compact car market, cars with an engine capacity of below 1500CC and a selling price of 150 million rupiah (16,483 US dollars).

"Daihatsu's decision to make Indonesia its production base outside Japan will result in more affordable and more competitive Daihatsu cars," he said. "We see very good prospects for

Daihatsu next year. Compact cars such as Xenia and Taruna are becoming more and more popular in the Indonesian market. That's why we're sure that more and more Indonesians will buy our cars in the future."

Daihatsu last year managed to get an overall market share of about 10 per cent and targets to increase to at least 10.5 per cent this year.

With the average sales of 2,700 units per month, Xenia sells the most and has about 5,000 people on the waiting list, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Flood hits north India, killing 14

PATNA (India), 26 Sept—At least 14 people were killed by floods caused by heavy rains, which have wreaked havoc on the north Indian state of Bihar, according to an official report issued by the state government Monday.

The floods have hit various districts of north Indian state of Bihar for five days, which have a total of 38 districts. More than five million people in the state became homeless.

All major rivers in the state are flowing above the warning line and the rail as well as the road links to Patna, the state capital.

In districts like Bhagalpur and Banka, the authorities have sounded red alert keeping in view the gravity of the situation and sought helicopter from the state government for help.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's export revenue surges in first nine months

HANOI, 26 Sept— Vietnam is estimated to gain export earnings of 29.4 billion US dollars in the first nine months of this year, a year-on-year rise of 24.2 per cent, according to the country's General Statistics Office on Monday.

Between January and September, items with high export value growth include rubber, up 100 per cent to 950 million dollars; coffee, up 35 per cent to 788 million dollars; and seafood, up 19.2 per cent to 2.3 billion dollars.

During the period, Vietnam is estimated to

ship abroad over 4.1 million tons of rice totalling more than 1.1 billion dollars.

Meanwhile, the country is estimated to spend nearly 32.8 billion dollars on importing goods, mainly petroleum products, machinery, steel, fertilizers and automobiles, increasing 19.3 per cent over the same period last year.

Vietnam, whose export turnover surged 21.6 per cent to 32.2 billion dollars in 2005, can earn nearly 38 billion dollars from exports in 2006, local trade experts predicted.

MNA/Xinhua

A 19-day-old panda cub at Zoo Atlanta is held during her first examination in Atlanta, Georgia on 25 Sept, 2006. The panda cub was determined to be a girl, measuring 12.4 inches from nose to tail and weighing 1.4 pounds.—INTERNET



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China's guided-missile destroyer "Qingdao" arrives at Esquimalt Harbor outside Victoria, capital of Canada's British Columbia Province, on 25 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

Zimbabwe to set up state universities in all provinces

HARARE, 26 Sept—Zimbabwe's Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education said on Monday that the government plans to set up state universities in each of the country's ten provinces.

Deputy Minister for Higher and Tertiary Education Sikhanyiso Ndlovu said despite the serious challenges of funding affecting tertiary education, the government will continue striving to provide higher education to all deserving Zimbabweans.

He said committees are already working on the university charters of the proposed institutions in the provinces of Manicaland, Matabeleland South and Mashonaland East.

To ensure that higher education continues to be affordable, the gov-

ernment has proposed to semesterize the state university calendar, allowing students that drop out due to financial difficulties to rejoin when funds are available, the deputy minister said.

Considering the costs of conventional universities in which students will be resident, the deputy minister also spoke of the need to open more institutions without walls like the Zimbabwe open university.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia considering of selling uranium to India

CANBERRA, 26 Sept—Australian Prime Minister John Howard on Monday said Australia's policy of banning the sale of uranium to India has not changed at present but the Australian Government is considering the possibility of selling uranium to the South Asian country.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio reported that Howard said he supported the sale if India could guarantee the uranium will be used for peaceful purposes.

"As time goes by if India were to meet safeguard obligations some Australians would see it as anomalous if we would sell uranium to China but not to India," Howard was quoted as saying.

"But at the moment it would be against policy and there would need to be good reason to change that policy, but the issue is obviously under consideration," he said.

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DONATE BLOOD

China leads next generation Internet development

BEIJING, 26 Sept—China successfully built the core network of its next generation Internet, leading the world in developing a larger, faster and safer Internet that is to dominate the future.

The network, namely CNGI-CERNET2/6IX, passed the examination of an expert team organized by the Ministry of Education here on Saturday.

Experts said the network reached world leading level on the whole with major innovations and will give China a bigger say in the field.

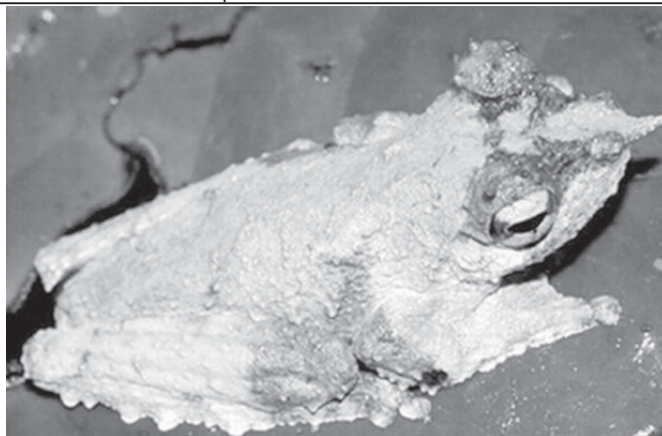
China launched the building of the China Next Generation Internet in 2003 and completed in 2005 its first next generation Internet, the CNGI-CERNET2.

The success of the CNGI's core network freed China from dependence on foreign key Internet technologies and products and ensured national information security, said experts.

Proposed in mid-1990s, the next generation Internet is estimated to increase the information transmitting speed by more than 1000 times to 40 gigabytes per second.

It also offers more safety, easier management and almost inexhaustible Internet addresses.

MNA/Xinhua



Handout obtained February 2006 from the Conservation International shows a new species of Litoria Prora, discovered from Foja mountain in Papua, Indonesia. Scientists have found at least 52 new marine species off the western coast of Indonesia's Papua, deeming the waters there to be one of the richest in the world.—INTERNET

China to examine ICBC's IPO application

BEIJING, 26 Sept—A special committee in charge of stock issuance

under the China Securities Regulatory Commission has announced that it will consider the initial public offering (IPO) application from the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) in the A-share market Tuesday. The ICBC, the country's biggest lender, plans to go public simultaneously on the Mainland and Hong Kong bourses next month.

The ICBC will issue 13 billion Renminbi-denominated A shares on the Chinese Mainland stock market, accounting for 3.96 per cent of its total shares after the IPO, and 35.39 billion H-shares on the Hong Kong market, with the same issue price.

By the end of June, total assets of the ICBC exceeded 70 trillion yuan (8.75 trillion US dollars), with net profits

of more than 25.1 billion yuan. Its ratio for non-performing loans stood at 4.1 per cent.

The government hopes its "big four" state banks—the ICBC, Bank of China, China Construction Bank and the Agricultural Bank of China—once plagued by bad debts, will strengthen corporate governance and streamline operations with the help of foreign investors and public listings.

The moves are part of the efforts made by the government, the major stockholder of the "big four", to overhaul China's banks before the full opening of the country's financial market to foreign competition by the end of this year under China's commitments to the World Trade Organization.

MNA/Xinhua



Ladies with long hair perform "combing and dressing up" for visitors in Guilin, a tourist city of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 26 Sept, 2006. A cultural festival was launched in the Multinational Autonomous County of Longsheng in Guilin on Tuesday. Performance with unique feature attracts hundreds of tourists.—XINHUA

SPORTS



Freddie Ljungberg (R) of Arsenal vies for the ball with Bosingwa of FC Porto during their group G Champions League match at Emirates Stadium in north London. Arsenal won the match 2-0.—INTERNET

Arsenal take charge with 2-0 win over Porto

LONDON, 27 Sept—Arsenal took control of Champions League Group G on Tuesday as goals from Thierry Henry and Alexandr Hleb eased them to a 2-0 victory over Portuguese Champions Porto at the Emirates Stadium.

Last season's runners-up top the group on six points after two games, with CSKA Moscow second on four after they beat Hamburg 1-0 earlier. Porto have one point.

Both sides started slowly at the Emirates Stadium before Arsenal started exert their influence midway through the first half.

Kolo Toure had a goal disallowed after a linesman ruled the ball had gone out of play in the

build-up while Dutch striker Robin Van Persie somehow managed to blast over the bar from metres with only the keeper to beat.

With the home side making the most of the width of their new pitch Porto struggled to keep up with Arsenal's quick one touch passing.

Full-backs Emmanuel Eboue and William Gallas pushed up forcing Porto back in to their own half and the pressure event-

Saha gives Man Utd 1-0 revenge win over Benfica

LISBON, 27 Sept— French striker Louis Saha scored a spectacular winner to give Manchester United a 1-0 revenge victory over Benfica in Champions League Group F on Tuesday.

Saha settled a scruffy game on the hour when he cut in from the right to drive in a powerful shot.

Victory gave United a maximum six points from two matches and made up for a 2-1 defeat by Benfica at the Luz stadium last season which knocked Alex Ferguson's men out of the competition.

Benfica are third on one point, with Celtic second on three after they beat FC Copenhagen 1-0 in Glasgow.

It was not a classic performance by United but, after failing to win an away game in the competition for almost three years, manager Alex Ferguson was in

no mood to complain.

"I think it was a good performance by us. We showed some good pace in our game," he told ITV.

"I thought we improved

tremendously in the second half. The goal was obviously the highlight of the match — it was a magnificent strike by Louis."

The first half was a tale of miss-placed passes and poor control.

Saha failed to snap up the rebound after a shot by Cristiano Ronaldo was parried by Benfica goal keeper Quimm while at the other end Benfica striker Nuno Gomes collected a neat pass from Paulo Jorge and with only goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar to beat, saw his shot shave the right post.

United were more organised after the break but, apart from Saha's impressive contribution, rarely threatened.—MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Louis Saha (R) shoots and scores past Benfica's Anderson Cleber during their Champions League Group F soccer match at the Luz Stadium in Lisbon on 26 Sept, 2006. Manchester United won the match with 1-0.—INTERNET

AC Milan held to 0-0 draw by gallant Lille

LENS (France), 27 Sept— Six-times European champions AC Milan were held to a goalless stalemate by Lille in their Champions League Group H game on Tuesday.

The Italians, who mostly dominated but were unable to break through their opponents' defence in a lively game played at RC Lens's Stade Felix-Bollaert, top the standings with four points.

Two weeks after a 1-1 draw at Anderlecht, Lille are third, level on points with the Belgians, who drew 1-1 at AEK Athens.

Lille, playing in nearby Lens because their stadium does not meet UEFA's standards, welcomed back captain Gregory Tafforeau from injury while Milan were without Yohann Gourcuff.

The French under-21

midfielder, who was instrumental in the 3-0 thrashing of AEK Athens in his club's opener, sustained a shoulder injury in training on Monday.

Carlo Ancelotti's Milan side got off to a shaky start while Lille gallantly took their chances with Abdulkader Keita a constant threat to the visiting defence.

The Rossoneri slowly recovered and had the clearest chance after 41 minutes when Kaka, perfectly set up by Andrea Pirlo, dribbled past goalkeeper Tony Sylva but failed to find the net.

MNA/Reuters

AEK frustrated again as Anderlecht claim draw

ATHENS, 27 Sept—AEK Athens suffered yet another night of Champions League frustration when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Belgian team Anderlecht in Group H on Tuesday.

The result at the Olympic Stadium means they have yet to win a match in the group stage of the competition after 20 attempts in which they have drawn 11 and lost nine. It also leaves AEK bottom of the group with just a point, one behind Anderlecht and Lille, who drew 0-0 with AC Milan, and three behind the Italians who beat them 3-0 two weeks ago.

Anderlecht opened the scoring against the run of play after 25 minutes when Argentinian striker Nicolas Frutos poked home from close range.

Three minutes later AEK levelled through Brazilian Julio Cesar and although they continued to create the better chances the Greek side failed to add a second.

AEK coach Lorenzo Serra Ferrer, already missing injured midfielder Emerson, sprung a surprise by dropping his most experienced striker Nikos Lyberopoulos to the bench along with Vassilis Lakis and Martin Pautasso.

Akis Zikos, a finalist with Monaco two years ago, was also missing from the team after straining his thigh in the warm-up.—MNA/Reuters



South Africa's Retief Goosen plays a tee shot on the practice ground during the first practice day of the American Express Championship golf tournament at the Grove in Watford, north of London, on 26 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Miller penalty wins for Celtic

GLASGOW, 27 Sept—Striker Kenny Miller converted a penalty to put Celtic's first Champions League points on the board in Group F with a 1-0 win over FC Copenhagen on Tuesday.

Miller slammed a low spot-kick beyond keeper Jesper Christiansen in the 36th minute of a game which Celtic deserved to win after enjoying the lion's share of the possession.

Celtic manager Gordon Strachan, whose team had lost 3-2 at Manchester United two weeks ago, said Miller had only volunteered earlier in the day to take any spot kicks, having just managed to squeeze one home for Scotland in a Euro 2008 qualifier against the Faroe Islands.

Miller could have had a hat-

trick but for the fine form of ex-Rangers keeper Jesper Christiansen. Miller fired the penalty past him after Japanese midfielder Nakamura had been brought down by Michael Gravggaard.

But Christiansen pulled off an astonishing one-handed save a minute from the interval from Miller's six-metre header following a cross on the left by Lee Naylor. Christiansen was then out quickly to block Miller with his legs after Aiden McGeady put the striker free on the left side of the box in the 66th minute.— MNA/Reuters



San Jose Sharks Ville Niemenin (C) jumps in the air to avoid blocking the puck as Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo (R) makes the save during first period NHL exhibition play in Vancouver, British Columbia, on 26 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Wildfire regains momentum in California

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept — A wildfire regained momentum outside Los Angeles late Monday after a quiet spell, prompting authorities to recommend evacuation of residents in the area.

The 3 week-old fire expanded after jumping a line on its northwest perimeter, reaching a peak in a remote area in Ventura County outside Los Angeles, authorities said on Tuesday.

"The fire made a significant advance," said Rod Torres, an inspector with the Ventura County Fire Department.

Forty-five fire engines were dispatched to protect structures in the

community, authorities said.

The wildfire, which has cost local agencies more than 36 million US dollars, has burned about 140,000 acres of land. Earlier on Monday, it was estimated to be 41 per cent contained, but later got worse because of strong winds.

Two firefighters suffered minor injuries on Monday, but no residences were damaged.

Officials warned that the fire could continue burning into December,

Chubby baby weighing 6.2 kilos born in N-W China

URUMQI, 27 Sept — A new-born baby weighing 6.2 kilos has beaten a record that has stood for 52 years at a hospital in Changji City, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

The baby boy, born last Friday, is the biggest baby

and that thick smoke is likely to persist well into October. — MNA/Xinhua

ever born at the No 1 People's Hospital of Changji City, said Ran Chunyan, head of the Maternity Department of the hospital on Tuesday.

The baby was 55 centimetres long.

The newborn, who was delivered by Caesarean section, is in good health, said Ran.

"I was surprised to see my chubby baby," said Chen Yang, 30-year-old mother of the newborn.

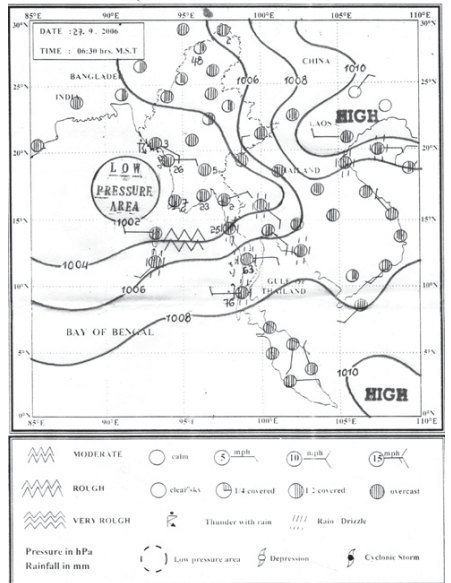
She said she did not feel anything unusual during her pregnancy although she had a good appetite and had some difficulty taking her daily walk near the end of her pregnancy.

MNA/Xinhua



An undated hand-out photograph from Shree Airlines shows a MI-172 helicopter in Nepal. Shree Airlines 9N-AHJ (MI-172) helicopter with 20 passengers and four crew members, including a Nepali minister and other prominent figures, went missing on 23 Sept, 2006. — XINHUA

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 27 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Kayah and Kayin States and Mandalay Division, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pyaw and Myeik (3.15) inches, Kawthoung (3.07) inches, Ye (2.80) inches, Thayawady (2.60) inches, Zaung Tu (2.24) inches, Hkamti (1.89) inches and Aunglan (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-9-2006 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 27-9-2006 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-9-2006 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 26-9-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 27-9-2006 were (0.56) inch at Mingaladon, (0.90) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.54) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (92.17) inches at Mingaladon, (104.13) inches at Kaba-Aye and (107.76) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from East at (09:00) hours MST on 27-9-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed over East Central Bay. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North and East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kachin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Kayin and Chin States 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 off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in coastal Myanmar area.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 28-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 28-9-2006: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 28-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 11:00 hr MST on 27-9-2006)
According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada is (1342) cm. It may fall below its danger level (1342) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.



Thursday, 28 September

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
- Moonlight promises Skeeter Davis
- Sounds of silence.... Simon & Garfunkel
- Sealed with a kiss
- Single girl Sunny Possey
- 9:00pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pourri
- 9:30pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 28 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. ကြည်ညိုစိတ်ဖြင့် ဖွဲ့ဆိုတူဖျော် မကွေး မြသလွန် အတီတော်
- 7:55 am
- 5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:05 am
- 6. Dance of national races
- 8:15 am

- 7. အတီပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
- 8. Dance variety
- 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. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ်(၃) အခြေစိုက်ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဆဋ္ဌမအကြိမ် ဓမ္မကြာတော်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ(တတိယဆူ) (အထက-၁၊ ကျောက်တန်း) (အမျိုးသားစိတ်ကစားအဖွဲ့)
- 4:45 pm
- 4. အထွေထွေကဏ္ဍသို့လှည့်ပေးရမည့်သင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သိပ္ပံအထူးပြု အားလုံး) (စတုစော)
- 5:00 pm
- 5. Cute little dancers
- 5:15 pm
- 6. "သုဿရဇ်မရှိတဲ့ဥပဇာ" (မင်းခေါ၊ စင်စာပြည်ကျော်၊ ကရီကျော်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ယုဇင်ကျော်)
- 5:25 pm
- 7. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 5:40 pm
- 8. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရူး၊ အတီပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အောင်မြင်ပညာ အဆင့်)(အမျိုးသားအမျိုးသမီး)
- 6:00 pm
- 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 11. သီရိဇာလာ
- 7:00 pm
- 12. စိမ်းလန်းစိုပြေအပူပိုင်းဒေသ နယ်မြေ
- 7:15 pm
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်နတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 8:00 pm
- 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေးပထမချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 18. The next day's programme

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Malaysian Military Attachés

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received outgoing Malaysian Military Attaché Colonel Hj Abbas Bin Hj Mat and new Malaysian Military Attaché Colonel Sanusi Bin Hashim at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here this morning.

Also present at the call were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives outgoing Military Attaché Colonel Hj Abbas Bin Hj Mat and new Military Attaché Colonel Sanusi Bin Hashim of Malaysia at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Shan State (East) Special Region 4 stands together with government, people

US statement extremely out of touch with nation's objective conditions

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — Military and Regional Administrative Committee of Shan State (East) Special Region 4 issued a declaration officially expressing its stance on the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council.

The following is the full text of the declaration:

The declaration of the Military and Regional Administrative Committee of Shan State (East) Special Region 4

25 September 2006

Our aspirations are national peace and stability, economic progress, and a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state.

The government has been implementing the seven-point Road Map. All independent races and nations should give priority to ensuring self-determination on self-reliant efforts and to upholding and maintaining international prestige of the nation and the race.

We have learnt that due to the submission of the permanent US representative to the UN that Myanmar posed a threat to regional stability,

a decision was made on 15 September 2006 to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC.

The statement made by the US is extremely out of touch with the objective conditions of our nation. The whole nation including Shan State (East) Special Region 4 is practically enjoying peace and stability and development as never before, and is in the process of making energetic efforts for the emergence of a new democratic nation.

The decision amounts to ignoring our efforts to build a new democratic nation. In addition, it will lead to encroaching upon Our Three Main National Causes and delaying the process of building a new democratic nation.

We in the Special Region 4 do not accept and object and condemn the US for attempting to interfere in the nation's internal affairs, using the UN as a tool, and stand together with the government and the people.

Signed

U Sai Lin
Chairman MNA