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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

People, using State assistance, urged to put energies into work for improvement of living standard and in interest of State

Central Committee for Rehabilitation of Salt Industry in Storm-hit Regions meets

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivered an address at the coordination meeting on rehabilitation of salt industry in storm-hit regions of Ayeyawady Division, held at the hall of Government Office, here, yesterday evening.

Also present at the meeting were ministers, directors-general of the

State Peace and Development Council Office and Government Office, departmental heads, the chairman and members of the Central Committee for Rehabilitation of the Salt Industry in Storm-hit Regions, responsible persons of banking services and private salt entrepreneurs of the storm-hit regions.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said it is known to all that the

people in seven townships in Ayeyawady Division and 40 townships in Yangon Division lost many lives and property in cyclonic storm Nargis that hit on 2 and 3 May 2008. The National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee laid down three plans: relief, rehabilitation and prevention of natural disaster for long term in accord with the guidance of the Head of State; and as soon as the storm had hit, the ministers together with him supervised relief of storm-hit regions.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers an address at coordination meeting on rehabilitation of salt industry in storm-hit regions of Ayeyawady Division.

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As provision of basic needs and health care services were performed in the event of Nargis in a short time, the international community praised the endeavours of Myanmar in comparison with the event of Tsunami.

Tissue culture for public use

YANGON, 10 Sept— A Tissue Culture Course No.1 for 2008 will be conducted at Central Ag-

ricultural and Training School in Zayetkwin of Hlegu Township from 6 to 11 October.

Jointly organized by Myanmar Fruit and Vegetable Producer Association and Myanma Agriculture Service, the course will provide subject on plant propagation of banana and orchid. It will start at 8 am and end at 4 pm. Application forms are to be submitted to MFVPEA at No. 262/264, Dagon Centre Block-A, Pyay Road, Sixth Floor, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township (Ph-514226), not later than 30 September.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Prevent and expose terrorist acts

The press conference (1/2008) of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council was held at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw the other day. Bomb explosion in Shwepyitha, exposing the plot, movements of anti-government groups and their links and objective conditions were clarified.

Nowadays the government is building a new modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation laying down Our Three Main National Causes as the national duty. Moreover, the government is implementing the seven-step Road Map phase by phase. The State Constitution conforming to a new nation has been approved.

Economic plans for national development are being implemented and achievements have also been made in every sector with the participation of the national people. All the people are now enjoying fruits of peace and stability and development.

In such a situation, internal and external anti-government terrorist groups under the pretext of democracy and human rights issues are creating disturbance and committing destructive acts. Although there were some explosions in Yangon perpetrated by the saboteurs, those who got involved in the incidents were exposed with the help of the people.

Innocent people were killed or wounded due to the destructive acts of internal and external terrorist groups disguising as human rights activists.

Now there is peace and stability and prevalence of law and order in the country with strong national unity. It is a must for all the people to prevent terrorist and destructive acts that threaten their lives and property with constant vigilance.

Principal Mr Kawa Shima Han Shi of Shizuoka International School makes clarifications on education programme of Fuji Japanese Language Centre and Shizuoka International School.—MNA



People's Desire

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

MPF members honoured for good policing

YANGON, 10 Sept—A ceremony to honor police members who successfully took part in the work of security, community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order in Yangon Division by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Division PDC office on Bank street in Kyauktada Township here yesterday afternoon with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint.

Commander of Yangon Division Police Force Col Win Naing accepted cash awards and one set of computer presented by the commander and cash awards presented by Mayor



Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint presents cash awards and a set of computer to Police Col Win Naing.—MNA

Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and spoke words of thanks. After the ceremony, the commander, the mayor and guests looked into C.V and documentary photos of culprits and seized items.

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Flood News

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept— According to the 11.30 MST observation today of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpan-an is 769 cm and it has exceeded by 19 cm (about 7 inches) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 750 cm

during the next two days. According to the 11.30 MST observation today, the water level of Dokhtawady river at Myitnge is 882 cm and it has exceeded by 12 cm (about 5 inches) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 870 cm during the next two days.—MNA

Fuji Japanese Language Centre and Shizuoka International School to provide education programmes

YANGON, 10 Sept— Fuji Japanese Language Centre and Shizuoka International School launched a ceremony to clarify educative matters at Fuji Centre in Pazaungtaung Township on 8 September.

Principal of Shizuoka International School Mr Kawa Shima Han Shi made clarifications on education programmes and replied to the queries raised by parents of the students. Next, those who will attend the school for 2009 academic year were given the exam test

followed by the interviews.

Apart from the students of Fuji Centre, those who are wishing to attend Shizuoka International School can sit for the exam test. Level (1, 2, 3 and 4) practice sections have already opened for the examination of Japanese Embassy to be held in December.

Anyone can attend basic classes free of charge. For further information, contact Fuji Japanese Language Centre (Tel-290925, 09-8551499).

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Earthquake report

YANGON, 10 Sept—Department of Meteorology and Hydrology issued that a moderate earthquake of intensity 5.3 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about 800 miles south of Dawei Seismological observatory was recorded at 9.36 MST today.—MNA

Afghans say will open graves to show civilian deaths

AZIZABAD, (Afghanistan), 10 Sept—Relatives of Afghans killed in a US-led coalition raid in western Herat province offered on Tuesday to dig up graves to support claims of large-scale civilian deaths.

But they said that US-led forces must leave Afghanistan “in shame” if it was proven that an American account of the 22 August air strike in Shindand district that most of the victims were Taliban fighters was wrong.

The incident has outraged Afghans and opened a rift between coalition forces on the one hand and the Afghan government and the UN on the other, which both say that more than 90 civilians were killed.

The US military, which earlier disputed that figure, said it would re-investigate after new evidence had emerged about civilian casualties in the raid on Azizabad village.

“We are ready to dig out every grave to show the Americans that civilians, including women and children, were killed in the air strikes,” village elder Gul Ahmad Khan, who said he lost three children in the strike, told Reuters.

But Khan, who represented the village during President Hamid Karzai's visit last week to commiserate with the families, said the US must first agree it would pull out all its forces from the country if it was proved that civilians died in the strike.

Internet



An Afghan woman stands next to the remains of her home which was destroyed in a US air strike at Azizabad village in Herat province, east of Kabul.

INTERNET

Soldier kills self after returning from second Iraq tour

EAST BRUNSWICK (US), 10 Sept—When the final tally is made of American casualties in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Sgt. Coleman S. Bean will not be listed among the war dead.

The 25-year-old Bean served two tours of duty in Iraq. He landed there with paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Division during the first days of the war, and saw combat duty in Northern Iraq.

Upon returning home he was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. Despite the diagnosis, he was deployed to Iraq for a second time, returning home in May. A third deployment remained a possibility.

Saturday night, following a car accident and a brief hospital stay, Bean returned to his home in South River and took his own life.

“He was a casualty of this war in a different way,” said his father, Gregory Bean, who remains angry that his son was returned to the war, despite a diagnosis of PTSD he calls “dramatic.”

“He did seek help for PTSD at the VA hospital (in Lyons), and we were trying to get him into rehab, when he was recalled (in 2007), and it was like the army didn't care,” said the elder Bean.—Internet

Obama rejects Bush Iraq withdrawal plan

WASHINGTON, 10 Sept - Democrat Barack Obama blasted George W. Bush's decision to keep Iraq war troop levels largely unchanged, linking Republican rival John McCain to the unpopular president's war policies as he tried to regain momentum in the presidential race.

Bush said that he would keep the U.S. force strength in Iraq largely intact until the next president takes over and outlined what he called a “quiet surge” of additional American forces in Afghanistan. Obama fired back that the announcement means taxpayers “will continue to spend \$10 billion a month in Iraq while the Iraqi government sits on a \$79 billion surplus.”

“In the absence of a timetable to remove our combat brigades, we will continue to give Iraq's leaders a blank check instead of pressing them to reconcile their differences,” Obama said while campaigning in Ohio, a crucial swing state.

Bush also spoke of raising the troop level in Afghanistan to nearly 31,000, compared with about 146,000 in Iraq. He said that a Marine battalion that had been scheduled to go to Iraq in November would go to Afghanistan instead, and that that would be followed by one Army combat brigade.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan had been expected to dominate the 2008 presidential campaign but have been overshadowed by the deeply troubled economy and social service issues.—Internet

TV journalist escapes assassination in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 10 Sept—An Iraqi journalist for one of the Middle East's best-known satellite television stations escaped assassination Tuesday when a bomb was found under the seat of his car as he prepared to leave home for work.

The attempt against Jawad al-Hattab, Baghdad bureau manager for Al-Arabiya television, illustrates the dangers facing Iraq despite the decline in violence.

President Bush cited those dangers when he announced Tuesday that he would keep US troop strength mostly intact

through 2008.

Al-Hattab's driver and a security guard discovered the laptop-sized bomb as they waited to pick up the correspondent at his home in central Baghdad, according to the station's executive editor Nabil Khatib.

The two moved away from the car and summoned police but the device exploded before they arrived, heavily damaging the vehicle and setting it on fire, Khatib said.

“It appears that it was timed to explode while al-Hattab was driving to the office,” Khatib said, calling the blast “an attempt on his life and an attack against the station.”

Al-Arabiya, based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, is among the most popular Arabic TV news stations and has been criticized by Iraqi hard-liners who believe it is too pro-Western.—Internet

The site of a suicide attack in Herat in Afghanistan recently.

INTERNET



Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the biggest and most complex machine ever made.—INTERNET

‘Big Bang’ experiment starts well

GENEVA, 10 Sept —Scientists have hailed Wednesday a successful switch-on for an enormous experiment which will recreate the conditions a few moments after the Big Bang.

They have now fired two beams of particles called protons around the 27km-long tunnel which houses the Large Hadron Collider (LHC).

The £5bn machine on the Swiss-French border is designed to smash particles together with cataclysmic force.

Scientists hope it will shed light on fundamental questions in physics.

The first beam completed its first circuit of the underground tunnel at just before 0930 BST. The second successfully circled the ring after 1400 BST.

Cern has not yet announced when it plans to carry out the first collisions, but these are expected to happen before the machine shuts down for winter.

Internet

Russia proposes closer ties with OPEC

VIENNA, 10 Sept — Russian Vice Premier Igor Sechin reached out to OPEC late Tuesday, calling for greater cooperation between the cartel and his country in a move linked by some analysts to the Georgia-Russia conflict.



Russian Vice Premier Igor Sechin. —INTERNET

Sechin, who is chairman of Russia's biggest Russian oil group Rosneft, said a "draft memorandum of understanding" had been submitted to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries on closer cooperation between Russia and the group.

"Cooperation with OPEC is one of the priorities of Russia," he said, according to a statement read out at the opening of a meeting of

OPEC's 13 members here.

He underscored that OPEC powerhouse Saudi Arabia and Russia were the largest oil producers in the world — they are number one and two measured by output — and referred to the "ambitious potential" of cooperation with the cartel.

The timing of the visit to OPEC by such a senior Russian official is likely to raise eyebrows in consumer nations as relations between Moscow and the West deteriorate in the aftermath of the Russia-Georgia conflict in August. — Internet



A motorist counts money while a service attendant fills up a vehicle at a petrol station in Manila in late July. With the oil market falling rapidly, questions have been raised at a gathering of OPEC producers in Vienna this week about whether 100-dollar oil should be a minimum price to defend, analysts say. —INTERNET

Oil down as Ike shifts course, OPEC mulls output

NEW YORK, 10 Sept — Oil prices closed below \$104 a barrel Tuesday for the first time since early April as traders bet that Hurricane Ike would miss critical Gulf Coast oil installations and in Vienna, OPEC's president signaled the cartel wouldn't cut production.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery fell \$3.08 to settle at \$103.26 on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the

lowest settlement price since 1 April. The contract rose 11 cents to settle at \$106.34 in volatile trading Monday.

In aftermarket trading Tuesday, prices tumbled more than \$4 a barrel to a new five-month low of \$101.74.

Crude's decline puts the contract within striking distance of the psychologically important \$100 threshold, a level first reached on 19 Feb. — Internet

OPEC decides to curb overproduction

VIENNA, 10 Sept — OPEC oil ministers have decided to curb overproduction by more than 500,000 barrels.

The move is a compromise meant to avoid new turmoil in oil markets while at the same time reflecting OPEC attempts to prevent prices from falling too far. Crude prices have dropped nearly 30 percent since spiking to nearly \$150 a barrel in July.

An OPEC statement issued after oil ministers ended their meeting early Wednesday said the organization agreed to produce 28.8 million barrels a day. OPEC President Chakib Khelil said that quota in effect meant that member countries agreed to cut back 520,000 barrels a day in overproduction. — Internet



Tucker Brengle, of South Dakota, is thrown off the back of the horse during bareback competition at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Springfield, Ill.

Antique plane makes soft landing in tree top

No one was injured, said Michael Koczera, manager of the Skylark Airpark.

The single-engine de Havilland Tiger Moth apparently lost power about 200 feet from the runway after taking off from the airport, said Jim Peters of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Koczera said the plane came to rest in the trees above 50 feet above the ground.

"When he ran out of airspace, he landed on top of a tree," Koczera said. "We're not talking about a big airplane. It's a fabric (covered) plane, probably weighs about 1,000 pounds."

A tree surgeon joined the crew of a Coast Guard helicopter and members of the local fire department in rescuing the stranded aviators, Koczera said.

NJ dolphin spotters beware: That might be a shark

Bull sharks, which can grow to between 7 and 12 feet long and are among the three most likely species to attack humans, have been known to swim in the section of the Navesink River where the 15 wayward dolphins have most recently been staying, said Bob Schoelkopf, co-director of the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine.

"In that area are bull sharks that go in there quite frequently," he said. "You never know what you might be looking at; it could be a dolphin or it could be a shark."

Wildlife officials have been concerned about a worsening pattern of harassment by boaters and people on personal watercraft getting too close to the dolphins, which have been in the area since June. Federal regulations require that boaters stay at least 50 yards away from the dolphins; harassing them is punishable by a \$10,000 fine.



Tourists and journalists watch as penguins are released after finishing a rehabilitation process from an oil spill in San Clemente del Tuyu, 186 miles from Buenos Aires, Argentina. Around 224 penguins were found in May, victims of an oil spill. A total of 190 survived and the first 50 of those were set free again to their natural habitat Monday.

Idaho wildfire reveals new stretch of Oregon Trail

A wildfire that damaged or destroyed nearly 20 homes in Idaho last month also revealed remnants of the Oregon Trail.

Members of the Idaho Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association plan to mark portions of the pioneer trail now visible after the Aug. 25 fire.

Before the blaze, two parallel paths totaling about a half-mile had been covered by sagebrush and cheatgrass. The paths, which are light depressions in the ground, stretch across a field below a ridge where the homes burned.



Rachel Lawson of Dover NH, left, and Hannah Cooper of Eliot, Maine help a giant turtle avoid traffic while crossing Gulf Road in Dover.

NEWSALBUM

CBO: US budget deficit to rise to \$407 b

WASHINGTON, 10 Sept — The US federal government will run a deficit of 407 billion US dollars for the budget year ending 30 Sept this year, according to the latest estimates released Tuesday by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

The CBO also predicts that the budget deficit next year will increase further to an all-time high of 438 billion dollars and

could go even higher as the government takes over mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The red ink estimated by the CBO for this year is worse than the predictions released by the White House in July. The government foresees an imbalance of 389 billion dollars for 2008 and a deficit of 482 billion dollars for 2009.

In the last budget year

that ended on 30 Sept, 2007, the federal deficit dropped by 34.4 percent to 161.5 billion dollars, a five-year low since an imbalance of 159 billion dollars in 2002, reflecting faster growth in government revenues than spending.

The 2002 performance marked the first budget deficit after four consecutive years of budget surpluses. —Xinhua



Dancers of the China Disabled People's Performing Art Troupe perform during a media event in Beijing, on 8 Sept, 2008. Many of the artists from the art troupe participated in the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games. —XINHUA

Paintings worth millions of USD stolen from Los Angeles home

LOS ANGELES, 10 Sept — A thief entered a suburb home in Los Angeles and took away at least a dozen paintings worth several million US dollars, including works by world-famous painters Marc Chagall and Diego Rivera, police said Tuesday.

Los Angeles police announced an offer of 200,000-dollar reward for information leading to the return of these paintings, which were believed stolen on the morning of 23 August.

The thief took the paintings from the walls of two rooms while the couple who own the home were in another room, said Los Angeles Police Detective Donald Hrycyk.

The owners, whose names were not released, are wealthy real estate investors who had been collecting for more than 50 years, Hrycyk said.

Police believe that the stolen paintings are worth hundreds of thousands of dollars each and will be difficult for the thief to sell. —Xinhua



A resident wades through a flooded street, carrying an egg carton in Gonaives, Haiti, on 9 Sept, 2008. Four storms in a row have caused floods throughout Haiti that have killed more than 300 people in less than a month. —XINHUA

87 hospitalized with food poisoning in Macedonia

TIRANA, 10 Sept — Eighty-seven people have been hospitalized for eating faulty pastry in Macedonia, news reaching here from Skopje reported on Tuesday.

The patients, some of them are children, are being treated at the capital's infectious diseases clinic. Many of them are displaying symptoms of fever, vomit and diarrhea.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

A Mongolian nomad woman uses a telescope to check her flock of cattle in the vast country. Oyu Tolgoi in Mongolia is set to become one of the world's biggest copper mines as Canadian mining firms begin mapping the geology of the region which could potentially provide a big boost to this impoverished country's economy. —XINHUA



14 babies suffer from kidney stones, fake milk powder suspected

LANZHOU, 10 Sept — A hospital has received 14 kidney stone patients in the past two months, all were infants below 11 months, and the milk powder they drank was of the same brand, said a doctor with the hospital in this capital of northwest China's Gansu Province

Wednesday.

These infants shared the symptoms of being unable to pass urine, accompanied by vomiting, Zhang Wei, chief urology doctor of the No1 Hospital of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), told Xinhua.

"it was rare for babies to get kidney stones, let alone so many babies at the same time," said Zhang, a doctor with 22 years experience in urology, who received the first case on 28 June.

Xinhua

China trade surplus jumps 15% in August

BEIJING, 10 Sept — China's trade surplus in August rose 14.9 percent from a year earlier, as imports growth decelerated sharply on lower commodities prices.

The surplus last month was 28.69 billion US dollars, posting gains for the second month in a row. The figure was 25.28 billion US dollars in July and 24.97 billion dollars last August.

Exports in August jumped 21.1 percent to 134.87 billion dollars, compared with 26.9 percent in July. Imports climbed 23.1 to 106.18 billion dollars, down from 33.7 percent in July, the General Administration of Customs said on Wednesday.

"Exports growth decelerated, but imports posted much bigger slow-down as commodities prices and shipping rates slumped," an official with the Ministry of Commerce told Xinhua on the condition of anonymity. "This is the main reason why the surplus jumped." —Xinhua

Moderate quake hits Aceh, Indonesia

AKARTA, 10 Sept — An earthquake measuring 5.2 Richter scale struck Aceh province in northern tip of Sumatra Island on Wednesday with no reports of damage or casualties, meteorology agency official said.

The quake rattled at 07:18 Jakarta time (0018GMT) with epicentre at 36 km southwest of Sinabang, Aceh and at 30

kilometers in depth, an official of the agency said.

Indonesia sits at a vulnerable zone so called "the Pacific Ring of Fire" where two continental plates, stretching from the Western Hemisphere through Japan and Southeast Asia, meet that cause frequent volcanic movements.

Xinhua



A tribal elder offered to allow graves to be opened of people killed in US air strikes in western Afghanistan nearly three weeks ago to prove that most were civilians, many of them children.—INTERNET

McCain camp: Obama's 'lipstick' remark disgraceful

LEBANON, 10 Sept— What's the difference between the presidential campaign before and after the national political conventions? Lipstick. The colorful cosmetic has become a political buzzword, thanks to Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin's joke in her acceptance speech that lipstick is the only thing that separates a hockey mom like her from a pit bull.

Democratic presidential nominee Barack

Obama told an audience Tuesday that GOP presidential nominee John McCain says he'll change Washington, but he's just like President Bush.

"You can put lipstick on a pig," he said to an outbreak of laughter, shouts and raucous applause from his audience, clearly drawing a connection to Palin's joke even if it's not what Obama meant. "It's still a pig. You can wrap an old fish in a piece of paper called change. It's still going to

stink after eight years."

McCain's campaign called the comments "offensive and disgraceful" and said Obama owes Palin an apology. Obama's campaign said he wasn't referring to Palin and said the GOP camp was engaging in a "pathetic attempt to play the gender card." Obama's camp also noted that McCain once used the same phrase to describe Hillary Rodham Clinton's health care plan.

Obama followed up by saying Palin is an interesting story, drawing boos at the mention of her name that he tried to cut off.

"Look, she's new, she hasn't been on the scene, she's got five kids. And my hat goes off to anybody whose looking after five. I've got two and they tire Michelle and me out," he said.—*Internet*



Buddy, a jack russell terrier, barks as he rides a wave in the small dog heat during the 3rd annual Surf Dog Surf-A-Thon held by the Helen Woodward Animal Center in Del Mar, California on 7 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Rice presses Congress on India nuclear deal

WASHINGTON, 10 Sept— US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Tuesday launched an all-out effort to persuade the US Congress to approve this year an agreement to end the three-decade ban on US nuclear trade with India.

Rice paid a relatively rare visit to Capitol Hill to call on House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Howard Berman to discuss how to win Congress' blessing before US President George W. Bush leaves office on January 20.—*MNA/Reuters*

Iran demands UN response to Israeli "threats"

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Sept— Iran demanded on Tuesday a "resolute and clear response" from the United Nations to what it called dangerous threats against it by Israel, and said Tehran would not hesitate to respond to any attack. A letter from Iran's UN Ambassador Mohammad Khazaei to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon described comments by two Israeli ministers as "vicious threats...in blatant violation of the most fundamental principles of international law."

Israel, which is thought to have the Middle East's only atomic arsenal,

believes Iran could have a nuclear bomb by 2010, a development it says would threaten the existence of the Jewish state.

Khazaei said remarks attributed to Pensioners

Affairs Minister Rafi Eitan by German magazine Der Spiegel this week "yet again put on display the aggressive and terrorist nature of the Israeli regime."—*Internet*

Ike turns toward Texas from drenched Caribbean

HAVANA, 10 Sept— Deadly Hurricane Ike lingered off Cuba after killing four, tearing off roofs and uprooting trees before turning toward the Texas coast.

"Ike is not in a hurry," the US National Hurricane Center said, adding that the storm is still dumping "heavy squalls" over Western Cuba and the Florida Keys. But unlike nearby Haiti, where hundreds were killed by a rapid succession of powerful tropical storms and hurricanes over the past month, Cuba had few casualties after moving some 2.2 million people to safer ground, sparing countless lives.—*Internet*



An Iraqi boy examines the remains of a car belonging to the al-Arabiya television station, on which a bomb was found and detonated in Baghdad, Iraq on 9 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET

China's urban fixed assets investment up 27.4% in first eight months

BEIJING, 10 Sept — China's urban fixed assets investment totaled 8.492 trillion yuan (1.248 trillion US dollars) in the first eight months, up 27.4 percent from the same period last year, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said on Wednesday.

The growth rate was 0.1 percentage point higher than the January-July level, or 0.7 percent-

age point higher than the year-earlier level.

Investment in the real estate sector grew 29.1 percent to 1.84 trillion yuan, according to the

NBS. The growth rate was 4.4 percentage points lower than that of the first half.

Internet

Hyundai signs fair trade pact with suppliers

SEOUL, 10 Sept— Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group, South Korea's No1 automaker, said it signed a fair trade agreement with its 2,368 suppliers to promote a win-

win relationship with its small and medium-sized partners, Korea Herald reported Wednesday.

"The deal has paved the way for Hyundai-Kia Automotive Group to establish a fair trade order with partner companies and promote mutual growth through co-existence and cooperation," said the group, adding that this is the first time that a single firm has agreed on a fair trade pact with such a large number of firms.

Internet



Puppies fathered by the world's first cloned dog Snuppy are seen at Seoul National University's College of Veterinary Medicine in Seoul, South Korea, on 9 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET

One's future will be prosperous only when one is accepted by the people

Chit Naing (Psychology)

Worldwide well-known scientist Albert Einstein once said, "Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value". It means everyone should give priority to others' interests rather than to their own. One will become a man of value only if one serves the interests of others. I notice that some are so callous and barbarous to disrupt and expend the interests of their motherland and the people in their own interests.

Some try to serve their interests at the expense of that of others and the people. Their concept is that they have to exploit others for their own interests. In fact, such a concept is absolutely wrong. One will notice who is such a person, if one assesses the prevailing situations of the nation.

In that regard, a person and his neighbours are inseparable and complementary. Venerable Manle Monk Ashin Javana in his treatise "Maha Sutakari Magha Deva Lankathit" said, "Praising others, one could stand on one's dignity, and one would lose one's dignity if one tries to impair others' dignity". One's interest and that of others are connected and have an effect on each other. One can lead a happy life only if one serves others' interest. Similarly, one can lead a life of peace only if one helps others lead a peaceful life. Everyone has to observe at least the moral conduct (Varitta Sila) of refraining from disrupting others' interest.

A person, who does not show loving-kindness for and who attempts to trouble others resulting from his or her excessive greed and anger, cannot get much opportunity to perform great meritorious deeds, and cannot live long, either. Such a person will have to face evil consequences of unwholesome acts he or she has committed. In consequence of making the people impoverished and lowering down the living conditions of others, that person has to be put under

restrictions. A person is the sole master of his or her fate. That person is now under restrictions as that person is always trying to get the people into various forms of havoc. If a person under restrictions pledges that he will never disrupt others' interest, will join hands with those serving the interest of the people, and will dedicate to his life to others' interest, such person, regardless of age and status, deserves a warm welcome of the people.

The intention of calling for international economic sanctions and diminishing the prosperous future of the nation and the people may be to rise against the government. However, such acts have adverse effects on the interests of the people, especially daily and monthly wages earners. A large number of female workers lost their jobs and went through really hard times, following the closure of factories, and many of them lost their moral characters. If the person keeps on ignoring such situations and calling for further economic sanctions against the mother country, without doubt that person's wishes will never come true.

The people will never show their affection to that person so long as the person disrupts the interests of the nation and the people. The people will be grateful to that person only if that person contributes towards the interests of the people. Disrupting others' interests is "harbouring hostility towards others". For whom is that person doing so?

The Myanmar word "*phone*" is derived from a Pali word "Punña". A person with great "*phone*" has constructed more than 200 river-spanning bridges and more than 200 dams and reservoirs. Out of respect to that person, the people say prayers for the well-being of that person before going to bed and after getting up every day. He wins the affection of the people due to the good deeds he has done.

The people will never extend a warm welcome to

such a person who is trying to destroy their peaceful life. Unwholesome actions usually yield evil results. It is out of the question that a person wants to enjoy fruitful results from the bad deeds he has committed, as the saying that goes "You reap what you sow".

All the acts which were committed for about 20 years have yielded no fruitful results, and the excessive greed, anger and delusion are having adverse effects on others. So, it is high time the ways were to be mended.

As long as keeping on doing same wrong deeds and making harsh comments on those who are showing benevolent attitude, a prosperous future cannot be expected.

Ideas do matter. The country behind the curtain is powerful with sophisticated technologies but its real intention is not realized, so the situations have remained unchanged for over 20 years. The wrong acts should be given up for long. And positive changes for the brighter future of the nation should be made.

The strength of the nation lies at home. Myanmar has suffered a series of evil consequences of relying on external elements. At the instigation (instruction) of the Communist party of a neighbouring country, the Burma Communist Party (BCP) went underground and followed the armed struggle line with tenacity for 20 years from 1950 to 1970. However, its wishes did not come to fruition due to the fact that they placed too much reliance on external elements.

Again, the red power revolution was operated with the assistance of external elements for 20 years from 1967 to 1988. But it did not win any victory, either.

There is nothing more disappointing than complying with the instructions of foreign countries. It should come to one's knowledge that what one is doing does not conform to the prevailing conditions. So, it is time to escape from the snare of external elements.

Only when there is no attachment to any particular thing and struggles to be free from alien dominance, will it be possible to work with own views. I would say, do not torture the people any longer, and do not consider the people to be naïve and artless with less intellectual power than westerners. The people have said nothing in that case, but they realize the objective conditions as they really are. And the people know well the meaning of the saying that goes "One's future will be prosperous only when one is accepted by the people".

Translation: MS

One's interest and that of others are connected and have an effect on each other. One can lead a happy life only if one serves others' interest. Similarly, one can lead a life of peace only if one helps others lead a peaceful life. Everyone has to observe at least the moral conduct (Varitta Sila) of refraining from disrupting others' interest.



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint reports on rehabilitation of salt industry.—MNA

People, using State assistance, urged to put energies...

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In so doing, the committee sought the assistance from local and abroad. Thanks to harmonious cooperation of Myanmar, ASEAN and the UN, over one million of people in the storm-hit regions could be rescued in time. As providing of basic needs and health care services were performed in the event of Nargis in a short time, the international community praised the endeavours of Myanmar in comparison with the event of Tsunami. After undertaking relief works in the storm-affected areas, the rehabilitation work has been carried out to a certain degree. In the rehabilitation work,

the committee in cooperation with the assistance of the people created the better shelter for the homeless by building wooden houses with corrugated iron sheets. So far, 2,000 houses have been built and more houses are under construction. These storm-hit regions have three main businesses namely, agriculture, fishing and salt industry. Among them, priority was given to undertaking of the agriculture work as it must be carried out in time. The storm caused damage to about 500,000 acres of farmlands and death to about 130,000 draught cattle. Moreover, farming implements and tractors were destroyed in the event of

the storm. Therefore, a lot of power-tillers, draught cattle, fuel and paddy strains were provided to the local farmers to commence the cultivation task in time. In this regard, 8,536 power-tillers, 2,633 draught cattle, over 1.7 million baskets of paddy strains and fuel were delivered to the storm-hit areas. As a result, over 90 per cent of ravaged farmlands have so far been put under paddy. The second business is fishing industry. Fish is in rivers, creeks and the sea water around the storm-hit regions. If fishing boats and fishing nets are provided, the fishing industry can resume immediately and the fishermen can earn income. As a result, a total of 9,500

fishing boats and 14,955 fishing nets have been provided, the fishermen in the regions resumed their work. At present, income in the fishery industry is high due to the better condition in the fishing work. The third business is the salt industry that they will coordinate. In the aftermath of the storm, a total of 23,458 acres of salt fields, 24,214 tons of crude salt and equipment for salt industry were destroyed in

concerned are to discuss matters related to supplying finance, tractors, water pumps and fuel to salt makers. Chairman of the central committee for rehabilitation of the salt industry in storm-hit regions Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint reported on organizing of committees and sub-committees under the central committee for rehabilitation of salt industries,

poles. Afterwards, responsible personnel from banks reported on plans for disbursing loans to salt entrepreneurs. On behalf of salt entrepreneurs, U Kyi Win of Thingangon village-tract in Labutta Township spoke words of thanks to the State. In his concluding remarks, the Prime Minister said the Head of State has given guidance on improvement of livelihood of

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Myaungmya, Labutta, Pyapon and Ngaputaw townships of Ayeyawady division. Moreover, the workers of salt industry lost their lives in the event of the storm. As salt fields are in natural conditions and time has not come yet to make salt, we have not taken measures for preparing salt fields. However, we have made arrangements timely to grow "Khu-aing" paddy strain in salt fields and a total of 10,553 acres have been put under "Khu-aing" paddy strain. There are a few steps to make salt. First, dykes are to be built in October and that steps should be taken by the end of this month. After that, the sea water is pumped into salt fields. Drying the sea water under the sun shine and collection of salt are to be carried out before the rainy season. Therefore, ministries

plans for producing 300,000 tons of salt, assistance from ministries and granting loans to salt entrepreneurs. Afterwards, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on plans for sales of tractors; Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein on plans for sales of tractors and pumps; Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe on plans for supplying tarpaulins and tents to salt entrepreneurs; Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on fuel supply, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut on plans for granting loans to salt entrepreneurs and Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise U Win Tun on plans for supplying timber and

storm-survivors as he wants their living standard higher than the previous standard. Therefore, people, using assistance provided by the State, are to put their energies into their works for improvement of their living standards and for interests of the State, he urged. Later, the coordination meeting came to a close. MNA

Hightide warning
YANGON, 10 Sept—Myanma Port Authority informed the public today that exceptionally high spring from 20.15 feet to 21.20 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 15 to 20 September 2008 and that it is not serious because the high tide had reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2006 and 2007. — MNA

Gearing up for open season

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing visited Shwe Nann Taw, Thingaha, Myat Tawwin, Shwe Elthe, Shwe Myanmar, Tawwin Kumudra and Amara Hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone on 7 September. The minister inspected arrival of visitors, arrangements for customer satisfaction, growing of flowers and shady trees at the compound of the zone, construction of new buildings and arrangements being made for beautifying and cleaning of the zone. Director-General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Managing Di-

rector U Hla Htay of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services and officials conducted him round the zone. Next, the minister gave instructions on de-

velopment of hotels with sound characteristics, improvement of hotel accommodation for visitors from abroad and at home and beautifying and greening works. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing looks into hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.—H & T

**Myanmar Ambassador
presents credentials
to Queen of Netherlands**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — U Thaung Tun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Netherlands, presented his Credentials to Her Majesty Queen Beatrix, Queen of the Netherlands, on 27 August 2008 in The Hague.
MNA

With noble mind

- In serving public interest
- Do not deviate from own way
- Because of slanders
- Just carry it on

(Venerable Shwe Hinthta Sayadaw)

**Indian NDC Chief visits
DSA, DSTA**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Visiting Commandant of National Defence College Vice-Admiral S Bhasin, AVSM, VSM and party of India called on Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe at Yangyiaung Yeiktha of the command headquarters in Mandalay yesterday.

At Defence Services Academy in PyinOoLwin, Commandant of DSA Brig-Gen Zeya Aung and officials conducted the Indian guests round the academy.

At Defence Services Technological Academy, Commandant Brig-Gen Hsan Oo and officials welcomed the guests and conducted them round the academy. The Indian guests visited the National Kandawgyi Gardens and viewed beautiful scenes of PyinOoLwin from the Nanmyint Tower.

At Yadanapura Myanma Handicraft and Arts Beikman of Mandalay Cooperative Society of the Ministry of Cooperatives in Mandalay, officials explained functions and works of the cooperative society.

The Indian guests visited Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace in a motorcade. On Mandalay Hill, they viewed scenic beauty of Mandalay. In the evening, the commander of Central Command hosted a dinner to the Indian guests at Sedona Hotel.— MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Tin Ngwe meets Commandant Vice-Admiral S. Bhasin, AVSM, VSM of National Defence College and party of India.—MNA

**Fire Brigade members
with constant vigilance**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, accompanied by officials concerned, looked into the sanitation of camp's environs, share use of electric meters and maintenance of fire engines at fire station of Kyaukse, Mandalay Division, on 5 September and fulfilled the needs.

At the fire station of PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division, the minister inspected completion of fire station, allocation of apartment, prevention measures against fire and maintenance of fire engines and coordinated the essentials.

On 6 September, he heard the reports on the completion of new fire station, allocation of

**Seinle Shwepyi Journal in
circulation**

YANGON, 10 Sept — Seinle Shwepyi journal No. 20, Volume 5 came out today. A journal features a wide range of local and foreign news stories.

Copies of the journal are available at book shop of News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Road, Sarpay Beikman, Wah Moe Aung and Pan Shwe Pyi bookstores. Manuscripts may be sent to the chief editor, Seinle Shwepyi Journal at 228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Ph: 01-382070).—MNA

apartment and water supply at Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and coordinated the requirements.
MNA

Code of Conduct contest

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — A Military Code of Conduct contest for Tatmadawmen was held at Kyansitthar Yeiktha, here, this morning.

Commandant of Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry

of Defence Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein and officials concerned supervised the contest. A total of 187 Tatmadawmen from offices and departments under the Ministry of Defence took part in the competition.— MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspects fire station of Kyaukse, Mandalay Division.—FSD



Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein views Military Code of Conduct contest.—MNA

Rakhines spare no effort to develop their region

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended the meeting held in Chamber of Commerce in Maungtau on 6 September.

The Commander and the ministers made speeches and Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein answered queries raised by traders on export and import procedures at border trade.

Next, the Commander and party looked into No.1 check point of Maungtau immigration inspection bridge, weighing of export lobsters in fishes and lobsters brokerage production of purified drinking water and ice at White Elephant ice factory and water purifying plant.

The Commander and party later met district and township level departmental officials, town-sellers, members of social organizations in Maungtau. Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Rakhine State In-charge) Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe presented supplies and cash to the social organizations in Maungtau. The Commander and party met secretaries and executives of district and township USDAs in the office of Maungtau District PDC on 7 September and presented medicine, cash and journals to USDAs.

Next, the Commander and party proceeded to Buthidaung where they met departmental officials, town-sellers and members of social organizations of the township and presented

cash and supplies to Red Cross and Fire Brigades, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Education Department, Women's Affairs Organization, Information and Public Relations Department and War Veterans Organization of the township.

While in Buthidaung, they inspected berthing of vessels at Buthidaung Port and transport of passengers. They later

proceeded to Padaleik village in Sittway Township and met locals and presented supplies to them.

They looked into construction of the rural dispensary at the rural health care branch in Padaleik Village.

In the evening, they met secretaries and executives district and township of USDAs in the office of Rakhine State USDA.

MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects repair of Yangon-Pathein Road for monsoon season.

CONSTRUCTION



Sections of Yangon-Pathein Road under repair

YANGON, 10 Sept — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun accompanied by officials on 6 September looked into maintenance of Yangon-Pathein Road for monsoon season being carried out by Public

Works from mile posts 0/0 to 113/0.

At briefing hall of Bo Myat Tun Bridge, Chief Engineer (Road) U Kyaw Tint and U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Co reported on repair of Yangon-Pathein Road to

the minister.

Next, the minister and party inspected the road work being carried out by Special Construction 4 from mile posts 53/5 to 80/0 and the road work in Pathein District from mile posts 2/7 to 33/2.—MNA



Minister Col Zaw Min receives President Mr Lu Wen Jun of China National Heavy Machinery Corporation (CHMC) and party of PRC.—MNA

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character

EP-1, PRC Co focus on hydropower generation

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min received President Mr Lu Wen Jun of China National Heavy Machinery Corporation (CHMC) and party of the People's Republic of China at the ministry here on 8 September.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister

U Myo Myint, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and Vice President Mr Xiao Ping of CHMC.

At the meeting, they discussed generating of hydropower and progress of hydropower projects.—MNA

Shwe Naing-ngan Journal published

YANGON, 10 Sept—No. 9, Vol-7 of Shwe Naing-ngan Journal came out today. It contains interesting articles and local and foreign news with photos.

It is available at the book shops of News and Periodicals Enterprise on Theinbyu Road and Pan Shwe Pyi bookstore. Manuscripts may be sent to the chief editor, Shwe Naing-ngan Journal, No. 228, Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Tel: 01-382070).

MNA

Germany says arms race threatens UN poverty fight

BERLIN, 10 Sept— A new arms race fuelled in part by the crisis over Georgia threatens UN targets for boosting development aid and slashing poverty by 2015, German Development Minister Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul said on Tuesday.

Speaking at an informal conference on the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Berlin, Wieczorek-Zeul said billions of dollars of spending on new weaponry was diverting much-

needed cash from the fight against hunger, poverty and illness.

"We must avoid falling back into a situation where we have a new arms race," she told conference delegates, including South African Finance Minister Trevor Manuel.

"The arms race is a distraction. It's exactly the opposite of partnership and we need partnership," added Wieczorek-Zeul, a member of Germany's Social Democrats who share power with Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives in

an uneasy coalition.

"The world needs to protect itself against hunger, poverty and illness. We have to mobilize our finances for that." Reducing poverty is one of eight targets agreed in 2000 by UN member states and the world's top development bodies. Slow delivery of aid by some of the world's richest nations and a recent spike in food and energy prices are two reasons the goals are in danger of being missed by the 2015 deadline, UN officials and aid agencies say.—MNA/Reuters

Palestinian woman attacks Israeli soldiers with acid

RAMALLAH, 10 Sept—A Palestinian woman threw acid in the face of two Israeli soldiers at a West Bank checkpoint and fled, witnesses and Israeli army sources said on Wednesday.

The woman was among tens of Palestinians who were being checked at Hawara roadblock in the south of Nablus city, according to the witnesses. When she got close to the soldiers, she splashed acid in their faces, wounding two. The Israeli sources said the two soldiers suffered light burns and were taken to the hospital.

The other soldiers on the checkpoint opened fire when they tried to chase

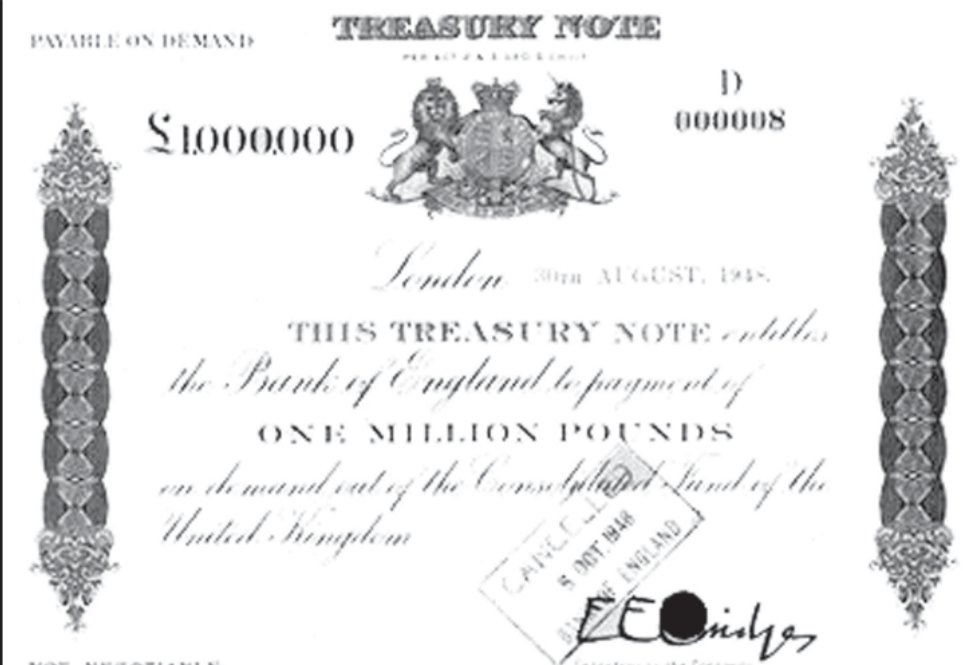
down the woman who succeeded to escape.

After the incident, the soldiers announced the checkpoint was closed and the stranded people were held there. More than 500 checkpoints in West Bank

divide the Palestinian communities into isolated cantons. Israel eases the movement of the Palestinians on the crossings or complicates it according to the political and security situations.—Internet



File photo shows an oil and gas platform off the Nigerian coast. The OPEC oil group has announced a cut of 520,000 barrels a day to its output citing downside risks to the oil market as prices fell below 100 dollars for the first time since April.—INTERNET



Undated handout image issued by Spink auctioneers, London, on 9 Sept, 2008 of a million pound note, issue Number Eight. It is believed that only two notes of this high denomination exist in the world today, the other numbered 000007. The so-called Number Eight 1,000,000 pound note (US\$1.77 million, euro 1.24 million) is due to be auctioned by Spink on 1 October.—INTERNET

Five race to be Japan PM; election seen near

TOKYO, 10 Sept—Five candidates lined up on Wednesday to become Japan's next prime minister, with former foreign minister Taro Aso the odds-on favorite to win the race and call a snap election soon.

The long-ruling Liberal

Democratic Party (LDP) is hoping a vibrant debate, now focused on how to balance the need to boost Japan's stumbling economy while reigning in a bulging public debt, will improve its standing with voters ahead of a general election that the

new prime minister could well call in November. The out-spoken, manga comic-loving Aso, who tops voter and party surveys ahead of the 22 September LDP leadership poll, is touting the need for government spending and income and other tax cuts to boost an economy teetering on the edge of recession. "Japan's economy needs three years to heal. I will rebuild it in a short-term, concentrated manner," Aso, 67, said in his policy platform. "What is needed now are reforms for the future. I will continue these resolutely."

Internet

Security forces kill 11 militants in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 10 Sept— At least 11 militants were killed and seven others injured after security forces launched airstrikes at militants' hideouts in northwest Pakistan on Wednesday, according to private Geo TV channel.

Shells were fired at militants' positions from jet planes in Kozabandi area of Kabbal in Swat valley of North West Frontier Province.

Several houses were also destroyed in the shelling, according to Geo.

Internet



'Canadair' airplanes, the two French firefighting airplanes fly over a wildfire over Rila mountain, south of the Bulgarian capital Sofia, on 9 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Lebanese president: national dialogue to start on 16 Sept

BEIRUT, 10 Sept—Lebanese President Michel Suleiman has announced that the long waited national dialogue will start on 16 Sept, local As-Safier daily reported Wednesday.

"I invite those who signed the Doha accord to come and meet here in Baabda Palace (the presidential palace) on 16 Sept, 2008 at 11:00 am (0900 GMT)," Suleiman told political and religious leaders who gather at the palace for an Iftar meal Tuesday night.

Lebanese political leaders will begin national dialogue next Tuesday in a bid to resolve their political differences, he added. The president noted that Lebanon is facing three dangers: Israeli threats, international terrorism and the treat of resettling Palestinians in Lebanon.

Lebanese rival leaders signed the Doha accord in May, ending 18 months of political deadlock in the country and leading to the election of President Suleiman and the formation of a national unity government.—Internet

US missile strike in Pakistan killed four Al-Qaeda: official, militant

KARACHI, 10 Sept—A US missile strike targeting a top Taliban commander in Pakistan's northwest killed four mid-level Al-Qaeda operatives, a security official and a militant source said Wednesday. Monday's strike in North Waziristan failed to kill Jalaluddin Haqqani or his son, Sirajuddin, accused by Afghan and Western forces of orchestrating the ongoing insurgency across the border in Afghanistan.

Five missiles fired by suspected US drones destroyed a seminary and an

underground tunnel built by the Haqqanis in Darpa Dandekhen, near Miranshah, the main town in the troubled Pakistani tribal district, killing 21. "According to local sources the strike killed four Al-Qaeda operators and some extended family members of Haqqani's," a security official told AFP.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANGKAJA VOY NO (44)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGKAJA VOY NO (44) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.9.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Colombian police seize \$900,000 from drug cartel

BOGOTA, 10 Sept—Colombian police said Tuesday that officers had seized 900,000 US dollars allegedly belonging to the "Don Mario" drug cartel.

Police commander Jose Herrera told reporters that the cash had been hidden in a light aircraft at an airport in northwestern Colombia.

Two suspects were detained and the nearby area was being checked for more hidden money, he added.

The Don Mario cartel is one of the most wanted criminal and drug trafficking groups in Colombia.

Herrera said police had been monitoring and investigating drug traffickers from the cartel for several months before launching the operation. The money was destined for Medellin City in the northwest of the country.

Medellin is considered one of the most dangerous cities in the world, as drug cartels and deals are rampant there. —MNA/Xinhua

House fire kills four in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 10 Sept—A house fire in Lancaster of Los Angeles killed four people on Tuesday, authorities said. Firefighters discovered the bodies when they responded to a fire in a residential area, Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Sam Padilla said.

But it remained unknown if the victims lived in the residence.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation, authorities said.—MNA/Xinhua

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TENDER NO. (IFB No. CCS-05-08)

Sale of an estimated (9,000 metric tonnes) of copper cathode from MICCL S&K Mine site in Monywa, Myanmar. Interested buyer may quote for the whole 9,000 metric tonnes or for a minimum quantity of 1,000 metric tonnes.

CLOSING DATE & TIME:

25th September 2008 at 12:00 noon

Tender documents are available at the following address or can be accessed at www.miccl.com.mm. Any queries can be done between 10 am and 4pm at MICCL Yangon office before the tender closing date.

Myanmar Ivanhoe Copper Company Limited

70 (I) Bo Chein Street, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township
Yangon, Myanmar (Tel: (95) 1-514194 to 7/ Fax: (95) 1 514208/ email: miccl@miccl.com.mm)

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Dated: 11 September 2008

Working staff arrange fruits on the counter at a supermarket in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui

Autonomous Region, on 12 Aug, 2008. China's consumer price index (CPI), a measure of inflation, was up 4.9 percent in August, the National Bureau of Statistics announced on Wednesday.—XINHUA

China's CPI rises 4.9% in August

BEIJING, 10 Sept—China's consumer price index (CPI), a measure of inflation, was up 4.9 percent in August, the National Bureau of Statistics announced on Wednesday.

The figure, compared with 6.3 percent in July, 7.1 percent in June and 7.7 percent in May, was lower than most forecasts.

"The continuous decline of the CPI is a positive sign as it shows that the government's measures to ease inflationary pressures

were effective," said Yao Jingyuan, chief economist with the bureau, who attributed the decline to falling food prices.

Food prices, which account for more than a third of the CPI calculation, rose 10.3 percent in August, 4.1 percentage points lower than July.

The price of meat increased 8.0 percent, down by 8 percentage points over July, while that of pork rose 1.0 percent. Cooking oil went up 22.7 percent, vegetables down

0.5 percent, aquatic products up 16.4 percent and grains up 8.0 percent.

In the first eight months of this year, the inflation indicator rose 7.3 percent from the same period last year: 7.0 percent for urban areas and 8.0 percent for the countryside.

The producer price index (PPI) for industrial products was up 10.1 percent in August over the same period last year, but experts say the PPI rise would not immediately increase pressure on the CPI.—Internet



File photo shows Japanese auto giant Nissan Motors' production line in southern Japan. The country's current account surplus in July fell 17.3 percent from a year ago as the value of imports continued to rise on the back of rising energy prices, the finance ministry has said.—INTERNET

Reynolds American to cut 570 jobs, realign brands

NEW YORK, 10 Sept—Reynolds American Inc. and its tobacco unit, RJ Reynolds, said Tuesday they would cut about 570 jobs, or 10 percent of their American work force, as cigarette sellers prepare to compete more aggressively for sales of smokeless tobacco products.

The company expects the job cuts at its headquarters in Winston-Salem, NC, to save \$100 million by the end of 2010 and \$55 million a year

after that. Employees will begin losing their jobs in the third quarter, but some cuts will take until the end of 2009.

Reynolds' move comes after its bigger rival, Philip Morris USA owner Altria Group Inc, said Monday it would buy UST Inc, the maker of Skoal and Copenhagen, for \$10.4 billion. Goldman Sachs analyst Judy Hong said the restructuring is a natural move for Reynolds, as the tobacco industry finds

ways to cope with declining cigarette sales. Americans are buying 3 percent to 4 percent fewer cigarettes a year, and the industry has turned to alternatives such as chew, snuff, cigars and snus for future growth. Sales of smokeless tobacco products are growing by about 5 percent to 6 percent a year.—Internet

Drive with care

Bacteria glue points to superbug vaccine: scientist

LONDON, 10 Sept — A sticky glue secreted by drug-resistant bacteria could help scientists develop an effective vaccine against “superbugs,” US researchers told a conference on Wednesday.

The sticky substance is a complex sugar called PNAG which the researchers said was a promising vaccine target because animal studies have shown it produces a protective immune response when manipulated chemically.

The bacteria produces the substance when

growing a biofilm that protects them from antibiotics, Gerald Pier of Harvard Medical School told the Society for General Microbiology’s meeting in Dublin.

“We are targeting this material as a possible vaccine, but natural exposure to the sugar compound does not result in most people and animals making an immune response that would protect them from attack by the bacteria or recurring infections,” he said in a statement.

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or

MRSA, infections can range from boils to more severe infections of the bloodstream, lungs and surgical sites. Most cases are spread in hospitals, nursing homes or other health care facilities.

MRSA is a growing problem worldwide and can cause life-threatening and disfiguring infections and can often only be treated with expensive, intravenous antibiotics.

Internet



Photographers at work beside “Three studies for a Self-Portrait” by Irish born British painter Francis Bacon at the Tate Britain Museum in London as it marks the 100th anniversary of Bacon’s birth with a major exhibition of some of his finest works. —INTERNET

A view of a house thrown from its foundation by Hurricane Ike, on Great Inagua Island, in the southern Bahamas, on 9 Sept, 2008. Ike was a category 4 hurricane as it passed over Great Inagua on 7 Sept. —INTERNET



Plans unveiled to convert human waste to energy

SAN ANTONIO, 10 Sept — The US city of San Antonio unveiled a deal on Tuesday that will make it the first US city to harvest methane gas from human waste on a commercial scale and turn it into clean-burning fuel.

San Antonio residents produce about 140,000 tons a year of a substance gently referred to as “biosolids,” which can be reprocessed into natural gas, said Steve Clouse, chief operating officer of the city’s water system.

“You may call it something else,” Clouse said, but for area utilities, the main byproduct of human waste - methane gas - will soon be converted into natural gas to burn in their power plants.

The city approved a deal where Massachusetts-based Ameresco Inc will convert the city’s biosolids into natural



Pipes that extract methane gas generated by waste decomposition are seen at the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center in Simi Valley, California on 8 May, 2008. —INTERNET

gas, which could generate about 1.5 million cubic feet per day, he said.

Methane gas, which is a byproduct of human and organic waste, is a principal component of the natural gas used to fuel furnaces, power plants, and other combustion-based generators.

Internet

N China young people most prone to suicide

BEIJING, 10 Sept — Suicide is the leading cause of death for Chinese people aged 15 to 34, and the fifth biggest killer - after cardiovascular disease,

cancer, respiratory disease and accidental death - among all age groups, a report by the Chinese Association for Mental Health said Tuesday.

On average there is one suicide and eight attempts every two minutes on the mainland, leading to more than 250,000 deaths a year, it said. Yang Fude, vice-president of Beijing Hui-longguan Hospital, which specializes in mental health, said China has one of the highest suicide rates in the world, particularly among rural women. “It is also one of the few countries where rural suicides out-number urban suicides,” he told China Daily. “In China, the ratio is three to one,” he said.

Internet

Research: Unique animal species can survive in space

WASHINGTON, 9 Sept — Water bears are the first animals in the world to have survived exposure to the vacuum and radiation of space, according to a report published Tuesday in US journal Current Biology. Nearly a year ago, Ingemar Jonsson, an ecologist from Kristianstad University in Sweden, had some 3,000 microscopic water bears sent up on a 12-day space trip. The aim of the research project was to find out more about the basic physiology of tardigrades by seeing if they can survive in a space environment.

Now Jonsson and his European colleagues reported their results. “Our principal finding is

that the space vacuum, which entails extreme dehydration, and cosmic radiation were not a problem for water bears. On the other hand, the ultraviolet radiation in space is harmful to water bears, although a few individual can even survive that,” says Jonsson.

The next challenge for the researchers is to try to understand the mechanisms behind this exceptional tolerance in water bears.

Jonsson suspects that even the water bears that got through the space trip without any trouble may in fact have incurred DNA damage, but that the animals managed to repair this damage. —Internet

One killed, four wounded in Namibian light plane accident

GENEVA, 10 Sept — A Namibian light tour plane made an emergency landing this weekend, killing one Swiss passenger and injured four others, the Swiss Foreign Ministry said Monday. Swiss Media said the plane was forced to make an emergency landing due to engine failure shortly after taking off from Namibia’s capital Windhoek.

The plane had a bad collision on the ground before landing and wounded five Swiss passengers aboard, one of whom unfortunately could not escape a heart attack and died in the hospital, the media said. —Internet

File photo shows a worker sorting seafood at Aberdeen fish market in Hong Kong. Hong Kong said Tuesday it was hunting hundreds of boxes of tainted raw oysters after a food poisoning outbreak sickened at least 150 diners in the gambling haven of Macau.

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SPORTS

Aussies have orange glow for World Cup qualifiers

TASHKENT, 10 Sept — Australia kick off their World Cup qualifying campaign on Wednesday looking to build on the historic friendly 2-1 victory over the Netherlands. The Socceroos did it the hard way on Saturday, coming from behind thanks to goals from Harry Kewell and Josh Kennedy, to record the best possible fillip ahead of the tricky Uzbekistan tie.

It was a result that delighted Australia's Dutch coach Pim Verbeek. "We're very pleased with the result, but I'm more pleased with the organisation, the way they played, especially in the first half," he said.

"It's not about the result today because it's all about the result on Wednesday." Meanwhile Uzbekistan, the strongest side among the former Soviet republics in the Asian Football Confederation, suffered a shock 3-0 defeat in their World Cup qualifying opener against Qatar on Saturday.—Internet

Croatia equals crunch time for Capello's England

ZAGREB, 10 Sept — Fabio Capello owes his position as the world's best paid coach to Croatia, but England's Italian manager would be unwise to anticipate any further favours from Slaven Bilic and his squad here on Wednesday.

Having masterminded home and away victories over England in the qualifying campaign for Euro 2008, Bilic played a central role in ensuring Wayne Rooney and co. were missing from the finals, thus creating the vacancy that Capello filled at the start of this year.

Internet

Domenech puts neck on the line with press joke

CLAIREFONTAINE (France), 10 Sept — Under-fire France coach Raymond Domenech lightened up a press conference ahead of Wednesday's crucial 2010 World Cup qualifier with Serbia, saying "thankfully the guillotine doesn't exist



Under-fire France national football team's coach Raymond Domenech, seen here addressing the media, lightened up the press conference ahead of Wednesday's crucial 2010 World Cup qualifier with Serbia, saying "thankfully the guillotine doesn't exist anymore".—INTERNET

anymore".

Domenech has been feeling the heat this week after Saturday's 3-1 hammering at the hands of Austria in their opening World Cup qualifier.

French media has gone into overdrive following the defeat to the 101 world ranked side, calling it a 'colossal catastrophe', with one newspaper saying it was "already Waterloo".

The 56-year-old coach weighed into the media debate on Tuesday with his own brand of histrionic self-deprecation.

Internet

Man City target Podolski, Bayern want Arshavin



Manchester City have re-affirmed their interest in Germany striker Lukas Podolski, seen here in June 2008, whose club Bayern Munich are keen to sign Russian midfielder Andrei Arshavin.—INTERNET

ace Andrei Arshavin, according to reports.

German sports agency SID say unsettled Bayern star Podolski, who scored two goals for Germany in last Saturday's World Cup 2010 qualifier, is once again being courted by City who expressed an interest in him during the summer.

Internet

MUNICH, 10 Sept — Manchester City have re-affirmed their interest in Germany striker Lukas Podolski whose club Bayern Munich are keen to sign Russian midfielder

McLaren appeals penalty that cost Hamilton a win

WOKING, 10 Sept — McLaren appealed the time penalty that cost Lewis Hamilton the victory at the Belgian Grand Prix.



McLaren Mercedes Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain reacts on the podium after the Belgian F1 Grand Prix in Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium, on 7 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Race stewards penalized Hamilton 25 seconds for cutting across a chicane to overtake then-leader Kimi Raikkonen during the closing stages of Sunday's race. Hamilton re-emerged onto the track and allowed the Ferrari driver back into the lead before overtaking for good.

"From the pit wall, we then asked race control to confirm that they were comfortable that Lewis had allowed Kimi to re-pass, and they confirmed twice that they believed that the position had been given back in a manner that was 'OK,'" McLaren chief executive Martin Whitmarsh said Tuesday.

Internet

Petrova, Pennetta through to Bali tennis second round

NUSA DUA, 10 Sept — USA DUA, Indonesia (AFP) - Russian Nadia Petrova made the adjustment to searing tropical heat Tuesday, posting a 6-3, 6-1 win over Japan's Aiko Nakamura to reach the second round of the Bali Open.

"I feel confident now," said fourth seed Petrova, who won in Cincinnati this year but has slumped to 21 in the WTA rankings from the third spot two years ago.

"I've adjusted to conditions. I felt a lot faster on court and was moving well. The first round is always tough -- it's important to make a confident first step."

Italian third seed Flavia Pennetta -- who beat Petrova in the third round of the US Open -- had to struggle through a long first set before finally subduing American Vania King 7-6 (9/7), 6-1.—Internet

Nadia Petrova of Russia returns the ball against Aiko Nakamura of Japan during Bali International Tennis Tournament in Nusa Dua. Petrova made the adjustment to searing tropical heat, posting a 6-3, 6-1 opening win over Aiko to reach the second round of the Bali Open.



Harrington sorry that he can't compete for Vardon

ST LOUIS, 10 Sept — Pdraig Harrington was about the only one not complaining that a double major champion could not qualify for the Tour Championship, blaming only himself for missing consecutive cuts at the start of

the PGA Tour Playoffs.

His biggest letdown? Realizing he couldn't win the Vardon Trophy. Harrington figured he was safe playing the minimum 15 events on the PGA Tour. But he missed the cut three times, and finished the year with only 52 rounds. Players must complete 60 rounds to be eligible for the Vardon Trophy for lowest adjusted scoring average.—Internet

Wie enters Q-school for LPGA Tour

CALIFORNIA, 10 Sept — Unable to earn her card through sponsor exemptions, Michelle Wie has entered the LPGA Tour qualifying school and will play the first stage next week on the California course where she first rose to fame at age 13.

Her father, B.J. Wie, had said at the US Women's Open that Wie had "no other options" but Q-school if she didn't make enough money to finish the equivalent of 80th of the LPGA Tour money list.

"Nothing has changed since then," he said Tuesday morning from Palm Desert, Calif. "She will go to Q-school."

The first stage will be at Mission Hills in Rancho Mirage, Calif., site of the Kraft Nabisco Championship, where Wie played in the final group of the LPGA's first major when she was in the eighth grade.—Internet



In this 16 Aug, 2008 file photo, Michelle Wie tees off on the first hole during the third round of the Canadian Women's Open golf tournament at the Hunt and Golf Club in Ottawa. Unable to earn her card through sponsor exemptions, Michelle Wie has entered the LPGA Tour qualifying school and will play the first stage next week on the California course where she first rose to fame at age 13.—INTERNET

Lance Armstrong coming out of retirement for Tour

AUSTIN (Texas), 10 Sept — Lance Armstrong is ready to swear off the chips and salsa, climb back on the bike and win an eighth Tour de France. Three years after retiring, the 36-year-old says he'll return to competition and the Tour de France in 2009, giving up relaxed days of a few beers and Tex-Mex food for a self-described monk's life of disciplined training and punishing races.

In a formal statement Armstrong called his comeback an attempt to raise global awareness in his fight against cancer. Just as likely, it's also about his relentless desire to compete and win, especially at the Tour, the race he dominated with a record

seven titles from 1999-2005. Citing the slow pace of last year's Tour and the rush from last month's Leadville 100 race, Armstrong decided it was time to return.

Internet



Lance Armstrong,

French UN worker accused of rape in Africa missions

PARIS, 10 Sept— A former UN employee went on trial in France on Tuesday accused of raping around 20 underaged girls during missions to Africa between 1998 and 2004.

Didier Bourguet, a mechanic who worked for the United Nations from 1994, faces a prison sentence of up to 20 years if he is found guilty of a series of sexual offence and pornography charges ranging from rape to corruption of minors.

At the beginning of the hearing in Paris, at which one of his alleged victims was present, Bourguet acknowledged that he had had sex with the girls but

he said they had consented.

"I admit the sexual relations and the pornography, but I deny rape," he told the court.

His lawyer told reporters that Bourguet, who worked in the Central African Republic between 1998-2001 and the Democratic Republic of Congo between 2001-04, would argue that he had no way of knowing the girls were underaged.

A police investigation uncovered paedophile pornography and a series of images and videos stored on Bourguet's personal computer showing him with very young girls, the court heard.

MNA/Reuters

Manila SC reins in Judges over bribery scandal

MANILA, 10 Sept— The Philippines' Supreme Court removed one judge, suspended another and disciplined two others on Tuesday after a bribe was allegedly offered during legal deliberations over a corporate takeover battle.

"This is a wake-up call for all our justices," Jose Midas Marquez, the Supreme Court spokesman, told reporters.

In July the Court of Appeals halted an attempt by the state pension fund, GSIS, to wrest control of Manila Electric from the Lopez family, one of the Philippines' wealthiest clans.

Amid allegations of underhanded dealings, the 15-member Supreme Court looked into the proceedings and found there were no deliberations on the case.

One of the five justices handling it had written a ruling before a petition was filed. He was dismissed for violating the magistrate's "code of judicial conduct".

The inquiry said that a 10-million-peso (214,000-US-dollar) bribe had been offered to one justice by a businessman who wanted a ruling in favour of the Lopez family.

MNA/Reuters

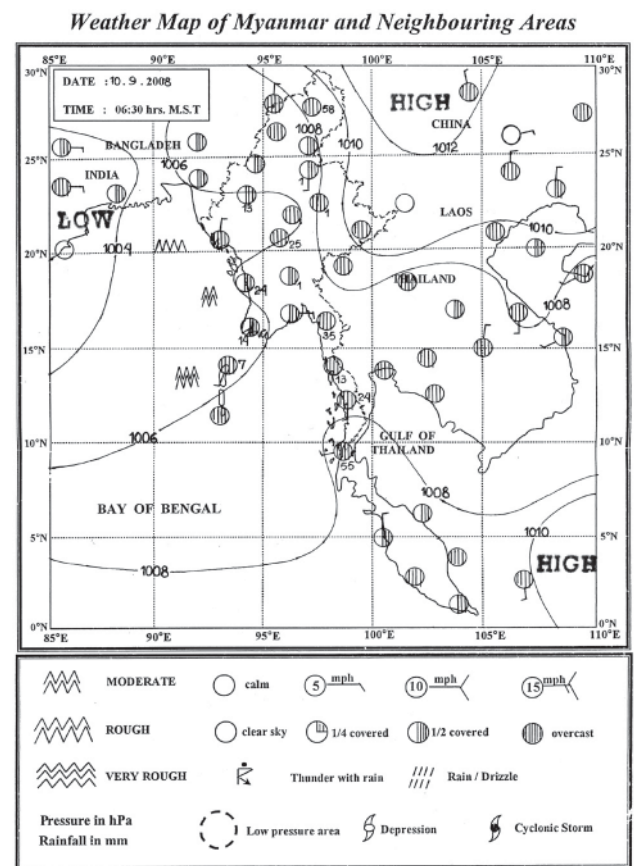
Philippines mother kills daughters, self with cleanser

MANILA, 10 Sept— A 32-year-old woman murdered her three young daughters by forcing them to drink a toilet bowl cleanser before drinking the same toxic liquid herself in a province south of Manila, police said on Tuesday.

Neighbours found the woman sprawled on the ground beside her dead children, aged 2 to 4, at dawn inside their rural home, Leo Marzan, police chief in Laguna Province, told reporters. The woman was found still holding the toilet bowl cleanser bottle.

"Her neighbours tried to save her but she died on the way to a hospital," Marzan said, adding poverty could have driven the woman to kill three of her four children.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Wednesday, 10 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather have been partly cloudy in Kayin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (2.40) inches, Kawthoung (2.36) inches, Gwa and Mawlamyine (1.38) inches, each and Meikhtila (0.99) inch.

Maximum temperature on 9-9-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 10-9-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-9-2008 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 9-9-2008 was (5.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-9-2008 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (81.93) inches at Mingaladon, (92.33) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.90) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (09:30) hours MST on 10-9-2008.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Tanintayi Division, fairly widespread in Shan States, Yangon Ayeyawady Divisions, and scattered in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Turkey bus crash kills 16 Iranian tourists

ISTANBUL, 10 Sept— Sixteen Iranian tourists were killed and 32 injured when their bus careered off a bendy road in eastern Turkey, state news agency *Anatolian* said on Tuesday.

The crash took place late on Monday in Agri Province after the driver lost control of the bus, media reports said.

The tourists, Iranians of Armenian descent, had spent a week in eastern Turkey visiting historical sites as part of a 90-person group, *Vatan* newspaper reported.

MNA/Xinhua



Thursday, 11 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:35 am
 4. Nice and Sweet song
- 7:45 am
 5. Dance variety

- 7:55 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am
 7. မြန်မာ့မီးရထားအားမာန်
- 8:20 am
 8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အဆင့်မြင့် ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. Musical programme
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm
 2. Cute little dancers
- 4:30 pm
 4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 4:40 pm
 3. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 4:40 pm
 5. Song for Uphold National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
 6. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 7. Dance of national races
- 5:10 pm
 8. “အား.....နာတယ်” (ခန့်စည်သူမိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
- 5:25 pm
 9. Musical programme
- 5:50 pm
 10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 5:50 pm
 11. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး/ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အဆင့်မြင့် ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 6:00 pm
 12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 14. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ
- 6:50 pm
 15. ဘိုကလေးကြိမ်ချောင်း၊ ကန့်ကန့်လမ်းမောက်လုပ်ရေး စီမံကိန်း
- 7:10 pm
 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ကုန်သွယ်မှုနံတိုင်း” (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 8:00 pm
 17. News.
 18. International news
 19. Weather report
 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား” (အပိုင်း-၂၇)

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- ★ BBC lying
- ★ VOA deceiving
- ★ RFA setting up hostilities
- ★ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers

Oil palm plantation thriving, palm oil mills operating in Khamaukgyi, Karathuri, Bokpyin

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—At Oil Palm Cultivation hall of Yuzana Co Ltd in Khamaukgyi in Kawthoung Township on 4 September evening, Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials, met national entrepreneurs who are engaged in oil palm cultivation in Taninthayi Division.

Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint handed five sets of computers and one set of printer for Khamaukgyi Basic Education High School to Chairman of Kawthoung District PDC U Min Aye Lwin.

On 5 September morning, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and party viewed production process of palm oil at the oil palm mill of the company. They also looked into production of natural fertilizer at 200-ton Organic Natural Fertilizer Plant.

At the oil palm plantation of Myanma Phar-

maceutical Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1, they inspected milling of oil palm seeds.

After viewing thriving oil palm plantation of Yuzana Oil Palm Project along Khamaukgyi-Larathuri road, they grew oil palm plants at the designated places. Yuzana Co Ltd has established 200,000 acres of oil palm plantation.

They also oversaw use of fertilizers and thriving oil palm plantations of Po Kaung Co Ltd.

At the local battalion in Kyaukhtanaing, Maj-Gen Tha Aye met servicemen and family members and presented assistance items to the family members.

At the mile post 90, they viewed the small-scale hydropower generator built by the local battalion and thriving oil palm plantation of Annawa Tun Co Ltd at Chaungtabyar Camp.

They met with departmental officials and local people at the office of Karathuri General Administration Department. They visited Karathuri 16-bed Hospital. Direc-



Maj-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects oil palm fruits at a plantation of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries of Ministry of Industry-1 in Khamaukgyi.—MNA

tor Dr Soe Tint of Health Department presented medicines to Medical Officer in-charge Dr Kyaw Thiha.

The hospital was built by Ever Green Co on 30 December 2007 and it was completed cent per cent.

They also viewed oil palm plantation of South Dagon Co Ltd in Bokpyin and milling of oil palm seeds at the palm oil mill.—MNA

Health education disseminated

YANGON, 10 Sept—Women Chapter of Myanmar Medical Association (Yangon) held educative talks on personal hygiene and preventive measures against DHF at Basic Education Middle School No. 11 in

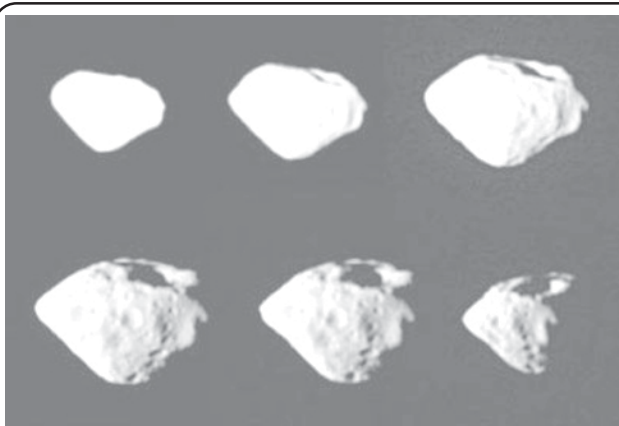
Metta Nyunt Ward, Tamway Township this morning. First, Pediatrician Dr Daw Khin Win Than and Eye Specialist Dr Daw Nilar Thein gave free medical treatments to the school children.

Next, Chairperson of

Women Chapter Dr Daw Khin Mar Aye gave educative talks.

Afterwards, YCDC employees carried out sanitation work for proper drainage at the compound of the school.

MNA



Probe completes asteroid fly by

BERLIN, 10 Sept—The European Space Agency obtained on Saturday the first images of an asteroid 360 million km (224 million miles) from earth, part of a space mission which scientists hope will help them understand the origins of the planets.

The images were transmitted to the control team in Darmstadt, Germany, by Europe's Rosetta spacecraft which completed its flyby of the Steins asteroid, in the asteroid belt between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, late on Friday.—Internet

One's future will be prosperous only when one is accepted by the people