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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

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to King of Saudi Arabia

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, King of Saudi Arabia on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which falls on 23 September 2008.— *MNA*

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Building national solidarity based on high qualification of citizens and intelligence necessary

YANGON, 22 Sept— The special refresher course No 66 for basic education teachers was opened at Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address.

Also present were Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint



On behalf of the Secretary-1 of the SPDC, Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivers an address at the opening ceremony of refresher course No. 66 for basic education teachers.—MNA

Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the deputy ministers, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, heads of departments, the rector of CICS, the pro-rector, heads of departments, course instructors and trainee teachers. (See page 8)

United face fine after Chelsea yellows

LONDON, 22 Sept—Manchester United are set to be fined 25,000 pounds (46,000 dollars) after receiving seven yellow cards in their 1-1 draw away to Chelsea on Sunday.

Sir Alex Ferguson, the champions' manager, insisted there hadn't been a bad tackle in the match against their perennial Premier League rivals although, come the final whistle there was a clash between United's Rio Ferdinand and Chelsea's Didier Drogba which left the forward needing attention. "It was a competitive game but I did not think there was one bad tackle in it," said Ferguson of the 1-1



draw. Referee Mike Riley's performance may have left Ferguson fuming in a match where United took the lead through Park Ji-Sung before Salomon Kalou equalised 10 minutes from time.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Redouble efforts for public health care

Reconstruction tasks in storm-affected Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions are being carried out extensively to make sure that the local people enjoy better living conditions, and now their living status has actually improved more than ever.

The rehabilitation work has not been carried out as an ordinary task but it has been done on a concerted effort with the aim of ensuring more development of the regions and socio-economic improvement of the local people.

In reconstructing the towns and villages, measures have been taken to build more durable and modern hospitals, schools and offices so as to promote public health care.

As regards the health care, specialists, assistant surgeons, house surgeons and nurses dividing themselves into groups made field trips to the storm-stricken regions to provide health care for the local people under the arrangement of the Ministry of Health.

Special healthcare teams not only gave medical treatment to the patients but also took disease preventive measures by setting up bases in the areas concerned. The Traditional Medicine Department under the Health Ministry also took part in the healthcare services and gave health educative talks.

Thanks to the efforts of the government and health staff and the assistance of national entrepreneurs and wellwishers, the storm-battered regions were free from infectious diseases following the storm.

Myanmar's efforts for health care of the storm survivors have been praised. Likewise, the WHO Director-General himself applauded Myanmar for speedily carrying out relief and rehabilitation tasks.

All in all, more efforts will be made for providing health care to the storm victims as well as all the national people.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu gives a speech at the opening ceremony of Basic Diplomatic Course (19/2008).

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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

Shwephonepwint Pagoda to be renovated



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gives instructions on renovation of Shwephonepwint Pagoda.

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YANGON, 22 Sept — Shwephonepwint Pagoda in Pazundaung Township will be renovated for the first time after the storm.

A work coordination meeting on renovation of the pagoda was held at the pagoda yesterday and Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan urged experts to assess damages at the pagoda and religious buildings at the pagoda and to renovate them.

Religious objects fixed at the pagoda and religious buildings were damaged by the Cyclone

Nargis on 2 and 3 May.

Members of the board of trustees of the pagoda and experts reported to the minister on conditions of the pagoda and religious buildings to be renovated.

After hearing reports, the minister gave necessary instructions to responsible personnel and went round the pagoda.

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Diplomatic Course opens

YANGON, 22 Sept — Basic Diplomatic Course No. (19/2008) organized by Ministry of Foreign Affairs was opened at a ceremony held at the ministry here this evening, attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu.

Present on the occasion were officials of departments under MOFA, retired ambassadors, senior diplomats, professors of universities, retired professors, instructors and trainees.

The 12-week course comprises holding and attending of international conferences, social relations, diplomatic relations, writing of diplomatic letters and official letters, communications knowledge, international economic relations, international law and negotiation skills, attended by 188 trainees.

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English Proficiency Course opens

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — English Proficiency Course Levels-I and III under the arrangement of Ministry of Commerce was opened at the ministry here this morning.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun gave an opening speech.

Alltogether 120 trainees are attending the three-month course.—MNA

Nutritious food cooking contest

YANGON, 22 Sept — To mark the Nutrition Week 2008, a cooking competition of nutritious food for pre-primary students took place under the supervision of Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee at Thingangyun Township Hall here yesterday. Chairperson Daw Kyin Myaing of Yangon Division MCWSC spoke on the occasion and Secretary Dr Daw Sandar explained activities of the Nutrition Week 2008. Members of fourteen Townships in the District took part in the competition.

At the end of the competition, the chairperson presented first, second and third and consolation prizes to Pazundaung, Thakayta, Thingangyun, Yankin and Mingala Taungnyunt Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations respectively.—MNA

Second American dead in Pakistan hotel blast

ISLAMABAD, 22 Sept—A second American has been confirmed killed in the weekend suicide bomb attack on the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad, hospital sources and diplomats said on Monday.

“We received the bodies of two male Americans, the Czech ambassador and one Vietnamese lady,” said Wasim Khawaja, spokesman for PIMS hospital in the Pakistani capital. Two diplomatic sources

also confirmed that two Americans were killed in Saturday’s attack on the Marriott, which killed at least 60 people and injured more than 260.

Khawaja said the bodies of the two American men had been handed over to US embassy officials in Islamabad.

Czech ambassador Ivo Zdarek had been living at the hotel at the time of the attack. Officials in Prague confirmed his death on Sunday.

A Danish intelligence agent was still missing, Danish officials said on Sunday.—Internet



A woman wades through flooded water at Terabatia village in Orissa.—INTERNET

135 feared dead in India flooding

NEW DELHI, 22 Sept — At least 135 people have died in the last two days in India as a result of flooding, bringing the death toll in monsoon floods to 2,364 since June, according to disaster-management officials in India.

The deaths this weekend happened in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa and Uttaranchal, according to a report from the Disaster Management Division of the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs.

Eight-two people died in Uttar Pradesh, 34 died in Himachal Pradesh and 17 lost their lives in Orissa and two died in Uttaranchal, authorities said.

In the eastern state of Orissa, about 65 embankments have been breached, said G.V. Venugopala Sarma, the commissioner and secretary of Orissa’s revenue and disaster management department.

Authorities are using motor boats and military helicopters for rescue and have set up 261 relief camps in the state.—Internet

Pakistani troops fire on intruding US choppers

ISLAMABAD, 22 Sept — Pakistani troops fired on two US helicopters that intruded into Pakistani airspace on Sunday night, forcing them to turn back

act more forcibly against Islamist fighters in the tribal lands bordering Afghanistan.

The number of missile attacks by US drone aircraft in the remote tribal areas has multiplied in recent weeks.

The helicopters violated the border in the area of Lowara Mandi, 40 km (25 miles) west of Miranshah, the main town in the North Waziristan tribal region, at around 9 pm on Sunday, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject.

There was no official confirmation.

“We don’t have any information on border violation by the American helicopters,” Major Murad Khan, a military spokesman, said.

Internet



Pakistani troops fired on two US helicopters that intruded into Pakistani territory on Sunday night, forcing them to turn back to Afghanistan, a senior security official with knowledge of the clash said on Monday.—INTERNET

Fighting in Somali capital kills 30

MOGADISHU, 22 Sept — Somalia’s warring sides pounded the capital with mortar rounds and gunfire Monday, killing 30 people including a family of seven.

Monday’s fighting pitted insurgents against government forces and their Ethiopian allies, who come under regular attack in Mogadishu, one of the most violent cities in the world. The violence left bodies in city streets. When the blasts calmed, young men ventured out to

transport the gravely wounded to hospitals in rickety wheelbarrows.

“There is blood everywhere, and human flesh on the walls,” Abshir Mohamed Ali, a shop owner at Bakara market, where much of the fighting was centred, said.

Internet

A Somali man assists a critically wounded man, on 22 Sept, 2008 a victim of a mortar attack on the Bakara market in Mogadishu.—INTERNET



Investigators at the scene of the deadly bomb blast in northern Spain. INTERNET

Car bomb in northern Spain kills soldier

MADRID, 22 Sept — A car bomb exploded early Monday in northern Spain, killing an Army soldier and wounding 10 others in an attack authorities blamed on the Basque separatist group ETA.

It was the third car bombing in 24 hours blamed on ETA.

The blast killed Luis Conde de la Cruz, a non-commissioned officer in his 40s, officials said.—Internet

Four Afghans killed in Peace Day attacks

KABUL, 22 Sept — Four Afghan security workers were killed in attacks over the weekend and rebels held about 100 civilians hostage for hours, authorities said on Monday, accusing the Taliban of breaking a Peace Day truce.

The Afghan Army and its international military allies had agreed to call off offensives against extremists on the UN’s International Peace Day on Sunday, with Taliban insurgent militia also agreeing to halt attacks.

But Taliban-linked insur-

gents shot dead an Afghan soldier in the southern province of Helmand, the defence ministry said in a statement.

An Afghan policeman was also killed in a gun attack in the northern province of Baghlan, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said.

Two security guards were meanwhile killed in the central province of Ghazni when Taliban attacked a convoy of trucks supplying foreign forces, said provincial spokesman Ismail Jahangir.—Internet

Syria condemns terrorist attack in Pakistan

DAMASCUS, 22 Sept— Syrian President Bashar al-Assad condemned on Sunday the terrorist attack in the Pakistani capital Islamabad that killed dozens of civilians on Saturday evening, the official SANA news agency reported.

President Assad made the condemnation in a telegram he sent to his Pakistani counterpart Asif Ali Zardari, SANA said.

In the telegram, Assad

expressed his deep grief and offered his condolences to Zardari, the friendly people of Pakistan and the families of the victims. He also wished the injured a speedy recovery.

A huge truck bomb exploded at the entrance to the Marriott Hotel in the centre of Islamabad on Saturday evening, killing 53 people and injuring over 250 others.

The death toll may rise

as some people are still trapped inside the six-story hotel.

The blast came just hours after Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari vowed to firmly fight against terrorism and extremism while addressing a joint session of the parliament.

Xinhua



The "smiling" insect was captured on camera phone by Mark Manders. —XINHUA

Czech FM sharply denounces terrorist attack in Islamabad

PRAGUE, 22 Sept — Czech Foreign Minister Karel Schwarzenberg sharply denounced the terrorist attack in Islamabad and expressed sympathy to the victims' families, the Czech news agency CTK said on Sunday.

The attack was an attempt at destabilization of the situation in Pakistan after the recent presidential election, Schwarzenberg said.

He welcomed the Pakistani government's statement that this latest development will not weaken its resolve in fighting terrorists.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani Sunday confirmed that the ambassador of the

Czech Republic to Pakistan has been killed in Saturday's suicide bomb attack in Islamabad.

Zdarek, 47, who used to serve in Vietnam, was appointed ambassador to Pakistan last month and has been staying at the hotel, the embassy sources said.

Zdarek is probably a second Czech who has fallen victim as a civilian to a terrorist attack abroad, CTK said, adding that the first was Petr Koran, 24, who died in an attack on the Egyptian recreational area of Sharm El Sheikh in July 2005.

Xinhua



Actors perform folk dances during the XII Festival Patria 2008 in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 21 Sept, 2008. Eight folk dance ensembles of Mexico perform during the art festival on 21 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA

Grenade explosion kills two, injures 19 in Caracas

CARACAS, 22 Sept — Two people were killed and at least 19 others injured on Sunday in a grenade explosion in Caracas, capital of Venezuela, local media reported.

The blast occurred on Saturday morning at the "23 January" parish in west Caracas, where witnesses said that a young man threw a grenade from the eighth floor of a residential building.

The grenade exploded near a group of elderly people gathering at the ground floor of the building, killing two and injuring 19 others. —Xinhua

Bus collision kills 15, injures 51 in Bolivia

LIMA, 22 Sept— A bus collision Sunday killed 15 people and injured 51 on the highway that connects the western Bolivian province of La Paz and the southeastern Oruro province, said police officials.

The accident occurred at 9:00 am local time (1300 GMT) near the localities of Calamarca and Ajoia, some 50 km from La Paz, the administrative capital of Bolivia.

A bus collided head-on with another vehicle coming from the opposite direction when trying to overtake a minibus, said traffic police Lieutenant Colonel Jose Murillo. —Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

"Friendly" bacteria protect against Type 1 diabetes

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept — In a dramatic illustration of the potential for microbes to prevent disease, researchers at Yale University and University of Chicago showed that mice exposed to common stomach bacteria were protected against the development of Type 1 diabetes.

The findings, reported in the latest issue of journal *Nature*, support the so-called "hygiene hypothesis" — the theory that a lack of exposure to parasites, bacteria and viruses in the developed world may lead to increased risk of diseases like allergies, asthma, and other disorders of the immune system.

The results also sug-

gest that exposure to some forms of bacteria might actually help prevent the onset of Type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease in which the patient's immune system launches an attack on

cells in the pancreas that produce insulin. The root causes of autoimmune disease have been the subject of intensive investigation by scientists around the world. —Xinhua

Microsoft to buy back \$40 bln stock

LOS ANGELES, 22 Sept— Software giant Microsoft Corp said Monday it would buy back up to another 40 billion US dollars of its shares.

The company said a plan to this effect has been approved by its board. The program expires on 30 Sept, 2013, Microsoft said in a regulatory filing.

As of 28 July, Microsoft had about 9.13 billion shares outstanding, according to the filing.

The Redmond, Washington-based company said it has completed its previous 40-billion-dollar stock repurchase program.

Microsoft shares rose 1.22 dollars, or 4.9 percent, to 26.38 dollars in pre market trading. —Internet



Children take part in the parade celebrating the "flower, fruit and vegetable harvest festival" on the street in Skierniewice, Poland, on 20 Sept, 2008. Local "flower, fruit and vegetable harvest festival" was held here on Saturday, attracting lots of visitors. —XINHUA

S Korean banks financial conditions improve in Q2

SEOUL, 22 Sept—South Korean banks' financial conditions improved in the second quarter from the first quarter due to their increase in equity capital and decrease in risky assets, the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS) said Monday.

According to the financial watchdog, the average capital adequacy ratio of 18 commercial and state banks of the country in April-June period gained 0.16 percentage points from three months earlier, posting 11.36 percent. Although the ratio is lower than the 12.31 percent at the end of last year, it is much higher than the minimum BIS ratio of 8 percent that Basel requires. The FSS said the local bank's capital base in the second quarter gained 1 percent from the previous three months, while risk-weighted assets declined 0.5 percent. Local banks' combine net profit which amounted to 3.4 trillion won (2.99 billion US dollars) in the second quarter, helped to raise the lenders' capital base, the FSS added.—Internet

South Africa's Mbeki resigns after power struggle

CAPE TOWN (South Africa), 22 Sept—South African President Thabo Mbeki told the nation Sunday that he had resigned, having lost a power struggle to a rival tainted by allegations of corruption but poised now to lead the country.

In a somber but dignified speech focusing on the successes and shortcomings of his nine-year presidency, Mbeki said he had submitted a letter to the speaker of Parliament "to tender my resignation from the high position of

President of the Republic of South Africa."

He said he would stand down at a date to be determined by Parliament, which will convene in the coming days to select an interim president to serve until next year's elections. National Assembly

speaker Baleka Mbete, who is also chairwoman of the African National Congress, is widely tipped to become the interim head of state, paving the way for Mbeki's nemesis, Jacob Zuma, to take over after the elections.—Internet



South African

President

Thabo Mbeki

Two dead in helicopter crash into Wis house

KENOSHA (Wis) 22 Sept—A helicopter crashed into the roof of a house early Sunday, killing two people in the aircraft, but five people in the house were uninjured, police reported.

The helicopter crashed around 5:30 am, about one mile south of the Kenosha Airport, police Sgt Eric Larsen said.

Fog was reported in the area at the time, but there was no immediate indication if that played a role in the crash. Visibility at 5:30 am was three-quarters of a mile to a mile, National Weather Service meteorologist Chris Franks said.—Internet

Ford, Dow execs to announce national summit in '09

DETROIT, 22 Sept—Amid the turmoil on Wall Street, leaders from two global companies hard hit by economic and industrial upheavals are expected to unveil plans Monday for a national convention being held next year to discuss the future of manufacturing, technology, energy and the environment.

Ford Motor Co Executive Chairman Bill Ford

and Dow Chemical Co Chairman and Chief Executive Andrew Liveris were scheduled to announce The National Summit after the Detroit Economic Club meeting Monday. The nonpartisan, nonprofit group is convening the summit, which is set for 15-17 June at Ford Field, the home of the Detroit Lions.

Beth Chappell, the economic club's CEO, said

the idea grew out of listening to leaders who have addressed the venerable speakers' forum during the past couple years.

Ford and Liveris will serve as the summit's co-chairmen. Ford is the economic club's outgoing chairman, and General Motors Corp. Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner succeeds him on Monday.

Internet

Dollar down to upper 106 yen in Tokyo

TOKYO, 22 Sept—The US dollar went down to the upper 106 yen level early Monday in Tokyo.

Internet



The wreckage of a vehicle used in a bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad on 21 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET



Biggest Burger - Denny's Beer Barrel Pub, Clearfield, Pennsylvania (although this claim often faces rivals). Order ahead for a 123 lb (56 kg) burger. Of course, there's always the 6 lb (3 kg) version if you're just after a snack.—INTERNET

Man says he's eaten 23,000 Big Macs since 1972

A 54-year-old man says his obsessive-compulsive disorder drove him to eat 23,000 Big Macs in 36 years.

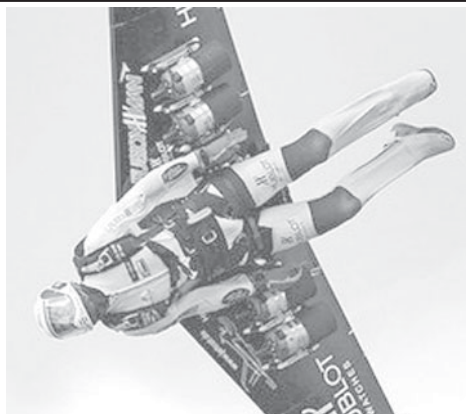
Fifty-four-year-old Don Gorske says he hit the milestone last month, continuing a pleasurable obsession that began 17 May, 1972 when he got his first car.

Gorske has kept every burger receipt in a box. He says he was always fascinated with numbers, and watching McDonald's track its number of customers motivated him to track his own consumption. The only day he skipped a Big Mac was the day his mother died, to respect her request.

The correctional-institution employee says he doesn't care when people call his Big Mac obsession crazy.



Robotic helicopters are pictured prior to an airshow on the Stanford University campus in Palo Alto, California, on 15 September, 2008.



Swiss daredevil Yves Rossy, seen here flying, will attempt to cross the English Channel, propelled by a jet-powered wing strapped to his back, an aide said.—INTERNET

Ind city looks for time capsule that time forgot

Call it the time capsule that time forgot. A city committee voted recently to open a time capsule buried in 1958, when the city was celebrating its centennial.

The plan was to display the items, then add modern ones and rebury it until 2058.

Trouble is, no one seems to know exactly where the capsule is.

Several committee members thought the capsule was buried in a park — but the capsule there was buried in the 1970s to commemorate the US bicentennial celebration.

Jose Canseco could lose street name in Miami

At least one Miami-Dade official thinks it's an embarrassment to have a street named after retired baseball star Jose Canseco.

That's why Miami-Dade County Commissioner Joe Martinez — whose district includes Jose Canseco Street — is proposing a resolution to have the name changed.

If the resolution makes it through a committee on Tuesday, it will go to the full Board of County Commissioners for a final vote.



Moko, an 11-year-old female walrus, holds a mock mobile phone while her trainer Tomomi Fukuda uses her mobile phone while training of their new show at the Hakkeijima Sea Paradise aquarium in Yokohama, suburban Tokyo. Moko and two other walruses blow horns and strike various kinds of poses during the show.

German firefighters use net to capture kangaroo

An escaped kangaroo kept police and firefighters busy after fleeing its owner's home and bounding through a small town near Cologne.

The animal was eventually caught in a net and returned to its owner on Tuesday.

Police said the kangaroo was unharmed, and no charges would be filed.

NEWSALBUM

Prevent terrorist acts through the strength of the people (2)

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(continued from yesterday)

It was in 1967 when KNU set fire to Shwepyitha Village with over 800 houses in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division and burnt down Kyetthonkhin and Gyogon villages in Thabaung Township. In 1985, it blasted Yangon-Mandalay Up-train near mile post 127 between Kywepwe and Nyaungchedauk, leaving 76 people dead and 122, injured. At first, they committed massacres, stemming from their racism. Later, it turned bloodthirsty and committed murders without any reason of racial hatred or politics.

Some KNU leaders were notorious for murders, robberies and rapes. On 22 November 1953, KNU insurgent Bo Ya Kyaw and party blasted a passenger train that had left Sittoung near Naungkalar Village and forcibly took the jewellery of the passengers, kidnapped about 50 women and men. Among the 50 victims, those men who were ransomed were released; those ransomed women were released only after being raped. The men who were not ransomed were all killed, and the women who were not ransomed were all killed after being raped.

I learnt that as for KNU insurgents Lin Htin, Hsalan and Phar Lu Kyaw, rape was common. Lin Htin got married to 45 women, Hsalan, over 40, and Phar Lu Kyaw, over 150. Due to KNU members' rapes, thousands of women of Bamar, Kayin and Mon national races led a fateful life. Bo Than Shein of KNU battalion (3) was notorious for rapes. He killed many men to get married to their wives. It will take me several days if I have to present all the stories about "Licensed to rape" of KNU members. I still feel embittered for KNU members' sexual violence against national race women.

KNU is used to inhumane acts. KNU committed the world's first-ever hijack. KNU hijacked Myanmar Airways-run Dakkota aircraft on its Yangon-Kyaukpyu-Sittway flight on 25 June 1954. It committed a great number of terrorist acts. It committed bomb blast on Mandalay-Yangon Down-train when it approached Yangon Central Railway Station on 10 January 1988. It launched armed attacks in the premises of the Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda in March 1988. It detonated bombs to attack the convoy on its way to convey the statue of Alan-taya Sayadaw from Thaton to Hlinebwe through Hpa-an on 10 May 1989 and set fire to the motor vehicles. It also launched bomb attacks on the religious convoy led by Mingun Sayadaw U Vicitta Sarabhivamsa on the way from Dawei to Thayetchaung on 3 February 1991.

KNU is claiming founding of Kayin State and creation of a brighter future of Kayin nationals. However, in practice, it showed absolute cruelty to local people including its own people sticking to the warlord policy in an unruly manner. Therefore, in the end, KNU lost the support of local people and its troops retreated from the delta helter-skelter. Local people including Kayin nationals joined hands with

The Tatmadaw government has kept the door of peace open regardless of the number of KNU members. In the early times, the meetings between the State and KNU were close to agreements. However, it was disheartening to note that their western masters were interfering in the affairs out of fear that there would no longer be their lackeys to be used in their political tricks on Myanmar, if peace and stability had been restored in the nation. And the meeting did not produce any positive results.

the Tatmadaw in the Operations "Shwe Lin Yon", "Moe Hein", and "Thein Lar" that were launched in 1969, 1970 and 1971 respectively. Due to people's militia strategy and four cuts tactics, KNU left the delta for border with the neighbouring country.

There, it kept on claiming a brighter future of Kayin nationals, whereas it built strong military bases along the border line in its attempt to bully local people. So far, it has done nothing beneficial to the people of its own race. It collected extortion money and levied taxes in the villages of the region; it smuggled precious stones and teak out of the country and it asked for funds under the pretext of so-called refugee camps. Receiving meagre sums from some powerful countries, it fell under alien domination. It is needless to ask KNU if it loves Kayin State and its own national race.

It is public knowledge that the Tatmadaw government has made all-out efforts to put an end to the 40-year-old internal armed insurgency and to achieve national reconsolidation. At that time, the Tatmadaw was gaining the upper hand in the military operations. On 28 April 1992, it announced its suspension of offensives against KNU, and suspended all its operations throughout the nation including Kayin State. As a result, 17 national race armed groups and many small armed groups without racism, dogmatism and reliance on foreign countries came to realize the benevolent attitude of the Tatmadaw, returned to the legal fold.

KNU remnants, KNPP members who went underground again, and SSA-S Ywet Sit's group are the only armed groups that have not returned to the legal fold owing to their too much reliance on external elements and racism. Now, they are not in a position to stand inside the nation, so they are staying hidden along the border with the neighbouring country. In particular, taking a stronghold in the so-called refugee camps in the neighbouring country, KNU troops

launched attacks on their motherland through guerilla tactics. Some border areas adjacent to the insurgents' bases are the only regions that have yet to enjoy fruitful results of development. So, local people still feel hurt by the atrocities of the remnant insurgents.

According to the records, KNU has held three informal meetings and four formal meetings with the Tatmadaw from 1995 to date. The meetings did not reach any agreement due to the fact that it clings on to its wrong policies. Up to now, six groups have split from KNU and returned to the legal fold. KNU remnant members bear animosity towards the peace groups and the groups that have made peace. So, they often ambushed those groups. Haungthayaw region led by U Saw Tha Mu He has come under armed attacks for 22 times since it made peace. During the raid by the groups led by Kyi Lin of KNU battalion (8), U Saw Tha Mu He's two daughters, two grandchildren and brother-in-law teacher (retired) were killed, and the youngest daughter lost one of her arms. Later, Kyi Lin was killed. KNU ambushed DKBA convoy. Moreover, it resorted to various means in complicity with some external elements to dissuade some armed groups that wanted to return to the legal fold from doing so. KNU remnants are resorting to all possible ways to survive. Now, the strength of KNU remnants is very weak.

The Tatmadaw government has kept the door of peace open regardless of the number of KNU members. In the early times, the meetings between the State and KNU were close to agreements. However, it was disheartening to note that their western masters were interfering in the affairs out of fear that there would no longer be their lackeys to be used in their political tricks on Myanmar, if peace and stability had been restored in the nation. And the meeting did not produce any positive results.

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Prevent terrorist acts through the strength of the people (2)

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Now, areas along the border of Myanmar are free from insurgent camps. The Tatmadaw has been in a position to control the border by running outposts there. What KNU can do all is to secretly enter the nation and commit subversive acts such as blasting railroads, roads and buildings in towns and villages, and to plant mines. The root cause of KNU's long-lasting survival is due to the aid and abetment of its western masters, and the neighbouring country's acceptance of KNU camps under the name of refugee camps. Another reason is that their western masters are manufacturing fabrications as if KNU remnant group won the support and represented the entire Kayin nationals.

Now, the population of Kayin nationals in the nation is about 3.5 million, and the number of KNU remnant members is just three or four digits. So, it is out of the question that KNU represents the entire Kayin nationals. Kayin nationals do not recognize KNU. Now, KNU and Kayin nationals stand separately.

Regarding the recent bomb blasts at the video lounge in Kyaukkyi, KNU foreign relations in charge Phado David Htaw denied that KNU committed the bomb attacks. He said that the accusations were designed to tarnish the image of KNU politically. Throughout the history of the nation, KNU has done nothing positive. Since its coming to existence, it has been equipped with wrong inherent character, wrong policies,

and extreme views and has committed ruthless acts. Now, it is denying brazenly, but no one believes. The people have realized what KNU and its future is like.

It is impossible that KNU realizes the truth as long as it keeps on exercising its wrong policies. To date, it has to run its bases under the name of refugee camps in the other country. KNU troops come off from the so-called refugee camps to commit destructive acts through guerilla tactics in the nation. **The government still keeps the peace door open to the remnant KNU members, but they have failed to grab such golden opportunities.** It is regrettable.

It is true that certain elements are not happy with the conditions in which the people lead a peaceful life,

do their businesses in accordance with the Law and work hard together to achieve the goal of democracy. It is vividly clear that it never spares the lives of innocent people. **So, the people have to keep a watchful eye on any suspicious activities in order that any terrorists in disguise cannot enter their communities across the nation. If they notice something suspicious, they are required to inform the authorities concerned as soon as possible. Only with the cooperation of the people to expose plots will it be possible to avert losses of lives and property of the people.**

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Warning on Islamabad attack received 3 days ago

ISLAMABAD, 22 Sept—Pakistan's Interior Ministry said on Sunday that the authorities had information three days ago that terrorists would carry out an attack in the capital Islamabad.

"We had information that terrorist can strike near the Parliament or any other place in Islamabad," Interior Adviser to the Prime Minister Rehman Malik told reporters at a news conference. The suicide bomber used a dumper, carrying construction material, for the attack, he said, adding that the bomber wanted to target Hotel Marriot.—MNA/Xinhua



Parents and their children wait for health inspection at a children's hospital in Chengdu, in southwest China's Sichuan province on 19 Sept, 2008. Thousands of worried parents have filled hospitals, many hovering over sons and daughters hooked to IV drips after drinking milk powder tainted with melamine, a toxic industrial chemical that can cause kidney stones and lead to kidney failure. Some 1,300 babies, mostly newborns, remain hospitalized, with 158 suffering from acute kidney failure.—INTERNET

Chinese V-P calls for public science awareness

BEIJING, 22 Sept—Chinese Vice-President Xi Jinping has called for greater public science awareness and encouraged Chinese scientists to get more involved in science education.

"Promoting science awareness is an important task in implementing the Scientific Outlook on Development," Xi said in Beijing on Sunday, which

was National Science and Technology Popularization Day. Xi, also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, joined children to conduct science experiments, and encouraged them to learn about resource saving. Xi also visited exhibitions on energy saving technology,

including the use of solar energy and the production of diesel from waste cooking oil.

"This year is crucial for the energy saving target set for the 11th five-year plan period," said Xi, adding that such green technology should be further promoted and energy-saving efforts should be enforced.

MNA/Xinhua

Somali pirates hijack Greek ship with 19 crew members

NAIROBI, 22 Sept—Armed Somali pirates hijacked another Greek ship with 19 crew members off the coast of Somalia in the latest attacks along the world's most dangerous waters, a regional maritime official said on Sunday.

Andrew Mwangura, the coordinator of the East Africa Seafarers Assistance Program (SAP), said the vessel flying

Bahamas MV Capt, Stephanos was carrying coal when it was seized off the eastern coast of Somalia, the 15th such seizure by the pirates since July 20. "We received the reports today that the Greek ship flying Bahamas MV Capt, Stephanos has been seized by pirates," Mwangura told Xinhua by telephone. "The vessel was

carrying coal but we don't know whether the Greek ship was sailing from South Africa or not.

We also have not established whether the vessel was hijacked today (Sunday) or on Saturday," he said. The incident came barely a week after armed pirates seized a Greek ship with 25 crew members.

MNA/Xinhua

Building national solidarity based...

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In his address, Minister Dr Chan Nyein said every nation is trying its best competitively to safeguard and promote the national interest of the nation and its people in political, economic and social aspects.

Even top nations with high science and technology are seeking ways and means to possess effective science and technology and they are still trying to have superiority in political, economic social sectors, he said.

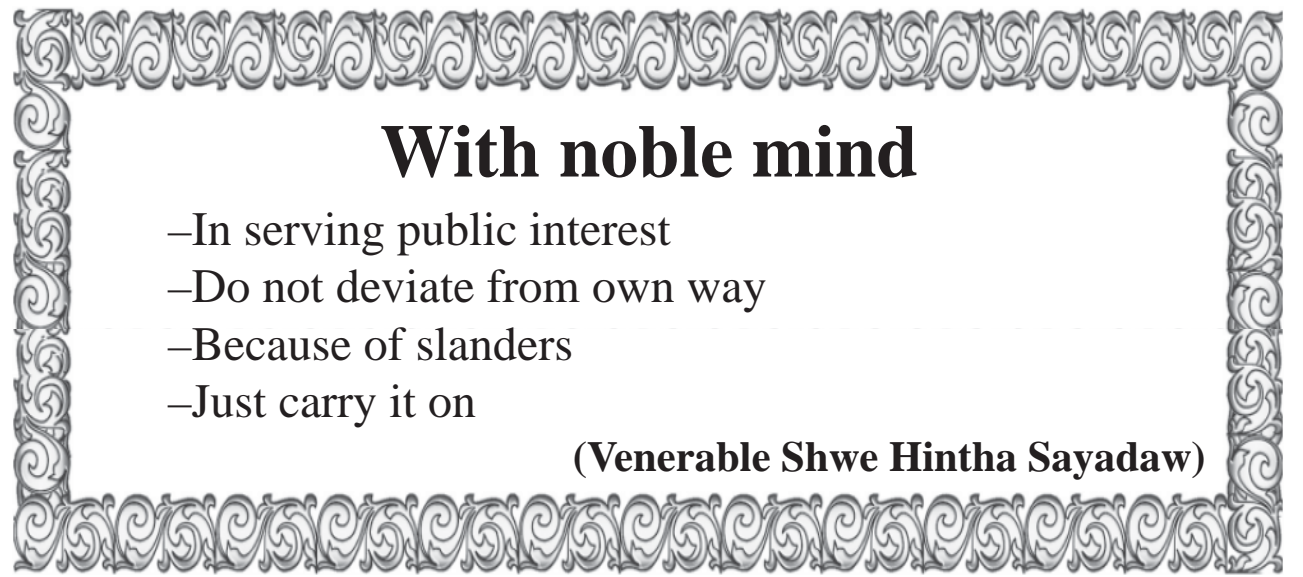
He said it is necessary to build national solidarity based on high qualification of the citizens and

intelligence, progress of science and technology and wealth power so that they can serve the national interest.

He said the government is implementing educational plans in conformity with international developments and requirements of the future State. The government is making arrangements to have intellectual power which can bring about the national interest and safeguard the nation and the people and solve various kinds of challenges, he added.

Therefore, he said, the teachers are not only to train the students to be well-

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With noble mind

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

(Venerable Shwe Hinthay Sayadaw)

versed in education and provide requirements for national development but also equip them with high morale and other skills.

He spoke of the need to build infrastructures on development, information and communication and industry for changes in the future. Although Myanmar is an agro-based country, encouragement is being given to industrial development. This is why industrial zones, industrial cities and factories have emerged. At the same time, IT based-production, intellectual property services and IT industries have developed, he said.

To achieve national

development, a lot of efforts need to be exerted simultaneously ranging from agro-based and industrial-based productive services to knowledge-based production and services. In so doing, the government is taking measures for development of political, economic and social foundations including infrastructures, technical expertise, financial investments, management and legislation.

In this connection, technology plays the main role in achieving the aims and objectives of the State. Only when such opportunities mixed with challenges are to be used

through the strength of technology and technical know-how, can the national aims and objectives be realized.

The government is working very hard for shaping a brighter future of the nation with a view to serving the interests of future generations. For example, education and health infrastructures, dam, road and bridge construction projects and water supply and arid zone greening projects are showing good results.

The government in cooperation with the entire national people has tried its utmost for the emergence of the consti-

tution of the Union of Myanmar for ensuring peace and prosperity of the nation, national solidarity, freedom and fairness, peace and stability of the State, improvement of the people's living standards and cultural and social values.

All in all, teachers are to strive to maintain these good results including the effort for national education promotion by doing their bit in their respective roles.

Later, Minister Dr Chan Nyein cordially greeted the trainees. A total of 1501 teachers are attending the five-week course.—MNA

Minister inspects sub-power stations

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Tin Aung and officials on 20 September arrived at 132/33/11 KVA and KV 15 MVA Yinmabin sub-power station in Thazi Township and inspected switch yard. Officials concerned reported on power and distribution of power in the switch yard.

The minister and party inspected the site for Pyinyaungbin sub-power station. They inspected 132/66/11 KV80 MVA Kalaw Sub-power station in Kalaw. Electrical Engineer U Aung Zaw Moe reported on supply of power in Shan State (South).

The minister also inspected indicators in control panel in the control room and gave instructions

MNA

Experts discuss ways for safer shelter construction in storm-hit areas

YANGON, 22 Sept — “Safer Shelter Construction National Level Training Workshop” kicked off at Myanmar Engineering Association here today.

During the first-day session of the two-day workshop, resource persons from MEA, Kyoto University, SEEDS Asia (Japan) and SEEDS India read papers on safer shelter construction in the Cyclone Nargis-hit areas.

The workshop, jointly organized by Myanmar Engineering Association, Kyoto University, SEEDS Asia (Japan) and SEEDS India, will continue tomorrow at the same venue.

It was attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, President of MEA U Than Myint and members of the associa-

tion, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa and resource persons, representatives from ministries and participants of the workshop. —MNA

FM sends felicitations to Saudi Arabia

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — On the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which falls on 23 September 2008, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Royal Highness Prince Saud Bin Al-Faisal Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.—MNA

National Level Sports Management Course opens

YANGON, 22 Sept—National Level Sports Management Course (2/2008) under the arrangement of International Olympic Committee Solidarity Pro-grammee was opened at Gold Hotel in National Football Training Camp (Thuwunna) here this morning.

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye

Myint gave an opening speech.

Twenty Four trainees of ministries, Sports and Physical Education Department (Branches) and Physical Education Departments of States and Divisions are attending the course. The course lasts until 26 September.

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Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivers an address at Safer Shelter Construction National Level Training Workshop.—MNA

Monywa industrial zone contributing to national development

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein accompanied by officials concerned looked into foundry plant of Thiha Tun Co Ltd in Monywa industrial zone on 20 September.

At the briefing hall, they met industrialists of

Monywa industrial zone and heard reports on working condition of Monywa industrial zone by chairman of Monywa industrial zone management committee U Nyein Aung. Afterwards, those in-charges of 12 industries explained their respective status of production.

U Myint Win, general manager of Ministry of Commerce elaborated on import of necessary machines for

development of industrial zones, and chairman of Thiha Tun Co Ltd presented reports on production process of the foundry plant and the commander and the minister fulfilled the requirements of the entrepreneurs.

The commander and the minister replied to the queries raised by merchants of Monywa wholesale centre and viewed sample of beans and sesame.—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

Minister for Information

Brig-Gen

Kyaw Hsan inspects

Yeku transmission

station.

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Kengtung IPRD runs mobile libraries

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—Kengtung District Information and Public Relations Department conducted a mobile library and educative talks at No. 5 Basic Education High School in Kengtung

on 15 September. Assistant Director U Soe Soe of the state IPRD gave an educative talk.

Similarly, the IPRD held a mobile library, photo exhibition and

educative talks at Lwemwe Basic Education High School in Kengtung on 16 September. Head of the district IPRD U Kham Hlan Sone gave an educative talk.

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Reproductive health instructor course opens

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—Organized by the Health Department, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and UNFPA, an opening ceremony of reproductive health instructor course (central)

No. (1/2008) took place at the office of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Nay Pyi Taw here this morning.

MMCWA Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha gave an opening speech and

presented cash for the townships included in the project to officials concerned from Mandalay and Bago Divisions.

A total of 30 trainees are attending the five-day course.

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Secretary of MMCWA Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha gives a speech at the opening ceremony of reproductive health instructor course (central).—MNA



Minister facilitates transmission station

YANGON, 22 Sept—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan arrived at Yeku transmission station on Waizayanda Road in Mayangon Township yesterday and met officials.

The meeting was also attended by Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing Director U

Aung Myo Myint of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise, Deputy Director-General U Thein Aung of Myanma Radio and Television and officials concerned.

Deputy Director-General U Thein Aung Head of Yeku transmission station U Tun Aung and officials reported to the minister on daily broadcasting

programmes and security measure taken.

After hearing the reports, the minister called for systematic maintenance of machines, running the station at full capacity, and taking preventive measures against fire and destructionists. Next, the minister and official visited around the transmission station.—MNA

32 get reproductive health knowledge

YANGON, 22 Sept—Thirty-two persons received reproductive health instructor

knowledge in Muse, a town in northern Shan State, on 5 September.

Ten young men and 22 young women completed a five-day course on the subject jointly sponsored by Myanmar Maternal and

Child Welfare Association and UNFPA.

A stipend of K150,000 was also presented to a medical student at the ceremony held at the town Hall in Muse on 5 September.

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Moderate earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.4) Richer Scale with its epicenter about 85 miles near the south coast of Myanmar, south of Kaba Aye Seismological Observatory was recorded at 2 hours 2 minutes, 02 seconds MST on 22 September, 2008.—MNA

Dokhtawady River Pontoon Bridge to benefit smooth flow of commodities

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Photo shows downstream view of Dokhtawady River Pontoon Bridge on 6 September.

Pontoon Bridge (Hsipaw) across Dokhtawady River on Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Highway is an important facility in the north-east region of the country.

The present Dokhtawady River Bridge built in 1964 is a bailey type one. This one-lane bridge can withstand 30-ton loads only. To pass through the bridge, the trucks with loads of above 30 tons have to unload their goods properly. Beginning 2

May 2008, a new reinforced concrete steel frame bridge that can withstand 60-ton loads is being constructed next to the present one. It is scheduled to complete in year 2010.

While building the new bridge, arrangements are being made to overcome the difficulties of passing through the bridge by unloading the goods of above 30 tons.

In accord with the instructions of the Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and

Development Council the Commander of North-East Command, technicians made concerted efforts in building the pontoon bridge across Dokhtawady River. The pontoon bridge will link Myohaung Village on the eastern bank of the river in Hsipaw Township and Mahawgani Street in Zay Ward on the western bank.

Thanks to construction of the pontoon bridge with nine spans, trucks can pass through up and down the river.

Moreover, roads and bridges in the urban area of Hsipaw have been maintained for ensuring better transport for the vehicles.

The pontoon bridge on the union highway in northern Shan State will

contribute to not only smooth and speedy flow of commodities to the border region but also to regional development.

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Dokhtawady River Pontoon Bridge

People passing through Dokhtawady River Pontoon Bridge (Hsipaw).



Kayan, Twantay development tasks supervised



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein delivers an address in meeting with locals and officials in Kayan.—MNA

YANGON, 22 Sept—CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met members of Kayan Township Association (Yangon), townsenders of wards and villages of Kayan, officials concerned at the office of Kayan township USDA, on 20 September.

The CEC member

explained assistance for boosting production of moosoon paddy, plans for regional developments and coordinated the requirements. On 21 September, the CEC member looked into fish breeding camp near Kabingyi village in Twantay township. Next, he proceeded to Kayinchaung model village where he met fishery entrepreneurs, townsenders and responsible persons of villages and

viewed development of the village and construction of Kayinchaung station hospital.

Next, the minister met fishery entrepreneurs and departmental officials at Fishery Entrepreneurs Association of Myanmar Fishery Federation in Twantay. The minister accepted the cash donated by Twantay township Fishery Association and fishery entrepreneurs.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepts cash donated by Mr Gordon Bacon OBE of IRC.—MNA



Relief supplies donated to Kyaikwaing Youths Training Centre

YANGON, 22 Sept—Head of International Rescue Committee (IRC) Mr Gordon Bacon OBE this morning donated 45 million Kyats; and Chairman Dr Tin Maung Tun on behalf of family members working abroad in WFC Global Aid Network (GaiN), clothes, dolls, personal goods and energy milk powder worth 100,000 US dollars for repairing Kyaikwaing Youths Training Centre under the Social Welfare Department at a ceremony held at the Fire Services Department in Mayangon, here.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for Receiving Cash and Kind Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and officials concerned accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.—MNA

Conservative Aso set to be Japan PM



Japan's Liberal Democratic Party presidential election candidates, Taro Aso, left, and Yuriko Koike.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 22 Sept — Japan's ruling party gathered on Monday to elect Taro Aso as prime minister with the task of turning the country round from the brink of recession and toward risky general elections.

Aso, 68, an outspoken

and conservative former foreign minister who supports public spending to revive Asia's largest economy, is bidding to replace Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda who stepped down amid plunging approval ratings.

Although the over-

whelming favourite, Aso is one of a record field of five candidates standing for the leadership of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which has ruled Japan almost continuously since 1955.

Japanese media predicted that Aso, a flamboyant campaigner fond of quoting comic books, would easily win when LDP lawmakers meet at 2:00pm (0500 GMT).

But whoever is the next premier is thought likely to take advantage of the moment to call snap general elections — possibly for as early as late October — in the hope of thwarting an increasingly popular opposition.—Internet

UN recognizes New Zealand's extended seabed rights

WELLINGTON, 22 Sept — New Zealand's claim over 1.7 million square kilometres of seabed has been confirmed by a United Nations commission, Prime Minister Helen Clark said on Monday.

"The continental shelf is the area of seabed outside New Zealand's existing 200 nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The area confirmed

by the UN Commission is more than six times the size of New Zealand's land area," she said in a statement.

Recognition of the new continental shelf boundaries will enable New Zealand to exercise its rights to the area, including exploiting resources such as minerals and petroleum.

Clark said New

Zealand's submission to the UN was the result of a 44 million NZ dollars (30 million US dollars) project carried out by officials and scientists.

The new boundary will be binding on other countries, although the Government will negotiate with Fiji and Tonga on the continental shelf north of New Zealand.

MNA/Xinhua

New virus test may stop cervical cancer in rural women

HONG KONG, 22 Sept — A new rapid test for the human papillomavirus (HPV), which can cause cervical cancer, has proven

to be 90 percent accurate in a trial involving women in rural villages in eastern China.

The findings were published in *The Lancet Oncology*, and researchers said it could help pave the way for effective screening to prevent cervical cancer in rural and resource-poor settings.

The rapid test, careHPV, is a product of Qiagen NV and was designed to detect 14 high-risk types of HPV in about 2.5 hours. It can be operated by staff with minimal training and without any running water.

"If women 30 years and older could be screened at least once in their lifetimes with such a test, and appropriate treatment administered at the same visit, public health programmes would be affordable and

deaths from cervical cancer would be reduced by a third," said one of the researchers, John Sellors, professor of family medicine at the McMaster University in Canada.

Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer affecting women worldwide. It causes 300,000 deaths a year, with 85 percent of these occurring in the developing world.

Screening using pap smear is routinely done in the United States and Europe, where it has led to a 50 percent reduction in mortality. But implementing such tests in developing countries is not as easy, where taking smears and reading them can be problematic.

Although there are now vaccines against HPV, they are useless in women already exposed to the virus. For these older women, screening and early detection remain the best hope.—Internet

Landslide, flood death toll reaches 45 in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 22 Sept — Nature's fury continues unabated in Nepali far-western region as the death toll climbed to 45 on Sunday. Over 35 people are still missing due to incessant downpour, landslides and flood in the past two days.

According to *The Himalayan Times* Monday's report, 26 have died in Kailali, 10 in Kanchanpur, six in Doti, one each in Bajhang, Dadeldurra and Darchula districts, the regional police office said.

Around 4,000 people have been displaced in Kailali as more than 400 households failed to escape the flood fury. The transport sector has been paralyzed in the hilly districts.

The Central Natural Disaster Management Committee Sunday allocated 10 million Nepali rupees (135135 US dollars) for the relief and rescue operations for the victims in the region. The Army has been deployed in Kailali and Kanchanpur, said the daily.

MNA/Xinhua

Colombia plans to launch 2 satellites by 2010

MEXICO CITY, 22 Sept — Colombia plans to launch its first communication satellite and an anti-drug surveillance satellite by 2010, said Colombian Vice President Francisco Santos, quoted by the *Time daily* of Bogota Sunday.

Santos said that the Colombian Government intended to launch its first communication satellite before 2010, and projected to increase the number of communication ones and expand covering areas in the future.

The intelligence satellite would mainly monitor drug planting like coca, and provide information for military operations and agriculture production, the vice president added.

When owning a surveillance satellite, the Colombian military could easily find the positions and shifts of rebel forces and conduct military strikes against them, Santos said.

MNA/Xinhua

Breast cancer survivors report high quality of life after treatment

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept — Women who had a lumpectomy and radiation to combat breast cancer have an overall quality of life several years after treatment that's on par with most adult American women, a new report says.

"Treatments for breast cancer may decrease quality of life temporarily, but this is evidence that survivors, on average, will return to a normal quality of life," lead researcher Dr Gary Freedman, an attending physician in the department of radiation oncology at Philadelphia's Fox Chase Cancer Centre, said in a news release issued by the centre. The findings, based on a survey of 1,050 women with early-stage breast cancer who were treated with breast-conserving surgery and radiation with or without chemotherapy and hor-

mone therapy, were expected to be presented Sunday at the American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology annual meeting, in Boston.

The brief survey, taken by the women at various points in their follow-up — from three months to 15 years after treatment — found the breast cancer survivors across all age groups said they had a very high quality of life and state of health comparable to the general US female population.

Over the years, the survivors tended more often to say they experienced no or only some problems. For three questions dealing with anxiety, pain and the ability to do usual activities, the survivors tended to improve from reporting "some problems" to "no problems" over time.—Internet

A Haitian pushes a wheelbarrow through a flooded street in the town of Gonaïves on 21 Sept, 2008. Haiti has been blasted by four storms - Hurricanes Gustav and Ike and Tropical Storms Fay and Hanna - since mid-August, killing hundreds and destroying homes and crops.—INTERNET



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Global Payments launches

GPRS-mobile payment service

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 Sept—Global Payments Asia-Pacific Limited has rolled out a secure GPRS-powered mobile payment service, which provides card acceptance capabilities for merchants in the Asia-Pacific Region, said the company in a statement released here on Friday.

Called Global MobilePay, the service is now available in Malaysia, Brunei, China, India, the Maldives, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Taiwan, Global Payments said. Global MobilePay is a sophisticated card acceptance solution that uses GPRS wireless communication network for merchants who need to accept card payments beyond fixed locations or when traditional line communications do not meet business needs.— MNA/Xinhua

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1. Electronic Press Scrutiny Registration System အတွက်

(a) Server & Hardware (Data Base Server) - 1 No

(b) Server & Hardware (Maintenance Service) -12 Nos

(c) P4 Special PC with Mouse Pen Tablet -31 Nos

(d) System Software (e-PSR System Software) - 1 No

2. Pallet Truck (2 Tons) - 5 Nos

3. Welding Transformer (10 KVA) - 1 No

4. Air-Conditioner (Window Type 1.5 HP) - 5 Nos

5. Exhaust Fan 18" -11 Nos

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Lumens XGA Resolution (1024x768) - 1 No

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14. Scanner A4 - 1 No

15. Copy Printer, B4 300x300 dpi Computer Interface (Option) - 1 No

16. Laminating Machine A3 - 2 Nos

17. Paper Cutter A3 - 1 No

18. UPS (600 VA) - 2 Nos

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Mom's prenatal stress tied to child's brain power

NEW YORK, 22 Sept—Children whose mothers were exposed to even moderately severe stress during pregnancy may show the effects in their intellectual development, a new study suggests.

Research has shown that significant stress during pregnancy may affect fetal growth and development, but less is known about whether this has long-term effects on children's cognitive functioning.

The new study assessed intellectual and language development in 89 children who were 5 year old whose mothers were pregnant during an ice storm in Quebec, Canada that left several million without power for as long as six weeks.

The researchers found that language development and verbal IQ tended to be lower in children whose mothers had faced the most stress during the storm—living more days without power, being forced to stay in a shelter, or losing income, for instance.

MNA/Reuters

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG DA VOYNO (8006)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOYNO (8006) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.9.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BANGSAOTONG VOYNO (113)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BANGSAOTONG VOYNO (113) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 21.9.2008 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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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Fidel Castro says meeting with Chavez "great honour"

HAVANA, 22 Sept — Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro said he felt it "a great honour" for him to meet Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in Havana on Sunday.

"The meeting with Venezuelan President will be a brief one ... It will be a great honour for me," Castro wrote Saturday in his "Reflections" column, which was published on Sunday by the *Juventud*

Rebelde newspaper.

In the article titled "The Truth and the False," Castro defined Chavez as "an indefatigable preacher of the most advanced ideas of his era in Venezuela", confronting "the huge media instruments in the hands of the Yankee oligarchy, who try to deceive and confuse the people". Castro said that Venezuela was the first one to offer Cuba finan-

cial and material aid after hurricanes Gustav and Ike ravaged the country.

Castro also said that almost 40,000 Cubans now work in Venezuela, which he said was a win-win situation for both countries.

According to media reports, Chavez will stop for a brief visit to Cuba on his week-long tour to China, Russia, Belarus, France and Portugal.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by Miraflores Press Office, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, right, embraces Cuba's President Raul Castro as he arrives to Jose Marti airport in Havana, on 21 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET



Children play in front of the Shenzhou-7 manned spaceship, the Long-March II-F rocket and the escape tower at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre, Gansu Province, on 20 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Latin-Asia Business Forum opens in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 22 Sept — Latin Asia Business Forum opened here Monday morning, attracting some 400 business delegates from 21 countries to attend to explore more opportunities in the two regions.

In recent years, political and economic ties between Latin America and Asia have deepened. Bilateral trade has been on the rise. Last year, total trade flows between Latin America and Asia reached 267.3 billion US dollars, an increase of 24 per cent

over 2006.

Latin America's trade with Southeast Asia also grew by 8 per cent to 31.8 billion US dollars last year, according to a statement by International Enterprise (IE) Singapore, the organizer of the Forum.

Speaking at the Forum, Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang said that with Latin America's rich natural resource base and burgeoning private sector, and Asia's strength in manufacturing and services, the areas for

collaboration will continue to expand across many sectors. Latin America's infrastructure sector in particular has attracted the interest of a number of Asian companies.

The Forum highlighted 20 infrastructure projects in Latin America with a total estimated value of 23.38 billion US dollars, which include projects in port and logistics management, oil and gas, water and wastewater treatment and multi-modal transportation.

MNA/Xinhua

Thirteen babies die at Turkish hospital in 1 day

ANKARA, 22 Sept — Turkish health authorities are investigating the deaths of 13 newborn babies at a hospital in one day.

The babies — all of them premature — died over the weekend at a hospital in the western city of Izmir.

Mehmet Ozkan, who heads the Izmir health department, says a team of

investigators is looking into the deaths.

Turkish newspapers have suggested that a hospital infection may have caused the deaths.

In July, more than two-dozen newborns died at a hospital in the capital, Ankara. Government-appointed doctors investigating the deaths said a shortage of personnel was to blame.—Internet

OAS supports dialogue to resolve Bolivian crisis

BUENOS AIRES, 22 Sept — The Organization of American States (OAS) on Sunday reiterated its support for settling the Bolivian political crisis through dialogue, said reports from Santiago, the Chilean capital.

The political tension in Bolivia, if allowed to continue, will only lead to a no-win situation, OAS Secretary-General Jose Miguel Insulza told Chilean media Sunday.

Dialogue is the only way to stabilize the situation, said Insulza, who had been in Bolivia to help mediate in the country's unrest.

Bolivian President Evo Morales started dialogue on

Thursday with opposition provincial governors in a bid to end the recent political crisis

which has plunged Bolivia into turmoil and left at least 30 people dead.—MNA/Xinhua

McCain says Cuomo should be considered to replace Cox at SEC

NEW YORK, 22 Sept — New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, should be considered to replace Christopher Cox as chairman of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, Republican John McCain said.

McCain, an Arizona senator and his party's presidential nominee, has called for Cox's resignation, saying regulators failed to head off the crisis in the financial markets. Cuomo is respected and "did a good job" as secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the Democratic Clinton administration, McCain said last night on CBS's "60 Minutes" programme.

Internet



Visitors roam around to look at photos at 2008 Pingyao International Photography Festival in Pingyao of north China's Shanxi Province on 21 Sept, 2008. As one of the most influential photography gala in China, this year's photo festival, themed with the Olympics and love, will witness the display of some 12,000 visual works created by artists from some 40 countries and regions worldwide. — XINHUA

Bus accident kills 15 in Vietnam

HANOI, 22 Sept — A bus crashed with a truck on Sunday morning at around 4 am in Vietnam's central Nghe An Province, killing 15 people on the bus and leaving 13 injured, according to the local traffic safety bureau.

The bus was travelling from south to north on the No1 national highway when it crashed with the truck coming from the opposite direction, said Vo Minh Duc, an official with the Nghe An Provincial Traffic Safety Bureau.— MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Ramos happy to stick it out at Spurs



Tottenham manager Juande Ramos

LONDON, 22 Sept — Tottenham manager Juande Ramos laughed off reports that he is keen to return to Spain after a dismal goal-less draw with Wigan kept his

side bottom of the Premier League.

Spurs were booed off the pitch at half time and again at the final whistle as the White Hart Lane faithful took out their frustrations on Ramos and his players.

The north London club, whose only win in six games this season was against Wisla Krakow in the UEFA Cup on Thursday night, turned in a lacklustre display against Wigan on Sunday and fashioned only one clear chance.

It was the last thing former Sevilla boss Ramos, appointed when Martin Jol was sacked last October, needed after reports on Sunday that he is homesick.

The Spanish coach insisted he will make a success of his time at Spurs given time to rebuild a team who lost Dimitar Berbatov and Robbie Keane in pre-season.

Internet

Zvonareva wins Guangzhou tennis open



Russian Vera Zvonareva

GUANGZHOU, 22 Sept — World number nine Vera Zvonareva came from a set down to deny Peng Shuai her first WTA title on Sunday, crushing the Chinese star 6-7 (4/7), 6-0, 6-2 to claim the Guangzhou Open.

It was the Russian's seventh career title and second of the year, after winning at Prague in May.

The top seed held a 3-0 head-to-head record over fourth seed Peng going into the match and it looked like her winning run could be grinding to a halt when she lost the first set.

But Peng self-destructed, losing 11 games in a row to throw away her chance of becoming only the third Chinese player after Li Na and Zheng Jie to win a WTA title.

The victory capped a remarkable month for Zvonareva, who won singles bronze at the Olympics in August and followed it up by helping Russia claim the Fed Cup title.

Internet

Will MacKenzie wins Viking Classic in playoff

MADISON, 22 Sept — At the 11th hole in the Viking Classic on Sunday, Will MacKenzie was trailing good buddy Marc Turnesa by six strokes and thinking it would be great for Turnesa to win his first PGA Tour title.

After all, it looked as if MacKenzie would end up fifth or worse.

"There was a time today when I wanted him to win," MacKenzie said. "When I was so far behind, I really wanted Marc to win it."

Instead, MacKenzie gave himself a talking to and went on to birdie the par-5 18th three straight times to win in a playoff for his second PGA Tour victory.

Internet



Will MacKenzie kisses the trophy after he won the Viking Classic golf tournament in a playoff in Madison, Miss, on 21 Sept, 2008. INTERNET

Rafa's Spanish matadors to face Argentina in Davis Cup final

PARIS, 22 Sept — World number one Rafael Nadal blitzed hapless Andy Roddick inside a Madrid bullring on Sunday to lead Spain into a Davis Cup final showdown against Argentina.

Spain, the champions in 2000 and 2004, saw off defending champions USA 4-1 while Argentina, who have never lifted the trophy, needed teenager Juan Martin del Potro to deliver them a gripping 3-2 win over Russia in Buenos Aires.

Nadal, who has already picked up the Wimbledon, French Open and Olympic titles this year, cruised to a 6-4, 6-0, 6-4 victory over Roddick to hand Spain an unassailable lead in the 22,000-capacity Las Ventas bullring. "Today I play an almost perfect match and it is very, very exciting," said Nadal who played in the 2004 final win against the USA.

He was just 18 at the time, virtually unknown, but still beat Roddick, then the world number two.

Sunday saw Roddick lose for the fourth time in six meetings to the swashbuckling Spaniard and he never looked like taking victory on a clay court made sluggish by morning rain.—Internet



Spanish Rafael Nadal returns a ball to US Andy Roddick during their Davis Cup semi-final match at Las Ventas bullring in Madrid. Nadal won 6-4, 6-0, 6-4 and Spain's team reaches the Davis Cup final.—INTERNET

Scolari lifted by Chelsea's football spirit



Chelsea manager Luis Felipe Scolari (left) watches as striker Salomon Kalou (right) and teammate Jose Bosingwa (centre) celebrate during their Premier League match against Manchester United in London on 21 September.—INTERNET

LONDON, 22 Sept — Luiz Felipe Scolari believes the spirit Chelsea displayed to claim a point in their showdown with Manchester United augurs well for his new club's bid to wrest the Premier League title away from Sir Alex Ferguson's men.

Scolari admitted that Chelsea had not been at their best throughout what was a pulsating and evenly-contested 90 minutes at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

But the Brazilian was delighted with the show of grit that ultimately yielded an 80th-minute equaliser from Salomon Kalou after Park Ji-Sung had given United a first-half lead following an uncharacteristic fumble by Petr Cech.

The afternoon left Scolari sweating over how long he will have to do without centreback Ricardo Carvalho, who limped off after ten minutes, and playmaker Deco, who played no part on Sunday after injuring himself in the warm-up.

"Losing Deco was hard for us," Scolari admitted. "Our transition from midfield to attack was not ready for 15 to 20 minutes and they put us under a lot of pressure during that period and made a goal."

Although he admitted United had created as many goalscoring chances, Scolari believed his side had the better opportunities with Joe Cole squandering two good shooting opportunities and Nicolas Anelka fluffing an inviting Jose Bosingwa cross right at the death.

Internet

Two Argentines arrested for hiring killer to kill footballer

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Sept — The Civil Police of Rio de Janeiro arrested Sunday morning two women suspected of hiring a killer to murder 23-year-old soccer player Thiago da Silva.

Silva is a member of the Estacio soccer team. According to the police, the suspects were arrested in their respective homes.

On Thursday, 18th September, Silva was inside his girlfriend's car when one of the suspects ran her car into the other. From the car of the suspect, two men got out and demanded that Silva and his girlfriend get out of their car.

According to Silva, one of the men is a member of the Military Police and also happens to be his girlfriend's step-father. The other man has not yet been identified.

The couple was then taken to a soccer field in Inhaúama, where they remained handcuffed for the rest of that afternoon. Later in the day, three men physically beat Silva and then shot him three times, leaving him to die.—MNA/Xinhua



People wrap a dead body of Mohammed Khalid, driver of Afghan diplomat who was shot dead by gunmen in Peshawar, Pakistan on 22 Sept, 2008. Gunmen ambushed a car carrying a top Afghan diplomat in northwestern Pakistan on Monday, killing his driver and kidnapping the envoy, officials said—INTERNET

Ahmadinejad to outline nuclear activities in UN meeting

TEHERAN, 22 Sept — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Sunday that he would outline Iran's nuclear activities in the UN General Assembly meeting during his visit to New York, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Ahmadinejad made the remark prior to his departure for New York on Sunday.

He also told reporters that the UN should be a real representative of all nations and not a servant to certain powers, lobbies or parties.

MNA/Xinhua

Shrimati Shyamala Devi

Age 75 years

Beloved wife of late Shri Sathyanandan (President of All Myanmar Hindu Central Board), daughter of late Dr M.C Pany & Vimala Devi, mother of Dr Sou Thain-Mrs Meena Thain (Canada), Capt San Thain-Daw Aye Aye Than, Dr Oung Thain-Mrs Leela Thain (USA), Daw Roopa Kumari-Dr Thein Win, Dr Greeta Thain-U Khin Mg Wai, Daw Katheleen Thain, Dr Yee Yee Thain-Mr Ganesh Krishna (USA) passed away peacefully at 05:38 AM on 22nd Sept 2008 at her residence, No. 15 Mar-lar-nyaing road, Baukhtaw, Yangon. Funeral cortege will leave the residence at 2:00 pm and cremation rites will take place at 3:00 PM at Ye-way Hindu Cemetery.

Bereaved family

Iraqi senior official survives bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 22 Sept — A senior Iraqi official escaped a bomb explosion with wounds in western Baghdad on Sunday, a well-informed police source said.

"Ghassan Redha, director general in the Finance Ministry, was injured when a bomb planted in his car exploded while driving in the Harthiya neighbourhood," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The explosive charge was of a magnetic kind, which had been stuck in Redha's car and damaged it, the source said. Earlier in the day, the police said that Brigadier Adel Abbas, a senior officer in the Iraqi Interior Ministry, was killed along with his driver in a drive-by shooting in the Adil neighbourhood in western Baghdad..

MNA/Xinhua

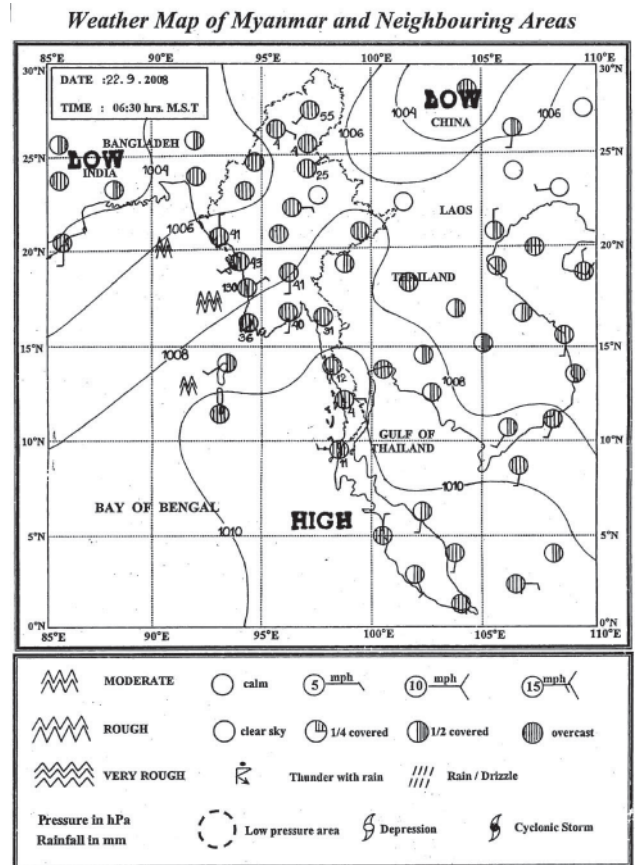
Israeli DM calls for national emergency govt

JERUSALEM 22, Sept — Israeli Defence Minister Ehud Barak on Sunday said that a national emergency government is the best way forward for Israel, local daily *The Jerusalem Post* reported

"In light of the political, security and economic challenges, the correct move for the people of Israel is (the formation of) a national emergency government," the chairman of the current main coalition partner Labour Party was quoted as saying.

He made the remarks at an internal Labour meeting just before a weekly Cabinet meeting, during which Prime Minister Ehud Olmert announced his decision to resign from the premiership as he had promised, and pledged to help Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, the new leader of the ruling Kadima party, to form a new government. Yet Barak's aides said the Defence Minister might prefer to form a national emergency government with the current main opposition party Likud, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 22 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Shan States and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.11) inch, An (6.62) inches, Thandwe (5.63) inches, Machanbaw (3.58) inches, Toungoo (Aviation) (2.64) inches, Putao (2.44) inches and Sittway (2.36) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-9-2008 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 22-9-2008 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-9-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 21-9-2008 was (1.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 22-9-2008 was (1.34) inches at Mingaladon, (1.65) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.87) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (94.84) inches at Mingaladon, (106.18) inches at Kaba-Aye and (123.27) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 21-9-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-9-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 23 September
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

5. Musical programme

8:15 am

6. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေးသီချင်းများ) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့် (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:30 am

7. International news

8:45 am

8. "အလံလေးတော့ကိုပြပါ" (ဇွန်နိုင်ငံ၊ ဧရာ၊ ပေါ်လေး၊ ချစ်စရာ၊ ရတနာခင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Song of national races

4:30 pm

4. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:35 pm

5. Musical programme

4:45 pm

6. "အားနာတယ်" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

5:05 pm

7. Sing and Enjoy

5:45 pm

8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊

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6:00 pm

9. Evening news

6:30 pm

10. Weather report

6:35 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်နံ့သံ

6:50 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်

7:05 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပန်းပျိုးလက်" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"မျက်ဝန်းရိပ်"

(အပိုင်း-၁၂)

Tanaing Bridge helps facilitate transport in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun together with officials of Public Works inspected

Tanaing Bridge (Shinbweyan bank) on Tanaing-Shinbweyan-Pansauk Road in Kachin State on 16 September.

Director U Ko Ko Oo of the Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems reported on arrangements to be made for maintenance of waterways and prevention against bank erosions. The minister stressed the need for maintaining waterways on priority basis.

Then the minister and party viewed condition of waterways under Tanaing Bridge (Shinbweyan bank) and left necessary instructions to officials. —MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects Tanaing Bridge in Kachin State.—MNA

USDA renovates lake in Yenangyoung

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — Joint Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) U Zaw Min on 20 September inspected a lake and a spillway which were renovated by USDA at Kangyi Village in Yenangyoung Township to supply water to six villages in Yenangyoung Township.

tion of the buildings for Chauk and Seikphyu township USDAs.

On 19 September, U Zaw Min and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe met with executives of village USDAs from 75 village-tracts in Magway Division and gave instructions related to tasks of the association to them.—MNA

During the tour of Yenangyoung, Joint Secretary-General of USDA U Zaw Min, accompanied by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, also inspected progress of construction of the building for Yenangyoung Township USDA and met with local members of USDA.

He also went to Chauk and Seikphyu townships and inspected the comple-



Chelsea boss confirms Mineiro swoop after Deco joins Essien on the sidelines

STAMFORD, 22 Sept—With Chelsea midfield now hit with a fresh injury blow in the form of Deco following long-term layoff for injured Michael Essien, manager Luiz Felipe Scolari has confirmed the imminent signing of free agent Mineiro.

The Blues, who held defending champions Manchester United to a 1-1 draw today at Stamford Bridge, suffered a jolt when Portuguese midfielder Deco picked up a thigh problem in the pre-kickoff warm-up.

33-year-old Brazil international Mineiro was earlier linked heavily with a move to Chelsea's London rivals Arsenal but Gunners manager Arsene Wenger dismissed the possibility of signing the former Hertha Berlin player.

However, latest reports suggest that Mineiro has agreed terms with the Blues and will sign on Monday.

“Mineiro is a player I need because I lost Essien for six months and only John Mikel Obi is there for us,” said Scolari. “He won’t play this week but maybe after 10 days he will play.”

“He needs to play in the reserve team and needs some time but that is good for me because he gives me some options.”

“We would miss Deco, it would not be good news. But it’s hard to say at the moment (how bad the injury is).”

Internet



9,002 prisoners granted amnesty

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — The State Peace and Development Council is making efforts for the emergence of a peaceful modern discipline-flourishing democratic nation upholding Our Three Main National Causes. The vast majority of the people have already adopted the constitution, the fourth step of the seven-step Road Map, to shape the future State.

In building a new nation, the government sentenced those who violated the existing laws to prison terms in accord with the law to ensure stability and prevalence of law and order. However, plans are being made for those serving prison terms to turn them into citizens to be able to participate in building a new nation.

The government terminated the prison terms of 9,002 prisoners with good conduct and discipline for social consideration of their families and released them from the respective jails on 23 September 2008 to enable them to serve the interests of the regions and their own and the fair election to be held in 2010 together with the people after realizing the government’s loving kindness and goodwill.—MNA

Dokhtawady River Pontoon Bridge to benefit smooth flow of commodities