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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe stresses importance of industrial development



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence addresses coordination meeting of industrial zones management committee in Yangon Division. — MNA

YANGON, 27 Sept— Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence held discussions on measures

for development of industrial zones and improving the industrial sector at the meeting of the manage-

ment committee of the industrial zones in Yangon Division held at Yangon Command Headquarters

on Konmyinthta, here, this afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and De-

velopment Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint gave accounts of preventive measures against terrorist attacks in the zones, smooth relation between employers and employees, and moving the factories that cause noise and foul smell.

Chairmen and offi-

cial of the management committees and entrepreneurs reported on ongoing measures sector-wise, production and distribution of goods, and requirements.

Dealing with the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Swe attended to the needs and gave concluding remarks.

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Torres and Keane

Torres at the double for Reds

LONDON, 27 Sept— Fernando Torres scored both goals as Liverpool secured a 2-0 win over Everton in a typically fierce Merseyside derby at Goodison Park.

The Spanish international struck twice in three second-half minutes to give Liverpool the local bragging rights and get them back to winning ways after last weekend's goalless draw with Stoke.

After a goalless first half Torres ended his goal drought by scoring his first goal since the opening day of the season by volleying home Robbie

Keane's cross on 59 minutes.

Torres doubled the lead three minutes later when he clinically scored from close-range to put the game beyond Everton.

To compound Everton's misery Tim Cahill was sent off ten minutes from time by referee Mike Riley for a late tackle on Xabi Alonso.

The defeat was Everton's third straight Premier League defeat at home, while Liverpool have got their title challenge back on track and Torres back to form.

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Wammaison villagers in Laikha Township enjoying fruits of development

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PERSPECTIVES

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People to pay more attention to environmental conservation

The international community is taking measures in all seriousness for preventing environmental degradation by growing trees, and conserving forests and biological diversity.

Industrial and technological advancement has led to excessive exploitation of the world's natural resources, thereby causing air, water and land pollution on the global scale. Deforestation, soil depletion, extinction of some biodiversity, and depletion of the ozone layer have strong impact on the climate patterns.

The United Nations held the Conference on the Human Environment on 5 June 1972, and formed the United Nations Environment Programme.

Myanmar established the Commission for Environmental Conservation in 1990, and since then it has put emphasis on environmental conservation. In the process, it conserves forest reserves, protected forests and natural forests for sustainable development of the woodlands.

Now, the government is implementing the arid zone greening project, and the projects for regeneration of mangroves and watershed areas. Myanmar is planting trees to establish more forests, and establishing natural forests, sanctuaries and wildlife areas in its bid to conserve the environment.

There is a link between conservation of the nation's natural resources and social and economic development of the people. Therefore, the people are duty-bound to conserve the environment including forests, biodiversity and natural lakes.

Vice-Mayor visits school construction sites

YANGON, 27 Sept – CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon Division In Charge) Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspected the rebuilding of school buildings with steel structures on Mingalar Thri Street and Shukhintha circular road in Samarduwa Ward in Seikkyi Khanaungto Township donated by USDA (Yangon Division) this morning. He encouraged the USDA members participating in the construction work.

After meeting with the township War Veterans Organization members, the CEC member visited the pre-school being opened at the township Maternal and Child Welfare Association on Baho Road and greeted the local people, USDA members, departmental officials and social organization members. Executive member U Min Thein presented K 100,000 donated by Yangon Division USDA for stationery of No. 7 Basic Education Primary School in Samarduwa Ward.—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

Irrigated farmlands in Mandalay Division inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected maintenance of Thittatkon Diversion Dam and availability of water, supply of water to Thangedaw Lake through Under Sluice and canal in Myittha Township on 20 September.

The minister also looked into measures flow of water at Thayatdaw channel of Minye Dam with the use of machinery near Theebin village in Kyaukse Township.

Next, the minister called for exceeding the target production, use of worm-cast fertilizer and cultivation of suitable crops.

Afterwards, the



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects dredging of canal at Minye Dam in Kyaukse.—A&I

minister viewed thriving paddy plantations along Sedawgyi channel in Patheingyi Township and

looked into generating of hydropower at Luntaung tributary canal.

A total of 3582

acres of paddy in Patheingyi and Madaya Township are irrigated through Luntaung tributary canal.

Next, the minister met with departmental officials and members of Mandalay Division Agriculture Coordination Committee at the Irrigation hall.

So far, Mandalay Division has cultivated over 700,000 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 1 million.

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3D control project discussed



NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received President of 3 D Fund Board Ambassador of United Kingdom Mr Mark Canning and party at the ministry yesterday morning.

They held discussion on difficulties encountered in

eliminating three major diseases and national-level managers of 3 D control project on measures undertaken. The tasks of second year of the project is in progress and 3 D Fund Board is taking measures to set up funds for the third year of the project.

Also present at

the call were Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, deputy director-general of Health Department Dr Win Myint and directors, project managers of three major disease control projects and personnel.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint meeting with Ambassador of United Kingdom Mr Mark Canning.

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Corrigendum

Please read the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation instead of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in the news "Nutrition Week 2008 marked" on page 7 of this paper published on 27-9-2008. The error is regretted.—Ed.

Russia orders upgrade of its nuclear deterrent

DONGUZ TESTING RANGE (Russia), 27 Sept — Russia said on Friday it would build a space defence system and a new fleet of nuclear submarines by 2020, beefing up its nuclear deterrent at a time of heightened tensions with Washington.

Announcing the biggest defence initiative in Russia for at least a decade, President Dmitry Medvedev said this summer's war with Georgia — which opened up new rifts between Moscow and the West — showed the need for Russia to have a strong military.

The plan for a stronger deterrent also comes against the backdrop of fierce Russian opposition to the United States' plans for a missile defence shield in eastern Europe, a project the Kremlin says is a threat to its national security.

"A guaranteed nuclear deterrent system for various military and political circumstances must be provided by 2020," Medvedev said after viewing a



Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev visits nuclear submarine St George the Victor at a military base in Krasheninnikov Bay in the Kamchatka Peninsula, on 25 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

military exercise in the southern Urals.

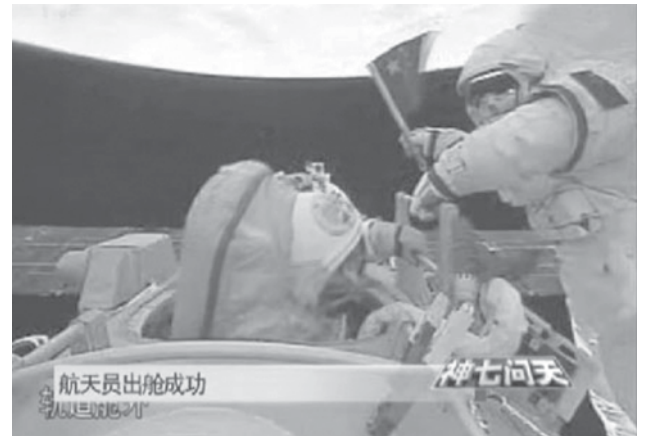
"Large-scale construction of new types of warships is planned, primarily of nuclear submarines armed with cruise missiles, and multi-purpose submarines. A system of air and space defense will be created," he said.—Internet

Chinese astronaut takes historic walk in space

BEIJING, 27 Sept — Astronaut Zhai Zhigang became the first Chinese man to walk in space on Saturday, clambering out of China's Shenzhou VII space craft in a technological feat that Beijing wants the world to marvel about.

"I'm feeling quite well. I greet the Chinese people and the people of the world," Zhai said as he climbed out of the craft, his historic achievement carried live on state television.

Zhai, the 41-year-old son of a snack-seller chosen for the first "extra-vehicular activity," unveiled a small Chinese flag, helped by colleague



The video grab taken on 27 Sept, 2008 in Beijing, China, shows Chinese taikonaut Zhai Zhigang is outside the orbital module.—INTERENT

Liu Boming, who also briefly popped his head out of the capsule.

Zhai safely returned inside the craft after about 15 minutes. The walk marked the highpoint of China's third manned space

journey, which has received blanket media coverage. Zhai wore a \$4.4 million Chinese-made suit weighing 120-kg (265lb). Liu wore a Russian-made one and acted as a back-up.—Internet

Russia warship heads to Africa after pirate attack

Moscow, 27 Sept — A Russian warship on Friday rushed to intercept a Ukrainian vessel carrying 33 battle tanks and a hoard of ammunition that was seized by pirates off the Horn of Africa — a bold hijacking that again heightened fears about surging piracy and high-seas terrorism.

A US warship is tracking the vessel but there has been no decision about intercepting it, US Defence Department officials said.

It was unclear whether the pirates who seized the 530-foot-long cargo ship Faina on Thursday knew what it carried. Still, analysts said it would be extremely difficult to sell such high-profile weaponry like Russian tanks.

Russian navy spokesman Capt Igor Dygalo said that the missile frigate Neustrashimy left the Baltic Sea



Russian sailors on board the Neustrashimy in 2003. A Russian warship headed for the seas off Somalia Friday after pirates seized a Ukrainian freighter carrying 33 tanks, munitions and other weaponry, officials said.—INTERNET

port of Baltiisk a day before the hijacking to cooperate with other unspecified countries in anti-piracy efforts. Internet

Five Iran-backed extremists arrested in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Sept — The US military says it has arrested five Iranian-backed Shiite extremists accused in recent rocket attacks on Iraqi and American forces.

The military says it captured the five suspects Saturday morning in three separate locations in a largely Shiite neighborhood in eastern Baghdad.

A military statement says the extremists are suspected of links to the Hezbollah Brigades, a Shiite extremist group that the US believes is backed by Iran.

Teheran denies US allegations that it is supporting violence in Iraq. The military says it acted on intelligence information in arresting the five. It says they were suspected of having links to recent rocket attacks on Iraqi security and US forces. Internet

Internet

28 die in latest northwest Pakistan offensive

ISLAMABAD, 27 Sept — Pakistan's security forces pounded militant positions near strategic areas in a tribal region bordering Afghanistan, killing 25 suspected insurgents in a new round of a military offensive that also left three troops dead, officials said. The battle in the Bajur tribal region comes as the nuclear-armed, Muslim nation struggles to recover from a massive suicide attack at the Marriott Hotel in the capital. Police said Saturday the death toll in the blast a week ago in Islamabad had risen by one to 54.

On Friday, security forces cleared militant compounds near Bajur's Rashakai and Loi Sam areas, army spokesman Maj. Murad Khan said, confirming the death toll. He said two of the three soldiers killed were officers.

The weeklong military operation in the Bajur tribal region has already killed more than 1,000 militants and some 66 soldiers, and officials say it could be another two months before the militant stronghold is under government control.—Internet

Another Greek ship attacked by Somali pirates

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Sept — Another Greek chemical tanker with 19 crew on board has been hijacked by armed Somali pirates in the notorious Gulf of Aden, a maritime watchdog reported Saturday.

Noel Choong, head of the International Maritime Bureau's Piracy Reporting Centre in Kuala Lumpur said the tanker was hijacked on Friday while it was on its way to the Middle East from Europe. "Somali pirates fired with machine guns and boarded the ship in the Gulf of Aden," Choong told AFP.—Internet

4 dead, 15 injured in Delhi blast

NEW DELHI, 27 Sept — Four people were killed and 15 others injured in an explosion in south Delhi Saturday, police said.

"We received a call at around 2.30 pm about an explosion in a flower market in south Delhi," a police official said, the Indo-Asian News Service reported.

Four people died and 15 were wounded, police said. The injured have been rushed to the hospital.

The police are trying to ascertain the cause of the explosion, the report said.—Internet

Bomb kills 17 in Syrian capital

BEIRUT, 27 Sept — Syrian state TV says a car bomb explosion has killed 17 and injured 14 passersby on a street in Syria's capital of Damascus. State television says a car packed with 440 pounds of explosives has exploded on the southern Mahlak Street and anti-terror units were investigating.

It gave no other details in the announcement. The TV report says the early Saturday explosion occurred on the intersection leading to Saydah Zeinab, a holy shrine for Shiite Muslims that is frequently visited by Iranian and Iraqi pilgrims. The area is near the highway to Damascus airport.—Internet



A man removes broken glass from inside his damaged car after Saturday's car bomb.—INTERNET



Pakistani soldiers guard suspected Afghan militants after a parade for the media in the troubled Bajour agency, Pakistan, on 26 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Dutch soldiers in Afghanistan suspended

BRUSSELS, 27 Sept—A Dutch platoon in the southern Afghan province of Uruzgan has been temporarily suspended from active service for collectively refusing to carry out an order, Radio Netherlands reported on Friday.

The 24 scouts of the Dutch Task Force Uruzgan refused to provide support and defense to a less-well trained and experienced unit. They

wanted their commander to reverse the roles, but he refused and suspended the unit.

The incident may lead to a criminal investigation, the report said. The scouts will be sent back to the Netherlands.

According to defense experts, this is the first time an entire Dutch platoon has been suspended from active service.

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Hospital deaths of 40 newborns shocks Turkey

ANKARA, 27 Sept — Outside the Zekai Tahir Burak maternity hospital stands a bronze statue of a mother nursing a baby with an inscription from

Three Iraqis injured by bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 Sept — A police officer and two civilians were wounded by a bomb explosion in western Baghdad on Saturday, an Interior Ministry source said.

The incident occurred when a bomb planted in the officer's private car detonated while he was driving near an intersection in the Mansour district, wounding him and two bystanders, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The explosive charge was of a magnetic kind, which had been stuck in the officer's car and damaged it, the source added.

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the Prophet Mohammed: "Paradise lies at the feet of the mother."

In July, the Ankara facility became the scene of any parent's shell. A total of 27 newborns died there within two weeks, most of them from infection.

Now Turkey is reeling from a similar tragedy at another hospital, this time in the western city of Izmir, where 13 premature babies died last weekend within 24 hours, apparently from tainted IV treatment.

The deaths at two of the

nation's most modern maternity hospitals go to the heart of Turkey's uncertain status as a country energetically seeking to modernize in its bid to join the European Union — but held back by problems associated with the developing world.

The scandals have exposed a shortfall in the number of specialized neonatal units dealing with premature and high-risk babies as well as a shortage of qualified staff in a country of 70 million.

Internet

Freight brakeman in deadly LA train collision sues

LOS ANGELES, 27 Sept — The brakeman on the freight train involved in a deadly collision with a commuter train filed a lawsuit in Friday against the commuter railroad and the companies that provide its engineers.

The lawsuit, filed by Dominick Fravola and his wife, blames the defendants for not properly screening, supervising and training the Metrolink engineer who ran

his commuter train past a red signal on 12 Sept and collided with a Union Pacific freight train. Twenty-five people died in the crash, the nation's deadliest train accident since 1993.

"Basically the guy was asleep at the switch and not paying attention to what was going on around him," Fravola's attorney, Barry Novack, said of the

Metrolink engineer, who was killed in the crash.

The lawsuit also names Veolia Transportation and its subsidiary, Connex Railroad, which employs the Metrolink engineers. It seeks an unspecified amount in damages, medical and psychological expenses and loss of income. Fravola's wife also seeks damages for loss of consortium.—*Internet*

Somali pirates seize Ukrainian ship carrying tanks

KIEV, 27 Sept — Somali pirates have seized a Ukrainian ship carrying more than 30 tanks to Kenya while Russia said on Friday it was sending a warship to the region to combat piracy.

The UN World Food Programme said Canada had extended its vital naval escorts of food aid shipments for another month. Pirates have captured more than 30 vessels off Somalia this year, making its waters the most dangerous in the world and threatening a globally

important shipping lane between Europe and Asia. The gangs seek, and often receive, large ransoms.

The Mombasa-based East African Seafarers' Assistance Programme said the Ukrainian ship, sailing under a Belize flag, was seized on Thursday.

Ukrainian Defence Minister Yuri Yekhanurov, quoted by the news agency Interfax Ukraine, said its cargo included 33 T-72 tanks being sold to Kenya under a legal contract.—*Internet*



Chinese tourists arrive at the Ben Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv, Israel, on 26 Sept, 2008. The first Israel-bound Chinese tour group arrived here Friday. They will visit some famous sites such as Jerusalem and the Dead Sea within the 10-day trip.—INTERNET

Four students killed in bus-truck collision in Indiana

LOGANSPORT, 27 Sept — A school bus collided with two dump trucks in a horrific crash on Friday in rural northern Indiana, killing the four young special-needs students on board and injuring the bus driver, authorities said.

The children, ages 5 through 10, all lived in nearby Monticello and attended schools in Logansport that catered to

their special needs, Indiana State Police said.

"The victims are everywhere," Cass County Coroner Gene Powlens said.

The bus driver, identified by police and school officials as Debbie Duvall, 46, of Idaville, was flown to a Fort Wayne hospital, where she was in serious condition on Friday

night. The two truck drivers were not injured.

"It saddens the Twin Lakes School community to report the death of four of our students involved in a school bus accident today," said a statement issued by Superintendent Thomas Fletcher of the Twin Lakes School Corp. in Monticello.—*Internet*



Rescue personnel begin the grisly task of clean up following a crash involving a special needs school bus from Twin Lakes School Corp, and two dump trucks on 26 Sept, 2008, on US 24 west of Logansport, Ind. A school bus carrying special-needs students collided with two dump trucks in a horrific crash on Friday in rural northern Indiana, killing four children and injuring the bus driver, authorities said.—INTERNET

Togolese President congratulates China on successful launch of Shenzhou-7 spaceship

LOME, 27 Sept—Togolese President Faure Essozimna Gnassingbe has sent a congratulatory message to Chinese President Hu Jintao over the successful launch of Shenzhou-7 spaceship, local official media reported on Friday.

In the message, Faure said he was

delighted with the successful blastoff of Shenzhou-7 spaceship, hoping China can achieve new successes in its aerospace programs. Faure also spoke highly of the two countries' friendly cooperation and China's resolve in helping Togo in its development drive.—Xinhua



Journalists and participants to World Economic Forum embark to visit Tianjin Dongjiang Bonded Port Zone of Tianjin Binhai New Area, north China's Tianjin Municipality, on 26 Sept, 2008. The zone, located in the northeast of Tianjin Port, is one of the symbols of opening up at Tianjin Binhai New Area.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Climate change hot topic at UNGA debate

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Sept—Climate change was a hot topic at the general debate Friday during the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly, with urgent calls for global efforts in cutting greenhouse gas emissions, especially from small island nations.

Prime Minister David Thompson of Barbados, which has just experienced the destruction and devastation of a hurricane

season, said countries in the Caribbean are acutely aware of the urgency attached to action to mitigate the causes of climate change.

"Time is not on our side," Thompson said. Austrian Foreign Minister Ursula Plassnik echoed the concerns of small island states that climate change and the resulting sea level rise threatens their very existence. Plassnik pro-

posed developing the UN Environment Program into a fully-fledged World Environment Organization and creating a new International Renewable Energy Agency.

He offered to host new agency in Vienna. Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham of Bahamas, where 80 percent of its landmass is within 1.5 meters of sea level, spoke of "dire prognosis" of climate change to all and most especially for Small Island Developing States.

Xinhua

Nine killed after ferry catches fire in eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 27 Sept—At least nine people were dead and dozens of others were injured after a ferry caught a fire in waters off Ambon the capital of Maluku province in eastern parts of Indonesia on Friday night, a police officer said.

A ferry carrying passengers and goods was burned down before midnight when it was on a half of its 10-kilometer journey from Ambon city to Tanjung Alang of Pulau Ambon, local police officer in charge at Pulau Ambon police station Alfred Tumuri said.

"Nine people were killed and 32 others were injured after the fire," he told Xinhua on telephone from the police station. The accident occurred when a crew mistakenly loaded gasoline in the ship, said Tumuri. But he did not elaborate. All those wounded were immediately rushed to nearby Al Fatah Hospital and Doctor Haululu Hospital in Ambon city, said Tumuri. —Xinhua



Decorative flower beds are exhibited in front of the Tian'anmen Square before the National Day holiday in Beijing, on 25 Sept 2008. The 7-day-long holiday begins on 29 Sept.—XINHUA

Moderate quake felt in Philippines capital

MANILA, 27 Sept—A magnitude 5.6 earthquake jolted northern Mindoro island in central Philippines on Saturday morning, US Geological Survey reported.

But it is not yet clear whether the quake center was located beneath the land or in the ocean. Bolts of shakes were felt in the national capital of Metro Manila at around 11:05 a.m. and lasted more than 60 seconds. No damages and casualties have been reported so far.—Xinhua

China's top diplomat attends annual FM meeting of Group 77

NEW YORK, 27 Sept—Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi said here Friday that the Group of 77 (G-77) is an effective mechanism for developing countries to coordinate their cooperation and jointly cope with various challenges facing the world. Yang made the remarks when attending the organization's 32nd annual foreign ministers' meeting on the sidelines of the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly. In the face of a new situation, the G-

77 should strengthen solidarity, conduct effective cooperation and actively safeguard the common interests of developing countries, Yang said.

He said China stands ready to work with the G-77 to meet the Millennium Development Goals, to strengthen coordination and cooperation to handle global challenges, to unite in the endeavor to seek and safeguard common interests, and to achieve a win-win outcome in beefing up South-South cooperation.—Xinhua

Typhoon Hagupit leaves 26 dead in Vietnam

HANOI, 27 Sept—Landslides and flooding caused by Typhoon Hagupit has claimed 26 lives in Vietnam, the Vietnam News reported on Saturday, citing figures from the National Committee for Flood and Storm Control. A landslide in northern province of Son La killed 13 people and left

one missing. The storm killed ten people in northern Bac Giang province, and another three in northern Lang Son province.

The rescue workers have been trying to evacuate residents in landslide areas but it met difficulties with continuous flooding.

The storm has damaged more than 500 houses, 500

hectares of rice and other crops in Son La. A number of northern provinces have reported heavy damage, and some parts have been saturated with heavy rains and isolated by floods, the report said. According to the experts from the Vietnamese National Center for Meteorological Forecasting, the country should prepare for more heavy rains and a drop in temperature in the north over the next few days.

Xinhua



A woman carries a girl as they cross a muddy street in the storm-ravaged northern town of Gonaives, Haiti on 26 Sept, 2008.

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Reception marks 50th anniversary of China-Iraq diplomatic ties

BEIJING, 27 Sept — A reception was given here on Friday to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of China-Iraq diplomatic relations. Chinese senior legislator Zhou Tienong attended the event.

Zhou, vice chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress, the country's top legislative body, and Mohammad S. Ismail, Iraqi ambassador in Beijing, inaugurated the

celebration by cutting a cake.

Addressing the reception, Ismail said the Iraqi government "welcomes China's enterprises, experts, technicians and capital to join in Iraq's rebuilding."

Feng Zuoku, vice president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), said Sino-Iraqi relations are facing new opportunity at present and also has a good

prospect."

"We are ready to join hands with Iraqi friends to seize the opportunity, push forward our cooperation in all fields and head for a new era for both China and Iraq," he added. —*Internet*

Cuba, Brazil sign new cooperation agreements

HAVANA, 27 Sept — Cuba and Brazil on Friday signed three cooperation agreements on mining geology, water resources and commercial bank.

During the meeting held here since Tuesday the representative of the Brazilian Agency of Cooperation, Andreia Rigueira, said the agreements will be carried out soon. "The new agreements will give more possibilities for the application of the geo-statistics in the mining exploration in Cuba," Rigueira said during the Seventh Meeting of the Technical Cooperation Work Group.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexico arrests three suspects in grenade attack

MEXICO CITY, 27 Sept — Mexican federal prosecutors have arrested three drug gang members accused of throwing grenades into crowds of Independence Day revelers, an unprecedented attack on civilians that killed eight people.

The men, arrested on Thursday, belonged to a group of infamous Gulf Cartel hit men known as the Zetas, prosecutors

said on Friday. They noted four others were under house arrest, but did not reveal their identities or say if they, too, were alleged cartel members.

The announcement confirmed suspicions that drug gangs were behind the attacks. But it was still unclear why the Zetas would target innocent people for the first time.

Internet



Endangered Great Green Macaws are seen in a captive breeding center in Rio Segundo de Alajuela, Costa Rica, on 26 Sept, 2008. Experts are meeting this week in Costa Rica to establish a strategy for saving the rare birds, numbering around 200 in Costa Rica and 3,800 worldwide, according to the Tropical Studies Organization. —INTERNET

Libya says no hostages on its territory

TRIPOLI, 27 Sept — The Libyan government rejected a Sudanese statement on Friday that kidnappers holding 11 European tourists and eight Egyptians had taken them from Sudan into Libya. "Extensive search and investigations showed no hostages were on Libya's soil," said an official, declining to be named.

The kidnappers seized the tourists — five Germans, five Italians and a Romanian — last week while they were on a desert safari through the far southwest of Egypt.

Egyptian officials said the 19 hostages were whisked across the border into Sudan, and then on Tuesday the Sudanese Foreign Ministry's head of protocol, Ali Youssef Ahmed, said the captives had been moved into Libya. —*Internet*

NEWSALBUM



A rubber band ball is pushed to a scale for a weigh-in before its certification by officials from Guinness World records as the world's largest in Chicago. The ball, weighing 4,594 pounds, was created by Steve Milton, of Eugene, Ore, using more than 175,000 rubber bands.

Shoppers accidentally buy nuclear waste

Three residents of the Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region's Aksu city mistakenly purchased and brought home nuclear waste.

In August 2006, the three men - one of whom is surnamed Liu, while the other two are surnamed Wang - purchased a glittering "treasure" for \$2,000 in Kyrgyzstan. They brought it back to Xinjiang, hoping to make a fortune by selling it.

Because they knew nothing

about the 274-kg stone, they sliced off a piece to bring to Beijing for expert analysis last January. Last September, geologists at Tsinghua University concluded it was depleted uranium and called police.

Prosecutors in Aksu decided against arresting the men, because they obviously had no idea what they had purchased. The men have undergone medical examinations and appear to be in good health.

3,000 trees fall mysteriously in W Nepal

In what locals believe to be the handiwork of some supernatural power, nearly 3,000 trees at a local community forest in Banke district in mid-western Nepal collapsed in a matter of 10 minutes, eKantipur.com reported on Thursday.

According to the website, locals have been completely baffled as the trees at the Shrikrishna

Community Forest, some 360 km west of Kathmandu, fell in quick succession last Monday.

According to the locals, the land in the area has deep cracks. "There was neither a gale nor a storm during that day," said Tilak Bahadur Chand, a

local. Unable to explain the incident, people have resorted to supernatural theories. The open-mouthed locals have begun saying that the incident is ominous and they are now fearful something bad might happen soon.



The weird and wonderful world of modern cycling takes over the Cologne Trade Fair complex this week. This roadster was just one of the many custom bikes on show at the IFMA 2008 Bike Fair in the city. No longer, it seems, is the humble bicycle just merely a mode of self-propelled transport but a fashion statement...and in some cases, a product of science.

Dog bites off own tongue after beating by master

A Tibetan mastiff in Hangzhou, capital of Zhejiang Province, bit off its own tongue and died after a thrashing by its owner.

The owner, surnamed Pan, beat the dog for fighting with another dog in order to teach it a lesson.

"I felt so regretful," Pan said afterwards "My friend who has kept Tibetan mastiffs for 20 years told me that they are the king of dogs and have strong self-esteem".

"If you beat a mastiff in front of other dogs, it feels ashamed and will kill itself to keep its dignity," he added.

Britons spend 14 years of life before TV

Britons spend 14 years of their life in front of the TV and don't care that much what they are watching, according to a survey released on Friday.

Research for Virgin Media found that 29 percent of Brits spend 20 hours a week watching TV with 71 percent saying they find themselves viewing programs for the sake of it.

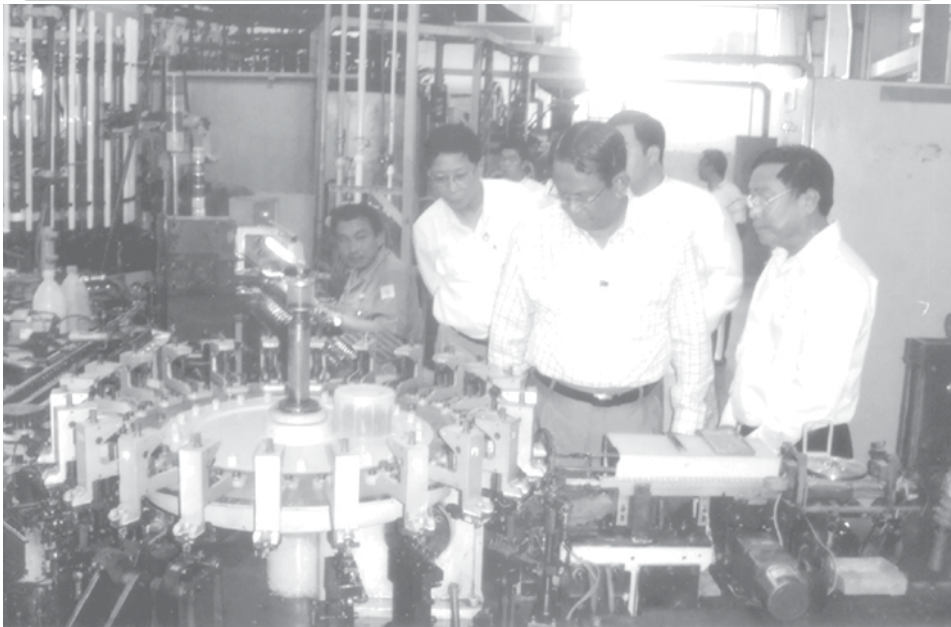
The survey also concluded that 13 percent of people could not bear to miss their favorite show.

In total, that means spending 14 years watching TV based on an average lifetime of 78 years.



German company Zeiss presents its new products in a giant Zeiss lens-shaped booth during a press preview tour of the 'Photokina — World of Imaging' fair in Cologne, Germany. A total of 1,579 exhibitors from 46 countries will present their latest products and developments.

Japanese technology based fluorescent tubes manufactured



Minister U Aung Thaung inspects production process of fluorescent tubes.—INDUSTRY-1

YANGON, 27 Sept—Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected production of fluorescent tubes of Myanmar Lighting Manufacturing Co Ltd by

using advanced technology of Japan in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone No. 3. The Minister also inspected export quality jackets and shirts manufactured by Shweyi Sabei Garment Co Ltd and World

Apparel Manufacturing Co Ltd. Next, the Minister viewed knitting of Pacific Knitters Co Ltd and the production of fluorescent tubes of Yangon Lighting Co Ltd in the industrial zone. *MNA*

Myittamon Blood Donors Association collectively donates blood

YANGON, 27 Sept—Members of Myittamon Blood Donors Association collectively donated blood for the 51st time at No.1 Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) and Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital (500-bed) at a ceremony held at the facilities this morning. On behalf of the Commandant of No.1

Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed), Pathologist Lt-Col Daw Tin Moe Mya extended greetings. Next, Daw Nyunt Nyunt Wai of the association presented K 300,000 to the fund of the hospital and K 100,000 for the Pathology Department. This was followed by a collective blood donation.

At the collective blood donation held at Defence Services Orthopaedic Hospital, Pathologist Major Daw Hon Po extended greetings. Next, Daw May Zin Naing of the association presented medicine and medical equipment worth K 100,000 for warded patients at the hospital, followed by the collective blood donation.—*MNA*

Post-Nargis Seminar on Oct 12

YANGON, 27 Sept—the Post-Nargis Seminar at which sector-wise rehabilitation programmes will be discussed by Myanmar Medical Association (Central) is postponed to 12 October 2008 instead of 27 September. The seminar will be held at Hall-A of Myanmar Medical Association at No. 249 on Theinbyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here.—*MNA*



Director-General U Chit Naing accepts books from a donor.—*MNA*

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Final of 16th Commander-in-Chief (Air)’s Shield Boxing Championship



Col Thein Naing presents championship shield to winning team.—*MNA*

YANGON, 27 Sept—The final of the 16th Commander-in-Chief (Air)’s Shield Boxing Championship was held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at Thura Maung Thein Hall of Mingaladon Airbase here yesterday. Among the spectators were Commander Col Thein Naing of Mingaladon

Airbase, senior military officers, referees of Myanmar Boxing Federation, Yangon Command, Tatmadaw (Air), Myanmar Police Force and Yangon City Development Committee, guests, managers of eight boxing teams and athletes, officers and other ranks and their families. The final match was followed by the

prize presentation ceremony. Officials concerned presented prizes to On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), winners. Commander of Mingaladon Airbase Col Thein Naing presented the championship shield to the team of Mingaladon Airbase that emerged champions. *MNA*

Books for village self-reliant libraries accepted

YANGON, 27 Sept—A ceremony to present publications to Information and Public Relations Department was held at the office of Yangon Division IPRD on Pansodan Street here this morning. Director-General U Chit Naing of IPRD accepted various kinds of books donated by 20 wellwishers including 3600 books worth

K 2,780,000 donated by U Than Maung and Daw Thi Thi Khin of Pandaing Sarpay, 1397 books worth K 1,237,000 by Advocate U Kyaw Zeya, 2400 books worth K 1,200,000 by Dr Tun Win of Pazundaung Township, 2087 books worth K 1,055,800 by U San Oo of Seik Ku Cho Cho Book House, 1500 books worth K 1,050,000 by Cartoonist Ko Shwe Htoo (Pyay), 1287 books

worth K 921,900 by Writer Kaung Thant of Kaung Thant Sarpay, 865 books worth 865,000 by U Kyin Sein and Daw Ni Ni Aye of Tafa Trading Ltd and presented certificates of honour to them. On behalf of wellwishers, writer Kaung Thant explained the purpose of donation and the director-general spoke words of thanks.—*MNA*

Special care units of Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed)...

(from page 16)

The ten special care units include the cardiac disease, chest cavity, kidney, neuro surgical, uro surgical, gastrointestinal and liver units.

Intensive care units consisting of advanced four operation theatres and eight beds with central-controlled system were also opened at the time.

The Ministry of Health has appointed medical scientists and specialists and provides advanced hospital equipment. The government is implementing the projects of opening hospitals of international standard in two years under the guidance of the Head of State.

Professors, specialists and skilled nurses working at the hospital and part-time staff are accommodated in the hospital compound and staff quarters in the wards under the arrangements of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee.

The ministry has provided the Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital with manpower and advanced hospital equipment like the ones in Yangon and Mandalay. Treatment and health care service of international level will be provided to local people in the near future.

Present at opening ceremony were the ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the deputy ministers from the Ministry of Health, heads of departments, members of USDA and social organizations, medical superintendents and guests. —MNA

USDA Joint S-G attends Magway Division USDA's AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—A ceremony to put up the billboard to mark the Annual General Meeting 2008 of Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the corner of Bogyoke Road and Pyidawtha Street in Magway this morning, attended by USDA (Central) Joint Secretary-General Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min together with Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe. The Joint Secretary-General pressed the button to open the billboard.

Next, the Joint Secretary-General and the chairman attended the annual general meeting of Magway Division USDA held at the Town Hall in Magway. The Joint Secretary-General delivered an opening address at the meeting.

The Joint Secretary-General, the chairman and officials awarded outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2008 with flying colours.

Next, the chairman and officials accepted over K 34 million donated by wellwishers for Magway Division Stipend Funds. The Joint Secretary-General accepted 30 motorbikes and cash donated by Golden Dragon Industry, Star motorbike assembling factory and Shwe Wah Myay motorbike assembling factory.

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Minister Col Zaw Min speaking at Magway Division USDA Annual General Meeting 2008.

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Hole-in-One at Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Golf Course

YANGON, 27 Sept—Lt-Col Soe Win playing together with Col Min Htein, Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Oo and Lt-Col Myint Nwe scored hole-in-one at

the hole No. 8 at Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Hydropower Golf Course this morning.

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The wise outstrips the intoxicated

Not intoxicated among the intoxicated and wide-awake among the sleeping, the wise one outstrips them as a swift horse outstrips a weak one.

Dhammapada-29

Development tasks in Myitkyina inspected



Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence inspects building of tar road in Myitkyina.

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State

Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe Win and officials, yesterday morning met

with officers of the medical corps at No. 1 Military Hospital (300-bed) in Myitkyina and gave necessary

instructions.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party looked into tarring of Shwe road, 2130 feet long and 18 feet wide, being under taken by Kachin State Development Affairs Department in Ayemyathaya Ward, Myitkyina.

After that, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspected extension of Myitkyina airport, building of the airport, greening the environs of the airport and its runway.

After that, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint arrived back here by air at 11.30 am.

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Weather Report

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that according to the observation at 9.30 hrs MST today, a low pressure formed at the North Bay of Bengal continued.—MNA

Development tasks in Tachilek supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo and departmental officials met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders and presented sports gear and stationery at the meeting hall of Town General Administration Department in Tarlay yesterday.

At the People's Hospital in Tarlay, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented cash assistance

to patients and medical equipment and medicines to Medical Superintendent Dr Nyan Myint.

Next, he met with officers and other ranks and their families of Tarlay Station at Aung Zeya hall of the station and presented sports gear and foodstuff for the station.

At Aung Myat Hall in Tachilek, he also met with departmental

personnel, social organization members and local people and presented sports gear and stationery for the region.

Next, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected stockpile of logs at Lwestone timber production field of No 3 Raff in Tachilek and met with servicemen and their families at the hall of Tachilek Station. —MNA



Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing visits People's Hospital in Tarlay.

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Academic and health care facilities inspected in PyinOoLwin



Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe meeting with faculty members of University of Pharmacy (Mandalay).—HEALTH

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe met with the medical superintendent, specialists, assistant surgeons and nurses at the hall of 200-bed General Hospital in PyinOoLwin

on 21 September.

Next, the deputy minister inspected construction of patient wards, newly-built patient wards, operation theater, intensive care unit, X-ray room and pathology department.

At the meeting hall of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin, the deputy minister urged officials to use effective ways and means in conducting researches.

Next, the deputy minister met with faculty members at the meeting hall of University of Pharmacy (Mandalay).

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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

Students educated with book, wall magazine and photo exhibition

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Monywa District Information and Public Relations Department organized the book, wall magazine and photo exhibition and educative talks at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Monywa on 25 September morning.

Officials and staff of Sagaing

Division, Monywa District and Township IPRDs, the headmaster, teachers and students of No. 2 BEHS attended the exhibition.

The head of Division IPRD gave talks on dynamism of patriotic spirit.

After the talks, teachers and students visited the exhibition.—NLM

BedTalk Furniture Showroom opens

YANGON, 27 Sept—BedTalk Furniture Showroom was opened at No. 136 on Bo Myat Tun Road in Botahtaung Township here this morning.

Responsible persons of BedTalk Furniture and of GoldCoil Spring Mattress Brand formally opened the showroom. Available at the showroom are GoldCoil Brand Mattress and related materials, home and office furniture. As a joint promotion of GoldCoil and BedTalk, the products can be purchased at a discount until 30 September.

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Opening of BedTalk Furniture Showroom in progress.—MNA

DONATE BLOOD

Wammaison villagers in Laikha Township enjoying fruits of development

Article: May May Ni

The government is striving for development of border areas and national races to ensure equitable development of all regions of the Union. Wammaison Village in Laikha Township, Shan State (South), is one of the villages under the development programmes of the government.

There are 115 houses in Wammaison Village and it is facilitated with one Basic Education Primary School and one self-reliant village library named "Pyinnya Gon".

On 11 September, a ceremony to donate books and equipment to the library was held at the reading table of the library. Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Htin Kyaw handed various kinds of books to Chairman of the Library Supervisory Committee U Kanna; the Secretary of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association, journals and periodicals to Librarian Daw Nang Mo Kham; and Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department

Daw San Myint, a radio to Library Supervisory Committee member U Sai Kham Mon.

At the reading session with the participation of local people, USDA member Nang Ngin Mo and Daw Thin Hlaing read the book on Draft State Constitution in Shan and Myanmar bilingually. Daw Hae Man and Daw Nang Mo Kham read out the article entitled "To preserve quality sunflower strain" from Doh Kyeywa journal Volume No. 5, Number 17 in Shan and Myanmar languages. Head of Township IPRD Daw San Myint discussed acceleration of the reading sessions.

At the village, Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association organized the tailoring courses for girls and women. Likewise, talks on health knowledge were held near the rural health care branch. Township Medical Officer Dr Ngwe Yi Khaing gave lectures on dengue haemorrhagic fever and health staff Daw Nang Lar interpreted the lectures of the medical officer in Shan language. The talks continued on TB and malaria diseases.



Township USDA Secretary U Sai Myint Thein, the Township Electrical Engineer and the Chairman of Village PDC formally open physio nut oil-fired generator in Wammaison Village of Laikha Township.

Later, the Township Medical Officer and party provided health care services to the mothers and children.

In Wammaison Village, potable water from the village-owned tube-well is being supplied to the local people. Thriving physio nut plantations can be witnessed in the village. At present, a village-owned generator is supplying power to the whole village. As a result, local people can enjoy the TV programmes at home for their relaxation.

On 12 September, a ceremony to launch the physio nut oil-fired generator was held at the vil-

lage. On the occasion, Township Electrical Engineer U Myo Min Hlaing explained the construction and installation of the generator. Next, Township USDA Secretary U Sai Myint Thein, the Township Electrical Engineer and Chairman of Village PDC U Sai Wunna formally launched the generator.

As part of progress of the village, self-reliant earth lanes have been built in the village. The main business of the village is agriculture and livestock breeding. Local people grow paddy, maize, groundnut, soya-bean and garlic. Due to feeding fer-

tilizers and weeding work, paddy yields 105 baskets of paddy per acre. Therefore, the local farmers can store paddy for their own consumption. As there are

about 40,000 acres of paddy in the township, the local rice sufficiency reaches 268.60 per cent.

The villagers also planted perennial trees such as orange and mango. The people are conserving fuel-wood plantations and reserve forests for greening the region.

Remarkable progress can be witnessed in the rural areas under the arrangements of the government. The people of Wammaison Village too have enjoyed the fruits of peace, tranquility and development.

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Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Htin Kyaw presents books for the library to Chairman of Library Supervisory Committee U Kanna.



Siri Sudhamma Mani Jotadhara U Tin Win presents K 500,000 for repairing storm-hit buildings of Fisheries Department to Deputy Director-General U Khin Ko Lay of FD. — L&F

Cash donated for repairing storm-hit buildings

YANGON, 27 Sept—Cash donations were made for repairing the storm-ravaged buildings of the Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in conjunction with the closing of "On Site Training Course for Safety and Quality Assurance of Frozen Products" at Myanmar Pyithar Cold Storage and Ice Factory, West Ywama, Insein Township, here, yesterday morning.

Deputy Director-

General of the department U Khin Ko Lay delivered a speech.

Managing Director of the factory Siri Sudhamma Mani Jotadhara U Tin Win presented K 500,000 for repairing the storm-stricken buildings, and

K 200,000 to the Fisheries Department through the officials.

The director-general presented certificates to the 50 trainees, who had completed the two-week course.

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DON'T SMOKE

Iran says new UN resolution not constructive

TEHERAN, 27 Sept — Iran's top nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili said here on Saturday that UN Security Council's new resolution is not constructive and "it won't help keep global peace and security," Iranian state TV reported.

"What we need today is to do something to attract the trust of Iranians, not to cause

their further mistrust," Jalili was quoted as saying.

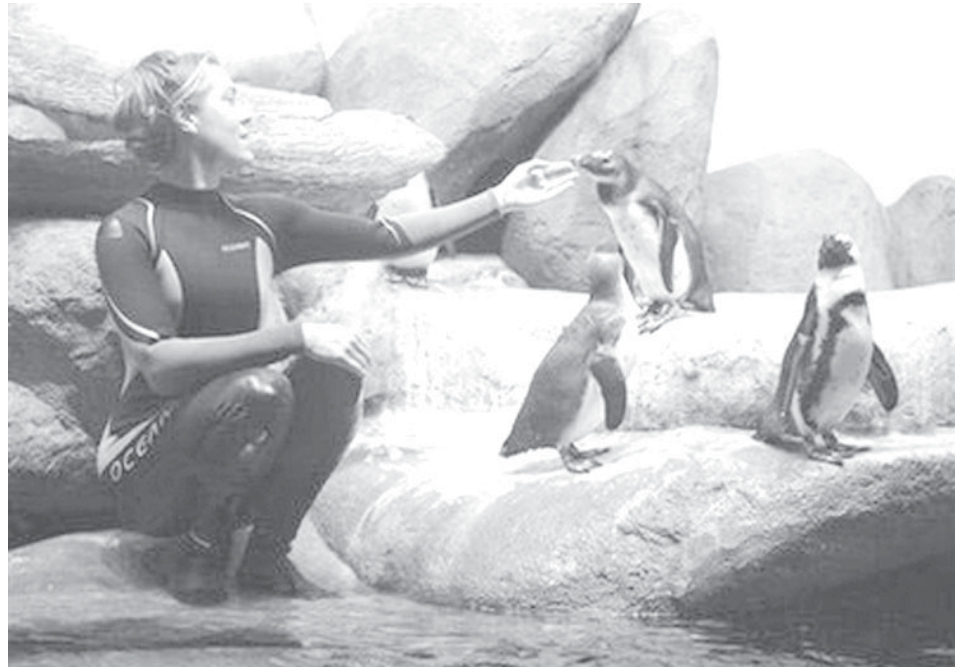
He said the new resolution is more like a declaration rather than a resolution, which aims to prove that there is cohesion among the powers over Iran's nuclear issue.

Representatives from the United States, China, Russia, Britain,

France and Germany on Friday agreed to submit to UN Security Council a draft resolution reaffirming existing sanctions on Iran.

According to a report that the International Atomic Energy Agency released on Monday, due to Teheran's block, the UN nuclear watchdog had been unable to make much progress in investigating Iran's suspect nuclear program.

Internet



Senior Aquatic Biologist Pam Schaller plays with South African penguins at the new California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, on 18 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET



A Rinspeed sQuba concept car is displayed at the Singapore Motorshow on 26 Sept, 2008. The sQuba electric car, inspired by the 1977 James Bond movie "The Spy Who Loved Me", can be driven both on land and underwater. It can dive up to 10m and travel at more than 3km/h underwater.—INTERNET

China's economy in good shape despite global financial chaos

TIANJIN, 27 Sept — China's economy was in good shape and capable of maintaining financial stability despite global chaos, Liu Mingkang, chairman of the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC), said on Saturday.

Liu made the remarks at the ongoing 2008 Summer Davos forum, also known as the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2008, which kicked off on Saturday in the north China metropolis of Tianjin.

Though feeling

gloomy about the outlook of the world economy, most attendees were confident about China's economic prospects.

"China has full confidence and capabilities to ensure sound and fast

economic growth for a long period of time," Premier Wen Jiabao said at the opening ceremony.

Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, said

China is still a fast growing economy and may lead the world economy in the future.

But for now, as the financial market globalizes, no country could escape the financial crisis, Liu said.

Internet

Floods, landslides kill 64 in W Nepal

KATHMANDU, 27 Sept — Nepali Deputy Prime Minister informed the Constituent Assembly (CA) that 64 people had lost their lives in floods and landslides in western Nepal, Nepali national news agency RSS reported on Saturday.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs Bamdev Gautam, who has been looking after also the office of the Prime Minister, said he visited flood affected areas of far-western and mid-western regions recently and took information about the damages caused by the floods and directed local administrations to make the relief work effective.

Internet

World Confucian Conference opens first session in China

QUFU, (Shandong), 27 Sept — The First Session of the World Confucian Conference opened on Saturday in the eastern Chinese city of Qufu, the hometown of the great ancient thinker and philosopher.

More than 170 scholars from 22 countries and region are expected to exchange ideas about their studies on Confucianism during the three-day event.

The conference was organized by the Ministry of Culture and the Shandong provincial government.

A cultural festival will also be held in Qufu to commemorate the 2,559 birthday of Confucius, which falls on Sept 28.

Confucius, born in 551 BC, was the founder of Confucianism, which advocates the building of a harmonious society through an individual's self-refinement in manners and taste.

Confucianism dominated Chinese society for centuries, and spread to Europe in the late 16th century.

Scholars and believers around the world commemorate Confucius' birth in Qufu every year to carry forward the Confucian spirit of benevolence and honor.

Internet

A soldier stands guard near the 3,000-year-old red granite head believed to be that of Ramses II, one of ancient Egypt's most powerful pharaohs, near the site where it was discovered in Tell Basta, 80 km (50 miles) northeast of Cairo, on 27 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET



Ship sinks in storm off Bulgaria

SOPIA, 27 Sept, — A cargo ship, believed to be Ukrainian or Russian, sank in stormy waters off the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria with 13 crew members aboard, authorities say.

The 5,000 tonne Tolstoy, carrying scrap metal, did not send out a distress call, said Nikolai Apostolov, head of the Bulgarian maritime office.

Bulgarian authorities were alerted by a Russian satellite centre, he said.

News agencies report that the ship's crew, believed to be Ukrainian with a Russian captain, are all missing.

Rescue helicopters and ships were searching the waters 20 kilometres (12 miles) off Cape Emine on Bulgaria's northern Black Sea coast, but their efforts were hampered by rough weather.

The ship sank at about 0400 (0100 GMT).

The Tolstoy, which sailed under a North Korean flag, departed from the southern Russian port city of Rostov-on-Don on 21 September and was destined for Turkey.

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Vietnam's GDP up 6.52% in first nine months

HANOI, 27 Sept — Vietnam will achieve a GDP growth rate of 6.52 per cent in the first nine months of this year, the *Vietnam News Agency* reported on Friday, citing figures from the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI).

The country's GDP is expected to grow at a rate of 6.55 per cent in the third quarter, lower than the figure recorded in the first quarter of 9.38 per cent, but higher than that in the second quarter of 5.38 per cent, according to a meeting held by MPI here on Friday.

MNA/Xinhua

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (403)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (403) are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived on 28.9.2008 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 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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"Jewish terrorists" attack prominent left-wing historian

JERUSALEM, 27 Sept — In a stark reminder of growing differences within the Israeli society, a prominent left-wing historian was injured in a suspected right-wing perpetrated bomb attack.

Internationally acclaimed expert on History of Fascism, Zeev Sternhell, sustained minor injuries on Wednesday when a pipe-bomb exploded outside his house in Jerusalem in what police suspect could be a new campaign by right-wing extremists to target prominent left-wingers.

Public Security Minister Avi Dichter called the incident "a nationalist terror attack apparently perpetrated by Jews", vowing that the police would not rest until "those terrorists" were put behind bars.

"We could see that the explosion was aimed at killing," Dichter said adding that the attack "takes us back to the days of [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin's assassination." — MNA/PTI

Turkish forces seize 85 kilos of hashish in operations


ANKARA, 27 Sept — Turkish security forces confiscated 85 kilogrammes of hashish in the southern province of Mersin and the southeastern province of Sanliurfa on Thursday, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Friday.

The security forces detained two suspected people with 9 kilogrammes of hashish in Tarsus Town of Mersin Province, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua



Pakistani tribesmen guard an army convoy in Raghagan, a town of troubled Bajaur agency on 26 September. Toting rocket launchers and Kalashnikovs, the bearded tribesmen say they back the Pakistani government — yet pledge they will fight to the death against US incursions on their soil. —INTERNET



**ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့**

Civil Service Selection and Training Board

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

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China revokes 523 drug licences for illegally selling

BEIJING, 27 Spet — China's food and drug watchdog said on Friday that 523 drug licences were revoked for illegally producing or selling stimulants during the Beijing Olympic Games.

China's State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) began a nationwide campaign against illegal stimulants by the country's drug makers and retailers before the Games to keep a clean Olympics.

The administration and the State Administration for Industry and Commerce had inspected all the authorized stimulant makers and

revealed one producing licence for stimulants, said Shao Mingli, SFDA's director, at a teleconference in Beijing on Friday.

The authorities checked 13,000 stimulant wholesalers and 341,000 retailers as well as 63,000 chemical plants and withdrew 522 selling licences, the director said.

The two administrations also dug out 45 chemical plants and 334 website operators for other illegalities, he said, adding that there had been no stimulant scandal during the Olympics.

However, the two authorities have not

revealed any cases in which suspects or companies were arrested or fined for the illegalities.

Shao asked local food and drug administrations to learn a lesson from the recent milk scandal throughout the country, and to strengthen supervision work on various food and drugs.

China's domestic dairy firm Sanlu Group was exposed as having produce a toxic baby formula which has so far killed at least three babies and has sickened about 53,000 children in the country and put 11,000 in hospital.

MNA/Xinhua

10th Asia Arts Festival opens in C China's city

ZHENGZHOU, 27 Sept — The 10th Asia Arts Festival opened in the central Chinese city of Zhengzhou, Henan Province on Friday evening.

About 2,000 artists from 20 Asian countries and regions are expected to attend the 13-day

festival, the organizers said. The festival, sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and the Henan provincial government, will feature live performances, films, exhibitions and a trade fair, and will end on Oct. 8 in Kaifeng, an ancient city in Henan. The annual

event began in Beijing in 1998 and was inaugurated by the Ministry of Culture.

Internet

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Two more food samples tested positive for melamine in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 27 Sept — Two food samples on sale in Hong Kong were found to contain melamine over the legal maximum limit on Friday, namely, a vegetable formula cereal produced by Heinz and a steamed potato Wasabi

produced by Silang.

The Center for Food Safety said the Heinz DHA+AA Vegetable Formula Cereal was found to contain 1.6 ppm of melamine, compared with the legal limit of 1 ppm for children's food, while the Silang House

of Steamed Potato Wasabi contained 18 ppm of melamine, compared with the legal limit of 2.5 ppm for any food for adults.

The samples were among 112 tested for the latest batch.

Internet

Mega-bird had a five-metre wingspan... and teeth

PARIS, 27 Sept — A bird that swooped over the waters covering what is now southeast England had wings that spanned five metres (16.25 feet) tip to tip and had bony teeth with which to grab its food, a study published on Friday said.

The extraordinary beast has been identified thanks to a well-preserved skull unearthed on the Isle of Sheppey, east of London. Named *Dasornis emuinus*, it has been dated to 50 million years ago.

Gerald Mayr of Germany's Senckenberg

Research Institute said *Dasornis* was "like an ocean-going goose, almost the size of a small plane."

"By today's standards, these were pretty bizarre animals, but perhaps the strangest thing about them is that they had sharp, tooth-like projections along the cutting edges of the beak," he said.

Like all birds, *Dasornis* did not have real teeth, which are made of enamel and dentine.

Instead, it had bony "pseudo-teeth," a feature unique to a group of now-extinct giant birds called Pelagornithids.

Internet



A colonel of special rescuing helicopters team addresses a mobilizing ceremony in the area awaiting for emergency missions of the main landing field of the Shenzhou-7 spacecraft in Siziwang Banner (county), north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, where the spacecraft is expected to land as it returns to the earth, on Sept. 26, 2008.—INTERNET

Report on Syrian nuclear plans needs more time

VIENNA, 27 Sept — The chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has said that it needs more time to prepare a report on Syria's nuclear plans as required by the United States.

"It is impossible for the International Atomic Energy Agency to issue the report on Syrian nuclear plans within a few weeks as required by the United States, said Mohammed ElBaradei, IAEA Director General, here on Thursday

evening. ElBaradei also noted that the IAEA's work should not be guided by political intentions, and that the IAEA will not issue the report before it fully understands the facts, according to media news here on Friday.

ElBaradei also showed dissatisfaction to the United States and Israel for only providing the IAEA with photos of the destroyed facility in Syria after the Israeli Air Force bombed it out.

MNA/Xinhua

Cigarette packs to carry graphic picture warnings

LONDON, 27 Sept — Smokers will be confronted with graphic pictures on cigarette packets from October, showing how tobacco damages health, officials said on Friday.

The pictures, which show cancerous lungs and throats as well as rotting teeth, replace written warnings such as "smokers die younger" which currently greet smokers as they light up.

The picture warnings will start appearing on cigarette packs from 1 October and will be compulsory from October next year. They will begin to be shown on all tobacco products from October 2010.

Internet

Cervical cancer test offers hope for Cambodian women

PHNOM PENH, 27 Sept — A new test for cervical cancer developed for use in poor countries has been lauded by Cambodian health officials, as nearly a quarter of the country's female population is afflicted by the disease, national media reported Friday.

Produced by the Dutch company QIAGEN, the test does not require electricity or running water and can be used by nonmedical staff, the Phnom Penh Post said.

Unlike other tests that require sophisticated laboratories and a long waiting time for results, this test can indicate results within two hours, minimizing multiple costly doctors' visits, it said.

"It will be very good for Cambodian women if we can get new (cervical cancer) testing," said Chan Vanna, official of the Department of Women's Disease and Birth Spacing at the Reproductive Health Association of Cambodia (RHAC).

MNA/Xinhua



A customer drinks soy milk at the Yonghe King restaurant in Beijing on 27 Sept, 2008. Soy milk is being promoted by producers as a safe alternative to milk after tainted milk products sickened thousands of children and left four dead in China.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Euro championships to expand to 24 teams in 2016

BORDEAUX, 27 Sept — The European football championships in 2016 will be expanded from 16 teams to 24, UEFA announced here on Friday.

The "historic" decision will hand a much greater chance for middle-ranked nations to make the final cut for European football's showpiece tournament, UEFA said.

The 13-man executive committee of European football's governing body voted unanimously for the expansion. The 16-team format for the Euro finals has been in place since 1996.

But presidents of the 53 federations that make up UEFA spoke out in favour of an expansion during an informal meeting with UEFA president Michel Platini on the eve of the Euro 2008 final in Vienna in June.

Immediate ramifications for the staging of the tournament would be an increase to 51 matches from 31 over four weeks instead of three.—*Internet*

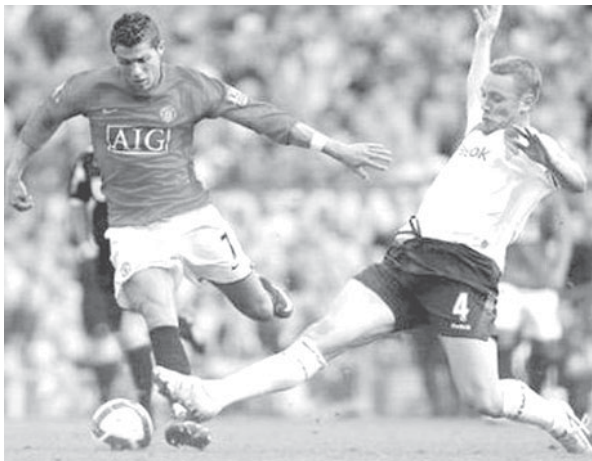


Germany's Rainer Schuettler returns a shot against Israel's Dudi Sela during a semi-final match at the China Open tennis in Beijing, China, on 27 Sept, 2008. Sela won 6-3, 6-3.
INTERNET

PREMIER LEAGUE

(27-9-2008)

Arsenal	1 - 2	Hull City
Aston Villa	2 - 1	Sunderland
Everton	0 - 2	Liverpool
Fulham	1 - 2	West Ham Utd
Man Utd	2 - 0	Bolton
Middlesbrough	0 - 1	WBA
Newcastle	1 - 2	Blackburn
Stoke City	0 - 2	Chelsea



Bolton Wanderers' Kevin Nolan (R) challenges Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester on 27 Sept, 2008.
INTERNET



Stoke City's goalkeeper Thomas Sorensen (R) saves a shot from Chelsea's Didier Drogba during their English Premier League soccer match at the Britannia Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent, central England September 27, 2008.
INTERNET

Kim and Garcia meet again at Tour Championship



Anthony Kim hits out of the bunker to the 18th green during the second day of The Tour Championship PGA golf tournament on 26 Sept, 2008, in Atlanta.—*Internet*

ATLANTA, 27 Sept — Phil Mickelson has won 34 times on the PGA Tour, including three majors. He is No 2 in the world ranking, and without Tiger Woods around, perhaps the most popular player among fans and a television audience. After making five birdies over his final seven holes Friday, Mickelson was in third place, just three shots out of the lead.

At this Tour Championship, that makes him the warm-up act. The Main Event — which for many seems like a replay of a testy match six days ago at Valhalla — is Anthony Kim and Sergio Garcia, paired in the final group Saturday at East Lake just six days after they squared off in the Ryder Cup.—*Internet*



Newcastle United fans celebrate the return of Kevin Keegan in January 2008. Former Wimbledon, Luton and Nottingham Forest boss Joe Kinnear has agreed to step in as interim manager of Newcastle until the end of next month, the troubled club has announced.—*INTERNET*

Newcastle appoint Kinnear as Keegan waits in wings

NEWCASTLE, 27 Sept — Newcastle on Friday appointed former Wimbledon manager Joe Kinnear as their manager for the next five weeks, as it emerged that Kevin Keegan could be back in charge by the end of October.

The unexpected deal with the 61-year-old Kinnear came after former England manager Terry Venables rejected the opportunity to plug the gap left by Keegan's abrupt departure on a similar short-term basis.

Club owner Mike Ashley has been unwilling to appoint a permanent successor to Keegan, who acrimoniously parted company with the club at the start of this month, for fear it could undermine his efforts to find a buyer for the club.—*Internet*

Maria Kirilenko of Russia returns a shot to Kaia Kanepi of Estonia during their semi final match of the 2008 Hansol Korea Open tournament at Olympic Park in Seoul, South Korea, on 27 Sept, 2008. Kirilenko won the match 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.—*INTERNET*

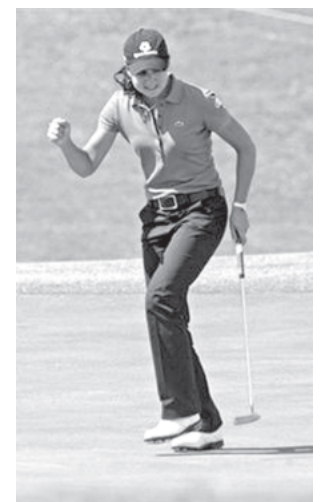


Ochoa 1 stroke back in Alabama

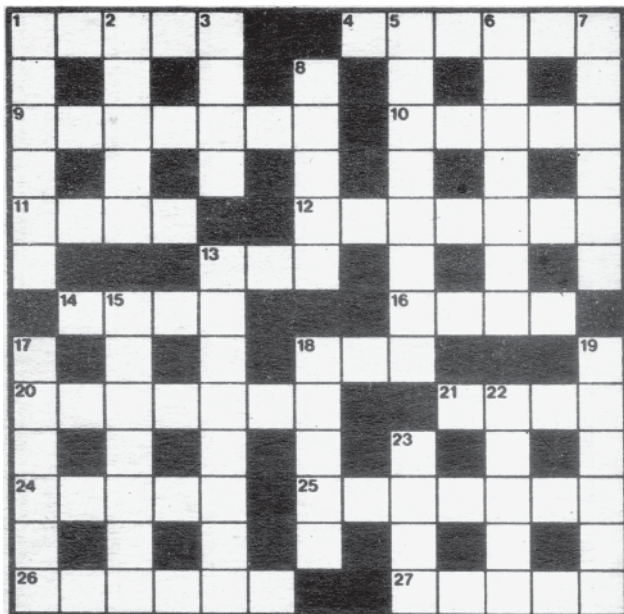
PRATTVILLE, 27 Sept — Recharged after a month off, Lorena Ochoa shot her second straight 5-under 67 on Friday to move within a stroke of leader Janice Moodie halfway through the Navistar LPGA Classic.

The top-ranked Ochoa is making her first start since tying for sixth in the *Lorena Ochoa reacts after making a birdie on the 9th hole during the second round of the Navistar LPGA Classic golf tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill in Prattville, Ala., on 26 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET*

Safeway Classic on Aug. 24, her fourth top-seven finish in a row, but seventh straight winless start. She opened the year with six wins in nine starts, including four straight.
Internet



CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Portable light
- 4 Mistakes
- 9 Least possible
- 10 Part of an egg
- 11 Row
- 12 Tedium
- 13 An extremity
- 14 British spa
- 16 Mountain goat
- 18 Marshland
- 20 Shut out
- 21 Cain's victim
- 24 Heath genus
- 25 Crack
- 26 Lay bare
- 27 Boxer's prize money

DOWN

- 1 Love-apple
- 2 Scope
- 3 Abode
- 5 Hold back
- 6 Late
- 7 Grave
- 8 Sphere
- 13 Hand-outs (anag.)
- 15 Public sale
- 17 Traditional story
- 18 Palisade
- 19 Sheep's coat
- 22 Tobacco-pipe
- 23 Assist

Armed robberies in Egypt's remotest desert

CAIRO, 27 Sept— The abduction of a European tour group in a distant corner of Egypt's desert underlines the potential dangers of adventure tourism pushing deeper into remote destinations and getting closer to conflict zones.

In the case of the 11 Europeans and eight Egyptians held since 19 Sept, the lawlessness in the desert plateau of Gilf al-Kebir may be a spillover from the violence in eastern Chad and Sudan's Darfur region, where armed bands are notorious for hijacking and robberies.

Desert tour operators and security officials say there have been several robberies and car-jackings of tourists over the past year by heavily armed gunmen at Gilf al-Kebir, near the Sudanese and Libyan borders, which

never previously saw such incidents.

Until recently, desert guides often ran into smugglers in the area but each side left the other alone, said guide Mahmoud Nour el-Din, who has led tours to the Gilf and other parts of Egypt's Western Desert for 12 years.

Internet

McCain, Obama clash on economy, foreign policy

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept— US presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama clashed over economy and foreign policy as their first presidential debate is underway in Oxford, Mississippi, on Friday night.

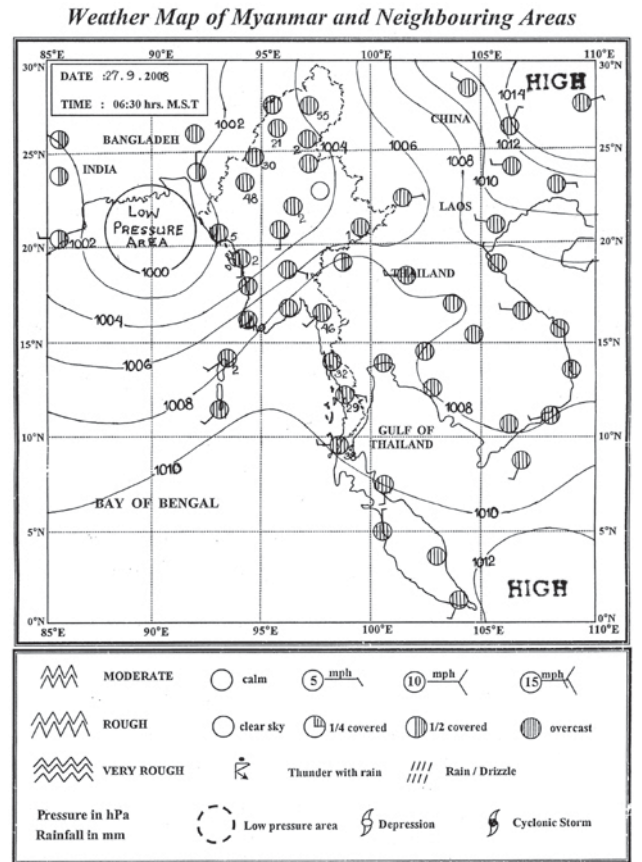
Republican McCain said the government needs to cut spending and repeated his call to veto every bill with earmarks.

Democrat Obama said

the country "absolutely" needs earmark reform but said, "the fact is, eliminating earmarks alone is not a recipe for how we are going to get the middle class back on track". They also tangled over who would cut taxes more.

McCain said he would lower business taxes in order to encourage job growth in the United States, while Obama said he would cut taxes for 95 per cent of American families. Obama also said that the United States was facing its worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.—MNA/Xinhua

Force India Formula One driver Giancarlo Fisichella of Italy flies through the air on bend 10 during a practice session at the Marina Bay Singapore F1 Grand Prix circuit on 27 September 2008.—INTERNET



WEATHER

Saturday, 27 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hpa-an (3.31) inches, Maungdaw (3.22) inches, Putao (2.48) inches, Kawkayeik (2.17) inches, Sittwe (2.12) inches, Kyauktaw (1.93) inches, Kalaywa (1.89) inches, Hkamti (1.85) inches and Mawlamyine (1.81) inches.

Maximum temperature on 26-9-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 27-9-2008 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 27-9-2008 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 26-9-2008 was (2.2) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 27-9-2008 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.23) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (96.38) inches at Mingaladon, (108.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (125.89) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (18:20) hours MST on 26-9-2008.

Bay inference: According to the observation at (12:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over North bay has still persists. Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine and Kachin States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kayin, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, scattered in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experiences off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph. Seas will be moderated elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-9-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-9-2008: likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Sunday, 28 September
View on today

- 7:00 am 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. ကြည်ညိုဦးစိုက်ဖူးလိုက်စို့ တူပျော်မနန်းရွှေစက်တော်
- 7:50 am 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am 6. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:15 am 7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေးသီချင်းများ)

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- 8:20 am 8. International news
- 8:45 am 9. Dance variety
- 11:00 am 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am 2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am 3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:40 am 4. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 12:00 noon 5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေမေမေတ္တာကုဋေကုဋာ" (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 12:45 pm 6. "ရေဆုံးမြေဆုံး" ခန့်စည်သူ၊ မင်းရာဇာ၊ ကျော်ဇောဟိန်း၊ မင်းဟိန်း၊ အောင်ပိုင်၊ မြတ်မင်းခန့်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ရီတ၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မလိခစိုးထိုက်အောင်)
- 2:15 pm 7. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ
- 2:30 pm 8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 2:45 pm 9. International news
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:10 pm 2. Dance of national races
- 4:20 pm 3. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ
- 4:30 pm 4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ် (၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ အခြေခံပညာကျောင်းများ ဝတ်စွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (အထက (၂) လသာ) (လသာရတနာ ဝတ်စွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:50 pm 5. Song For uphold National Spirit
- 5:00 pm 6. "လက်တွေ့ပြချင်လို့" (ဖြိုးဋေစိုး၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)
- 5:10 pm 7. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေးသီချင်းများ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:20 pm 8. Sing and enjoy

- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 6:45 pm 12. "လပတ္တမြားနယ်၊ စလုဆိပ်ကျေးရွာ မိုးစပါးအကူထွန်ယက်စိုက်ပျိုးမှု"
- 6:55 pm 13. Musical programme
- 7:05 pm 14. "ဆည်းဆာချိန်လေးလှပါစေ" (ပြေတီဦး၊ မိုးသောကြာ၊ မင်းရာဇာ၊ ခိုင်နင်းစေ၊ မျိုးစန္ဒီ ကျော်၊ ပုလဲဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မြင့်စိုး(ဝ/သ))
- 7:35 pm 15. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm 16. "အနုပညာကြေးမုံပြင်တစ်ချပ် ကိုခံစားကြည့်ခြင်း" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 8:00 pm 18. International news
- 8:00 pm 19. Weather report
- 8:00 pm 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)

Special care units of Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed) opened

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Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin visits Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed).—MNA

gave guidance on opening of more special care units during his inspection tour of the 300-bed General Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw on 18 March 2006. That was why the special care units were constructed on 15 December 2006. He told officials concerned to upgrade the hospital to a 1,000-bed one during his inspection tour on 12 January 2008. The Ministry of Health upgraded the 300-bed General Hospital

to the 1,000-bed Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital with the permission of the State Peace and Development Council on 17 March 2008 and 1,541 staff — 1,244 service personnel and 297 officers — have been appointed to the hospital. The government has provided ten more special care units, which have been opened, with advanced hospital equipment worth US \$ 3.2 million from the special funds.

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept —Special care units of Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed) were opened here this morning, attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.

CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association region in-charge Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint formally unveiled the archway of the special

care units.

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin formally unveiled the plaque to open the special care units and sprinkled scented water on it.

Managing Director U Thet Lin of TZTM Construction Co presented related documents of TV sets and water purifiers worth K 10 million to Deputy Director-General (Treatment) of Health Department Dr Win Myint who presented a certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

The commander and the guests visited the cardiovascular, cardiac,

chest cavity, neuro-surgical, renal, gastrointestinal and liver units.

Under the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Health is undertaking the projects on better health of the people. Construction of the 300-bed General Hospital started on 15 January 2002. Specialists have provided effective medical care to 129,885 patients including 104,352 out-patients since 12 special care units were opened at the hospital on 24 March 2004.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe



Ministers Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Col Thein Nyunt and Dr Kyaw Myint open special care units.—MNA



Newly-opened special care units of Nay Pyi Taw People's Hospital (1000-bed).—MNA