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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 Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence looks into regional development undertakings in Kongyan of Laukkai Township, Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, deputy ministers, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force and

departmental officials, met with servicemen and family members of the local station and departmental personnel at the hall of the local battalion on Kongyan of Laukkai Township, Shan State (North), on 3 September. (See page 7)

Potency of Mettā (No. 1)

Dissemination of *mettā* (loving-kindness) can benefit anyone who welcomes it or not.

Therefore everybody should disseminate *mettā*, which is possessed of great potency.

(Milindapañha,
Mettabhavananisamsa-197)

Kyonmange, a township with smooth transport

Byline: Maung Tin Hlaing (H&T)

The Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport is transforming cargo barges into pontoons for ensuring swift commodity flow and increased production.

In that regard, IWT is working hard to complete the building of a pontoon in Kyonmange, as a task of improving the living conditions of the rural and urban inhabitants.

IWT is building pontoons wherever necessary in order that watercraft can dock at jetties. In addition, (See page 7)



SA-3 Pontoon at Kyonmange port.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Launglon	10.75 inches	Kayan	2.95 inches
Ye	7.60 inches	Kyaukpyu	2.91 inches
Dawei	4.10 inches	Bilin	2.87 inches
Machanbaw	3.54 inches	Yangon	2.63 inches
Hpa-an	3.03 inches	Kyeikkhame	2.44 inches
Thaton	3.03 inches	Pakokku	0.47 inch

INSIDE

The inhabitants, who fled due to the armed conflicts and regional instability, are now returning to the native places. The returnees are being received in a systematic way through coordination of the authorities of the two countries and they are being rendered necessary aid. It is heartening to learn that now Kokang Region has regained peace and stability, and resumed regional development tasks.

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MAHN THA SEIN (PAPUN)

PERSPECTIVES

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Play an active role in serving the interest of national people

A ceremony to open workshop on cooperation between agriculturists, trainees who attended agricultural courses abroad and entrepreneurs, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, was held at meeting hall of the ministry on 4 September with an address by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

The agricultural sector of Myanmar has good prospects but there are weaknesses in the use of high technology in accordance with international standards, investment, skilled labour, crop quality control, crop storage and packaging and exploration of markets. The aim of the workshop was to weather these challenges, for agriculture produce to fetch good prices in the international markets and to modernize the agricultural sector.

In serving the interest of the State and the people, efforts are being made to transform the nation into an industrialized one in line with the already-laid down economic policies—the development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

In an effort to ensure the improvement of the industrial sector, it is required to strengthen the agricultural sector which plays an important role in national economy and to use modern agricultural methods which will help export more agricultural produce.

The government sent scholars from the field of agriculture abroad for further studies spending a large amount of funds. Now, it is incumbent upon the scholars to make all-out efforts for the development of the agricultural sector applying knowledge and skills they have gained in practice.

At such a time, all the agriculturists are to play an active role in serving the national interest combining qualified human resources and modern agricultural methods.

Myawadi, Ngwetaryi magazines in circulation

YANGON, 5 Sept—Myawadi and Ngwetaryi magazines came out yesterday for September (2009), published by Myawadi book store.

A variety of cartoons, poems, articles, short stories and novels are featured in the magazine. Those interested to buy the magazines may contact Myawadi book store at No 15 on Moekaung pagoda road in Baukhtaw, Yankin Township, Yangon (Tel: 01-559273).—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

A&I Minister inspects Pwekawk Dam

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected Pwekawk Dam project near Yethayaukgon Village in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division on 30 August morning.

On arrival at the briefing hall, the minister heard the reports on the progress of work presented by the

officials and gave necessary instructions. Then, the minister viewed the tasks carried out by the machines.

Pwekawk Dam is situated on Gelaung Creek near Yethayaukgon Village in PwinOoLwin Township. It is 107 ft high, 1450 ft long and has 1230 acres of storage area. Spillway of the dam is 100 ft wide and 1100 ft long.—MNA



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Pwekawk Dam project.—MNA

Myanmar delegation led by Dy Foreign Minister arrives back from ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back by air on 3 September evening after attending the Seventh East Asia Forum held on 1 to 2 September 2009 in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea.

The East Asia Forum was established in 2003 as a forum to provide unique opportunity to exchange views among government officials, business circle and academia from ASEAN, China, Japan and Republic of Korea, with the different themes for every year. The theme of this 7th Forum is “Acceleration the Integration for the East Asian Community Building”. During the meeting, the participants from ASEAN member countries, China, Japan



Deputy Minister U Maung Myint poses for documentary photo at 7th East Asia Forum held in Seoul, Republic of Korea.—MNA

and Republic of Korea discussed and exchanged views on the issue of the role of EAF for the integration of East Asia, strengthening of social and cultural cooperation in East Asia, global financial crisis and depending of the economic cooperation in East Asia.

This forum was held with the Plenary Session and the Concurrent Sessions separately. The Plenary Session was attended by U Maung

Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and all delegation members. The Deputy Minister delivered the keynote speech on “Accelerating the Integration for the East Asian Community Building” at the Plenary Session. The concurrent working group meeting of business circle was attended by U Nay Aye, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Working Group

Meeting of Government Circle was attended by U Tint Swai, Deputy Director-General, ASEAN Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Working Group Meeting of Academic Circle was attended by Daw Mie Mie Khine, Deputy Director, Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library under the Ministry of Culture separately.

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Iran says US nuke documents 'forged'

VIENNA, 5 Sept — Iran accused the US on Friday of using “forged documents” and relying on subterfuge to make its case that Teheran is trying to build a nuclear weapon, according to a confidential letter obtained by *The Associated Press*.

The eight-page letter — written by Iran’s chief envoy to the UN nuclear agency in Vienna — denounces Washington’s allegations against the Islamic Republic as “fabricated, baseless and false.” The letter does not specify what documents Iran is alleging were forged.

It also lashes out at Britain and France for “ill will and political motivation” in their dealings on Iran.

Iranian envoy Ali Asghar Soltanieh sent the letter to Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, whose 35-nation board will take a hard new look at Iran’s nuclear programme next week. Iran insists its nuclear activities are peaceful and geared solely toward generating electricity. The US and key allies contend the Islamic Republic is covertly trying to build an atomic bomb.

Teheran has bristled at the agency’s latest report, which accuses Iran of defiantly continuing to enrich uranium and refusing to clear up lingering questions about possible military dimensions to its nuclear programme.—*Internet*

Libyan newspapers carry front-page stories on freed Lockerbie bomber Abdelbaset Ali Mohmet al-Megrahi's return to Libya are displayed at a stall in Tripoli on 22 August.
INTERNET



British minister admits trade role in Lockerbie talks

LONDON, 5 Sept — Trade deals with Libya played a “very big part” in Britain’s decision to include the Lockerbie bomber in a prisoner transfer deal with Tripoli, a government minister acknowledged in an interview on Saturday.

Justice Secretary Jack Straw told the *Daily Telegraph* that trade and an oil exploration deal between BP and Libya were factors in deciding

whether to make Abdelbaset Ali Mohmet al-Megrahi eligible for transfer to a prison back home.

However, his spokesman insisted Megrahi’s release was not agreed because any possible transfer was always subject to a veto by the Scottish authorities.

Asked if trade and oil were part of the discussions, Straw said: “Yes, a very big part of that. I’m

unapologetic about that... Libya was a rogue state. We wanted to bring it back into the fold.

“And yes, that included trade because trade is an essential part of it and subsequently there was the BP deal.”

Megrahi, the only person convicted of the 1988 bombing of a plane over the Scottish town of Lockerbie which killed 270 people, was released last month on compassionate grounds because he is terminally ill.

—*Internet*

Floods hit 350,000 in West Africa

GENEVA, 5 Sept — Some 350,000 people in West Africa have been affected by serious flooding, the United Nations said on Friday, noting that “significant” rainfall has lashed the region this year.

“Since June, the rainy season has been more significant, there has been much more rain than usual,” said Elisabeth Byrs, spokeswoman for the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

“Just like in 2007 when serious flooding had affected almost 800,000 people in this region, we have the impression that this year again, torrential rain has affected an enormous number of people,” she said.

Burkina Faso, Niger, Ghana, Guinea, Senegal and Benin have all been hit by the floods.

In Burkina Faso, five people have been killed and 150,000 people affected, while in Ghana, 25 deaths have been linked to the floods. Some 3,500 homes have been destroyed in Niger and in Guinea, 10,000 people have been affected by the floods.—*Internet*



Burkinabes walk across a flooded street in Ouagadougou on 1 September. Some 350,000 people in West Africa have been affected by serious flooding, the United Nations said, noting that “significant” rainfall has lashed the region this year.—INTERNET



Afghan security forces inspect the site of a NATO airstrike which destroyed two fuel tankers in northern Kunduz. A NATO bombing killed 56 to 90 people in Afghanistan on Friday, incinerating two fuel tankers hijacked by the Taliban and sparking new outcry over civilian casualties in military raids.—INTERNET

Afghan anger after scores die in NATO air strike

KUNDUZ, 5 Sept — A US warplane summoned by German troops fired on hijacked fuel trucks in Afghanistan before dawn Friday, killing as many as 90 people in an incident that could trigger a backlash against NATO.

NATO initially said it believed the casualties were all Taliban fighters, but later acknowledged that large numbers of wounded civilians were being treated in hospitals in the area.

Villagers said their relatives were siphoning fuel from the hijacked trucks and were burned alive in a giant fireball. Patients arrived in hospitals completely covered with burns.

President Hamid Karzai’s office gave a death toll of 90. It said he was deeply saddened and had sent investigators.—*Internet*

Peres says Palestinian state first, full peace later

CERNOBBIO, 5 Sept — Israeli President Shimon Peres, a longtime advocate of peace with the Palestinians, said on Friday that a comprehensive settlement resolving the century-old dispute was not currently achievable. He called instead for a Palestinian state under a provisional arrangement even without a formal peace deal.

“Israel has decided to make peace on the basis of two states — an Israeli state and a Palestinian state,” he told the Ambrosetti Forum, a gathering of political and business leaders on the shores of Italy’s Lake Como. “I would like that we do it in one step. Apparently we cannot do it in one step.”

Arab League Secretary-General Amre Moussa, who squared off against Peres at the meeting, expressed skepticism at the gradual approach and said the time for a deal was “now or never.”—*Internet*

Bomb targets German troops in north Afghanistan

KUNDUZ, 5 Sept — *Associated Press* reporters say a roadside bomb has exploded near a convoy of German troops in northern Afghanistan.

Afghan officials confirmed that an explosion occurred on Saturday near the northern city of Kunduz, but couldn’t immediately provide details.

Two *AP* reporters say a German military vehicle was damaged in the bombing.

Another *AP* reporter at a nearby German base says the blast created a shock wave that could be felt inside the base. Officials announced that the base had been targeted in an attack. The roadside bomb comes one day after a NATO fighter jet targeted two fuel tankers in Kunduz Province in an attack that Afghan officials say killed up to 70 people, including civilians.

—*Internet*

BRIC nations call on G20 to maintain stimulus measures to ensure economic recovery and growth

LONDON, 5 Sept—The finance ministers and central bank governors of Brazil, Russia, India and China — the so-called BRIC countries — gathered in London on Friday to call on the G20 countries to maintain stimulus measures to promote financial stability and economic growth.

The BRIC-countries meeting was held on the sidelines of the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, to be held here this weekend.

The BRIC officials agreed that

emerging market economies have shown resilience and helped the world economy absorb the impact of the deterioration of trade, credit flows and demand.

According to a communique, they called for more help to many small middle-income and low-income countries to deal with the economic crisis, reform of international financial institutions, enhancing and consolidating the role of the Group of 20 major developed and developing countries.

Xinhua



Los Angeles County firefighters spray water to put out hot spots after setting a tactical backfire during the Station fire in the Glendale area of Los Angeles, California on 1 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

US unemployment rate rises to 9.7% in August

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—The US unemployment rate rose to 9.7 percent in August, the highest since June 1983 and worse than economists had expected, the Labour Department reported on Friday.

Nonfarm payroll employment declined a net total of 216,000 jobs in August, less than July's upwardly revised total of 276,000, and was the low-

est in a year. Analysts expected the unemployment rate to rise to 9.5 percent from July's 9.4 percent.

In August, the number of unemployed persons increased by 466,000 to 15.9 million. Since the recession began in December 2007, the number of unemployed persons has risen by 7.4 million, and the unemployment rate has grown by 4.8 per-

centage points.

If laid-off workers who have settled for part-time work or have given up looking for new jobs are included, the so-called underemployment rate reached 16.8 percent, the highest on records dating from 1994.

Xinhua

WTO says Airbus loans illegal

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—The World Trade Organization ruled on Friday that European loans for Airbus were illegal subsidies under world trade rules, US lawmakers said, but European sources said Washington did not win a sweeping victory.

The findings, which

came in a confidential 1,000-plus page ruling, are the latest chapter in decades-old battle between US manufacturer Boeing and European rival Airbus for dominance of the global aircraft market, a major source of jobs on both sides of the Atlantic.

The decision, which will not be made public for months, was handed out to the United States and the European Union at WTO headquarters in Geneva.

Lawmakers from Washington state, where much of Boeing's production work is done, said the WTO agreed with the United States that European "launch aid loans" to help Airbus develop the A380 and other top-selling planes violated global rules.

Internet

Lenovo sees potential in Malaysian PC market

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Sept—Lenovo, one of the world's leading personal computer manufacturers, said here on Friday that it saw a significant potential in the personal computer (PC) market in Malaysia.

Malaysia is one of Lenovo's targeted emerging markets, where more PC penetration could be expected, said Qi Yong, transactional business manager of Lenovo (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.

He said that Lenovo believes that Malaysia is one of the fast-growing countries in the world and Lenovo's business partners in the country are also growing fast.

Earlier this year, Lenovo introduced a new strategy to target at what it regards as emerging markets, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Russia and India.

Xinhua



A boy carries a calf on a field whose pasture was destroyed by this year's flood of the Amazon River in Careiro da Varzea near Manaus on 4 Sept, 2009. After the worst flood in a decade, the local government estimates that some 14,000 cows have died for lack of pasture that breeders weren't able to plant in time, with more than three months of the dry season still to go.—INTERNET

Five banks closed by US regulators

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—Bank regulators closed four Midwestern banks and one in Arizona on Friday, bringing to 89 the number of US banks to fail this year as deteriorating loans continue to take their toll on financial institutions.

The closed banks were Vantus Bank in Sioux City, Iowa, InBank in Oak Forest, Illinois, Platinum Community Bank of Rolling Meadows, Illinois, the First Bank of Kansas City

in Missouri and the First State Bank of Flagstaff, Arizona, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp said.

Vantus Bank was the largest of the five institutions to close, with total assets of \$458 million and total deposits of about \$368 million.

InBank had total assets of \$212 million and total deposits of about \$199 million while the First State Bank of Flagstaff, Arizona had total assets of \$105 million and total de-

posits of approximately \$95 million as of 24 July. The First Bank of Kansas City, which has one branch, had total assets of \$16 million and total deposits of about \$15 million.

The Office of Thrift Supervision said that Platinum Community Bank had total assets of \$148 million while the FDIC estimated its assets as \$345.6 million as of 29 August, 2009.

Internet

Vietnam produces first batch of ethanol

HANOI, 5 Sept—Vietnam successfully produced the country's first batch of 2,000 tons of ethanol, a bio-fuel for motor vehicles, local newspaper the People reported on Friday.

The fuel is made from sugar cane and cassava. It could be added into petrol and produce ethanol fuel.

The mixture would have lower retail price than commonly-used 92-octane petrol in the country and help protect the environment, said the newspaper.

The Dong Xanh Joint-Stock Company of Vietnam began building the ethanol plant in the central province of Quang Nam in 2007 as part of the government project to develop bio-fuel by 2015.

Xinhua



In this 10 Aug, 2009 photo, a researcher studying methane gases gathers air samples on the remote, boggy fringe of North America, 2,200 kilometers (1,400 miles) from the North Pole, to learn more about seeps in the 25,000 lakes of this vast Mackenzie River Delta, in the Northwest Territories, Canada.—INTERNET

All items from Xinhua News Agency



People dressed like "witch" walk on a street of Veliko Gradiste City, east Serbia, on 4 Sept, 2009. An international "witch" gathering was held in the city, attracting a lot of "witches" from different places of the world. —XINHUA

Weak passwords put people at risk, study says

BEIJING, 5 Sept—Internet users are leaving themselves open to security risks by adopting weak passwords, a new study reveals.

British insurer CPP said that too many people are using things like memorable dates, names of their children and are even sharing them with friends and colleagues. The survey also found that some 46 percent were even using the same password to login to banking, shopping and social networking sites.

More worrying was that of 1,661 Britons questioned, nearly 40 per cent of adults admitted that at least one other person knows their passwords, ranging from children, colleagues and friends. With phishing and smishing attacks, as well as malicious software attacks, on the rise, consumers and Internet users need to be more careful with their personal data.—Xinhua

Residents flee homes after drug-related carnage in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 5 Sept—Residents were fleeing their homes after 18 people were killed at a drug rehabilitation centre in the north Mexican city of Ciudad Juarez on Wednesday, local newspapers reported on Friday.

"We are looking for another home," said a former resident of Ciudad Juarez. The city of 1.3 million

people saw the worst of the nation's drug violence that has claimed more than 1,600 lives so far this year.

"My son arrived from the US to see us that day, but in the afternoon when all this happened he said 'let's go' and we went to a hotel. We are still there now," he said.

Gunmen attacked the rehabilitation centre on

Wednesday night, killing 18 and injuring five. It was the third attack on the same centre. Police guarding the crime scene said that many families were packing their luggage. Local newspapers reported 75 people had been killed in several incidents across Juarez, a favored spot for smuggling cocaine into the United States.—Xinhua

Colombian authorities seize 1.9 tons of cocaine

BOGOTA, 5 Sept—The Colombian Coastguard seized some 1.9 tons of cocaine buried underground near the northern Morrosquillo Gulf on Friday, authorities said. The Coastguard found the cocaine packaged in 86 bags, with each containing 23 kg, after receiving a tip from the Administrative Department of Security.

The Coastguard also confiscated some weapons on the spot.

The drug, which reportedly belonged to a local drug-trafficking band, had a value of 60 million U S dollars on the black market.

The Colombian Navy seized about 3.5 tons of cocaine last week.

Colombia is believed to be the largest producer and second exporter of cocaine in the world.—Xinhua

Wildfire causes serious pollution around Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 5 Sept—The Station Fire still raging in Northern Los Angeles has caused serious pollution in the city, prompting health officials to call for caution.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), the region's pollution-monitoring agency, urged area residents on Friday to take steps to protect themselves from the potentially cancer-causing smoke and fine particles generated by the wildfire.

In a statement, the AQMD urged everyone "to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. This includes areas where residents can see or smell smoke."

The agency said air quality would reach unhealthy levels, including Friday, in the San Gabriel Mountains and San Gabriel Valley and areas affected by the Station Fire and other smaller fires in Southern Califor-

nia.

Meanwhile, Dr Zab Mosenifar, medical director of the Women's Guild Lung Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, said the foul air creates particularly hazardous conditions for pets, children, the elderly and people with chronic respiratory problems resulting from such conditions as emphysema, asthma, congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Xinhua



People perform a patriotic song during a vocal concert in Beijing, China, on 4 Sept, 2009. —XINHUA

Dominica further braces for storm Erika

HAVANA, 5 Sept—The Dominican Republic's Emergency Operations Centre (COE) on Friday deployed its contingency plan across nine provinces due to bad weather caused by weakened tropical depression Erika.

The provinces of Duarte, Maria Trinidad Sanchez, Samana, Hato Mayor, El Seibo, La Altagracia, San Pedro de Macoris, La Romana and Monte Planta remained at risk of being flooded, although storm Erika had faded, COE director Gen. Juan Manuel Mendez told media in Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic.—Xinhua

UN says \$500b required for global energy generation

LAGOS, 5 Sept—The United Nations says about 500 billion US dollars is required in new investments to improve global energy generation in the wake of challenges posed by climate change, the *News Agency of Nigeria* reported on Friday.

The figure, an equivalent of 1 percent of World Gross Product (WGP), was contained in the 2009 World Economic and Social Survey report.

A statement by the UN Information Center

(UNIC), Lagos, on Thursday, said the report rejected projections that big spending on world energy needs was not required until 2030. The report said failure to tackle the problem soon would portend danger for the entire world.—Xinhua

A Northwest / Delta Airbus A330-200 is pushed back from the gate to start a flight to Japan in June 2009 at the Salt Lake International Airport. US airlines must now replace speed probes built by France's Thales SA on some of their Airbus planes, amid fears the instruments contributed to the crash of an Air France jet in June.—XINHUA



Ex-soldier gets five life sentences Iraqi deaths

PADUCAH, 5 Sept — A former soldier received five consecutive life sentences on Friday for his role in the rape and murder of an Iraqi teenager and the slaying of three of her family members. "What the defendant did was horrifying and inexcusable," US District Judge Thomas Russell said

in sentencing to Steven Dale Green, 24, of Midland, Texas. "The court believes any lesser sentence would be insufficient."

A civilian jury in western Kentucky convicted Green in May of raping Abeer Qassim al-Janabi, conspiracy and multiple counts of murder.

Green shot and killed the teen's mother, father and sister, then became the third soldier to rape her before shooting her in the face. Her body was set on fire on 12 March, 2006, at their rural home outside Mahmoudiya, Iraq, about 20 miles south of Baghdad.

Internet



Malaysia's first submarine, "KD Tunku Abdul Rahman", decks in Port Klang outside Kuala Lumpur on 3 Sept, 2009. The French-made "KD Tunku Abdul Rahman", the first of the two Scorpene-class diesel-electric submarines ordered by the Malaysian Navy, made a port call on Thursday in Port Klang for a welcoming ceremony on its maiden voyage from Toulon in France to Sepang in east Malaysia. — INTERNET

France seen leading race to equip Brazil Air Force

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Sept — France's modern combat jet, the Rafale, is seen as the leading contender in a four-billion-dollar race to supply the Brazilian Air Force ahead of a visit by French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Analysts say France's offer to give Brazil the technology behind the multi-role combat aircraft as part of the sale of 36 planes could give it the edge over rival bids from the United States and Sweden.

If France's Dassault does sell its Rafales to Brazil, it would be the first time the jets have been sold abroad.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva told AFP in an exclusive interview ahead of Sarkozy's two-day visit that the technology transfer offer gave the Rafale "an exceptional comparative advantage" over Boeing's F/A-18 Super Hornet and Saab's Gripen NG fighters.

While cautioning that Brazil's decision process still had to be approved by air force commanders and lawmakers, he praised France as "the only important country ready to discuss transfer of technology in all areas with us."—Internet

Missile blasts during Bulgarian military drills

SOFIA, 5 Sept — An anti-aircraft missile exploded on Friday shortly after its launch during military drills of the Bulgarian Army near the northeastern town of Shabla, local media reported.

The rocket exploded 50 meters up in the air a second after the launch in front of the eyes of Defence Minister Nikolay Mladenov and President Georgi Parvanov, who is also the Bulgarian Commander-in-Chief.

No one was killed or injured by the explosion but the drills had to be terminated for some time. The explosion originated in the engine of the anti-aircraft missile, whereas its head fell into the sea and will be recovered by divers.

"Unfortunately, this incident shows that we are working with outdated equipment. The conclusion is that we need to restore the priorities of our armed forces," Defence Minister Mladenov commented after the explosion.

Xinhua

Lightning injures four workers at Mexico City airport

MEXICO CITY, 5 Sept — A lightning strike that hit a parked plane at Mexico City's airport has sent four employees working nearby to the hospital.

Officials say the workers were apparently injured by the concussion from the afternoon strike, rather than by the electrical charge of the bolt itself. No passengers were on the plane. The airport press office says the workers were conscious when they were taken by ambulance to a hospital on Friday. There was no immediate information on their condition.

The airport continued to operate normally.—Internet



The keeper measures the length of a little crocodile in Nanshun Crocodile Park in Xiamen City of southeast China's Fujian Province. About 50 little crocodiles were hatched successfully in Nanshun Crocodile Park after over 70 days' artificial incubation.

Detroit man stole woman's car on first date

Police in Michigan say a first date went from bad to worse when a Detroit man skipped out on the restaurant bill, then stole his date's car.

Police say 23-year-old Terrance Dejuan McCoy had dinner with a woman 24 April at Buffalo Wild Wings in the Detroit suburb of Ferndale.

The woman says the two met a week earlier at a Detroit casino and she knew McCoy only as "Chris."

The woman told police that McCoy

said he left his wallet in her car and asked for keys.

He then sped away in the 2000 Chevrolet Impala.

The Daily Tribune of Royal Oak reports that police identified McCoy by a photo he'd sent to the woman's cell phone, and his phone number.

McCoy is charged with unlawfully taking the car, a five-year felony.

He waived a preliminary exam and was bound over for trial.

NEWS ALBUM



Some 200 martial arts practitioners dressed in black and white act as the chess stones and move across the board in sync with the ongoing game.

Health Tip: Help prevent yeast infections

While yeast infections usually can be treated easily with medication, there are steps you can take to prevent them altogether.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers these suggestions to reduce your risk of a yeast infection:

- * Avoid tight-fitting pants and underwear in favor of loose-fitting clothes. Always choose natural materials, instead of synthetic.

- * Use cotton underwear. And avoid wearing pantyhose or leotards every single day.

- * After you shower, make sure the genitals are completely dry. Consider using a hair dryer on a low, cool setting.

- * After using the toilet, always wipe from front to back.

- * If you're wearing wet clothing, change as soon as possible.

- * Avoid douching, feminine hygiene sprays, fragranced and colored toilet paper, or deodorant tampons and pads.

Four adults stretch out their arms to enfold a colossal crock of black and white porcelain, which stands at 1.36 meters in height, measures 6.8 meters in perimeter, with a caliber of 2 meters and a weight of over 1,500 kg, in Jingdezhen, east China's Jiangxi Province.

Amsterdam lets "beer bike" ride on, with limits

The outsized bikes, seating groups of people around a central bar, are something of a fixture in the city's center. But two accidents within two months prompted the city councillor responsible for transport to launch an investigation in June.



Following that review the city has decided to allow the bikes to carry on riding, a city spokesman said.

They will, however, need permits from the various city boroughs, and those permits are likely to come with restrictions on hours of operation and requirements for a sober driver.

While non-drinkers already typically steer the bikes, their size has also been an issue in some cases on the city centre's narrow streets. One of the better-known operators, PartyFietsnl, offers two-hour tours on bikes that seat up to 22 people and carry 30 litres (7.9 gallons) of beer.

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He explained regional development, education and health matters to them.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented foodstuffs and gifts to the families of the station and departmental personnel.

At the Police Station in Kongyan, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave necessary instructions to officials and gave foodstuffs to them.

After visiting Kongyan by car, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing cordially greeted the local people.

While in Kongyan, he met with departmental officials, instructed them to strive for undertaking the regional development and attended to the needs.

At Kongyan People's Hospital, he visited the



Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing delivers an address to servicemen and their families at the hall in Kongyan.
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patients and presented medicines to officials.

On arrival at TV Re-transmission station of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in Kongyan, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected installation of TV re-transmission machines and

left necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party visited Kongyan Basic Education High School and gave exercise books and stationery to officials.

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Kyonmange, a township with smooth transport

Byline: Maung Tin Hlaing (H&T)



Chairman U Kyi Khin of Kyonmange Ward PDC telling the news crew of Kyemon.

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extension of trips and repairing of jetties are also under way.

Pontoons have been built in order that ships can be moored at villages that should have jetties. The town

has got a new pontoon recently due to unity of local residents and the hard work of IWT. It is heartening to see the view of people extending a warm welcome to the passengers including us. Kyonmange is situated

on the west bank of Kyunpyathet River, a tributary of Ayeyawady River, in Myaungmya District. It shares the borders with Wakhema in the east, Labutta in the west, Myaungmya in the north and Mawlamyinegyun Township in the south.

In Kyonmange area, paddy is mainly grown and fishing is the major source of income. Local people always take part in development tasks of Kyonmange. They have striven to scale up the development in social, education, health and agriculture sectors and get new roads, bridges, markets and



Passengers are extended a warm welcome at the jetty of Kyonmange.

jetties.

IWT starts running new Yangon-Labutta, Yangon-Bogale and Yango-Bammaw cargo watercraft runs. Building pontoons in Kanbet

village, Labutta Township of Ayeyawady Division last year and in Kyonmange on 29.8.2009 benefits local people much. On arrival at Kyonmange jetty, we met responsible persons and local people from Kyonmange. Chairman U Kyi Khin of Kyonmange ward said, "I feel very encouraged that IWT has somewhat fulfilled the need of local residents in coordination with local authorities, chairmen of Myaung-mya District and Wakhema Township Peace and Development Councils.

Secretary of Kyonmange Township

Association U Sein Lyan said, "The pontoon contributes to the progress of our township and the commodity flow". A townselder U Myint Kyi said, "I am very grateful to IWT for the jetty because it is very convenient and safe for us to use it."

So, it is fair to say that Kyonmange jetty built by the IWT is a testament to smooth transport, swift flow of commodities and a boom in trade of local people.

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SA-3 pontoon being towed by MV Vessantara at Kyonmange jetty.

Prosperous future of Laukkai (2)

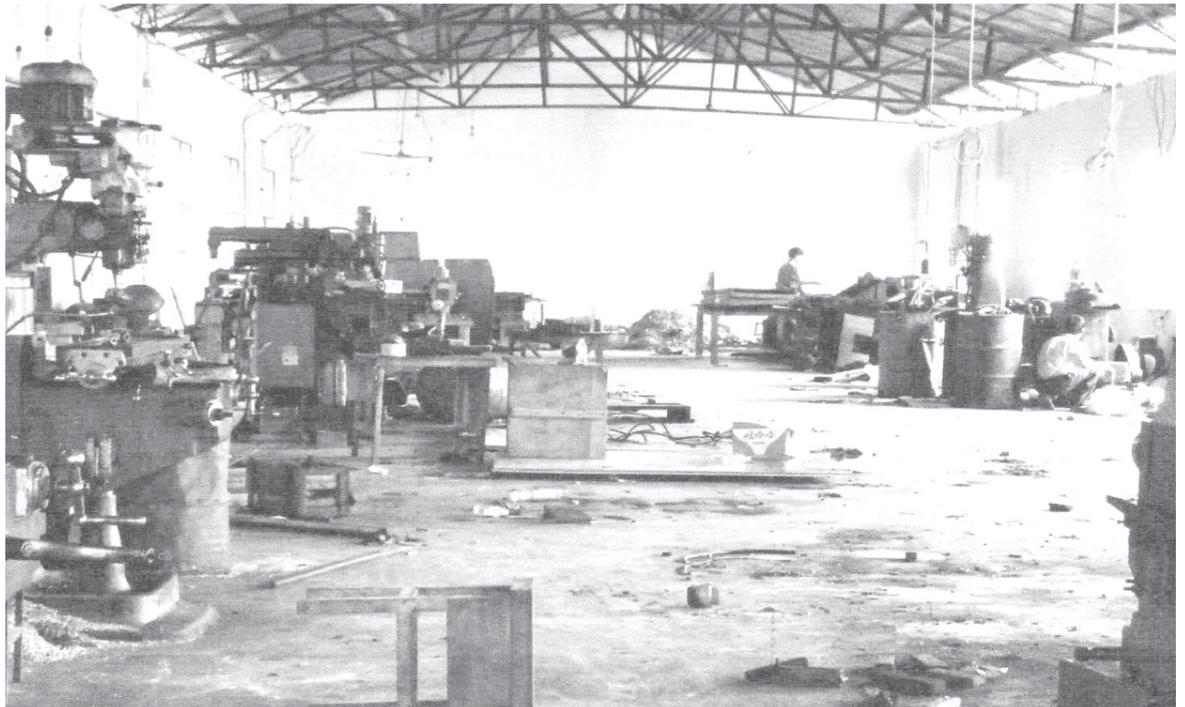
Mahn Tha Sein (Papun)

(Continued from yesterday)

Then, the clashes of the two sides grew into full-scale battles. Only in the afternoon of 29 August did the fire exchange cease. In the mission to save the 39 policemen held hostage, 25 hostages including 11 injured victims could be rescued, and 14 others were found dead. Troops of U Phon Kya Shin group shot them dead at close range in the custody and in some other sites; that was an atrocious slaughter. Obviously, the incident proved U Phon Kya Shin group bloodthirsty, disguising themselves as peace group members. So, they do not deserve peace at all.

The troops led by U Phon Kya Shin was cruel enough to shoot the hostages dead at close range, but the barbarians were too cowardly to face the combined group led by the Tatmadaw. In the face of the Tatmadaw column, they tried to flee, abandoning all their weaponry small and heavy. So, the battle lasted only a short time, the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Kokang militia took Kokang Region under control. According to the foreign media, over 700 troops loyal to U Phon Kya Shin fled to the other country and surrendered their arms.

The armed engagements left 11 Tatmadaw members dead and 34, wounded, and 15 policemen dead and 13, wounded. The combined force captured dead bodies of eight Kokang troops and seized more than 400 heavy and small arms in the battles, more than 200 assorted arms in the arsenals of their camp, more than 40 brand-new small arms and rounds of ammu-



The rifle butt workshop in U Phon Kya Shin's illegal arsenal.

Myanmar's border areas are very far-flung ones and they are still difficult of access. And local residents are by nature simple and honest, and the region still badly needs to develop with peace and stability. Therefore, the government gives first priority to the drive for progress of border areas. As regards Kokang

ings and raising the education standard.

The government has announced that when it comes to the recent violation of the law that occurred in Kokang, the four leaders namely U Phon Kya Shin, U Phon Kya Phu, U Phon Ta Shwin and U Phon Tarli are mainly held responsible, and the issue did not concern the remaining Kokang troops and Kokang nationals. The Kokang troops who got engaged in the actions had to carry out the orders, so they are not deemed to have violated the law. So, all the Kokang troops, who engaged in the battles, are allowed to return to the legal fold. Moreover, the government has invited the Kokang troops who have re-entered the legal fold to join Kokang Provisional Leading Committee in Laukkai.

The early news stories released by the government featured only the illegal arsenal, but later news stories stated wholesale production of narcotic drugs by "Phon" group. The team made up of the Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee, the Myanmar Police Force, the Special Anti-Drug Squad and Kokang forces exposed a narcotic drug factory between Mukwakeng Village and BP 127 and seized more than 150,000 WY Brand stimulant tablets and precursor chemicals; 3000 WY Brand stimulant tablets and precursor chemicals in the residence of U Phon Kya Phu in Si-aw Village, Acetic Anhydride and precursor chemicals in a corn plantation in the same village. Today, the government is launching anti-narcotic drug campaigns in all seriousness, *(See page 9)*



Rounds of ammunition in U Phon Kya Shin's illegal arsenal.

munition around the illegal arm factory. After all, the good triumphed over the evil, and security, stability and peace returned to normal in Kokang Region.

Now, peace and stability have been restored and the administrative machinery has been functioning in the region. The inhabitants, who fled due to the armed conflicts and regional instability, are now returning to the native places. The returnees are being received in a systematic way through coordination the authorities of the two countries and they are being rendered necessary aid. It is heartening to learn that now Kokang Region has regained peace and stability, and resumed regional development tasks.

In fact, governmental departments have been set up in Kokang Region for long. So, arrangements will be made to restore the executive power and judicial power in Kokang Region because it will be a Self-Administered Zone in the near future according to the State constitution. Only then will it be possible to avert needless incidents in the border of the two countries.

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whereas "Phon" clan is producing narcotic drugs on a commercial scale, which is completely unacceptable. The case is an unforgivable sin not only for Myanmar people but for the international community. And the law will not favour the offenders.

It is stated in the announcement of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee that U Phon Kya Shin, U Phon Kya Phu, U Phon Ta Shwin and U Phon Tarli are urged to seize the opportunity to address the issue in accord with the law in their individual interests and in the interests of their region or people. No one can escape from legal charges if he commits a crime. So it will be better for them to face the law instead of going into hiding for good. This is why the committee might have urged its brethren ex-leaders to face the law in their own interests. The four responsible persons should deeply consider cooperation.

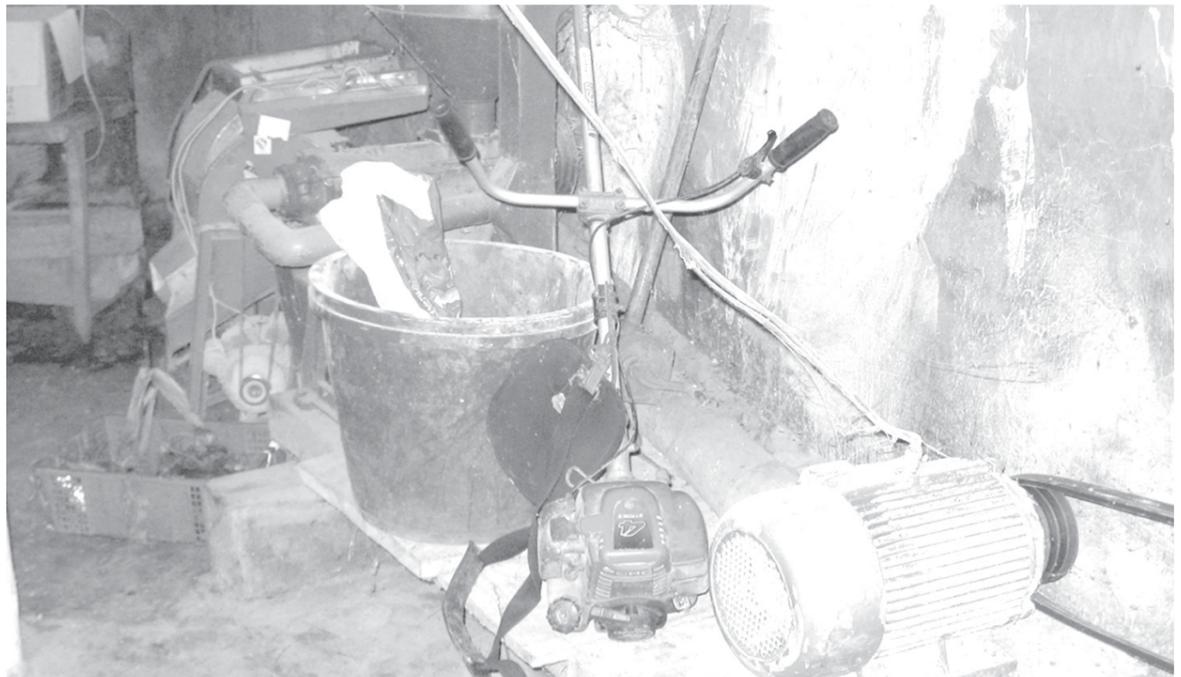
Regarding the incidents in Kokang region, outside media have made accusations that the government launched attacks on the Kokang group of U Phon Kya Shin on charges of arms smuggling as it turned down the proposal to form a frontier force. In reality, acting on the information of the neighbouring country, Myanmar Police Force exposed and seized the arms factory in Yanlonkyaing. Twenty-one items of machine parts used in producing arms were seized. Moreover, according to the sources, 40 new small weapons and various kinds of ammunition were confiscated. It is irresponsible to air one-sided fabricated news although there has been material as well as human evidence. But as usual,



Some WY Brand stimulant tablets seized by the team comprising Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee, Myanmar Police Force, Special Anti-drug Squad and Kokang forces in Kokang Region, Shan State (North) Special Region (1).

they will continue airing slanderous news about our country with the ill intention of harming the State and the people. **Our only duty is to continue doing our own work for peace and stability and development of our nation without being swayed by their slanderous news realizing their ulterior motive.**

Again, there has been a piece of fabricated news in order to cause misunderstanding between the government and the remaining peace groups by saying that the government was likely to continue to carry out attacks with the use of military power until the national race armed groups that had made peace with the State bow to the pressure to transform themselves into frontier forces. In practice, **the government in favour of peace endeavoured for all national race armed groups to return to the legal fold after holding negotiations with them. After achieving peace, the government strived for all parts of the country to develop in all**



Equipment used in producing narcotic drugs which was seized by the team comprising Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee, Myanmar Police Force, Special Anti-drug Squad and Kokang forces in Kokang Region, Shan State (North) Special Region (1).

aspects with peace and stability. As a result, all can witness that border regions have enjoyed fruits of peace and development more than ever. It is the fact that no one can deny.

In making peace with the government, some national race groups unconditionally surrendered their arms while some are still holding their arms. It has been known to all that the general election will be held in 2010 and a new democratic government will emerge in accord with the constitution. Then, the State will have a Tatmadaw and it is not possible for national race armed groups to continue to hold their arms. This is why the State is seeking ways to negotiate with the national race groups in order to promote temporary peace into eternal peace in accordance with the constitution. Coordination and discussion are essential if a future nation is to be considered based on the point of maintaining peace. Nonetheless, internal and external anti-government elements are attempting to make coordination and discussion unsuccessful and cause misunderstanding. As I have said, they are doing their work and we have to continue our own way to achieve success. We, all the people, believe coordination and discussion with the national race groups will be successful.

The incidents in Kokang region are not the problem between the government and Kokang nationals nor between the government and other national races. It is not the political or racial problem either. It is not the problem that happened due to one-sided pressure. It is just an incident in which action was taken against U Phon Kya Shin's group in accord with the law for

rapacious acts to smuggle narcotic drugs and arms although they had been given the special rights to do business in their special region the government had established.

The cases of establishing arms factory to trade arms and ammunition illegally and smuggling narcotics might cause terrorism, threats and rampant crimes not only in Kokang region but also in the border region of two countries. And peace and stability of both countries could be threatened as a consequence. Besides, regional peace and development could be harmed as arms and narcotic drugs were being smuggled to neighbouring nations and other countries. Therefore, the government in cooperation with the neighbouring country took measures to maintain regional peace and stability and development. In other words, the government got rid of the dark area in Kokang region.

Now, Kokang region has returned to normalcy with the dark clouds disappeared. As from 29 August, the local people who fled to the other country have reentered Laukkai en masse as regional peace and stability has prevailed.

The whole Kokang region has been able to put its administrative machinery in place. Moreover, under the leadership of the special group for development of Laukkai region, more progress will be seen in all sectors such as social, economic, education, health and transport sectors. All in all, the moon is full bright in Laukkai. The whole Laukkai region has restored peace and stability, fruits of happiness, delight and confidence.

Translation: MS+ST

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ISD Weightlifting Contest, National Weightlifting Championship commence

YANGON, 5 Sept—A ceremony to open the 41st Inter-State/Division Weightlifting Contest and the National Weightlifting Championship 2009 was held at Aung San Gymnasium, here, this afternoon.

Previous year's champions Yangon Division women's and men's teams presented their championship shields to Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

The minister delivered an opening address and opened the contests.

The weightlifters took sports oaths, followed by



MOC Chairman Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers address at the opening of 41st Inter-State/Division weightlifting contest.—MNA

the competitions.

Among the spectators were officials of the Ministry of Sports, Chairperson of Central Work Committee of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye, General Secretary Daw L Khun Yi and

responsible persons, Vice-President of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation U Htin Aung Kyaw, General Secretary U Myint Swe, executives and guests.

The competitions continues tomorrow.

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The-ein village in Paung Township gaining development momentum as a result of better transport

Byline: Win Shwe (Myanma Alin) , Photos: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung)

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Groundnut, sesame (cold season) and sunflower are also grown as cold season crops on manageable scale.

Our media crew of Myanma Alin Daily visited The-ein village in Paung Township. We interviewed Chairman U Maung Chaw of the village Peace and Development Council about the development of the village. "The village has seen progress in economic, education and health sectors due to better transport and the price of land and rubber farms have risen dramatically," he said.

The-ein village once lagged behind in



**"The village has seen progress in economic, health and education sectors due to better transport."
U Maung Chaw
Chairman of The-ein village PDC.**

development due to difficult access to the region. But now the business of the village is booming due to smooth

and better transport which leads to enhanced socio-economic status of the village. With respect to education sector, The-ein Basic Education High School, Mebaung Basic Education Primary School, Ywalay BEPS and Ingyingon BEPS are nurturing students, with a view to turning out proficient and reliable human resources for further development of the State.

When interviewed about health care service for rural folks, Doctor-in-charge of Station Hospital Dr Myint Htwe said that as the construction of Station Hospital funded by government grant and cash donated by well-wishers is nearly com-

pleted in addition to already existing rural healthcare centre, more and better health care service could be provided for rural folks; that one doctor, two senior nurses and two nurses were assigned to the hospital and are now discharging their duties.

Emergence of The-ein Station Hospital would take care of health of some 15,000 locals from five village-tracts plus those of nearby village-tracts and Nyaungchaung village-tract of Thaton Township.

Shwe Alin library is opened in accordance with the five norms with a view to enabling rural folks broaden their horizons. Villagers could borrow books from the library with book-borrowing card after paying membership fees. The library is staffed with one

librarian, and equipped with publications, periodicals, magazines and works of literature. The library opens daily from 8 to 9 in the morning and 5 to 9 in the evening and is said to be always packed with those who have a thirst for knowledge.

With regard to transportation sector, district-to-district road built through The-ein, Sakhangyi, Nyaungchaung, Ingwe, Mebaung, Thitkhaung, Ywalay, Sinywa, Shangon villages and so on is being upgraded section by section. So locals are enjoying smooth and swift transport.

Today's The-ein village is gaining development momentum like other townships and villages across the nation. The socio-economic life of The-ein villagers has



**"As construction of Station Hospital is nearly completed, locals would be able to enjoy good health."
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much improved thanks to emergence of district-to-district roads and urban-to-country road.

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Locals reading at Shwe Alin Library.



A concrete bridge on district-to-district road No.2 in The-ein village of Paung Township.

Chinese economy may keep 8% growth for two years: economist

BEIJING, 5 Sept—The Chinese economy is experiencing a “V” shape recovery and the growth rate may reach 8 percent both this year and next year, said Chinese economist Fan Gang said here Saturday.

Fan, a monetary policy adviser to China’s central bank, said at the 2009 annual conference of CEO in Beijing, that the economy will see a sustainable recovery and will be back to normal in

2011, according to a report of the *China News Service*. He predicted that the real estate investment will increase by around 30 percent in 2010, which will add one percentage point to economic growth.

Corporate investment is expected to grow prominently next year and as the global trade is warming up, Chinese export, which still enjoys the cost advantage, will recover.

“After the economy

is back to normal in 2010, the government will adjust the macro-economic policy. But before that happens, the current stimulus policy should stay to sustain the recovery,” he said.

Fan said people should adjust their expectation of economic growth and not regard recovery simply as a double-digit growth. A growth rate of 8 percent to 9 percent is sustainable growth.—Internet



An exhibitor (L) demonstrates an outdated local loom machine at the 2009 Jinan International Tourism Fair in Jinan, north China’s Shandong Province, on 4 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET



An exhibitor introduces his jet-ski to the visitors at the 2009 Sino-South Korea Shipping Industry Fair in Yantai, north China’s Shandong Province, on 4 Sept, 2009. Nearly 100 international shipping companies around the world showed their new products and technologies.—INTERNET

British climber dies on Greek mountain

LONDON, 5 Sept—A 22-year-old British climber has died after a fall on Mount Olympus in northern Greece.

Police say Stephen Wright, from Gloucestershire, had been climbing in a remote rocky area with a 21-year-old Greek friend from university when he fell, suffering serious head injuries, on Thursday evening. Volunteers and rescue teams rushed to help but he died at around 3.10am local time.

The Foreign Office confirmed the death. A spokeswoman said: “Consular officers are in touch with the local authorities.” Police in Pieria say the accident happened at an altitude of 2,300 feet. Mount Olympus is Greece’s highest mountain at 9,570 feet (2,917 metres).

The mythological home of the ancient Greek gods is a popular destination for climbers.

Internet

Report: Indian young people want age limit on drinking lowered

NEW DEHLI, 5 Sept—A majority of young people in the Indian capital want the legal age of 25 for drinking to be lowered, reported the *Indo-Asian News Service* on Saturday.

The report quoted voluntary organization Campaign against Drunken Driven (CADD) as saying in a survey that around 12 percent of young people under the age of 25 drink frequently, while 16 percent of those from 16 to 18 years old admit drinking.

About 1,000 people in the city, including 761 from the age group of 16-24, joined the survey, said the report.

The survey found that there is a demand for bringing down the current drinking age from 25 years to 21 years, said the report.

Only one percent of the respondents felt that the current age limit is a deterrent to the drinking pattern and 70 percent felt the limit was unreasonable.—Xinhua

Thousands suspected of having A/H1N1 flu in US university

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 Sept—At least 2,000 students are suspected of being hit by the A/H1N1 influenza in Washington State University (WSU) in the northwest of the United States, the university said on Friday.

“We estimate that we have been in contact with about 2,000 students with influenza-like illness in the first ten days of our fall semester. At this time of year, we would typically only see a handful of patients with influenza-like illness,” WSU Health and Wellness Services said in a latest posting on the university’s A/H1N1 information blog.

The university noted that it has no way of estimating the additional numbers of sick students who are handled by healthcare providers in the local community or are self-caring at home. The overwhelming majority of sick students have had mild symptoms and are usually better in three to five days, and none of the students has yet required hospitalization. The university has distributed about 200 flu self-care kits for students and is planning to hand out 1,000 more.—MNA/Xinhua

At least 15 people drown after ship capsizes in Macedonian lake

TIRANA, 5 Sept—At least 15 people drowned on Saturday when a boat carrying more than 60 tourists sank in a Macedonian lake, according to media reports.

The Iliden, which was carrying many Bulgarian tourists, capsized about 11 a.m. local time (0900 GMT) in Lake Ohrid, Macedonia’s best known tourist resort, about 190 km south of the capital Skopje.

Macedonian President Gjorge Ivanov and Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski went to the site overseeing the rescue efforts. Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov was also flying to Ohrid.

Macedonian Defence Minister Zoran Konjanovski said the ship was overloaded with people when it sank.



Rescuers search for victims in the Ohrid Lake, a resort about 190 km south of the Macedonian capital of Skopje, on 5 Sept, 2009. At least 15 people drowned as a ship carrying more than 60 tourists capsized in the lake on Saturday.—INTERNET

But the exact cause for the accident was still unknown. The death toll could rise as rescuers continued a search for survivors. Police said the ship sank about 200 meters off shore. People at a nearby camp managed to rescue some of the passengers. Macedonia has decided to declare Sunday a mourning day for the victims, Macedonia’s official MIA news agency said.

Xinhua

An antique collector makes a survey look at two badges with the portrait of Chairman Mao at the 14th China National Antique Fair in Wuhan, central China’s Hubei Province, on 4 Sep, 2009.—INTERNET



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INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Department of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply of Medical Goods and Medical Equipment.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, No-57, Sakawa Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, commencing from (8.9.2009).

Sealed bids are to be submitted to the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, not later than (29.9.2009) 14:00 hour, after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraphic/ telex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information please contact the Deputy Director (Medical Stores) phone No.371969 , 372362.

Central Medical Stores Depot
Department of Health

Most US airlines report traffic declines in August

NEW YORK, 5 Sept—Most major US airlines reported another month of declining traffic in August as rising unemployment hurt leisure demand and corporate cost cuts continued to hamper business travel.

Seven of the nine largest US carriers reported a drop in traffic in August, except Southwest Airlines

(LUV.N) and JetBlue Airways Corp (JBLU.O).

Delta Air Lines (DAL.N), the world's largest carrier after its merger with Northwest last year, saw its traffic slump for the eighth straight month.

Dwindling demand has

forced carriers to cut capacity this year to keep planes full. Nearly every carrier, except JetBlue, reported a drop in available seat miles (ASMs) for August. Load factors, a measure of how full a plane is, were mostly higher.—*Internet*

Nearly 400 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 5 Sept—A European health agency said on Friday that 395 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the news cases, 251 were confirmed in Germany, 97 in Britain, 22 in Sweden and 11 in the Czech Republic, while the remaining 14 cases were reported in five other European countries, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The cumulative number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries increased to 48,223, with 16,835 cases in Germany, 13,192 in Britain, 2,624 in Portugal, 2,058 in Italy and 1,839 in Greece, the ECDC said.—*Xinhua*

New oil production not to affect ethanol industry in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Sept—The imminent production from Brazil's new-found off-shore oil field will not have a negative impact on the country's booming ethanol industry, a top energy expert assured on Friday.

Mauricio Tomalsquim, president of the Brazilian Power Research Company (EPE), said that the huge pre-salt layer oil reserves will not alter Brazil's energy sector, which will continue to depend heavily on renewable sources.

He explained that the new reserves will lead to an increase in the export of

oil byproducts, thus not affecting the bio fuel sector in the country.

Brazil boasts one of the highest rates of ethanol-fuelled motor vehicles in the world — 85 percent to 90 percent of the cars manufactured in the country are flexibly fuelled.

The EPE chief added that ethanol-fuelled cars would remain competitive compared to oil-fuelled

ones, as the prices of petrochemical products in Brazil tend to follow the moves on the international market. Tomalsquim did not see either an increase of use of oil in the electricity generation section in the country since oil-fuelled thermal power plants are not only less competitive but also more polluting.

Xinhua

Canada villages face isolation without Greyhound

WINNIPEG/OTTAWA, 5 Sept—Each day a single Greyhound bus pulls into Ethelbert, Manitoba, population 312, and stops for just five minutes before moving on — a critical lifeline for the village's fragile economy.

But in a potentially painful blow to hundreds of small towns like Ethelbert, Greyhound now plans to pull out of Manitoba and northern Ontario next month.

If the company, a unit

of Britain's FirstGroup, makes good on its plan, a huge swath of rural Canada will lose a crucial link with the rest of the world.

"It brings lots of people into the store and the town," said Robert Rewniak, 46, who owns a grocery store that also functions as Greyhound's bus stop.

"First we lost our railway, now we're going to lose all our bus service. These towns are really shrinking and nothing's helping at all."

Internet

Warming in Arctic reverses 8,000 year old cooling trend

CHICAGO, 5 Sept—An abrupt warming of the Arctic has reversed a cooling trend that began about 8,000 ago, according to a study published on Thursday which sheds light on the threat of rising sea levels and climate change.

Increased greenhouse gas emissions appear to have overridden the natural cooling caused by a wobble in the Earth's

axis which has been gradually pulling the planet away from the Sun.

This wobble has cooled summer temperatures by an average of about 0.2 degrees Celsius per thousand years, the study published in the journal *Science* found.

But Arctic temperatures began to rise at the beginning of the 20th century even though

the orbital cycle that produced the cooling continued.

The result was summer temperatures that were about 1.4 degrees Celsius warmer than they should have been by the year 2000, according to the study which mapped Arctic temperatures for every decade of the past 2,000 years.

Temperatures for four of the last five decades were among the highest on record.

Internet

At least 2,837 die from H1N1 flu: WHO

GENEVA, 5 Sept—The A/H1N1 pandemic has killed at least 2,837 people worldwide since the new flu virus first emerged in April, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.

Of all the deaths, 2,234 occurred in the Americas, followed by the West Pacific region, with 279 deaths. The other four WHO regional offices, South-East Asia, Europe, East Mediterranean and Africa reported 188, 104, 21 and 11 deaths respectively.

The WHO's recorded number of lab confirmed A/H1N1 cases worldwide is more than 254,206, but it actually understates the real number of cases as countries are no longer required to test and report individual cases, the UN agency said.

Xinhua

People gather at the scene after a train derailed at Malang in Indonesia's East Java Province on 4 Sept, 2009. The passenger train was trying to avoid cattle crossing the tracks. One person was killed and several were injured, according to local media.—INTERNET



Lebanon's first 'artificial heart' implant success

BEIRUT, 5 Sept—A medical team in Lebanon has successfully performed the first "artificial heart" implant in Lebanon on a 37-year-old man suffering from terminal heart failure.

A team of doctors at the the American University of Beirut Medical Centre (AUBMC) oversaw the six-hour operation last Friday and deemed it successful after the patient

survived the first critical 72 hours, an AUBMC press release said.

"The operation was a huge success as it was this patient's last chance at life," said surgeon Pierre Sfeir, who conducted the operation.

"His vital organs are functioning normally and the new device implant is pumping blood properly," said the patient's cardiologist Hadi Skouri.

Recovering in the special care unit, the patient, a father of four, was all smiles the third day after the surgery.

"I was facing death when I arrived here," he said. "Merely lifting an arm would knock the wind out of me. I could barely breathe. Now, I have a new lease on life."

Internet



Chinese health authority staff board a plane in Shanghai to take temperatures. Airlines are stowing pillows and blankets, and rolling out the disinfectant wipes to discourage transmission of the swine flu virus, all the while stressing planes are as "safe" as trains or schools.—INTERNET

Vitamin C may be key to newborn brain

COPENHAGEN, 5 Sept—Danish researchers say animal studies suggest vitamin C deficiency may impair mental development.

The study, published in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, shows new-born guinea pigs subjected to moderate vitamin C deficiency had 30 percent fewer nervous system

cells in the hippocampal part of the brain and markedly worse spatial memory than guinea pigs eating a normal diet.

Study leader Jens Lykkesfeldt of University of Copenhagen suggests human beings, like guinea pigs, depend on diet for vitamin C. Five percent to 10 percent of new-born babies

in Denmark or other Western countries may be suffering from vitamin C deficiency, the study estimates.

"We may thus be witnessing that children get learning disabilities because they have not gotten enough vitamin C in their early life," Lykkesfeldt said in a statement.—*Internet*

Scientists find new way to study quakes

EDIMBURGH, 5 Sept—A new method of monitoring earthquakes allows scientists to better understand the behavior of deep tremors, Scottish researchers said.

By studying seismic waves from separate earthquakes, scientists at the University of Edinburgh were able to measure tremors deeper in the Earth than they could

with a seismometer, which measures motion on the Earth's surface, Edinburgh geoscientist Andrew Curtis said.

"By using earthquakes themselves as virtual microphones that record the sound of the Earth's internal movements, we can listen to the Earth's stretching and cracking from directly within its most interesting, dynamic

places," Curtis said.

Monitoring earthquakes this way significantly increases the number of locations that could be used to detect seismic activity and lets scientists monitor tremors far deeper than was previously possible, said Brian Baptie, Seismology Team Leader at the British Geological Survey.—*Internet*

Astronauts relish space's international food court

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—When it comes to grabbing a bite to eat, the international space station is living up to its first name.

It's a veritable food court of international cuisine, observed new resident Nicole Stott, an American astronaut who will stay aboard the space station until November.

Stott said she found that for different meals she could sample foods from various parts of the world: US, Canada, Ja-

pan, Europe and Russia.

"I think you can find something for anyone," Stott said in a Friday night news conference by the 13 members of the joint crews of the space shuttle Discovery and space station. Stott is moving into the space station, after getting a ride on the shuttle.

Stott and her fellow astronauts addressed reporters through a video link hours after a piece of space junk sped safely by the two spacecraft. NASA had been monitor-

ing the situation but decided it was unlikely to be a problem, and the old rocket part passed Friday morning as the astronauts slept.

In past years, astronauts have complained about the poor taste and variety of food in space. Astronaut Norm Thagard, the first American to fly on the Russian space station Mir, bemoaned jellied perch and borscht in his diet and lost a considerable amount of weight.

—*Internet*

Study finds potential way to make an AIDS vaccine

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—The discovery of immune system particles that attack the AIDS virus may finally open a way to make a vaccine that could protect people against the deadly and incurable infection, US researchers said on Thursday.

They used new technology to troll through the blood of 1,800 people infected with the AIDS virus and identified two immune system compounds called antibodies

that could neutralize the virus.

And they found a new part of the virus that the antibodies attack, offering a new way to design a vaccine, they reported in the journal *Science*.

"So now we may have a better chance of designing a vaccine that will elicit such broadly neutralizing antibodies, which we think are key to successful vaccine development," said Dennis Burton of The Scripps

Research Institute in La Jolla, California, who led the study.

"The findings themselves are an exciting advance toward the goal of an effective AIDS vaccine because now we've got a new, potentially better target on HIV to focus our efforts for vaccine design," added Wayne Koff of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, or IAVI, which sponsored the study.

—*Internet*

Study suggests type 2 diabetics eat poorly

WINSTON, SALEM, 5 Sept—A study of people with type 2 diabetes suggests many of them would benefit from dietary counseling, researchers in North Carolina said.

"The most important thing about controlling diabetes, especially type 2 diabetes, is being able to manage energy in and energy out, and the best way to do that is through diet," said Mara Vitolins, lead

author of the study at Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

In a study of 2,575 type 2 diabetics though out the United States, Vitolins and her team found 93 percent exceeded the recommended percentage of daily calories from fat, 85 percent exceeded the saturated fat recommendation and 92 percent consumed too much sodium.

Less than half of those in the study met the minimum recommended daily servings of fruits, vegetables, dairy products and grains based on the year 2000 US Food Guide Pyramid recommendations, Vitolins said.

"It's important that people with type 2 diabetes follow the recommendations," she said. "They can't afford to let their pyramids fall."—*Internet*

How broccoli can protect your arteries

LONDON, 5 Sept—It's long been thought that broccoli is good for your heart, and now British scientists think they know why. Researchers at Imperial College London have found evidence a chemical in broccoli and other green leafy vegetables could boost a

natural defense mechanism that protects arteries from the clogging that can cause heart attacks.

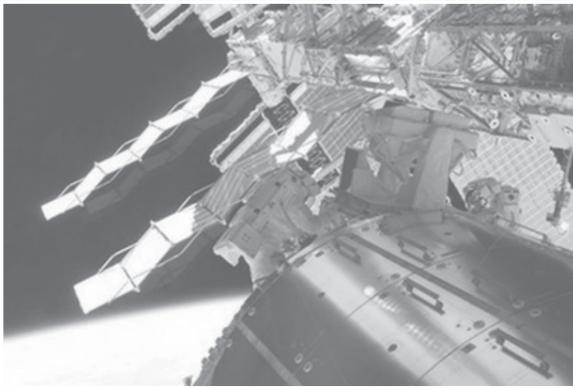
In a study funded by the British Heart Foundation charity and conducted on mice, the researchers found that sulforaphane — a com-

pound occurring naturally in broccoli and other brassicas — could "switch on" a protective protein which is inactive in parts of the arteries vulnerable to clogging.

"We know that vegetables are clearly good for you, but surprisingly the molecular mechanisms of why they are good for you have remained unknown for many years," said Paul Evans of the National Heart and Lung Institute at Imperial College.

"This study provides a possible explanation for how green vegetable consumption can promote a healthy heart."

Scientists already know that arteries don't clog up in a uniform way, but that there are bends and branches of blood vessels — where blood flow is disrupted or slower — which are much more prone to the build-up of fatty plaques that cause heart disease.—*Internet*



In this image provided by NASA astronauts John 'Danny' Olivas and Nicole Stott participate in the mission's first session of extravehicular activity on 1 Sept, 2009 as construction and maintenance continues on the International Space Station. During the six-hour, 35-minute spacewalk, Olivas and Stott removed an empty ammonia tank from the station's truss and temporarily stowed it on the station's robotic arm. The blackness of space and Earth's horizon provided a backdrop for this scene.—INTERNET

SPORTS

S Africa launches 'Football Fridays' in World Cup buildup

JOHANNESBURG, 5 Sept—South Africa wants to change to the nation's wardrobe in the run-up to the 2010 World Cup, urging people to wear football jerseys every Friday until the kick-off in June.

"We are encouraging everyone to adopt Football Friday and to wear the shirt of their favourite team. Obviously, we'd prefer it if their favourite team were the national team," said Paul Bannister, head of the International Marketing Council of South Africa (IMC).

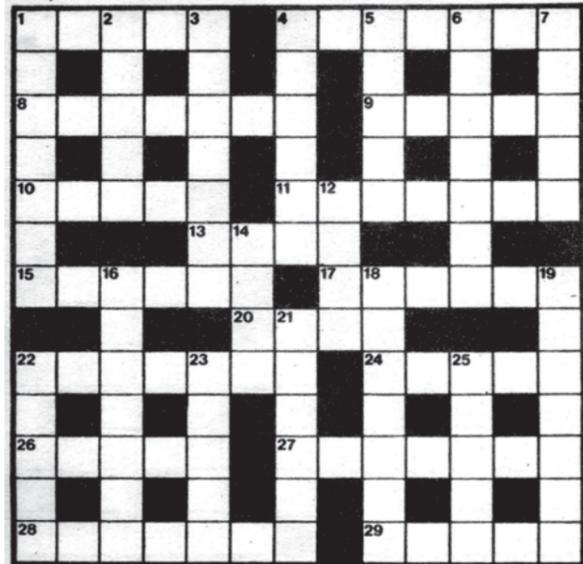
The IMC is heading the government's efforts to promote the games, having already launched TV commercials to promote the "diski" — a dance that mimics footballers' moves. Organisers also hope to encourage South Africans to learn their national anthem, which is sung in five of the country's most spoken languages, leaving many people stumbling over some of the verses.

Internet



South African football fans cheering for their team in June 2009. South Africa wants to change to the nation's wardrobe in the run-up to the 2010 World Cup, urging people to wear football jerseys every Friday until the kick-off in June.—INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Situated above
- 4 e.g. a Eucalyptus (3,4)
- 8 Whim
- 9 Porter's room
- 10 Zodiac sign
- 11 Hundred runs
- 13 Second-hand
- 15 Extravagant
- 17 Angler's maggot
- 20 Overt
- 22 N.Y. Airport
- 24 Strap
- 26 Precise
- 27 Audition
- 28 Scorn
- 29 Woollen fabric

DOWN

- 1 Discourteous
- 2 Musician
- 3 Destructive
- 4 European country
- 5 Fruit
- 6 Our debt (anag.)
- 7 Each
- 12 Border
- 14 Having footwear
- 16 Wanton wreckers
- 18 Competitor
- 19 Affianced
- 21 Large snake
- 22 Press into dough
- 23 Something over
- 25 Shade of green

China's Li Na reaches fourth round at US Open

NEW YORK, 5 Sept—China's Li Na reached the fourth round of the US



Li Na of China gestures after women's singles third round match against Maria Kirilenko of Russia at the US Open tennis tournament in New York.—XINHUA

Open on Friday after sweeping past Maria Kirilenko of Russia 6-4, 6-2. The 18th seed will play Italy's Francesca Schiavone for a place in the quarterfinals, which would be Li's best performance at Flushing Meadows, having exited in the fourth round in both 2006 and 2008.

Li, 27, missed much of 2008 with an injury to her right knee. She is currently ranked 19th in the world.

Xinhua

Terry wants England to be more streetwise

LONDON, 5 Sept—England captain John Terry believes his team must become more streetwise if they want to end the country's long wait for World Cup glory.

After a fortnight in which diving has been top of the British football agenda due to controversial incidents involving Eduardo, Wayne Rooney and Aiden McGeady, Terry hinted that England's stars have often been too honest for their own good. While Arsenal striker Eduardo was handed a two-match European ban for his theat-

rical fall against Celtic and Celtic midfielder McGeady was sent off for diving against Hibernian, Terry knows from first-hand experience that many cheats have got away with their acts of deception.

Internet



John Terry answers questions during an press conference at London Colney, north London, on 4 September.—INTERNET

Serena wins grudge match at US Open

NEW YORK, 5 Sept—Defending champion Serena Williams reached the last 16 of the US Open on Friday with a 6-3, 7-5 win over Spain's Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez. It was a match that had an undertone of friction to it as the two had been at odds during a third-round match at the French Open when Williams accused her opponent of cheating by refusing to admit that a ball had hit her arm.

The American eventually won that match in three sets, but she was outspoken in her criticism of Martinez Sanchez afterwards. This time around, Williams let her tennis do the talking as she jumped out into a 3-0 lead with a succession of power serves and thumping groundstrokes.—Internet

Ronaldo faces World Cup heartbreak

PARIS, 5 Sept—Cristiano Ronaldo, the world's most expensive footballer, faces a tense World Cup survival battle this weekend as Portugal, semi-finalists in 2006, desperately seek to prevent their 2010 campaign from suffering a humiliating derailment. Ronaldo is one of a host of superstars who have seen their national teams splutter through qualifying while 1998 champions France are also about to face a testing back-to-back examination. Portugal are third in Group One on nine points, trailing leaders Denmark by seven points and Hungary by four with four games left.—Internet

Stinging criticism fires up Fletcher



Scotland footballer Darren Fletcher heads a ball during a training session in Oslo.—INTERNET

DUMBARTON, 5 Sept—Scotland skipper Darren Fletcher believes the heavy criticism he and his team-mates received after the recent defeat in Norway can inspire them to get their World Cup bid back on track. Fletcher has been stung by the abuse that followed the 4-0 loss in Oslo and the Manchester United midfielder is determined to set the record straight in the country's make-or-break final two qualifiers.

Internet

Kim shoots record 62 in Canadian Women's Open

PRIDDIS, 5 Sept—South Korea's Song-Hee Kim shot a tournament-record 9-under 62 for a share of the second-round lead in the Canadian Women's Open with Suzann Pettersen, while Michelle Wie missed her first cut of the season. Pettersen, coming off a playoff loss to M.J. Hur last week in the Safeway Classic in Oregon, shot a 68 on Friday to match Kim at 9 under at Priddis Greens.

Rawson followed her opening 64 with a 73 to finish at 5 under. Wie was 3 over after a 69. She shot a 76 Thursday.—Internet



Michelle Wie reacts to missing a putt on the 17th green during the second round at the LPGA Canadian Open at Priddis Greens, near Calgary, Alberta, on 4 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Yorke announces retirement from football

LONDON, 5 Sept—Dwight Yorke, the former Manchester United forward, has retired from football after being released by his last club, Sunderland, at the end of last season. Yorke, 37, won the 1999 Champions League and three successive Premiership titles in a four-year spell at United. He also captained Trinidad and Tobago, at the 2006 World Cup, and has agreed to become an assistant manager of his national team as a first step into coaching.

Internet



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Capello hoping to stay as England manager till 2012

LONDON, 5 Sept— Fabio Capello wants to remain as England manager at least until 2012, the Italian said on Friday.

The 63-year-old told a news conference he has no intention of quitting after next year's World Cup finals in South Africa and hoped to be around for the 2012 European championships in Ukraine and Poland.

"My contract ends in 2012 and I want to respect it," he told reporters at England's training headquarters at London Colney, north of London, before Saturday's friendly with Slovenia. "It is not only a matter for me but also the FA, but in my mind the target is to respect my contract."

Capello has transformed England's fortunes since taking charge of the team for the first time in February last year. His 16 matches have resulted in 12 wins, two draws and two defeats — a record that includes seven successive World Cup qualifiers. England will ensure their place in next year's finals if they beat Croatia at Wembley on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters



England coach Fabio Capello

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(6-9-2009) (Sunday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
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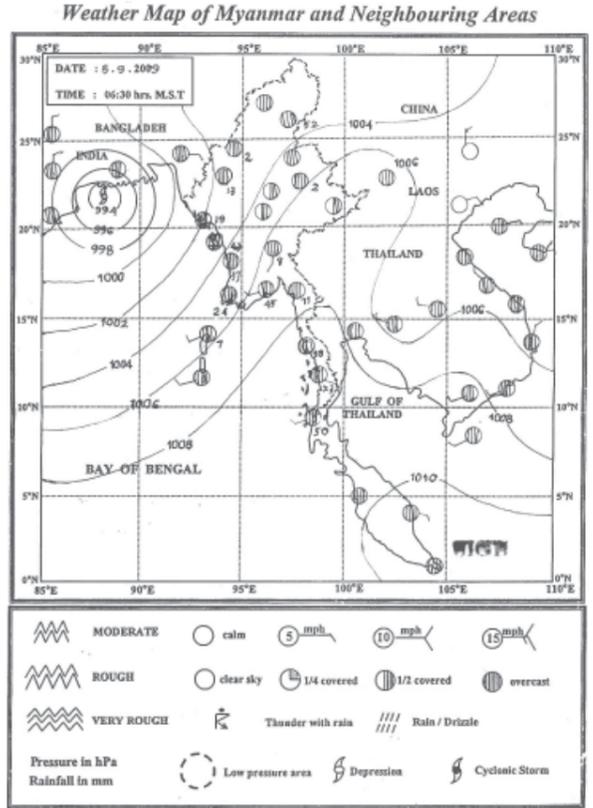
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- * Signature Tune
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- * Music Icon Violinist "U Tin Yee"
- * Inle's Beauty for Eternity
- * Splendour by the Sea, Ngwe Saung
- * Culture Stage "Lively Shawl Dance"
- * Rattan Handicrafts
- * Song "Come and visit Loikaw"
- * From "Putao" to "Machan baw"
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Saturday, 5th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with Locally heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Launglon (10.75) inches, Ye (7.60) inches, Dawei (4.10) inches, Machanbaw (3.54) inches, Hpa-an and Thaton (3.03) inches each, Khayan (2.95) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.91) inches, Bilin (2.87) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.63) inches, Kyeikkhame (2.44) inches and Pakokku (0.47) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-9-2009 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 5-9-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-9-2009 was 84%. Total sun shine hours on 4-9-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 5-9-2009 was (1.85) inches at Mingaladon, (1.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.63) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (89.17) inches at Mingaladon, (101.30) inches at Kaba-Aye and (107.20) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (17:50) hours MST on 4-9-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (10:30) hrs M.S.T today, yesterday's the low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay has moved Northwest Bay and further intensified into a depression. It is centered at about (150) miles South of Kolkata (India) and is forecast to move Northwest direction. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 6th September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-9-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-9-2009: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Don't smoke

Sunday, 6 September
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပဋိတော် <p>7:25 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To Be Healthy Exercise <p>7:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Morning News <p>7:40 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်) 	<p>7:50 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Nice & Sweet Song <p>8:00am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ <p>8:05 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ <p>8:15 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> "လက်တွေ့ပြချင်လို့" <p>8:25 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> မဒန်းရေလှောင်တံ <p>8:30 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး) <p>8:40 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> International News <p>11:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Martial Song <p>11:10 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Round up of the Week's International News
<p>11:20 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၆) <p>12:20 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Golf Magazine (TV) <p>12:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> မြန်မာ့ရုပ်ရှင် "ဘယ်သူ့ပြိုင်လို့လှပါတော့မို့" (ဇော်ဝမ်း၊ ဝင်းလှိုင်၊ အံ့ကျော်၊ တင်တင်ညို၊ တင်တင်လှ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးသုခ) <p>2:25 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> International News <p>3:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2009) ဖွင့်ပွဲအခမ်းအနားနှင့် ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (Delta United အသင်းနှင့်ရန်ကုန်ယူနိုက်တက်အသင်း) <p>5:45 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Musical Programme <p>6:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Evening News 	<p>6:15 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Weather Report <p>6:20 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "Pocket Dragon Adventure" <p>6:35 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "မိုးဖိုထဲကဈာန်လွမ်း" (ရဲမွန်၊ ရန်နိုင်၊ ခိုင်ပွင့်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင်(MMG)] <p>7:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၂) <p>8:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> News <p>9:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> International News <p>10:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Weather Report <p>11:00 pm</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ခိုင်နိုင်ဆောင်သားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၄၀) <p>12:00 am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဖြူရောင်အောက်က အကြင်နာနုလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)

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- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- VOA, BBC - sowing hatred among the people
- RFA, DVB - generating public outrage
- Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
- By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

The-ein village in Paung Township gaining development momentum as a result of better transport

Development projects have been planned and are being implemented across the nation for development of border areas and rural regions.

As the majority of population are residing in rural regions, everything necessary is being fulfilled to speed up the development momentum in rural regions so that progress in urban areas are matched by parallel

trends in rural areas.

As district-to-district Road No.2 in Thaton District is built through a large number of villages including The-ein village of Paung Township, villages along the road have become much developed.

The-ein village is located about twenty miles east of Paung Township and is surrounded by Kawkadaik village in the east, Kadaik village in the west, Sinywa village in the

Byline: Win Shwe (Myanma Alin)
Photos: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung)

north and Donthami river in the north. The village area covers 19.62 square miles.

The mainstay of The-ein village is agriculture. The cultivation target of monsoon paddy for this year is 1,138 acres which has already been achieved and it is targeted

to grow 1,096 acres of summer paddy. Apart from paddy, rubber is mainly grown in the village. At present, over 1,000 acres have been put under rubber plantations and 136 acres have been put under pepper cultivation.

(See page 10)



Rubber saplings seen along inter-district road in Thaton District of Mon State.

Stability, peace restored in Kokang Region, Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Stability and peace have been back to normal in Kokang Region, Shan State (North), since 29 August. Up to 6 pm today, 12,096 of the inhabitants, who had fled to the neighbouring country, had returned to Laukkai via Yanlonkyaing and Chinshwehaw border checkpoints.

Now, the administrative machinery has returned to normal in Kokang Region in Shan State (North).—MNA

Warning on low pressure in Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—According to the observation at 10.30 am MST today, the low pressure, which occurred over the central west and its related area north-west of the Bay of Bengal yesterday, moved to the north-west of the Bay of Bengal today. It became a small storm centring at the sea, 150 miles south of Kolkata, India and 330 miles west-northwest of Sittway of Myanmar and it is forecast to northwest direction.

The storm was degraded as the yellow level, and it was forecast that the storm is not in the position moving to the coastal region of Myanmar.

MNA

