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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends launch of shooting for "Kyalzin Mawgun"

YANGON, 17 Sept—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the launch of a shooting for "Kyalzin Mawgun" in honour of Tatmadaw at Chatrium Hotel in Tamway Township here this morning and made an address. The chairman of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon extended greetings.

Next, Director Bagyi Soe Moe gave accounts of the film and introduced artistes who will act for the film to Lt-Gen Myint Swe.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint cordially greeted the artistes.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence delivers an address at the ceremony to start shooting for "Kyalzin Mawgun" film.—MNA

Admonition by Theelone Mahathera

You have only karma as mother,
So it's said in the human world.
But efforts and wisdom should be its associate;
Only then would undertakings be brought to success,
So the noblest of humans the Buddha said.

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

7,114 prisoners granted amnesty

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—The State Peace and Development Council is making efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern discipline-flourishing democratic nation upholding Our Three Main National Causes. The SPDC has already adopted the seven-step Road Map and is making harmonious efforts joining hands with the people in order to successfully realize it.

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

The government terminated the prison terms of 7,114 prisoners for their good conduct and discipline in consideration of their families, and released them from the respective jails on 17 September 2009 to enable them to serve the interests of the regions, their own and the State after realizing the government's compassion and goodwill.—MNA

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To serve as a land bridge

According to the constitution, there shall be a single Tatmadaw in the nation. All the armed forces are to stand in accordance with the constitution. If standing in rivalry that is against the constitution, doing illegal livelihoods, poppy farming, production of narcotic drugs and illegal import and export of goods are rife, that will greatly harm the interest of the whole country and the people.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Beautify urban, rural areas with a sense of duty

Keeping urban and rural areas clean and beautiful is good for the health of each of the citizens. Now, responsible organizations are beautifying the regions concerned to establish an environment that possesses all the characteristics of urban area.

In the process, roads are being upgraded for smooth transport in commercially busy cities with heavy populations. Some roads have got raised shoulders, and drainage ditches are being expanded wherever necessary to prevent overflow of drains on both sides of roads in the rainy season.

Moreover, many projects are in progress for regional greening, more parks and lakes are being set up to add to the beauty of the environment, and new public recreation places are being established. The plan also covers renovation of archaeological buildings without sacrificing their original styles, and painting and maintaining them.

Township development affairs committees are collaborating with the departments concerned in making urban areas free from rubbish, supplying potable water, improving drainage system, and maintaining roads and their platforms. Simultaneously, health staff are organizing local people to keep their wards, rural villages, houses, streets, schools and markets clean and implementing disease control projects.

Therefore, the people on their part are to maintain trees and landscaping plants, and carry out sanitation work regularly in the surrounding areas of their houses, streets, schools and markets. And they have to avoid undisciplined acts such as throwing away rubbish and wasted materials into drains and on roads, throwing garbage from moving vehicles and spitting betel spittle onto roads.

Myanmar will be a clean, beautiful society, if the entire people take part with a sense of discipline and duty in the tasks for greening the environment, improving drainage system and disease prevention measures.

Training programme on Intellectual Property for Business launched

YANGON, 17 Sept—The opening ceremony of training programme on Intellectual Property for Business, organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Association for Technical Scholarship (AOTS), was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, on 14 September.

At the ceremony, UMFCCI Vice-President U Win Aung and representative from

AOTS Mr Kenichiro Aigo extended greetings.

The 44 trainees from UMFCCI and brother associations, other organizations, member companies, University of Mandalay, Yangon Institute of Economics, University of Yangon (East), Dagon University and Cooperative Degree Colleges, attended the course.

The one month JODC On-Job Training (OJT) will be conducted after the 15-day course.—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

Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee held a meeting at the meeting hall of Nay Pyi Taw Command here on 11 September with an address by Patron of the

supervisory committee Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin.

The Commander heard reports on undergoing tasks and made concluding remarks.—MNA

MOI donates books to Oriental Studies Department of Beijing University

YANGON, 17 Sept—A ceremony to donate subject-wise books to the Oriental Studies Department under Foreign Languages College of Beijing University of the People's Republic of China by the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information was held at the Office of the Cultural Counsellor of the PRC on Khayebin Road in Dagon Township here this afternoon.

Officials of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise presented 272 books – 10 from MMPE, 12 from Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, 106 from Sarpay



Officials of MMPE donates books to Mr Gao Hua of Cultural Counsellor Office of the PRC.—MNA

Beikman, 99 from Press Scrutiny and Registration Division and 45

from Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association—to Mr. Gao

Hua of the Office of the Cultural Counsellor of the PRC.—MNA

Rules for offshore fishing boats discussed

YANGON, 16 Sept—The Fisheries Department of Mon State discussed rules for offshore boats at Zeephythoung village in Ye Township on 27 August.

Present at the discussions were aquaculturists, fishermen and marine trawler operators. Head of Mon State Fisheries Department U Soe Myint made clarifications on rules for offshore fishing boats in going fishing at sea and on their way back shore.

Next, Head of Ye Township Fisheries Department U Win Kyi and Chairman of Asin village Peace and Development Council U Maung Myint explained future tasks and rules for aquaculturists to follow.

Afterwards, U Soe Myint gave necessary instructions and further explained tasks to be carried

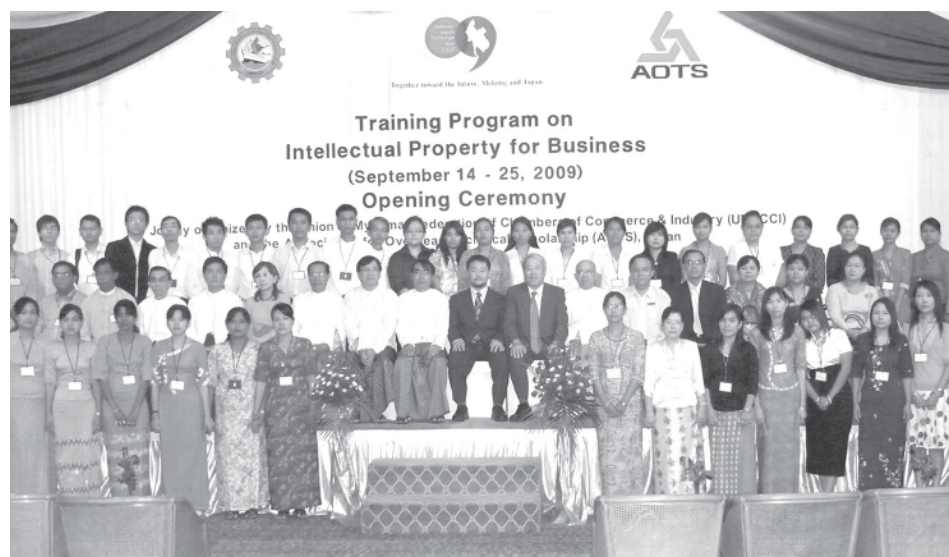
out for enabling Zeephythoung fishing inspection camp to be check point.

On 29 August, U Win Kyi met with fishermen in Ywathaywa village and gave talks on aquaculture conservation and keeping away from catching fish and prawns.—MNA

UMTA to hold talks on 19 Sept

YANGON, 16 Sept — National Literary Award Winner writer Manoktha Kyaw Win will give talks on “Customs of National

Races and Tourism Industry” at 2 p.m at Asia Plaza Hotel here on 19 September. Those wishing to attend the talks may contact Union of Myanmar Travellers Association, Ph 559672, 559673 and 545707. —MNA



Trainees of UMFCCI, brother associations, and universities and colleges pose for photo with trainers at opening of Intellectual Property for Business course.—UMFCCI

Inter State/Division Women (Open) Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—The first semifinal of the 14th Inter State/Division Women (Open) Football Tournament took place in Mawlamyine today. The match between Yangon Division and Bago Division teams ended 6-0.—MNA



A woman is comforted at the site of a blast in Kabul on 17 September, 2009. A suicide car bomb hit an Italian military convoy on a road between the U.S. embassy and the main airport in the centre of Kabul on Thursday, killing at least sixteen people and wounding dozens, Afghan and Italian officials said.—INTERNET

Suicide attack kills 16, wounds over 52 in Afghan capital

KABUL, 17 Sept—A powerful suicide bombing hit Afghan capital Kabul Thursday, killing at least 16 people including six Italian soldiers and injuring over 50 others, mostly civilians.

It was a suicide car bomb as the driver blew it up on the road linking U.S. embassy and NATO's headquarters to Kabul airport causing the fatalities.

Several cars including two armored

personnel carriers of the Italian troops serving within the framework of NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were seen crippled at the site of the blast.

Mohammad Zahir Azimi, spokesman of Defence Ministry, said the blast left at least 10 civilians dead and some 52 others wounded.

Meantime, Italian Defence Ministry, according to media report, confirmed that

the suicide attack targeting Italian troops destroyed two armoured vehicles and killed six soldiers aboard.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid later claimed responsibility of the incident.

This attack in Afghan capital came just in the wake of the preliminary full result of presidential elections was announced on Wednesday in the post-Taliban country.

Internet

US troops killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 17 Sept — Three US servicemen have been killed by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan, a NATO spokesman has said. The spokesman said that the deaths occurred on Tuesday. He did not release any other details.

The latest deaths come as the Taleban intensifies its attacks against coalition forces in the south through roadside bombs and ambushes. The number of deaths among American troops in Afghanistan this month has now risen to 22.

Internet

Gunmen kill 10 at Mexico drug treatment center

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 17 Sept — Gunmen burst into a drug treatment center in the northern Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez and shot to death 10 people, the second such mass killing this month. Investigators said the attack was part of a turf battle between the Juarez and Sinaloa cartels in the city, which has seen the worst of Mexico's drug gang violence.

Gangs use some drug treatment centers to hide their members from rivals, Chihuahua state Attorney General Patricia Rodriguez

said. She did not name suspects or say which cartel may have been behind the massacre. Police say nine men and one woman were killed in the attack just before



Map locates Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where at least 10 people were killed at a drug treatment center.

INTERNET

midnight Tuesday at the Anexo de Vida center in Mexico's most violent city. Two people were seriously wounded.

Most of the victims are believed to have been recovering addicts staying at the facility. "Why? Why them?" said Pilar Macias, weeping after she identified the body of her brother, Juan Carlos Macias, 39. "He was recovering, he wanted to get back on the right track and they didn't let him, they didn't give him a chance." "This is going to kill my mother," Macias said. "She's very sick and this is going to kill her." Macias said the mother had encouraged her son to enter the facility for treatment of his cocaine addiction three months ago.—Internet

No quick decision on troops to Afghan

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept—President Barack Obama said on Wednesday there will be no quick decision on whether to send more US troops into the widening war in Afghanistan, saying "my determination is to get this right."

The president's comments came one day after Adm. Mike Mullen, his top military adviser as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, endorsed an increase in US forces as likely necessary to battle a deepening insurgency. The US and NATO commander in Afghanistan, Gen Stanley McChrystal, also has delivered a grim assessment of the war and is expected to follow up soon with a request for thousands of additional troops. "I'm going to take a very deliberate process in making those decisions," said Obama, taking questions from reporters as he sat in the Oval Office with visiting Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper. "And so I just want to be absolutely clear, because there's been a lot of discussion in the press about this: There is no immediate decision pending on resources."—Internet

Israel condemns UN's Gaza report

JERUSALEM, 17 Sept — Israel has strongly criticised a UN human rights report into alleged war crimes during the Gaza conflict. The report said both the Israeli army and Palestinian militants committed war crimes

and possible crimes against humanity during fighting in January.

The report "was flawed from A-to-Z", the UN panel was "biased" and some of its findings "ludicrous", said Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev. The report called for fresh war crimes inquiries under international scrutiny.

It said Israel's "Operation Cast Lead", launched in response to militant rocket fire, used disproportionate firepower against the densely populated Gaza Strip and disregarded the likelihood of civilian deaths. The militant group Hamas criticised parts of the report alleging it fired rockets at Israel without distinguishing between military targets and the civilian population.

Internet

Cuba says US should lift embargo unconditionally

HAVANA, 17 Sept — Cuba will not make any political or policy concessions to improve relations with the US — no matter how small, Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said on Wednesday, snubbing Washington's suggestions that some reforms could lead to better ties. He told a news conference that the United States must lift its 47-year-old trade embargo without waiting for anything in return.

Rodriguez said US trade sanctions have cost the island \$96 billion in economic damage since they took their current form in February 1962 as part of the Trading with the Enemy Act. "The policy is unilateral and should be lifted unilaterally," Rodriguez said. He called President Obama "well-intentioned and intelligent" and said that his administration has adopted a "modern, less aggressive" stance toward the island.

But Rodriguez shrugged off the White House's April decision to lift restrictions on Cuban-Americans who want to visit or send money to relatives in this country, saying those changes simply undid a tightening of the embargo imposed by President George W Bush. "Obama was a president elected on a platform of change. Where are the changes in the blockade against Cuba?" Rodriguez asked. Cuban officials have for decades characterized American trade sanctions as a blockade. —Internet



The report accuses Israel of failing to protect civilian targets in Gaza.—INTERNET



A new Volkswagen UP! car at the VW car manufacturing plant in Slovakia in June. Sales of new cars in Europe rose over the summer thanks mainly to incentive schemes in countries in the EU, according to industry data.—INTERNET

Insurer unveils site coverage for World Expo 2010

BEIJING, 17 Sept — Visitors to the 2010 Shanghai World Expo will receive a maximum of 1 billion yuan (146.43 million US dollars) liability insurance in a single accident at the Expo site from the People's Insurance Company of China.

An official of the country's major insurer and a global partner of the event revealed the amount on Wednesday as construction began on its Expo pavilion. The insurance would cover injuries site visitors suffered when the Expo organizer or participants were negligent, Shen Huili, deputy director of the 2010 Expo Office of the insurer, was quoted as saying by on Thursday's *Shanghai Daily*.—Xinhua

China may lead global aviation recovery

BEIJING, 17 Sept —China is expected to lead the global aviation recovery thanks to its dynamic domestic air travel, senior executives from Boeing said on Wednesday.

The country will require 3,770 new airplanes valued at 400 billion US dollars over the next 20 years and will remain the world's largest commercial airplane market outside the United States, said Randy Tinseth, Boeing Commercial Airplanes' vice-president for marketing.

"China is the world's most dynamic market for commercial airplanes. The strong domestic air travel growth in the country during the first half of this year gives us confidence that the world aviation industry is beginning to recover," said Tinseth, after issuing the annual long-term China market outlook in Beijing. *Internet*

First-time jobless claims expected to rise

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — The number of newly laid-off workers seeking unemployment benefits likely rose last week, evidence that jobs remain scarce. Wall Street economists forecast that first-time claims for unemployment insurance rose to a seasonally-adjusted 555,000 last week from 550,000 the previous week, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters. The number of people re-

maining on the jobless benefit rolls also is expected to increase slightly, to 6.1 million from 6.09 million.

The Labour Department report scheduled for Thursday comes even as the Federal Reserve said Wednesday that production by the nation's factories, mines and utilities increased for the second straight month in August, the latest sign the economy is recovering.



The Apple iPod Nano, top, and the Microsoft Zune HD are shown in San Francisco, on 16 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Google to reincarnate digital books as paperbacks

MOUNTAIN VIEW, 17 Sept — Google Inc is giving 2 million books in its digital library a chance to be reincarnated as paperbacks. As part of a deal announced on Thursday, Google is opening up part of its index to the maker of a high-speed publishing machine that can

manufacture a paperback-bound book of about 300 pages in under five minutes. The new service is an acknowledgment by the Internet search leader that not everyone wants their books served up on a computer or an electronic reader like those made by Amazon.com Inc

and Sony Inc.

The "Espresso Book Machine" has been around for several years already, but it figures to become a hotter commodity now that it has access to so many books scanned from some of the world's largest libraries. *Internet*

Credit card losses climb with jobless rate in August

NEW YORK, 17 Sept — A weak US labour market led to bigger bank write-downs of credit card debt in August as a record-high jobless rate left consumers struggling to pay their bills. Charge-offs, or the writedown of uncollectible debt by banks, increased 81 basis points to 10.62 percent in August, after a 31 basis points decline to 9.81 percent in July. On the retail front,

credit card write-downs increased 49 basis points to 9.99 percent in August, according to JPMorgan Securities.

Citibank posted the biggest credit card losses in August, with charge-offs climbing to 12.14 percent from July's 10.03 percent, it said. On a positive note, however, American Express, Capital One and National City posted lower charge-off rates in August with declines of 44 basis points, 20 basis points and 24

basis points, respectively, versus the prior month.

Losses in securities backed by credit cards generally track increases in the unemployment rate. The jobless rate hit a 26-year high at 9.7 percent in August. JPMorgan expects to see further credit card ABS deterioration given the still weakening labor market and projects charge-offs will reach an 11 to 12 percent range as unemployment climbs above 10 percent in 2010.—Internet

Collector to sell two early

Colonial books

NEW YORK, 17 Sept — One of about 32 copies of a rare Revolutionary War-era Bible will be auctioned on Thursday in Manhattan for an expected \$40,000 or more, the owner said.

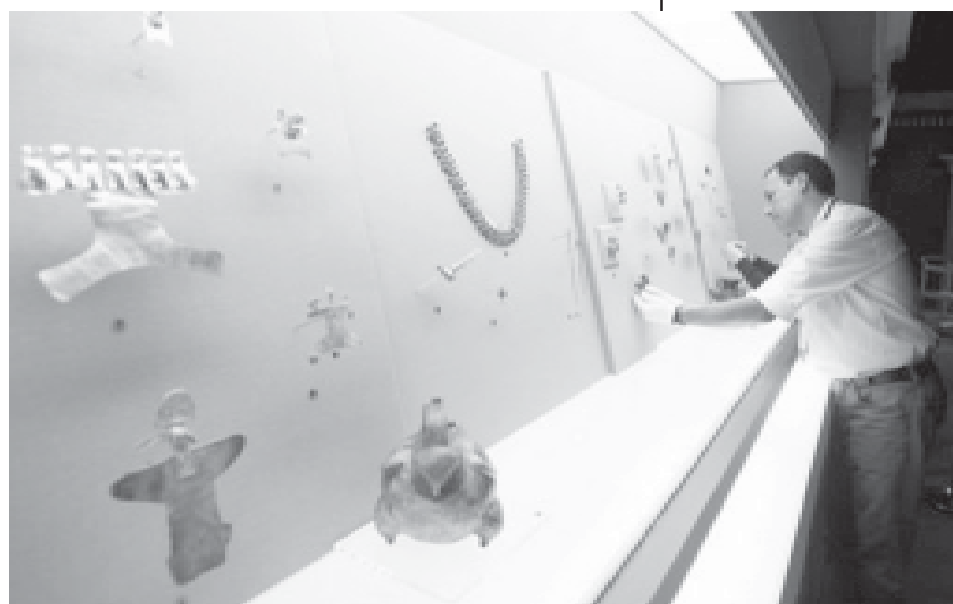
Mel Meadows of Spotsylvania, Va, owns two copies of "the Bible of the Revolution." Antiquarians say there are perhaps 10 in private hands, *The Washington Post* reported.

The Bibles were

printed by Robert Aitken at the request of Congress in 1782 because the British embargoed the importing of Bibles. This was not a violation of separation of church and state since the Constitution had yet to be written. Aitken printed 10,000 copies but the war ended the next year and Bibles were again imported, the *Post* said.

Meadows is also selling his copy of the Bay Psalm Book, a circa 1682 edition of the first book printed in British America.—Internet

An expert of Colombia's Bank of the Republic Gold Museum (Banco de la Republica Museo del Oro) arranges exhibits with a staff member of the Shanghai Museum in Shanghai, east China, on 16 Sept, 2009. — XINHUA



Public still in the dark over brain death

BEIJING, 17 Sept—The public should be better educated on the definition of brain death in a bid to ease the nation's shortage of organ donors, said Chen Zhonghua, a professor at Tongji Medical College in Wuhan, Hubei Province. The Ministry of Health released guidelines for the clinical procedures and practice surrounding brain dead patients in 2003 but the public still remains largely unaware, he said.

As many as 300 people were declared brain dead by medics last year. Only organs from 70 of them were used to help those awaiting transplants, official statistics show. Ministry rules define death in two ways: cardiac death, when the heart stops beating, and brain death, when the brain-stem shows no reflexes and the patient has no ability to breath unaided.

"Many people in China

recognize only the former, mainly because they don't know about brain death," said Chen. The key to widening the implementation of China's brain death rules lies in raising public awareness, he said, adding that a website jointly launched by the college and society to attract donors for the nation's new post-death transplant network has already signed up 15,000 willing candidates.—Xinhua



A boy opens his eyes for the first time after a successful cornea transplant in Xingtai, Hebei Province.—XINHUA

China donates laptops, stationery to Egyptian hospital

CAIRO, 17 Sept—The Chinese Embassy in Cairo and the Chinese Culture Center donated laptops, school bags, stationery and toys on Wednesday to Children Cancer Hospital Egypt (CCHE 57357).

Wu Jingya, the wife of the Chinese Ambassador to Egypt, submitted the donations to the information technology department of the hospital on behalf of the two Chinese institutions and took a tour around the hospital to talk with children patients and

gave them gifts and toys. Inaugurated in July 2007 with an initial cost of 300 million Egyptian pounds (54.35 million US dollars), CCHE 57357 is the largest children's cancer hospital in the world." "We thank China for these donations and the laptops will be used to develop the medical services," said Khaled el-Nori, the head of the operating and quality department of the hospital. "We hope that the visit of the Chinese delegation will not be the last

one," Khaled added.

For her part, Wu expressed her pleasure of visiting the hospital. "The hospital is an excellent example of humanitarianism and I wish that it will be better and better," she said, adding that "We will help the hospital in various ways in the future." The donation is part of the "Ramadan Charity", a yearly event held by the Chinese Embassy in Cairo. (1 US dollar = 5.52 Egyptian pounds)

Xinhua



Wu Jingya (L), the wife of the Chinese Ambassador to Egypt, offers a schoolbag to a patient of Children Cancer Hospital Egypt in Cairo, Egypt, on 16 Sept, 2009.—XINHUA

Bolivia seizes 19 tons of cocaine

LA PAZ, 17 Sept—Bolivian President Evo Morales said on Wednesday that Bolivia has seized a total of 19 tons of cocaine so far this year, more than the 11 tons for all of 2005. "Also, in the first nine months of 2009, Bolivia eradicated 5,000 hectares of coca (cocaine's raw ingredient) without shooting a single bullet," Morales told a press conference in Quemado Palace in La Paz. The country's anti-drug forces also discovered mega-factories of cocaine hydrochloride with sophisticated equipment, Morales said. Morales stressed that Bolivia has achieved success in combating drug trafficking without cooperation of the United States. Bolivia planned to buy planes with radars to detect aircraft with drug, but "the United States was against those buys," Morales added.—Xinhua

Visitors are attracted by a steel sculpture during the 2009 Shanghai International Steel Sculpture Art Festival at Baoshan District in Shanghai, east China, on 16 Sept, 2009. XINHUA

China Internet Video Anti-Piracy Alliance established

BEIJING, 17 Sept—More than 100 Chinese Internet video companies and rights holders have established the China Internet Video Anti-Piracy Alliance in Beijing. The group announced on Wednesday that it had begun collecting evidence against more than one-thousand suspected violators in China. These include online video companies such Youku, Tudou, and Xunlei.

The alliance said it would begin to file lawsuits against over 500 companies including Pepsi and Coca-Cola, both of which are accused of having placed advertising in unlicensed Youku videos. A lawyer for the group said suits would be filed over the coming year, with the alliance seeking compensation of 50-million to 100-million yuan from Youku.—Xinhua

Bomb blast kills civilian, wounds in E Afghanistan

KABUL, 17 Sept—A bomb ripped through a shop in Khost Province east of Afghanistan claiming the life of one person and wounded two others, all of them civilians, spokesman of provincial administration Kuchi Nasiri said on Thursday.

"The blast took place inside a shop on Wednesday in Nadir Shahkot district left one innocent civilian dead and injured two others," Nasiri told Xinhua.—Xinhua

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Costa Rica, China to join forces in scientific research

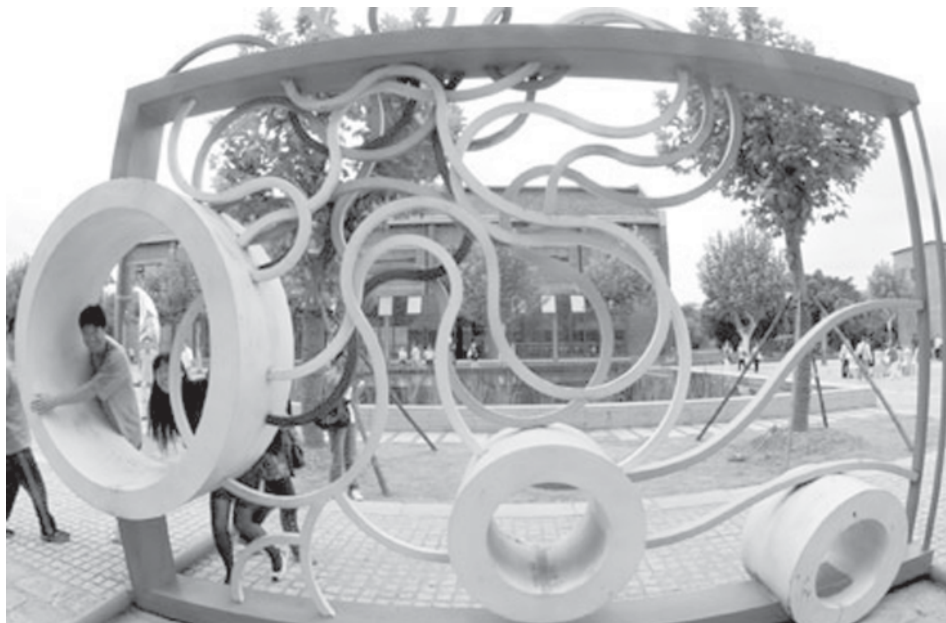
SAN JOSE, 17 Sept—Costa Rica and China will sign a statement of understanding on Thursday to promote joint scientific research and exchanges, officials said. The agreement will be signed by the Costa Rican National Institute of Biodiversity (INBio) and the Chinese

Academy of Sciences (CAS) under last year's Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement between the two countries.

The new deal came after delegations of both countries paid high-level visits and held extended conversations, officials said. A high-level delega-

tion from Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences and the Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica, both part of the CAS, visited Costa Rica in 2008. This was followed by a visit by Costa Rican experts to China at the beginning of 2009.

Xinhua



Once-conjoined twins return to Dallas for checkups

DALLAS, 17 Sept — Egyptian twins once joined at the head returned to Texas this week for checkups, and were treated to a pizza party on Wednesday with the doctor who brought them to the United States to be separated.

Now 8, Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim strode down hallways and gobbled up pizza and ice cream, wearing matching gray T-shirts over yellow long-sleeved shirts. They are both enrolled in school, enjoy watching television and playing on

the computer, their mother said. The boys who were born joined at the tops of their heads now sport headfuls of curly black hair. They also walk easily, though with a slightly awkward gait.

"Here they are. Sitting here now enjoying life," Dr Kenneth Salyer said as the boys ate. Salyer's nonprofit World Craniofacial Foundation brought the then 1-year-old boys to Dallas in 2002 to be evaluated for separation. The twins were separated the next year during a 34-

hour surgery. After undergoing additional surgeries to reconstruct their skulls, they returned to Egypt in 2005. This is their second return to Dallas for checkups since going home.—Internet



Twin brothers Mohamed Ibrahim, right, and Ahmed Ibrahim touch heads during an interview in Dallas, Texas, on 16 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

15 countries expected to attend Asian-African children festival in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 17 Sept — The Asia Africa Foundation said at least 15 countries will attend the Asian-African Children Art and Culture Festival scheduled for 14-15 Dec in Jakarta, the private

news portal Bisnis.com quoted an official as reporting on Thursday. The agenda is aimed to re-fertilize brotherhood in Asia-African spirit as well as to support the national tourism.

The foundation's secretary general Sujoko said that several countries have been waited for their confirmation to join the festival.

"We predicted that 15

to 25 countries to send their delegation.

The event could be a part of Indonesian tourism campaign via children," he told the press. He also said that several activities would be held, namely an exhibition and art-culture performance, games, story telling of 1,000 stories, and auction of children artworks.

Xinhua

Stray Australian cat returns home after 2,400-mile journey

HOBART, 17 Sept — A cat named Clyde was reunited with his owner on Wednesday after a mysterious three-year odyssey in which the long-haired Himalayan strayed 2,400 miles into the Australian Outback.

Ashleigh Sullivan, 19, said she had given up hope of ever finding Clyde after he vanished when he was about one year old from her family home near Hobart city in Australia's island state of Tasmania.

"I'm positive he remembers. He's not acting like he's suddenly appeared somewhere and is frantic," Sullivan said as she tearfully held her contented cat.

A nurse found Clyde wandering at a hospital in the remote Queensland state town of Cloncurry and cared for him for four months before taking him to a local vet as she was leaving town and could not take the cat with her.

The vet, Donna Weber, traced Clyde's owner from an identification microchip that was imbedded under the cat's skin.

Internet

'Gene cure' for colour blindness

LONDON, 17 Sept — Scientists say they are a step closer to curing colour blindness using gene therapy. A US team were able to restore full colour vision to adult monkeys born without the ability to distinguish between the colours red and green.

Nature journal describes the technique used by the researchers at the University of Washington. Although more studies are needed, the same treatment may work for humans who are colour blind, experts believe. Until now scientists had not thought it was possible to manipulate the adult brain in this way.

It was considered that adding new sensory information, such as the visual receptors necessary for perfect colour vision, could only be done in the earliest years of life when the brain is at its most malleable or "plastic". But Professor Jay Neitz and his team were able to introduce therapeutic genes into the light-sensing cells at the back of the eye of adult male squirrel monkeys.—Internet

Malaysian centenarian wants 23rd marriage

Mek Wok Kundor, a 107-year-old Malaysian was in search for her 23rd marriage when she felt insecure with her current husband, a local daily reported.

The Star said Mek, better known as Tok Wook, was afraid that her husband might leave her to marry another younger woman here.

The centenarian married Mohd Noor Che Musa, 37, in 2005. The marriage drew massive public attention owing to the large age gap between the couple.

Many people were skeptical about their marriage but Tok Wook revealed

her happiness to the media sometime after their marriage.

Mohd Noor, a drug addict, is currently undergoing a drug rehabilitation programme here, leaving Tok Wook alone at Kuala Berang in the state of Terengganu.

The Star quoted Tok Wook as saying that she would visit her husband if her neighbours were willing to give her a drive here. She said although feeling insecure, she would wait for him without thinking of another marriage if he reciprocated, adding that she was lonely without him.

NEWS ALBUM



Nine couples got married with a view of Munich's skyline on Wednesday. They wanted to be able to say their wedding took place on 9 Sept, 2009.

The town of Stadroda in Thuringia, eastern Germany, has put on its annual "Straw Festival" in a local field for the seventh time. In Germany and throughout the EU 112 is the number to dial to report an emergency.

Ala boy fakes kidnapping to hide bad grades

An 11-year-old boy gets high marks in storytelling after staging a hoax to cover up his bad grades. Police said the boy faked his kidnapping on Friday to avoid bringing home a bad report card, saying that a man with a pistol snatched him after he left Ed White Middle School. The boy said the man forced him into a "beat-up car" and threatened to kill him.

The student said he escaped by jumping out of the car but wasn't able to grab his bookbag, which contained the report card.

He ran to his grandparents' house and later confessed to lying. His grandfather called police to apologize.

Sgt Mark Roberts said police were suspicious that the boy was able to "escape" with his band instrument, but not his bookbag.

Roberts said the boy faces no charges at this time.



Visitors attend an exhibit at what's billed as the world's biggest pumpkin and squash show at Ludwigsburg in southern Germany. Among the stories portrayed are "Gulliver's Travels" and "Cinderella." More than 450 types of squash and pumpkins are on display there until 11 November.

Fake cop arrested after stopping La Mayor

Police say a man impersonating an officer with a flashing red light in his car has been arrested after he pulled over the wrong driver — the mayor of Shreveport, La. Police think the suspect was using the in-dash light to maneuver through traffic on Monday night in north-west Louisiana.

Mayor Cedric Glover says he pulled over when the drove behind him, but the fake officer then sped

away. Glover says he followed the car and called police.

Daniel Niederhelfman, 21, of Shreveport has been charged with false personation of a peace officer. Police seized the light and a handgun from Niederhelfman's holster.

Authorities say Niederhelfman works for a private security company, but wasn't authorized to use the light. Booking records did not list an attorney for Niederhelfman.

A&I Minister receives Country Director of WFP, Australian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Country Director & Representative Mr. Christopher Kaye of

World Food Programme (WFP) at 3 pm at the ministry here on 15 September.

Likewise, the minister received Ambassador of Australia HE Ms

Michelle Su-Wen Chan at 4 pm at the ministry the same day.

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MCDC plants trees for monsoon

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Mandalay City Development Committee organized monsoon tree planting ceremony at Kandawgyi ward in Chanmyathazi Township

on 11 September.

Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han participated in the ceremony together with personnel.

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Minister supervises regional development tasks in Katha and Htigyaing Tps

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met with local people in Aung Chan Tha village in Katha Township, Sagaing Division on 13 September and attended to the needs.

After attending the opening ceremony of rural development camp in Thabyaybin village, the minister cordially met with local people reading at the library.

After attending the opening ceremony of Thabyaybin village Basic Education Middle School (Branch), the minister met with local people from Thabyaybin, Sakagon,

Margayi, Yinke and Thayagon village-tracts.

During his meeting with local people in Kyaukhtongyi village, the minister presented a satellite receiver to watch MRTV and MRTV-4 programmes donated by the Ministry of Information and sports gear and exercise books for the villages and varieties of books for the rural library.

The following day the minister met with local people in Migyongaik village in Htigyaing township and then presented sports gear, publications and exercise books for the primary school.

Next, he proceeded

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min received Vice-President Mr. Huang Guangming of Huaneng Lancang River Hydropower Co., Ltd from the People's Republic of China and party at the ministry here on 15 September.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, the directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and officials.—MNA



Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min receives Vice-President Mr. Huang Guangming of Huaneng Lancang River Hydropower Co Ltd of the PRC.—MNA

Director-General attends DAC work coordination meeting

YANGON, 17 Sept—Director-General of Development Affairs Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Myo Myint attended work coordination meeting of Thayawady Township Development Affairs Committee at the Thayawady Township in

Bago Division (West) on 14 September and delivered an address.

Next, the director-general viewed progress in repaving No. 2 Kyaung road being undertaken by Thayawady Township DAC.

After that, the director-general attended the work coordination meeting of Pyay Township

DAC. The director-general inspected maintenance of machinery, water supply, progress in repaving Pagoda road.

The director-general met with the officials of Bago Division (West) DAC. After hearing the reports, the director-general attended to the needs.

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MIA member leaves for Japan for MBA course



YANGON, 17 Sept—Director U Aung Tha Hmwe (a) U Aung Khant Min of Beat Plus Co Ltd, member of Myanmar Industrialists' Association, left here for Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo of Japan on 14 September to attend MBA course under the arrangement of young leader's programme.—MNA

Director U Aung Tha Hmwe (a) U Aung Khant Min of Beat Plus Co, Ltd seen at the airport before departure for Japan.—MNA

Mon State observes World First Aid Day 2009

YANGON, 17 Sept—Organized by Supervisory Committee for Mon State Red Cross Society, a blood donation ceremony to mark World First Aid Day 2009 was held at Mawlamyine General Hospital on 7 September. Altogether 30 members from 10 township Red Cross Brigades in the state took part in the ceremony.

Chairman of the

supervisory committee Head of Mon State Health Department Dr Zaw Win, Secretary Dr Toe Toe Aung, Medical Superintendent Dr Nyan Zaw, Acting Commander of Mon State Police Force Lt-Col Kyaw Myint, In-charge Dr Sandar Myaing of Blood Bank and officials encouraged the blood donors and provided them with refreshment and medicines

and presented gifts.

A skill contest to mark World First Aid Day 2009 took place at the gymnasium of Basic Education High School No(1) in Mawlamyine Township on 6 September. Members of 10 townships Red Cross Brigades participated in the contest.

Next, officials presented prizes to the winners of the contest.

MNA



Three one-year-old cubs playing merrily at yellow tiger cage seen at Zoological Garden (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA

To serve as a land bridge

Wai Hmu

At the invitation of an institution on international relations in the People's Republic of China, I again paid a visit to the Asian giant to read a paper. On my way in Shanghai, a friend from the institute took me to East Sea Bridge. The 30-kilometer bridge over the sea is linked with an island used as a deep-sea port. He said that in its infancy, the bridge saw vehicles, mostly small ones; that their visits were just for sightseeing; and that then the facility constantly coped with a large number of container trucks.

It is a very formidable task to build such a long bridge linked with a deep-sea port. It called for hard work plus high technology in order that the sea bridge would be resistant to tidal waves, strong winds and seawater. Surely, the emergence of the impressive bridge must be largely due to tenacity, perseverance, team spirit and foresight of Shanghai dwellers. In particular, such a giant bridge is the fruit of cohesive, harmonious work of over 20 million Shanghai inhabitants.

Feeling cold in a wild breeze, I happened to think about ongoing deep-sea port projects off the coast of our country and visualized the future of our country to emerge as a land bridge nation. Then, I was full of hope for a prosperous future of my country.

Being situated between Southeast Asia and South Asia as well as between China and India, Myanmar occupies a strategic position in terms of geopolitics. So, Myanmar takes care of itself in order that its internal affairs will never have adverse effects not only on itself but also on regional security and stability. Myanmar is home to over 100 national races, so it gives first priority to consolidated unity among national brethren in the national interest according to the geopolitics. In order to achieve the noble aim, the government focuses on equitable improvement of the socio-economic life of all national brethren. As a result, Myanmar enjoys peace and all-round development at the unprecedented level. In order to improve effectively the socio-economic life of the entire people, it is required to combine geo-politics views and geo-economics views in a bid to bring wealth to the motherland. What should the people do to meet the goal?

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Now the entire country has fully risen from the nightmare and restored stability and peace. It is very apparent to the entire national people that Myanmar took a very long journey full of hardships before achieving present conditions. Remnant armed insurgents are staying in the refugee camps in the neighbouring country. Myanmar people are therefore to be vigilant against them because they can rear their ugly heads again before their end. Furthermore, there are many national race peace groups that have returned to the legal fold, but they have not surrendered their arms due to various reasons.

be a good advantage for the people to help generate economic growth of the nation. Myanmar's neighbouring countries, Southeast Asian and South Asian countries are now eager to promote economic relations among them, using the territory of the Union of Myanmar as a land bridge. Landlocked provinces of China and India with remarkable economic development want to use deep-sea ports of Myanmar for mutual economic benefits. So, there have emerged Kyaukpyu Deep-sea Port Project along with Kalatan River All-round Development Project covering the improving of Sittway Deep-sea Port. Thailand and Myanmar are now holding talks to launch Dawei Deep-sea Port Project. India too has interest in Dawei Deep-sea Port Project. Bangladesh wants to trade with China through Myanmar. India and China want to trade with each other, using Stillwell Road. India and ASEAN countries also want to trade with each other, using railroads and motorways in Myanmar. **If hundreds or thousands of millions of people in the region do trade activities, constantly passing through the Myanmar land bridge, Myanmar will gain economic benefits through sale of its domestic products, labour and services, and the people will enjoy higher living standard.**

Rapidly advancing China badly needs huge size of fuel for its industries. So, it has prioritized energy security and energy sufficiency. Eighty per cent of its imported oil comes from African

and Middle East countries by sea. So, its oil tankers have to pass through Malacca Strait. The narrowest part of the straight is as wide as about one and a half miles. So, if there is temporary closure of the straight due to collision of vessels or enormous spill of oil, it has to choose a longer sea route. If so, it will have to spend more on transportation of oil and the oil prices in it will go up, in consequence. Furthermore, prices of goods will rise and that will have a negative impact on its economic competition. Its energy security is not secure so long as it relies on Malacca Strait for transport of oil. If it lays an oil pipeline to Yunnan Province through Kyaukpyu Deep-sea Port, it will enjoy energy security with less cost due to shorter distance. So, China plans to build a pipeline, spending billions of US dollars to purchase gas from Myanmar. Therefore, Myanmar becomes more and more important for it. **And those countries want stability and peace of Myanmar. In addition, they come to appreciate the efforts the government is making with farsightedness, industry and correct concept, standing on its own feet to ensure State stability, peace and development. Neighbouring countries have come to support the government that is an organization of few words, but achieves great success in its nation-building tasks.**

I would like to reiterate that according to the geopolitics, consolidated national unity is the key to better national interest. The people are convinced of the fact that sowing dissension and driving a wedge among national races are designed to break up the national interest. In the post-independence period, multi-coloured insurgent groups launched their armed revolt against the government, resulting from lack of vision and strategic views of political parties, and their self-centred attitude, and interference of some foreign countries in the internal affairs. At that time, the total area under the administrative machinery of the then government was
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Yangon exclusive of Insein. Most of the total area of the country had been under the hands of the multi-coloured insurgent groups. However, now the entire country has fully risen from the nightmare and restored stability and peace. It is very apparent to the entire national people that Myanmar took a very long journey full of hardships before achieving present conditions. Remnant armed insurgents are staying in the refugee camps in the neighbouring country. Myanmar people are therefore to be vigilant against them because they can rear their ugly heads again before their end. Furthermore, there are many national race peace groups that have returned to the legal fold, but they have not surrendered their arms due to various reasons.

Now, the State Constitution (2008) has been in force with the approval of 92.48 per cent of the voters. The constitution was written unanimously by National Convention delegates, over 60 per cent of whom were national races. According to the constitution, there shall be a single Tatmadaw in the nation. All the armed forces are to stand in accordance with the constitution. If standing in rivalry that is against the constitution, doing illegal livelihoods, poppy farming, production of narcotic drugs and illegal import and export of goods are rife, that will greatly harm the interest of the whole country and the people. If so, the offenders will face widespread opposition from the people and the government, neighbouring

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countries, and the international community. So, any of the citizens has to stay away from such lawless acts and honour the law. It is required of the entire people to form a human society in Myanmar all of whose members remain united in accordance with the law. To put it another way, the Myanmar society has to practise constitutionalism.

The government has improved all the infrastructures, by constructing an endless number of infrastructural buildings across the nation. The Tatmadaw government is pursuing its strategies with the sharp determination that the nation's economy must be strong by the time when it hands over power to the civilian government to be formed under the constitution. When these strategies are all realized, the Union of Myanmar will become a land bridge country where not only local people but also a

large number of people from the neighbouring countries engage in trade activities. So, we have to work hard together in order that the land bridge country, like East Sea Bridge, will be well resistant to tidal waves, strong winds and bad weather. After completion, the land bridge will have substantial pillars portraying forbearance, perseverance, cohesion, farsightedness, correct concept and conviction, and big heart of more than 57 million people of the nation. All those experts and political leaders with an outlook of geo-economics have noticed that the land bridge is under construction in Myanmar. Therefore, the entire people have to do their bit in the process of constructing the land bridge to make sure that all the pillars of the bridge are strong.

Translation: MS

H&T Minister meets local people in Pyapon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, on 13 September, met with townsenders, teachers, health staff and local people from four villages at Gonnyintan village in Pyapon Township. Then, he presented K 1,060,000 donated by Grand Lotus Co and responsible persons handed over clothes, medicine and foodstuff.

Afterwards, he met local people from four villages at Kyontar village Basic Education High School in Pyapon Township. The minister fulfilled the needs and responsible persons handed over blankets, clothes and foodstuff.—MNA

Minister meets staff of Pension Department

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met with staff of Pension Department at the ministry here this afternoon.

It was attended by Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Director-General U Kyaw Htay of Pension Department, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, deputy director-general and staff of Pension Department.

The minister delivered an address and inspected Pension Department Head Office.—MNA

Transport Minister looks into functions of ports



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe views loading of timber logs onto foreign going vessel at Sule Jetty. —TRANSPORT

YANGON, 17 Sept—Chairman of Committee for Ensuring Prompt and Regular Freight-handling and Operating at Full Capacity Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe on 14 September looked into arrival of containers and tasks of the inspection teams, systematic storage of imported goods, loading of export goods, checking of containers at X-ray machine at Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty, loading and unloading of timber onto foreign going liners at Sule Jetty, arrival of heavy

machinery and containers at Myanma Industrial Port Container Yard.

The minister gave instructions on safety measures and sanitation tasks.

At Asia World Port Terminal in Ahlon Township, the minister viewed tasks of inspection teams and checking of containers through the X-ray machine and loading of timber onto the foreign going liners.

MNA

Yadanabon University: Alma mater of intellectuals and intelligentsia

Article: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

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The government, in its bid to build a modern and developed nation through education, is producing educated youths for the future state. Today, Technological Universities, Universities of Computer Studies and Universities have been opened the length and breadth of the Union.

As a result, youths in the regions have opportunities to study for degree courses at the universities of their respective states and divisions.

On our recent tour of Mandalay Division to write bylines on regional development, we, Myanma Alin news crew, visited Yadanabon University that produces human resources. We had an opportunity to visit the university with the help of U Kyaw Nan Htaik, a local.

Yadanabon University is situated at Taungthaman village in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Division. The village has become a part of Mandalay thanks to



U Than Nwe (The Rector)
“Yadanabon University is an auspicious ground producing intellectuals and intelligentsia.”

developing Mandalay. On our way to the university along Taungthaman Lake ring road on our motorbikes, a light breeze blowing from Taungthaman Lake refreshed us.

After a few minutes' drive, we arrived at Yadanabon University. The design of the newly-built main building of the university is very attractive.

Along the road to Yadanabon University, we witnessed ancient buildings, pagodas and traditional handicrafts businesses as Amarapura was built before the estab-

lishment of Mandalay. As Yadanabon University is on the road to Taungthaman Lake and U Pein Bridge, traffic on the road to the university is always heavy.

When we entered Yadanabon University, we were greeted by a school building with a stone plaque in front of it, saying “the construction of the university started on 12 March, 2000 in accord with the directive of the State Peace and Development Council and it was successfully opened on 7 July, 2003 (9th Waxing of Waso 1365 ME).”

In interviewing Rector U Than Nwe about the academic matters of Yadanabon University, he said, “Yadanabon University was Yadanabon College previously. The government upgraded the college to the university level on 22 February, 2000.

There are 19,423 undergraduates learning at the university in current 2009-10 academic year. Convocations of the university have been

held 12 times up to date. It has turned out 37,958 arts and science graduates.

A total of 26,000 students from University of Distance Education are studying at the university. Yadanabon University has the strength of 664 faculty members and 327 staff. There are 26 arts and science subjects conducted at the university.”

“Yadanabon University is an auspicious ground for students who specialize in archaeology since Amarapura Township is rich in historical sites. Moreover, it is con-

venient to do their studies for students majoring in zoology as Taungthaman Lake is located nearby. Besides, the students have an opportunity to acquire knowledge of industrial production as industrial zone is situated in the township,” he added.

Most of university students in Mandalay are pursuing education at the Yadanabon University. sports and body building association was set up in the university this year. Sports activities were organized at the university as the Commander and the Minister for Sports

presented sports gear to the university.

Thanks to the goodwill of the government for emergence of Yadanabon University, there have been more opportunities for the youths in the region to pursue higher education. As a result, the region is seeing a growing number of educated youths in arts and science subjects who are making impressive contribution towards the building of a modern nation.

Translation: YM
Myanma Alin: 16-9-09



The signboard of the entrance to Yadanabon University.

TV Guide in circulation

YANGON, 17 Sept—TV Guide Vol.1 No.11 came out today. It features previews of English Premier League football matches, programmes to be

broadcast on Travel & Living and Discovery channels and detail programme schedule of the week.

TVGuide is available at bookshops, City Marts, super markets, and MRTV-4 Showrooms at a price of K 500 per copy. Door to Door delivery service will be provided for monthly subscribers at the same price.

TVGuide published by Novel Light Express (Tel: 391186, 243893) comes out every Friday.—MNA

Corrigendum

Please read Central Committee for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons instead of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control in the news on Training on Community-based Human Trafficking Prevention on page 10 of 17-9-2009 issue of NLM. Error is regretted.—Ed

DRIVE SAFELY

Series of bomb blasts in Hlinethaya, North Okkalapa and Mingaladon townships

No casualties and injuries reported

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—Two bomb blasts occurred in Hlinethaya Township at midnight yesterday, one in the compound of Komatsu hydraulic bulldozer & excavator Co, five yards from the fence, at 11.45 pm, and another in the compound of Family United Power hydraulic bulldozer & excavator Co, five yards from its fence at about midnight.

Another bomb blasts occurred near the police outpost on Nawade Street in Yeokkan village, Hlinethaya Township Industrial Zone-3 and outside the compound of Fly Man finished wood factory on Min Theikdi Kyawswa Road about 00:52 hours today. It was followed by another bomb blast outside the fence of UNICEF medical store on Mingyi Maha Mingaung Street in Industrial Zone-3 of Hlinethaya Township about 01:30 hrs today.

There were also bomb blasts in North Okkalapa and Mingaladon Townships this morning, one occurred near a transformer at the back of John-A

garment factory on Gangaw Street in Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone in North Okkalapa Township.

Another bomb blast occurred in the compound of Myanmar Asia Optical factory in Mingaladon Industrial Zone about 4 am and members of security forces, acting on a tip-off, were able to seize a time bomb made of table clock packed in 6-inch long, 4-inch wide and 2-inch high cardboard about 9:20 this morning.

The incidents caused slight damages but no injuries were reported and personnel concerned and members of security forces cleared the bomb-struck places and are investigating to the cases.

Authorities concerned urge the public to cooperate with them by keeping a watchful eye on terrorists and destructionists who are penetrating the society in different disguised forms and informing the responsible persons in time.

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1,000 year-old Buddha head sculptures looted from China temple

XI'AN, 17 Sept—Two suspects have been detained for allegedly looting 14 stone sculptures of Buddha heads dating back to around 1,000 years ago from a temple in Shaanxi Province, an official said Saturday.

The third suspect, who carries all the Buddha head sculptures, is still at large. The items are on a national list of cultural heritages for protection.

The three men pretended to be tourists and entered Wan'an Buddha Hall in Huangling County at about 5:30 p.m. Friday. They tied up and beat the three employees of the temple, robbed them of their cash and cell phones. Then the three suspects cut

off the heads of 14 Buddha statues, all about 9 centimeters to 15 cm tall, which were engraved during the Northern Song dynasty (960-1127), and escaped, Wang Chunmei, director of the county's press office, told Xinhua Saturday.

Police seized Zhang Yingjie and Zhang Mingqiang at about 8 p.m. the same day after receiving reports about the looting, but the third suspect, who carried all the Buddha heads, was still at large, said Wang.

Police officers have cordoned off the temple, hunting the third suspect and questioning the two in police custody.

Internet



The world's tallest man, Sultan Kosen from Turkey, poses for photographers next to school children at an event in London, 16 September, 2009.—INTERNET



Kenans look at a German container ship Hansa Stavanger, which was held by Somali pirates for four months, arrived at Kenya's Mombasa port on Saturday after a \$2.7 million ransom was paid for the release of its 24 crew.—INTERNET

Anti-piracy shipping pact gets US boost

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept—The United States and other shipping nations have agreed on new guidelines to curb rampant piracy off the Horn of Africa, the State Department said on Wednesday.

The State Department said the United States, Britain, Cyprus, Japan, Singapore and South Korea had recently signed the "New York Declaration" on measures to protect against attacks, like increasing lookouts and keeping fire pumps ready to repel would-be pirates.

"Piracy is a 17th century problem that demands a 21st century solution," an official release quoted senior State Department official Andrew Shapiro as telling a Washington symposium on high-seas crime.

Shapiro said efforts were also underway to boost cooperation among naval patrols now stationed in the region, arrange for the prosecution of suspected pirates and to help Somalia and its neighbours secure their own territorial waters.

Internet

Tobacco kills

Teen wounds 8 students, 1 teacher at German school

ANSBACH, Germany, 17 Sept—An 18-year-old student armed with an ax and knives lobbed Molotov cocktails at his high school in southern Germany on Thursday, wounding eight pupils and a teacher before he was shot and arrested by police. The teenager entered the Carolinum High School in the Bavarian town of Ansbach on Thursday morning and threw one Molotov cocktail before police were alerted and arrived at the scene, said Bavarian Interior

Minister Joachim Herrmann.

Police smelled smoke when they arrived at the school, Herrmann said. They were confronted by the ax-wielding teen, who had thrown a second Molotov cocktail that apparently failed to detonate.

"Since the attacker threatened to use his weapons against the police, the officers opened fire," Herrmann said, adding that the attacker, who was not identified, was wounded and in critical condition.

Internet

Udo Dreher, the chief police officer at the scene, said the 18 year old was shot five times, but was not in life threatening condition.

Two teenage girls were seriously injured by the attacker — one suffering burns and the other head injuries, said Dreher. It was not immediately clear whether the second girl was attacked with the ax or a knife. Authorities did not say how the seven people — six students and a teacher — had been attacked.

Colombia seizes containers stuffed with drug trafficking money

BOGOTA, 17 Sept—Colombian police agents on Tuesday seized three containers with millions of US dollars in cash, which were en route to drug trafficking bands in Colombia. Director of the Colombian police, General Oscar Naranjo, said that the three containers came from the Mexican port of

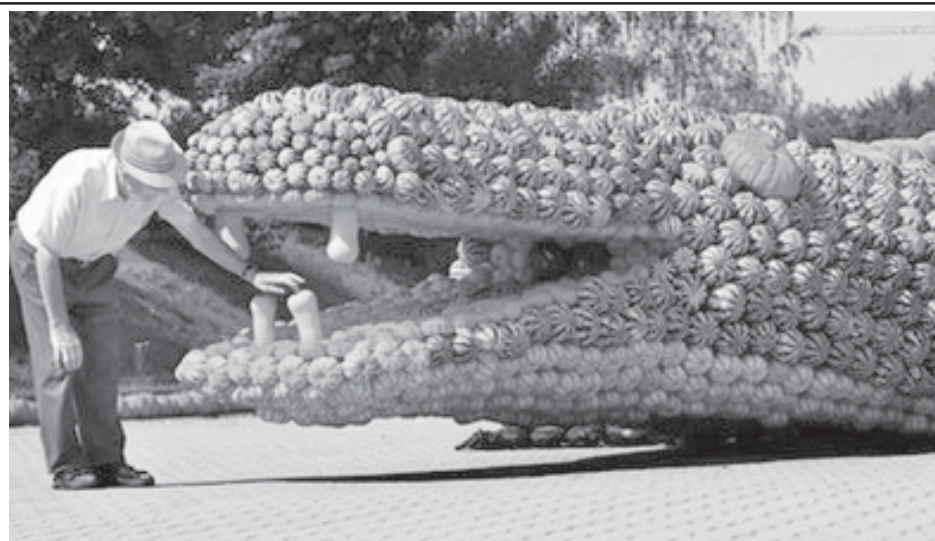
Manzanillo and the US city of Houston, Texas.

During police operations carried out last week in the ports of Buenaventura, Colombia, and Manzanillo, Mexico, authorities of both countries seized drug trafficking money worth more than 33.4 million US dollars. Naranjo believed the

incident was related to a Mexican-Colombian drug trafficking ring operating in Colombia, and that a ringleader known as "Comba" was behind it.

Naranjo further assumed that the money was payment for cocaine sent from Colombia via Mexico to the United States.

MNA/Xinhua



A man takes a look at a huge crocodile-sculpture made out of hundreds of pumpkins on a farm in Feldkirch-Hartheim, southern Germany, on Wednesday, on 9 Sept, 2009. The pumpkin-harvest has started and a farmer decorates his yard with pumpkin-sculptures as promotion for his products which he directly sells to visitors.

INTERNET

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Tropical Storm Marty heads north off Mexico coast

MIAMI, 17 Sept—Tropical Storm Marty is moving again in the Pacific off Mexico's western coast.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami says Marty had winds near 45 mph (75 kph) and began moving again on Wednesday to the north-northwest at 3 miles per hour (6 kph). The 13th storm of the Pacific season is expected to continue in the same direction and speed up slightly in the next day or two.

The center of the system is located about 315 miles (505 kilometers) southwest of the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula.—*Internet*



Debris litters a road after Hurricane Ivan hit the area, in Orange Beach, Ala.—*INTERNET*

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Eight million Americans consider suicide

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept—More than 8 million Americans seriously consider suicide each year, according to a new government study. About 32,000 suicides occur in the United States each year, but a new study by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration indicates that many more give the idea serious thought.

The new SAMHSA report is based on a survey of 46,190 people aged 18 and older. In the past, the question about suicide had only been asked of people who reported major depression but in 2008 it was added to all questionnaires.

Other findings:

- People 18 to 25 years old were far more likely to have seriously considered suicide in the previous year (6.7 percent) than those 26 to 49 (3.9 percent).
- Just 2.3 percent seriously considered suicide among those 50 or older.
- Among people with a substance abuse disorder, 11 percent had considered suicide, compared to 3 percent for people without such disorders.—*Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV GATI PRIDE VOYNO (22910)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI PRIDE VOYNO (22910) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 18.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
 MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
 AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST**
 Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV BOHAI CHALLENGE VOYNO (21)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BOHAI CHALLENGE VOYNO (21) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 18.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Indonesian Air Force plane crashes in Sragen, pilot dead

JAKARTA, 17 Sept—A training plane of Indonesian Air Force crashed in the town of Sragen, Central Java on Thursday, killing a crew member. The plane crashed around 11 am (0400 GMT) on a rice field and was totally damaged, the detik.com reported. The training plane was piloted by two pilots and one of them died.

"I can't confirm the fate of the other one," Sardi, the unit chief of crime and research of Sumberlawang regional police, was quoted by the report. Police could not evacuate the plane because they had to wait for Indonesian Air Force personnel.

Internet

The 8,000kg of cannabis was thought to be destined for the UK.

INTERNET



South African Hawks in drugs bust

JOHANNESBURG, 17 Sept—Three British men have appeared in a court in South Africa in connection with what is believed to be the biggest drug seizure in the country. South Africa's new serious and organized crimes unit, the Hawks, seized \$70m (£42m) worth of cannabis and heroin in Durban over the weekend.

The drugs, which police believe were destined for the UK, were confiscated after a tip off from British police. The Britons and two South Africans have been charged with trafficking. Two brothers—Paul and Jon Beazley—Paul Bromley and the two, as yet unnamed, South Africans will appear in court on 21 Septem-

ber. Last week, more than 150kg of heroin was intercepted at London's Heathrow International Airport after arriving on a flight from South Africa. An investigation by the Serious Organized Crime Agency (Soca) led officers to an address in Dartford, Kent, where a further 80kg of the Class A drug was discovered.

One man was subsequently arrested and the trail lead back to South Africa and to the coastal city of Durban where 8,000kg of cannabis and 115kg of heroin were found in a warehouse. The newly formed Hawks said the London and Durban drugs consignments are believed to belong to the same syndicate.—*Internet*

Firm place to stand outside solar system

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — Researchers have finally found a place outside our solar system where there's a firm place to stand — if only it weren't so broiling hot. As scientists search the skies for life elsewhere, they have found more than 300 planets outside our solar system. But they all have been gas balls or can't be proven to be solid. Now a team of European astronomers has confirmed the first rocky extrasolar planet.

Scientists have long figured that if life begins on a planet, it needs a solid surface to rest on, so finding one elsewhere is a

big deal. "We basically live on a rock ourselves," said co-discoverer Artie Hartzes, director of the Thuringer observatory in Germany. "It's as close to something like the Earth that we've found so far. It's just a little too close to its sun."

So close that its surface temperature is more than 3,600 degrees Fahrenheit, too toasty to sustain life. It circles its star in just 20 hours, zipping around at 466,000 mph. By comparison, Mercury, the planet nearest our sun, completes its solar orbit in 88 days. "It's hot, they're calling it the lava planet," Hartzes said.

This is a major discovery in the field of trying to find life elsewhere in the universe, said outside expert Alan Boss of the Carnegie Institution. It was the buzz of a conference on finding an Earth-like planet outside our solar system, held in Barcelona, Spain, where the discovery was presented Wednesday morning. The find is also being published in the journal *Astronomy and Astrophysics*.

Internet



This image provided by the European Southern Observatory on 16 Sept, 2009 shows an artist rendition of the first rocky extrasolar planet called Corot-7b. European astronomers confirmed the first rocky extrasolar planet on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Indian swine flu deaths top 200

NEW DELHI, 17 Sept — The number of people to die of swine flu in India has crossed 200, health officials say. The new deaths have been reported from the Indian capital, Delhi, and the western Maharashtra and Gujarat states.

The number of swine flu cases in India has also climbed to over 6500, officials say. They have been reported from 28 states. Many schools in affected cities have closed temporarily because of the outbreak of the disease.

Maharashtra state has recorded the highest number of deaths (87) followed by Karnataka (66) and Gujarat (18), the reports say. In August, colleges and cinemas in Mumbai were temporarily closed because of fears about the spread of flu. The virus is thought to have killed more than 3,000 people around the world.

Internet



There are more than 6,500 cases of the H1N1 flu strain in India.—INTERNET

Earthquake rocks eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 17 Sept — A moderate earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale jolted eastern parts of Indonesia on Thursday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency here said.

The quake struck at 11:52 am Jakarta time (0452 GMT) with epicenter at 131 km northeast Ternate of North Maluku and 41 km under seabed, an official of the agency, Rahma Baharuddin told *Xinhua*.

Indonesia, with a population of over 230 million, is laid on a vulnerable quake-hit zone, the so called "Pacific Ring of Fire", where two continental plates, stretching from Western hemisphere to Japan, meet, causing frequent seismic and volcanic movements.—Internet

US employees pushed to 'cloud computing'

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — The Obama administration says it is trying to nudge federal bureaucrats into "cloud computing" — using applications online instead of personal computers. CNN reported the new policy means some federal employees will be using online "apps" such as YouTube, Gmail and WordPress, all of which store data on private Internet servers rather than those paid for by the taxpayers.

"Our policies lag behind new trends, causing unnecessary restrictions on the use of new technology," Vivek Kundra, the US chief information officer, said in a WhiteHouse.gov blog post on Tuesday. "We are dedicated to addressing these barriers and to improving the way government leverages new technology." A new federal app store at apps.gov lets some US employees do

official business, but is not available to the public, CNN said.

The US government spends \$75 billion per year on data storage and other information technology, a figure the new policy is designed to reduce. Meanwhile, Google

on Tuesday announced the set-up of a "government cloud" to store public data on Google computer servers by 2010. A Google blog post said the dedicated space will serve federal, state and local governments, CNN reported.

Internet

Costa Rica requests 1.8 mln A/H1N1 flu vaccines

SAN JOSE, 17 Sept — Costa Rica requested 1.8 million vaccines against the A/H1N1 flu virus to prevent infections among its people, official sources said on Wednesday. According to the health authorities, these vaccines will be offered to some most vulnerable group of people, like patients who have risk factors like obesity, diabetes and smokers, as well as the health staff.

Those who have high levels of asthma among children and the people above the age of 60 years will be part of the priority sectors to receive the vaccine. Costa Rica will buy these vaccines through the Pan American Health Organization, which facilitate the procedures to get the vaccines for the third world countries.

Currently, Costa Rica has reported a total of 1,246 cases of A/H1N1 flu, including 33 death cases.

Xinhua

Canada announces priority groups for A/H1N1 flu vaccination

OTTAWA, 17 Sept — Canada on Wednesday released the priority groups for A/H1N1 vaccination, among which include health workers. Other groups to first get the shot are pregnant women, children and adults with chronic conditions, Dr David Butler-Jones, Canada's chief public health officer, said at a press conference in Ottawa.

People living in remote and isolated settings or communities are also expected to be given priority. Vaccinations are expected to get underway in November. Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq announced 76 A/H1N1 flu deaths have been reported in Canada as of Tuesday.—Xinhua

World's oceans warmest on record this summer

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — The world's in hot water. Sea-surface temperatures worldwide have been the hottest on record over the last three months, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said on Wednesday.

Ocean temperatures averaged 62.5 degrees Fahrenheit in the June-August period, 1.04 degree higher than normal for the period. And for August the world sea-surface average was 62.4 degrees, 1.03 higher than usual, also the warmest for August on record. The combined land and water temperature worldwide was 61.2 degrees, third warmest on record for the three-month period. For August it was 58.2 degrees, fourth warmest. Climate change has been raising the planet's average temperature steadily in recent decades. All of the 10 hottest years on record have occurred since 1997.—Internet

SPORTS

Creamer looking for healthy rebound at Samsung

SAN DIEGO, 17 Sept — Paula Creamer is sick of being sick, so it would make her feel pretty good if she can defend her title in the Samsung World Championship starting on



Paula Creamer.

Thursday at Torrey Pines. Creamer battled a mystery illness most of the year and is still looking for her first win of 2009. She said her energy levels are returning to normal and she's getting her distance back.

Still, she's a little bit wary. She got sick after going to Mexico in November for the Lorena Ochoa Invitational. Doctors did test after test and she was on medication." They still have no idea what was wrong with me, which is a scary thought knowing that it could come back," Creamer said. She also had a thumb injury.—Internet

Inter hold Barcelona in drab stalemate

MILAN, 17 Sept — Inter Milan held title-holders Barcelona to a 0-0 draw in their Champions League Group F opener at the San Siro on Wednesday in a match which failed to live up to pre-match hype.

The game was billed as a clash between Samuel Eto'o and Zlatan Ibrahimovic, both playing against the team they left only two months ago, but neither they nor talents such as Lionel Messi and Xavi could break the deadlock in a turgid stalemate. Perhaps unsurprisingly for such a big match between two European heavyweights so early in the competition it was a cagey affair dominated by defences. But that suited Inter boss Jose Mourinho.—Internet

Arsenal's great escape 'just perfect' for Wenger

LIEGE, 17 Sept — Arsene Wenger expects Arsenal's dramatic Champions League fightback at Standard Liege to provide his side with a much-needed injection of confidence. The Gunners were facing the unpalatable prospect of a third successive defeat when goals from Eliaquim Mangala and Milan Jovanovic handed Liege a shock two-goal lead within the first five minutes at the Stade Maurice Dufrasne on Wednesday.

After back to back defeats to Manchester United and then Manchester City, another loss, especially against such unheralded opposition, would have raised serious questions

about Arsenal's ability to end their four-year trophy drought. But Nicklas Bendtner gave Arsenal a glimmer of hope when he struck just before half-time.—Internet



Arsenal's William Gallas (left) and Arsenal's Thomas Vermaelen celebrate after scoring the 2-2 against Standard de Liege during their UEFA Champions League group H football match in Liege.

INTERNET

Liverpool look ahead after Champions League scare

LIVERPOOL, 17 Sept — Liverpool will hope to make it four wins in a row when they visit West Ham in the Premier League on Saturday after limping to a 1-0 victory against Hungarian champions Debrecen in Europe." We're slowly getting back to where we want to be," Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard said after seeing his side struggle to victory over Debrecen in their opening Champions League Group E tie at Anfield on Wednesday.

"It's three wins on the spin, hopefully we can make that four at West Ham," added the England midfielder.

Internet

Liverpool's Fernando Torres (right) congratulates teammate Dirk Kuyt after scoring against Debrecen during their UEFA Champions League match at Anfield, in Liverpool.



INTERNET

UEFA trials 5 officials as Europa League takes off

PARIS, 17 Sept — The group stage of the Europa League kicks off on Thursday, with the trialling of five on-pitch match officials providing the biggest talking point prior to the start of the tournament. In the biggest change to the game since the introduction of the back-pass rule in 1992, two extra officials will patrol the area behind each goal on the lookout for penalty area transgressions such as diving and shirt-pulling.

UEFA president Michel Platini has pioneered the idea and says it will be escalated to next season's Champions League and the 2012 European Championship if it proves effective." One day players will give up simulating because referees will see them," said the former France international legend.

"For years players have cheated because the referees were not of a good enough quality.—Internet

Pjanic gets Lyon off to Champions League winning start

LYON, 17 Sept — Lyon celebrated opening their tenth successive season in the Champions League with a 1-0 win over old foes Fiorentina here on Wednesday.

The Italians, knocked out of last year's first round by Lyon, had to play the entire second period with ten men after Italian World Cup winner Alberto Gilardino was rightfully sent packing for elbowing Lyon midfielder Jeremy Toulalan. Lyon midfielder Miralem Pjanic earned the former multiple French champions the three points when

the Bosnia-Herzegovina international pounced in the final quarter of an hour.—Internet



Lyon midfielder Miralem Pjanic celebrates after scoring a goal against Fiorentina during their European Champions league football match at the Gerland Stadium in Lyon.—INTERNET

Dynamo battle back to beat Kazan

KIEV, 17 Sept — Ukrainian champions Dynamo Kiev battled back from a goal down to beat Russian title holders Kazan 3-1 in their Champions League Group F opener here on Wednesday. Dynamo's goals came from Nigerian midfielder Ayila Yussuf, Brazilian defender Gerson Magrao and Ukrainian international Oleg Gusev, while Argentinian forward Alejandro Dominguez was on target for Kazan.

Dynamo take top spot in Group F after Inter Milan and defending champions Barcelona fought out a drab goalless draw in Italy." We played well but were too slow in the first half and allowed Kazan to organise defensively," said Dynamo boss Valery Gazzayev." But when we had speed and power after the break. It was like a hurricane." Kazan, who were playing their first ever Champions League match, stunned the hosts with the opening goal.—Internet

Bougherra strike gives Rangers point in Stuttgart

STUTTGART, 17 Sept — Algeria defender Madjid Bougherra hit a superb second-half equaliser to give Rangers a point and seal a 1-1 draw against Stuttgart in the Champions League Group G match on Wednesday.

The 26-year-old struck with less than 15 minutes remaining to give Walter Smith's side a valuable away point and deny Stuttgart boss Markus Babel a winning start on his European debut as a coach." In the second half, we threw away the plan and were chasing the game," said a disappointed Babel." The first half was good and we must go back to that.—Internet



Stuttgart's defender Serdar Tasci (L) collides with Rangers' striker Kenny Miller during their UEFA Champions League group G football match in Stuttgart.—INTERNET

Sevilla salute boys from Brazil

SEVILLE, 17 Sept — Brazilian duo Luis Fabiano and Renato grabbed the goals as Sevilla opened their Champions League Group G campaign with a 2-0 win over Romanian rookies Unirea Urziceni on Wednesday.

Fabiano and Renato's goals also put the Spaniards in early control of their pool after rivals Stuttgart and Rangers drew 1-1. The Romanians, playing in their first Champions League campaign, were only promoted to the top flight of their domestic league three years ago, and are coached by former Chelsea defender Dan Petrescu. He played in the

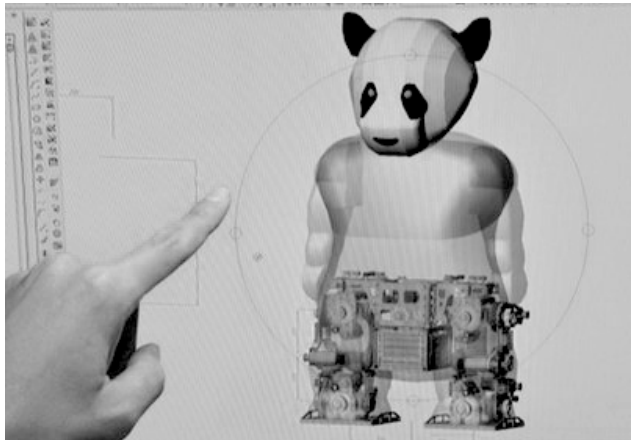
Steaua Bucharest side which reached the final of this competition in 1989 and he brought all his experience to bear against the former UEFA Cup winners in the first half.

Internet



Sevilla's Brazilian forward Luis Fabiano (R) celebrates scoring a goal against Unirea during their UEFA Champions league football match at the Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Sevilla.

INTERNET



Panda model is seen on a monitor at the National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (NTUST). World's first panda robot is taking shape at the cutting-edge lab where an ambitious group of scientists hope to add new dimensions to the island's reputation as a high-tech power.—INTERNET

650,000 Bangladeshi workers go abroad last fiscal year

DHAKA, 17 Sept—About 650,059 Bangladeshi workers went abroad for jobs during the last fiscal year (July 2008 -June 2009), the Bangladeshi Minister for Labour and Employment, Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain told the Parliament Tuesday, national news agency BSS reported.

Replying to a written question of law makers from treasury bench in the country's national Parliament, the minister said the country earned remittances amounting to 9.68 billion US dollars during the period.

Mosharraf said manpower exports to different countries like Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Kuwait have now been squeezed due to ongoing global economic recession. But, he added, manpower exports to other countries including the UAE, Libya and Oman, have been continuing as it was in the past.—MNA/Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (18-9-2009) (Friday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am)MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm)MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am)MST

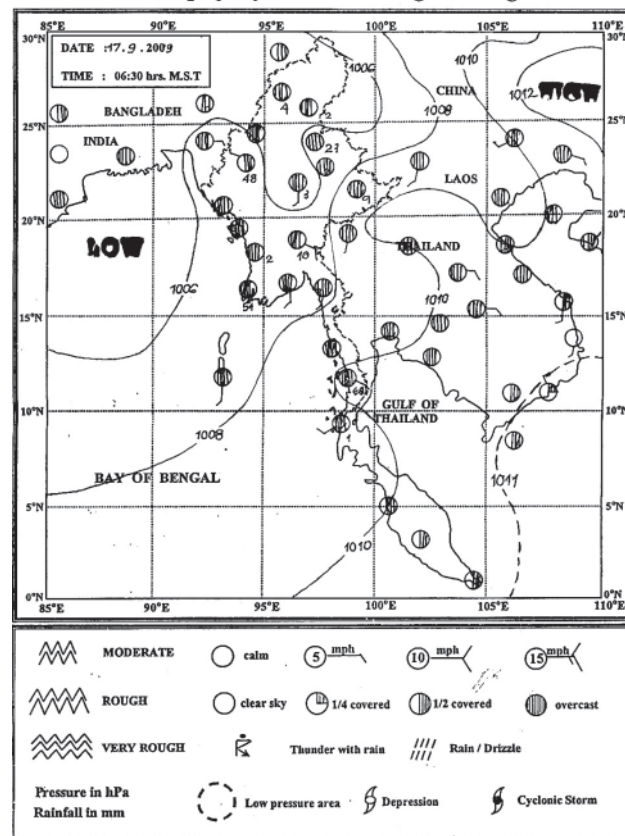
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
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- * Travelogue "Ngapali"
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 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * The Characteristic of Inthas Tradition Boat Race
 - * Current Affairs "Seminar on Global Warming"
 - * Mandalay with Arrays of Arts
 - * Do you want a chair that'll be comfortable?
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Rope Painting
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 17th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.32) inch, Dawei and Ayadaw (2.68) inches each, Kyaikkhame and Machanbaw (2.36) inches each, Sagaing (2.28) inches, Tataroo (Aviation) (2.13) inches, Minesat and Pathein (2.01) inches each, Zaungtu (1.97) inches, Kalewa (1.88) inches, Putao (1.85) inches and Taungdwingyi (0.83) inch.

Maximum temperature on 16-9-2009 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 17-9-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 17-9-2009 was 79 %. Total sun shine hours on 16-9-2009 was (2.2) hours approx.

Rainfall on 17-9-2009 was Tr at Mingaladon, Nil at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (94.65) inches at Mingaladon, (104.84) inches at Kaba-Aye and (111.22) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (15:30) hours MST on 16-9-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 18th September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Kayin States, Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery conditions in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 18-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 18-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 18-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Friday, 18 September View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)

7:50 am

5. ကြည်ညိုဦးခိုက်ဖူးလိုက်စို့ တူပျော်မန်းရွှေစက်တော်

8:00 am

6. Dance of National Races

8:05 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

8. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ် အကြိုက် တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင်(ဒုတိယတန်း)အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Islands Of Dhamma

8:50 am

11. ဒေါက်တာဘဒ္ဒန္တဏှာဏိဿရ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓမ္မမဟာဓမ္မကထိကဗဟုဇနဟိတဓရ) သဒ္ဓမ္မသီတဂူချောင်းစစ်ကိုင်းတောင်ရိုး၊စစ်ကိုင်းမြို့၊စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်းထံမှနဝရ်ဥပေါသထသီလခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm

1. Myanmar National

League MNL Cup

- (2009) တောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ကမ္ဘောဇ FC အသင်းနှင့် ဇေယျာရွှေမြေ FC အသင်း)

4:50 pm

2. Songs of Yester Years

5:00 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုများ အားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:30 pm

4. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

5. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း)အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)

5:30 pm

6. ပဉ္စလက်ကျောင်းတော်

6:00 pm

7. Evening News

6:15 pm

8. Weather Report

6:20 pm

9. ထာဝရ (ပထမပိုင်း) (မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ နေတိုး၊ နေမျိုးအောင်၊ မြင့်မြတ်၊ ထူးခန့်ကျော်ဇော်ရဲထက်၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇော်၊ သခင်၊ မိုးဟေကို၊ မေသက်ခိုင်၊ ဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ မေသဉ္စာဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မီးပွား)

8:00 pm

10. News
11. International News
12. Weather Report
13. ထာဝရ (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း) (မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ နေတိုး၊ နေမျိုးအောင်၊ မြင့်မြတ်၊ ထူးခန့်ကျော်ဇော်ရဲထက်၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇော်၊ သခင်၊ မိုးဟေကို၊ မေသက်ခိုင်၊ ဇင်ဝိုင်း၊ မေသဉ္စာဦး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မီးပွား)
14. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီးဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရတိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်



- ★ 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

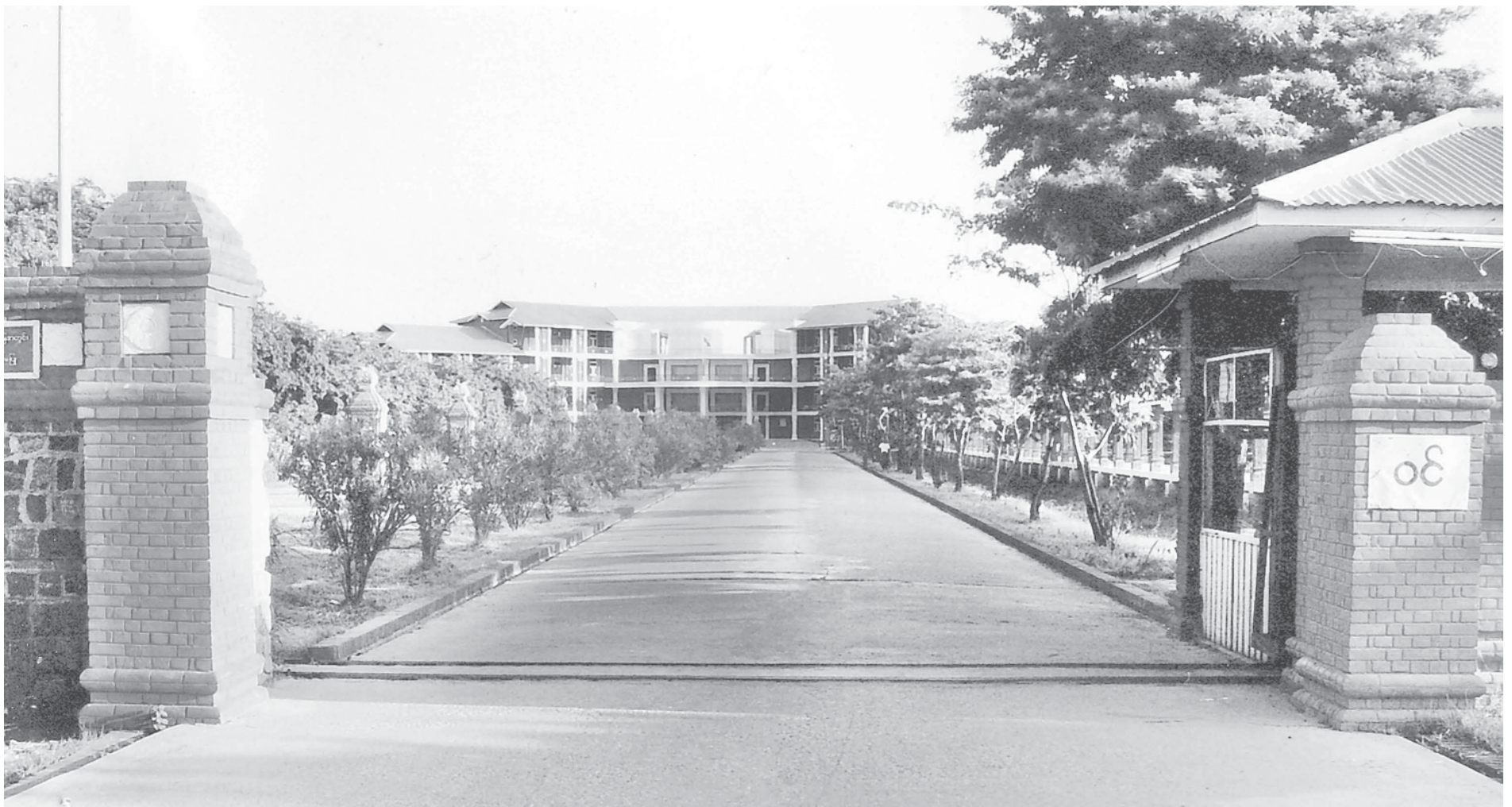
People's Desire

- 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

Yadanabon University: Alma mater of intellectuals and intelligentsia

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The entrance of Yadanabon University.

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