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Lt-Gen Myint Swe looks into all-round renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 18 Sept—Patron of Leading Committee for All-Round Renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon

Command Maj-Gen Win Myint heard reports on works being carried out presented by officials at the Ancient Buddha Images Prayer Hall of Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday and gave necessary instructions. (See page 10)

Padaung, a pleasant town in Bago Division (West)

After passing through the grand signboard "Welcome to Padaung" at the gateway with shady trees and flowery plants, we arrived at Padaung.

We went along the tarred road and proceeded to Padaung Hospital. Medical wards are long and spacious housed in a one-storey building. The 25-bed hospital admits the patients from the town and surrounding villages for providing medical treatments. Residences of the town are located on both

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sides of the tarred road. The town has only one road linking it with Taungup of Rakhine State. In the past, the travelers made trips to Taungup of Rakhine State by car via Padaung. (See page 10)



Photo shows the building of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications in Padaung.

Admonition By
Ven. U Vicittasarabhivamsa,
Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru,
Abhidhaja Agga Maha
Saddhammajotika, Tipitakadhara
Dhammabhandagarika

Never harbour a wish to wash your feet with other's tears.

Once you make yourself enjoyable through making others miserable, you ever deal only with an enemy from whom you can never flee.

(Dhammapada, Pakinnaka vagga)

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

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National goal within touching distance despite alien instigation

The programme is to legalize peace groups' holding arms under the agreement with the Tatmadaw government in the forthcoming civilian government, and to enable members of the peace groups to become reliable citizens shouldering national defence duties under the command of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Provide constant health care

The 27th Meeting of Ministers of Health in the WHO's South East Asian region and the 62nd Session of Regional Committee took place in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 7 to 10 September.

Health care services are being provided to the whole country as a primary health care. Moreover, free health care is being provided for needy people through cost-sharing system. In realizing the motto of this year's World Health Day 'Save lives. Make hospitals safe in emergencies', Myanmar is building storm-resistant health care centres taking lesson from the old ones that were damaged due to the May 2008 cyclone.

In order not to cause problems and to provide constant health care in ASEAN countries in times of natural disasters, the meeting adopted the Kathmandu Declaration on Protecting Health Facilities from Disasters, which commits them to make health facilities better prepared for health emergencies.

In the drive to ensure safe health facilities according to the motto for this year adopted by World Health Organization, all are to realize the objective of the WHO by working for regional development.

Tobacco Kills

A 15-member delegation led by General Secretary U Thaung Win of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association seen at Yangon International Airport on 17 September before their departure for India to study rice reprocessing technology and to buy machines in New Delhi, Madras and Chennai of India. — 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

Coord meeting on Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transportation held



Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint addressing coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transportation.—MNA

YANGON, 18 Sept—The coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transportation was held at the meeting hall of All Bus Lines Control Committee (Head Office) in Tamway Township this morning, attended by Chairman of the committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint. At the meeting, the commander delivered an

address on ensuring secure and smooth transportation.

Next, those present officials from the Universities and Colleges, departmental officials and chairmen of bus lines reported on matters concerning ferry buses for University students, rules and regulations and safety measures.

Afterwards, the commander coordinated matters on the reports of the attendees and gave concluding remarks.—MNA

Yangon Mayor inspects construction of platforms

YANGON, 18 Sept—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the extended construction of pavements near the junction of Anawrahta Road and Shwewontha Road in Pabedan Township and near the

junction of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Pyay Road in Mayangon Township by the Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) under YCDC and gave necessary instructions.

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Lobese Carbohydrate Blocker available in market

YANGON, 18 Sept—Lobese Carbohydrate Blocker medicine that can reduce body weight without eating the foods

less, is being produced in Australia. Lobese medicine is a natural extract and includes phascolus vulgaris 500 mg that is refined from white kidney bean. Kidney bean is designated as the Healthiest Food in the world.

Although Lobese is able to help reduce eating food much but there is no effect on appetite. It can prevent absorbing carbohydrate.

One can get only 50 calories when eating a plate of rice that contains 300 calories after taking Lobese. Lobese helps to reduce weight without eating food



less than normal. The research shows that one taking Lobese reduces weight from 6 lb to 7 lb during a month.

One can take one or two Lobese twice daily fifteen minutes before eating food and it does not have side effects.

It is available at Room No. 103, Zifam Pinnacle Pty Ltd, Dagon Tower on Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township, here, (Tel: 558248 and 544467) and Email: zifamltd@pmtmail.net.mm and www.zifampinnacle.com.

MNA



A would-be immigrant is helped off a rescue boat as it arrives at the port of Arguineguin on Spain's Canary Island of Gran Canaria, late 17 Sept, 2009. Some 90 would-be immigrants were intercepted aboard a fishing boat on their way to European soil from Africa, according to local authorities.—INTERNET

“Exchange of interests” in US health care reform a dangerous approach

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept — US President Barack Obama came to Washington with a vision to change US politics, which have been entrenched with special interests for centuries.

However, in order to advance his health care reform plan, he has been cutting deals with various interest groups in exchange for their support.

Mexico closes drug rehab centres after attacks

MEXICO CITY, 18 Sept — Authorities have closed 10 unregistered drug rehabilitation centers in Ciudad Juarez and say they are going after others they fear may serve as cover or recruiting grounds for drug trafficking gangs in the violence-plagued city across from El Paso, Texas.

Gunmen have slaughtered 28 people this month at two rehab centres in Ciudad Juarez in separate attacks that investigators blame on a bloody struggle between rival drug gangs. Sergio Belmonte, the spokesman for the Ciudad Juarez mayor's office, says there is evidence traffickers are recruiting members through unregulated rehab centres.—Internet

But that strategy contains a lot of risks and may backfire.

Moreover, Obama's approach to seek certain interest groups' backing on domestic issues such as health care reform at the price of harming in-

ternational trade relations appears short-sighted and unwise, analysts warned.

In public, Obama often rails against special interests, accusing them of trying to jeopardize health care reform.

Xinhua

UAE is oil-rich, but struggles to get power to all

SHARJAH, 18 Sept—In dusty and sweltering Industrial Area 13, just beyond the glow of Dubai's illuminated skyscrapers, Abdullah Kuttakunnil serves patrons of Kannur Restaurant by candlelight.

It's a matter of necessity, not ambiance. For much of the past month, residents of Sharjah, an increasingly teeming city hugging an interstate border with the wealthier city-state of Dubai, have suffered through power failures often lasting most of the day.

“It's very, very difficult to sleep,” Kuttakunnil said, his face beading with sweat as the air conditioner sat silent one steamy evening this week.

Internet



In this photo taken on 16 Sept, 2009, people stand on a flooded street at Suolong town in Luoding county, in south China's Guangdong Province. Chinese state media said on Thursday nine people have been killed and nine others are missing after Typhoon Koppu roared into the southern province of Guangdong.—INTERNET

Obama's approach on missile shield in Europe responsible

Moscow, 18 Sept. — Russia values US President Barack Obama's responsible approach on missile shield in Europe, and is ready to continue dialogue, said Russian President Dmitry Medvedev here on Thursday night.

“We appreciate the responsible attitude of the US president to implement our agreements. I am ready to continue dialogue,” the RIA Novosti

news agency quoted Medvedev as saying.

Obama's statement hours earlier on Thursday concerning US “new approach” on missile shield has created a fairly good environment for joint assessment of global missile proliferation risks, said the Russian head of state at a televised speech.

Medvedev hoped that Russia and the United States can jointly devise missile nonproliferation

measures, and said he would discuss with Obama issues concerning missile defence during their meeting in New York on 23 Sept.

Obama announced on Thursday abandonment of the controversial missile defense shield programme in Eastern Europe, saying a “new approach” will deploy effective technologies against missile threat from Iran.

Xinhua



Hotel employee prepares coconut husks for recycling at the luxury Soneva Fushi island resort in the Maldives. The country which is better known as an exotic tourist destination is faced with a major economic crisis on top of negative effects of climate change and the government is following the renewable energy and recycling initiatives of private resorts.—INTERNET

El Salvador calls for lifting sanctions against Cuba

SAN SALVADOR, 18 Sept—Salvadorian Foreign Minister Hugo Martinez said on Thursday that his country will vote for the lifting of the decades-long US sanctions against Cuba at the General Assembly of the United Nations.

“There is going to be a change. President

Mauricio Funes has decided that we are going to join most of the countries which in previous years have voted in favor of a resolution condemning the embargo against Cuba,” Martinez said.

The UN General Assembly opened its 64th session on Tuesday at the UN Headquarters in New York, as world leaders are

set to gather here in the next few days for a string of summits on pressing global challenges.

After reestablishing diplomatic ties with Cuba on 1 June, when Funes took office, El Salvador has adopted a new foreign policy toward Cuba, considering “the economic embargo (against Cuba) inappropriate.”—Xinhua

More tainted medicine in 1,155 bottles

PANAMA CITY, 18 Sept — The death toll from contaminated medicine sold three years ago in Panama could be higher than previously believed after 1,155 bottles of tested positive for a chemical commonly found in antifreeze and brake fluid, investigators said on Thursday.

Authorities are trying to track down the names that appear on the bottles that tested positive for diethylene glycol to see if any of the users of the medication died, possibly raising the official count of 116 fatalities. “At the moment, we have no knowledge of these 1,155 people,” Guevara said. “We don't know if any of them died, we don't know if any were affected.”—Internet



Employees install an engine at the stand of Italian carmaker Alfa Romeo, on 14 September, ahead of the 63rd International Motor Show in Frankfurt. The show, that promises to present 82 world premieres, is taking place from on 17 to 27 September.—INTERNET

Asia-Pacific economies urged to adopt pro-IT policies

SINGAPORE, 18 Sept—It is critical that governments in the Asia-Pacific continue to support the growth of a strong information technology (IT) sector, a study showed on Thursday. According to a study issued by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and sponsored by the Business Software Alliance (BSA), the IT sector remains an important engine of economic

growth, and economies in the region that are supporting innovation and taking steps to stimulate technology sector output are placing themselves in a strong position to accelerate economic recovery.

The study showed that with broadband access becoming a prerequisite for many parts of the IT sector, economies with pervasive broadband penetration have a big competitive

advantage over those where the infrastructure is lacking. It said that economies like China and India must address issues such as balancing large pools of skilled IT personnel with progress in IT infrastructure. The study also shows that economies that have strong legal frameworks for the protection of intellectual property are generally the IT leaders.

Xinhua

Global economic crisis brings little impact on Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Sept—The global economic crisis had little impact on Malaysia's foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow and outflow in 2008, a United Nations (UN) annual review said here on Friday.

According to the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) publication titled "2009 World Investment Report" (WIR) released on Friday, Malaysia's FDI inflow was 8.05 billion US dollars in 2008. This was equivalent to a drop of only four percent from 8.40 billion US dollars in 2007, said WIR.

However, WIR noted that Malaysia's FDI outflow surged by 26 percent to 14.06 billion US dollars in 2008, compared to 11.09 billion US dollars in 2007.

The rising trend of Malaysia's FDI outflow over the last few years had reflected an increase of 370 percent from its 2005 figure of merely 2.97 billion US dollars, added WIR.—Xinhua

Mexico's FDI down 16% in 2008

MEXICO CITY, 18 Sept—Mexico received 21 billion US dollars in foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2008, down 16 percent from a year earlier, a UN report published on Thursday said.

In its annual report, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) ranked Mexico 18th on its list of 20 major FDI destinations. This was far behind Brazil, Russia, India and China, generally considered to be Mexico's close competitors for such investment.

FDI inflows to Brazil, Latin America's largest economy, rose by nearly 29 percent to 45 billion US dollars last year.

"Brazil has seen investment shoot up in recent years because it has opened up economic sectors, like oil and agriculture, that Mexico has not," UNCTAD consultant Gregorio Canales explained.

Xinhua

S Korea sees foreign investment upturn in 2008

SEOUL, 18 Sept—Foreign direct investment (FDI) in South Korea showed a tendency of upturn in 2008, as its ranking rose from 66th to 44th out of 214 countries in the world, according to a report by the Ministry of Knowledge Economy on Friday.

The report by the Ge-

neva-based UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), released here by the Ministry of Knowledge Economy, the country's FDI inflow reached to 7.60 billion US dollars in 2008, up sharply from 2.63 billion dollars the year before. The rising tendency came after three



The site for the construction of the Russia Tower reflected in a traffic safety mirror in Moskva city, Moscow. A Russian billionaire's ambitious plan to build Europe's tallest skyscraper has been toppled by the economic crisis and the site will now be a parking lot, a top Moscow official said on Thursday.

INTERNET

People walk on a street at Tokyo's Ginza shopping district in August. Japan's new government said on Friday that it would freeze part of its predecessor's extra budget to weed out wasteful spending, but insisted it was committed to reviving the economy.

INTERNET

Cuba, Croatia boost economic, commercial ties

HAVANA, 18 Sept—Representatives of the Cuban Chamber of Commerce and the Croatian Chamber of Economy on Thursday agreed on an action plan for 2010 aimed at boosting the economic and commercial ties of both countries.

Tajana Kesic-Sapic, state secretary for the Entrepreneurship of Croatian Economy, Work and Enterprise Ministry, called for extending cooperation between the two sides in areas such as commerce, tourism, oil, telecommunications, naval construction, science and transport.

Cuban Exterior Commerce and Foreign Investment Vice Minister Orlando Hernandez Guillen, who led the Cuban side, said that as Cuba boasts an open economy, it did not escape from the impact of the current international crisis, suffering losses for its traditional export products.—Xinhua

Google injects search savvy into display ad system

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 Sept—Google Inc is counting on the crown jewel of its online advertising empire to burnish a diamond in the rough.

Hoping to take an even bigger bite out of ad budgets, Google has melded the technology powering its lucrative search marketing network with a system that it bought 18 months ago to sell online billboards and other more visual commercials, including video.

The long-awaited combination poses another threat to Yahoo Inc, whose profits have been sliding the past three years. Yahoo is the Internet's largest seller of display advertising, a mantle that Google has set its sights on. Microsoft Corp and Time Warner Inc.'s AOL also operate large exchanges that help manage display ads.—Internet





Visitors watch a so-called China's Top Abacus during the 1st China National Non-Material Cultural Heritage Exhibition in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 17 Sept, 2009. The exhibition, which opened on Thursday, attracted nearly 600 items of non-material cultural heritage at provincial level. —XINHUA

Costa Rica, China to strengthen scientific research cooperation

SAN JOSE, 18 Sept—Costa Rica and China signed a statement of understanding on Thursday to develop joint scientific researches.

The understanding was signed between the Costa Rican National Institute of Biodiversity (INBio) and the Chinese Academy of Science (CAS), within the framework of the Science and Technology Cooperation Agreement signed by the two countries earlier this year.

INBio officer Eric Mata said the two sides could extend their opportunities to improve human resources, joint projects, as well as infrastructure and equipment development.

INBio scientific coordinator of Bio-prospect Guiselle Tamayo said Costa Rica could offer China all its knowledge and experience on biodiversity conservation, which is helpful to create sustainable economic development.

Tamayo also said his country could use China's strength on medicinal plants and microorganism study, which are the fields Costa Rica interested in.—Xinhua

Six killed in building collapse in central India

NEW DELHI, 18 Sept—Six people were killed and at least 15 others injured when a dilapidated building collapsed in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh in the wee hours on Thursday, a senior police official said. "The incident took place at Katni city. Among those killed is the owner of the 50-year-old building. The injured have been admitted to Jabalpur Hospital, where two are said to be in serious condition," the official said in state capital Bhopal. A probe has been launched into the incident.—Xinhua

Study finds 45,000 Americans die due to lack of insurance

HOUSTON, 18 Sept—Nearly 45,000 American people die each year due to a lack of health insurance, according to a study published on Thursday in the online edition of the American Journal of Public Health.

The study, conducted by Harvard researchers based on data supplied by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), shows that people without any health were 40

percent more likely than people with health insurance to die, regardless of factors such as age, gender, race, income, education, health status, BMI (body mass index), exercise, smoking and alcohol use. "We doctors have many new ways to prevent deaths from hypertension, diabetes and heart disease, but only if patients can get into our offices and afford their medications," said the study's lead author, Dr

Andrew Wilper.

Statistics released last week by US Census shows the number of uninsured people rose from 45.7 million in 2007 to 46.3 million in 2008.

Co-author of the report Dr Steffie Woolhandler blamed three factors for the widening gap between those with and without insurance.

Firstly, more people are uninsured and the safety net for those people has eroded.—Xinhua



A model shows a motorcycle at the International Conference and Exhibition Center in Chongqing Municipality, southwest China, on 17 Sept, 2009. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Somali rebels take responsibility for Mogadishu suicide attacks

MOGADISHU, 18 Sept—Islamist Al-Shabaab group in Somalia on Thursday claimed responsibility for two suicide car bomb attacks that simultaneously targeted bases of African Union (AU) peacekeepers around Mogadishu's international airport, a local radio reported.

An unnamed official from the Islamist Al-Shabaab movement quoted by the independent Shabelle radio station in Mogadishu as saying the two suicide car bombs bearing UN logo managed to enter inside the camp where Ugandan contingent of the peacekeepers were based next to the airport in the capital.

The rebel official claimed one of the suicide car bomb attacks targeted the venue where officials from the United States, the UN and NATO were holding a meeting inside the base of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), while the other hit a meeting place for officials from Somali government security officials. He said the "attack achieved its objectives."

Xinhua

Russia sends Canadian satellite into space

MOSCOW, 18 Sept—Russia has successfully sent a Canadian communications satellite into space on Thursday night, said the Khrunichev state space research and production center.

The *Proton-M* launch vehicle blasted off from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan at 23:19 Moscow time (1919 GMT) as scheduled, with the *Nimiq-5* communications satellite atop.

The satellite, belonging to the Canadian Telesat company, will travel for about 9 hours and 15 minutes before entering into its orbit, said Alexander Bobrenyov, Press secretary of the Khrunichev center.—Xinhua

A victim is sent to a hospital on 17 Sept. At least eight people died and 100 were poisoned when a passenger bus crashed against a truck transporting chlorine gas in the east of Venezuela, police said on Thursday. XINHUA



Eight killed, 100 poisoned in Venezuela highway accident

CARACAS, 18 Sept—At least eight people died and 100 were poisoned when a passenger bus crashed against a truck transporting chlorine gas in the east of Venezuela, police said on Thursday.

The accident occurred on Monday night, and the truck turned over and spilled the chlorine it had between Clarines and El Hatillo localities, in Anzoategui state.

The gas escaped and spread in the zone, where some 100 people were poisoned, police said.

Anzoategui governor Tarek William Saab said that some 100 people were poisoned for inhaling the chlorine and they were assisted at different clinics of the region.—Xinhua



Local village official Mohamed Usman points to a boat anchored off shore where the beach stood a few months earlier before rapid coastal erosion at the north-central island village of Thulhaadhoo in the Indian Ocean atoll nation of the Maldives.—INTERNET

Palm posts larger 1Q loss, but beats Street view

NEW YORK, 18 Sept—Smart phone maker Palm Inc on Thursday posted a wider fiscal first-quarter loss — its ninth in a row.

Adjusted results, however, handily beat Wall Street's forecast as the company shipped more of its new Pre devices than had been expected.

But a disappointing second-quarter sales forecast and news of a planned stock offering sent shares lower in after-hours trading.

For the three months ended 28 Aug, Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Palm posted a loss after paying preferred dividends of \$164.5 million, or \$1.17 per share, compared with a loss of

\$41.9 million, or 39 cents per share, in the same period a year earlier.

Excluding one-time items, however, the company posted a much smaller loss of \$13.6 million, or 10 cents per share, in the latest quarter.

That easily beat analysts' forecast for a loss of 24 cents per share, according to a Thomson Reuters poll.

Revenue tumbled to \$68 million from \$366.9 million, largely because Palm deferred revenue from products that run its new WebOS operating system — namely the Pre — to later periods.

But adjusted sales, which include deferred

Pre revenue, totaled \$360.7 million — also beating analysts' \$297.7 million average estimate.

Internet

Brazil's Petrobras announces oil discovery

RIO DE JANEIRO, 18 Sept — Brazil's state-controlled oil and gas giant Petrobras on Thursday told the National Petroleum Agency (ANP) it had discovered more oil traces in the block *BM-S-7*, which is located in the Santos Basin off the country's southeastern coast.

According to Petrobras, the discovery was made in shallow waters, only 200 metres from the water line. The well is located some 200 km off the

coast of Sao Paulo state.

The *BM-S-7* block, named Piracuca, has been declared commercially viable in April, when Petrobras managed to find traces of light oil in well 6-BRSA-661-SPS.

The block was acquired in 2000 by a consortium formed by Petrobras and Repsol. Petrobras is the operator of the block, with 63 percent of the business, while Repsol owns the remaining 37 percent.

It was the second oil

discovery reported by Petrobras this week. On Monday, the company announced the discovery of oil and natural gas in the pre-salt reservoir of block *BM-S-9*, also located in the Santos Basin.

The oil was found in the well 4-SPS-66C (4-BRSA-723C), named Abare Oeste, which is located about 290 km off the coast of Sao Paulo state, at a depth of 2,163 metres from the water line.

Internet

S Korea's Hyundai unveils New Sonata

SEOUL, 18 Sept—South Korea's Hyundai Motor Co on Thursday held a launching ceremony in Seoul, introducing the new generation of its most popular sedan model, Sonata.

The 2010 Sonata, equipped with the "segment-leading" safety features and fuel efficiency, is expected to further elevate the company's brand values, the company said in a press release.

"The Sonata will set a new standard for world class mid-size sedans with state-of-the-art technology, superior build quality and emotional design," Chung Eui-sun, Hyundai's Vice Chairman said at the ceremony, expressing hope that the model would help strengthen its brand power.

Xinhua

Oil slips slightly, eyes weak equities

NEW YORK, 18 Sept—Oil prices slipped slightly in seesaw trading on Thursday as US equities fell, again raising concern about the economy and a rebound in energy demand.

US crude settled down 4 cents at \$72.47 a barrel. London Brent futures slipped 12 cents to settle at \$71.55. "Oil right now is not a leader but a follower, following stocks and the dollar. Oil seems like it wants to go down, but every time it tries to some data or the dollar's weakness keeps it supported," said Phil Flynn, analyst at PFGBest Research in Chicago.

Wall Street fell, weighed down by materials and financial shares as investors paused following a three-day climb. Initially the market was boosted by data showing factory activity in the US Mid-Atlantic region rose in September to its highest level since June 2007.—*Internet*



In Berlin, museums, churches and art galleries opened their doors from on Saturday evening till the early hours of on Sunday morning in the so-called "Lange Nacht der Museen," the long night of the museums. The event began in 1997 and twice a year since then, the open door event has drawn crowds out at night in the German capital. Berlin cathedral for instance had a mixture of services and concerts all night. In all, more than 100 institutions were open.

Donated couch comes with stowaway kitten

Some old couches have a squeak. One that was delivered to an Ohio Goodwill store came with a meow. Goodwill employees heard mewing inside the store in northern Ohio and traced the sound to a sofa that was donated on Thursday. Store clerk Kaila Voight said they removed the cushions and out popped the head of a gray-and-black striped kitten, through a slit in the fabric covering the springs.

Goodwill workers then took apart the couch, just to make sure the little cat did not have company. There weren't any others.

NEWS ALBUM

Man loses stepson while trying to buy drugs

Philadelphia police said a man out buying drugs flagged down officers after he couldn't find the car he'd parked with his 6-year-old stepson inside. The man, 31, was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and recklessly endangering another person.

Police said the suspect had driven from Lehigh County to Philadelphia to buy drugs before he flagged down a police car around 4:30 on Saturday morning. Authorities said he explained that he couldn't find the car with the boy inside. Police found the car two hours later about a half-mile from where the suspect hailed officers.

New mom leaves ND hospital with the wrong baby

A hospital in northwestern North Dakota is investigating how the mother of a newborn went home with the wrong baby.

Officials with the Mercy Medical Center in Williston say the mistake was discovered within an hour and the mother was quickly reunited with her own child.

Mercy Chief Financial Officer Kerry Monson would not release details about how the mix-up happened or what families were involved.

She said in a statement that hospital employees are disheartened by the incident. She says officials are reviewing policies and procedures and will take appropriate action.

Deputy makes two DUI arrests in one traffic stop

A Marion County deputy made two drunk driving arrests in one traffic stop. The sheriff's office said Deputy Ryan Clarke stopped a car driven by 59-year-old woman. While giving her a field sobriety test, a second car pulled up and the woman's boyfriend approached.

Clarke suspected the 66-year-old man was also drunk and performed a field sobriety test on him.

Clarke found both appeared to be driving under the influence and took them to the county jail.



Poodle Nico prepares to hit the dancefloor at the third Dresden Dog Fair on 5 Sept, 2009. Nico is just one of the contestants in the dog dancing competition at the fair this weekend. If mutts strutting their stuff gets a bit much for visitors, they can check out presentations on aromatherapy for hounds, the dog model casting show and many other canine related events. The fair ends on Sunday.



Guests have supper at a new event venue which offers "Dinner in the Sky" as they are seated around a table that is lifted by a crane above the Tuileries Garden in Paris.

Government took action against appeal plaintiff Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in accord with existing laws within framework of law

Provisions included in 1974 constitution, although it had become null and void due to the situations that happened in the country in 1988, is still in effect as they are not contrary to existing laws

Sentence to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by original court under Article (22) of (1975) Law to Safeguard the State against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts as she was found guilty is in conformity with the law

Final arguments of appeal cases of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay heard

Final judgments of appeal cases to be passed on 2 October

YANGON, 18 Sept— The Yangon North District Court pronounced judgment on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Criminal Regular Trial 47/2009, in accord with the Section 22 of the Law to Safeguard the State against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts. As Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was dissatisfied with the judgment, she filed an appeal against it at Yangon Division Court on 3 September. It is criminal appeal case No. 173/2009.

The North District Court pronounced judgment on Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay in Criminal Regular Trial 47/2009 in accord with the Section 22 of the Law to Safeguard the State against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts and Section 109 of the Criminal procedure Code. As the two were dissatisfied with the judgment, they filed an appeal against it at Yangon Division Court on 3 September. It is criminal appeal case No. 174/2009.

The Yangon Division Court heard the appeals of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay and passed a pronouncement to accept them on 4 September. The court postponed to 18 September (today) to hear the final arguments.

The appeals were heard at Yangon Division Court today at 10 am. Advocate U Kyi Win defending Daw Aung San Suu Kyi of criminal appeal case No. 173/2009 in his argument said, the 2008 Constitution was ratified and that the 1974 Constitution became null and void. The accused was detained under Section 10 (a) and restricted under Section 10 (b), both of which were invalid, in line with the Section 148 (c), 157, 158, 159 (a) and (b) and 160 of Article (11) of the 1974 Constitution which is null and void as if it was still in force. Hence, the original court order itself is legally wrong. Although it is stated that the restriction orders shall be pronounced by a group in accord with the prescriptions of Section 9 (a), the plaintiff failed to present the evidence that the said prescriptions were followed in doing so. In this regard, the restriction order is wrong as it is not in accord with the law. It is incorrect to pronounce the judgment because of the wrong interpretation of the word stipulated in the restriction order and the order to continue the restriction order. It is wrong to take action against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by interpreting the Section 159 (a) that the act of permitting the foreigner, conversing with him and serving food to him amounts to breaching the restriction order as her personal freedom has already been restricted. The failure to review the acts of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi that they are in accord with the

original rights contained in Section 154 is legally and factually wrong. The act of judges investigating the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi without informing her or her lawyers is incorrect. Hence, the defendant must be acquitted.

He said there should be another witness account in accord with Section 428 of the Criminal Procedure Code as it is incorrect to reject a proposal to hear the witness of the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Myanmar in accord with Section 540 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Deputy Division Law Officer Daw Khin Mar Kyi of Yangon Division Law Office in her argument said, the advocates of appeal plaintiff focused on the facts to restrict the original rights stipulated in the sections 148 (c), 157, 158, 159 (a) and (b) and 160 in accord with the Section 7 of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts by the chairman of the Central Body of the Home Affairs Ministry. The case against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is under Section 22 of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts. According to the section-7, it is prescribed that if there is reason to believe that a citizen did, is doing or will do something detrimental to State sovereignty and security or community peace, the central body can restrict the fundamental right of that person as necessary. As restrictions had been placed on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi according to the section-7, the restrictions and continued restrictions that she was not permitted to contact foreign embassies and political parties, to leave her house or to communicate by letter or telegram are in accord with the law. As to the directive issued by the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council stating the sentence to be served by her under the Criminal Procedure Code be amended to be remitted and suspended if she displays good conduct and pardon be granted accordingly regarding the sentence pronounced by the North District Court to the appeal plaintiff to three-year imprisonment and vigorous labour under Article (22) of the Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts, not a single word is mentioned in the appeal form. The government took action against appeal plaintiff Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in accord with the existing laws within the framework of law. It has been stated in the appeal form that the restrictions under the articles-148 (C), 157, 158, 159 (a) (b) and 160 of the 1974 constitution placed on her that had been ceased had already become null and void. In the order No (6/88)

issued by the State Law and Order Restoration Council on 24 September 1988 after assuming State duties on 18 September 1988, it is stated that all the existing laws are still in effect until SLORC dissolves or revokes them. Therefore, the 1974 constitution, although it had become null and void due to the situations that happened in the country in 1988, is still in effect according to the order No (6/88). For instance, the provisions of the 1974 constitution that are not contrary to the 1974 State Flag Law and the 1974 State Seal Law are still in effect. It is, therefore, clear that the provisions included in the 1974 constitution that are not contrary to the provisions of the 1975 Law to Safeguard the State Against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts are in effect. As to the point that there is no word 'outside contact' in the restrictions placed on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the meaning of contact is the act of communication. So, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's acceptance of Mr John William Yettaw's communication was tantamount to breaking the law. In the case against Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, action was taken against her under the criminal law as she breached the terms of restrictions and prohibitions placed on her. So, the submission that she has the right to enjoy the provisions of the article-154 (A) of the constitution should not be accepted. As to the submission that visiting the scene where the case happened without Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under the Criminal Procedure Code Section 539 (1) is not in conformity with the law, it is in conformity with the law as the scene was visited with the accompaniment of Mr John William Yettaw, who initially created the case, and witnesses. The sentence to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by the original court under Article (22) of the Law to Safeguard the State against the Dangers of Those Desiring to Cause Subversive Acts as she was found guilty is in conformity with the law, and the case of the appeal plaintiff should be cancelled.

Similarly, final arguments of appeal plaintiffs Daw Khin Khin Win and Ma Win Ma Ma (a) Ange Lay from criminal appeal No 174/2009 were submitted by advocate U Hla Myo Myint and that of the appeal defendant by deputy division law officer Daw Khin May Day. Advocates of the Supreme Court U Kyi Win, U Nyan Win, U Hla Myo Myint and Daw Khin Htay Kywe and deputy division law officers of Yangon Division Law Office Daw Khin Mar Kyi, Daw Khin May Day and U Myat Khaing attended the hearing of final arguments. The appeal cases are postponed to 10 am on 2 October so as to pass the final judgments.

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National goal within touching distance despite alien instigation

Aung Shin

Human beings by nature want to know scoops. However, not every scoop is reliable, especially the ones aired by and Internet news stories posted online by anti-government media, because they distort the news stories to meet their wishes.

The foreign radio stations opposed to State stability prefer to air any anti-government news stories, reliable or unreliable. In this regard, they apply a variety of means to create particular situations they want by repeatedly airing mixed news stories, some points are correct, and some, incorrect, and airing news stories from different news agencies, using ambiguous words.

These days, they are variously airing made-up news stories and rumours about Kokang Region incidents. What is worst here is that they are misleading national race peace groups into misunderstanding the objective conditions through news stories from mercenary media that talk big and claim themselves to be warfare observers, political watchdogs, and Myanmar affairs experts. Their main purpose is to disrupt the 2010 election by stirring up a problem between national race peace groups and the government.

Foreseeing their intention, the government has issued news stories about Kokang Region case with profound evidences. Responsible persons are also dealing with the peace groups every day and making further clarification to true evidences, the stance and attitude of the government, and the root cause of the issue. Moreover, writers in favour of State stability and community peace are presenting their opinions and comments on the issue through daily newspapers.

In order to make it clearer to the international community, local and foreign correspondents, foreign diplomats and military attaches were conducted round the places where the incidents took place for their first-hand knowledge. Thanks to the programme, the diplomats and correspondents had an opportunity to observe the equipment in the arsenal and its manufacturing capacity, the sites where Phon clan brothers produced narcotic drugs, and conditions on stability and peace in Laukkai resulting from the combined efforts of governmental officials and the Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee.

Actually, Kokang Region issue was merely the case the government dealt with to get narcotic drugs and arms traffickers Phon clan brothers to face the action to be taken in accordance with the law, not the conflicts between Kokang nationals and the government, not as said by those anxious to destabilize the nation.

The government showed great patience and persuaded them to deal with the case in line with the law. Phon brothers and some subordinates loyal to them showed lawless behaviours and opened fire out of wrong concept, thus culminating in fire exchange.

The remaining Kokang leaders therefore formed Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee to lead the leaderless organization after Phon Kya Shin and accomplices fled out of fear to face the legal action, not as said by anti-government media that the government

drove a wedge among Kokang nationals. The disagreement among Kokang leaders did not concern the government at all, and that might be an issue of Kokang group. Kokang Region is used to such issues. The government has a lot of experiences of intervening in internal affairs of Kokang peace group to prevent any adverse effects on regional peace and stability.

It is public knowledge that the government also worked out the issues of other national race peace groups with parental attitude, but without any bias. Whenever a peace group faced a case in which its some members broke away, the government never failed to take necessary measures for their reconsolidation, thereby showing its benevolent attitude towards national race groups to prevent disunity among them.

In every case in which a national race peace group was on the edge of collapse, anti-government media made baseless comments and accused the government of sowing discord among their members. This time also, they incited enmity between the government and the other peace groups under the pretext of warnings, by airing fabricated news stories that the government created the issue on purpose. In reality, Kokang Region issue grew into a fire exchange, in consequence of mercenary attitude of Phon brothers that ignored their subordinates' anti-war sense and failed to stay in touch with the prevailing international affairs. That is known to the diplomats who visited Laukkai, so they might have reported the issue to the governments concerned. Now, the Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee is working hard in concert with the government for greater development and stability and peace of the region.

On my visit, I witnessed that members of the committee immersed themselves in the tasks to enable the majority of subordinates, who had to serve as Kokang troops under the directive, to take a normal life with consolidated unity among them as a gesture of recognizing their wishes. Moreover, it is carrying out the transformation processes with a correct concept for the administrative machinery to be in force in Kokang Self-Administered Zone. According to the newspapers, it was clarified to the diplomats that prearrangement work was ongoing for forming a frontier force for stability and peace of Kokang Region and administrative machinery of Kokang Self-Administered Zone.

It also said that all Kokang leaders except Phon brothers had been desirous of forming a frontier force for a long time, and that was not a current issue. According to the returnees from the neighbouring country, the case to form a frontier force was solely under the decision of a group of Phon Kya Shin's relatives, and even commanders of Kokang brigades did not know their decisions. They prolonged the case as though the subordinates did not agree with the programme, and so that prevented the transformation process from making a good headway. The majority of Kokang local people felt frustrated at that.

In contrast, Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee is taking a leading role in implementing the processes of forming a frontier force in

compliance with the desire of local residents. It is a welcome news that other national race peace groups have launched their transformation processes.

Indeed, to form a frontier force must be under the programme initiated in the interest of national brethren by the Tatmadaw government in order that all the national race peace groups will have the rights to hold arms in accordance with the law in the democratic nation to emerge in 2010. In other words, the programme is to legalize peace groups' holding arms under the agreement with the Tatmadaw government in the forthcoming civilian government, and to enable members of the peace groups to become reliable citizens shouldering national defence duties under the command of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Peace groups have been carrying out regional development tasks hand in hand with the Tatmadaw government. So, the Tatmadaw government recognizes them as comrades and has initiated the programme with farsightedness. For a peace group, to transform itself into a frontier force is certainly something to be proud of, because it is an internationally-recognized force representing the mother country, not the state or region concerned only.

In the process, there is no pressure or coercion on the peace groups, in contrast to the broadcasts aired by certain anti-government media. In practice, the government is holding heart-to-heart talks with them in the interest of their regions as well as the entire people. With the parental attitude, the government is warmly persuading the peace groups in order that they will get convinced of the fact that the programme is necessary, not in compliance with the sole desire of the government.

Parents are by nature just in satisfying the wishes of their children with consideration. In any situation, parents do not want to get their children into troubles. Any parent does not want their children indulge themselves in misbehaviours due to their excessive compliance. Every parent is really willing to generate a prosperous future and a peaceful life of their children, without any discrimination against or in favour of a particular child. So, **the government is showing great patience and parental sense towards national race peace groups and is working hard to complete the process of transforming them into frontier forces in a simple way on schedule. Therefore, I would like to urge them to work together in the interest of the public without personality cult, regionalism, and attachment to the group concerned, in recognition of the government's goodwill towards them.**

Now, all are working hard in harmony, so peace groups should not let them caught in the tricks set with distorted news stories by anti-government elements anxious to destroy the stability and peace of the nation.

It is a fine tradition of the national race peace groups that they have engaged in the regional development tasks since they made peace. Under the transformation process, they will have a unique opportunity to shoulder national defence duties in parallel with the Tatmadaw when the nation becomes a democratic one. So, the process will make history in future. Despite alien instigation, the goal is now within the touching distance for those who will take part in the transformation process with correct conviction and strong determination. That goal is to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

Translation: MS

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Drugs and chemical substances used in production of narcotics seized in Laukkai

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of sodium acetate in each, 500 gallons of acetone, 480 gallons of ethyl alcohol, 50 kilograms of Ephedrine powder, 50 kilograms of bone charcoal, six retorts, five procelain funnels, 66 hydrogen gas cylinders, seven gas cylinders, 10 steel mixers, three 115-kilowatt Motors, three mixer stands, five 1-kilo-watt pumps, and one Tawlargyi.

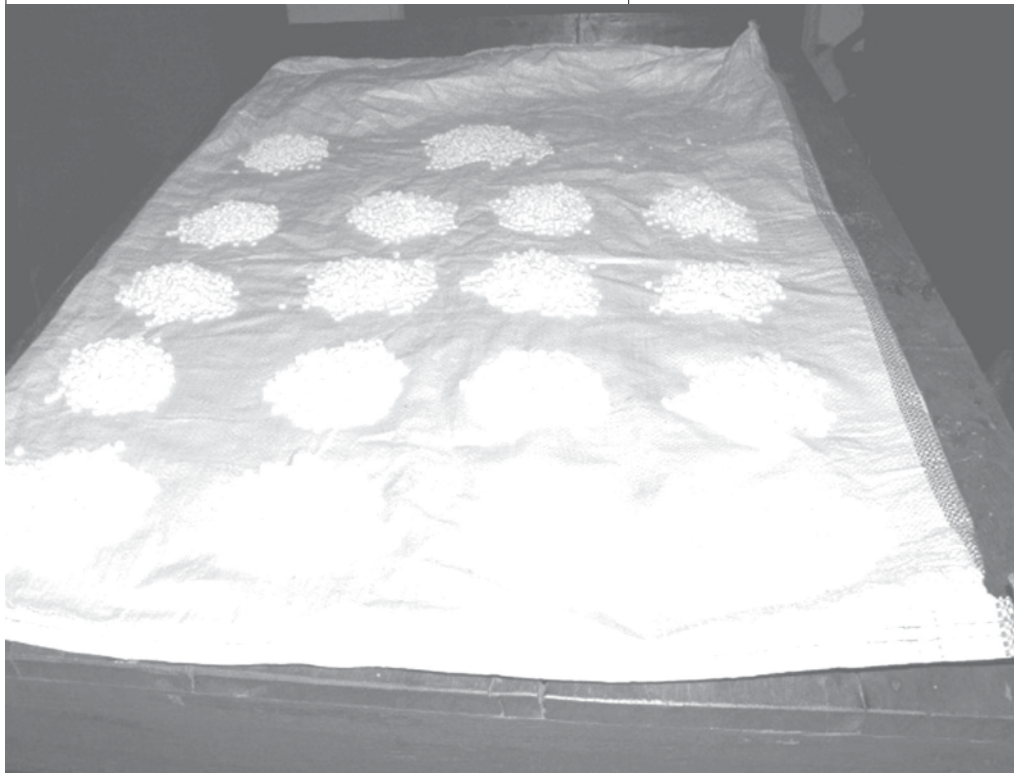
Likewise, 44 kilos of sodium hydroxide crystals, 3,580,000 thin tablets of brown Methamphetamine, 382,500 thick tablets of brown Methamphetamine, 4,923,000 tablets of white Ephedrine, 16 kilos of white caffeine powder, 600 tablets of pseudo-ephedrine, 7 pieces of Ephedrine inhalers, 200 tablets of Ephedrine, 20 gallons of

hydrochloric acid, six cylinders used in production of narcotics, eight motors and two kilo scales were seized near Yinsin village of the township about 3:15 pm. It is learnt that the narcotics were seized following a chase after drug traffickers.

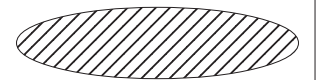
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Narcotic drugs seized in Laukkai Township of Shan State (North).

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Chemical substances and equipment used in production of narcotic drugs seized in Laukkai Township of Shan State (North).—MNA



Equipment used in production of narcotic drugs seized in Laukkai Township of Shan State (North).

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Special Course for Financial Rules No. 21 of PBANRDA concludes

YANGON, 18 Sept—Deputy Director-General Dr Soe Thein of Education and Training Department

under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs

addressed the concluding ceremony of Special Course for Financial Rules Course No. (21) at

the Central Training School under the department in Dagon Myothit (North) Township here this morning.

The deputy director-general presented awards to the outstanding trainees and completion certificates to the trainees.

The 6-week course was attended by 60 officers of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department, Development Affairs Department and Education and Training Department.

The deputy director-general viewed the learning of trainees attending Management Course No. (33/34) and Staff Course No. (62/63) and inspected growing of the perennial and seasonal crops.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe looks into all-round renovation of Shwedagon...

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspected all-round renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda Museum, Pitakat Building and Archive, the elevator at Eastern Archway, maintenance works along the archway and progress of construction of wheelchair access near Eastern Archway elevator.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects all-round renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda Museum, Pitakat Building and Archive.—MNA

Commander attends International Literacy Day

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe attended the concluding ceremony of training courses conducted by Human Resources Development Department of Patheingyi University at the University on 7 September.

On 8 September, the commander made a speech at International Literacy Day ceremony at No.1 Basic Education High School in Patheingyi.

After that, the commander enjoyed bodybuilding and physical culture contest held at Patheingyi University hall. On 10 September, the commander and responsible persons attended preliminary conference (2009) of division war veterans supervisory committee at the town hall of Patheingyi.

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Premier Coffee organizes friendly football match, singing contest

YANGON, 18 Sept—A friendly match between Premier Coffee football team and Mawlamyine Township football team took place at Ramanya sports ground in Mawlamyine and fans crowded the sports ground for the match.

A Premier Coffee Singing Contest was held at Mawlamyine Hotel on 13 September. Song

Composer Naung Naung (Sunflower) acted as a judge in the contest. Khine Shwe Wah, July, Naung Naung and Aung Khant, vocalists of Melody World, and Special Promotion Girls of Premier Coffee performed product shows and dances. Premier Coffee Singing Contests and Ginsetin Beauty Contests are being held in Thaton, Ye, Myeik

and Hpa-an.

The final contest to award first, second and third prize winners will be held at Capital Hypermarket in Yangon on a grand scale.—MNA

Promo Girls of Premier Coffee performing product shows and dances.—MNA



Padaung, a pleasant town in Bago Division (West)

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)

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Padaung of Pyay District is 10 miles from Pyay. The town has an area of 5.4 square miles. It is four miles long from the east to the west and two miles wide from the north to the south. We saw almost all the

residences grow shady trees and vegetables on a manageable scale. Therefore, the whole town is lush and green.

There is one Basic Education High School in the urban area. The school has neat and tidy buildings. It has

produced great persons serving the interest of the State. We saw students in peaceful pursuit of education in the compound of the school.

During the visit, we noticed that Padaung is well equipped with communication facilities.



Padaung Hospital (25-bed) in Bago Division (West) is reliable for local people.



A grand signboard welcomes guests at the entrance to Padaung.

We witnessed that staff were discharging their duties to solve the communication problems of the customers on time.

Moreover, we saw stockpiles of gravel by the road to repair the motorroad in Padaung. We learned that the road in the town will be upgraded soon.

Indeed, Padaung is a peaceful and quiet location. Local people are engaged in the businesses related to cultivation of paddy, sesame, pea, sunflower, tomato, groundnut, gram and green gram.

In Padaung, the local people are doing their

businesses by selling seasonal crops.

Padaung, covered with dense green foliage of shady trees and flowery plants, is a pleasant place for the local people.

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Buddha shaped pears are seen in an orchard in Weixian County, Hebei Province on 10 Sept, 2009. Hao Xianzhang, a local famer, spent six years to perfect the process by growing the pears inside moulds, local media reported. The pears cost around 50 yuan (7.32 USD) each. Picture taken 10 September, 2009.—INTERNET

Beijing's air quality best in decade: official

BEIJING, 18 Sept— Air quality in Beijing this year has been at the best level in a decade, the city's environment authorities said Friday.

“As of Thursday, Beijing has reported 214 grade I and grade II days, about 82.3 percent of all the monitored days,” said Chen Tian, deputy head of the Beijing Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau. “It only takes 46 more days for the city to achieve its goal of 260 full-compliance days this year.”

The Chinese capital uses a five-grade classification of air quality on the basis of pollution indices, with Grade I

being the best and Grade V the worst. Days with Grade I and II air quality are regarded as “blue sky” days.

Chen said as of Thursday, Beijing had reported an increase of 18 “blue sky” days compared with the same period last year, when a massive effort was made to improve the air quality for the Olympic Games.

“Now it is still hard to predict the air quality on Oct. 1, when a military parade will be held in Beijing to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China,” Chen said.

Xinhua

Twelve killed in Polish coal mine explosion

WARSAW, 18 Sept— The death toll of a methane explosion in Poland's Wujek-Slask coal mine had risen to 12, a spokeswoman for the Higher Mining Office said on Friday afternoon.

Fifteen miners who suffered serious injuries had been rushed to hospitals, Edyta Tomaszewska said.

The explosion took place at 10:15 a.m. local time (0815 GMT) on Friday at the mine in Ruda Slaska Koc-hlowice in southwestern Poland.

Internet

Tropical Storm Marty lingers over the Pacific

MIAMI, 18 Sept—Tropical Storm Marty is lingering over the Pacific off the coast of Mexico, though it is expected to weaken later in the day.

Marty's maximum sustained winds remained at 40 mph (65 kph) Friday morning. Marty is centered about 360 miles (580 kilometers) west-southwest of the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula and moving northwest near 7 mph (11 kph).—*Internet*

42 states lose jobs in August, up from 29 in July

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept—Forty-two states lost jobs last month, up from 29 in July, with the biggest payroll cuts coming in Texas, Michigan, Georgia and Ohio.

The Labor Department says 27 states saw their unemployment rates increase

in August, and 14 states and Washington DC reported unemployment rates of 10 percent or above.

Michigan has the highest jobless rate of 15.2 percent, followed by Nevada at 13.2 percent, Rhode Island at 12.8 percent, and California and Oregon at

12.2 percent each.

The jobless rates in California, Nevada and Rhode Island were the highest on records dating to 1976.

Nationwide, the unemployment rate rose to 9.7 percent in August from 9.4 percent in July.

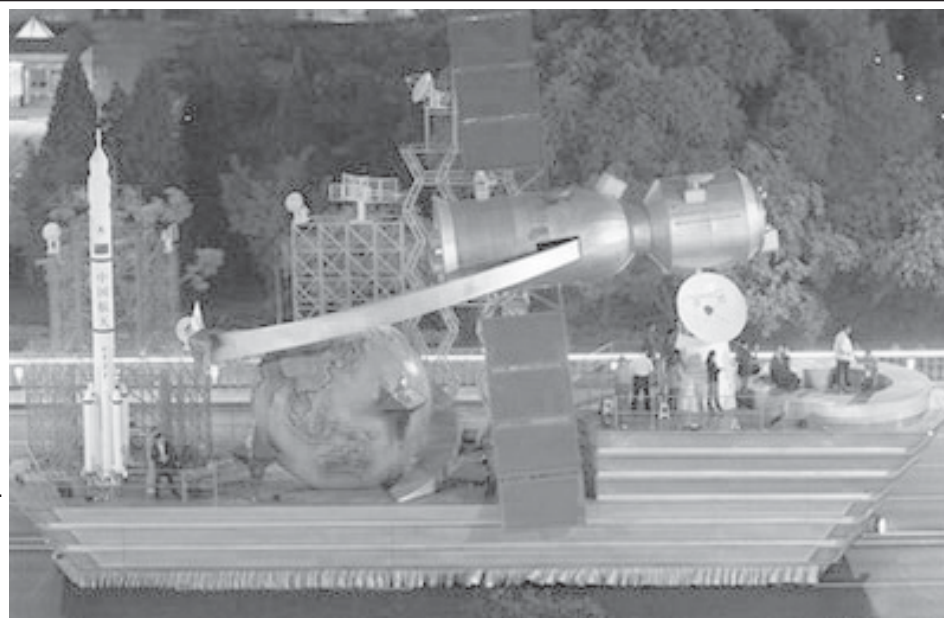
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Fla treasure-hunters, UK settle shipwreck dispute

TAMPA, 18 Sept—Florida deep-sea explorers say they have agreed to give the British government ownership of artifacts removed from a famous shipwreck. Odyssey Marine Exploration said in a statement Friday that it will give up its claim to the wreck of the HMS Victory in exchange for 80 percent of the value of two brass cannons raised from the site.

According to the Tampa company, the salvage award will be about \$160,000. Odyssey announced the discovery of the wreck earlier this year. The legendary British man-of-war sank in the English Channel in 1744.

The company remains locked in a legal battle with Spain over an estimated \$500 million in silver coins raised from the wreck of a Spanish galleon in 2007.—*Internet*



A giant float highlighting China's space programme moving towards Tiananmen Square for a major rehearsal ahead of the 60th National Day celebrations in Beijing, China, on Friday, 18 Sept, 2009. Authorities shut down a major part of central Beijing to conduct a rehearsal for the parade planned in Beijing on 1 Oct.—INTERNET

Threatening note forces plane to return to Miami

MIAMI, 18 Sept—A threatening note forced a Boston-bound airplane to return to a Miami airport about 40 minutes after it took off, but nothing suspicious was found after it landed.

Airport spokesman Greg Chin says a note

found by the crew in one of the plane's bathrooms Thursday night said an explosive device might be on board. American Airlines Flight 1640 had departed Miami International Airport around 9:30 pm.

The plane was searched and bags were re-screened after the 168 passengers and six crew members disembarked safely. Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Suzanne Trevino says nothing turned up in the search.

The passengers stayed overnight in Miami and left again for Boston on Friday morning.

The threat remains under investigation.

Internet

A small pond at the west end of Rancho San Rafael Park reflects the hot air balloons preparing for launch, on Sunday, 13 Sept, 2009, during the final day of racing at the Great Reno Balloon Race in Reno, Nev.—INTERNET



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV XIANG DA VOYNO (9036)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG DA VOYNO (9036) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 19.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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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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Brazil, US to establish industrial plants in Haiti

BRASILIA, 18 Sept—Brazil and the United States ratified their plan on Thursday to establish industrial plants in Haiti. This would enable the duty-free export of products to both countries and thus support Haiti's reconstruction.

During a meeting in the Foreign Ministry's Itamaraty Palace, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim and US Commerce representative Ronald Kirk agreed to advance the implementation of the Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity

(HOPE) programme created by the United States.

The two countries are part of the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti, which was initially established to stop the social and political crisis in 2004.

Amorim told *Xinhua* in a Press conference that the fundamental motivation of this initiative was humanitarian, "to aid Haiti's economic development through sustainable production activity."

This mechanism would allow Brazilian companies in Haiti to export

products to the United States without paying C ustoms fees, and vice versa.

The agreement would benefit Haiti as well as Brazilian and US companies, Amorim added.

On Thursday morning, President of the Brazilian National Confederation of Industry (CNI) Armando Monteiro Neto said the Brazilian textile companies were interested in establishing themselves in Haiti under the framework of the HOPE programme.

Xinhua

Police investigating UK supermarket 'chicken licker'

LONDON, 18 Sept —Police in the UK are investigating hidden camera footage that shows a supermarket worker licking fresh chickens before putting them back on store shelves. The cell phone footage also shows the man wreaking havoc in the aisles of an Asda store during his night shifts, urinating in a bin in the men's room, playing cricket with food items, smashing eggs and setting off fire extinguishers.

The man who called himself Adeel Ayub is dressed in the supermarket chain's distinctive green uniform, as he laughs and gloats about his behavior at a store in Lancashire, England. This store was picked by

Asda bosses to feature in a new TV advertising campaign which was filmed in May. The worker is also observed wrecking furniture in a staff room, slashing the coats of colleagues and filming firefighters responding to a false alarm. His spree, thought to have been filmed by a colleague over several night shifts, led to the closure of the staffroom and an \$82 reward from the company for information about the damage. Ayub, who worked for the company from 2005 to last year, is also spotted returning to the store this year wearing a hoodie and stamping his feet on fresh ready-to-cook chickens in the freezer.—*Internet*



China picks first female astronaut candidates

BEIJING, 18 Sept—China's military-backed space programme has selected 45 astronaut candidates, including its first women hopefuls, for a training program less than a year after the country completed its first spacewalk. The 30 male and 15 female candidates are part of a programme to pick five men and two women astronauts to participate in three more manned missions planned before 2012. The missions are to prepare for the rendezvous and docking tasks required for constructing a space station, the official *Xinhua*

News Agency reported on Thursday.

In 2003, China become the first Asian country to put its own astronauts into space. It followed last year with its first spacewalk, putting the country closer to building a space station and landing a man on the moon. Like previous astronauts, all 45 candidates are air force pilots between the ages of 27 and 34, the report said. They will undergo a series of rigorous psychological and physical tests as part of the selection process.

Internet

Models perform at the Asuncion Fashion Week in Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, on 16 Sept, 2009. The annual Asuncion Fashion Week kicked off on Wednesday.
Xinhua

This image provided by the X Prize Foundation shows a rocket built by Armadillo Aerospace fueling up in the Northrop Grumman Lunar Lander Challenge at Caddo Mills, Texas, on 12 Sept, 2009.

INTERNET



Rockets vie in simulated lunar landing contest

LOS ANGELES, 18 Sept—A privately built rocket vying for NASA prize money lifted off in the Mojave Desert and flew half of a simulated lunar lander mission on Wednesday before an engine problem forced its developers to call off the attempt until next month. The flight of Masten Space Systems' unmanned "Xombie" at Mojave Air and Space Port comes just days after another competitor, Armadillo Aerospace, qualified for the \$1 million top prize with two flights in Texas.

The Northrop Grumman Lunar Lander Challenge is funded by NASA and presented by the X Prize Foundation, the group behind the \$10 million competition won in 2004 by SpaceShipOne, the first privately developed manned rocket to reach space and prototype for a fleet of space tourism rockets.

The remotely controlled Xombie is competing for second-place in the first level of the competition, which requires a flight from one pad to another and back within two hours and 15 minutes. Each flight must rise 164 feet and last 90 seconds. How close the rocket lands to the pad's center is also a factor.—*Internet*

Tea component may extend blood shelf life

Kyoto, 18 Sept— A component in green tea may act as a preservative for stored blood, Japanese researchers said.

The study, published in Cell Transplantation, found green tea contains a strong anti-oxidant — epigallocatechin, better known as EGCG — that may help prolong platelet “shelf life.”

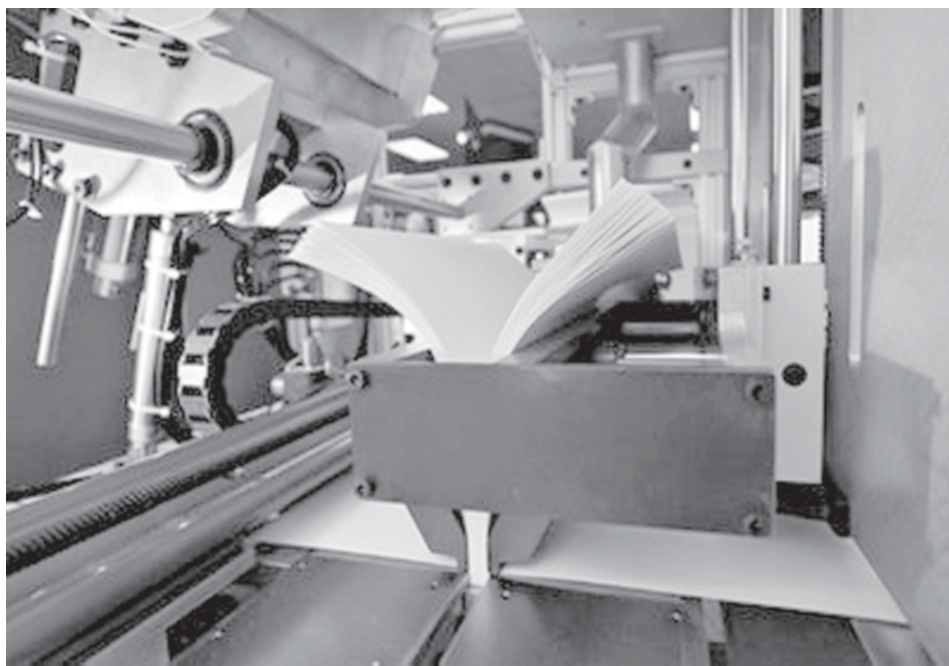
Currently, the storage duration for platelet cells

is limited to five days internationally or three days in Japan. When EGCG was added to blood platelet concentrates, aggregation and coagulation functions were better-maintained after six days.

While the exact mechanism by which EGCG works is not yet known, the researchers believe it may be related to its surface

binding ability properties that may protect the surface proteins and lipids from oxidation. In any event, delay programmed cell death — apoptosis — was inhibited.

“EGCG may lead to an inhibition of platelet apoptosis and lower rates of cell death, offering a potentially novel and useful method to prolong platelet storage periods,” study lead author Dr Suong-Hyn Hyon of the Institute for Frontier Medical Sciences in Kyoto, Japan, said in a statement.—Internet



A test print book is produced on the “Books On Demand” Espresso book machine at the Blackwells bookstore in central London, in April 2009. More than two million books in the public domain can be turned into instant paperbacks under a deal announced on Thursday between Google and the company behind a high-speed book-printing machine.—INTERNET

Study links drinking soda, obesity

SACRAMENTO, 18 Sept— Drinking high-calorie soft drinks is a major contributor to obesity, a California study reports. “For the first time, we have strong scientific evidence that soda is one of the — if not the largest — contributors to the obesity epidemic,” said Dr. Harold Goldstein, executive director of the California Center for Public Health Advocacy.

Researchers interviewed 42,000 California residents, The Sacramento Bee reported. They found 24 percent of adults drink at least one non-diet soft drink daily, and those who do are 27 percent more likely to be overweight.

Young people have even worse habits, the researchers found. Among those ages 12 to 17, 62 percent drink at least one soda a day, while 41 percent of those between the ages of 2 and 11 do. The Center for Public Health Advocacy and the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research published their findings on Wednesday in the report “Bubbling Over: Soda Consumption and Its Link to Obesity in California.”—Internet



Baby Nile Crocodiles are seen in this picture taken at Zhongshan Park in Wuhan, capital of central China’s Hubei Province, on 16 Sept, 2009, five days after their successfully artificial incubation.—XINHUA

Identified amnesia patient doesn’t know who he is

SEATTLE, 18 Sept — It was seven weeks ago that Edward Lighthart walked out of a Seattle park with no idea of who he was and how he got there, the apparent victim of a bizarre case of amnesia.

He says some memories have since been slowly trickling back, including slight recollections of living in China and Europe. But Lighthart still doesn’t know who he is, and is frightened over whether he will ever be reconciled with the man people say he is.

“The crux of the matter of who I really am isn’t there yet,” he said in an often-emotional interview with The Associated Press on Monday. “And I’m not sure that its going to come back. This is one of the frightening things.”—Internet

944 new A/H1N1 cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 18 Sept — A European health agency said on Thursday that 944 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 260 were confirmed in Germany, 198 in Italy, 153 in Greece, 138 in Sweden, 113 in Norway, 47 in Hungary, 15 in Finland, 14

in Switzerland, five in Denmark, one in Estonia, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

First fatality reported in Luxembourg, the report added. The total number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade

Association (EFTA) countries rose to 52,057, with 1,538 cases in Spain and 13,322 in Britain, 1,125 in France and 18,797 in Germany, the ECDC said.

The ECDC publishes a daily situation report about A/H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries.—Xinhua

Can men be taking to eyebrow-grooming?

LONDON, 18 Sept — British men are becoming increasingly interested in having their eyebrows professionally groomed, according to Debenhams department store which plans to hold men-only “guybrow” nights. Men, it said, now make up 40 percent of the visitors to its brow bars, double the proportion of a year ago.

They are going for a treatment called “threading,” an ancient method of hair removal which originated in India in which a thin twine of cotton thread is

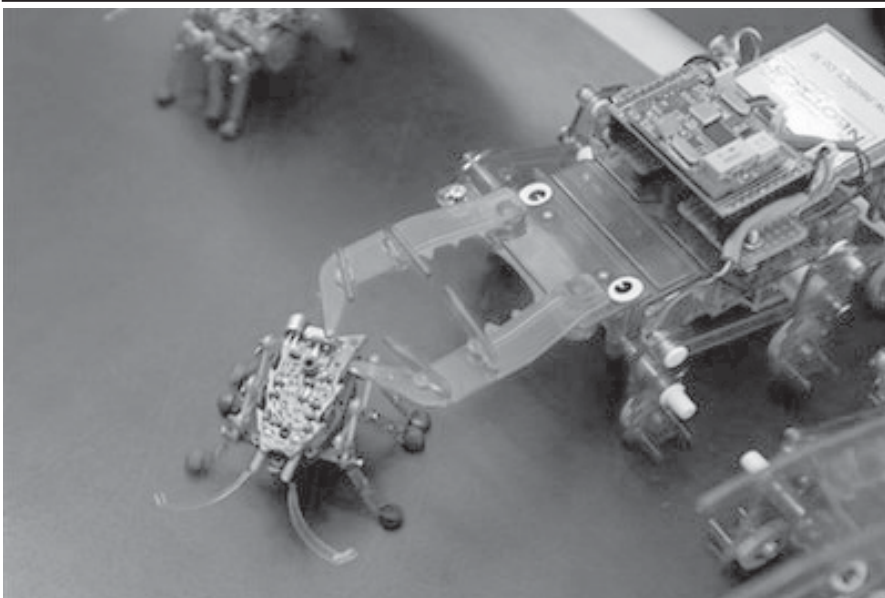
rolled over the offending area, plucking the hair from the follicle level.

Unlike plucking, threading removes an entire row of hair at a time so is quicker, more accurate and less painful, the store says, although the treatment still smarts. Debenhams said its consumer research showed many men initially came for threading either in a bid to look good for a job interview, or at the behest of their fiancées as part of the wedding preparations. Most later return for regular appointments, it added.—Internet

El Salvador reports soaring dengue infections

MEXICO CITY, 18 Sept — El Salvador health authorities have reported 2,431 cases of classic dengue in the first eight months of the year, about 153 percent more than the same period last year, according to news reaching here on Thursday. There were 45 cases of the deadlier hemorrhagic dengue variant, 18 more than the same period last year. The increase was “considerable” compared with 2008, but close to the levels in 2006, the Health Ministry’s coordinator of epidemiology, Lilian Cruz, told media in San Salvador, capital of the country.

Carried by the Aedes aegypti mosquito which breeds in stagnant water, and with no known cure, dengue causes severe pain in bones, muscles and joints, as well as headaches, fever and rash.—Xinhua



A staff member demonstrates insect-shaped remote control robots at the booth of Neotics, South Korea-based company that makes electric circuits as well as various goods for civilian, industrial and military use, during Techmart Vietnam ASEAN +3 exhibit in Hanoi, Vietnam, Friday, Sept. 18, 2009. The event introduces technology and equipment from ASEAN countries, China, Japan and South Korea in food processing, renewable energy, information and communication.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Di Stefano best player of all time, not Maradona, says Pele

MADRID, 18 Sept — Brazil legend Pele took a swipe at Diego Maradona on Thursday, saying he feels another Argentine-born player, Real Madrid's iconic former striker Alfredo di Stefano, is the best player ever. "People talk about the best being Pele or Diego Maradona, but for me the best player ever was Alfredo Di Stefano," he told reporters in Madrid. "Maradona was a great player, but he could not kick with his right foot and did not score goals with his head.

The only time he scored an important goal with his head, it turned out he had used his hand," he added.

Pele was referring to Maradona's infamous "hand of God" goal in Argentina's 2-1 win over England during 1986

World Cup quarter-finals, when he fooled the referee by punching the ball into the net. Last month Maradona, currently Argentina's national coach, downplayed Pele's record, saying the Brazilian only played for South American clubs while he spent a decade at European sides. "He won more World Cups. But playing in Europe is another thing," said Maradona.

Internet



Real Madrid's iconic former striker Alfredo di Stefano.—INTERNET

Shocks, novelty and a goal for Platini as Europa League takes off

PARIS, 18 Sept—The group stage of the inaugural Europa League got under way on Thursday, with pre-tournament favourites Roma, Lazio and Hamburg all succumbing to surprise defeats in their opening matches. Roma, with Claudio Ranieri at the helm for his first European assignment at the club, went down 2-0 at Swiss side Basel in Group E, while German league leaders Hamburg were stunned 3-0 by Rapid Vienna in Group C. An injury-time goal from Marc Janko earned Red Bull Salzburg a shock 2-1 comeback win at Roma's city rivals Lazio, enabling Villarreal to steal a march in Group G with a 1-0 home win over Levski Sofia.

European football's governing body UEFA is using the tournament to trial the deployment of extra referee assistants behind each goal-line and the officials were an eye-catching if uncontroversial presence on the night.—Internet



Genoa's midfielder Marco Rossi (L) kicks the ball despite Slavia Praha's defender Benjamin Vomacka during their UEFA Europa League Group B football match in Genoa. Genoa won 2-0.—INTERNET

Corinthians confirms interest in Riquelme

BRASILIA, 18 Sept — The president of Brazil's Corinthians, Andres Sanchez, confirmed on Thursday that his club is interested in signing Argentine midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme next season, but admitted that the recruitment does not depend directly on the club.

Corinthians is not negotiating directly with Riquelme, but we're with open arms if we can have him," said Sanchez.

The Corinthians, which earlier this year signed Brazilian international striker Ronaldo and last month the Argentine midfielder Matias Defederico, intends to mount a team of stars to try to win the Copa Libertadores next year.

The club secured a place in the Libertadores next year after winning the Brazilian Cup.

Xinhua

Wozniak advances at Quebec tennis

QUEBEC CITY, 18 Sept — Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak and Czech Lucie Safarova were straight-set winners in the second-round of WTA Bell Challenge.

Wozniak posted a 6-2, 7-5 win over Russian Regina Kulikova, while Canada's Valerie Tetreault lost 6-2, 6-2 to Safarova on the indoor hardcourts at Laval University.

Last year's Quebec runner-up, Bethanie Mattek-Sands, continued her strong play at this event by ousting fellow American Vania King 6-3, 6-3.

Mattek-Sands, who entered the draw as a wild card this week, gave way to this week's top seed, Russian Nadia Petrova, in

last year's final.

Lilia Osterloh outlasted Swiss qualifier Amra Sadikovic 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 Osterloh meets eighth-seeded German Julia Goerges in the quarter-finals.

Internet



Canada's Aleksandra

Wozniak .

INTERNET



Barcelona - Atletico Madrid the highlight of Saturday night

MADRID, 18 Sept — With a full midweek programme of matches in Spain's Primera Liga next week, several games from match day three have been brought forward to Saturday night. League leader FC Barcelona entertains Atletico Madrid in the Camp Nou Stadium in the weekend's standout fixture. Last season saw Barca crush Atletico 6-1 in the same fixture and the reigning League champions have kicked off this season as they ended the last one.

Pep Guardiola's side has hit form straight away and has two wins from two games, as well as a creditable 0-0 draw away to Inter Milan in the Champions League. Things are different for Atletico, however, Abel Resino's men have only one point in the league and amid an atmosphere of internal strife, could only draw 0-0 against Cypriot side AOPEL in Europe. Barcelona is at full strength and the big question is whether fit again Andres Iniesta will be given his first start of the new campaign. —Internet

Real's Alonso out for one week, Metzelder for two

MADRID, 18 Sept— Real Madrid's Spanish midfielder Xabi Alonso will be sidelined for at least one week, while their German defender Christoph Metzelder will be out for at least two weeks, the club said



Real Madrid's Spanish midfielder Xabi Alonso.

Thursday.

Alonso, who joined Real from Liverpool this summer, suffered an achilles tendon injury during the Spanish club's 5-2 Champions League win over Zurich on Tuesday and will be out for "seven to 10 days", they said in a statement. The Spanish international was replaced by Fernando Gago in the 59th minute of the away match. Initial reports suggested he may have needed a lengthy spell on the sidelines. Metzelder, who is suffering from muscle injury in his right leg, will be absent for two to three weeks, the club added.—Internet

Kim, Shin tied for Samsung lead at Torrey Pines

SAN DIEGO, 18 Sept — They'd all watched on TV as Tiger Woods claimed his epic win in the US Open last year.

Starting Thursday, 20 elite LPGA golfers got their turn to try to tame Torrey Pines.

Not only did they recognize the place, but they had an easier go of it in the opening round of the Samsung World Championship.

There were favorable pin placements, the wind stayed down on the blufftop municipal course overlooking the Pacific Ocean and, of course, there was less yardage to play on the normally tough South Course.—Internet

Del Potro welcomed as a hero in his home town

BUENOS AIRES, 18 Sept — Thousands of people from Argentine city of Tandil, located 360km to Buenos Aires, welcomed on Thursday champion of the US Tennis Open Juan Martin del Potro.

Del Potro was acclaimed by the people, in the southeast of Buenos Aires province, where there are other outstanding tennis players like Mariano Zabaleta and Juan Monaco.

Xinhua



Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina kisses the trophy during the awarding ceremony for the men's singles final against Roger Federer of Switzerland at the US Open tennis tournament in New York.—XINHUA

Man City to fight Adebayor charge



Adebayor

MANCHESTER, England, 18 Sept—Manchester City will fight the Football Association's improper conduct charge against Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor after his goal celebration against his former club Arsenal last weekend.

After scoring in City's 4-2 win over the Gunners, Adebayor sprinted the length of the Eastlands pitch to the far end of the stadium where Arsenal's supporters were massed and slid to his knees with his arms out-stretched, sparking volatile scenes as the visiting fans threw missiles at him.

However, City manager Mark Hughes

confirmed on Friday that the club would be contesting the charge.

Adebayor is already starting a three-match ban after accepting a violent conduct charge for a stamp on Arsenal's Robin van Persie.

"We have time to construct our arguments. We have a view and a period of time to make our feelings known," Hughes said.

"It is important you do not take the emotion out of the game. It is part and parcel of what football is about and why it is such a huge sport worldwide.

"The circumstances of the game and the amount of criticism and vitriol Adebayor had to take was not nice. It was a difficult situation for him coming up against former team-mates.

"Some of those former team-mates felt they could not even shake his hand before the game. All these things can perhaps affect someone's emotional state. The celebration was an outpouring of that.

Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (19-9-2009) (Saturday)

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

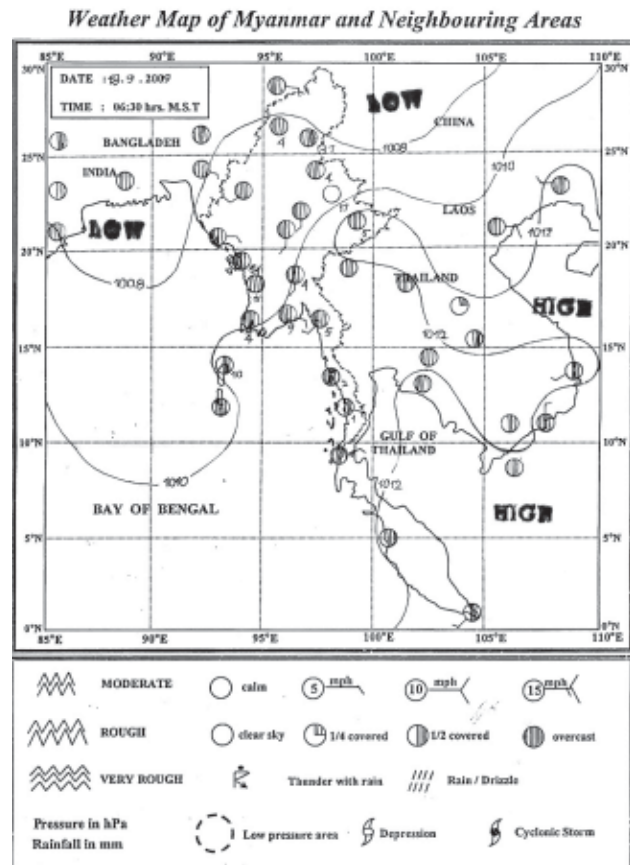
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Buddha Mudra from Bagan Archaeological Museum
- * Sagaing Pagoda-studded Hills
- * Culture Stage
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Floral Lovers' Paradise (National Kandawgyi Garden)
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- * Maintain Marine Resources for Development of Fish and Meat Sector
- * Deaf School
- * Myanmar Movies Impact
- * Bamboo-tube Sticky Rice
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Sagaing Pagoda-studded Hills
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Friday, 18th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin State, scattered in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Pyapon (4.21) inches, Thayawady (2.96) inches, Kawkareik (2.80) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.13) inches, Mawlaik (1.85) inches, Moegok (1.81) inches, Falam, Khayan and Namsam (1.54) inches each, Kanbalu (1.18) inches and Aunglan (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 17-9-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 18-9-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-9-2009 was 100 %. Total sun shine hours on 17-9-2009 was (0.2) hour approx.

Rainfall on 18-9-2009 was (0.90) inch at Mingaladon, (0.67) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.71) inch Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (95.55) inches at Mingaladon, (105.51) inches at Kaba-Aye and (111.93) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 17-9-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 19th September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Mon, Kayin and Rakhine States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in 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 19-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-9-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for third weekend of September 2009: During the coming weekend, rain of thundershowers will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 19 September View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
 2. အဝံ့ဇယမင်္ဂလံ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း၊ တေးရေး-ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
- 7:25 am**
 3. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
 4. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
 5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 7:55 am**
 6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:15 am**
 7. Dance of National Races
- 8:25 am**
 8. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 8:40 am**
 9. International News
- 8:45 am**
 10. ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ
- 11:00 am**
 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
 2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am**
 3. Game for Children
- 11:40 am**
 4. Round up of the Week's TV Local News

- 12:00 pm**
 5. Yan Can Cook
- 12:20 pm**
 6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)
- 1:20 pm**
 7. "နတ်ဝိဉာဉ်စစ်ဆင်ရေး" (အပိုင်း-၁) (နိုင်းနိုင်း၊ မင်းရာဇာ၊ ကျော်ဇော်တန်း၊ မြင့်မိုးရီ၊ မေသန်းနု၊ တင့်တင့်ထွန်း၊ မျိုးစန္ဒီကျော်၊ စိုးမိုးကြည်၊ အေးဝတ်ရည်သောင်း၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး(စန်းဝိုက်)]
- 2:40 pm**
 8. International News
- 3:45 pm**
 1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ကမ္ဘောဇ FC အသင်းနှင့် Southern Myanmar FC အသင်း)
- 5:45 pm**
 2. Musical Programme

- 6:00 pm**
 3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
 4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
 5. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:40 pm**
 6. ယဉ်တစ်ကိုယ်မယ် "ရွှေမိနပ်ပုံပြင်" (မိုးယုတ်၊ တက်ထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခေတ်ဘုန်းမိုး)
- 7:00 pm**
 7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm**
 8. News
 9. International News
 10. Weather Report
 11. ကာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၄၃)
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဖြူရောင်အောက်က အကြင်နာနှလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
 13. ဝိတတ်ခါးလေးဖွင့်ပါဦး

- ★ 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

Drugs and chemical substances used in production of narcotics seized in Laukkai

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Kunlong special anti-drug squad and members of security force of Shan State (North), acting on a tip-off, searched Phone Lu's dwelling in Mankha village of Laukkai Township about 12:30 hrs yesterday and seized 90 bottles containing 500-millimetre acetic acid in each, 42

bottles filled with 2500 millimetre hydrochloric acid in each, 150 gallons of hydrochloric acid, 320 bottles of sulphuric acid containing 500 millimetre in each, 15 gallons of ether, 5 gallons of acetic anhydride, 10 plastic containers stuffed with 500 grams
(See page 9)

ISD Women's Football Tournament (Open Division) continues

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—The second round matches of the 14th Inter-State/Division Women's Football Tournament (Open Division) took place at Mawlamyine this evening.

In the second round, Mon State and Mandalay Division stood on nil-nil at the end of extra time and then Mon state took a bright start winning over Mandalay Division 7-6.

On 19 and 20 September evenings, Mandalay Division and Bago Division will play for the third place and Yangon Division and Mon State, for the final match.—MNA



Equipment used in production of narcotic drugs seized in Laukkai of Shan State (North).—MNA