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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (1)

As I am a newsman I have been travelling a lot. Among my tours of the whole country, I made most of my trips by car.

I have travelled not only along the fine roads

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Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon road section of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

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An ember among ashes smoulders on

Just as the milk freshly taken from a cow's udder does not go sour nor give off a vapour, so also a misdeed just does not give off smoke (to testify to its ill nature). Like an ember being covered with ash, the misdeed smoulders in the foolish perpetrator's heart.

(Dhammapada, Balavagga 23)

but also along the rough roads by car. On my road trips made after 1988, I saw big trucks overloading goods on the motorways. I was worried about the long term existence of roads.

So I interviewed officials of the ministries concerned about "Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar" in order to inform the public through a byline.

Myanmar, situated in South-East Asia is a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). It shares borders with the People's Republic of China, Thailand, Laos, Bangladesh and India. It has an area of more than 260,000 square miles. It is the most beautiful country in SEA and surrounded by high snow-capped mountains and offshore seas in addition to rivers such as Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Thanlwin and Sittoung.

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Strengthening nation's workforce through amnesty

I hope that the released prisoners will actively participate in the drive for opening the door to democracy realizing the goodwill and loving-kindness of the State and the people.

PERSPECTIVES

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Create a drug-free environment

Drug producing and smuggling are common in many countries of the world and the drug problem is a matter of concern to the entire humanity. It is also the problem that is threatening the family members of a drug user and the human society related to drug pushers.

Narcotic drugs include not only opium, heroine, opium oil and marijuana but also stimulant tablets produced based on chemicals.

So the global nations are taking measures to reduce and eliminate the narcotic drugs production and trafficking that are spreading to the world in various forms. They are speeding up their drug elimination drive to create a drug-free environment for the well-being of the humanity, especially the youth.

Myanmar is implementing a 15-year drug elimination plan by setting the period from 1999 to 2014. Now, success has been achieved in drug elimination tasks thanks to the cooperation of the government and the people.

With the participation of the local people, the State is destroying poppy plantations in the areas where poppy cultivation is traditionally common. In August, the efforts of special anti-drug squads and duty-conscious people led to the large seizure of opium, heroine, opium oil, marijuana and stimulant pills and action was taken against the culprits in accord with the law.

Nonetheless, chemicals used in producing narcotic drugs are still a threat to humans and their environment. Therefore, regional bodies, special anti-drug squads and the people are to beef up combating narcotic drugs.

Chairperson of MNMA Professor Dr Daw Nan Htwam Hla receives cash assistance from responsible person of Mo Asia Co Ltd (DUMEX).

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People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Central Command Commander's Shield boxing competition commences

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended the opening of Central Command Commander's Shield Boxing Competition at the gymnasium in PyinOoLwin Township on 11 September.

The commander attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony at Myainghaywun Park in Aungmyaythazan Township on 12 September morning.—MNA

Commander views preservation methods of quality paddy strains

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Phyo on 11 September inspected cultivation of monsoon paddy in Watsaung village-tract in Kengtung Township. He viewed demonstration of preservation of quality paddy strains in Watsaung village of the township.—MNA

Industry-1 Minister inspects Nay Pyi Taw cement plant project (Taungphila)

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug inspected construction site of 500-ton Nay Pyi Taw cement plant project (Taungphila) being implemented by Myanmar Ceramics Industries on 17 September.

The minister heard reports on progress of work and ongoing tasks presented by an official. Managing Director U Soe Yi made a supplementary report.

The minister looked round the construction site and gave necessary instructions. The minister



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug inspects 500-ton Nay Pyi Taw cement plant project (Taungphila).—INDUSTRY-1

also visited 500-ton cement plant project site being constructed by Max

Myanmar Group of Companies and left necessary constructions. MNA

Educative talks on health held

YANGON, 19 Sept—Educative talks on health, jointly organized by Myanmar Nursing and Midwifery Association (Central) and Mo Asia Co Ltd (DUMEX), was held at University of Nursing (Yangon) this morning.

First, Chairperson of MNMA Professor Dr Daw Nan Htwam Hla extended greetings.

Next, responsible persons from Mo Asia Co Ltd (DUMEX) presented K 200,000 to the MNMA chairperson. Afterwards, Vice-Chairperson of the association Daw Nwe Nwe Khin gave talks on promotion of nursing skills, Treasurer Daw San Yi, on nursing ethics and Senior Nutrition Advisor Daw Su Su Lwin from Mo Asia Co Ltd (DUMEX), on nutrition for infant. And responsible persons then answered the questions asked by those present and gave concluding remarks.

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Mayor looks into laying of new pavements

YANGON, 19 Sept—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning looked into laying of new pavements on Anawrahta Road near the junction of Anawrahta Road and Shwebontha Street and cleaning of creeping plants on the buildings in Pabedan Township. The Mayor also viewed laying of new pavements on Maha Bandoola Street near the junction of Maha Bandoola Street and 14th Street in Lanmadaw Township laying of new pavements on Maha Bandoola Street near the junction of Maha Bandoola Street and SintOdan Street, repaving of SintOdan street in Latha Township and laying of new pavements on Maha Bandoola Street in Pabedan Township and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Earthquake News

YANGON, 19 Sept—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that a moderate earthquake of intensity (5.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter about (2300) miles south-east of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory outside of Myanmar (Indonesia) was recorded at (5) hrs (36) min (57) sec MST on 19 September 2009.—MNA

Russia hails US missile overhaul

Moscow, 19 Sept — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has welcomed as “positive” the US decision to shelve controversial missile defence bases in Poland and the Czech Republic. Mr Medvedev said there were now “good conditions” for US-Russia talks on tackling missile proliferation. US President Barack Obama had earlier announced there would be a shift in US missile defence strategy, following a review of the threat posed by Iran.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said it was a “correct and brave” move. However, US Republicans have called the decision “short-sighted” and “harmful”. Some said it was a concession to Moscow with nothing in return.

Russia had long objected to plans pursued by the administration of former President George W Bush to base a missile interceptor system close to its borders, calling it a threat to its security.

Mr Bush had argued the system was to defend against missiles from “rogue states” like Iran. Mr Obama ordered a review on taking office earlier this year.

On Thursday he said that new intelligence had shown Iran was pursuing short-range and medium-range missile development, rather than long-range. He said the US therefore needed a “proven, cost-effective” system that would use land- and sea-based interceptors against the evolving threat.—*Internet*



Damaged Italian military vehicles are seen at the site of a suicide car bomb attack targeting an Italian military convoy in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 17 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Indonesia police: DNA test confirms Noordin death

JAKARTA, 19 Sept — DNA tests have confirmed it was Southeast Asia terrorist leader Noordin Top who was killed days ago in a shootout with police, Indonesian police said on Saturday. Police used fingerprints to identify Noordin's body after a gun battle at a safe house in central Java on Thursday. DNA tests have confirmed those findings, National Police spokesman Nanan Sukarna said. “There's no longer any doubt,” Sukarna said.

Last month, authorities initially believed a terror suspect killed by police was Noordin, but DNA tests proved otherwise. Police say Noordin, a Malaysian national, planned the 2002 and 2005 suicide bombings on the

resort island of Bali and the 17 July attacks on the JW Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels in Jakarta.

In all, he is thought to be responsible for the deaths of 222 people, mostly foreigners.—*Internet*



Indonesian National police chief Bambang Hendarso Danuri holds up a picture of killed militant Ario Sudarso during a news conference in Jakarta on 17 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Iraq rush hour market bomb kills seven

BAGHDAD, 19 Sept — A bomb planted in a busy market in the Iraqi town of Mahmudiya, south of Baghdad, killed at least seven people and wounded 21 on Friday, police said.

The explosion shattered a relatively calm holy Muslim month of Ramadan, which ends this weekend and has been a favourite militant target in past years. It struck just as town residents were shopping for food to brake their fast.—*Internet*

Iraq and Syria at talks in Turkey

ISTANBUL, 19 Sept — The foreign ministers of Iraq and Syria have met for talks in Turkey to defuse tensions following a diplomatic row. The neighbours recalled their envoys last month after a series of bomb attacks in Baghdad that killed nearly 100 people. Iraq alleged that Syria was harbouring the attacks' masterminds.

Turkey has been acting as broker between the two, who only revived diplomatic links in 2006 after more than 20 years of mutual hostility. Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said there was “determination to co-operate in uncovering all facts

behind these barbarian attacks against the Iraqi government and people”. Near-simultaneous bomb attacks struck

the finance, foreign and defence ministries in the heart of Baghdad on 19 August 2009.

Internet



Syria's Foreign Minister (R) attended a signing ceremony with his Turkish counterpart (2ndL) in Istanbul.—INTERNET

Colombia moves to dismantle domestic spy agency

BOGATA, 19 Sept — After a wiretapping scandal, Colombia's domestic spy department will be

dismantled and a new agency will be set up to focus on intelligence and counter-intelligence work involving national security, the nation's spy chief said on Friday.

Felipe Munoz Gomez said the majority of the current agency's 6,000 employees will be transferred to the criminal investigative unit of the police and other investigative bodies.

On Thursday, President Alvaro Uribe said for the first time that he favored eliminating the DAS spy agency.

Uribe previously talked of the need to restructure the troubled department.

Internet

Shooting in Mexico City subway kills at least two

MEXICO CITY, 19 Sept — A man scrawling graffiti inside a downtown subway station pulled out a gun and began shooting when confronted by police Friday, killing at least two people and wounding five before being shot and subdued by officers.

Mexico City Attorney General Miguel Angel Mancera said a passenger and a police officer were killed at the Balderas subway station, near the Ciudadela crafts market. He said six people, including the shooter, were wounded. Mancera identified the gunman as Luis Felipe Hernandez Castillo, 38, and said he was arrested carrying a .38-caliber revolver. The gunman was writing on the station walls with a black marker when a police officer confronted him, Mancera said. He said the man fatally shot the officer and a civilian who tried to stop him, and then ran to a subway car where he reloaded his gun and kept firing until other police officers shot him and captured him.—*Internet*



Onlookers gather at the site of a shooting attack at the Balderas subway station in downtown Mexico City, on 18 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Panama Canal to invest some \$800 m in 2010

PANAMA CITY, 19 Sept —The Authorities of the Panama Canal (ACP) reported Friday that its investment budget for 2010 will be of 792 million US dollars. ACP Directive Broad president Romulo Roux said that money will contribute to modernize

the canal during this period, which goes from 1 Oct, 2009 to 30 Sept, 2010.

“This budget allows executing expansion plans and modernization of the canal during the coming fiscal term,” Roux told the Press on

Friday. The ACP estimates that during 2010 it will get incomes for fees of 1.525 billion dollars, from some 14,259 ships using the canal. On Wednesday, the Panamanian National Assembly approved the Canal’s budget for the term. —Xinhua

‘Barcodes’ tackle bush meat trade

LONDON, 19 Sept—Researchers have developed a new tool in the fight against the illegal hunting and trading of wild animals. “We can use a small sequence of DNA as a species identifier in the same way as a barcode,” says George Amato of the American Museum of Natural History.

The technique can accurately identify an animal species, even once it has processed and turned into meat or other products. The illegal trade in bush meat has grown dramatically over recent years. Hunting for income or subsistence is tra-

ditional in Asia, South and Central America and West and Central Africa.

There is also increasing international demand for meat and other products from “exotic” wild animals. The trade is difficult to monitor but estimated to be worth billions of dollars a year. Knowing the species can help trace where an animal is from, and therefore help determine whether the hunting and killing was illegal. Along with traditional techniques like education, it could help control the trade.

Internet



California’s unemployment rate reaches new high in August

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept — Unemployment rate in California climbed to 12.2 percent in August, setting a new modern record, authorities announced on Friday. The new statistics was registered as an — increase from July’s rate of 11.9 percent and 7.6 percent in August 2008. The number of unemployed people in California climbed by 49,000 in August, bringing the number of unemployed to 2.2 million.

It’s also more than 850,000 additional unemployed people since last year, when the unemployment rate was 7.6 percent in August 2008, according to the state Employment Development Department.

Manufacturing, trade, business services, leisure and other services led the state in job losses.

The national unemployment rate was 9.7 percent in August, down from 9.4 percent in July, and 6.2 percent in August 2008.

Xinhua

Bush meat is a key part of the diet for many in central Africa.—INTERNET

UN report says global economic crisis not over yet, at least for the poor

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Sept—Despite “green shoots” of recovery, the world economic financial and economic crisis is still not over yet, at least for the millions of the most vulnerable who cannot make the ends meet everyday, the United Nations warned on Friday. “The ‘near poor’ are becoming the ‘new poor,’” UN Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro told reporters in New York



Critics say plantations are pushing further into the rainforest.—INTERNET

Brazil eyes Amazon sugar cane ban

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Sept —The Brazilian government has unveiled plans to ban sugar cane plantations in environmentally sensitive areas. The proposal, which must be passed by Congress, comes amid concerns that Brazil’s developing biofuels industry is increasing Amazon deforestation.

Environment Minister

Carlos Minc said the measures would mean ethanol made from sugar cane would be “100% green”. The government agenda is becoming more environmentally friendly ahead of the 2010 presidential poll, analysts say. The plans unveiled by Mr Minc would limit sugar cane plantations to 7.5% of Brazilian territory or

64m hectares, and prevent the clearing of new land for the crop.

The proposed legislation, expected to be put to Congress next year, would also prohibit the building of ethanol distillation plants in food-growing areas or in the vast wetlands of the Pantanal, on Brazil’s border with Bolivia. Brazil, the world’s top producer of sugar, has long championed ethanol as an environmentally friendly source of energy but concerns have grown over its potential hazards. — Internet

Nicaragua, Cuba evaluate expansion of cooperation

MANAGUA, 19 Sept—Nicaragua and Cuba on Friday set a joint commission here to evaluate the expansion of bilateral cooperation. Nicaraguan Development, Industry and Commerce Minister Orlando Solorzano said the commission will analyze the possibilities of expanding the commercial ties between both nations. Solorzano said that Nicaragua is interested in exporting to Cuba agriculture, livestock and industrial products, since Nicaragua is an important agriculture producer.

The commission will also discuss Cuba’s support to the Nicaraguan government’s social projects, like the literacy campaign, the ophthalmologic surgeries and health programs. Cuban Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment Rodrigo Malmierca Diaz, who led the delegation visiting in Nicaragua, told the press that the bilateral initiative “answers the cooperation wills and the possibilities of both countries to develop cooperation projects in different areas.” — Xinhua

Brazil to be world’s top five economy

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Sept—Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Friday that abundant natural resources might help the country become the world’s third largest economy in the near future. The recently discovered pre-salt oil and gas reserves may help the country achieve this goal, Lula said.

“In 10 or 15 years, this country will be the third, or the fourth largest economy in the world, or the fifth if it does not have luck,” Lula said at the inauguration of a project in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul. The government has to improve the quality of education in the country, as well as the economic situation of the poor, with the pre-salt revenues, Lula said.—Xinhua

Bulgaria, Russia agree to create South Stream working groups

SOFIA, 19 Sept —Bulgaria and Russia agreed Friday to create common working groups to prepare details of the “South Stream” natural gas pipeline project. Bulgaria Economy, Energy and Tourism Minister, Traicho Traikov, and Russia Energy Minister, Sergei Shmatko, held talks in Sofia on Friday regarding the future of the South Stream gas pipeline, Belene Nuclear Power Plant and Burgas — Alexandroupolis oil pipeline projects.

With regard to the “South Stream,” Russia and Bulgaria have agreed to establish two joint working groups, one of which will work on the terms of the shareholders’ agreement of the project company for the project, while the other will work on preparing the guidelines for the tender for a feasibility study, Traikov announced.

He continued that “for the Belene nuclear power plant we also reached a common understanding

that the project has so far been led in a way that was not beneficial to its success and that now we need a clear and transparent financing structure - this is what we will do from now on.” “We are starting this process, by the end of it we will have a clear position on what part of the project we want to keep and what will be presented to interested investors. Russian companies will not be discriminated against in the process,” Traikov concluded. — *Xinhua*



An athlete competes in the international surfboard invitational tournament in Weihai, east China's Shandong Province. — XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Women account for majority of Brazil's population

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 Sept—Brazil's population is composed of mostly females, according to the National Household Sample Survey (Pnad) released on Friday by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE). According to the survey, which was based on 2008 figures, women make up 51.3 per-

cent of Brazil's 189.9 million inhabitants, while males account for 48.7 percent.

The IBGE stated that the birth rate of boys is higher than that of girls. However, while women have a longer lifespan, the number of males is lower in the country. In addition to the higher number of

men who die from health problems, the number of males killed in acts of violence and in motor vehicle accidents is also higher, causing women to be the majority of the population.

Black and mixed-race citizens are also the majority of the Brazilian population, according to the Pnad. — *Xinhua*



Photo taken on 18 Sept, 2009 shows the rehearsal of Yellow River Cantata in Shanghai, east China.

The cantata, with participation of more than 22,000 people, will be staged with live broadcasting in 10 provinces and regions on Saturday to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the cantata composed by Xian Xinghai, a famous Chinese composer, and the 60th birthday of the People's Republic of China. — XINHUA

Chinese Mainland sees rebound in inbound tourism in August

BEIJING, 19 Sept—Inbound tourism in the Chinese Mainland rebounded in August after it fell for 15 consecutive months since May last year, the National Tourism Administration said. The mainland reported more than 11.09 million inbound tourist arrivals in August, up 3.06 percent year on year, according to data from the administration released on Friday.

Growth was recorded in the number of arrivals from 16 major sources of overseas tourists, except Russia, said the administration. — *Xinhua*

Mexican state calls for army help after floods

MEXICO CITY, 19 Sept—Mexico's east coastal state Veracruz Friday asked army soldiers for help, after 2,450 buildings were flooded in Xalapa, capital of the state. “We have had an unprecedented rainy season in Xalapa. There have been nine days and nine nights of intense rain, a great deluge,” State Governor Fidel Herrera told media on Friday during a tour in the affected areas.

Around 40 localities have been hit in the city and some now have water 1.5 meters deep. Five houses have collapsed due to weak foundations and 15 schools have been closed due to flood damage. On Thursday, authorities reported that some 18,000 people in Veracruz had lost contact with the outside world due to strong rains while 17 areas in the state reported landslides, which blocked highways and stranded 35 towns. — *Xinhua*

293 kg of cocaine seized in Dominican Republic

HAVANA, 19 Sept — Authorities of the Dominican Republic announced Friday a large haul of narcotics and cash was found in two operations. Altogether, the police found 293 kg of cocaine and 167,160 US dollars. According to information reaching here from Santo Domingo, the seizure was carried out on Thursday night during a joint operation of the National Direction of Drug Control (DNCD), the

Central Anti-narcotic Direction from the National Police and the Public Ministry. According to DNCD President Rolando Rosado Mateo, the drugs were seized in Buena Vista district in the capital, and the money was seized in Benny district, also in the capital. Rosado said that a large number of officers had participated in the operation, who acted on intelligence which had taken 10 days to gather. — *Xinhua*

5.4 m Mexicans take part in quake simulation exercise

MEXICO CITY, 19 Sept—About 5.4 million residents of Mexico City took part in an earthquake simulation exercise that evacuated 12,142 buildings, head of the city's Civil Protection Department (SPC) Elias Moreno Brizuela said on Friday. Around 12,000 police, 2,000 firefighters and 500 SPC staff were mobilized for the exercise on Friday, Brizuela said, adding that the Red Cross, local volunteer group the Emergency Medical Rescue Squadron had also participated. Emergency services practiced rescue works at the National Lottery building in Mexico City's biggest avenue, Reforma, while paramedics evacuated people with injuries that would be consistent with a building collapse. — *Xinhua*



People visit the photo exhibition dubbed as “Colourful China” in New York on 18 Sept, 2009. — XINHUA

Japan mulls Afghan role after dropping naval mission

Tokyo, 19 Sept—The Japanese government is considering a new role in Afghanistan, after dropping a naval refuelling mission in the Indian Ocean, a media report said on Saturday. Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama is keen to

offer agricultural aid and other assistance aimed at stabilising the economic and social situation in the violence-torn nation, the *Yomiuri Shimbun* said.

Hatoyama took office on Wednesday after his centre-left Democratic Party of Japan scored a massive election victory, ousting the conservative Liberal Democratic Party. Hatoyama, who formed a coalition with two

smaller parties, campaigned on a promise of sweeping change, including stopping Japan's Indian Ocean mission providing fuel to US-led forces operating in Afghanistan.

Washington has asked Japan to propose alternatives to the mission by November, when President Barack Obama visits Japan, the *Yomiuri* said, citing unnamed sources.

Internet



This 2007 photo shows Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force's oil tanker "Tokiwa" (right) during a fueling mission in the Indian Ocean. New Japanese government is considering a new role in Afghanistan, after dropping the controversial refuelling mission.—INTERNET

Quake rocks NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 Sept—An earthquake of 5.1 magnitude rocked Swat, Peshawar and several other areas of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province on Saturday, local TV channel reported.

Met. Department said that Peshawar, Swat, Malak and other areas were struck by tremors of medium intensity, which on the Richter scale measured 5.1, the Private TV GEO News reported. The department further said that the epicenter of the quake was in Hindukush mountain range of Afghanistan. There has been no report of casualty so far. —*Xinhua*

Italian scientists announce cancer-related discovery

ROME, 19 Sept — Italian scientists announced on Friday a step forward in developing an early warning system to prevent tumors from forming. The study, published in Friday's issue of the scientific journal *Cell* by a team of biologists at the University of Siena, shows how a complex interaction of proteins regulates the replication of DNA.

These proteins are produced by a pair of genes known to give rise to cancerous cells when they mutate. The team of researchers, lead by microbiologist Salvatore Oliverio, said that changes in these proteins could give away a cancerous cell in the making. According to a statement from the experts, "this represents an important step in understanding the codes and signals for a number of cellular processes so that we can intervene in case of irregularities." — *Xinhua*

Some injuries after quake near Indonesia's Bali

JAKARTA, 19 Sept — An earthquake struck offshore from Indonesia's island of Bali on Saturday, causing some injuries, the meteorology agency and the health ministry said. Officials said no tsunami warning had been issued, but the quake at around dawn was felt strongly on the resort island. At least seven people were injured, some hit by falling debris from buildings and others after jumping from high floors, said Rustam Pakaya, an

official at Indonesia's health ministry.

The roof of a shopping mall in the island's capital of Denpasar also collapsed, the official said. "When the quake happened I was in a market and some people started shouting and running out of the market building, leaving their belongings behind," said Putu Suartana, a resident in Singaraja in Bali. He said lamps swayed violently after the quake.

The quake measured

6.4 on the Richter scale and its epicentre was 101 km (62.76 miles) southeast of Nusadua in Bali at a depth of 36 km, the meteorology agency said. Indonesia suffers frequent earthquakes lying in an area of intense seismic activity where several tectonic plates meet. A quake killed at least 57 and destroyed thousands of homes in the hills of West Java on 2 Sept, also causing panic and some damage in the capital Jakarta.—*Internet*

Changes of Gongchen Bridge in E China over years

With a length of 98 meters and a height of 16 meters, the Gongchen Bridge in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, is the landmark and the southmost terminal of the Hangzhou section of Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal.

It dates back to 1631 in the Ming

Dynasty (1368-1644) and was rebuilt in 1881 in the Qing Dynasty (1636-1911). Silk and cotton factories were launched here in 1950s and 1960s, bringing prosperity to the area along the canal.

Nevertheless, the plants underwent a decline since the moving of the factories in 1990s. Things have been changed from 2000.

The area along the canal became a zone housing a thriving artist and designer community in 2003.

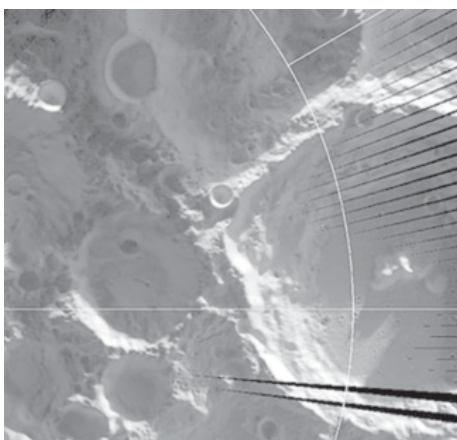


Wang Qi, former photographer of the Culture Service of Gongshu District of Hangzhou, shows a photo of Beijing-Hangzhou Grand Canal in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 14 Sept, 2009.

NC doctor removes plastic fragment lodged in lung

Doctors say a North Carolina man who was plagued with coughing fits should be OK now that they have removed a 1-inch piece of plastic from his lung, where it had rested since he apparently inhaled it nearly two years ago while sucking down a soft drink at a Wendy's restaurant.

Doctors at Duke University Medical Center say the plastic fragment of an eating utensil — with the Wendy's logo still legible on the side — was likely to blame for the coughing, fatigue and pneumonia spells that plagued John Manley for almost two years.



This undated image provided by NASA, taken by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, shows the crater called Faustini, upper, center, on the south pole of the moon, where temperatures reached 397-degrees below zero. Some of those coldest temperatures in the solar system were measured in the crater called Faustini. Astronomers have found the coldest spot in our solar system and it may be a little close for comfort. It's on our moon, right nearby.

People unfold a gigantic flag at Teddy Football stadium in Jerusalem, on 17 Sept 2009. The 44,404-square-meter flag, which costs \$120,000, was finished by six workers in 120 days. The flag was stamped by Guinness World Records when it was first unfolded in the Philippines on 11 April, 2009.

Coldest place in the solar system? Right nearby

Astronomers have found the coldest spot in our solar system and it may be a little close for comfort. It's on our moon, right nearby. NASA's new Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter is making the first complete temperature map of the moon. It found that at the moon's south pole, it's colder than far away Pluto. The area is inside craters that are permanently shadowed so they never see sun.

"It's sort of like a faint glow and that's your only source of heat," said David Paige, a University of California, Los Angeles, scientist who is part of the NASA team. "Right here in our own backyard are definitely the coldest things we've seen in real measurements."

Temperatures there were measured at 397 degrees below zero. That's just 62 degrees higher than the lowest temperature possible.



NEWS ALBUM

Today's vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (1)

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It is home to various national brethren including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan. In transportation sector, road transport is more important than other means of transport such as rail, air and water transport. So the government is building roads and bridges for development of production and better transportation, thereby contributing towards improvement of social life of the people.

In the past, the route that was the main road to link the upper part and lower part of the country lied in the east of the Ayeyawady. But now it has had easy access to every part of the nation.

According to the 2008 Record, the followings are miles of road built by ministries concerned.

1. Public Works Department of the Ministry of Construction

	Mile	Furlong
- main roads	11259	0
- inter-town roads	8054	7

2. Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs

- urban roads	5990	4
- rural roads	39438	3
- roads in border regions	6414	5

3. Yangon City Development Committee

- roads in the municipal area	1951	6
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4. Mandalay City Development Committee

- roads in the municipal area	605	3.75
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5. Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee

- Nay Pyi Taw Special Development Project Roads	334	1.5
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6. Directorate of Military Engineers of the Ministry of Defence

- Strategic roads	4296	3
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Photo shows trucks overloaded with timber logs.

Background of the Ministry of Construction

Public Works Department (PWD) was established in 1888 and it was formed with Road/Building Branch and Irrigation Branch. The Road/Building Branch was transferred to Diarchy Government in 1922. After World War II, the formation of the department was extended to district and township levels for rehabilitation works. In 1951, Housing Board was set up and it took over the construction works of Public Works Department. The Public Works Department was renamed Highway Department in 1952. Ministry of Housing Construction was established since there had been a lot of works to carry out. The Ministry of Housing Construction was renamed the Ministry of

Myanmar, situated in South-East Asia, is a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). It shares borders with the People's Republic of China, Thailand, Laos, Bangladesh and India. It has an area of more than 260000 square miles. It is the most beautiful country in SEA as it is surrounded by high snow-capped mountains and offshore seas in addition to rivers such as Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Thanlwin and Sittoung.

Public Works and Housing Construction after Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Department and Sanitation Engineering Department of the Public Works merged with Housing Board in 1954. It was reorganized as the Ministry of Construction in 1972.

Background of Public Works

Public Works Corporation was established in 1965 after the merger of Highway Department set up in 1952 and 21 Civil Engineering Departments under other ministries. It was reorganized as Construction Corporation (CC) in 1972 and Public Works emerged on 1 April, 1988.

The Ministry of Construction has expedited building new roads and upgrading existing ones year after year. Although there were 13,635 miles of road in 1988, there were 19,999 miles and one furlong in 2009. A total 984 miles of Mule tracks are being maintained.

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Translation: YM



Photo shows Takaw-Mongping-Kengtung motorway in border region.

Strengthening nation's workforce through amnesty

U Myo Myint (Law)

The people of a nation can become affluent with a high standard of living only if the nation is a sovereign, independent one. If so, the people can do their bit with heart and soul in the tasks for development of their country, harnessing natural resources. If a country loses its sovereignty to colonialists, all the natural resources, agricultural produce, industrial products and gem lands will fall to the hands of aliens. The people will be under oppression, torture and exploitation, and they will all stay far below the poverty line. Myanmar people were under the rule of the British colonialists for over a century.

If the nation is independent but the people remain disunited with constant riots and armed struggle line, the people, like being under the yoke of alien subjugation, will go through the hell of hardships and adversities. The nation will be far distant from development and the people will not have their basic needs fulfilled. Innocent people will be in a state of panic and stay hiding for their lives. The whole environment will be covered with smell of cordite, instead of fresh air. Myanmar people encountered such sufferings for more than half a century.

And if the nation is independent and free from internal armed insurgency, the people will be able to enjoy economic growth through free trade, and lead a peaceful life. The development momentum of the nation will be on the increase. Getting on with their businesses, the people will be able to make charities on a large scale very often.

Even if the condition of a nation is satisfactory, there may be many types of cases that make the people frustrated. The people dare not leave their doors open while sleeping at night due to those with criminal behaviour. Cases on bodily injuries comprise hurt, murder and rape; cases on possessions, pickpocket, robbery, armed robbery, fraud, making counterfeit money and misappropriation; and cases on the State, illegal assembly, high treason, illegal possession of arms, riot and spying.

Commitment of such crimes mainly harms the people. So, the government has promulgated Criminal Law and Penal Law to protect the people, possessions, property, limbs, life and dignity. The government not only promulgates Offence Law and Special Offence Law to protect the people against harms, but also charges offenders on behalf of the public. Courts have to pronounce punitive punishments in order that the offenders will not commit the crimes again.

There are many habitual criminals, whereas some commit crimes out of hardships, inevitability, and circumstance. In Western industrialized countries, there is a great gap of wealth between the rich and the poor. The poor commit crimes in desperation. There, films and novels somehow equip the people with a sense of criminal behaviour, thus leading to criminal cases. Some commit crimes out of their violent behaviour.

In Western countries, many are staging protests for freedom of drug abuse. They abuse narcotic drugs as a matter of course. Arms are available on roadside stalls in the evening. If an order is placed, arms are distributed by post. The people can get arms easily, so going on a shooting spree is common out of anger and due to insanity. Those countries have to deal with over 20 million cases involving the use of guns every year.

Unlike in those countries, the majority of the criminal cases in Myanmar are incidental ones due to the teachings of parents, teachers and religion, correct guidance of publications, and gentle nature and attitude of the people. In the period between the time of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League government and the time of the Revolutionary Council government issued amnesties with the aim of achieving national reconsolidation. Tens of thousands of prisoners were released under the amnesties. Capital punishments were commuted into life sentences. Prisoners were granted amnesties for the sake of their better lives and future of their families.

Just after coming to power, the Revolutionary Council government planned to introduce the country Socialism, free from pernicious systems characterized by exploitation of man by man, for better living standard of workers and peasants. In March 1963, the chairman of the Revolutionary Council had a meeting with prisoners at Yangon Jail on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Yangon. He said that he thought if asked they would respond that they had committed crimes due to poverty; that the government did not want to put them behind bars, but it had to do so and fed them in prison; that so the government would set up a new system with which it would be able to fulfill the basic needs of the public; and that the prisoners on their part were to do their bit with a sense of duty in reconstructing the nation. He dissuaded them from committing crimes again. He granted amnesty for prisoners. Then, Yangon Jail was dismantled under his instruction.

Then, the armed groups were invited to a peace talk. You will still remember that, I think. In 1980 the government granted a general amnesty for thousands of prisoners after the All Ganas of Sangha Meeting had been successfully held. Internal and external insurgents and groups were invited to return to the legal fold. Leftist and rightist veteran politicians living abroad were invited and politicians released from prison. At that time, the people were happy to see a gathering of independence patriots. There were songs of peace and unity. However, they did not last long.

After assuming State duties on 18 September 1988, the Tatmadaw granted amnesties many times and released thousands of prisoners. National reconsolidation was built. Seventeen major armed groups and over 20 small armed groups returned to the legal fold and made peace with the State. With the

prevalence of peace, remarkable progress was made in all sectors of the whole Union including border and rural areas.

The National Convention with the participation of national brethren from all walks of life adopted sound principles for the new constitution. These are good examples of unity, amity and mutual trust and confidence among the national people and that was made known to the world.

Unlike in the previous eras, the present government side by side with the national race peace groups and national people is building a democratic nation while striving to ensure peace and stability of the Union and development of the State. Now the fourth step of the seven-step Road Map has been completed. This is due to the strength and unity of the national people based on Union Spirit.

Then, the fifth step, the successful holding of the 2010 multi-party democracy general election, and the sixth and seventh steps will be implemented. The Union Government emerging from the seven-step Road Map will usher the national people into a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the national goal.

In the not-too-distant future, a democratic nation will surely emerge for the Myanmar people. Therefore, the united, active national people have to continue to work together sparing no effort. They will have to continue implementing the remaining 5th, 6th and 7th steps of the road map while ensuring peace and stability of the State and carrying out nation-building tasks.

Internal and external destructive elements will always try to make slanderous accusations and cause disturbances. They can do nothing except bad deeds. Anyhow, Myanmar have to keep marching towards the democracy goal by overcoming any difficulties and hardships.

Most of the prisoners become aware of their misdeeds while serving their terms in prison. While keeping good discipline, they try to mend their bad behaviours. They unavoidably committed crimes because of a hard life. But they are not the ones who are attempting to harm the State by committing treason.

Now is the time when Myanmar is in its initial stage of democracy. I have noticed that the State granted amnesty to 7114 prisoners and released them because it did not want to see them have a feeling of being in prison for long.

The government granted amnesty on 17 September 2009 under Criminal Procedure Code Section 401/sub-section (1) and terminated the prison terms of 7114 prisoners for their good conduct and discipline to enable them to serve the interests of their regions, their own and the State after realizing the government's compassion and goodwill.

The released prisoners as well as their family members will be delighted. The entire people will be happy as well. The prison is a place where law breakers are detained and prisoners are trained to mend their bad behaviours and become good citizens for the human society. I hope that the released prisoners will actively participate in the drive for opening the door to democracy realizing the goodwill and loving-kindness of the State and the people.

Translation: MS+ST

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Commander attends first cash donation ceremony for Performing Arts Competitions



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin receiving cash donation from a wellwisher.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Chairman of the leading committee for organizing the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin on 10 September attended the ceremony of the first cash donation to hold the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

First, the commander delivered an opening address and the chairman of Finance and Prize Presentation Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe and officials concerned accepted the cash donated by well-wishers, and presented certificates of honour to them.—MNA

Objectives of the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Uplift of dynamism of genuine patriotic spirit based on national unity
4. Emergence of new generations who will preserve and safeguard national character

Minister inspects development tasks in Pyapon Township

YANGON, 19 Sept—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing met with chairmen of Ward Peace and Development Councils, townselders and locals from Kazaung, Kape, Yekyaw and Phoshantawsu villages at Kazaung village on 14 September and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the minister presented K 300,000 and 50 corrugated iron sheets to build Dhammayon and K 200,000 for maintenance of the village bridge.

After that, officials accepted K 100,000 for renovation of the bridge donated by Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, clothes, mosquito nets and medi-

cines by District Maternal and Child Warfare Association, and blankets and medicines by the Chairman of District Peace and Development Council, the commander of District Police Force and the district health officer.

Furthermore, the minister viewed the thriving monsoon paddy plantations along the road by boat. The minister met with the chairmen of Ward Peace and Development Councils and townselders at Thapyaykan Basic Education Primary School and he presented K 1.3 million for maintenance of Kada Village bridge and Thapyaykan village bridge and to buy the boats.—MNA

Press meet on private-owned health care services held

YANGON, 18 Sept —Organized by Yangon Division Health Committee, a press meet on private-owned health care services was held at the hall of University of Public Health this afternoon.

Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Tun made an address and Deputy Director-General Dr Kyee Myint of Health Department explained matters related to applying licence for private-owned health care services.

Next, Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint, Secretary of Yangon Division Health Committee, explained work to be done for private-owned health care services, officials answered the queries raised by those present.

It was also attended by members of Yangon Division Health Committee, chairmen of district/township PDCs, heads of district/township health departments and responsible persons of private-owned clinics. —MNA

Vice-Chairman of Bago Division PDC looks into regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint on 7 September met with local farmers at Alotawya village-tract in Pyay Township and gave necessary instructions.

Next, the vice chairman looked into Myarknawin dam and left necessary instructions.

On 8 September, he attended the discussion on uplifting of skilled person's efficiency and promoting of birth rate and teachership course held at Division Health Department office and gave an opening speech.

Brig-Gen Sein Myint

also attended International Literacy Day held at No-3 Basic Education High School. Afterwards, Brig-Gen Sein Myint and officials presented prizes to winner students and viewed the booths to mark International Literacy Day.—MNA

Basic Clerical Course No (130) concludes

YANGON, 18 Sept—The concluding ceremony of Basic Clerical Course No (130) took part at the parade ground of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning with an address by Rector U Win Maung. The rector presented prizes to the outstanding trainees and completion certificates to the trainees.—MNA

YANGON, 19 Sept—With the aim of developing information and communication technology and the computer networking technology, talks on Computer Networking Opportunity with Cisco, organized by NetInfo technology training centre, was held at Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline Township this morning.

Marketing Manager U Zeyar Oo of NetInfo explained the purpose of holding the talks. Lecturer U Aung Myo gave talks on guidelines for the youth to seek CCNA Network certificate and studying the curriculum with the use of software simulators.—MNA

Talks on Computer Networking Opportunity with Cisco held



Marketing Manager U Zeyar Oo explains purpose of holding talks on computer networking opportunity with Cisco.—MNA

Commander meets local farmers in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye on 9 September met with Chairmen of Village Peace and Development Councils and local farmers in An Township at the meeting hall of the township.

First, the commander delivered an address and coordinated regional development tasks reported by officials. At the hall of station, he viewed military code of conduct of officers and servicemen from battalions and units under Western Command and wall magazine.

On 11 September, the commander attended the coordination meeting for upgrading of roads and bridges in Rakhine State and gave an address. And then he gave necessary instructions on undergoing tasks presented by officials.

MNA

Construction of paper mills, bricks factories inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept— Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug inspected the construction of 20-ton Cardboard Paper Mill of Yeni No (2) paper mill under Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries on 17 September. The minister heard reports on the matters related to the projects presented by Managing Director U Yi Mon and officials concerned.

The minister looked into 50-ton Newsprint Pulp and 80-ton Packaging Paper Mill,



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug visits Nay Pyi Taw Brick Factory Project (Minkon).—INDUSTRY-1

CTMP Newsprint Pulp Mill, Nay Pyi Taw Brick Factory Project (Pantin) under Myanma Ceramics Industries and fulfilled the needs.

The Brick factory (Pantin) project will produce 50,000 bricks per

day. The plan is under way to produce 150,000 bricks a day. So, the factory will produce 50 million bricks a year.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the construction sites of Nay Pyi Taw Brick factory

(Minkon) under Myanma Ceramics Industries and gave the instructions. On completion of the project, the factory will produce 150,000 quality bricks daily and 50 million bricks yearly.

MNA

Commander carries out regional development tasks in Shwebo District

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe on 14 September arrived at Shwebo in Shwebo District and looked into repaving of Maha Bandoola street and

paving of gravel at the corner of railway station street and left necessary instructions.

Next, the commander inspected extending of pipelines laying tasks from Maha Nanda lake in Shwebo and the officials presented completion tasks to him.

After that, he also

looked into Chlorine factory, construction of roof over the water-filter tank and incoming of water to the lake.

On the arrival of Letpanhla Village in KhinOo Township, the commander also inspected construction progress of bridge in the Village and paddy fields in Gwaygon nursery farm of the seed branch under Myanma Agriculture Service in Gwaygon village and gave necessary instructions.

At Moksi Village in YeU Township, he released fingerlings put onto the paddy fields.

Afterwards, the commander viewed Ngwechi-6 cotton plantation in Saipyin village in Dabayin Township and met with cotton growers and attended to the needs.—MNA

DY Minister of Construction inspects No 2 concrete jetty

YANGON, 19 Sept— Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe arrived at Kanaung hall of management office of Shwelinpan Industrial Town in Hlinethaya today.

Director-General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win and Deputy Chief Engineer of Myanma Port Authority U Kyaw Oo reported on matters related to No 2 concrete jetty built on Seikkantha street in Shwelinpan Industrial Town of Hlinethaya Township and the deputy minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Deputy minister inspected construction site of No 2 concrete jetty.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe looks into No. 2 concrete jetty in Shwelinpan Industrial Town of Hlinethaya Township.—CONSTRUCTION

Commander looks into Pathein-Monywa road, embankments

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe on 11 September arrived at YekyiU Yeiktha in Yekyi Township. The commander heard reports on completion tasks of officials and he then left necessary instructions and looked into ongoing tasks.

On 11 September,

the commander inspected mixed-cropping of cotton and groundnut plantation and weeding tasks at Shataw Village in Myanaung Township and gave necessary instructions.

At Kanzunkhon village-tract, officials presented ongoing tasks to the commander.

Next, the commander met teachers, members of the School Board of Trustees at Basic Education High School in Kanaung and donated cash assistance.

On arrival at

Ngarpiseik village, he also met with jute growers at buying centre under Myanma Jute Enterprise and heard reports on development tasks of officials.

He looked into Nyaungkyo Village library in Ingapu Township and met with local people at BEHS.

Afterwards, the commander inspected villages on the bank of Ayeyawady river and Ngawun river, water course and embankments.

MNA

International Literacy Day observed in Loikaw

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept— Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint attended the ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day at the city hall in Loikaw Township, Kayah State, on 8 September and delivered an address.

Next, the chairman and officials presented the awards to the winners in the essay and poster competition and he viewed the prize winning works.

After that, the chairman attended the departmental level work coordination meeting at the Kayah State PDC Office. At the meeting, officials reported on progress of their work and the chairman gave necessary instructions.— MNA



Kunming locals look at fresh flowers during an international flower expo in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 19 Sept, 2009. The flower expo was opened here on Saturday, attracting nearly 100 flower enterprises here from many countries and regions such as China, the Netherlands and Australia.—INTERNET

Russia navy considering buying French-built ship

Moscow, 19 Sept—Russia has been negotiating the possible purchase of a military ship built in France, a Russian deputy defense minister said Saturday.

Vladimir Popovkin said it's too early to say whether an agreement for buying a Mistral-class helicopter carrier can be reached, but he added that it could mark an important step in modernizing the Russian navy.

If a deal goes through,

it would be the first foreign ship that Russia's navy has bought in decades, and the first-ever from a NATO member nation.

Popovkin told Ekho Moskv radio Saturday that along with the ship Russia was seeking to acquire technologies that would help raise the level of domestic shipbuilding industries.

"We are discussing the ship's purchase and, at the same time, we are talking

about having facilities to produce such ships in Russia," he said.

He said that French technologies could help Russia build its own aircraft carriers if it decides to do that, but added that Russian shipbuilders strongly oppose the purchase.

Popovkin said that the government is yet to make a decision on whether Russia needs to build costly aircraft carriers.

Internet

Engineer found dead in car in Delhi

NEW DELHI, 19 Sept—A 23-year-old engineer was found dead and a teenaged girl, with whom he had a relationship, unconscious in a car in Outer Delhi early this morning, police said.

Dinesh Gupta and the 17-year-old girl got trapped inside the car with its AC on after the vehicle ran out of petrol in Punjabi Colony of Narela at around 12.30 am, a senior police official said.

"They could not open the door before carbon dioxide got filled inside the car. After sometime Gupta managed to open the doors. In a semi-conscious state he came out, but fell down resulting in his death," the official said. The girl, a student, survived the incident as Gupta opened the doors and oxygen supply was restored, he said.

She is recuperating in a hospital. Both are residents of Punjabi Colony in Narela.—Internet



Smoke rises from the base of African Union (AU) peacekeepers at the airport after the base was attacked by suicide car bombers in Somalia's capital Mogadishu on 11 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Marty becomes a tropical depression in the Pacific

MIAMI, 19 Sept—Marty is weakening in the Pacific off the coast of Mexico and is now a tropical depression.

The National Hurricane Center says Marty's maximum sustained winds decreased to near 35 mph (55 kph) on Saturday morning. The system is expected to continue to lose strength and should become a remnant low in a day or so.

Marty is centered about 445 miles (715 kilometers) west of the southern tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula. The system is moving west-northwest near 9 mph (15 kph).—Internet



Customers look at agricultural machine during an international agriculture expo in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 19 Sept, 2009. The five-day agriculture expo was opened here on Saturday with many exhibits like good-quality farm products and agricultural machine, attracting more than 200 enterprises from China and other countries and regions.—INTERNET

UN probes use of its vehicles in Somalia bombing

NAIROBI, 19 Sept—The United Nations is investigating the use of its vehicles by suicide bombers who killed 17 African Union peacekeepers at their main base in Somalia, a senior official said on Saturday.

President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed's government said on Friday Islamist rebels had seized more UN vehicles in readiness for suicide attacks.

"There are very large numbers of UN vehicles in Somalia that have been used for a variety of projects," Mark

Bowden, the UN humanitarian coordinator for Somalia told Reuters.

Bowden said the UN had been given the chassis number of one of the vehicles used in the attack. "We are trying to trace whether it's a UN vehicle," he said.

Bowden said the attack on the peacekeepers' base next to Mogadishu airport on Thursday would not weaken the UN's resolve to deliver aid to half the Somali population but it could hamper operations on the ground.

Internet

French woman stabbed in knife attack in Beijing

BEIJING, 19 Sept—A French woman was attacked in Beijing near Tiananmen Square on Saturday, a French diplomat said in an attack that came two days after a man with a knife killed two and injured 14 in the same area.

Saturday's attack occurred just before noon near the south end of Tiananmen Square, with police capturing the attacker

on the spot, a spokesman for the French Embassy in Beijing told AFP.

"The attack was not serious, the woman was not hurt seriously and has already rejoined her tourist group," the spokesman said, declining to identify the victim.

Xinhua news agency said the elderly French woman had been rushed to hospital after the attacker,

identified as Dou Mingxiang, 41, from east China's Jiangxi province, slashed her. Police are investigating the case, it added.

On Thursday, a 46-year-old man identified as Zhang Jianfei stabbed two people to death and wounded 14 others in Beijing, state media reported.

Internet



Decorations on Tiananmen Square in Beijing ahead of National Day celebration on 1 October. A French woman was stabbed in central Beijing near Tiananmen Square, state media has said, two days after a man fatally knifed two people and wounded 14 in the same area.—INTERNET

Downtown Los Angeles building caught in fire, no injury reported

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept—A blaze in a high commercial building in southern Los Angeles was finally put out by firefighters early Friday morning with no one hurt, local fire department said. The fire broke out at around 12:30 am on the 1300 block of South Main Street, and the entire structure was bathed in smoke when 50 firefighters arrived at the spot, Los Angeles Fire spokeswoman Melissa Kelley said.

Parts of the roof caved in and fire shot out of the third floor, forcing firefighters work outside the 100-by-100 foot (929 square meters) mansion. Authorities declared a knockdown in about an hour and a half. Entire space of the third floor was totally destroyed in the flame. No injuries were reported. An investigation is ongoing, the authorities said.

Xinhua

Japan upbeat on economic recovery

TOKYO, 19 Sept—The Bank of Japan (BOJ) has given an upbeat assessment of the Japanese economy and hinted it may soon withdraw some emergency support measures. Along with other central banks around the world, the BOJ has been pumping money into the economy to help stimulate demand. The bank said that keeping these measures in place too long could hinder an “autonomous recovery.”

On Thursday, the bank said the economy was showing signs of improvement. The Japanese economy emerged from recession in the second quarter of this year after four consecutive quarters of deep contraction. Despite the comments, leading Japanese stocks slipped slightly after consumer lender Aiful said it would ask creditors to let it delay repayments of around 280bn yen (\$3.1bn; £1.9bn). The main Nikkei 225 index closed down 0.7%.

Internet



Japan is becoming increasingly optimistic about the economic outlook.—INTERNET

Yemen military to probe report of deadly strike on civilians

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—Yemen's military opened an investigation on Friday into reports that an airstrike intended for Shiite rebels mistakenly struck and killed displaced Yemeni civilians, a Yemen Embassy spokesman in the United States said.

“We have been exercis-

Women and children collect water earlier this month at camp in northern Yemen for those displaced by fighting.—INTERNET

ing strict precautions to minimize collateral civilian casualties and damage,” said the spokesman, Mohammed Albasha. Thursday's strike was meant to target Shiite rebels in Amran Province, according to Yemeni government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. Houthi Shiite rebels were fighting near the site, officials said.—Internet



UK turns down ‘jungle migrants’

LONDON, 19 Sept—The UK Border Agency has rejected calls for Britain to accept some migrants from the illegal camp in Calais known as “the jungle”. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres had said the government should consider granting entry to those who already have large families in the UK.

He spoke after French officials said the camp would be shut down imminently. But the UK Border Agency said genuine asylum seekers should make their claim in the country where they enter Europe. An agency spokesman said: “People seeking asylum should do so in the first safe country they come to, those who are not in need of protection will be expected to return home.—Internet



Some 1,500 migrants live in very poor conditions outside Calais.—INTERNET

US reports 364 flu-related deaths, 4,569 hospitalizations in first half of September

HOUSTON, 19 Sept—The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported on Friday that 364 people had died of influenza and pneumonia-associated complications in the first half of this month. Meanwhile, according to the latest statistics released by the CDC, 4,569 people across the country have been admitted to hospitals resulting from all types or subtypes of influenza, not just those from the A/H1N1 flu virus.

The agency said the data, based on reports by US States and territories by Sept. 15, shows that 21 states - most in the southeast region - had geographically widespread flu activity, nine states, including California and Texas, and Puerto Rico territory had regional influenza activity, 11 states — in the Midwest — and the District of Columbia had local flu activity, eight states — most in the central region — and Guam had sporadic flu activity, only one state, Rhode Island, reported no flu activity.

Xinhua

Egypt jails US ‘adoption’ couples

CAIRO, 19 Sept — Two US couples have been jailed in Egypt for two years for trying to illegally adopt children. Iris Botros and her husband Louis Andros had been offered orphaned twins by a Coptic Christian church in Cairo. When they applied to take the children out of the country they were arrested for child trafficking. A second couple, Suzan Hagoulf and her husband Medhat Metyas, were also sentenced along with several officials from the orphanage.

The case has laid bare the tangle of Egypt's complicated adoption system based on Islamic law. In Egypt the adopting couple must be Egyptian, the name of the child must not be changed and the children should not be removed from the country. But customs are less clear when it comes to the Coptic minority. In this case the court heard that a church orphanage in Cairo had supplied forged documents that Iris Botros had given birth to twins. The couple had donated \$4,500 (£2,700) to the orphanage.

When they tried to get passports for the babies, whom they renamed Victoria and Alexander, embassy officials became suspicious. Faced with a DNA test, Botros, of joint US and Egyptian nationality, admitted she wasn't the biological mother. Suzan Hagoulf, who also has joint nationality, and her Egyptian husband Medhat Metyas had adopted children from the same orphanage more than a year ago. Three workers from the orphanage, including a nun, were all jailed for five years.—Internet

Tetanus kills 2,960 Nigerian kids in two years

LAGOS, 19 Sept—At least 2,960 children died as a result of tetanus infection in Nigeria between 2005 and 2006, Nigeria's National Primary Health Care Development Agency (NPHCDA) said this week. Oladimeji Olayinka, NPHCDA's southwest Nigeria's zonal coordinator, disclosed this at the opening of a training program for officials in Ogun State, the *Nigerian Tribune* newspaper reported on Friday.

According to the official, the rate keeps increasing in the southwest

region of Nigeria unlike the other geo-political zones. Olayinka said the training was connected with immunization program of pregnant women, women of child-bearing age and children under a year, adding that there must be concerted efforts in fighting the high rate of infection which had claimed many lives. The coordinator said it was one of the training programs designed for Phase 1 Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Elimination Campaign in Nigeria.

Xinhua

Swine flu vaccine share scheme

Nine countries pledged on Thursday to make 10 percent of their vaccine supply available to other countries in need



The nine countries that pledged on Thursday to make 10 percent of their A(H1N1) vaccine supply available to other countries in need. Production of swine flu vaccines will fall "substantially" short of the amount needed to protect the global population, the World Health Organisation warned as the pandemic death toll rose.—INTERNET

CDC: First swine flu vaccines may be nasal spray

ATLANTA, 19 Sept—The first doses of swine flu vaccine may all be the nasal spray version, government health officials said on Friday.

The government has said a trickle of vaccine will be available in early October, but on Friday they defined the size of that trickle — an estimated 3.4 million doses. Currently it looks like all of them will be a nasal spray vaccine that is approved only for healthy people ages 2 to 49, said

Dr Jay Butler, an official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The nasal spray, called FluMist, is not recommended for some of the people most in danger of severe swine flu complications. That includes pregnant women, children younger than 2, and people with asthma and other chronic respiratory diseases. However, it's possible that some vaccine shots will become available by the first week

of October as well, said Butler, chief of the CDC's swine flu vaccine task force.

Flu shots are made of killed influenza virus, while FluMist is a live but weakened strain.

The nasal spray is only approved in the United States, and is made by the Maryland-based MedImmune, an AstraZeneca PLC subsidiary. Four other companies are making flu shots for the US.

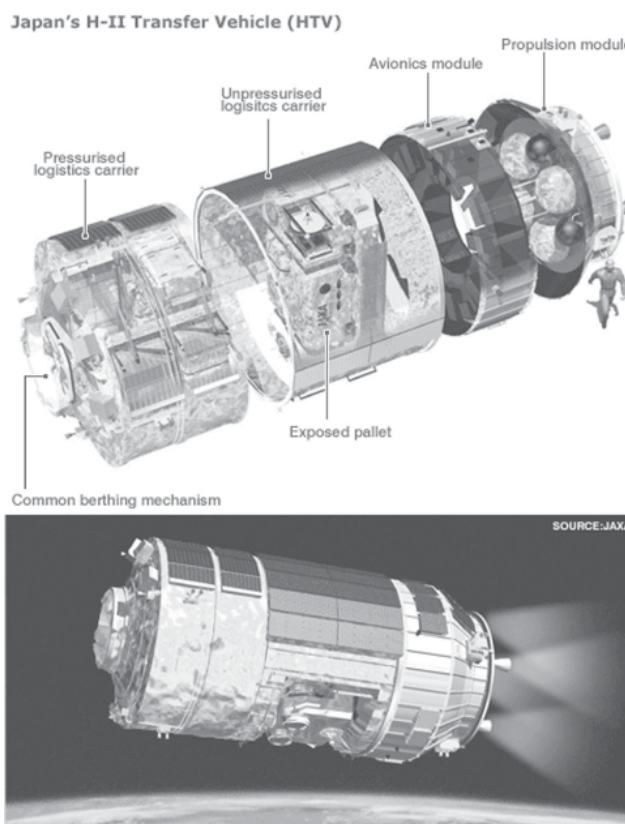
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Station grabs Japanese freighter

TOKYO, 19 Sept—Japan's new unmanned space freighter has been safely berthed to the International Space Station (ISS). The H-II Transfer Vehicle (HTV) moved itself to within 10m of the ISS to allow itself to be grabbed by the platform's robotic arm. The arm, operated from inside the station by astronauts Nicole Stott and Bob Thirsk, then moved the freighter to a docking port to lock it in place.

The HTV is carrying about 4.5 tonnes of supplies for the station.

These stores include food, water, clothing, laptops and other equipment. The new vessel is one of Japan's major contributions to the orbiting project and is part of the barter agreement it has with the other station partners to pay its way. The HTVs that follow in the coming years will play a critical role in servicing the ISS after the US space shuttles are retired. This initial freighter was launched from the Tanegashima base in the south of Japan last week.—Internet



Germany boosts terrorism alert level

BERLIN, 19 Sept — The German government raised its terrorism alert level after al Qaeda posted a video on the Internet threatening attacks in Germany if this month's elections do not come out the way the terrorist organization wants.

"The federal elections offer a special [opportunity] for propaganda and operative activity by terror groups," the Interior Ministry said on Friday. "A new video posted on 18 September by al Qaeda underlines this. The security services have therefore increased the threat level, which leads to increased security measures especially at airports and railway stations."

The ministry added that it has noted an uptick in threats against Germany by al Qaeda and other Islamist groups since the beginning of the year. In his nearly 26-minute video statement, a man identified as Bekay Harrach, using the pseudonym Abu Talha and speaking in German, says that, if the 27 September elections vote into power parties that do not pledge to pull German troops from Afghanistan, there will be a "rude awakening.—Internet

FDA approves new HIV test from Abbott Laboratories

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—The Food and Drug Administration has approved a new test from Abbott Laboratories that detects both types of the virus that causes AIDS. The FDA says the company's Abbott Prism HIV O Plus test can detect HIV types 1 and 2. HIV type 2 is mostly found in West Africa, while HIV type 1 consists of various subgroups found in both the US and West Africa.

The test runs on North Chicago, Ill.-based Abbott's Prism system, an automated instrument also used to test blood for hepatitis. The new test will be used to screen for HIV in blood and organ

donations. HIV attacks the body's immune system, eventually causing AIDS. Just over 1.1 million Americans are estimated to have HIV and 232,000 do not know it, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.—Internet

WHO: Pandemic flu vaccine production to fall short

GENEVA, 19 Sept—Global production of swine flu vaccines will be "substantially less" than the previous maximum forecast of 94 million doses a week, the World Health Organization said on Friday.

The number of doses produced in a year will therefore fall short of the 4.9 billion doses the global health body previously hoped could be available for the pandemic, WHO spokesman Gregory Hartl told reporters in Geneva.

Internet

Improvements in VA endoscopic equipment use

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—Inspections show that Veterans Department medical facilities have made significant progress on fixing endoscopic procedure problems that potentially exposed thousands to HIV and other infections. The VA's inspector general said in a new report released Friday that it did surprise visits to 128 medical facilities and that all were compliant in following procedures. It also said all but one showed it properly trained their staffs for using the devices.

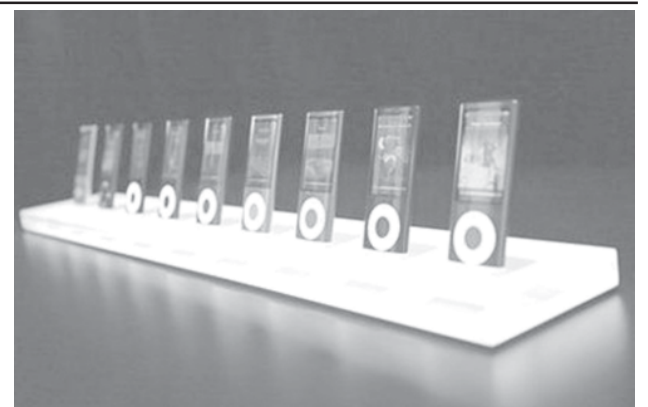
Internet

Shirtmaker designs tie for your iPod

SYDNEY, 19 Sept—For bored commuters with already bulging pockets, a shirt design company has come up with the perfect solution to keep them entertained on the trip to work — a commuter tie with a hidden iPod storage pocket. Thomas Pink, the British shirt brand, is introducing the Commuter Tie as part of its main line for the autumn and winter 2009/2010 with the silk tie featuring a small pocket on the reverse designed to hold an iPod nano or mp3 player.

"The music player is placed in the pocket to avoid having expensive devices on display or damaging the line of one's suit," the company said in a statement. An extra fabric loop keeps wires, including headphone wires, out of sight and close to the body. Thomas Pink, which has its flagship store on Jermyn Street, London, is owned by luxury goods group LVMH and has more than 80 boutiques and concessions in Europe, the United States and Asia.

Internet



The new iPod nano, featuring a variety colours and a video camera, is shown at an Apple Inc special in San Francisco, California recently.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Ferguson warns Tevez to expect hostile ManU reception



Carlos Tevez

MANCHESTER, 19 Sept—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has warned former Old Trafford favourite Carlos Tevez to expect a hostile reception from the supporters who used to adore him if he features for Manchester City in Sunday's derby showdown. Tevez is expected to win his fight to recover from a knee injury in time to line up against his former United team-mates on his first return to the club he left to join City in a 24 million pounds (26 million euros) deal during the close-season.

Ferguson might have preferred to have kept

Tevez, but if he did he has done a good job of hiding that feeling amid the war of words between both camps ahead of this derby. The Scot admits he couldn't care less if Tevez plays or not, claimed Emmanuel Adebayor is City's best player and hinted that the Argentinian might be on the receiving end of some abuse from United supporters. Ferguson said: "We offered what they asked for (for Tevez) at the beginning, when he joined us it was 24 million pounds but he had obviously made his mind up.—*Internet*

Lyon juggernaut heads for Paris

PARIS, 19 Sept—Lyon will hope to take their impressive recent form into their French first division clash at Paris Saint-Germain on Sunday, in what will be the first genuine test of their title aspirations. Claude Puel's team are Ligue 1's form side, having won their last four league games, and they made a positive start to their Champions League

Bayern's van Gaal looking for redeeming win

BERLIN, 19 Sept—Coach Louis van Gaal says his Bayern Munich side have a chance to redeem their poor start to the season providing they win Saturday's Bundesliga showdown with Bavaria rivals Nuremberg. Having started the season without a win from their first three games, Bayern have finally hit some form with Bundesliga wins over defending champions Wolfsburg and Borussia Dortmund as well as a European win at Maccabi Haifa.

Wednesday's 3-0 win at Haifa got their Champions League campaign off to a flying start and Bayern's poor start in the German league - which included a 2-1 defeat at minnows Mainz - could be forgiven if they beat Nuremberg.—*Internet*

Unbeaten Sampdoria home in on record start

ROME, 19 Sept—If Sampdoria beat lowly Siena at home on Sunday the Genoa based club will set a new club record of four straight

wins at the start of a Serie A campaign. Sampdoria sit alongside neighbours Genoa and giants Juventus as the only teams with 100-percent records after three matches and while that will come as little surprise for the other two, for Sampdoria it constitutes a considerable improvement.

Internet



Sampdoria's forward Antonio Cassano.

campaign with a 1-0 victory at home to Serie A heavyweights Fiorentina on Wednesday. Bordeaux's title triumph last season left Lyon trophyless for the first time since 2000, but their performances in recent weeks suggest they are well placed to challenge for honours again and they go into Sunday's game level on points with Bordeaux at the top of the table. "The team looks great to me," said PSG goalkeeper Gregory Coupet of his former side Lyon, who he left after 11 years' service in 2008.—*Internet*

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

19-9-2009

Burnley	3 - 1	Sunderland
Arsenal	4 - 0	Wigan Athletic
Aston Villa	2 - 0	Portsmouth
Bolton	1 - 1	Stoke City
Hull City	0 - 1	Birmingham City
West Ham U.	2 - 3	Liverpool

Leo Messi extends Barcelona deal

MADRID, 19 Sept—Argentinean football star Leo Messi signed a new contract with FC Barcelona on Friday.

The 22-year-old, who many consider the best player in the world, has agreed a deal that will keep him with the current Primera Liga and Champions League holders until the end of June 2016, when he will be 29 years old.

His previous contract had tied him to the club until 2014.

As well as receiving a considerable wage increase, Messi has also agreed to a substation increase to the buyout clause on his contract. Any club that now wants to buy him will have to

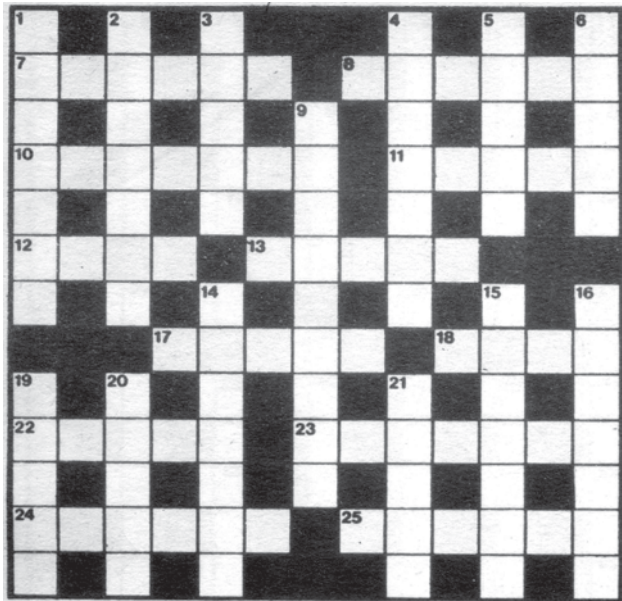


Barcelona's Lionel Messi

pay 250 million euros. The previous clause was 150 million euros; no longer inaccessible, considering that Real Madrid paid 95 million euros for Cristiano Ronaldo this summer increase on his previous agreement.

The agreement should put an end to rumors of interest from big spending English club Manchester City as well as ruling out any chance of a move to Real Madrid.—*Xinhua*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 7 Flower fertiliser
- 8 Whinnies
- 10 Go backwards
- 11 Norwegian inlet
- 12 Noisy
- 13 Contest
- 17 Seat
- 18 Male swine
- 22 Top of the head
- 23 Dig up
- 24 Egg dish
- 25 Chosen profession

DOWN

- 1 Glitter
- 2 Taste
- 3 English king
- 4 Flawless
- 5 Incite (3,2)
- 6 Spoken in an undertone
- 9 Use a tonic (anag.)
- 14 Part of a church
- 15 Wooded
- 16 Toxophily
- 19 Deep shovel
- 20 Channel port
- 21 Rot

Wozniak advances at Quebec tennis

QUEBEC CITY, 19 Sept—Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak cruised into the semi-finals and top seeded Russia Nadia Petrova withdrew from her quarter-final match at the WTA Bell Challenge with an illness. Instead of meeting Russia's Petrova in the semis, Wozniak will face Hungarian Melinda Cink who was handed the win when Petrova did not start the second set because of a virus. Cink had won the first set in a tiebreak.

Third seeded Wozniak easily defeated Russian Alla Kudryavtseva 6-1, 6-1 at



Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak

the 220,000 dollar indoor hardcourt event. Meanwhile, fourth-seeded Lucie Safarova of Czech Republic beat wild card Mattek Sands 6-3, 6-4 and eighth-seeded German Julia Goerges stopped American qualifier Lilia Osterloh 6-2, 6-4. Safarova and Goerges will meet in Saturday's other semi-final.—*Internet*

Spain en-route to Davis Cup final

MADRID, 19 Sept — The Spanish team won the two singles matches on the opening day of its Davis Cup semi-final against Israel to virtually book a place in the final of the tennis team event. Although Rafael Nadal was sidelined with a stomach injury, the reigning champions got off to a flying start when David Ferrer defeated the Israeli number two Harel Levy 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 in a one-sided match that lasted just one hour and 55 minutes.

Xinhua

United get chance to put City in their place

LONDON, 19 Sept—Manchester United have made a habit of putting would-be challengers in their place over the years but it will be with particular relish that they seek to cut their neighbours down to size this weekend. Manchester City's flaunting of their newly-acquired wealth appears to have got under the skin of everyone at Old Trafford from Sir Alex Ferguson down, providing an intriguing backdrop to the most eagerly awaited derby clash in years.—*Internet*

Chinese female skaters shine at ISU World Cup Short Track



Olympic champion Wang Meng.

BEIJING, 19 Sept—Reigning Olympic champion Wang Meng and promising star Zhou Yang snatched two golds for China at ISU World Cup short-track here on Saturday.

Wang, the 500 meters winner in the 2006 Turin Olympics, dominated the women's 500m final by taking the lead from the very start of the race and pocketing the gold in 43.430 seconds.

"Our Chinese team finished with one short-track gold in the Turin Games. In the coming Vancouver Games, I hope we can have a better performance, or our hard training during these years will be meaningless," said Wang, the anchorwoman of the Chinese team.

The 24-year-old Wang enjoyed a heavy harvest last season. She wrapped up a fruitful season with 10 World Cup titles, four gold medals from the Vienna World Championships as well as a title in the world team championships in the Netherlands.

Jessica Gregg of Canada finished second in women's 500m and the other two finalists both fell down in the first lap. The bronze went to Canadian skater Marianne St-Gelais, who finished the race in 52.085, while Zhao Nannan of China finished at the bottom.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (20-9-2009) (Sunday)

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

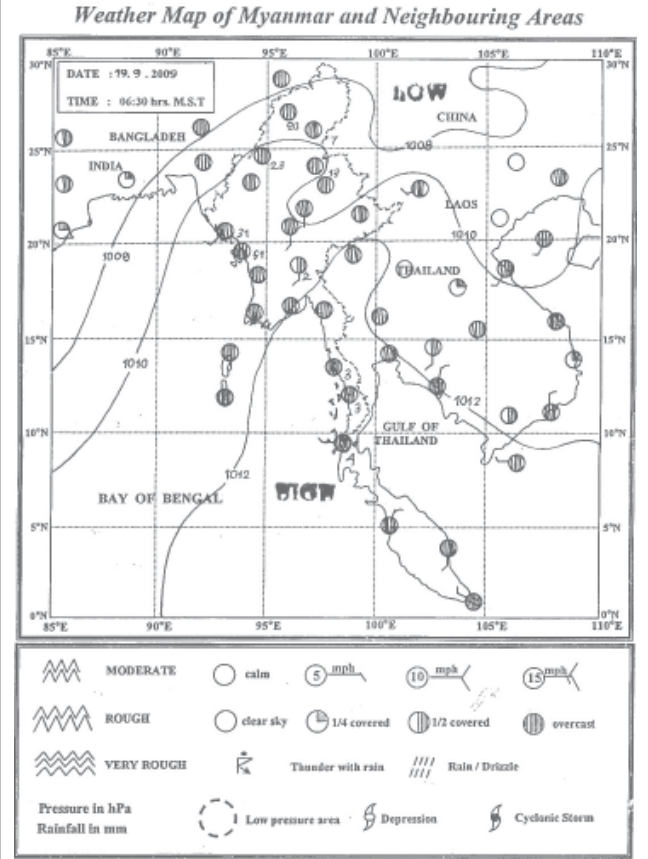
Local Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Myanma Paintings: "The Icon's of Myanma Sentiment (Part-2)
- * An Ode to Love
- * Art of Carving On Fruits
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Seaweed Salad"
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Travelogue "Sagaing"
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
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- * An Ode to Love
- * Art of Carving On Fruits
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Seaweed Salad"
- * Kengtung: Town in the beautiful Valley
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * Mularsheedi we Love!
- * Songs On Screen
- * Never Give Up
- * Resort for Rest and Recreation (Inle Khaung Taing Village)
- * Travelogue "Sagaing"
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * National Races Village (Muse)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Saturday, 19th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST:
 During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Kayah States and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (3.03) inches, Kyaukpyu (2.60) inches, Mogok (2.05) inches, Monghsat (1.65) inches, Sittway (1.37) inches and Nyaungdon (1.16) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-9-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 19-9-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-9-2009 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 18-9-2009 was Nil.
 Rainfall on 19-9-2009 was Tr at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (4) mph from South at (15:30) hours MST on 18-9-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 20th September 2009:
 Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Rakhine States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Chin, Shan, Kayin, Mon States and Bago Division and isolated 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 20-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-9-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Sunday, 20 September View on today

- 7:00 am**
 1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဝရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
 2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am**
 3. Morning News
- 7:40 am**
 4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း တေးရေး- ဝိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)
- 7:50 am**
 5. Nice & Sweet Song

- 8:00 am**
 6. အကျိုးပြုအားမာန် ဆည်ရေလှောင်တံခွန်
- 8:05 am**
 7. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:15 am**
 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am**
 9. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 8:40 am**
 10. International News
- 8:45 am**
 11. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 11:00 am**
 1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
 2. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am**
 3. Round up of the Week's International News
- 11:35 am**
 4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟာသကမ္ဘာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)

- 12:35 pm**
 - 5 Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:55 pm**
 6. "နတ်ဝိညာဉ်စစ်ဆင်ရေး" (အပိုင်း-၂) (နိုင်ငံခြား၊ မင်းရာဇာ၊ ကျော်ဇောတိန်၊ မြင့်မိုးရီ၊ မေသန်းနု၊ တင့်တင့်ထွန်း၊ မျိုးစန္ဒြေကျော်၊ စိုးမိုးကြည်၊ အေးဝတ်ရည်သောင်း၊ ဝိုင်းစုခိုင်သိန်း) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး(စန်းဝိုင်း)]
- 2:10 pm**
 7. Musical Programme
- 2:25 pm**
 8. Dance of National Races
- 2:35 pm**
 8. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
- 2:40 pm**
 10. International News
- 3:45 pm**
 1. Myanmar National League MNL (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (မကွေး FC အသင်းနှင့် ရန်ကုန် ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း)

- 5:45 pm**
 2. Musical Programme
- 6:00 pm**
 3. Evening News
- 6:15 pm**
 4. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm**
 5. တာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် (Pocket Dragon Adventure)
- 6:40 pm**
 6. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "ဟောက်တက်သူများ" (မင်းဇေရာဇ်၊ မေ၊ အောင်ခိုင်၊ ဝါဝါအောင်) [ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်(MMG)]
- 7:00 pm**
 7. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မိုးမြေချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 8:00 pm**
 8. News
 9. International News
 10. Weather Report
 11. တာတွန်းအစီအစဉ် "ဒိုင်နိုဆော့မိသားစုစွန့်စားခန်း" (အပိုင်း-၄၄)
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အဖြူရောင်အောက်က အကြင်နာနှလုံးသား" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

- ★ 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

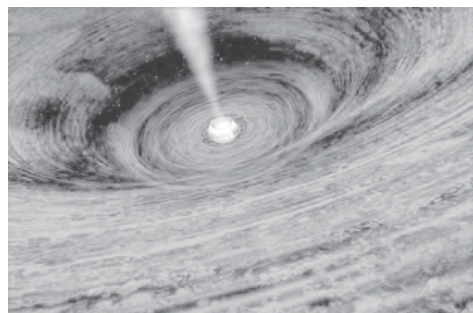
People's Desire

- 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

Invading black holes explain cosmic flashes

SCIENCE DAILY, 19 Sept—Black holes are invading stars, providing a radical explanation to bright flashes in



Artist's concept: In the center of a swirling whirlpool of hot gas is likely a beast that has never been seen directly: a black hole.

the universe that are one of the biggest mysteries in astronomy today.

The flashes, known as gamma ray bursts, are beams of high energy radiation – similar to the radiation emitted by explosions of nuclear weapons – produced by jets of plasma from massive dying stars.

The orthodox model for this cosmic jet engine involves plasma being heated by neutrinos in a disk of matter that forms around a black hole, which is created when a star collapses. But mathematicians at the University of Leeds have come up with a different explanation: the jets come directly from black holes, which can dive into nearby massive stars and devour them.

Internet

Reconstruct Mars automatically in minutes

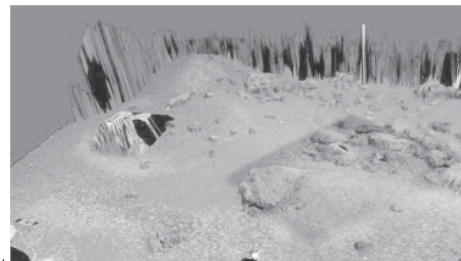
SCIENCE DAILY, 19 Sept— A computer system is under development that can automatically combine images of the Martian surface, captured by landers or rovers, in order to reproduce a three dimensional view of the red planet. The resulting model can be viewed from any angle, giving astronomers a realistic and immersive impression of the landscape.

The new development has been presented at the European Planetary Science Congress in Potsdam by Dr Michal Havlena.

“The feeling of ‘being right there’ will give scientists a much better understanding of the images. The only input we need are the captured raw images and the internal camera calibration. After minutes of computation on a standard PC, a three dimensional model of the

captured scene is obtained,” said Dr Havlena.

The growing amount of available imagery from Mars is nearly impossible to handle for the manual image processing techniques used to date. The new automated method, which allows fast high quality image processing, was developed at the Center for Machine Perception of the Technical University of Prague, under the supervision of Tomas Pajdla, as a part of the EU FP7 Project PRoVisG.—Internet



This is a visualization of Mars combining two digital elevation models from the ESTEC Planetary Test Bed.

A (H1N1) flu control measures gaining momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—The Ministry of Health has been steadfastly taking preventive measures against New Influenza A (H1N1) flu since 28 April. Up to now, a total of 45 cases have been confirmed and there have not been any flu death cases.

Of the flu patients, 36 have been discharged from hospitals, following their full recovery from the disease. The remaining nine are getting better now.

The Ministry of Health today urged the people to follow strictly the public notices about New Influenza A (H1N1) and have a hand in the disease control measures.—MNA

Old students of IM-2 to hold respect paying ceremony on 26 December

YANGON, 19 Sept—The respect paying ceremony of old students of Institute of Medicine-2 (1st MB students in 1985, 86, 87 and 91 academic years) will be held on 26 December.

Those wishing to make donations may contact Dr Aung Naing Win, Tel: 098020079, Dr Lwin Han, Tel: 095020116, Dr Khaing Mar Myint, Tel: 01-535774, Dr Khin Khin Soe, Tel: 095131217, Dr Moe Aung, Tel: 095152671, Dr Soe Tun, Tel: 095041934, Dr Maung Maung Latt, Tel: 095007249, Dr Myint Myat Tun, Tel: 095021718 and other executives.—MNA

Weather forecast on (20-9-2009)

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Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas:
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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