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Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Saudi Arabian King

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Abdullah Bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which falls on 23 September 2009.—MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Defence Services C-in-C's Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw Soccer begins



Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung delivers address at Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Soccer Tournament. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Soccer Tournament kicked off here today.

The 25th tournament was opened with an address by Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung.

It was also attended

by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, senior military officers, guests and spectators.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Thura Myint Aung said the standard of sports of a country represents the prestige of the people and reflects the standard and development of the coun-

try. He urged players to try hard to become outstanding soccer players and pride of the nation while considering the development of football in the country is the national concern.

Tatmadaw (Navy) Team played against the South-West Command Team.

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Vehicles of today and motor ways in Myanmar (4)

Article: Kayan Soe Myint; Photos: Ministry of Construction

There has been a remarkable increase in the number of motorways and vehicles in Myanmar. The expense on maintenance of roads is estimated to be 25 percent of road construction cost if the roads are built in line with the standards set. Otherwise, the expense on road maintenance will be higher. The cost of using vehicles forms major part of transporting charges. So, if that can be reduced, transportation charges, commodity prices and fares will fall down. The cost in use of vehicles will decrease if roads are fine, and goods can be trans-

ported to the destinations in a short time.

Smooth transport and transportation of goods to destinations in a short time are based on the following points:-

- building roads according to the designs and the standards set
- driving vehicles in compliance with the directives of automobile producing organizations, and with that of road designing bodies

In every country, engineers (roads) have to honour the set designs and

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Amnestied prisoners to serve as responsible citizens

The government granted early release of hundreds of thousands of prisoners with the benevolent attitude towards the prisoners with parental spirit, and its concept that they will share duties for national development with other counterparts.

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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



PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for development of inland trade routes for boosting external trade

In the past, Myanmar relied mainly on the sea route for its external trade but now it has succeeded in carrying out import and export business also through the land routes.

As Muse 105th mile trade zone, the largest inland trade route, provides one-stop services, import and export business can be done quickly and easily. The trade volume at Myawady trade zone, another inland trade route, is the second largest in the country.

Through Muse trade zone, such agricultural produce as rice, various kinds of beans and pulses, corn, sesame, mango, watermelon and musk melon, and marine products like fish, prawn and eel are exported.

Through Myawady trade zone, rice, crab, prawn, fish, cashew nut and areca nut are exported and agricultural machines, fertilizer, automobile spare parts, textiles and cosmetics are imported.

Now, regular trade is being done successfully through Muse 105th trade zone, Myawady trade zone and Tamu trade centre. Among them, the trade volume at Muse 105th mile trade zone is the largest.

In the past, the nation had to rely on Yangon Port only for doing import and export business with neighbouring countries. Now, inland trade routes have also emerged as major trade routes.

At a time when the government is taking measures to boost external trade not only by sea but also by land, we would like to call on national entrepreneurs to work hard in concert with the government in the interests of the nation as well as in their own.

Photo shows Quick Laundry Mart in Yangon. — MNA



People's Desire

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

Religious Affairs Minister receives Indonesian guest

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung received a delegation led by Mrs Meliana Chandra from Yayasan Padma Arama in Jakarta of Indonesia at the meeting hall of the Ministry here yesterday. The meeting focused on Grand puja of the Relics of the Buddha and His Disciples ceremony and religious affairs between two countries.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung receives delegation led by Mrs Meliana Chandra from Yayasan Padma Arama in Jakarta of Indonesia.

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Fujisawa Shonnan Rotary Club donates footballs to Ministry of Sports

YANGON, 22 Sept—A ceremony to donate footballs by Chairman Mr Yukio Hodoshima of Fujisawa Shonnan Rotary Club was held at the Union Hall of Kyaikkasan Sports ground here this morning. At the ceremony, Mr Yukio Hodoshima explained the purpose of donation and donated footballs to General Secretary of Myanmar

Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department who accepted the footballs on behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports. The director-general presented certificate of honour to the donor and spoke words of thanks. Also present at the ceremony were officials from Ministry of Sports and Fujisawa Shonnan Rotary Club and trainees from SPED.—NLM

Mr Yukio Hodoshima donates footballs to Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee U Thaung Htaik. SPED



Quick and clean wash at Quick Laundry Mart

YANGON, 22 Sept—Quick Laundry Mart, a laundry with modern washing machines, is providing one-stop service for washing clothes, blankets, mosquito-nets, bed sheets and other items that are difficult to wash for their sizes at reasonable price.

Just with two coins, one costs K 600, about 17 shirts weighing 4.5 kilograms can be washed. As the washing machines are equipped with bacteria-killing system, it contributes to

family health. Quick Laundry opens daily from 8 am to 8 pm to provide services for customer satisfaction.

Coin Laundry branch-1 of Quick Laundry Mart is opened at Building (74/78), Strand Road, Htitan residence, Kyimyindaing Township, branch-2 at Room.4, Building (69), Yangon-Insein Road, Hline Township, and branch-3 at ground floor of Excel Shopping Mall, Shwegondaing, Bahan Township. For further information, please dial 229790.—MNA



Iraqis inspect a damaged bakery shop in Mahmoudiya, about 20 miles (30 kilometres) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 Sept, 2009. A car bomb exploded Friday at a market in a region that was once the scene of frequent attacks on Shiites, killing seven people and wounding 21 others, police and hospital officials said.—INTERNET

Ahmadinejad warns against any attack on Iran

TEHERAN, 22 Sept—President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told a military parade in Teheran on Tuesday Iran would “cut off the hands” of anyone who attacked the country. “Iranian armed forces will cut off the hands of any attackers before they pull the trigger,” he said in an address at a parade broadcast on state television to mark the start of the Iran-Iraq war in September 1980.

“No power in the world

is daring enough to attack Iran as we are more experienced and powerful than ever,” Ahmadinejad said. The United States and its allies are seeking to intensify UN sanctions on Iran over the Islamic country’s disputed nuclear programme, which the West fears is intended to build nuclear weapons. Iran has repeatedly denied this.

Iran has repeatedly condemned the military pres-

ence of the US and its allies in neighbouring countries.

“The roots of all conflicts in the region is the presence of foreign troops,” Ahmadinejad said. Washington and Israel do not rule out military action against Iran over the nuclear issue.

Teheran will hold talks on 1 October with major powers worried about the Islamic Republic’s nuclear strategy.—INTERNET

Palestinians play down Obama-Netanyahu-Abbas summit

GAZA, 22 Sept—US President Barack Obama, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas are scheduled to hold a three-way meeting on Tuesday in New York, but Palestinian analysts played down any breakthrough of the stalled Middle East peace process.

The Palestinian presidency clarified in a statement that Abbas’ acceptance of the US invitation to join the summit at the UN General Assembly “does not mean that the Palestinian leadership accepted the resumption of the peace talks without Israel’s freeze of settlement activities.”

Abbas agreed the meeting with Netanyahu in this particular period, although the latter failed to give a clear announcement of freezing settlement activities.

Ra’ed Afana, a Gaza-based political expert, told *Xinhua* that Abbas’ acceptance to meet with Netanyahu “is a smart political move aimed at embarrassing Netanyahu and showing before the international community that the latter is the one who does not want to resume the peace process, as Netanyahu rejects the world’s demands to halt settlements.”—*Xinhua*

Most Poles against Poland’s Afghan mission

WARSAW, 22 Sept—Seventy-six percent of Poles in a CBOS survey disapproved of Poland’s ISAF mission in Afghanistan, only 20 percent approved of the operation, local media reported on Monday.

Seventy-seven percent said Poland should pull out from Afghanistan immediately (12 points up on June), 16.5 percent believed the mission should be continued.

Seventy-one percent doubted whether the ISAF project will bring Afghanistan peace, only 17 percent thought otherwise, according to the poll.

Most disapproval for the Afghanistan mission came from older and poorer-educated Poles, Poles up to 34 were more often in favour of Poland’s involvement in Afghanistan.

CBOS ran the poll on 3-9 September on a sample of 1,086 Poles.

Poland, responsible for security in Afghan Ghazni province, has deployed some 2,000 soldiers, part of the NATO-led multinational peacekeeping force International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

Xinhua

Bhutan quake death toll climbs to 11

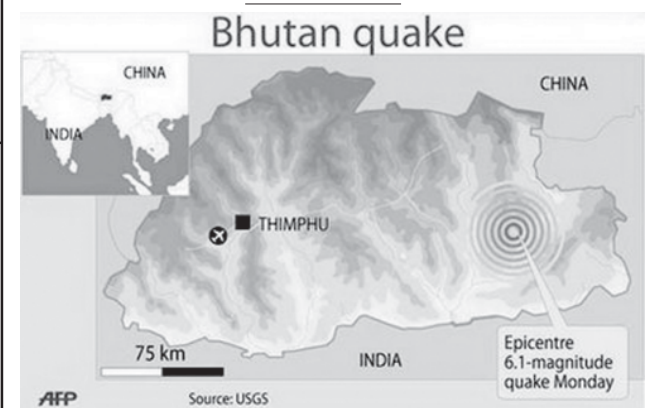
GUWAHATI, 22 Sept—Rescue teams fanned out over remote eastern Bhutan on Tuesday to assess damage and look for trapped survivors as the death toll from a strong earthquake rose to 11.

The 6.1-magnitude quake that struck early afternoon on Monday triggered landslides, damaged buildings including Buddhist monasteries, and sent rocks tumbling down steep mountain slopes.

“The death count is now 11 and several others are injured,” U Tenzing, an official at Bhutan’s disaster management department, told *AFP* by telephone on Tuesday, explaining that an injured victim had died overnight.

“Rescue teams are working overtime to assess the damage and look for people trapped or injured,” the Bhutanese official said from the capital Thimphu.

Three Indians were among those killed when they were hit by falling boulders in the eastern district of Samdrup Jongkhar, while eight other people died in building collapses, Tenzing said.—INTERNET



Map locating the epicentre of the earthquake. Rescue teams fanned out over remote eastern Bhutan on Tuesday to assess damage and look for trapped survivors as the death toll from a strong earthquake rose to 11.—INTERNET

Afghanistan could be lost within a year

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept—The top US and NATO commander in Afghanistan has warned President Barack Obama in a confidential report that the war against the Taliban could be lost within a year without more troops.

In a grim assessment of the eight-year conflict obtained by *The Washington Post* and published on Monday, General Stanley McChrystal said a new strategy was needed, and warned that “inadequate resources will likely result in failure.

“Failure to gain the initiative and reverse insurgent momentum in the near-term (next 12 months) — while Afghan security capacity matures — risks an outcome where defeating the insurgency is no longer possible,” he wrote.

The report was presented to Defence Secretary Robert Gates on 30 August and is being reviewed by the White House, with McChrystal widely expected to make a formal request to increase the 62,000-strong US force.—INTERNET

A washed out bridge is shown on 21 Sept, 2009 in Douglasville, Ga. Heavy rain caused flooding in and around the Atlanta area.
INTERNET



Toddler among six killed as storms pound Southeast

ATLANTA, 22 Sept—Surging rivers, and rivers into raging floodwaters ripped apart a west Georgia trailer home, drowning a 2-year-old boy swept from his father’s arms. In Atlanta, stranded motorists scrambled to the tops of their car as waters rose on one of the city’s busiest highways. To the north, crews worked furiously to shore up a levee holding a surging river back from an isolated town.

Storms that pounded the Southeast on Monday turned sleepy creeks into

raging floodwaters. Six people were killed across the region, including five in the Atlanta area. Aerial shots showed schools, football fields, even entire neighborhoods submerged by the deluge, sending some unlucky residents scurrying for higher ground.

“It’s a mess all over,” said Lisa Janak of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

Internet



This picture taken in 2006 at Akouedo public dump in Abidjan shows experts setting up a toxic waste pumping system. Oil-trading company Trafigura has agreed to pay 30 million pounds to victims of toxic waste dumped in Ivory Coast in an out-of-court settlement, a spokesman for the firm said on Sunday.—INTERNET

World economic structure changing with financial crisis

BEIJING, 22 Sept—The coming Group of 20 Summit, the second within six months, is to many heralding a potential fundamental change in the world economic setup.

It will be a change that not only sees developing and under-developed countries have more say in global affairs, but also sees Brazil, Russia, India and China combine to serve as a new impetus for world's economic recovery.

Before the scheduled

Pittsburgh summit, the United States is pushing for a quota reduction of four World Bank and IMF governors held by the developed countries, which have already agreed to handover to developing countries 5 percent of their shares in the IMF.

Like it or not, the developed countries, which have seen a slim recovery, have to envy the performance of the emerging economic entities led by the foursome, or what Goldman Sachs has

acronymed as the BRICs, in the midst of dire economic distress.

Put together, Brazil, Russia, India and China are expected to post growth of close to 5 percent this year, whereas the global economy as a whole is to drop by 1 percent, according to the latest Goldman Sachs estimate.—Xinhua

US vows to support Russia's entry into WTO

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept—Washington is eager for Russia's entry into the World Trade Organization, and promised on Monday to offer "constructive support" toward that end, US trade representative Ron Kirk said.

Kirk's comments came after he met with Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvalov in Washington for talks on a range of bilateral and multilateral trade issues.

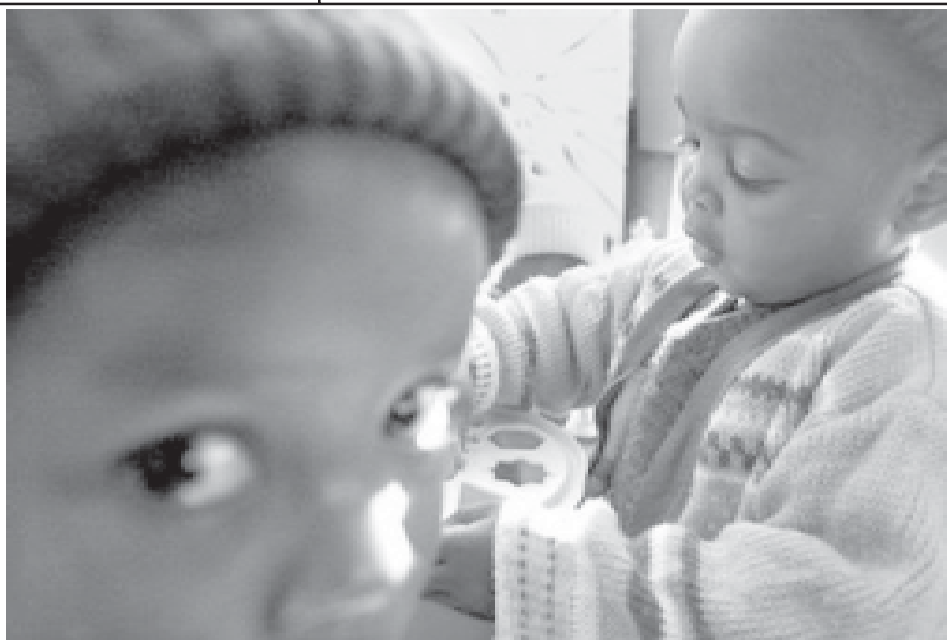
Among the trade issues discussed were US exports of agricultural products, protection of intellectual property rights, and licensing procedures for certain information technology products, Kirk's office said in a press release. "Ambassador Kirk welcomed the prospect of renewed engagement with Russia on its WTO accession negotiations following a period of uncertainty regarding Russia's intentions," the statement from Kirk's office read.—Internet

South Africa's rich, poor gap must be closed

MIDRAND, 22 Sept—South Africa must do more to close the gap between rich and poor, President Jacob Zuma said on Monday at a congress of union allies who want him to take tougher action against unemployment and poverty.

Union federation COSATU was instrumental in helping Zuma to power in April, but unionists have been unable to get him to shift from policies they condemn as too pro-business and have gone head to head with him over a series of pay strikes.

Zuma assured COSATU, which has 1.9 million members, that creating jobs and improving the lives of the poor were the policy priorities of the ruling African National Congress.—Internet



File photo of South African HIV-positive babies playing at the St Francis Care Centre in Boksburg, some 30 kilometres east of Johannesburg. There are some 420 000 orphaned or abandoned HIV babies (according to UN figures) in South Africa.—INTERNET

Singapore, Qatar sign agreement to enhance tax cooperation

SINGAPORE, 22 Sept—Singapore and Qatar signed a protocol here on Tuesday to enhance tax cooperation. According to Singapore's Ministry of Finance, the agreement is to incorporate the new internationally agreed Standard for the exchange of information upon request for tax purposes in their standing Agreement for the avoidance of double taxation (DTA).

The protocol will enter into force after Singapore's legislative amendments to give effect to the internationally agreed Standard have been approved by Parliament and gazetted into law, and the ratification procedures have been completed by both countries.

The agreement was signed by Eng-Tay Geok Lee, Deputy Commissioner (Business) of the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS), and Moftah Jassim, Director of Public Revenue and Taxes at Qatar's Ministry of Economy and Finance.—Xinhua

Fiji explores markets like China to boost tourism

SUVA, 22 Sept—Fiji Tourism said on Tuesday that it will continue to explore and develop the markets of China, India and Europe.

Fiji has the largest market share of Chinese visitors compared to the neighbouring Pacific island countries. And Fiji tourism industry is also focusing on Australia and New Zealand markets as

these are the bread and butter routes.

The Fiji tourism industry said while they explore and develop the markets of China, India and Europe, they were dependent on neighbouring countries as they flocked Fiji shores.

Tourism is the only in-

dustry in the island nation that can turn the economy quickly in a short to medium term.

According to the Reserve Bank of Fiji statistics, Fiji earned 892 million Fiji dollars (455.8 million US dollars) in 2008, which is 24 percent of GDP.—Xinhua

Economic growth of developing Asia to reach 3.9% in 2009

MANILA, 22 Sept—The overall economic expansion of developing Asia this year is expected to rise to 3.9 percent, sustained by the region's larger economies like China and India, the Asian Development Bank said in a report released on Tuesday.

The update to ADB's flagship annual economic publication Asian Development Outlook, upgraded its forecast of the region's growth from a slightly lower 3.4 percent projection made in March and said it is likely to top 6.4 percent in 2010.

The Philippines-headquartered development bank said Asia's resilience is more remarkable as a deeper contraction of 3.7 percent is expected in the G3 economies—the United States, the Euro zone and Japan—this year.

Xinhua



This photo taken on 18 Sept, 2009 shows tourists in front of the Parthenon temple on the top of Acropolis hill in Athens.—INTERNET

Russia, US start new round of nuclear disarmament talks

GENEVA, 21 Sept—Negotiators from Russia and the United States opened here on Monday a new round of talks aimed at a replacement for the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I).

The closed-door talks were opened at the Russian mission to the United Nations Office in Geneva, and they would later be transferred to the U.S. mission, diplomatic sources said, adding that discussions may last two

weeks.

Five rounds of full-fledged talks have been held between the two sides since Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and his U.S. counterpart Barack Obama agreed in London in early April to start talks for a new arms reduction treaty.

During their last round of talks in Geneva, which were concluded on Sept. 2, negotiators discussed the parameters of a new treaty, formulating wording that

the presidents could both agree to, according to the Russian Foreign Ministry. START I, due to expire on Dec. 5, places a limit of 6,000 strategic or long-range nuclear warheads on both countries and allows the inspection of weapons.

Medvedev and Obama signed a framework document on additional reductions and limitations of strategic offensive arms during their Moscow summit in early July.—Xinhua

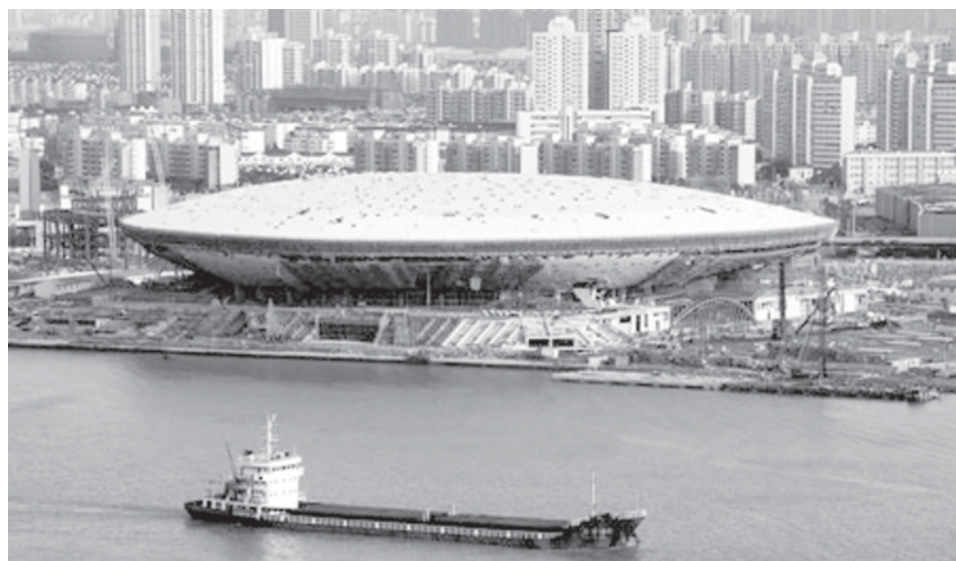


Photo taken on 20 Sept, 2009 shows the Performing Arts Centre in the World Expo Park in Shanghai, east China. Construction of "one axis and four pavilions", the Axis, China Pavilion, Theme Pavilion, Performing Arts Centre and Expo Centre, all entered internal construction phase recently.—XINHUA

UNEP tree campaign hits seven billion target

NEW YORK, 22 Sept—The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) announced on Monday that its Billion Tree Campaign has reached 7 billion trees — one for every person on the planet.

The milestone was reached with the news that the government of China has planted 2.6 billion trees as part of this unique campaign, bringing the total to 7.3 billion trees planted in 167 countries and regions worldwide.

"The Chinese government and people responded to the initiative actively.

In the past 12 months, every Chinese has planted an average of at least two trees and the total number of trees amounts to over 2.6 billion," Jia Zhibang, China's minister in charge of the State Forestry Ad-

ministration, told a press conference in New York.

"I would like to see that the Billion Tree Campaign would continue over the years.

If everybody on the planet can plant two trees, we will reach the number of 14 billion trees in the near future," said Jia to the applause of the audience, who included UN

officials and diplomats.

"Seven billion trees, seven billion commitments to action and seven billion reasons why governments should be inspired to Seal the Deal at the crucial UN climate change convention meeting in Copenhagen in less than 80 days' time," UNEP chief Achim Steiner said.—Xinhua

Kuwaiti passenger plane returns to airport after bomb threat

KUWAIT CITY, 22 Sept—A Kuwaiti passenger plane bound for the Syrian capital of Damascus on Monday was forced to return to the airport due to a bomb threat, the official KUNA news agency reported.

The Wataniya Airways plane returned after 40 minutes airborne when a passenger engaged in quarrel with an attendant over his refusal to put luggage on the shelf and claimed his bag contained a bomb.

All the passengers were evacuated after the plane landed at Kuwait's airport, said Issam Al-Zamel, chief of operations at the Kuwait International Airport.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 21 Sept, 2009 shows the platform of Beijing Zoo station on Subway Line 4 in Beijing, capital of China. Construction of the 28.2-kilometre-long Subway Line 4 entered the test phase recently. It will start trial operation before China's National Day on Oct 1st.—XINHUA

Pirates fail to hijack Iranian vessels

TEHERAN, 22 Sept—Iranian warships foiled the attempts of pirates to hijack three Iranian vessels in the Gulf of Aden, the official IRNA news agency reported on Monday.

Iranian warships connected a number of unknown boats that were approaching three Iranian vessels, "after these boats ignored the warnings, the Iranian naval forces opened fire on the pirates, forcing them to leave the area and escape," the report quoted a statement by the Iranian navy as saying.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

HK to procure electric vehicles to combat pollution

HONG KONG, 22 Sept—The government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) will procure the first batch of 10 Mitsubishi electric vehicles, the iMiEV, later this year to help combat air pollution, the top environment official said here on Monday.

The move demonstrates the government's commitment to promoting the use of electric vehicles as a means to combat air pollution and climate change, said Edward Yau, HKSAR Government Secretary for the Environment.

He made the remarks after the second meeting of the Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles, adding that Hong Kong's two power companies are working with car park operators on the installation of charging facilities.—Xinhua

Samsung ranks 10th globally in responding to climate change

SEOUL, 22 Sept—South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co Ltd on Tuesday announced that it ranked as the 10th global company in tackling climate change.

According to a press release by Samsung, it was selected out of 500 FTSE companies to join the Carbon Disclosure Leadership Index (CDLI), ranking first in Asia and 10th out of 50 top global companies.

The index for 2008, announced at a global forum held by the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), is measured by assessing corporate policies and activities companies engage in to respond to climate change, the company said. The CDP, founded in 2000, collects key climate change data from some 2,500 major corporations around the globe, constructing the largest corporate greenhouse gas emissions database in the world.

Xinhua



Students from the High School affiliated to Minzu University of China prepare to receive the A/H1N1 flu vaccinations in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 Sept, 2009.—XINHUA



Technicians dismantle end-of-life jet engines from an Airbus A310. The aviation industry is set to make a dramatic pledge to slash carbon dioxide emissions in half by 2050, as key climate change talks get underway at the United Nations, a report said.

INTERNET

Airlines vow to cut carbon output by 2050

LONDON, 22 Sept—The aviation industry is set to make a dramatic pledge to slash carbon dioxide emissions in half by 2050, as key climate change talks get underway at the United Nations, a report said.

British Airways chief executive Willie Walsh will unveil an agreement between airlines, airports and aircraft companies to cut emissions to 50 percent below 2005 levels by 2050, the *Guardian* said.

The move, to be presented to the UN forum on climate change in New York on Tuesday, will force up air fares and spark a green technology race among aircraft manu-

facturers, according to the newspaper.

“International aviation emissions were not included in the Kyoto Protocol 12 years ago. Now we have a chance to rectify that omission, and we must seize it,” Walsh will tell UN delegates on Tuesday. “Our proposals represent the most environmentally effective and practical means of reducing aviation’s carbon impact. “They are the best option for the planet and we urge the UN to adopt them.”

Members of the global airline body, the International Air Transport Association, have also pledged

to make all industry growth carbon neutral by 2020 and to cut carbon emissions by 1.5 percent per year over the next decade.

Internet

Small island countries plead for survival before UN climate talks

NEW YORK, 22 Sept—The Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) adopted a declaration on Monday calling for a new climate pact that ensures global warming be kept below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

The “AOSIS Declaration on Climate Change” comes one day before world leaders are to meet at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday at a summit aimed at mobilizing the political will to

achieve a post-Kyoto climate deal in Copenhagen in December.

“Now is the time for action,” said Prime Minister of Grenada and Chair of AOSIS Tilman Thomas. “There is no more time left for inaction as our survival depends on

1.5 (degrees Celsius) to stay alive.” Members of the 42-member negotiating group met at New York’s American Museum of Natural History — a subtle reminder of a future for many islands if emission targets are not met.—*Xinhua*

At least three die in plane crash in Sao Paulo

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Sept—The Brazilian authorities announced on Monday afternoon that they found the bodies of three occupants of a small plane which disappeared from the radars earlier in the day.

According to local fire department, which is in charge of the search efforts, the plane exploded. The carbonized corpses of the occupants were found in a forest near the Pouso Alegre Peak, in an area of difficult access.

The victims are two adults and a child, whose names have yet to be disclosed. According to preliminary information, there were four occupants in the plane. Several parts of the plane were found as well. The crash occurred in the municipality of Santa Isabel, in southeastern Sao Paulo state. The small plane had left the nearby town of Sao Jose dos Campos in the morning, and was headed to the town of Sao Jose do Rio Preto, located in the same state.

The search team is looking for more bodies. There is still no information on the cause of the accident.

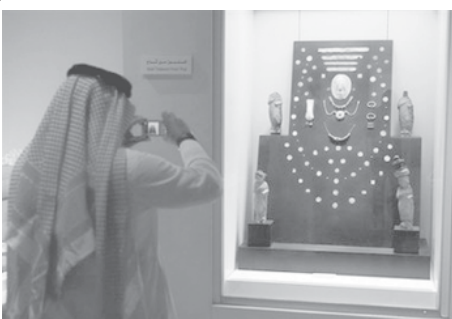
Xinhua

Ferry sinks in eastern Indonesia, 15 killed

JAKARTA, 22 Sept—A ferry sank in the waters of East Halmahera, North Maluku, Indonesia on Monday afternoon, 15 passengers were killed, 16 others injured and three were still missing until on Tuesday.

The local TV station Metro TV reported on Tuesday that the wooden ship sank at around 16:00 local time (0700 GMT) on Monday while traveling from Desa Gotowace village to Mabah village.

Subagjo Dwi, local police chief, said that they were still searching for the three missing passengers, but the police suspected that there were more than 40 people missing actually. He said the possible reasons of the accident were bad weather and overload.—*Xinhua*



In this 12 July, 2009 photo, a visitor takes a picture of the Thaj Treasure at an exhibit at the Saudi National Museum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The Arabian Peninsula has a rich, largely unexplored history — dotted with ancient kingdoms and crisscrossed by caravan routes carrying frankincense to the Mediterranean that drew in the Romans. But its treasures are little known outside a small circle of archaeologists and academics.

Masked police chief sparks brief school lockdown

A masked police chief planning to surprise Michigan high school students in a forensic science class ended up sparking a brief lockdown after being spotted by a cafeteria worker.

The Flint Journal reported Montrose Police Chief Darrell Ellis and another person from the department were seen on Thursday putting on stocking masks outside Montrose High School for a mock robbery. Ellis said the lesson called for students to write descriptions of the suspects and do interviews.

Principal Jim Ply said about 180 students eating lunch were evacuated to the gym and the school went into lockdown for about 10 minutes. The mock robbery at the school went on as planned.

A mock robbery has been part of the class for about 12 years.

Pen mightier than keyboard

US researchers say using a pen may be faster than using a computer keyboard for children.

The study, published in *Learning Disability Quarterly*, found second-, fourth- and sixth-grade children with and without handwriting disabilities wrote more and faster when using a pen — rather than a keyboard — to compose essays.

The research also showed many children don’t have a reliable idea of what a sentence is until the third or fourth grade. However, fourth- and sixth-graders wrote more complete sentences when they used a pen. The ability to write complete sentences was not affected by the child’s spelling skills.

NEWS ALBUM

Escapee arrested after crash in stolen car

A convicted bank robber who escaped while on his way to court for sentencing was arrested after he crashed a hijacked car in a Chicago suburb.

Officials were holding a news conference and predicting Robert Maday would be captured quickly at the time he was arrested in West Chicago, the Chicago Tribune reported. With police pursuing his stolen car, Maday struck a Jeep and then hit a utility pole. A small crowd applauded as he was handcuffed.

“Everybody was clapping,” said Nicole Bratko, who saw the chase and crash as she drove home from work. “I don’t know why they were clapping, other than the police doing such an amazing job on this. It was just like a movie.” Maday, 39, escaped while being taken to court for sentencing after pleading guilty to six bank robberies in Chicago’s Northwest suburbs.

Investigators said he stole the gray 2004 Jetta at gunpoint from a woman in Hoffman Estates just before 7 am and held up the First American Bank in Bloomingdale at about 9 am.



Frenchman Herve Diebolt, a participant of the international World Beard and Moustache Championships smiles in Gruendau near Frankfurt. Over 160 participants compete in 17 categories of beard and moustache styles.



A student from a kungfu school performs Shaolin kungfu in Shaolin Temple tourist area on 23 April, 2008. The 1500-year-old Shaolin Temple is regarded as the birthplace of Chinese kungfu. Its rich history and culture and extraordinary kungfu performance attract numerous tourists from home and abroad every year.

Vehicles of today and motor ways in Myanmar (4)

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standards in building roads to minimize the damage to the roads. In addition, they have to enforce traffic rules for vehicles in coordination with the organizations concerned (for example, the Directorate of Road Administration, the Traffic Police Force and local authorities) in order that the pressure put by vehicles is in the limit of the road's withstanding. As for airplanes, for instance, the number of gear assemblies has increased from one to two, then to four and then to eight in order to spread and reduce the pressure by the airplane on the runway. Similarly, the number of axles of an airplane has increased from two to six with the intention of reducing and spreading the airplane's pressure on the runway.

It is required to transport more goods with fewer vehicles for ensuring swift flow of commodities. On the other hand, that can cause adverse effect on the roads, so new designs are to be sought to reduce the pressure of the vehicles to minimize road damage.

New designs were also introduced to avert unnecessary damage to vehicles (bodies and lower structures) and overturning of vehicles due to overweight. Therefore, if a vehicle is overloaded,

- the road will be damaged,
- the vehicle's body and its lower structures will be deteriorate,
- the vehicle may overturn resulting from loss of proper control.

Trucks and owners

Now, owners, seeking own interests, have come to load trucks with excessive goods from 60 to 100 tons by strengthening leaf springs and frames, expanding bodies, widening side frames, and using better tyres. In the short run, they can make greater profits, but in the long run, they will face a variety of unnecessary consequences: the treads of wheels become worn and cracked easily; frames and leaf springs are broken; it takes longer than due time; there may be damage to goods, it poses dangers to the driver, people near the roads and surrounding areas and passengers; and the engines can be damaged easily due to overloads, and damage to roads. So, it is safe to say that such avoidable consequences are largely due to rapacious owners.

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Interrelation between total weight, number of axles and road damage

Through AASHTO Road Test conducted in 1962, the interrelation between total weight, number of axles and road damage was discovered. Previously in drawing road designs, the number of trucks with wheels weighing 5000 lbs, and the durability of the road were taken into consideration.

However, now roads are designed according to the Standard Axle Load (18,000 lbs) owing to the sharp increase in the number of types and vehicles. In the process, Damaging Factor found out in ASSHTO Road Test (US) is standardized.

The damaging factor shows how many more times a vehicle can damage to the road than that caused by Standard Axle Load.

Damaging Factor = the weight of an axle of the vehicle ÷ standard axle load (18,000 lbs)

Axle load means total weight of wheels installed at both ends of an axle on the road.

According to the damaging factor, if the load of the front axle of a 13-ton TE-11 vehicle is 7722 pounds and that of the rear axle, 20878 pound, the damaging factor of the front axle is 0.023 and the damaging factor of the rear axle, 1.964 in accord with the relationship formula to the damaging factor. The total damaging factor is 1.985.

If approximately the factor is 2.0, it can be defined that damage caused by running a car is equivalent to twice the damage by running a car with standard axle.

If the load of the front axle of a 60-ton Nissan Diesel, a three-axle-fixed vehicle, is 34320 pound, that of the middle axle, 55440 pounds and that of the rear axle, 42240 pounds, the total damaging factor is 234.399.

Compared with a 13-ton TE-11 vehicle and a 60-ton Nissan Diesel,

damage caused by running a 60-ton vehicle is equivalent to damage caused by running 188 13-tonned vehicles. (234.399/1.985=188)

Now there are limitations on vehicles with high damaging factor in order not to increase in the damaging factor. The following ways are used in prescribing limits.

- (1) Prescribing limits on type of vehicles, number of axles and axle load.
- (2) Prescribing legal axle load limit. In the People's Republic of China, for example, the legal axle load limit is fixed at 10 tons. That is to say: a 40-ton truck must have four axles and a 60-ton truck, six axles.

Prescribing limit on weight of a truck

In international practice, although there is no limit on the number of vehicles there is a limit on total weight of a vehicle on the basis of type of vehicles and number of axles.



Pyawbwe road section on Yangon-Bago-Meiktila-Mandalay Union Highway.

three- axle-fixed truck from 20 to 60 tons of load, a four-axle-fixed truck from 30 to 80 tons of load and a five-axle-fixed truck from 40 to 100 tons of load approximately.

Axle Load Limit

Axle load means load on road through wheels of axles according to number of axles and total weight of a

Country	Type	Weight limit (maximum) (load+vehicle)
Thailand	Two-axle-fixed truck	12 tons
	Three-axle-fixed truck	21 tons
	Five-axle-fixed truck	39 tons
Singapore	Two-axle-fixed truck	16 tons
	Three- axle-fixed truck	24 tons
	Four-axle-fixed truck	-
	Articulated truck	24 tons
Malaysia	Two-axle-fixed truck	16 tons
	Three-axle-fixed truck	21 tons
	Four-axle-fixed truck	25 tons
ASEAN Standard	Two-axle-fixed truck	16 tons
	Three-axle-fixed truck	21 tons
	Four-axle-fixed truck	-
	Articulated truck	38 tons

By prescribing limit, this reduces load on road through axles and road truck. The following are axle load limits set in international practice.

Country	Axle Load Limit
The People's Republic of China	10 tons
Singapore	10 tons
Japan	11 tons
Malaysia	10 tons
ASEAN member countries	10 tons

damage.

Today's trucks running on motorways in Myanmar –

It is seen that a two-axle -fixed truck carries from 13 to 20 tons of load, a

Axle load of today's trucks running on motorways in Myanmar exceeds the standard axle load.

(To be continued)

Translation: WH+YM



A truck with overload of goods seen on a road.



Pakokku-Pauk-Mindat motorway.

Amnestied prisoners to serve as responsible citizens

Kyaw Ye Min

I have said several times in my articles that the government and the people are like the parents and their children. I would like to use this example again in this article. There is no parent but love his or her children. And there is no child who does not take advantage of the parents' affection.

A parent is by nature desirous of improving the children's morale and morality, sharpening their abilities, and making them have better skills than other children in all fields. Out of loving-kindness, parents sermonize, guide and promote their children. They will not remain indifferent if their children get bad, amoral and involved in fruitless acts despite their sacrifices. In such situations, they have to admonish and hurt their children. And if necessary, they have to impose restrictions on negligent children. All punishments imposed by parents on negligent children are based on positive sense. So, parents are always ready to forgive and understand their guilty children, and as soon as opportune, they forgive and forget the sins of their children. For parents, forgiveness for their negligent and guilty children is great pleasure, which can be compared to nothing. So, it is a great pleasure for parents to forgive their guilty children.

Doubtless, the government safeguards the people out of affection and loving-kindness. However, it has no choice but to unavoidably take action against those citizens who have violated the law, hurt the society and the public, and harm the interest of the nation and the people according to the crimes they have committed. It is because it has to prioritize the interest of the nation and the people, not because of hatred and grudge on particular citizens. Therefore, it is fair to say that the government always gets ready to forgive the offenders. And it grants amnesty to the offenders when they are deemed to have shown remorse for what they have done wrong, and taken lessons from their past misdeeds to start a new life.

Several days ago, the government granted amnesty to 7114 prisoners, commuting some parts of their terms. That is a welcome news for the nation and the people as well as their families and relatives. Myanmar has seen a good number of amnesties granted to prisoners. In their times of Myanmar monarchs amnesty was granted to prisoners on extraordinarily significant days, auspicious days and days of religious significance. In 1948, when the nation regained independence, the government released prisoners, giving remission for the celebration of the Independence Day.

In 1956, amnesty was granted to prisoners to mark the Sixth Buddhists Synod. Again in 1963, the

Revolutionary Council granted general amnesty, following the conference of the commanding officers. In the time of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, amnesties including those to mark the conference of the party, the First All-Gana Sangha Conference were granted to prisoners.

From 1988 to date, the government has granted amnesty 15 times. In the 14th the government gave amnesty to 101,035 male prisoners, and 6801 female prisoners; and in the 15th to 7114, totaling 114,950. The government granted early release of hundreds of thousands of prisoners with the benevolent attitude towards the prisoners with parental spirit, and its concept that they will share duties for national development with other counterparts. That reflects the government's big heart to prisoners with the hope that they will be able to take part in nation-building tasks.

Today, the government is working hard with Our Three Main National Causes on the centre to transform the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic one. In that regard, it is implementing the State's seven-step Road Map it has laid down hand in hand with the people. In the process of building a new nation, the government, in accordance with the law, had to take action against those, who violated the existing law, to secure State stability and the rule of law. At the same time, the government hopes that prisoners will be able to do their bit in the nation-building tasks. In order to achieve the goal, the government adopted a variety of programmes in a systematic way.

Amnesties are, indeed, designed to show humanitarian spirit and kindness for prisoners and consideration towards their families, and enable prisoners to serve the interest of their own, their regions and their motherland, recognizing the government's loving-kindness and goodwill towards them. Here, the government's belief is that there is no prisoner who goes wrong forever, and any prisoner will be able to start a new life with a positive sense to serve community interest.

Anyhow, giving amnesty to prisoners is good news for them, their families and relatives, and the nation and the people. Nevertheless, some foreign media and anti-government groups like AAPP are making groundless comments with negative attitude. They claimed that of over 7000 released prisoners, only 100 were political prisoners; that the number was said to be over 200, but it could not be confirmed; that anyway, the number was too small, and not enough; and that in order to win the trust from the majority of the people in the 2010 election, it was needed to set free

all the political prisoners. They find fault with the government however much it has done positive. So, the people are to be capable enough of finding out their generation of public outrage is positive or negative act, regarding the amnesty the government has granted with goodwill.

Their demands imply that they do not recognize any prisoners, except political prisoners. In reality, all prisoners, political or ordinary, are the same, human beings. So, all prisoners should be granted amnesty equally. Paying attention to political prisoners and disregarding other prisoners mean violation of human rights without humanitarianism some way.

So many times, the government has officially claimed that Myanmar does not have political prisoners. In our country, every citizen is bestowed the right to get involved in political activities and democracy movements in accordance with the law. Some are being kept under detention and some are serving their prison terms, but not because of their political and democracy movements, but for their harming State stability and community peace, some for violation of the law in force. So I say that they are not political prisoners.

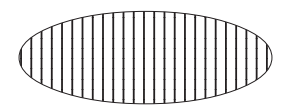
Every government is responsible for maintaining State stability and peace of the nations concerned. So, any government does not accept any situations in which State stability and peace are deteriorating, people are deceived into taking to the streets, and inciting chaos and anarchic acts. If so, the governments concerned have to detain the offenders in line with respective laws. Similarly, Myanmar took action in accordance with the law. However, the government considers itself to be the parent of the people. So, it occasionally grants amnesty to prisoners on the ground of their understanding what they have done wrong and circumstances. Maybe, some of them are those anti-government groups claim political prisoners. So, I want them to realize that the government granted amnesty to national prisoners, not political prisoners.

The government hopes that the released prisoners will share nation-building duties with other people, but some prisoners may relapse into same crimes. Therefore, the government has to take into consideration possible harms to be posed by some particular prisoners. Here, it is vivid that all the actions the government has taken with concept and expectation in that case is quite flawless.

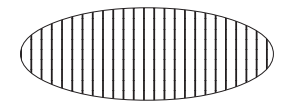
To sum up, parents are by nature willing to serve the interest of their children. And they will continue to guide their children in various spheres with the hope of the children's prosperous future. The government is like the parents. It will continue to build a democratic nation taking an exemplary role in mobilizing the participation of the people in the process with the hope of a brighter future of the nation and the people. It is therefore those who have been released under the amnesty are to do their bit in the tasks for national development in collaboration with the people. I also hope that they will try to become responsible citizens in charting a prosperous future of the nation, instead of relapsing into evil deeds.

Translation: MS

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Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspects Bo Myat Tun Bridge.
CONSTRUCTION



Construction Minister inspects Yangon-Pathein Road, Bo Myat Tun Bridge

YANGON, 22 Sept — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected the maintenance of Yangon-Pathein Road yesterday morning.

On arrival at the briefing hall of Road Construction Project Special Squad (4) in Nyaungdon, the minister heard the report by Director-General of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems U Ko Ko Oo, Managing-Director of Public Works U Khin Maung Hse and gave necessary

instructions.

The minister inspected the site chosen for the construction of a new bridge and the situations of Bo Myat Tun Bridge.

There will be 12 bridges over Ayeyawady River after the construction of three bridges; one at the second defile of Ayeyawady River (Sinkhan), the others at the fourth defile (Malun-Pahtanago) and near the Bo Myat Tun Bridge in addition to eight bridges constructed by the Public Works.—MNA

Press conference on Myanmar round-robin golf tournament held

YANGON, 22 Sept — A press conference on Myanmar round-robin golf tournament took place at the Sedona Hotel yesterday evening in conjunction with a ceremony to present medical expenses to injured international youth champion Nay Bala Win Myint. It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic

Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik, Patron of Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), Vice-Chairmen U Min Thein and U Aung Kyi, executives, journalists and guests.

Vice-Chairman U Aung Kyi spoke on the occasion and Myanmar PGA Secretary U Chan Han explained Myanmar round-robin golf tournament. Next, U Chan Han presented gifts to main sponsors, co-sponsors and sponsors of golf tournaments. Managing Director U Kyaw Thiha of Htoo Group of Companies presented US\$ 10,000 contributed by MGF President U Teza to Nay Bala Win Myint who won over 50 medals from internal and international tournaments and is one of the international golfers. He

is to undergo treatment in Singapore as he broke one of his shoulder joints while training on 11 September.

Myanmar golf tournaments for 2009-2010 will be held under the supervision of Myanmar PGA and MGF and with the main sponsorship of Air Bagan Co and International Beverages Trading Co. Nay Pyi Taw Open Golf Tournament will be held at City Golf Course from 29 September to 2 October; Air Bagan Open Golf Championship in Bagan from 15 to 18 October, in Yangon from 29 October to 1 November and in Pyi Oo Lwin from 19 to 22 January; and IBTC Open Golf Championship in Mandalay from 12 to 15 November, in Yangon from 1 to 4 December and in Taunggyi from 7 to 10 January. Professional and amateur level golfers can take part in the tournaments. —MNA



Defence Services (Navy) Team and South-West Command Team meet in 25th U-21 Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Soccer Tournament. (News on page 1)—MNA

Geotechnical Engineering Course (level 1) to be opened

YANGON, 22 Sept—International standard Geotechnical Engineering Course (level 1) that takes 3 months, jointly organized by Myanmar Geoscience

Society and Geoengineering Committee, and sponsored by Irrigation Department, will be opened at Irrigation Department in Yankin Township, here on 2 October.

Professors from Geosphere Research Institute of Japan and AIT from Thailand will give lecture. During the training period, the trainees will have opportunities to go to laboratory and work sites.

Any interested persons who wish to join the course must be B.Sc (Geology), B.Sc Engg (Gem & Gem Mining), B.Tech

and B.E (Civil or Mining) and may get application form at Room No. 303 Myanmar Geosciences Society of Myanmar Engineering Society, Hline Township, (Ph: 517673-76, Ext: 501), U Win Naing Tun (Ph: 09 5196758) and U San Shwe (Ph: 09 5341828). Certificates will be conferred on persons who pass the examination and complication certificates, persons who attend the course completely.

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Headmistress of No.6 Basic Education Middle School in Hlinethaya Township Daw Kyaw Sein accepts K 170,400 donated by wellwishers to renovate a classroom of the school at the meeting of the parent-teacher association on 20 September, 2009.—EDUCATION

MMA Golf on 27 Sept

YANGON, 22 Sept — Myanmar Medical Association will hold its monthly golf tournament at Thanlyin Golf Course on 27 September.

The association has invited its members to participate in the tournament. — MNA

Commander, ministers meet vice-president of CPI

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—A coordination meeting on Ayeyawady and Maykha-Malikhya basin hydro power project was held at Malikha guest house in Myitkyina of Kachin State on 19 September.

It was attended by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win, Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and departmental heads, vice-president Mme Zhang Xiaolu of China Power Investment Corporation (CPI) and party of the People's Republic of China.

At the meeting, the commander made an opening speech and Minister Col Zaw Min explained project work to

be done.

Afterwards, the vice-president of CPI explained the facts about hydro power projects.

After that, Ministers Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein explained sector-wise work to be done. And Minister Col Zaw Min

of CPI at the same venue and discussed projects to be jointly implemented.

On 20 September, Ministers Col Zaw Min, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein met with townsenders, merchants, industrialists and chairmen of villages and wards from

ministers on facts and data about the project and undertaking of preliminary engineering work. And Director-General U Myint Zaw gave a supplementary report and the commander and the minister Col Zaw Min coordinated the essentials.

The commander and



Commander Maj-Gen Soe Win, Minister Col Zaw Min, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein hear report on Maykha-Malikhya confluence hydro power project. — MNA

gave supplementary reports and the commander gave a concluding speech.

In the evening, Minister Col Zaw Min held talk with the vice-president

Myitkyina.

On arrival at briefing hall of the project, Director U Soe Naing of No.5 Construction reported to the commander and the

the ministers provided local people from Tanphe village near Ayeyawady confluence with clothes, rice, oil and salt.

MNA

Myanmar Banks Association meets

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—The 114th meeting of the Banks Supervisory Committee of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and the executive committee of Myanmar Banks Association took place at the ministry here this morning.

At the meeting, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla

Tun said banking system will develop only when banking and monetary services are carried out in accord with the prescribed rules and regulations and procedures.

The State is striving for development of human resources and using modern technologies. So, all are to try to develop e-

banking system by taking advantage of those resources.

With the banking system developing, there will be more benefits for the bankers, noted the minister.

Next, Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and Governor U Than Nyein of the Central Bank of Myanmar

discussed banking services. Executive members of MBA and managing directors of state owned banks and chairmen and managing directors of private banks took part in the discussions.

Then the minister gave a concluding remark and the meeting ended.

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers address at 114th meeting of Banks Supervisory Committee and Myanmar Banks Association. — F&R

Sail Upwind

- The world is on the decline;
- Don't you slide down with it.
- The world is degenerating through growing sophistication;
- Don't you go into degeneration with it.
- The world is sailing downstream without a rudder;
- But you should only sail upwind.

Bhaddanta Mānitasiribhivamsa

Regional development tasks supervised in Kyaukphyu

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended the medicines and medical equipments donation ceremony at the hall of Kyaukphyu General Hospital on 19 September. The commander delivered an address.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe briefed the matters related to the donation and donated 16 beds and medicines to Acting Medical

Superintendent Dr Khin Hnin Set. The acting medical superintendent spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the commander and ministers viewed and encouraged the patients and presented cash.

On 20 September morning, the commander and the ministers met with village elders, members of social organizations and locals from Gonchain, Ohntaw, Thaingchoung, Mintettaung, Taungyin, Satiya and Wutsan villages in Gonchain Village of Kyaukphyu Township and presented foodstuffs, cloths, stationeries and books to the officials.—MNA

MMA to hold 14th medical conference on specialized subjects

YANGON, 22 Sept — Myanmar Medical Association will hold the 14th medical conference on specialized subject matters at Traders Hotel from 8 October to 10 October.

Specialists of different subjects will be able to attend the medical conference. The conference focusing on symposiums, clinical sessions and Clinico Pathological Conference (CPC) will be held.

Those wishing to attend the medical conference can register through groups of subjects.—MNA

EU nations fail to agree on bluefin tuna ban

BRUSSELS, 22 Sept—A sharply divided European Union failed Tuesday to protect the threatened bluefin tuna, as the bloc's Mediterranean nations refused to back even a temporary ban on catching the fish prized by sushi aficionados.

The EU's executive commission urged EU governments to agree to a temporary ban until the stocks recovered but Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Spain, France and Italy—with strong fishermen's

lobbies at home—insisted on continuing the hunt despite the precarious state of the species. For environmentalists, the move means a further step toward the bluefin tuna's commercial extinction.

"They are pushing tuna to the point of no return," said Xavier Pastor of the Ocean protection group. "It is deplorable that the EU member states who are mostly responsible for the depletion of bluefin tuna stocks refused to agree to a measure that would have

helped to reverse the situation."

The EU Commission had hoped the 27-nation bloc could take a united stand at the next meeting of the ICCAT group of nations managing the global stock. Pushing through a ban on fishing bluefin tuna at the group's Nov. 6-15 meeting in Recife, Brazil, now looks unlikely. "ICCAT members have to realize that the very future of this iconic stock depends on it," said EU Fisheries Commissioner Joe Borg.—Internet



Red lanterns are seen at a park in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, on 22 Sept, 2009. Parks and other scenic sites of the city are decorated to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China which falls on 1 Oct.—INTERNET



Bulldozers clear the makeshift camp known as the 'Jungle' after migrants were evacuated in Calais, northern France, on Tuesday 22 Sept, 2009. French police on Tuesday cleared out a squalid, sprawling forest camp known as the 'jungle' harboring hundreds of illegal migrants dreaming of slipping across the English Channel into Britain.—INTERNET

Two NATO soldiers killed on Peace Day in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 22 Sept—Two soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed on the International Peace Day Monday by roadside bombing in southern Afghanistan, said a statement of the alliance issued here on Tuesday.

"Two International Security Assistance Force service members were killed Sept. 21 by two separate improvised explosive device detonations in southern Afghanistan," the statement said.

It noted that Capt. Regina Gillis, US spokesperson, confirmed that one of the deceased service members is from the United States.

Meantime, several insurgent attacks in southern and eastern Afghanistan required ISAF personnel to assist Afghan National Security Forces in defensive operations to protect the Afghan public from insurgent attack, it added.

In these incidents, several insurgents were killed while attacking ANSF personnel and planting improvised explosive devices.

International troops, mostly from America, Britain and Canada, have been deployed in unrest southern Afghanistan combating Taliban-led insurgency there.

Conflicts and violence have left at least 364 foreign soldiers dead so far this year in the war-torn country as Washington was mulling to send more troops here.—Xinhua

Construction firms fined £129.5 mln: watchdog

LONDON, 22 Sept—More than 100 construction companies have together been fined 129.5 million pounds for collusion on public and private sector contracts, the consumer watchdog said on Tuesday.

The combined fine was handed down by the Office of Fair Trading. "The OFT has imposed fines totalling 129.5 million pounds on 103 construction firms in England which it has found had colluded with competitors on building contracts," the watchdog announced in a statement.

"The OFT has concluded that the firms

engaged in illegal anti-competitive bid-rigging activities on 199 tenders from 2000 to 2006, mostly in the form of cover pricing."

The watchdog added that so-called "cover pricing" involved one or more bidders securing an artificially high price from a competitor company in order to win a building contract and give the appearance of competition.

The practice "gives a misleading impression to clients as to the real extent of competition", the OFT said. "This distorts the tender process and makes

it less likely that other potentially cheaper firms are invited to tender," it added.

The OFT said it had uncovered such activities on building projects worth more than 200 million pounds, including schools, hospitals, apartment blocks and housing refurbishments. Several major construction companies were fined including Balfour Beatty and Carillion. The largest single fine — totalling 17.9 million pounds — was handed down to Kier Group.

Internet

HK's consumer prices down 1.6% in August

HONG KONG, 22 Sept—Hong Kong's overall consumer prices fell 1.6 percent in August compared with the same period last year, the Census and Statistics Department of Hong Kong said Tuesday.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the average monthly rate of change in the composite consumer price index for the period from June to August was -0.7 percent.

These changes were affected by the government one-off relief measures, in particular the electricity charge subsidy and the payment of two months public housing rentals from August.

After netting out the relief measures' effects, the year-on-year rate of

change in the composite consumer price index in August was -0.3 percent, the same as that in July.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the average

monthly rate of change for the period from June to August was -0.1 percent, the same as that for the period from May to July.—Xinhua

Five killed in German bus crash

BERLIN, 22 Sept—Five people were killed in a bus accident in western Germany on Tuesday, according to a local official.

One person was seriously injured and another seven were lightly injured in the crash Tuesday morning at Radevormwald, east of Duesseldorf, said Angela Altz, a spokeswoman for the local council. About 15 people were on the bus, Altz said.

The bus was on a regular local route, police said. They said it gained speed on a downhill stretch, broke through a crash barrier and plunged 65 feet (20 meters). Part of the bus came to rest in the Wupper river.—Internet



One of the staff members of a gas station disinfects a taxi in Ulsan, South Korea, on 22 Sept, 2009. All taxis in Ulsan were disinfected on Tuesday to prevent A/H1N1 Influenza.—INTERNET



The Union of Myanmar
Civil Service Selection and Training Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 12 / 2009
11th Waning of Tawthalin 1371 ME
(14 September 2009)

1. The Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) under the Ministry of Health has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position -

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Research Officer	3	B.E (Mechanical)/B.E(Mechatronics)/ B.E (Electronics)/ M.Sc (Physics)/ M.Sc (Engineering Physics)/ M.S (Applied) (Engineering Physics)

2. The applicants -
- (a) must be citizens of the Union of Myanmar.
 - (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 13 October 2009.
 - (c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.
3. Applications must be sent to Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 13 October 2009.
4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1440/ Selection (Main) / 2009, dated 6 August 2009.
5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 13 October 2009. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.
6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.
7. Examinations will be held on 14 and 15 November 2009. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 12 November 2009.
8. For more information, applicants may contact Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067-409430).
9. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: csstb.imis.com.mm and www.csstb.gov.mm.



The Union of Myanmar
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Vacancy Announcement
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(14 September 2009)

1. The Budget Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following positions -

Sr. No	Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
(a)	Staff Officer	24	Any Master degree of Institutes of Economics
(b)	Staff Officer	1	M.A (English)
(c)	Staff Officer	1	M.C.Sc
(d)	Staff Officer	1	M.C.Tech

2. The applicants -
- (a) must be citizens of the Union of Myanmar.
 - (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 13 October 2009.
 - (c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.
3. Applications must be sent to Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 13 October 2009.
4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1440/ Selection (Main) / 2009, dated 6 August 2009.
5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 13 October 2009. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.
6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw.
7. Examinations will be held on 14 and 15 November 2009. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No (17) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 12 November 2009.
8. For more information, applicants may contact Office No (17) of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067-409430).
9. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: csstb.imis.com.mm and www.csstb.gov.mm.

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Sr No	Tender No	Description	Qty
(a)	12(T)6/MR(ML) 2009-2010(Euro)	Wheel & Axle Complete Set with 92 Teeth Driving Pinion Dalian	18 Sets
(b)	12(T)7/MR(ML) 2009-2010(Kyat)	Roller Bearing for Traction Motor, Generator, Statodyne and Main Alternator	10 Items

Closing Date/Time -23.10.2009 (Friday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 23.9.2009 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone:95-1-291985, 95-1-291994,

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**Netherlands,
 Belgium
 jointly bid for
 World Cup**

BRUSSELS, 22 Sept—The joint bid of Netherlands and Belgium to co-host the 2018 or 2022 World Cup Finals kicked off on Monday at PSV stadium in Eindhoven, Netherlands.

The organizers announced plans for 12 new stadiums and strong corporate backing at a press conference.

"Competition is fierce," said bid executive Harry Been. "We have to be an attractive alternative."

Dutch soccer greats Johan Cruyff and Ruud Gullit, swimmer Pieter van den Hoogenband and Belgian cyclist Eddy Merckx were introduced as the bid's main ambassadors.—Xinhua

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

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

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV TAY SON 3 VOYNO ()**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TAY SON 3 VOYNO () are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 23.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.2 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Influenza can trigger heart attacks

LONDON, 22 Sept—Influenza, both seasonal and H1N1, may trigger a heart attack and cardiovascular death in cardiac patients, a British review found.

Charlotte Warren-Gash of University College London and colleagues said it is well known that influenza is associated with cardiac complications but it remains unclear what role the virus plays in triggering a heart attack.

However, it is believed that flu might cause heart attack through inflammatory effects that destabilize

atherosclerotic plaque, causing blockages resulting in heart attacks, Warren-Gash said in a statement.

The researchers performed a systematic review of 42 papers describing 39 studies conducted from 1932-2008.

The review, published in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, said all observational studies included in the review found an association between times when influenza viruses were circulating and increases in cardiovascular death.—*Internet*

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Ozone depletion might be getting better

PARIS, 22 Sept—Scientists using European Space Agency satellite data say they've discovered the depletion of the Earth's ozone layer might be easing.

"We found a global slightly positive trend of ozone increase of almost 1 percent per decade in the total ozone from the last 14 years: a result that was confirmed by comparisons with ground-based measurements," said Diego Loyola, who worked on the project with colleagues from the

German Aerospace Center.

Ashley Jones and Jo Urban from Sweden's Chalmers University of Technology and colleagues analyzed the long-term evolution of stratospheric ozone from 1979 to the present. These data show a decrease in ozone from 1979 until 1997, and a small increase since then, the ESA said.

"Our analysis shows that upper stratospheric ozone declines at northern and southern mid-latitudes at roughly 7 percent

per decade during 1979-97, consistent with earlier studies based on data from satellites and ground networks," Urban said. "A clear statistically significant change of trend can be seen around 1997. The small increase observed thereafter, from 1997 to 2008, is however not yet statistically different from a zero trend. We hope to see a significant recovery of (upper stratospheric) ozone in the next years using longer, extended satellite time-series."

Internet



The construction site of the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) in Jeddah earlier this year. King Abdullah University is a research institution which has been launched this week. The aim of the University is to promote research and science achievement.—INTERNET

Children under ten need two doses of A/H1N1 vaccine

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept—Children under age 10 would need two doses of the A/H1N1 vaccine while children ages 10 and older would need just one shot, a US health official said on Monday.

Early trials show that younger children are not having a robust immune reaction to the A/H1N1 flu vaccine, and that they would likely need to have their doses 21 days apart, Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told reporters in a telephone briefing.

Protection kicks in for older children within eight to 10 days of the shot, just like it does for

adults, Fauci said. These results were similar to those recently reported in the clinical trials of healthy adults.

"This is very encouraging news," Fauci announced. "As we had hoped, responses to the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine are very similar to what we see with routinely used seasonal influenza vaccines made in the same way." It seems likely that the A/H1N1 flu vaccine will require just one 15-microgram dose for children 10 to 17 years of age, he added.

Fauci said these were welcome results, as the A/H1N1 flu was causing widespread infections among children.—*Xinhua*

HK reports 16th fatal case of Influenza A/H1N1

HONG KONG, 22 Sept—Hong Kong reported on Monday another fatal case of Influenza A/H1N1, bringing to 16 the total number of fatal cases of the special flu in the city. A 37-year-old male patient suffering from Influenza A/H1N1 died at the Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital on Monday morning, says a statement from the hospital.

The man developed flu symptoms on 1 Sept and was admitted to the hospital on 5 Sept. Positive result of Influenza A/H1N1 was confirmed the same day and the patient was prescribed with Tamiflu and antibiotics.—*Xinhua*

9th confirmed A/H1N1 flu death case reported in S Korea

SEOUL, 22 Sept—South Korea's health authorities on Tuesday confirmed the 9th death case related to the A/H1N1 flu virus.

A female A/H1N1 patient who lapsed into brain death on 4 Sept has died, raising the country's death toll from the new virus to nine, the Ministry of Health and Welfare said.

The patient, a Seoul resident in her 40s, was tested positive for A/H1N1 flu virus earlier this month after she developed flu symptoms such as high fever and other respiratory problems.—*Xinhua*

Argentine youth enjoy picnic as they attend a park gathering to celebrate Dia de la Primavera (the Day of Spring) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 21 Sept, 2009. The annual "Spring Festival" is observed in the South American countries as Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay on every 21 Sept.—XINHUA

SPORTS

Madrid striker Van Nistelrooy injured after comeback goal

MADRID, 22 Sept—Real Madrid striker Ruud Van Nistelrooy will be out for six weeks after injuring his left thigh in his comeback game last weekend.

The Dutch forward returned to action Sunday for the first time in 2009 since injuring cruciate ligaments in his knee



Madrid striker Van Nistelrooy

while playing against Juventus in the UEFA Champions League last season.

He had been on the pitch for just five minutes, when he scored Real Madrid's fifth goal on the night in the 5-0 home win against Xerez.

Unfortunately for Van Nistelrooy, his left thigh muscle suffered in the very moment of shooting.

Tests carried out on Monday morning have confirmed the extent of the injury, which means he will not play again before November.

Van Nistelrooy has scored 36 goals in 68 Primera Liga appearances for the club.

Xinhua

Top Swiss ref banned

GENEVA, 22 Sept—The Swiss football association on Monday banned Switzerland's highest-profile referee for three games after he gestured at the crowd with his middle finger.

Massimo Busacca, known as the country's best referee and a regular on the international circuit, was buttonholed by the SonntagsBlick newspaper which printed a photograph of the gesture.

Busacca apologised on Sunday saying he regretted his "anti-sporting gesture" at Saturday's first round Swiss cup tie between FC Baden and Young Boys.

But the association's referees' committee on Monday announced an immediate three-game ban despite noting that the "best Swiss referee" had been provoked by the fans.

Busacca was on duty at last season's Champions League final between Manchester United and Barcelona, and also refereed at the 2006 World Cup, Euro 2008 and took charge of the UEFA Cup final in 2007.

Internet



Switzerland's referee Massimo Busacca

LPGA's contract with Kingsmill will not be renewed

WILLIAMSBURG, 22 Sept—The LPGA Tour has lost one of its marquee events.

Anheuser-Busch announced Monday that it is not renewing its sponsorship of the popular Michelob Ultra Open at Kingsmill after seven years.

Anheuser-Busch vice president Dan McHugh says the company decided to spread its sponsorships over a wider range of professional golf events. He says it will continue working with the LPGA.

The tour has lost at least seven tournaments to sponsor withdrawals since 2007.

Internet

Thigh strain to bench Motta for a month

ROME, 22 Sept—Inter Milan's Brazilian midfielder Thiago Motta suffered a thigh strain



Inter Milan's Brazilian midfielder Thiago Motta

during Sunday's 2-1 win at Cagliari, his club said on Monday.

Motta came on as a second half substitute for Esteban Cambiasso during the game in Sardinia. Inter Milan did not specify how much time he will be on the sidelines but Italian press speculate that with such an injury he could face up to a month out.

Motta signed for Inter in the summer from Genoa, alongside Diego Milito, the two-goal hero against Cagliari.—Internet

Juventus wary of Genoa threat

ROME, 22 Sept—Genoa host Juventus in a midweek match that could go some way to establishing the relative merits of each side's title credentials.

Juventus lie second in the Serie A table, just goals scored behind surprise leaders Sampdoria.

Samp's city rivals Genoa had been the previous pace-setters until



Juventus' goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, the star of their 2-0 defeat of Livorno on Saturday, is adamant the team must avoid the kind of fate that awaited them last season in a 3-2 defeat against Genoa, when they play Genoa in a mid-week match.

INTERNET

the weekend when a 3-1 reverse at Chievo halted their own 100 percent run.

Genoa did have the excuse, though, that they had played a tough Europa League match on Thursday and their troops looked a little battle weary.

But if they hope to keep pace with the front-runners in Serie A this season and progress in the Europa League at the same time, they are going to have to get used to playing twice a week and recovering quickly.

This match presents Genoa with the opportunity to demonstrate whether or not that Chievo defeat was just a blip and that they really can mix it with the best, or whether their early season form was merely a false dawn.

For Juventus, who still hold a 100 percent record, this game will show whether or not they have the capacity to go to tough away grounds and come away with the kind of results that turn pretenders into title challengers.

Internet

Unfinished business fuels Capello's World Cup hunger

LONDON, 22 Sept—England's World Cup rivals should take note: Fabio Capello has unfinished business with the world's biggest sporting event.

The Italian who has guided England to next year's finals in South Africa with two games to spare, has been unfamiliar with failure as a coach.

As a player however, Capello learned what it was like to suffer crushing professional disappointment and World Cups loom large in his personal scrapbook of regrets.

The 63-year-old is easily caricatured as a man with no room for sentimentality in his life.

Yet he becomes almost wistful when he reflects on what might have been



England manager Fabio Capello

in 1974, when an Italian squad managed by the late Ferruccio Valcareggi arrived in West Germany as the form team in European football.

"We arrived as one of the favourites but after three games, Poland, Argentina and Haiti, we were back home," Capello recalled in the wake of England's 5-1 hammering of Croatia earlier this month.

"What happened? You'd have to ask the manager."

Internet

Nadal withdraws from Thailand Open

BANGKOK, 22 Sept—Spanish world number two Rafael Nadal has withdrawn from next week's Thailand Open due to a stomach injury, the Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand said Monday.

The Thailand Open will be held from 26 September until 4 October



Rafael Nadal

in the suburbs of Bangkok with a top prize of 608,500 dollars.

"Nadal has informed organisers that he has an acute rupture of the right abdominal muscle and would like to withdraw from the Thailand Open," LTAT president Suwat Lipatanaplop told AFP.

It is the second time that Nadal has withdrawn from the tournament after pulling out in 2007 with a knee injury.

Suwat said he was disappointed but the tournament would still feature reigning champion Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France, French world number ten Gilles Simon and two-time grand slam winner Marat Safin of Russia.—Internet

'Theatrical' Mourinho hit with ban and fine

ROME, 22 Sept—Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho was on Monday hit with a one-match touchline ban and a 15,000-euro fine after he was sent off during Sunday's 2-1 win at Cagliari.

The Portuguese boss was sent to the stands 13 minutes after the

break after protesting vehemently on the sideline after referee Daniele Orsato failed to book Cagliari player Davide Astori for a foul on Inter's Mario Balotelli.

Italy's football judicial body said Mourinho "had theatrically contested a referee's decision and repeatedly directed harsh

insults at the referee".

It is not Mourinho's first ban in Italy having been suspended for one game last season as well.

It was also his third sending off in Italy — and second by Orsato — having been dismissed in home matches against Sampdoria and Fiorentina.

Internet



People look dinosaur fossils in the new China Science and Technology Museum in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 Sept, 2009. The Hi-tech and newly-built museum covering an area of 48,000 square meters was opened to the public on Sunday.—INTERNET

Pilot killed in helicopter crash in southern Canada

OTTAWA, 22 Sept—The pilot was killed at the scene when a small helicopter crashed into an apple orchard in Canada's Ontario province Monday evening, police said Tuesday.

The Robinson R22 helicopter was flying over the city of Brampton when all of a sudden it just nose dived and hit the ground hard, a witness said.

Police say the helicopter was a two seater and the flight originated from Toronto Island Airport.

The pilot was the aircraft's lone occupant. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

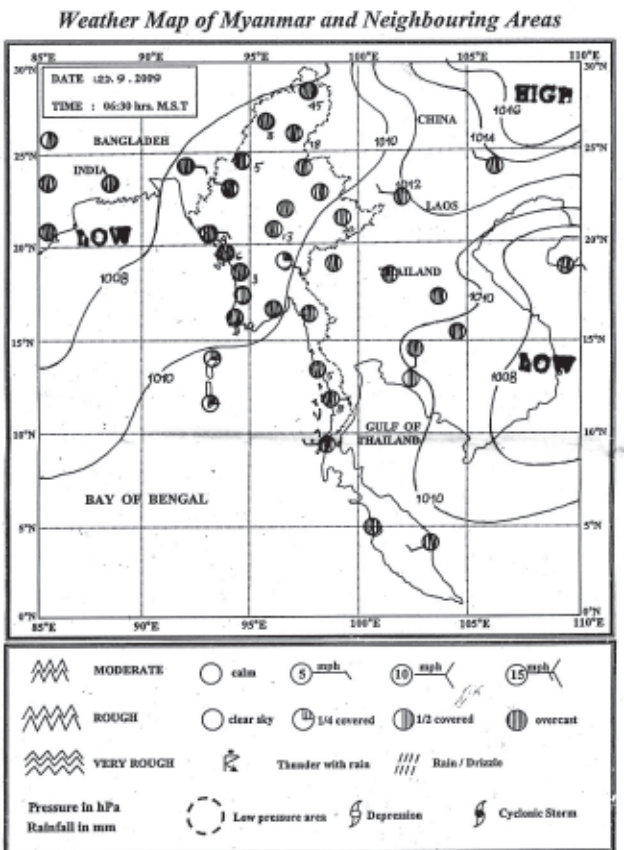
Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (23-9-2009) (Wednesday)

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
 - * Myanmar Rattan Furniture for the connoisseurs
 - * A Birthplace of New Artists
 - * Daily Life of a Toddy-Palm Climber
 - * 27th Myanma Pearl Sales (Nay Pyi Taw)
 - * Let's sing together "Virgin"
 - * A Day in the Life of a Mahout
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

- Europe/ North America Transmission**
- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * Myanmar Rattan Furniture for the connoisseurs
 - * A Birthplace of New Artists
 - * Daily Life of a Toddy-plam Climber
 - * A Day in the Life of a Mahout
 - * Let's sing together "Virgin"
 - * Weaving Industry of Pakokku
 - * Gibbon Survey (Part-II)
 - * Mekong-Japan Exchange Year 2009
 - * National Dance
 - * Fossilized Wood Picture
 - * Scenic Beauties and Sentiment (Mingun, Inlay)
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Mandalay Traditional Snack (Htou Moun)
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Tuesday, 22nd September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
 During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has been withdrawal from North Bay of Bengal and Central Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah and Mon States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Shan State, lower Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) and Nay Pyi Taw (0.28) inch each, Wontho (4.61) inches, Kawlin (3.00) inches, Phyu (2.01) inches, Kawkareik (1.89) inches, Putao (1.77) inches, PyinOoLwin (1.61) inches, Thantaungkyi (1.46) inches, Kyaukpadaung (1.38) inches and Magway (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-9-2009 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 22-9-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 22-9-2009 was 74 %. Total sun shine hours on 21-9-2009 was (8.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 22-9-2009 was Nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (96.22) inches at Mingaladon, (105.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (112.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 21-9-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 23rd September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan States and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.
Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 23-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-9-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday, 23 September

View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am

6. မြန်မာ့မြေကြွေကြွေယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:15 am

8. "သတိတစ်ချက်တစ်သက်အမှား"

8:30 am

9. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. Musical Programme

4:00 pm

1. Martial Song

4:10 pm

2. Song of National Races

4:15 pm

3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

4. Musical Programme

4:40 pm

5. "အသိစိတ်စိတ်ကလေး အရင်းတည်၍"

4:55 pm

6. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (ရသစာပေအရေး အသားအထူးပြု) (ရသစာပေအရေးအသား)

5:10 pm

7. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:15 pm

8. Classical Songs

5:20 pm

9. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်

5:30 pm

10. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေး) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)

5:40 pm

11. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

12. Evening News

6:15 pm

13. Weather Report

6:20 pm

14. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်တွေ့

6:35 pm

15. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

7:15 pm

16. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International News

19. Weather Report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "မြို့ခိုဝေဝေချစ်သက်တည်" (တတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၇)

21. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ်(၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက်

- မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ "ရုပ်စုံသဘင်" (မဟာဗုဒ္ဓဝင် တော်ထွက်ခန်း) (ပထမဆု) (မန္တလေးတိုင်း)

- ★ 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

Students navigating river with hydrogen fuel cells



The 22-foot New Clermont, powered solely by hydrogen fuel cells.

SCIENCE DAILY, 22 Sept — A group of ambitious Rensselaer students will soon sail up the Hudson River, propelled by pollution-free hydrogen fuel cells and a clear vision for a cleaner, greener future.

Their boat, the 22-foot New

Clermont, is fit with a pair of 2.2-kilowatt fuel cell units. With a crew of three, the ship will launch from Pier 84 in Manhattan on September 21 and cruise at a cool 6 mph to arrive in Troy on the evening of September 25. The group is planning to make several stops along the way, showing off their one-of-a-kind boat, speaking with other green-minded individuals, and talking about the many environmental and potential economic benefits of building out the nation's hydrogen economy.

"At its core, the New Clermont Project is about awareness. It's a fun way to teach people about hydrogen energy," said doctoral student William Gathright, who founded the group in early 2009.—*Internet*

Ice cream may target brain before your hips

PARIS, 22 Sept— Blame your brain for sabotaging your efforts to get back on track after splurging on an extra scoop of ice cream or that second burger during Friday night's football game.

Findings from a new UT Southwestern Medical Center study suggest that fat from certain foods we eat makes its way to the brain. Once there, the fat molecules cause the brain to send messages to the body's cells, warning them to ignore the appetite-suppressing signals from leptin and insulin, hormones involved in weight regulation.

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Announcement for final examination for 2009 first batch of Universities of Distance Education (Yangon and Mandalay)

YANGON, 22 Sept—The Final examination of the first batch of Universities of Distance Education (Yangon and Mandalay) for the academic year for 2009 will be held at the respective departments (branch) of the universities from 5 to 12 October.

First-year, second-year and third-year students (B.Sc) are to sit for examination at universities and degree colleges they registered.

Detailed schedule will be announced at University of Distance Education (Yangon), University of Distance Education (Mandalay) and at departments of UDE at universities and degree colleges.—*MNA*

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Sept—A moderate earthquake of intensity 5.6 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar about 260 miles north-northwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 02 hrs 09 min 17 sec MST on 22nd September, 2009.—*MNA*

Invasive species on the march

LONDON, 22 Sept — Whether for introduced muskrats in Europe or oak trees in the United Kingdom, zebra mussels in United States lakes or agricultural pests around the world, scientists have tried to find new ways of controlling invasive species by learning how these animals and plants take over in new environs.

In a paper published in this week's issue of the journal *Science*, biologists Brett Melbourne of the University of Colorado and Alan Hastings of the University of California at Davis report a previously unknown high variability in the rates of invasive species spread.

To reach their conclusions, they stud-

ied red flour beetles--beetles attracted to wheat flour--in experimental, enclosed landscapes with patches of habitat linked together.—*Internet*



The red flour beetle