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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

Central Bank of Myanmar will put into circulation new denomination of Five Thousand Kyats currency note with effect from October 1

All legal tender currency notes, coins will continue to be in circulation

CENTRAL BANK OF MYANMAR
NAY PYI TAW

September 24, 2009

PRESS RELEASE

The Central Bank of Myanmar will put into circulation a new denomination of Five Thousand Kyats currency note with effect from October 1, 2009. The new currency note will be issued to the public at the Currency Department of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Banks and Government Treasuries during the banking hours.

All legal tender currency notes and coins will continue to be in circulation.

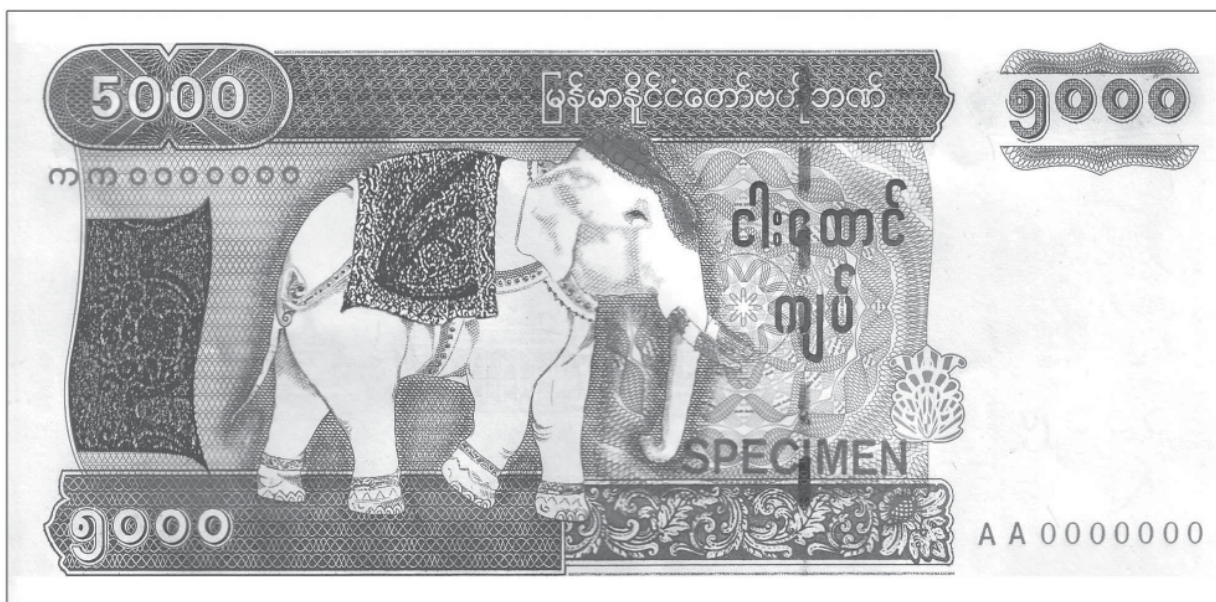
General description of the new currency note is as follows:-

FIVE THOUSAND KYATS NOTE

Dimension : 15 x 7 cm
 Dominant Colour : Red
 Obverse Side : On the top, the inscription “မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်ဗဟိုဘဏ်” is printed. In the middle portion, the Note carries the depiction of Royal White Elephant in Myanmar artistic style and the Myanmar inscription “ငါးထောင်ကျပ်” mentioning the value of the Note. At the bottom, floral designs in Myanmar artistic style are printed. On the three corners, the value of the Note is printed in numeral figures. Bank Note numbers are printed in Myanmar and English. On the right hand side, the Note bears the watermark image of the white elephant. A security thread is embedded upright in the Note.

Reverse Side : On the top, the inscription “CENTRAL BANK OF MYANMAR” is printed. At the bottom, the inscription “FIVE THOUSAND KYATS” is printed. In the middle, the Note bears the illustration of the building of Hluttaw. On the three corners, the value of the Note is printed in numeral figures.

The followings are reproductions of the new note.



OBVERSE SIDE



REVERSE SIDE



PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 25 September, 2009

Keep on carrying out public and humanitarian work

Due to the climate change, such natural disasters as floods, droughts, landslides, earthquakes and storms occur all over the world every year. Whenever natural disasters take place in a country, its Red Cross society and other social organizations are always on hand to save and rescue the victims.

Myanmar Red Cross Society was formed with the aim of alleviating trouble and suffering. It is a humanitarian organization and takes part in national development work, national health promotion, disease prevention and rescue and relief works.

With the help and support of the government, Myanmar Red Cross Society is actively doing humanitarian work. Now, state, division, district and township Red Cross committees have been formed all over the nation. Red Cross members are constantly trained to be skilled in their work.

It is the nature of Myanmar people to work for the good of others and help the needy and those in trouble. The active and enthusiastic participation of Red Cross members in relief and rehabilitation work for the victims in the storm-hit areas shows their good nature.

Not only developed nations but also developing ones place special emphasis on Red Cross work and contribute a lot to public health care, health education and first-aid work.

We believe that, under the aegis of Myanmar Red Cross Society, Red Cross members will keep on carrying out public and humanitarian work, always treating people kindly and warmly.

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

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Director-General U Soe Kyi of the Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Pro-Rector Dr Aung Myint of University of Traditional Medicine (Mandalay) of Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health as Rector of the same university on one year probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—MNA

A & I Minister supervises development tasks in Hinthada



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets with locals in Wegyi Village post BEPS.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 20 September inspected thriving paddy

fields along Hinthada-Taluh-ta-Dgammimotorway.

The minister met with locals from village-tracts in Dhammi station and fulfilled the needs for boosting of production of agricultural produce and regional development tasks.

The minister then

met with local people from Wegyi, Shansu, Gyoungsein, Gyogon and Kanaunggyun villages at Basic Education Post Primary School in Wegyi village and set up educational funds for school-age children to be able to go to school and provided village libraries with periodicals.—MNA

MAWFA holds 8th Annual General Meeting

YANGON, 24 Sept — The 8th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association was held at Hotel

Yangon here today. The meeting was opened with an address

by Member of the panel of patrons of the association Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of Foreign Affairs Minister.

Chairperson of the association Daw Thida Nyunt extended greetings and the Vice-Chairperson of the association wife of the Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar, the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Yangon, also extended greetings.

Participants of the meeting discussed matters related to tasks carried out and future tasks of the association. Members of the panel of patrons presented certificates of honour to the diplomats who participated in the

Pearl Sales begin

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—The 27th Pearl Sale of Myanma Pearl Enterprise under the Ministry of Mines commenced at Myanma Gem Museum here yesterday.

In the evening, guests and pearl merchants were hosted a dinner in the compound of the Museum.

MNA

international cultural concerts at the National Theatre in Yangon on 9 May.

Wellwishers donated

cash to the association and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the chairperson of the association.—MNA



Member of panel of patrons of Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association Daw Myint Myint Soe accepts cash donated by well-wisher at 8th AGM.—MNA

Suicide bomber in Somalia lived in US

NEW YORK, 24 Sept—An online report has identified a Somali-American from Seattle, Washington, as one of the suicide bombers who killed 21 peacekeepers in Mogadishu, Somalia, last week. The Somali-language Web site Dayniile.com said the bomber lived in Washington until 2007. The report could not independently be confirmed.

An FBI spokesman in

Seattle, Fred Gutt, said investigators are aware of the report, but he declined to comment about it in detail. When asked if the FBI was looking into the report, Gutt said only that “we have continuing outreach efforts with the [Somali-American] community.”

Federal agents have been investigating possible recruiting efforts in the United States by Al-

Shabaab, a Somali group with ties to al Qaeda that the US classifies as a terrorist organization. More than a dozen young men of Somali descent have disappeared recently from their homes in and around Minneapolis, Minnesota, which has a sizable Somali population, as does Seattle. At least three have ended up dead in Somalia, community leaders say.—Internet



File photo of a woman flapping her arms to make a character fly on a *Wii Fit Plus* game at a Nintendo exhibit in Los Angeles. Nintendo said Thursday it was cutting the price of its Wii video game console by a fifth in Japan and the United States, following similar moves by rivals Sony and Microsoft.—INTERNET



People visit the Seventh Qinghai folk handicrafts exhibition held in Xining, capital of northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 23 Sept, 2009. Over 6,000 kinds of folk handicrafts were exhibited at the exhibition held in Xining.—XINHUA

Obama to chair historic UN council nuclear meeting

UNITED NATIONS, 24 Sept—US President Barack Obama will chair a historic meeting of the United Nations Security Council on Thursday that is expected to ask nations with nuclear weapons to scrap their deadly arsenals. When the leaders of the 15-nation council gather at UN headquarters in midtown Manhattan, Obama will preside over the meeting, the first time a US president has chaired a Security Council summit since the elite panel was established in 1946.

Diplomats said council members were expected to unanimously adopt a US-drafted resolution that declares there is a “need to pursue further efforts in the sphere of nuclear disarmament” and urges all countries that have not signed the 1970 nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to do so.—Internet

Mideast peace talks will restart soon

NEW YORK, 24 Sept—Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair said on Wednesday that he believes within weeks Israel and the Palestinian Authority will begin talks aimed at a permanent resolution of their decades-long conflict. “I think that’s what will happen, actually, over the next few weeks,” Blair told CNN’s Christiane Amanpour on Wednesday.

“In the end, the issue really is this: What is the context within which this negotiation is being launched?” he said. “The worry for the Palestinians is that, if you don’t lay down some conditions ... the negotiation won’t be credible. What the Israelis say is, ‘Look, we’ll negotiate without precondition. We’re not prepared until we start negotiating to yield this or yield that,’” he said on CNN’s new show “Amanpour.” “Now, personally, I think ... what will happen and should happen is that we try and put together the best possible context of the launch of the negotiation. It may not be everything that everyone wants, but get the thing under way.”—Internet

Briton’s body found in Afghan guest house

KABUL, 24 Sept — Police in Afghan capital Kabul have found a body of a British national from a guest house in the city, a local newspaper reported on Thursday. “The body of a British national, who had worked as advisor with the Ministry for Rural Rehabilitation and Development, was found from a room in Qasar Park Guest House last Satur-

day,” daily *Rah-e-Nejat* writes in its edition.

It did not identify the reason for the Briton’s death but quoted deputy to Kabul police chief Syed Ghafar Syedzada as saying the body had been sent for autopsy in hospital. The Ministry for Rural Rehabilitation and Development had not made any comment.—Xinhua

Israel welcomes Obama call for Mideast talks

JERUSALEM, 24 Sept—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has welcomed President Barack Obama’s call at the UN for Israelis and Palestinians to resume peace talks without preconditions. Palestinian leaders say there can be no negotiations without a complete

halt to Israeli settlement construction in the West Bank. Netanyahu is proposing a partial and temporary slowdown.

In his UN speech on Wednesday, Obama said, “America does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements.” Netanyahu told Israel Ra-

dio in a telephone interview from New York on Thursday that even though he and Obama do not see eye-to-eye on settlements, “the president of the United States said unequivocally that is not an issue that should prevent the start of negotiations.”—Internet

Bombings across Iraq kill 11

BAGHDAD, 24 Sept—A bomb exploded on Wednesday outside a home in southwestern Baghdad, killing a woman and her two children, as other bombings killed at least seven Iraqi security personnel and a local politician in the capital and a volatile northern area.

The blast outside the home of Mohammed Ali Wais in the Baghdad neighbourhood of Radwanayah killed his wife and two children. Wais, who was unharmed, is a friend of a hard-line Sunni leader who has been accused of supporting insurgents in Iraq. A month earlier, Wais’ brother, a professor at a university in western Iraq, was killed. A police official, who spoke about the bombing on condition of anonymity because he is not an official spokesman, did not have information on a possible motive.

Wais is a friend of Harith al-Dhari, leader of the Sunni Association of Muslim Scholars, which some government officials have accused of supporting al-Qaeda in Iraq. The US has accused al-Dhari, who is believed to be living in Jordan, of ordering the kidnappings of foreigners and directing an October 2006 plot to bring bombs into Baghdad’s fortified Green Zone as part of an effort to assassinate the commander of US forces in Iraq and the US and British ambassadors.

Internet



File photo of people enjoying online services at an Internet shop in downtown Hanoi. A pair of French entrepreneurs has come up with a way to identify people whose Internet comments carry weight.—INTERNET



A South Korean woman walks near an advertisement for locally manufactured mobile phones, with similar features and looks to those of Apple Inc's iPhone, in Seoul, South Korea, on 23 Sept, 2009. South Korea's telecommunications regulator said on Wednesday it has given approval for Apple Inc's hit iPhone to be sold in the country.—INTERNET

Ford to launch new car in India

NEW DELHI, 24 Sept — Ford has announced that it is to make a new car in India, as part of its \$500m (£304m) investment plan in the country.

Production will begin on the Ford Figo at the carmaker's plant in Chennai in the first quarter of 2010.

The four-door compact car will compete in India's small car sector.—INTERNET

Ford has described the Figo — which is Italian slang for “cool” — as a “game changer” and said it was confident it would be popular with Indian consumers.

The Figo will compete in India's small car segment, which makes up about 70% of the new vehicle market.

The car will initially only be for sale in India, but there are plans to export it to other countries, Ford said.

In April, the world's cheapest car, the Tata Nano, went on sale in India.

The Nano is 10 feet (3 metres) long. “[The Figo] reflects our commitment to compete with great products in all segments of this car market,” said Ford president and chief executive Alan Mulally.

We are confident the Ford Figo will be a product that Indian consumers really want and value.”

Internet

US sees debt, deficit everywhere one year after economic crisis

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept — One week before the US fiscal year 2009 ends on 30 Sept, top US officials may not volunteer the unsettling news on the federal budget deficit and America's record-break-

ing public debt at the G20 Summit in Pittsburgh.

According to the White House's own estimate, the federal government's deficit for the fiscal year 2009 would reach 1.84 trillion US dollars, roughly 13 percent of the estimated GDP.

This would be the highest level since 1945 when the United States was involved in a world war.

The total amount of national debt will reach nearly 13 trillion dollars — an almost unimaginable number that is bigger than every country's annual GDP except that of the United States.

Xinhua



Britain complains to EU over Opel plan

LONDON, 24 Sept — Britain has written to Europe's competition chief challenging plans by auto parts maker Magna to buy carmaker Opel, as fears of job losses gather steam, a report said on Thursday.

Business Secretary Peter Mandelson said the Canadian company's plans for restructuring of Opel were too expensive and susceptible to “politi-

cal intervention”, the Financial Times said. “We do not believe the case has been demonstrated that the current Magna proposal is commercially the most viable plan,” Mandelson said in the letter, obtained by the newspaper. Capacity at highly efficient plants in Britain and Spain is planned to be under-utilized, in favour of higher utilization of

some of GM's other less efficient plants,” he said.

The letter sent on Tuesday to European Commissioner Neelie Kroes comes as fears mount of thousands of job losses across Europe, and possible plant closures as part of Magna's plans for Opel.—*Internet*

jumbo jet programme, *China Daily* reported on Thursday.

The C919, China's largest domestically manufactured jetliner that is expected to take off in 2016, will source parts and components globally, but foreign suppliers are encouraged to enter into partnerships with Chinese manufacturers, the newspaper said, citing Wu Guanghui, chief designer and deputy general manager of the Shanghai-based Commercial Aviation Corporation (COMAC), which is producing the jet.

Xinhua

Honda shows small light ‘personal mobility’ device

TOKYO, 24 Sept — Honda's new “personal mobility” device looks like a unicycle, but all you need to do to zip around on it — sideways as well as forward and back — is lean your weight into the direction you want to go. The U3-X — available for a test-run for reporters in Tokyo on Thursday — was designed to be small, safe and unobtrusive enough to mingle with pedestrians, according to Honda Motor Co.

The single wheel on the U3-X — U stands for

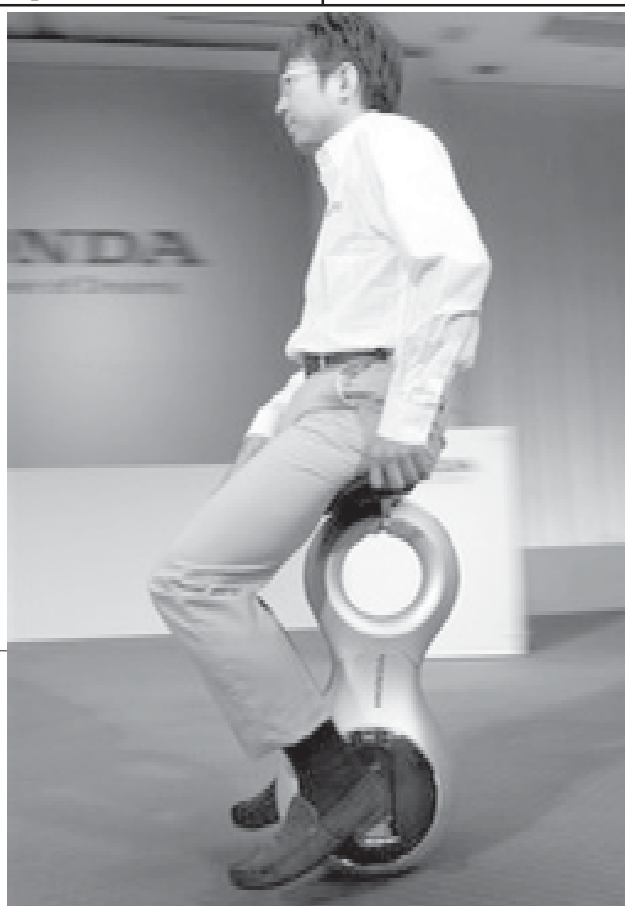
“unicycle” and “universal” — is made up of many tiny motor-controlled wheels, packed inside the bigger wheel, allowing the device to swerve in any direction. It stands upright on its own. Sit on it as though it's a stool, and shift your weight to drive. The thing maintains its own balance as it scoots along at a speed of up to 6 kilometres (3.7 miles) per hour.

Honda President Takanobu Ito said the machine was still “a proposal,” and the company

has no sales plans, pricing or firm ideas on where or how it will be used. Honda declined to give details of the U3-X's technology, but said it weighs less than 10 kilograms (22 pounds), runs on a full charge for an hour, and has a lithium-ion battery.—*Internet*

A Honda employee demonstrates Honda's new ‘personal mobility’ device at a press conference in Tokyo, Japan, on 24 Sept, 2009.

INTERNET



Former Jihadi commander killed in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 Sept — Unknown armed men shot dead former Jihadi commander Mullah Abdul Rauf in Baghlan province, north of Afghanistan, on Thursday, police said. “Mullah Abdul Rauf was on his way to provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri when unidentified men

opened fire on his car in Ainal area, killing him on the spot and injuring two others including his son,” a police officer Abdul Hai Ramzi told *Xinhua*.

However, he did not rule out old enmity behind the incident. Rauf, a pro-government Jihadi commander was among those

who had already handed over his arms to government and supported durable peace in the country. Dozens of former Jihadi leaders who fought the former Soviet Union and resisted Taleban onslaught have been assassinated over the past couple of years.—*Xinhua*

Vietnam to buy 500,000 tons of rice to stabilize price

HANOI, 24 Sept—Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung decided to ask the Vietnam Southern Food Corporation to buy 500,000 tons of rice from now to late November to stabilize domestic rice price, local newspaper the *Pioneer* reported Wednesday.

The company will buy rice at a price which allows local growers to have profits of at least 30 percent, said the newspaper. Earlier, the

Vietnam Food Association asked its members to buy 500,000 tons of rice in September at the price of 3,800 Vietnamese dong (21 US cents) a kilogram to stabilize price, according to the newspaper.

In the summer-autumn rice crop of 2009, the Mekong Delta provinces produced about two million tons of rice, said Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Vietnam exported about 4.7

million tons of rice in the first eight months of this year, bringing home 2.14 billion U.S. dollars, up 43 percent year-on-year in volume, down 1.4 percent year-on-year in value, according to the General Statistic Office of Vietnam.

Xinhua

Drive
with
care

Vietnam to start work on 547-mln-USD highway project

HANOI, 24 Sept—Vietnam will start building a highway linking Ho Chi Minh City with southern province of Dong Nai with investment of 9.76 trillion Vietnamese dong (547.15 million US dollars) next month, local newspaper the *People* reported on Thursday. The highway is 55 kilometers long and has 18 overpasses, said the newspaper.

The road, part of the country's North-South highway, is expected to be operational in 2012. It would create favorable conditions for trade activities among three big economic centers in the south of Vietnam including Ho Chi Minh City, Vung Tau and Dong Nai, according to the newspaper.

Xinhua

Chinese President meets Russian, South Korean leaders

NEW YORK, 24 Sept—Chinese President Hu Jintao met his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev here on Wednesday to discuss bilateral relations and also regional and international issues of common concern. The two leaders met on the sidelines of the UN climate change summit and other UN meetings.

Chinese President Hu Jintao met with his South Korean counterpart Lee Myung-bak here on Wednesday morning on the sidelines of the UN meetings to discuss bilateral ties and other issues of common interests.—*Xinhua*

Venezuela's resort island ready for South America-Africa Summit

CARACAS, 24 Sept — Margarita Island, in northeastern Venezuela, has geared up for the upcoming 2nd South America-Africa Summit (SAAS), which will take place on Saturday and Sunday. Morel Rodriguez, governor of Nuevo Esparta State, declared on 25 Sept as a public holiday in Margarita to underline the importance of the summit, local media said on Wednesday.

During a press conference, Rodriguez said cleaning work was underway and road signs

had been put up in the main avenues of Margarita, the largest island of Venezuela. Regional security forces will be mobilized to block the

area around the hotels which are to host the summit and Santiago Marino International Airport, 20 km away from the host city Porlamar.—*Xinhua*



A girl plays with a tame wolf in the village of Nadbiarezha, some 250 km (156 miles) northwest of Minsk, on 23 Sept, 2009.—*XINHUA*

Home-made moon cakes: great idea sells like hot cakes

BEIJING, 24 Sept—With Mid-Autumn c approaching, Li Haiying had a “brilliant idea” and decided to sell her own moon cakes online. It appears she could not have picked a better business idea.

Although there is still 10 days until moon cake-giving time begins, Li has sold thousands of the treats made all by herself.

Li Jing, who teaches bakery at Betty's Kitchen cooking school in Beijing, has seen her classroom filling up recently, and is now teaching three classes a week. “It surely



Home-made moon cakes.—*XINHUA*

has something to do with the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival,” Li said. “People want to give a handmade delicacy as a token of love to their family.” Li has made more

than 60 moon cakes this month to share with her family and friends. “They are fresh and has no additives. It's better than those on the market,” she said.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Immense 8.7kg boy born in Indonesia

BEIJING, 24 Sept—An 8.7 kg baby boy, the heaviest newborn ever recorded in Indonesia, was born recently at a public hospital in North Sumatra province, according to an *AFP* report on Wednes-

day.

Binsar Sitanggang, a gynaecologist who took part in the operation, told the media that the 62-centimetre-long still-un-named boy was born on Monday by caesarean section, and in a healthy condition now though initially doctors had to give him oxygen to overcome breathing problems. “This heavy baby made the surgery really tough, especially the process of taking him out of his mum's womb.

His legs were so big,” Sitanggang said. The baby also has a “strong appetite,” he added, “every minute, it's almost

non-stop feeding...the way he's crying is not like a usual baby. It's really loud.”

Sitanggang pointed out the boy's massive size was likely the result of his mother, who has diabetes, as previous studies have linked high birth-weight to gestational diabetes.

According to the report, the baby, her fourth, was the only child not delivered by a traditional midwife. According to the Indonesian Museum of Records website, Indonesia's previous heaviest baby, weighing in at 6.9 kg, was born in 2007 on the outskirts of Jakarta.

Xinhua

Yahoo launches new web portal

BEIJING, 24 Sept—The Internet company Yahoo has relaunched its web portal with a 100 million US dollar global advertising campaign.

The new front page allows users to integrate third-party web services like Facebook or Hotmail into its portal, something which Yahoo hopes will help boost traffic and revenue.

When Yahoo announced its relaunch plans some analysts argued that many *Internet* users ignore such portals and instead use search engines to go directly to the web page they require.

But Yahoo! insist many of its users start from their Yahoo! homepage making it an important platform to place advertising and help boost the company's falling profits.

“Frontpage adverts are incredibly powerful,” said Yahoo's senior vice-president for Europe, Rich Riley, and can cost millions of dollars for a single day of global advertising.—*Xinhua*

Greenland, Antarctic ice melt worsening

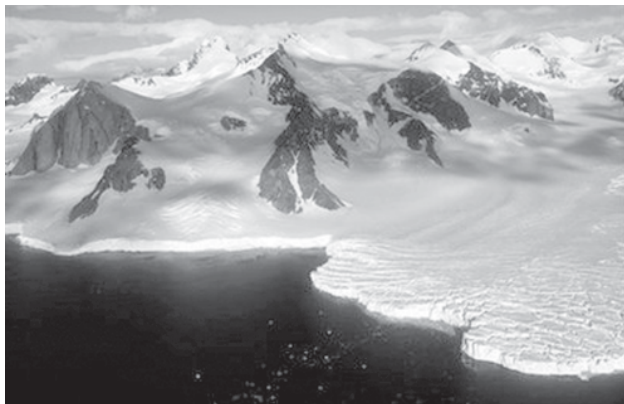
WASHINGTON, 24 Sept — New satellite information shows that ice sheets in Greenland and western Antarctica continue to shrink faster than scientists thought and in some places are already in runaway melt mode.

British scientists for the first time calculated changes in the height of the vulnerable but massive ice sheets and found them especially worse at their edges. That's where warmer water eats away from below. In some parts

of Antarctica, ice sheets have been losing 30 feet a year in thickness since 2003, according to a paper published online on Thursday in the journal *Nature*.

Some of those areas are about a mile thick, so they've still got plenty of ice to burn through. But the drop in thickness is speeding up. In parts of Antarctica, the yearly rate of thinning from 2003 to 2007 is 50 percent higher than it was from 1995 to 2003.

These new measurements, based on 50 million laser readings from a NASA satellite, confirm what some of the more pessimistic scientists thought: The melting along the crucial edges of the two major ice sheets is accelerating and is in a self-feeding loop. The more the ice melts, the more water surrounds and eats away at the remaining ice.—*Internet*



This April 2003 handout photo provided by the British Antarctic Survey shows a glacier meeting the ocean at Marguerite Bay, Antarctic Peninsula. New satellite data shows that ice sheets in Greenland and western Antarctica continue to thin faster than scientists thought and in some places are already in runaway melt mode.—INTERNET

US flood damage in Georgia to top \$250 million

ATLANTA, 24 Sept — Flooding in north Georgia that killed nine people caused \$250 million worth of damage to property and tens of millions of dollars more damage to infrastructure, the state insurance commissioner said on Wednesday.

Parts of the I-20 interstate highway that runs through downtown Atlanta were closed through the on Wednesday morn-

ing rush hour and at least 20 bridges, including some over the highway, appeared damaged, commissioner John Oxendine said.

There was a lot of water pressure building up on those bridges and that's a major concern," said Oxendine who based his damage estimate on an aerial inspection.

But two days after flood waters reached their peak, only nine roads and six bridges in the southeastern state remained

closed, according to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

The flooding struck on Monday after days of rain that in some parts of Atlanta were the heaviest in the city in more than 100 years, according to state climatologist Pam Knox at the University of Georgia in Athens.

Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue asked President Barack Obama on Tuesday to declare a state of emergency for Georgia.—*Internet*

Castro praises Obama on climate

HAVANA, 24 Sept — The former Cuban President Fidel Castro has praised US President Barack Obama's speech before the UN General Assembly for its words on climate change. Mr Castro described President Obama's admission that the US had been too slow to act on climate change as a brave gesture.

But he added that the American capitalist system was incompatible with a clean planet. Mr Castro has long been a fierce critic of US presidents. In his latest editorial, published in all the state media, Mr Castro quoted widely from Mr Obama's address to the UN.

He praised the American president for saying that the US had been slow to act on climate change and that richer countries had to take the lead since they had caused much of the damage. No other US president, he said, would have had the courage to make such remarks. But the 83-year-old revolutionary criticized what he called America's aggressive military foreign policy which threatened the survival of our species.—*Internet*



A roller coaster at Six Flags of Georgia Amusement Park is flooded on 24 Sept, 2009 in Austell, Ga. Several days of heavy rain has flooded parts of the Atlanta area.

INTERNET



This August 2009 handout photo shows a male giant sable antelope being handled at the Cangandala National Park in Malanje, Angola. They are Angola's national symbol and the nickname for the country's football team — yet fewer than 100 are believed still alive.

Specimen hand startles man digging in Md yard

A severed human hand has been unearthed from the yard of a Maryland home, but police say this is no whodunit.

Investigators believe it's a decades-old medical school specimen left by a former resident.

Still, it was an odd discovery for the electrician who dug it up in the northeastern part of the state. It was muddy, but only the fingertips showed signs of decay.

Maryland State Police Trooper First Class Dave Feltman says the hand found on Tuesday appeared to be surgically removed.

Smokey the cat shot 13 times in head, walks home

An Australian cat named Smokey survived 13 shots to the head from an air rifle and then found his way home after what police on Tuesday called a "shocking" act of animal cruelty.

The nine-year-old moggy turned up on his owners' doorstep bleeding from his head last week, three days after he went missing from the family home in Maryborough, central Victoria.

A medical examination revealed 13 pellets lodged in his head and face. Ser-

geant Craig Pearse said it was remarkable Smokey had managed to get home after his ordeal.

"This is just a shocking incident where someone either working alone or in a group has shown no regard for animal life and left Smokey for dead," Pearse said.

The distressed feline had to be heavily sedated while 11 of the pellets were removed, he said, adding that Smokey was expected to recover.

Animal welfare advocate Hugh Wirth said the incident was "utterly disgraceful", and that Smokey's tormentors deserved jail.

NEWS ALBUM



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British, Indian men sky diving at world's highest point

Three sky divers on Tuesday jumped from an altitude of 20,000 ft (some 6000 metres) and landed at Gorakshep, some 130 km east of Nepali capital Kathmandu.

"This Jump has been concluded at the World's Highest Landing Point at Gorakshep, 5,164 metres making the World's Highest Landing Point," said a press release received on Wednesday, from Himalaya Expeditions Agency Nepal.

Briton Leo Dickinson, Ralph Mitchell and Indian Ramesh Chandra Tripathi made the jump in the south side of Mt Qomolangma on Tuesday early morning.

With a free fall timing of around five to six seconds, all touched the ground at 4 minutes time.

All three members have returned to Nepali capital Kathmandu on Tuesday and are "physically fit", said the press release.



This handout picture released by The Adventure Sports Tourism Society shows a skydiver preparing to land at Gorak Sshep, a sandy plateau 5,165 metres above sea level. 120 km (69 miles) north east of Kathmandu during a parachute jump over Mount Everest. Three skydivers plunged through the shadow of Everest to land at the world's highest drop zone.

Inlay Phaungdaw Oo Yelai Phaya

Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

There is a sumptuous temple on the island in the middle of a natural lake in Nyaung Shwe township in southern Shan State. This temple is well known as "Inlay Phaungdaw Oo Yelai Phaya" which literally means "the Temple in the middle of Inlay Lake sheltering Buddha Images from the shrine on the bow of Royal Barge." This world-renown Temple is easily reachable by land and by air. Rail and road run 306 miles from Yangon to Thazi from where they continue uphill to Shwe Nyaung. To reach the lake, only the road takes you for a distance of 19 miles to Nyaung Shwe town on the Lake's bank. You may fly direct to Heho and take a bus to Inlay Lake. Choose either of the two watercrafts—engined boat or leg-rowed boat to get to the Temple.

Next to Indawgyi Lake in Kachin State, Inlay is the largest water body formed by falls, streams and rivers of surrounding mountains to the east and west. The lake used to be one hundred square mile big, so say geologists, but due to climate, geographical and human effects, the lake today measures 9 miles long and 3 1/2 miles wide. It is 2915 feet above sea level and its depth varies from 20 feet in monsoon and 12 feet in summer. Not a still lake, for many streams flow into it and many flow out of it, of which the Bilu chaung is the principal outlet to operate Lawpita Hydro-electric power Plant in Loikaw in Kayah State.

With human settlements in and around the lake, arrived Buddha Sasana. The legend and history of the Phaungdaw Oo Images tell the origin of human settlement in the lake. Inthar or the inhabitants of the lake say that they are the descendants of Daweithas (the inhabitants of a seaport town Dawei on the Taninthayi Coast). To back up their story, Bagan history is referred to. King Alaungsithu of Bagan dynasty who made long land and water journeys, reaching out to the sea, sojourned in Jambudipa Island. There an ogress presented him a piece of sandalwood of Himalayan Forest as a token of thanks for salvaging her child son from the sea. Sakka Deva carved five images out of the sandalwood. Inside the images were enshrined sacred dhatu relics of the Buddha. The four images represented the four Buddhas already revealed, Kaukkusanda, Gonagamana, Kassapa and Gotama and the fifth was that of an arahat Saint. The king kept the images in the shrine at the bow of his barge, and returned home. At Dawei, where he stayed for some time, he recruited into his flotillas select Daweithas who were clever seafarers and brave fighters into his regiments—Taung (south) Dawei and Myauk (north) Dawei. When royal entourage reached Inlay Lake, the Daweithas requested the king to let them settle in the lake as they found it like their home town. The dialects of Daweithas and Inthas are the same and akin to that of old Bagan. Shans call Inthas "Mont Naung" meaning "Myanmars living on the lake."

There is another story of Inthas' origin. Daweithas who repulsed the invaders from across the border of their home town Dawei, came up inland for trade. Later 36 families of Daweithas trading in South Shan States were settled in the lake. Originally, there were four villages in the lake. They were known in Myanmar as In, Lay Ywa (Four villages in the Lake). (1) Nant Pan (2) Wam Long (3) Naung Taung and (4) Haing Ya (now Heya).

A long legend of the Temple to shelter the five images is interesting. As the King's plan to enshrine the images in a pagoda on the hill did not succeed as the site chosen was not auspicious, they were kept in the custody of the head monk Ariyadhajadhamma Yanthi of Mahagama village. In 1359 A.D, four images were discovered in a cave when the villagers cleared the wild vegetation for reclaiming land. A pavilion zayat was built to house the images. The fifth image was still at the Mahagama village monastery. Every year, on the 7th Waxing moon of Thadingyut, (October) the public

paid homage to the four images in the pavilion built in the compound of the monastery.

In 1515 A.D., the four Images were moved to Intein village. A board of Trustees was formed to take care of the sacred objects. Every year the images including the fifth image at the Mahagama village monastery received public homage in the pavilion constructed in the monastic courtyard. Since then began the annual tour of the sacred Images conveyed on the ceremonial barge "Karaweik" making overnight stops at six stations in the lake. During the tour of one year, a strange happening took place. On the way to Nyaung Shwe, in the middle of the lake to the east of Lin Kin village, the ceremonial barge was suddenly capsized by an unexpected strong wind and was sunk. Only four images were salvaged. But when these four images were restored to the shrine, the missing fifth image was found there at its original place with some underwater mosses on it. This happening was repeated in the following years. So, the belief was established that the fifth image being the guardian should never be moved from its place on the shrine.

As pilgrims and visitors increased year by year, festival days and tour stations increased year by year—from 6 to 15 days and from 6 to 21 stations. The original temple at Mahagama village and the new temple at Bantpwe village were destroyed by fire in 1771 and 1881 A.D. respectively. In 1890 A.D. a one-storey temple was built at Nant Hu village. After over 60 years of existence, the temple fell into ruin. The present two-storey grand Temple of brick and cement built in 1951 was completed in 1956.

Over two-week long festival takes place every year in October. Pilgrims and visitors from far and near, at home and abroad come to pay homage to the sacred Images, or to view and participate in the festive activities in and around the lake. Pilgrims gild the images with gold foils. Believers donate yellow pieces of cloth as robes to the Images and take them back as amulets for protection from all dangers.

Attractions for the visitors are many—the spectacular sight of the ceremonial tour of four Images conveyed on the decorated Karaweik Barge followed by a long retinue of colourfully arranged watercrafts laden with devotees and performing artists displaying their best, boat races, on-water bazaars selling local green products, traditional fast food, clusters of shop houses of different designs and sizes built on stilts where you may purchase at bargain prices a variety of utility and vanity goods ranging from clothings of pure cotton or silk, pieces of ready-to-wears, jewellery precious, or semi-precious stones fancifully set in silver or gold, facial make-up of Thanakha cream to arts and crafts of local origin to decorate your home or souvenirs to take with you, etc, etc. The most eye-catching sights are the floating man-made islands on which all crops, vegetables and flowers are farmed, the leg-rowers of slim boats reminding you of gondoliers and gondoliers of Venice, water-adapted pets like dogs and cats which get on any boat that goes to their destination they know by their instinct.

"Star-less" hotels and inns of any type await you in the hotel zones both on land and on the water where you find comfortable accommodation at reasonable rate and enjoy food and drink of your choice to gourmet's delight.

Inlay Lake is an all-season centre of attraction for visitors. Festival days in October are of course very crowded. If you want to avoid "voices and noises" and care for relaxation, open seasons, both summer and winter are good time, warm sunshine, cool breeze, blue skies and blue mountains, green foliage and clear lake water with white birds in the air will largely reduce your stress and strains. Above all, Inlay Phaungdaw Oo Yelai Phaya beckons you to the bliss of solitude and peace.

Public warning about soft drink

The Ministry of Health constantly examines varieties of foodstuff on the market to make sure that all types of foodstuff in trade are safe for human consumption.

The following soft drinks on sale in Mandalay market are found without any recommendation by the Department of Health. The bottles are the reused ones. The label on each bottle does not state manufacturer, address, manufactured date or expiry date. According to the laboratory test, the soft drink is contaminated with bacteria, so, consumers may suffer from dizziness, vomiting, stomach upset, and food poisoning.

The ministry hereby announces today that the following soft drinks are unfit for consumption.

Sr.	Brand	Amount	Packaging System
1.	Sponsor (High Speed)	250 cc	Glass bottle
2.	Sponsor Energy Drink	250 cc	Glass bottle

Ministry of Health

Talks on consequences of El Nino 2009 on 26 Sept

YANGON, 24 Sept—Under the arrangement of Myanmar Fishery Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs' Association and with sponsorship of Fortune International Ltd, Dr Tun Lwin (Meteorology and Hydrology Department-Retd) will give talks on consequences of El Nino 2009 and earthquake prospect of Myanmar at MFF on Bayintnaung Road in Insein Township here on 26 September (Saturday). Interested persons may attend the talks.—MNA

Mutations make evolution irreversible

SCIENCE DAILY, 24 Sept—A University of Oregon research team has found that evolution can never go backwards, because the paths to the genes once present in our ancestors are forever blocked. The findings — the result of the first rigorous study of reverse evolution at the molecular level — appear in the Sept. 24 issue of *Nature*.

The team used computational reconstruction of ancestral gene sequences, DNA synthesis, protein engineering and X-ray crystallography to resurrect and manipulate the gene for a key hormone receptor as it existed in our earliest vertebrate ancestors more than 400 million years ago. —Internet



Fish fossil. Researchers resurrected and manipulate the gene for a key hormone receptor as it existed in our earliest vertebrate ancestors more than 400 million years ago. Over a rapid period of time, five random mutations made subtle modifications in the protein's structure that were utterly incompatible with the receptor's primordial form.

Commander honours victorious Ayeyawady Division women's Judo team

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe on 15 September attended a ceremony to honour victorious Ayeyawady Division Women's Judo team in State/Division Judo Tour-

nament held at the meeting hall of Division office of Patheingyi. The commander made a speech and awarded cash prize.

On 17 September, the commander inspected Begayet station in Kangyidaung and donated exercise books to students in No.1 Ward.

Afterwards, the com-

mander inspected Wetchaung village library, growing of monsoon paddy and kitchen crops and site chosen for construction of station hospital, and met with departmental officials, teachers and members of school board of trustees at village Basic Education Middle School (Branch).—MNA

Commander inspects regional development tasks in Mawlamyine District

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, on 14 Sep-

tember, inspected crop plantations in Lettek Village of Mudon Township, construction of extended basic education high school in Kalotthot Village, keeping the beach

in Thanbyuzayat Township of Kyaikkami clean, growing shady trees and windbreakers, and Thutagaba library in Padangangyi Village.

MNA

Electric Power No. 2 Minister receives Chinese guests



Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint receives General Manager Mr Yuan Xizhong of Central China Power Grid Co Ltd of the PRC.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received General Manager

Mr Yuan Xizhong and party of Central China Power Grid Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China at the ministry, here,

on 22 September.

They discussed matters related to cooperation tasks.

MNA

Roads upgraded in Mayangon, Thingangyun

YANGON, 24 Sept—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning viewed repaving of Thanthuma Road near the junction of Gandama and Thanthuma Roads and upgrading of the road with the use of heavy machinery in Mayangon Township for ensuring smooth transportation.

The mayor also inspected placing of asphalt concrete on Laydaunkan Road near the junction of Thanthuma and Laydaunkan roads in



Thingangyun Township and progress of tasks.

MNA

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspects repaving of Thanthuma Road in Mayangon Township.—YCDC

Cultivation of monsoon paddy inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe together with members of Division Agricultural Supervisory Committee made an inspection tour of soil preparations and cultivation of monsoon paddy in Natmauk, Myothit and Taungdingyi townships on 26 August.—MNA

Talks on Dip in Software engineering on 29 Sept

YANGON, 24 Sept—Organized by Myanmar Professionals Education Centre (MPEC), talks on CICT Diploma in Software Engineering course will take place at MPEC training centre on 29 September at 10 am.

Technical Director U Zaw Moe Htun of Myanmar Information Technology will give talks on role of Software Engineer in IT industry and job opportunities, advantages of CICT Diploma in Software Engineering course, syllabus conducted at the course and teaching methods.

Those interested who aim to join a profession as a software engineer, under graduates and graduates may attend the talks.

For further information and registration, contact the following address: No. (112), Room 11 & 12, 8 Miles, Pyay Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon (Tel: 668779, 668259 and 650124).

MNA

Canon EOS digital camera introduced

YANGON, 24 Sept—A press conference on Canon EOS Digital Camera, imported by Accel International Co., Ltd and Canon (Singapore Pte., Ltd), was held at Traders Hotel here this afternoon.

Managing Director Mr Alvin Law of Accel International Co., Ltd extended greetings and Sen-

ior Director & General Manager Mr Issei Morimoto of Canon Singapore Pte Ltd made an opening speech.

Afterwards, Senior Manager Mr Roland Poon of Canon Singapore Pte Ltd explained the facts about latest technologies of Canon.

Special Speaker Mr Teoh Peng Kee of

Canon Singapore Pte Ltd made demonstration on ability and advantages of EOS Digital Camera. Photographers tried taking photos.

Canon Club

Myanmar is opened at No.422/426 on 11th floor, FJVC Tower on Botahtaung Pagoda Road here (ph-202110) and EOS digital cameras are available there.—MNA

Senior Director & General Manager Mr Issei Morimoto of Canon Singapore Pte Ltd extends greetings at introduction to use of EOS Digital Camera.

MNA



Commander's Shield Volleyball Tournament kicks off

YANGON, 24 Sept—Yangon Command Commander's Shield Men's and Women's Volleyball Tournament was opened at the gymnasium of the

Command in Hline Township of Yangon West District, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of

Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint.

The Commander and guests enjoyed the match.

MNA

Development tasks in An Township inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen

Thaung Aye on 14 September looked into the condition of a new road and construction of a bridge in Ward 5 of An. On 15 September, the commander in-

spected the site chosen for construction of the township gymnasium and the condition of the road to Pepadon Suspension Bridge.—MNA

Cardiovascular operations performed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo inspected cardiovascular treatments at Nay Pyi Taw People's General Hospital (1000-bed) yesterday.

There, the minister comforted heart patient U Than Aung. He had a meeting with cardiologists and members and inspected the computer control room.

Cardiac tests and cardiovascular operations were performed by Cardiologist Dr Lwin Tin Aye and members Cardiologist Dr Myint Soe Win, Associate Professor (Medical Science) Dr Si Si Tun, Associate Professor (X-



Four heart patients after undergoing operations seen with cardiologists and medical staff at Nay Pyi Taw People's General Hospital (1000-bed).—MNA

ray) Dr Naw The Say and Specialist (Cardiac Surgeon) Dr Aung Thu with the assistance of Medical

Superintendent Dr Thaung Tin Tun under the close supervision of Director-General Dr Win

Myint. Four cardiovascular patients were given cardiac tests and they received operations for enlargement of their arteries performed by specialists, five nurses and one technician (X-ray) with the assistance of the doctor in charge of the Intensive Care Unit and party.

Yesterday, two cardiovascular patients received operations and another one had his heart equipped with a pace maker. Today, a cardiovascular patient received an operation with a tube in his artery.

This morning, the cardiologists made a round checking to the cardiac patients and they were all in good health.—MNA

Aerobics Training Technique for coaches concludes

YANGON, 24 Sept—A ceremony to conclude Aerobics Training Technique for coaches for 2009, jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, took place at Union hall of Kyaikkasan sports ground, here this morning, with an address by Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of Central Work Committee of MWSF. She presented first, second and third prizes to outstanding trainees and certificates through a trainee.

The course generated 17 trainees succeeding in Grade A and 46 trainees in Grade B. Seventeen winners with Grade A are allowed to join referee course.

MNA

Concert for raising funds for the disabled held

YANGON, 24 Sept—Shwe Min Thar Foundation (Myanmar) arranged concert for raising funds for the disabled at Hmyawsinkyun in Kandawgyi here on 13 September evening. At the concert, presenters explained purpose of holding the concert. Celebrities and artistes of Training Centre for the Disabled presented their performance. The celebrities and audiences contributed cash to the disabled.—MNA

Gold entrepreneurs meet

YANGON, 23 Sept—Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association held its executive committee meeting 9/2009 at UMFCI Tower in Lanmadaw Township on 11 September.

Chairman of the association U Thu Daw (Academy Gold Refinery) and Vice-Chairman U Kyaw Myint (Shwe Myinbyan Gold Refinery) made speeches.

Secretary U Kyaw Win (U Hton Goldsmith) submitted the minutes of the previous meeting. The meeting discussed the instruction of the Ministry of Labour and the future tasks of the association. Later, responsible persons reported on organizing the associations in States and Divisions.

MNA

Chairman U Thu Daw (Academy Gold Refinery) of MGEA delivers speech at the meeting.—NLM



Cardiologists attending to heart patient at Nay Pyi Taw People's General Hospital (1000-bed).—MNA

Myanmar Karatedo team leaves for China

YANGON, 23 Sept—A Myanmar Karatedo team led by Vice-President of Myanmar Karatedo Federation U Ai Yi left here by air this morning to take part in the 9th AKF Senior Karatedo Championship and Congress, organized by Asian Karatedo Federation and Chinese Karatedo Association to be held in Foshan City of

Guangdong Province of the People's Republic of China from 21 to 28 September.

The team was seen off at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary U Soe Win of MKF and executives.

The team comprised Joint General Secretary of MKF Assistant Director U Htein Win Myint of

Sports and Physical Education Department as the coach, manager and medical in-charge Dr Aye Myat Lwin and seven athletes.

Honorary Patron of the federation Police Col Khin Maung Tun (Retd) and Vice-President U Ai Yi will attend the Asia Karatedo Federation Congress.

MNA

Vehicles of today and motorways in Myanmar (6)

Article: Kayan Soe Myint; Photos: Ministry of Construction

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construction materials (soil, gravel, sand, cement, tar) whether they meet set standards or not. There has been a sharp increase in load of a truck, like increase in number of vehicles, on the roads. Early 1988, the maximum load of a truck was 13 tons. But load of a truck has increased to 60 tons from 13 tons later. In setting road designs, therefore, road designs that are suitable for a 60-ton trucks were substituted in the place of road designs that are suitable for originally designed for a 30-ton trucks. It is called upgrading of roads.

Although terms of the roads are set 10 years for a tarred road and 40 years for a concrete road in general, motorways in Myanmar are deteriorating in a short term.

Road damage in the short term is caused by one of the following points.

1. More traffic pressures on the road than initial estimate
2. Although traffic pressures are within initial estimate, strength of the road layer cannot withstand traffic pressures as it is less than initial limit. In measuring the amount of the damage caused by traffic, damage caused by two-axle-fixed 20-ton truck is equivalent to damage caused by running seven two-axle-fixed 13-ton trucks.

Thus, it is not allowed to vehicles which have more load than fabricated vehicles to drive on the road for durability of roads. (There are two tollgates of the Public Works, 70 tollgates under auction system and 38 tollgates run by companies



Photo shows a road section of Mongkhok-Mongphyat strategic road.

under B.O.T System, totaling 110 in 2009-10 fiscal year. It is learnt some trucks with heavy loads are using the road by paying extra charge for overloads).

- Using vehicles with more axles than fabricated trucks in order to allow overload and setting maximum axle load limit.
- Building roads in accord with set standards

(thickness of road layer, soil and strength of the road layer, type and condition of the road)

- Undertaking necessary maintenance systematically.
- Not allowing vehicles with heavy loads to run on the road.
- Allowing vehicles with more axles to carry heavy loads (or) prescribing axle load limit.
- Maintaining and building roads in accord with the set standards.

Regarding motorways in Myanmar, law and bylaws on roads had been promulgated in Law No 8/2000 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar. Law on roads has six chapters and bylaws on roads, nine chapters.

In conclusion, the State Peace and Development Council is striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. With a view to ensuring secure and smooth transport for the people, the government has built Union Highways, interstate/division roads, inter-township roads and strategic roads. However, It is regrettable to see that these roads are deteriorating. I would like to urge service personnel who are undertaking road maintenance and entrepreneurs who are engaged in B.O.T to maintain the motorways in Myanmar in accord with the standards set internationally and trucks owners to use the prescribed axles, avoid overloads and to follow limits on vehicles in accord with type of vehicles, traffic rules and laws and bylaws promulgated by the State Peace and Development Council in order to avert unnecessary damage to roads.

Translation: YM



A container truck running on a road.



Rescuers move a crew member of a plane which crashed into a school field shortly after take-off in Durban, September 24, 2009. An Airlink passenger plane crashed into a school's playing fields near Durban International Airport Thursday, seriously injuring three crew members and one person on the ground, the South African airline said.

INTERNET

Obesity could become top cancer cause

LONDON, 24 Sept—Being fat could become the leading cause of cancer in women in Western countries in the coming years, European researchers said Thursday.

Being overweight or obese accounts for up to 8 percent of cancers in Europe. Experts said that figure is poised to increase substantially as the obesity epidemic continues, and as major causes of cancer, such as smoking and hormone replacement therapy for menopausal women, drop dramatically.

“Obesity is catching up at a rate that makes it possible it could become the biggest attributable cause of cancer in women within the next decade,” said Andrew Renehan, a cancer expert at the University of Manchester. Renehan presented his findings to a joint meeting of the European Cancer Organization and the European Society for Medical Oncology in Berlin on Thursday.—*Internet*

Water detected on the Moon

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—Water particles have been detected on the surface of the Moon by three missions, including an Indian probe.

The evidence, disclosed in new scientific papers,

overturns the long accepted view that lunar soil is dry and comes just two weeks before a NASA probe is to crash into the surface near the Moon's southern pole to see if water can be detected in the dust and debris released by the impact.

The new data was gathered by probes equipped with NASA instruments designed to map the Moon's mineral composition. The so-called “Moon Mineralogy Mapper,” or M3, uses the reflection

of sunlight off the Moon's surface to determine soil composition.

In one of the three papers published in the latest edition of the journal *Science*, researchers said they analyzed light waves detected by an M3 instrument on board an Indian satellite, Chandrayan-1. The reflected light waves indicated a chemical bond between oxygen and hydrogen — proof, the researchers said, of the existence of water on the Moon's surface.

Internet

15% of Singapore problem gamblers have attempted suicide: study

SINGAPORE, 24 Sept—A recent study has found that 15 percent of Singapore problem gamblers have attempted suicide, local media reported on Thursday.

Conducted by Singapore's National Addictions Management Service at the Institute of Mental Health, the study said that the problem gamblers often have anxiety or depression issues, which can lead them to take their own lives, according to local radio 938live.

The report said that about 2 percent of the Singapore population are probable problem gamblers, adding that the number of gamblers turning up for treatment last year was double that of

2007. Singapore's total population reached 4.84 million in 2008.

Local expert on addiction Thomas Lee said that a lot more public education is needed for families and health care practitioners to recognize the signs of addiction, adding that the public needs to be aware of the various help-lines and centers available for treatment and counselling.

Singapore will open two casino-based integrated resorts in next year. The government is introducing family exclusion order, self-exclusion order and third-party exclusion order to prevent local problem gamblers from entering the resorts.

Internet

Floods kill five in northeast Turkey

ANKARA, 24 Sept—The death toll from floods triggered by torrential rains in a Black Sea coastal province in northeast Turkey rose to five on Thursday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Turkish Environment and Forestry Minister Veysel Eroglu was quoted by the report as saying that the death toll increased to five. Anatolia reported earlier in the day that floods killed four people after a building on a stream bed collapsed in the Borcka town of the Artvin province late Wednesday.

“Four people were killed in flooding. One person went missing. We assume that person is dead too. So, we can say death toll rose to five,” Eroglu was quoted as saying. On Thursday morning, search and rescue teams recovered two bodies from the rubble of the three-story house that was wrecked by a landslide caused by the rains and floods in Borcka.

The bodies of a 54-year-old woman and a 17-year-old girl were recovered for Two other people died in floods in the Borcka town and a three-year-old baby was pulled out alive from the debris of another house wrecked by the landslide, according to the report. Earlier this month, flash floods triggered by heavy rains killed 37 in northwest Turkey's Istanbul and Tekirdag provinces.—*Internet*

Eat with fat friends to stay thin: study

LONDON, 24 Sept—Want to remain slim? Avoid eating with skinny pals and go out with fat friends. Researchers have found that eating out with a thin person who eats a lot makes others eat more portions than they normally would.

Sitting opposite a fat person at meals encourages

one to eat less than normal.

Researchers from US and Canadian universities said, “Our findings indicate that the size of the person you dine with matters much less than the size of the meal they order.”

“If a heavy-set colleague eats a lot, you are likely to adjust your behaviour and eat less. But a thin friend who eats a lot may lead you to eat more than you normally would”, the Daily Mail reported.

Internet

Women doctors more caring and cautious

LONDON, 24 Sept — Woman make more caring and cautious doctors than their male counterparts and are also less likely to be suspended from work, according to a recent British study.

An assement study spread across 8 years by the UK government found that the fairer-sex fared better as doctors because they were had more patience and were more patient-centric.

Rosemary Field, deputy director of the National Clinical Assessment Service (NCAS) said, “It is not that women are better doctors than men, but there is research showing that they tend to have longer consultations and are more patient-centred than men,” according to Daily Mail.—*Internet*



Fallstreak holes like this captured in Florida, are large circular gaps that can appear in cirrocumulus or altocumulus clouds. The holes are formed when the water temperature in the clouds is below freezing but the water has not frozen yet.—INTERNET

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2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 1.10.2009 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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India launches seven satellites



India's space programme is more than 45 years old.—INTERNET

from the Sriharikota space centre off India's east coast, is being described as another milestone for the country's 46-year-old space programme. This is the 16th mission for India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) - a seven-storey-high, 230 tonne rocket.

A spokesman for state-run Indian Space Research Organization (Isro) S Satish told the BBC that the Indian satellite Oceansat-2 is carrying a new instrument which can measure wind speed over the surface of the ocean. He said the device will help track monsoons and cyclones. The rocket is also carrying six smaller satellites from Germany, Switzerland and Turkey. Wednesday's launch came as a boost to India's space scientists after the country terminated its inaugural Moon mission last month.—Internet

NEW DELHI, 24 Sept—India has successfully launched seven satellites in a single mission, nearly a month after the country's inaugural Moon mission was aborted. The rocket was carrying an Indian remote-sensing satellite and six smaller ones,

all of them foreign. The Indian satellite will help spot fishing zones in the sea by monitoring ocean temperatures.

Observers say India is emerging as a major player in the multi-billion dollar space market. Wednesday's launch,



The Pacific Ocean around the California coastline is being used more often by Mexican smugglers. INTERNET

Drive safely

Africa leaders unite on malaria

LONDON, 24 Sept—Fourteen African heads of state are due to launch a scheme aimed at ridding the continent of almost all malaria-related deaths within six years. More than \$3bn (£1.8bn) has already been raised to fund the project.

The money will pay for the distribution of 240 million insecticide-treated bed nets throughout sub-Saharan Africa by the end of next year. Malaria accounts for a quarter of all deaths of children under five years old in Africa. Rwanda is one of the countries involved in the new scheme, and Health Minister Richard Sezeibera admitted the disease posed a huge challenge. "Malaria stills kills more people in Africa than HIV/Aids and tuberculosis combined... we need more funds to fight it," he told the BBC's Network Africa.

But he said a lot of progress had been made in fighting the disease—and that politicians had helped the process. "There's been a lot of mobilisation by political leaders and this has brought results on the ground," he said. "So this launch will certainly add momentum and impetus to what is already happening on the ground in Africa." The leaders will announced the new body — African Leaders Malaria Alliance (Alma) — on the sidelines of the UN summit in New York.—Internet

Police hold suspect after chopper robbery

STOCKHOLM, 24 Sept — Swedish police said they were holding one suspect after armed robbers used a helicopter to stage a spectacular raid on a cash storage unit on the outskirts of the capital on Wednesday.

The gang landed a helicopter on the roof of a cash storage facility belonging to Anglo-Danish firm G4S in Vastberga, just south of Stockholm, and made their way into the building through a window, police said. Witnesses reported sev-

eral explosions. The gang then loaded up the helicopter and flew off." The attackers used helicopters and explosives to enter the premises and they escaped with an unconfirmed amount of

money," G4S said in a statement.

"A substantial reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible and recovery of the stolen

money." Police said they were questioning one person suspected of being involved in the heist but that the person had not been charged. They gave no further details

Internet

Police officers search the area around the stolen helicopter used for a robbery and found in Arninge, north of central Stockholm on 23 Sept, 2009.

INTERNET



'Mafia crocodile' seized in Italy

ROME, 24 Sept — Italian police say they have seized a crocodile they believe was used by a suspected mafia boss to terrorise people into paying protection money.

The reptile was 1.7m (5.5ft) long and weighed 40kg (88lb). It was found dur-



Police say the crocodile was fed live rabbits on the terrace.

INTERNET

ing a weapons search at the man's home in the southern town of Caserta. It was kept on the terrace and fed live rabbits in full view of neighbouring homes, police said.

The mafia suspect was charged with illegal animal possession.

The crocodile has been sent to a rehabilitation centre. Maurizio Vallone, head of Italy's anti-mafia squad, said the animal had been held in a secure area of the terrace fitted with high-tech video surveillance.

He said the owner of the home was suspected of running several protection rackets in Caserta, where the Camorra branch of the Naples mafia is active. No weapons were found on the premises, he said.—*Internet*



The Wall Street Journal announced last week that it will begin charging for access to the newspaper on mobile devices such as the Blackberry or Apple iPhone from on 24 October. Tien Tzuo on Wednesday called on fellow technology entrepreneurs to join him on a quest to rescue newspapers that are dying as their readers get stories free on the Internet.—INTERNET

Vaccine helps prevent HIV infection

BANGKOK, 24 Sept — For the first time, an experimental vaccine has prevented infection with the AIDS virus, a watershed event in the deadly epidemic and a surprising result. Recent failures led many scientists to think such a vaccine might never be possible. The vaccine

cut the risk of becoming infected with HIV by more than 31 percent in the world's largest AIDS vaccine trial of more than 16,000 volunteers in Thailand, researchers announced on Thursday in Bangkok.

Even though the benefit is modest, "it's the first evi-

dence that we could have a safe and effective preventive vaccine," Col Jerome Kim said in a telephone interview. He helped lead the study for the US Army, which sponsored it with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The institute's director, Dr Anthony Fauci, warned that this is "not the end of the road," but said he was surprised and very pleased by the outcome.

"It gives me cautious optimism about the possibility of improving this result" and developing a more effective AIDS vaccine, Fauci said in a telephone interview. "This is something that we can do."—*Internet*

Doubling chemo dose helped leukemia patients

LOS ANGELES, 24 Sept — Adults with a common form of leukemia had a better chance of remission if they got a double dose of a long-used cancer drug, two new studies found. Doctors said the findings should change the standard of care for younger adults with acute myeloid leukemia, but work remains to find better treatment for the elderly, who are more likely to develop the disease.

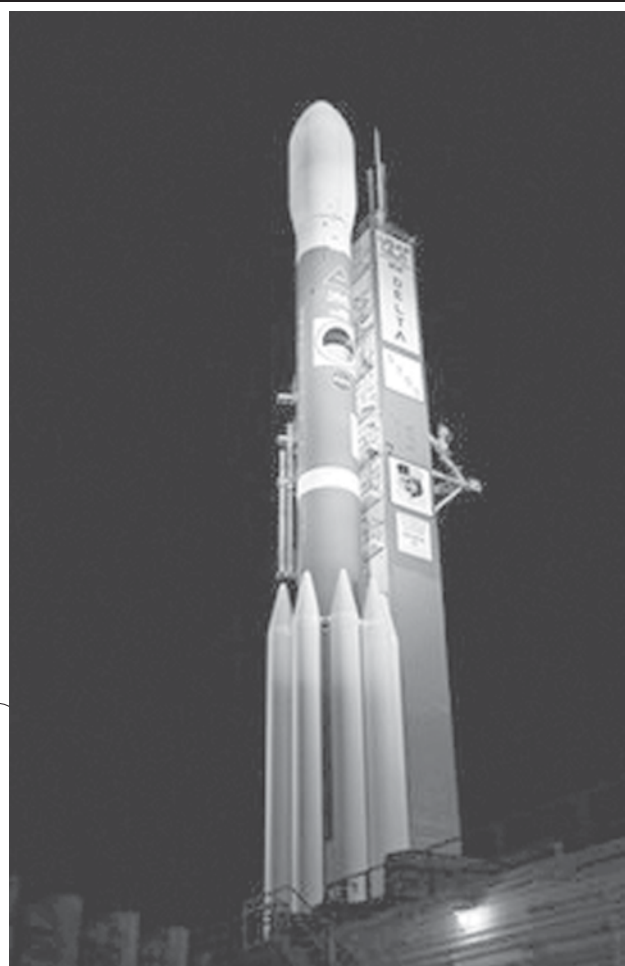
Acute myeloid leukemia is a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. It's the most common type of acute leukemia in adults. About 12,810 new cases will be diagnosed in the United States this year, according to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Patients typically receive two chemotherapy drugs to slow or stop the growth of cancer cells in the body. Two studies published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine looked at how patients fared if the dose of one of the chemo drugs, daunorubicin, was doubled.

One study led by researchers at the Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Florida gave 657 leukemia patients ages 17 to 60 either the standard chemo dose or double the amount and followed them for about two years. Complete remission occurred in 71 percent of those who took the higher dose, compared with 57 percent in the regular dose group. Overall survival was also higher in those who had more chemo: 24 months versus 16 months.

Internet

In this image provided by NASA the mobile service tower on Launch Pad 17-B at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station has been rolled back to reveal the United Launch Alliance Delta II rocket ready to launch the Space Tracking and Surveillance System — Demonstrator into orbit on 24 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET



Seasonal flu shot increases A/H1N1 flu risk

OTTAWA, 24 Sept — Preliminary results from some studies have found that seasonal flu shot may increase the risk of catching A/H1N1 flu, Canadian scientists said on Wednesday. About 2,000 people from four Canadian provinces were involved in the separate studies, which showed that people who had received the seasonal flu vaccine in the past were more likely to get sick with the H1N1 virus, the Canadian Broad-

casting Corporation (CBC) said in a report on Wednesday.

Researchers know that, theoretically, when people are exposed to bacteria or a virus, it can stimulate the immune system to create antibodies that facilitate the entry of another strain of the virus. Dengue fever is one example, scientists say. But experts stressed that these are very preliminary results and need to be validated.—*Xinhua*

Drugmaker reports shortage of kids' Tamiflu

ATLANTA, 24 Sept — The maker of Tamiflu on Wednesday said there's a shortage of the children's version of the drug — the first-line treatment for swine flu and seasonal flu. Switzerland-based Roche Holdings is sending a notice to doctors and pharmacists about a short-

age of the liquid version of Tamiflu for children and how to handle prescriptions in the meantime. The company has been facing increasing demand for Tamiflu since swine flu first appeared in April, and has decided to focus production on adult-strength pills, which it can make faster than children's formulations, company spokeswoman Kristina Becker said on

Wednesday.

The adult-dosage pills are still in good supply, and pharmacies can grind them and turn them into smaller doses for children, she said. Tamiflu is one of two drugs that work against swine flu. Another flu treatment, Relenza, is in good supply as well, government health officials said this week in a message to pharmacists.—*Internet*

Store launches underpants for left-handed men

LONDON, 24 Sept — A British store is launching a range of underpants for left-handed men, an innovation it says will save them both time and embarrassment in front of the porcelain. The new range, by UK-based Hom, will have a horizontal opening instead of a vertical slit accessed from the right-hand side, breaking a tradition that has lasted for 75 years. "In our view, this is a vital step toward equality for left-handed men," said Rob Faucherand of Debenhams store.

Almost 10 percent of British men are believed to be left handed but men's Y-fronted underpants have traditionally had a right-handed opening from the time they were invented in 1935. "As a result," Debenhams said, "left-handed men have to reach much further into their pants, performing a Z shaped maneuver through two 180 degree angles before achieving the result that right handed men perform with ease." Previously, it added, boxer shorts, with an adaptable, ambidextrous opening in the middle, have been the underpants of choice for left handed men.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Cole intent on return to peak form after injury

LONDON, 24 Sept—Joe Cole insists he still has some way to go before he is back to his best after completing his first 90 minutes since damaging knee ligaments last January. Cole's performance was one of the highlights of a pedestrian Chelsea display as the Premier League leaders struggled to overcome Championship club QPR Rangers, eventually edging to a 1-0 victory in the League Cup third round clash at Stamford Bridge



Chelsea's Joe Cole

New boys fire Mourinho-less Inter to top of Italian league

ROME, 24 Sept—Inter Milan brushed aside the absence of manager Jose Mourinho to climb to the top of Serie A on the strength of a 3-1 success over Napoli on Wednesday. A verbal assault against the referee in last weekend's win over Udinese earned Mourinho a one-match touchline ban but these three points will have eased the Portuguese coach's mood.

Samuel Eto'o put aside his financial dispute with former club Barcelona to open the scoring in the third minute and his new strike partner, former Genoa forward Diego Milito, doubled up two minutes later. Another Inter newboy, Brazil World Cup winning defender Lucio who moved from Bayern Munich in the close season, made it 3-0 just after the half hour mark with a header.—*Internet*

on Wednesday.

The England midfielder was crooked in an FA Cup tie against Southend nine months ago and he knows he has to keep working to reach a high enough level to press for a regular starting spot in Carlo Ancelotti's first team - as well as pressing for a recall to Fabio Capello's England squad. "This is a stepping stone for me," he said. "It's not a case of saying I'm back or anything like that.

"This is just another step and I will keep working hard and get back to the top of my game and beyond as soon as I can." "I don't think it's as much about me playing 90 minutes in the Premier League. You have to get the knee used to all the movement and all the twisting and turning which is a big part of my game." This is a stepping stone for me and if I am back to my best on Saturday, or next week or next month we will have to see. All I can do is work hard in training.—*Internet*

Ochoa trying to hang on to No 1 ranking

DANVILLE, 24 Sept—Lorena Ochoa is running out of tournaments in a startlingly average season for a player who won 21 times in the previous three years. Since winning the Corona Championship in her native Mexico in late April for her second victory of the year, the top-ranked Ochoa is winless in 10 starts.

South Korea's Jiyai



Lorena Ochoa, of Mexico



In this computer generated photo illustration released by Comite Rio 2016 is seen the Maracana soccer venue, right, and the Maracanazinho volleyball venue. Rio de Janeiro is hoping to bring the Olympics to South America for the first time, promising to transform the region and captivate the world with well-organized games near the city's stunning beaches and famous landmarks.—INTERNET

Rio carrying Olympic hopes of entire continent

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 Sept—South America has never hosted a Summer Olympics. If Rio de Janeiro breaks that streak and gets the 2016 games, the setting could hardly be more spectacular. Brazilians are promising to transform the region and captivate the world with a well-organized Olympics played out near the city's stunning beaches and famous landmarks.

Rio anxiously awaits the 2 Oct host-city vote in Copenhagen, especially after gaining front-runner status following a positive evaluation by the International Olympic Committee in its final report on the four finalists for 2016.

Thousands of Cariocas, as Rio citizens are known, are expected to make it to Copacabana beach to watch the IOC announcement, hoping for a big celebration by the Sugar Loaf mountain and the Christ the Redeemer statue. Competing against Chicago, Madrid and Tokyo, the city gained IOC praise for having strong public support, financial guarantees from all levels of government and experience from successfully hosting the Olympic-style Pan American Games in 2007. Brazil also will host the 2014 World Cup.—*Internet*

Kaka nets first goal as Real keep pace with Barca in Spanish league

MADRID, 24 Sept—Real Madrid kept pace with champions Barcelona at the top of the Spanish First Division defeating 10-man Villarreal 2-0 at El Madrigal on Wednesday with Cristiano Ronaldo continuing his goal-a-game record while Brazilian Kaka scored his first Real goal from the penalty spot. Ronaldo scored a great solo goal in the very first minute to make it five goals in four games and Kaka converted a controversial penalty for his first goal in Real's colours.

"It was important to start (the season) winning games," said Ronaldo. "I am really happy to win here and also to continue scoring goals." Villarreal are strong at home but we managed to get

Fergie dreams of taking on son Darren's Peterborough

MANCHESTER, 24 Sept—Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson is hoping for only one outcome when the draw is made for the last 16 of the League Cup on Saturday - a tie against son Darren and his Championship club Peterborough. Ferguson junior reached the fourth round of the competition with victory over Newcastle on Tuesday, 24 hours before a 1-0 win for the ten men of United against Wolverhampton Wanderers earned his father's League Cup holders their spot in the fourth round.

The two managers have never competed against each other in a competitive contest and, while the odds are obviously stacked against that particular outcome, Ferguson is clearly relishing another extended run in a tournament he has used so successfully to blood young players over the years. "Peterborough at home," replied Sir Alex when asked whom he wanted to meet. "All the family will be happy with that! But blooding the young players is the only thing we can do.

"Give them the experience of playing at Old Trafford in front of 50,000. It's a good crowd and it's a good tournament for young players." The quality of not knowing when you are beaten is a quality this club has. You have to have it. The young players have come in and responded. They've accepted the challenge and enjoyed it." One of those young players, Danny Welbeck, scored the decisive goal for United on Wednesday after a 66th minute exchange of passes with Michael Owen.—*Internet*



Real Madrid's Brazilian midfielder Kaka

the three points." It was a fourth straight win for Real as they joined Barcelona, who defeated Racing Santander 4-1 on Tuesday, on a maximum 12 points.

Internet

Henin says she can still do it

LIMELETTE, 24 Sept—Former world number one Justine Henin vowed Wednesday to return to the top of women's tennis after deciding to come out of self-imposed retirement. "Today I'm aware that there is more than just tennis," the seven-time Grand Slam winner said at her tennis school here in central Belgium.

"But tennis is what I do best. I'm 27 and still physically capable." Now the hard work starts. I'm going to have to get back the confidence and go through stages which I'd forgotten about." Henin said. "Time is on my side. But it'll be a long road." I like a real challenge. Ambition is part of me, I need to live something exceptional, to feel the adrenalin. It's part of me." Surprise US Open winner Kim Clijsters hailed as "fantastic" the return to the circuit of a fellow Belgian and great rival.—*Internet*

Asleep in Jesus
Daw Tin May @ Josephine Cecilia D'Rozario
 Age: 90 years.
 Daw Tin Mya-beloved wife of (Dr. H. Ah Keong) and Mother of Dr. Khin Hla Kyi-(U Saw Tun), John Hla Tin (uniteam Marine)-Camille Hla Tin, (Mary Ah Keong), (Hillary Kyaw Lwin), (Noel Aung Min), Clarence Aung Toe (Uniteam)-Agnes Khin Than Yee, Grandmother of 11 and Great Grandmother of 3, passed away peacefully in her sleep at her residence No. 42, Bo Aung Kyaw St, Botataung Township, Yangon.
 Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 09:00 hours for funeral service at St. Mary's Cathedral and thence to Yay Way cemetery for entombment.
 Bereaved Family.

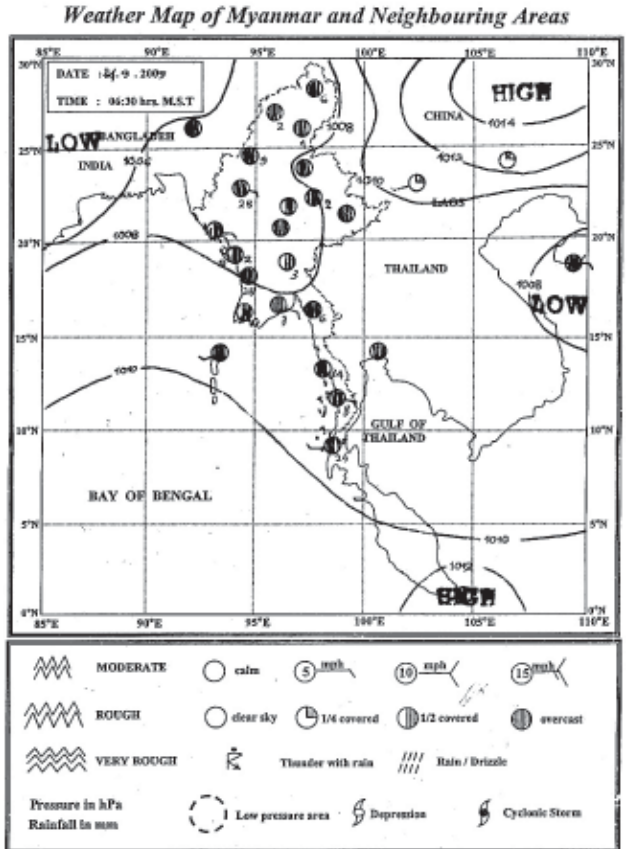
US warns citizens about Al-Qaeda threat to Germany

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept—The US State Department warned American citizens on Wednesday to be aware of a threat by Al-Qaeda that it would attack Germany around the time of its federal election on Sunday.
 “Al-Qaeda recently released a video specifically warning Germany of attacks. German authorities are taking the threat seriously and have taken measures to enhance the level of security throughout the country,” the State Department said in a travel alert that expires on November 11. “The Department of State urges US citizens to maintain good security practices at all times, and to maintain a heightened situational awareness and a low profile,” it said.
 Germany stepped up security at airports and train stations last weekend due to the heightened risk of attack, fearing that militant groups could use the election as a stage for strikes to punish Germany for its troop deployment in Afghanistan. Of the five parties in Germany's Bundestag Lower House of Parliament, only the far-left “Linke” or Left Party is calling for an immediate troop pullout from Afghanistan.—MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (25-9-2009) (Friday)

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

- Local Transmission**
- * Signature Tune
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
 - * Smogless sky, Enchanting Smiles (Southern Shan State, Inlay)
 - * Decoration of Myanmar Lacquerware
 - * The Pride of Twantay
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 - * Current Affairs “27th Myanma Pearl Sales (Nay Pyi Taw)”
 - * Field Trip to Tagaung
 - * Culture Stage
 - * Creative Decoration for Creative living
 - * Myanmar Modern Song
 - * Preservation of Myanmar Star Tortoise
 - * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm



WEATHER

Thursday, 24th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
 During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Divisions, scattered in Kachin State and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.99) inch, Gangaw (2.80) inches, Kani (2.32) inches, Yinnabin (2.09) inches, Thaton (1.97) inches, Shwegyin (1.70) inches, Dawei (1.65) inches, Mawlaik (1.57) inches, Myeik (1.33) inches and Phyu (1.26) inches.
 Maximum temperature on 23-9-2009 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 24-9-2009 was 71°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 24-9-2009 was 79 %. Total sun shine hours on 23-9-2009 was (8.4) hours approx.
 Rainfall on 24-9-2009 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.15) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (96.26) inches at Mingaladon, (105.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (112.87) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 23-9-2009.

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 25th September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State and Bago Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Eastern Myanmar areas.
Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 25-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

 Friday, 25 September View on today	7:00 am	1. တောင်တန်းသာသာနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်	7:50 am	5. ဝေဠုဝန်ခေါ် ရုပ်ပွားတော် ထင်ပေါ်ကျော်ကြား စစ်ကိုင်းငါးထပ်ကြီးဘုရား	4:00 pm	1. Myanmar National League MNL (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (ရတနာပုံ FC အသင်းနှင့် Delta United FC အသင်း)	6:00 pm	6. Evening News
	7:25 am	2. To be Healthy Exercise	8:00 am	6. Nice & Sweet Song	4:55 pm	2. Song of National Races	6:15 pm	7. Weather Report
	7:30 am	3. Morning News	8:10 am	7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ	5:05 pm	3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ်(၂)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဆဌမအကြိမ်၊ ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ဒုတိယဆု) (အထက(၆) ဗိုလ်တထောင်) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)	6:20 pm	8. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်
	7:40 am	4. အဝံ့ဇယမင်္ဂလံ (ယဉ်ဝေယံထွန်း၊ တေးရေး-ဝိတစာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)	8:15 am	8. The Mirror Image of the Musical Oldies	5:25 pm	4. Songs to uphold National Spirit	6:55 pm	9. “ရတနာစုံညီနေပြည်တော်ဆီ”
			8:30 am	9. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေး) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)	5:30 pm	5. ပဉ္စလက်ကျောင်းတော်	7:15 pm	10. သဘာဝရင်သွေးငယ်များ တေးဂီတအစီအစဉ်
			8:40 am	10. International News			7:45 pm	11. “အမှန်ထင်နေသောအမှား” (သရုပ်ဆောင်-ခန့်စည်သူ၊ အေးမြတ်သူ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
			8:50 am	11. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ			8:00 pm	12. News
								13. International News
								14. Weather Report
								15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ” (အပိုင်း-၆၀)
								16. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (မေခလာ)

- ★ 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

Vehicles of today and motorways in Myanmar (6)

Article: Kayan Soe Myint; Photos: Ministry of Construction



Photo shows a road section of Yangon-Pathein road.

Road Design Branches of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction

Public Works formed two branches — Road Design Branch and Road Research Branch — to set road design. In setting road design, these branches have to choose grade of road to be built at first. It is learnt that grades of road accepted and used by Public Works are from D-VI to D-I and Highway and Super Highway. In building two-lane motorway that can

allow running 50 vehicles per day, for instance, the road should be grade D-VI, a lowest-grade road. A D-VI grading road has 12 feet in width. The gradient of the road is 5 % in the plain and 8 % in the hill. The road has a 50 mph speed limit in the plain and 30 mph in the hill. If the number of vehicles which are allowed to run on the road per day is from 200 to 500, the road should be grade D-VI. A D-VI grading road has 18 feet in width. The gradient of the road is 3 % in the

plain and 6 % in the hill. The road has a 60 mph speed limit in the plain and 40 mph in the hill.

With a daily sharp increase in the number of vehicles running on the road, it is required to widen the road and road shoulders, to level the gradient, to increase speed limit and to minimize curves of the road that are in conformity with speed limit to be free from road accidents. Besides, it is necessary not only to set thickness of the road, design to be built and standards based on the road to be built, number of vehicles, load, number of axles, strength of the soil below the road to be built and materials to be used in road construction but also to test road

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New Influenza A (H1N1) control measures gaining momentum

NAYPYI TAW, 24 Sept—The Ministry of Health has been steadfastly taking preventive measures against New Influenza A (H1N1) since 28 April. Up to now, 46 cases have been confirmed, but there is no case of mortality.

Out of the flu patients, 41 have been discharged from the hospital after full recovery from the disease. And the remaining five are in a state of good health.

The ministry urged the people to follow strictly the public notices about New Influenza A (H1N1) flu and give a hand in the disease control measures.—MNA