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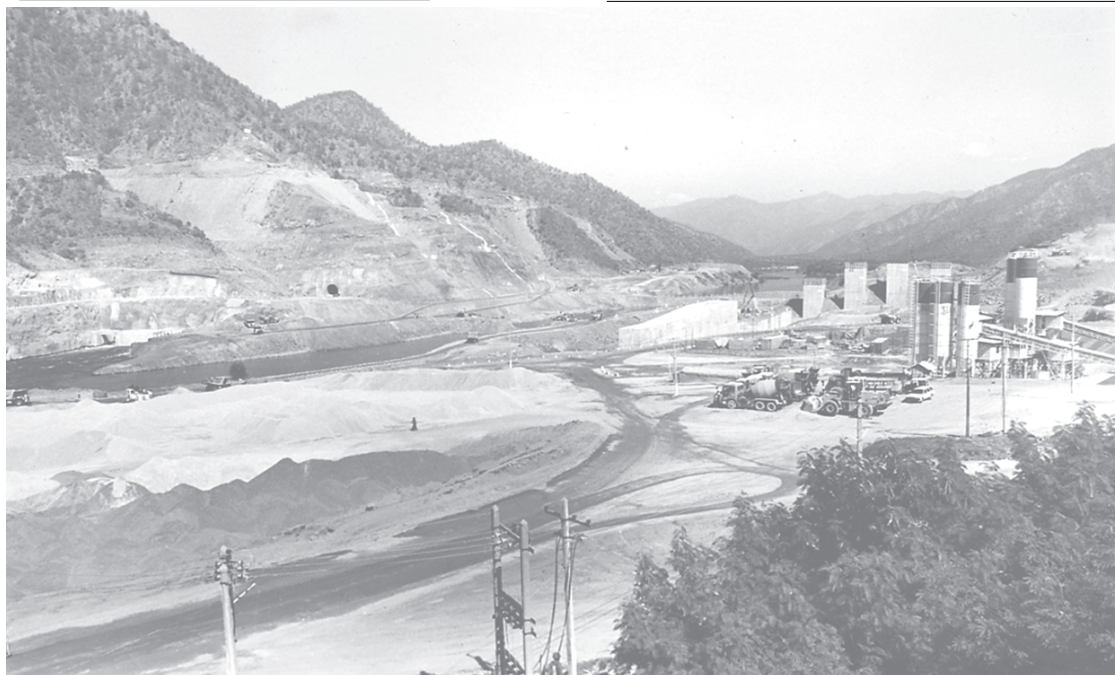
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Guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe



Senior General Than Shwe inspects construction site of Yeywa Hydel Power Project on 18-12-2004. (News reported).— MNA



The photo taken on 18-12-2004 shows the progress in implementing Yeywa Hydel Power Project located on Myitnge River, southeast of Mandalay. (News reported).— MNA

Power is implementing 10 hydel power projects throughout the nation in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. This being so, Yeywa Hydel Power Project is the biggest project among them.

Yeywa Hydel Power Project is being implemented on Myitnge River, 31 miles southeast of Mandalay. The 790-megawatt turbines will be installed at the plant of the project to produce 3,550 million units of electricity yearly.

A ceremony to sign the notes of contract agreement related to Yeywa Hydel Power Project being implemented by Hydro-electric Power Department was held at Hotel Nikko, here, at 11 am today.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards industrial development

In an effort to build a modern and developed nation the government, enlisting the national forces and relying on own resources, is making efforts in all aspects.

In this regard, development of the industrial sector has been accorded special priority. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on running of factories and mills at full capacity and fulfilled the requirements in this connection.

The Head of State has given guidance, calling on the Ministry of Industry-1 to produce 25,000 tons of iron ore and steel annually in striving for development of the industrial sector. In accord with the guidance, the ministry drew a plan and made preparations for the move beginning June 2004.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by officials concerned, on 28 August 2005, inspected No 1 Iron and Steel Plant of No 3 Mining Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines in PyinOoLwin and gave necessary instructions.

Iron ore, coal, lime, magnesium oxide and chromite, which are major raw materials for industrial production, are being stockpiled. In the process, technocrats are trying their utmost, making better use of advanced machinery. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Mines in collaboration with other ministries is taking steps for acquisition of other raw materials.

The plant has been producing more iron ore and steel than in the past after undergoing systematic repair. The Ministry of Mines hand in hand with other related ministries is to seek ways and means in order to meet the target set by the Head of State.

No 1 Iron and Steel Plant produces fire-bricks, raw materials, iron ore, steel, steel balls and rods that are needed in special projects, railroads, factories and workshops, farm equipment factories, heavy industries, industrial producers' cooperative societies and industrial zones.

Therefore, the Ministry of Mines making the most of own technocrats and own natural resources is to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts together with other related ministries for meeting and exceeding the targets in accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State, while taking steps for development of the industrial sector of the State.

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

Nutrition Week activities launched in Kengtung

YANGON, 2 Sept — A ceremony to launch the Nutrition Week activities was held at the hall of Kengtung Township Development Affairs Committee yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Chairperson of Shan State (East) MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, officials, teachers, students and guests.

The commander explained matters related to the nutrition week activities. Next, the commander and wife presented prizes to the winners in the essay

competition.

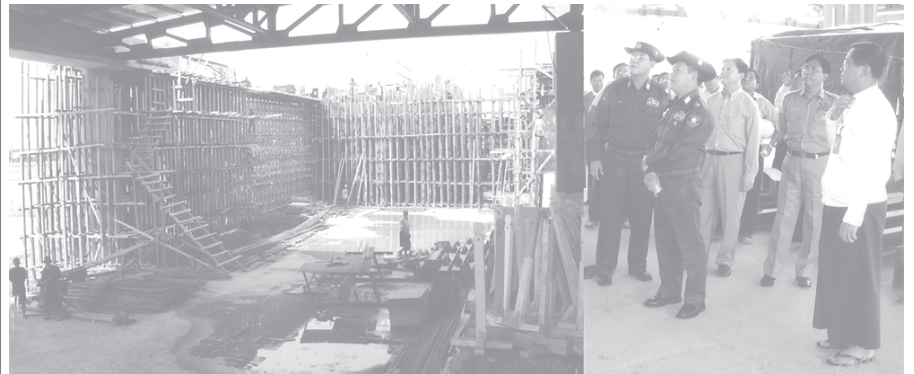
Chairperson Daw Kyu Kyu Hla gave away prizes to outstanding District MCWAs in the cooking contest for expectant mothers and breastfeeders.

After the ceremony, the commander and wife together with guests viewed the test in content of iodine in salt, documentary photos of the Nutrition Week activities and prize winning works in the essay contest and posters.

Later, the commander, wife and officials gave Vitamin A pills, ferrous sulphate tablets and refreshment to children under 6 months to one year.

MNA

Expanding of Yangon airport supervised



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspect tasks for upgrading of Yangon International Airport. — TRANSPORT

YANGON, 2 Sept—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung inspected the project for upgrading of Yangon International Airport this afternoon.

Director-General U Tun Hlaing of the Department of Civil Aviation reported on renovation of the arrival lounge and progress in building an annexe; Director U Kyay and Managing Director U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Co Ltd, on laying of concrete over the space of the apron, progress in constructing drains, car park, and octane tank, and

stockpiling of construction materials; Chief Engineer (Auto-Exchange) U Han Win of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, on installation of auto-exchange, and Network in the airport; and Chief Engineer (International Relations) U Zaw Tint, on installation of High Speed Internet.

The ministers called for cooperation of related ministries for the airport to meet the international standard. Next, they inspected the project site, communication equipment in Internet Cafe and installation of seats at the departure lounge. — MNA

Mines Minister receives Chairman of Ivanhoe Ltd

YANGON, 2 Sept — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Chairman of Ivanhoe Myanmar Holding Ltd Mr Robert M Friedland and party at his office yesterday evening.

Also present at the call were Managing Director U Saw Lwin of No 1 Mining Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines and officials. — MNA

On-job Training Course No 23 for Auditors opens

YANGON, 2 Sept — The On-job Training Course No 23 for Auditors was opened at the training school of Auditor-General's Office this afternoon, with an address by Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung. Also present were Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thin Thin, Director-General U Myo Myint of the Auditor-General's Office, officials and trainees.

Altogether 107 auditors are attending the two month course. — MNA

Efficiency enhancement course for religious affairs officers concludes

YANGON, 2 Sept — The efficiency enhancement course for religious affairs officers concluded at the foreign missionary division of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, here, this morning, attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung gave a speech, and presented certificates to the trainees. Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko presented prizes to the outstanding trainee officers.

Later, the deputy minister gave away gifts to the instructors. — MNA

Special Appellate Bench hears nine cases

YANGON, 2 Sept — The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Yangon) U Thein Soe, Supreme Court Judges U Chit Lwin and U Tin Aye sitting at the Court Room No 1 this morning, delivered judgment of three Special Civil Appeal Cases and six Special Criminal Appeal Cases, also heard three Special Civil Appeal Cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000. — MNA

စာအုပ်လှူဒါန်းပွဲ

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More than a thousand lanterns are on display in Singapore for an autumn festival celebrated by Chinese residents on 2 September 2005.—INTERNET

Ford to invest 2.83b rupees in West Bengal

KOLKATA, 1 Sept — Alfred Brush Ford, scion of US automobile pioneer Henry Ford, has decided to invest in three projects at Mayapur in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal that hold potential for creating 15,000 jobs and arrival of three million tourists.

“More than 15,000 new jobs are expected to be generated either directly or indirectly. We also expect three million tourists to visit annually,” ABF director John Robert Sims said at a presentation on the projects.

The projects, to be executed by Alfred Ford’s company ABF International, envisage setting up of a Village Industries Park, a Tourist Hospitality complex and a Vedic Planetarium at Mayapur, home to the global headquarters of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). The company will pump in 2.83 billion ru-

pees initially through foreign direct investments route, ABF senior Vice-President Alister Taylor said.

On indirect investment the company “expects to bring in double the amount” she said.

MNA/PTI

India’s cellphone market expected to reach \$24b by 2009

MUMBAI, 1 Sept — Indian cellular market is expected to grow at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 35.6 per cent to reach 24 billion US dollars by 2009, according to global research firm Gartner.

The Indian cellular services market recorded the highest growth across Asia-Pacific and Japan region in 2004, with a CAGR of 67 per cent, Gartner said in a statement here on Wednesday.

“The capability and capacity to invest in penetrating semi-urban and rural markets will be important determinants for increasing market share and creating sustainable business in the Indian cellular market place”, Gartner principal analyst (Asia Pacific) for Telecoms said.

With declining service costs and the introduction of low cost handsets,

the barriers to entry for cellular services would come down substantially creating a significant market opportunity, she added.

Mobile data, which accounted for seven per cent of service revenue in 2004 is also expected to rise to 20 per cent by 2009, according to Gartner.

Operators, however, would have limited success in generating incremental revenue from mobile data services on account of limited wallet share for spending beyond basic voice services and the high cost of data services which act as a barrier to entry for mass market adoption, Gartner said. — MNA/PTI

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Indonesians satisfied with President

JAKARTA, 1 Sept — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono remains popular after 10 months in office despite some disappointment over the performance of his economic team, a poll showed on Wednesday. Almost 65 per cent of 1,000 people polled by the Indonesian Survey Institute from August 13-16 said they were satisfied with the performance of the ex-Army general who became the country’s first.

But barely 40 per cent of respondents were satisfied with the performance of his economic ministers, while 43.7 per cent said they were unhappy.

Some 36 per cent said economic conditions had been improving under Yudhoyono’s administration. A quarter of the respondents said conditions had become worse.— MNA/Reuters

China-US textile talks fail

BEIJING, 1 Sept — Talks between China and the United States over China’s surging textile exports have failed to bridge deep differences between the two sides, a US industry official said on Wednesday.

Cass Johnson, President of the US National Council of Textile Organizations, said the American negotiating team would fly home from Beijing on Thursday.

Johnson told Reuters that US manufacturers would respond to the failure of the talks by filing petitions with Washington next week seeking emergency curbs on more categories of Chinese textiles.

MNA/Reuters

S Korean bath house blast kills 4, injures scores

SEOUL, 2 Sept—At least 4 people were killed and more than 40 others injured when a boiler exploded at a South Korean public bath house on Friday, sending naked and burned bathers fleeing into the busy street to seek help, police said.

Reports said the explosion shattered glass and sent flames and scalding water shooting out from the bath house on the second and third floor of a block in the southern city

of Taegu.

Three female bodies were found at a beauty salon on the first floor, police said and local reports added the three appeared to have been killed by the collapse of the bath house above.

Police said they also found the body of a man in a nearby attached parking lot.

“We are searching for more bodies,” Taegu Police said by telephone.

Internet

Thailand, Laos, Cambodia to jointly crack down drug trafficking

BANGKOK, 1 Sept — Thailand, Laos and Cambodia have agreed to cooperate in prevention and suppression of cross border crime, including drug trafficking and goods smuggling, particularly timbers, reported the state-run Thai News Agency on Wednesday.

The agreement was reached during two separate meetings between the Thai and Lao delegations and the Thai and Cambodian delegations in Thailand’s northeastern Ubun Ratchathani Province on Tuesday.

The Thai and Lao authorities also agreed on joint border patrols — both by Army and Marine officers — and on promotion of cross border tourism.

MNA/Xinhua

China Southern Airlines to buy 10 latest Boeing aircraft

BEIJING, 1 Sept — China Southern Airlines Co will buy ten Boeing B787 aircraft, a new model, the company announced on Wednesday.

According to a contract signed with Boeing Company Tuesday, all the aircraft shall be delivered between July 2008 and August 2010.

The list price of each B787 aircraft, according to Boeing’s web site, is between 125 to 135 million US dollars.

The latest Boeing product, the B787 consumes 20 per cent less fuel compared with similar planes. Additionally, its maintenance cost will be 15 per cent less than other aircraft of the same level.

China Southern Airlines said its B787’s will be mainly used for long-distance flights, especially international lines.

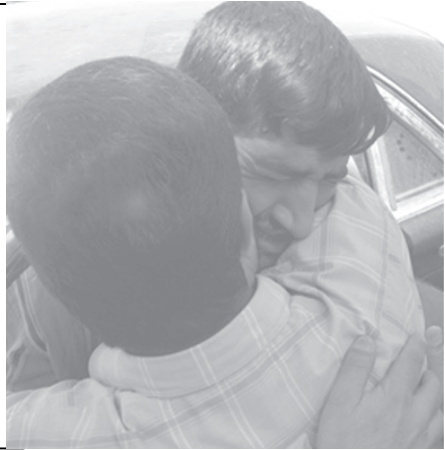
Earlier this month, Chinese Airlines signed a six-billion-US-dollar deal with Boeing to purchase 50 Boeing B787 jetliners.

China Southern Airlines said the new planes can better meet the demand of China’s fast-growing civil aviation industry. They can help airlines reduce operating expences, provide better services to passengers and enhance competitiveness.

China Southern Airlines Co ranks first among Chinese airline companies numbers of aircraft, lines and passengers. In 2004, the company transported 40 million passengers and became one of the top ten global airline companies.

MNA/Xinhua

Colleagues welcome Reuters cameraman Haider Kadhem (facing camera) at the Reuters office after being released from detention at a US military base in Baghdad on 31 August, 2005.
INTERNET



Third fire in one week in Paris, no casualties

PARIS, 1 Sept — A major fire broke out on Wednesday evening in a toy store warehouse near Pompidou Centre and Paris City Hall, a Fire Brigade spokesman and witnesses said.

The fire started at around 8:20 pm (1820 GMT), more than 100 firefighters as well 22 fire engines from eight fire stations were mobilized to tackle the blaze. The fire was controlled within a few hours, according to the Fire Brigade.

No people were inside the building when the fire broke out, the spokesman said.

Three fires have occurred recently in the French capital, leaving a total of 48 dead, mostly African immigrants. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Singapore sets up Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre

SINGAPORE, 1 Sept — The Financial Industry Disputes Resolution Centre has been set up in Singapore to serve consumers at low cost, Channel News Asia reported on Wednesday night.

Consumers who face disputes with financial institutions like banks but do not have the resources to go to court may resort to the one-stop centre for free mediation as the first step. If the mediation fails to reach a resolution, consumers can go for adjudication just at a cost of 50 Singapore dollars (about 30 US dollars) as administrative fees. While decisions made by the centre are binding on the financial bodies, consumers can choose to reject them and pursue their claims by other means.

About 400 financial institutions have agreed to abide by the centre's ruling for possible disputes, according to the report.

Established as an independent body, the directors of the centre comprise representatives from the legal, banking, insurance and consumer sectors to ensure the fairness of its

resolutions. Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore Heng Swee Keat was quoted as saying that the move shows the financial sector's intention to "enhance fair dealing with its customers and raise professional standards". — *MNA/Xinhua*

Quake jolts Aceh

JAKARTA, 1 Sept — An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter Scale shook the Indonesian tsunami-stricken province of Aceh at 14:30 local time (07:30 GMT) on Wednesday.

Local meteorology and geophysics agency said the epicentre was located 50 kilometres south-east of the provincial capital of Banda Aceh, reported the Antara news agency.

The tremor was felt in the eastern and southern coasts in the province. There is no immediate report of damage. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A South Korean boy playing inside a fountain finds his way out in downtown Seoul on 31 August, 2005. —INTERNET

Another "Reuters" cameraman ordered held in Abu Ghraib

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept — A cameraman for Reuters in Iraq has been ordered by a secret tribunal to be held without charge in Baghdad's Abu Ghraib Prison until his case is reviewed within six months, a US military spokesman said on Wednesday.

Ali Omar Abraham al-Mashhadani was arrested by US forces on 8 August after a search of his home in the city of

Ramadi. The US military has refused Reuters requests to disclose why he is being held. He has not been charged.

His brother, who was detained with him and then released, said they were arrested after Marines looked at the im-

ages on the journalist's cameras.

Lieutenant-Colonel Guy Rudisill said, referring to a hearing of the Iraqi-US Combined Review and Release Board held at a secret location in Baghdad on Monday, Mashhadani would be entitled to a review of his case within 180 days and would be held at Abu Ghraib.

Reuters Global Managing Editor David Schlesinger said: "I am shocked and appalled that such a decision could be taken without his having access to legal counsel of his choosing, his family or his employers."

MNA/Reuters

Bangladeshi "IT" market expands to \$235m

DHAKA, 1 Sept — Bangladeshi IT market moves forward with its domestic IT spending amounting to 235 million US dollars in 2004, posting a 9-per-cent rise compared to the previous year.

The United News of Bangladesh, a private news agency in the country, on Wednesday quoted a Singapore-based market research study as saying that despite mounting social and political upheavals, the Bangladeshi IT market con-

tinues to overcome challenges and post solid growth.

It said the IT market in Bangladesh is heavily dependent on hardware, which represents more than 75 per cent of total IT spending. The software market is stifled by the early state of market development and prevalent piracy which exceeds 90 per cent in the consumer market.

The study said the government sector accounts

for over 40 per cent of total spending and non-government organization investment is a major driver for market expansion. Besides, these two key market segments, the finance and telecommunications industries are vital, collectively these four segments represent over 70 per cent of the country's total IT spending.

Personal computers (pc), which represent the largest portion of the mar-

ket, registered shipment in excess of 135,000 in 2004. PC market is led by the commercial desktop segment, which represents over 70 per cent of total shipments followed by the consumer desktop market with a 26-per-cent share.

Similar to other emerging markets, assembled pc and small local brands represent roughly 75 per cent of total pc shipments in the country, according to the study. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Children in a primary school in Tokyo take shelter under their desks in a nationwide earthquake drill. —INTERNET

Would-be leader raps Blair on Iraq

LONDON, 1 Sept — Former British finance minister Kenneth Clarke, bidding to take the reins of the opposition Conservative party, launched an attack on Thursday against Tony Blair's Iraq policy which the Conservatives had backed.

"The disastrous decision to invade Iraq has made Britain a more dangerous place," Clarke, 65, said in a speech in London.

The Conservatives, party of Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher, have long been seen as the most pro-American of Britain's major parties. The party backed Blair's decision to support US President George W Bush in war in Iraq in 2003.

But that made it diffi-

cult for them to challenge Blair's foreign policy, the area where he was seen to be most vulnerable during an election in May. Clarke, a critic of the war from the outset, was one of the few exceptions in his party's ranks.

"The decision by the British government to become the leading ally of President Bush in the Iraq debacle has made Britain one of the foremost targets for Islamic extremists," he said in the speech, a key address in

his bid to lead the party.

Suicide bomb attacks in London last month which killed 52 people drew new attention to the question of whether Blair's support for the war made Britain more vulnerable.

Clarke, one of the Conservatives' best known and experienced figures who has served as health, interior and finance minister, is bidding to become the party's fifth leader in eight years.

Internet

White paper says China will never seek hegemony

BEIJING, 1 Sept— China will never seek hegemony and will remain forever a staunch force for safeguarding world peace and promoting common development, said a white paper issued here on Thursday.

China, holding high the banner of peace, development and cooperation, will remain committed to pushing forward the process of international arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, according to the white paper titled China's Endeavours for Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation.

The white paper is published to fully elaborate on Chinese Government's policies and positions on arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation and give a systematic account of China's involvement in the international arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation affairs.

The Chinese nation loves peace and advocates that nothing is more valuable than peace and all nations should live in peace and harmony, said the paper.

Subjected to untold external aggression and suppression in its modern history, China fully understands how precious peace is, it said.

At present, the Chinese people are concentrating on development and nation-building along a road of peaceful development. China needs a long-lasting and stable international environment of peace for her development, which, in turn, will promote world peace and progress, said the paper. — *MNA/Xinhua*

80 fire-fighters tackle blaze in central Paris

PARIS, 1 Sept— Eighty fire-fighters were fighting a blaze in the centre of Paris on Wednesday close to the Pompidou Centre and Paris City Hall, a fire brigade spokesman and witnesses said.

Twenty-two fire engines from eight fire stations were mobilized to tackle the blaze, which sent a thick plume of smoke into the evening sky, the fire brigade said.

It was not immediately clear if there were any casualties.

A fire spokesman said initial reports put the blaze in a store but local residents told a *Reuters* correspondent on the scene that an apartment block was

ablaze. The blaze was the latest in a spate of fires in the French capital which have killed 24 people, mostly Africans, and raised questions over fire safety and the treatment of immigrants.

After the latest fire on Monday, in which seven people died, President Jacques Chirac demanded action on fire safety to prevent further tragedies.

— *MNA/Reuters*



Well-known French actress Sophie Marceau will come to Beijing on 16th September to attend the closing ceremony of French Culture Year in China. INTERNET

India, Pakistan to sign MoU on drug trafficking

NEW DELHI, 1 Sept— India and Pakistan would shortly sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to put in place a regular institutional mechanism to intensify mutual cooperation and liaison on drug control matters. In a joint statement, issued Tuesday after the two-day home-secretary level deliberations, both India and Pakistan noted with satisfaction the continuing cooperation and exchange of information between narcotic control agencies of both countries.

India's Home Secretary V K Duggal, reading the joint Press statement, said both sides underlined the need for cooperation between India's probe agency Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Federal Investigation Agency of Pakistan. It was also agreed that experts from the two sides would meet at a mutually convenient date in the near future to work out modalities for implementation of the arrangement of cooperation between the two agencies.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

Four charged with plotting terror attacks in LA

LOS ANGELES, 1 Sept— The imprisoned founder of a radical Islamic group and his three followers were indicted on Wednesday for plotting attacks on Los Angeles-area military facilities and synagogues, the Israeli consulate and El Al airlines, authorities said.

The four men had purchased firearms with silencers, investigated making bombs and were ready to carry out attacks when two of them were caught robbing a gas station to fund the operation, US Attorney Debra Yang told a news conference in Los Angeles. "The evidence in this case indicates that the conspirators were on the verge of launching their attack," she said, adding that the arrest had exposed "a chilling plot based on one man's interpretation of Islam".

She declined to elaborate on the timing or nature of the attack but said it could have included "shooting up military facilities" or bombing a synagogue and may have

been planned to coincide with the Jewish holidays in October.

"Had these four defendants succeeded in their alleged plots, their attacks would have taken an untold number of Americans," US Attorney-General Alberto Gonzales told a separate news briefing in Washington. Prosecutors say Kevin James, a 29-year-old gang member from Los Angeles who was serving time for attempted robbery and possessing a weapon in prison, had formed the radical organization Jam'iyyat Ul-Islam Is-Saheeh at a California correctional facility in the late 1990s and preached violence against the United States and Israel.

— *MNA/Reuters*

UN urges US restraint after Iraqi journalist shot

UNITED NATIONS, 1 Sept — The United Nations' educational and cultural arm on Wednesday deplored the killing of *Reuters* soundman Waleed Khaled in Baghdad and urged military forces in Iraq to ensure journalists can do their work.

Khaled, an Iraqi, was killed on Sunday by shots to the head and chest while on a news assignment. Iraqi police said US troops fired on him. A US military spokesman said they were still investigating.

Koichiro Matsuura, the director-general of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization UNESCO, also condemned the injuries inflicted on Khaled's col-

league, *Reuters* cameraman Haider Kadhem, who was wounded in the same incident.

"Despite the tense security situation in Iraq, it is paramount that all those willing to help establish democracy in Iraq be mindful of the right of the media to exercise their profession freely," Matsuura said in the statement.

"I trust that the ongoing US investigation will ex-

plain the circumstances of events fully and pave the way for improvements in the future," he said. "This is essential as the ability of the Press to report freely on the situation in Iraq plays a key role in the future success of the democratic reconstruction of the country." UNESCO is based in Paris but a copy of the statement was released at UN Headquarters in New York. — *MNA/Reuters*

S Korea to curb real estate speculation

SEOUL, 1 Sept — South Korea announced a set of new measures on Wednesday to curb rising real estate price.

The new policy measures are focused on increasing tax rates on multiple housing owners in particular, aimed to restrain real estate speculation, according to the (South) Korea Overseas Information Service of the Government Information Agency.

The South Korean Government will impose a uniform 50-per-cent capital gain tax on owners of more than one residence from 2007, and the taxation will be based on market prices

Owners of residences valued at more than 600 million won (582,524 US dollars) will be levied with a composite real estate tax ranging from 1 per cent to 3 per cent depending on market prices.

This rule is difference from the current one, which stipulates people who own residences valued at more than 900 million won (873,786 dollars) are subject to a composite real estate tax of at least 1 per cent.

The new set of measures will be brought to South

Korean National Assembly for approval in the fall.

The comprehensive anti-speculation measures came amid concerns that there are signs of a bubble in South Korea's residential real estate market, which may undermine efforts to boost the domestic economy. The South Korean Government introduced similar anti-speculation measures in 2003, which had prevented property prices from increasing sharply until this year.

— *MNA/Xinhua*



Chinese actress Charlie Yeung (L), Kim So Yeun (C) and Zhang Jingchu arrive at the Cinema Palace in Venice on 31 August, 2005. — INTERNET



Luambe, a five-day-old baby hippopotamus, takes a cautious look out of his pool in a German zoo.—INTERNET

Iran eyes Indian support as nuclear row escalates

NEW DELHI, 1 Sept—Iran's top nuclear negotiator held talks with Indian leaders on Wednesday to garner support for Teheran's controversial nuclear programme and stave off a threat of sanctions, Indian officials said.

Ali Larijani's two-day visit to the Indian capital came days ahead of a trip to Teheran by Indian Foreign Minister Natwar Singh, aimed at building contacts with Iran's new leadership.

India is facing a delicate balancing act as it tries to maintain a longstanding friendship with Iran while moving closer to Washington, which wants Teheran to halt what it says is a secret nuclear weapons programme. Larijani reaffirmed that Iran was committed to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which he said allows Teheran to process and enrich uranium for peaceful purposes.

"We are fully committed and bound by international regulations relating to the nuclear field," Larijani told reporters after talks with Singh. "The focus of our negotiations with India was on our strategic relations. We also discussed ways of working together in the international arena," he said. India has so far merely said that Iran should abide by its international obligations but has refused to join Western condemnation of its nuclear programme.

"We are old friends and we have a lot of experiences to share," an Indian Foreign Ministry official told *Reuters*.

MNA/Reuters

China's increased defence expenditure used for living improvement

BEIJING, 1 Sept—The increased part of China's defence expenditure has primarily been used for purposes including the increase of salaries and allowances of military personnel to ensure the improvement of their living standards, says a white paper titled "China's Endeavours for Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation".

The Chinese Government has always adhered to the principle of strict control, strict management and strict supervision of defence expenditure and has established a full-fledged management and legal system, says the white paper, issued by the Information Office of the State Council on Thursday. China has moderately increased its defence expenditure in recent years, but the increase was relatively small, says the white paper. The increased part of the defence expenditure has primarily been used for the following purposes:

1. Increase of the salaries and allowances of the military personnel to ensure the improvement of their living standards in step with the socioeconomic development;
2. Further improvement of the social insurance system for servicemen, includ-

ing the establishment of systems like casualty insurance, medical insurance for servicemen, housing subsidy, basic life guarantee for accompanying spouses of servicemen and social insurance subsidy;

3. Support for the structural and organizational reform of the military and proper resettlement of the 200,000 servicemen recently discharged from active service;

4. Increased investment in the development of high-calibre talents in the military, and refined incentive mechanism for talented people to ensure the achievement of the PLA's Strategic Project for Talented People; and

5. Moderate increase of equipment expenses to improve the PLA's defensive combating capability under the conditions of modern technology, particularly high technology.—MNA/Xinhua

Eastern Africa to form Standby Brigade

KAMPALA, 1 Sept—Defence chiefs in eastern Africa are in final stages of forming the Eastern Africa Standby Brigade (EASBRIG), a senior Ugandan military official has said.

The Ugandan Army spokesman, Lieutenant-Colonel Shaban Bantariza, told *Xinhua* by telephone on Wednesday that Army chiefs from Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Djibouti, Sudan and Somalia, representatives from the African Union, Inter Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and the Common Market for Eastern and South-

ern Africa (COMESA) are in Uganda to discuss the proposed budget of the brigade and put together the working guidelines.

Bantariza said the defence chiefs in the region had completed three quarters of the requirements for the formation of the brigade.

MNA/Xinhua

India's Japanese encephalitis toll reaches 360

LUCKNOW/NEW DELHI, 1 Sept—Fifty-seven more people, mostly below 14 years, died due to Japanese encephalitis in northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, taking the toll to 360 as fresh cases Wednesday continued to flood hospitals.

While 47 deaths occurred in Maharajganj, Balrampur, Basti, Deoria, Kushi Nagar, Sidharth Nagar and Sant Kabir Nagar districts, three each died in Ambedkar Nagar, Lucknow and Lakhimpur Kheri and one in Unnao since Tuesday, Uttar Pradesh Health Department officials said.

MNA/PTI

Pakistan acquires "P-3C" surveillance aircraft

ISLAMABAD, 1 Sept—Pakistan, a key ally in the US-led war on terrorism, said on Wednesday that it had acquired eight P-3C Orion surveillance aircraft from the United States, which would help boost its naval capabilities.

The Pentagon notified the US Congress of the plan to supply the planes to Pakistan in November, raising concerns in India which has since considered the aircraft for its own military.

The Pentagon said at the time the aircraft would improve Pakistan's border security and its ability to restrict movement of militants.

However, Pakistan Navy spokesman Captain Aamir Naem Baig said the aircraft were designed for mari-

time surveillance and could not be used for chasing militants along the land border with Afghanistan, where Islamic guerillas are most active.

A statement from the Pakistan Navy said the aircraft, worth up to 970 million US dollars, were being provided free by the United States and would be fitted with modern avionics and missions systems by the manufacturer, Lockheed Martin Corp.

The Bush Administration also approved shipment of two F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan in July after Washington lifted a two-decade ban on the supply of the planes to Pakistan.

Pakistan's fleet of P-3Cs now stands at 10 with the induction of eight new planes.—MNA/Reuters

Landslide kills 10 in Indonesia, dozens missing

PADANG, 2 Sept—A landslide in Indonesia's Sumatra Island triggered by torrential rains buried at least 10 people in their homes and left more than two dozens missing, a rescue official said on Friday.

The landslide occurred on Thursday near Padang City, about 940 km (580 miles) northwest of the capital, Jakarta, after two days of heavy rains.

Rescue official Yal Effendi said 10 bodies had been recovered and 12 people found safe. But with more people reported missing, it is estimated that 34 could be buried in the rubble.

The search was suspended on Friday afternoon because of heavy rain, Effendi said.

Also on Thursday, a police helicopter carrying seven people came down in bad weather in the

Rung Hatta national park, 30 km (18 miles) east of Padang, a police spokesman said.

At least one of the passengers had survived the crash and had been found on the outskirts of the thick forest, a provincial police spokesman said.

He sid the fate of the other six on board was unknown because rescue teams had yet to reach the crash site.—MNA/PTI



Chinese workers sort shoes in Beijing. European manufacturers worry markets will be flooded with cheap Chinese footwear.—INTERNET

Mangrove Conservation

Sein Sein Thein (Dagon University)

It was my third visit to Bogale Township, Ayeyawady Division. My two candidates for M Res degree in Dagon University and I were on a trip

ist) said that Myanmar is a plant hunters' paradise. I agree with him. Because Myanmar has still very much undiscovered fauna and flora for us and approximately 7000

(RIF) on the other hand, is the removal of unusual undergrowth which prevents and suppresses the existing natural regeneration for several years. RIF operation is

RIF operation by the Forest Department.

In Bogale Township at Meinmahla island and Kadonkani reserved forest area, young valuable seedlings, soon after RIF operation, came and grown up and attained about 6 to 9 feet within 2 years. Thus, I would like to express my gratitude to Forest Department. At my first arrival in 2003, most of the Ayeyawady mangrove area was so degraded that there is no sizable natural stands of mangrove except the protected Meinmahla island. RIF operation aided by an enrichment planting with

also a form of low input sustainable aquaculture mangrove ecosystem. It has six main values and functions for Ayeyawady delta.

- Maintaining the stability of coast, estuary and riparian zone
- Protecting the land behind the mangrove area from tide and river
- Trapping substances derived from lands
- Maintaining biodiversity
- Providing habitats
- Providing food for nursery or juveniles of target species for this area

I assume that man-

but also lowered species composition and population of aquatic organism and other animals (eg. mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians). Protection and conservation of mangrove is essential for river communities. It is very urgent time to work out to know silvofishery and made studies on mangrove-friendly-aquaculture, According to my findings.

Our country still possesses a wealth of wetland ecosystem. Myanmar is one of the richest biological reservoirs in Asia but Myanmar flora and fauna are dwindling. Some species have become extinct and some are on the verge of extinction. (Thabawa, 2001)

Thus, we need to conserve our natural resources sustainable development of fishes water birds, crocodiles, turtles and tortoise and their habitats, that is the mangrove forest.

Mangrove ecosystem is one of the most productive, it helps maintain the foodweb, protect the soil, provide timber, charcoal and fuel wood.



Bio-ecological survey on Bogale River.

to Ayeyawady River mouth. The purpose of the trip was to investigate the river fishes, water birds and reptiles in the Bogale river and the Kadonkani river, those are forest based nature ecosystem. Survey area take all part of the intertidal mudflats of wetlands including Meinmahla Island and Kadokani reserved forest.

My major aims are to promote research activities for flora and fauna of Myanmar. I would like to educate the local people and persuade them to collaborate. And this has been used traditionally for long to protect and conserve our natural heritage.

I have done Ornithological, Ichthyological, herpetological and ecological survey since 1972. The Panhlaing river, the Hlaing river, the Bawli river, the Myitmakha, the Bogale river and the Kadonkani river and their flood plains were observed for three decades. Frank Kingdon-Ward (British Natural-



Asian Open bill (Kayu-sok) rest at Swamp forest in Kadokani reserve.

plants have been recorded of which 1071 species are peculiar to Myanmar. 1000 bird species (12 % of the world total) 300 mammal species. 360 reptiles species. About 68 swallow tail butterflies are present, 12% of the world total making it the fifth richest country in the world.

Now I have observed, Regeneration Improvement felling is being conducted in seriously degraded mangrove forests. Regeneration Improvement felling

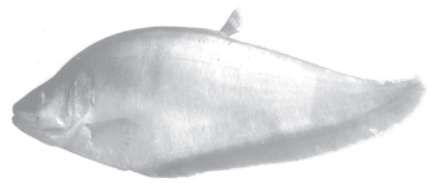
carried out especially in the mangrove forest areas of Ayeyawady delta.

Ayeyawady delta is rich in flora and fauna for the people and Ayeyawady has many valuable young mangrove seedlings (regeneration) like Kanazo, Myinka, Madama. These are shaded and suppressed by undesirable and aggressive weed like species such as Kaya, Hnetkyidaung, Myaung Nwe, Theinbein, Thinboun and Kayu. These undesirable species are eradicated by

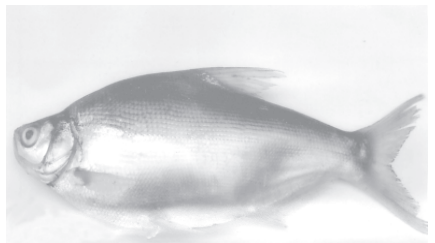
suitable mangrove species could be the appropriate silvicultural system.

We are lucky that the officials of Nature and Wildlife Conservation Division, Forest Department of Bogale is very interested in the work and they kindly helped us. They discussed silviculture projects and I also explained silvofishery in Bogale Township. Silvofishery is a form of integrated mangrove tree culture with brackish water aquaculture. It is

grove ecosystem is one of the most productive, it helps maintain the foodweb, protect the soil, provide timber, charcoal and fuel wood. Mangrove destruction is not only decreased timber sources



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The contract is to supply 230 kva cables and necessary equipment for construction of sub-power stations worth US\$ 45.849 million to Yeywa Hydrel Power Project

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Present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun and embassy staff, and officials of China National Heavy Machinery Corporation (CHMC).

Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut delivered an address. Chairman of China National Heavy Machinery Corporation (CHMC) Mr Lu Wenjun expressed

gratitude. Next, Director-General U Win Kyaw of the Hydro-electric Power Department and Chairman of China National Heavy Machinery Corporation Mr Lu Wenjun signed the notes of contract agreement.

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These equipment



Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut speaking at the signing ceremony for Yeywa Hydrel Power Project.— MNA

Electricity generated from Yeywa Hydrel Power Project will be supplied to Meiktila Sub-Power Station through 75 miles long Yeywa-Meiktila 230 KV double power lines, and that to Bellin Sub-Power Station through 28 miles long Yeywa-Bellin 230 KV double power lines.

will be imported from the People's Republic of China under the programme of friendly relations and economic cooperation between Myanmar and China.

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ated from Yeywa Hydrel Power Project will be supplied to Meiktila Sub-Power Station through 75 miles long Yeywa-Meiktila 230 KV double power lines, and that to Bellin Sub-Power Station through 28 miles long Yeywa-Bellin 230 KV double power lines.

Moreover, Bellin Sub-Power Station and Meiktila Sub-Power Station will be linked with 60 miles long 230 KV double power lines.

Furthermore, another 22 miles long 230 KV double power lines will be built between Yeywa Hydrel Power Station and Shwesayan Sub-Power Station. In addition,

electricity produced from Shweli Project will be combined at that of Shwesayan Sub-Power Station for supplying power to the nation through the national grid.

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China National Heavy Machinery Corporation Chairman Mr Lu Wenjun speaks words of thanks.— MNA



Director-General U Win Kyaw of Hydro-electric Power Department and Chairman of China National Heavy Machinery Corporation Mr Lu Wenjun sign the contract notes for Yeywa Hydrel Power Project.— MNA

Entries invited to Military and Marching Song Contests to mark 61th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

YANGON, 2 Sept — The Military and Marching Sub-committee, under the Poem and Arts Competition Organizing Committee chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, announced today that Military and Marching Song Contest to mark the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2006 will be held.

There will be only one category for the marching song competition while the military song contest is divided into two categories, level-1 and level-2. First, second and third prizes as well as consolation prizes will be awarded in every level. Rules and regulations of the competition are as follows:

In the marching song contest, song must be composed based on the twelve objectives of the State, the objectives of the 61th Anniversary Armed Forces Day and the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

Composers and vocalists of level 1 are not permitted to compete at level 2 of the military song nor are those who stood first, second and third at level 2 of the

level 2 of the last year's military song contest. They are to enter the level-1. Only one song is allowed for individuals or groups. Entry songs must be in accord with military song competition methods.

Military songs must be in melody and modes as well as in own tune. The time designed for the song must be between four and six minutes. The entry songs are to be with strong vocal and suitable music. Only a song must be recorded on the entry cassette or reel. A suitable title may be given. Words of the entry song together with its typed copies and an original of its music notes must be attached to the cassette or reel.

The brief biography of the entrant and the singers together with three passport size color photos must be sent. Those tentatively selected will be informed. The tentatively selected songs must be recorded and are to compete for the final. Entry songs should be sent to the Subcommittee for the military and marching song contests and Myanmar Radio and Television, Pyay Road, Yangon, not later than 31 December 2005. — MNA

Performing arts and magic competitions go on

YANGON, 2 Sept — Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Ministry of Defence continued for the fifth day performing arts and magic competitions at the theatre of No 3 mobile public relations company in Mandalay yesterday morning.

Among the audience were Col Nyo Win of the Ministry of Defence, principals and commanding officers of the training schools under the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare, judges from the University of Culture (Mandalay) and Fine Arts Department (Mandalay) and guests.

Modern music band and song contests (Men & women) were held in the morning and magic contest in the evening. —MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Strive with might and main for carrying

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family members, and instructed them to carry out agriculture and livestock breeding tasks on a manageable scale and cooperate with local people for undertaking nation-building tasks.

In Thayawady, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on education, health, social and economic matters of the township presented by Chairman of Thayawady Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Soe Moe.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the Government is implementing the plans for cent per cent development of all parts of the country. Local authorities and the people are to harmoniously cooperate in the regional devel-

opment tasks. Especially, it is necessary to strive with might and main for carrying out agriculture and livestock breeding tasks. He stressed the need to extend cultivation of suitable crops of 10 main crops, three new items of crops and three perennial crops. The target has been set to grow 10,000 acres of rubber plantations in Thayawady District within three years. Hence, Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise starts its functions to set up the rubber nursery. Departmental personnel, entrepreneurs and local people are to participate in the tasks for achieving success of the plan.

He added that domestic poultry farming and fish breeding should be undertaken for development of the livestock breeding sector. Service



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Tinyein Jetty in Pyay.— MNA

personnel are to make field trips to the grassroots level for performing their tasks with goodwill. After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially conversed with those present and arrived back here in the evening. — MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife being welcomed by Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Tran Van Tung and wife at the reception to mark the 60th Anniversary National Day of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Friday.— MNA

Site for construction of monastic education school inspected in Muse

YANGON, 2 Sept — Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung attended a ceremony to donate cash for the publication of Pali Myanmar dictionary (500 copies) at Khele Monastery in PyintOoLwin on 29 August morning.

On 30 August, the minister inspected the site chosen for construction of a monastic education school in Muse. Next he visited monasteries in Muse and offered robes and alms to monks. In the evening, the minister paid homage to Maha Myat Muni Pagoda in Nankham and offered alms to members of township Sangha Nayaka Committee.

After inspecting the

office of head of township Religious Affairs Department, the minister visited Zeya Thukha Monastic School in Mokham where he paid homage to the monastery Sayadaw and encouraged the students.

The minister, also a member of Myanmar War Veterans Organization

Central Organizing Committee, inspected the 1000-acre plantations of MWVO in Ohnmakha village in Nawngkhio on the morning of August 31.

In the evening the minister visited State Pariyatti Sasana University (Mandalay).

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Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presents prize to an outstanding trainee. (News on page 2)— MNA

Courses of MPT conclude

YANGON, 2 Sept — e-Government Workshop Training Course, Messenger Refresher Course, and Subscriber Line Construction for Rural Telecommunication Course organized by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs concluded at the training school of MPT.

The concluding ceremony was attended by the vice chairman and members of e-National Taskforce, departmental heads of the ministry and guests.

Vice-Chairman of e-National Taskforce U Aung Myint spoke on the occasion and presented completion certificates to trainees. e-Government Workshop Training Course lasting 6 weeks was attended by 35 trainees of 31 ministries and the other courses by 27 trainees.

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Special course for doctors concludes

YANGON, 2 Sept — The special course for doctors 3/2005 of the Ministry of Health concluded at the training school of health staff in Dagon Township with a speech by Director-General Dr Tin Win Maung of the Health Department.

Director-General of Health Department Dr Tin

Win Maung, Director-General of Civil Service Affairs Department Col Kyaw Zan Hla and Rector of Central Institute of Civil Serv-

ice U Win Maung presented the completion certificates to the trainees. Altogether 54 trainees attended the 2-week course. — MNA

Want to question you, BBC

- * You brew concoctions
Intending to destroy Myanmar's existing tranquillity
Aiming turned such destruction
That's the way it looks forward, BBC.
- * It began with hanging out BBC
Dependant Western media.
- * That BBC in tandem
Western media, turns upside down
Making fabrications, rumours
Further acts, Myanmar's history
What they did in '88
All Myanmar will not forget.
- * That happening in '88
All that dirt, we had to remove
Piece by piece, we had to rehabilitate
We had to strive to remove darkness
Being light where darkness was
But now, once again, "news" concocted
And BBC let it out
Your intent is clear as can be.
- * Into what is at peace, you drive a wedge
Into those within the nation, the multitudes
It tries to scare, and disturb well-being
of food, clothing and shelter
You take pride in hurting trade, sowing sadness
And in so doing, you hoist your banner
By doing so, d' you think you're bestowing human rights?
Own up, you BBC.

Po Wa (Trs)

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded

(2-9-2005)

Bago	(6.18) inches
Pyapon	(4.09) inches
Sittway	(3.66) inches
Thayawady	(3.03) inches
Pyay	(2.95) inches
Minbu	(0.87) inch
Magway	(0.79) inch
Chauk	(0.55) inch

Bago Division stands at second position in the country for cultivation of 3.6m acres of monsoon paddy

Conclusion ceremony of ploughing for early monsoon paddy cultivation held in Bago Division (West)



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than addresses the ceremony to mark completion of ploughing fields for cultivation of monsoon paddy in Bago Division (West). — MNA

YANGON, 1 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence attended the conclusion ceremony of ploughing for early monsoon paddy cultivation in Bago Division (West) for 2005-06, at Ngaywa Village-tract of Pyay Township yesterday morning.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min, Brig-Gen Khin

Zaw Oo of Inna Station, local authorities, departmental officials and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that peace and stability and prevalence of law and order, economic growth and development of human resources are three essential factors for rapid development of the nation. Hence, the Government is implementing the three plans — the development of border areas and national races, the development of 24 regions, and five rural development tasks. Furthermore, the Government is undertaking development tasks in all parts of the coun-

try for narrowing the gap between the rural and urban areas.

Economic development of not only the Government but also the rural people depends on the agricultural sector.

The plans are set for States and Divisions yearly for growing 10 main crops, three new items of crops and three perennial crops not only for ensuring local food sufficiency but also for exporting the surplus.

Of 10 main crops, paddy is the most important crop. Bago Division stands at the second position in the country in cultivation of 3.6 million acres of monsoon paddy. Cultiva-

tion duties have been assigned to put 1.6 million acres of monsoon paddy in Bago Division (East) and 1.2 million acres in Bago Division (West).

He urged all to make concerted efforts for growing monsoon paddy to be able to meet the target of 2.8 million acres of monsoon paddy. He added it is necessary to make preparations for implementing the target of over 400,000 acres of summer paddy. Furthermore, rubber and Thaiseint (Belleric myrobalan), coffee and pepper are to be grown in the suitable areas, and livestock breeding tasks are to be carried out.

In conclusion, he urged all to develop the agricultural sector of Bago Division.

Next, Chairman of Bago Division (West) PDC Brig-Gen Hla Min delivered an address. After the ceremony, the demonstration of the seeding machine and Leyar-16 power-tiller and Leyar-16 power-tiller was held. Chairmen of Pyay and Thayawady District PDCs Lt-Col Tun Aye and Lt-Col Khin Win handed over the reports on conclusion of the ploughing for early monsoon paddy cultivation to the commander.

Head of Bago Division Settlement and Land Record Department U Than Oo briefed them on com-

pletion of cultivating monsoon paddy for 2005-06.

Local farmers presented proposals for purchase of Leyar-16 power-tillers to Head of Bago Division Agricultural Mechanization Department U Han Shein.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and officials gave away prizes to outstanding townships in cultivation of monsoon paddy for 2005-06.

Later, they viewed round the booths of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and private entrepreneurs.

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Irrigation facilities inspected in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 2 Sept — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected irrigation facilities in Sagaing Division on 28 August.

They inspected Yaykhar Dam and its sluice gate on Yaykhar Creek in Salingyi Township. Officials of the Irrigation Department reported on work progress and benefits of the 815-foot-long and 31-foot-

high facility to some 1,000 acres of farmland to water supply.

They viewed the mixed-cropping plantations of sunflower and groundnut, and pigeon pea and groundnut along the main road in the township, and the storage capacity of the dam, spillway and control tower. They inspected inflow of water into Ngwetha Dam in Salingyi Township that benefited about 3,000 acres of farmland, control tower, spillway and irrigation of the fields.

They observed cultiva-

tion of monsoon paddy with the use of water from No 1 canal. In the meeting with local farmers, they discussed measures for boosting production of crops and per acre yield, effective application of the agricultural methods disseminated by relevant department for meeting the targets, and requirements.

They met with officials concerned and local farmers at Inndaw River Water Pumping Station Project near Inndaw Village, Htandaw Village-tract, Budalin Township.



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than observes farm machinery displayed in the pavilion to mark the ceremony. — MNA

They saw over the pumping of water for Chindwin River, waterworks, canals and paddy fields. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo view thriving monsoon paddy plantations in the irrigated area of Ngwetha Dam in Salingyi Township. — MNA

Temporary power cut on 4 September

YANGON, 2 Sept — The Myanma Electric Power Enterprise today announced that some power lines of Hlawgar Power Plant and sub-power stations in Bago will be repaired or replaced with new ones from noon until 2 pm on 4 September.

During that period, there will be a temporary interruption in the supply of electric power for some townships in Bago, Thayawady, Pyapon and Thaton Districts, and Taikkyi, Okkan, Tamway, Dawbon, Dagon Myothit (East), Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South), Mingala Taungnyunt, Thingangyun, South Okkalapa and Thakayta Townships in Yangon Division.

And Ahlon, Hlawgar, Ywama and Thakayta power plants will supply electric power to the remaining townships in Yangon City during the period. — MNA

MWAF President back from PRC

YANGON, 2 Sept — A Myanmar delegation led by President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Than Nwe arrived back here by air this morning after attending the meeting to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, from 29 August to 1 September.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Lay Myint, heads of department of the federation, officials and Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun.

General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun of the federation who accompanied the President also arrived back on the same flight.

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MWAF President Daw Than Than Nwe and party being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport after attending the meeting to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing.— MNA

Commander inspects agricultural tasks in Myaungmya District

YANGON, 2 Sept — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung together with officials inspected the construction projects of Panmawady bridge over the Panmawady river (Myintkaseik), which is 22 miles away from Patheingyi on 30 August morning.

Senior Engineer Daw Si Si Than conducted them round the project where the commander gave necessary instructions.

It is of bailey type which is 1260 feet long and 26 feet wide including the approaching bridges.

The bridge is located on Patheingyi-

Myaungmya motorway.

The commander and party then proceeded to 400-acre agriculture educative camp in Kyonwha village and heard reports on cultivation of monsoon paddy and delivery of paddy strain, and then the commander fulfilled the requirements.

The commander and party also inspected the camp.

In Myaungmya District, 1,061,507 acres have been cultivated with the paddy in 2005-2006. 3,505,171 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy in Ayeyawady Division.

Afterwards, the commander and party also attended the ceremony of

unveiling health educative signboards, organized by Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association, held at Myaungmya BEHS No 1.

Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the commander unveiled the signboards and the ceremony ended.

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Nutrition week launched in Mon State

YANGON, 2 Sept — A ceremony to launch nutrition week of Mon State was held at Mon State Peace and Development Council office yesterday morning.

It was attended by Mon State Peace and Development Council Chairman South-East Command Commander

Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, senior military officers of the command, local authorities, health professionals and social organizations.

Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered a speech on the occasion. Dr Tin Win Kyaw then gave a talk on the nutrition week activities.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife presented prizes to winners in secondary level essay competition on nutrition week activity.

The commander, wife and officials gave Vitamin A pills to the children under 5 years of age and expectant mothers.— MNA

Hurricane "Katrina" feared to cause global energy crisis

LONDON, 2 Sept — A hurricane that paralyzed the Gulf of Mexico's oil industry on Wednesday may lead to a global energy crisis, *The Financial Times* said on Thursday.

Nearly 1,000 people were feared dead and many more left homeless when Hurricane Katrina swept through southeastern America.

While people are still focusing on rescuing the survivors and bringing life back to normal, there were growing worries that the

economic impact could be felt around the globe, according to the newspaper.

Some analysts were cutting their US growth forecasts, saying soaring oil prices would hurt consumer spending.

US President George W Bush, who cut short his vacation and returned to Washington, called the hurricane "one of the worst natural disasters in our nation's history".

"This recovery will take a long time. This recovery will take years,"

he said.

With nine refineries on the Gulf Coast closed, US wholesale oil prices shot to a record 2.65 dollars per gallon, up 34 per cent since the storm, and supplies ran short in some parts of the country.

Chevron and other retailers have started rationing, bringing back memories to older Americans of the 1970s oil embargo.

The US Government agreed to lend refiners

small quantities of oil from its strategic emergency stockpile to help ease the shortage caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Fears that oil prices could spiral out of control prompted the US Government to say it would tap its emergency reserve, causing prices to dip momentarily below 70 dollars a barrel. But relief was short-lived, with many seeing the statement as a mere gesture, said *The Financial Times*.

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DON'T SMOKE

**China urges US to ease export
 limits to solve trade imbalance**

BEIJING, 1 Sept —
 China on Tuesday urged
 the United States to ease
 export limit in a bid to
 solve the trade imbalance
 between the two countries.

"The best way to re-
 solve Sino-US trade im-
 balance is to expand bilat-
 eral trade cooperation. Re-
 stricting China's exports
 by unilateral actions will
 not solve problem..." He
 Yafei, director of the For-
 eign Ministry's Depart-
 ment of Americas and
 Oceania Affairs, said at a
 Press briefing.

Statistics showed that
 China exported 124.95
 billion US dollars of goods
 to the United States in
 2004, up 35.1 per cent. Its
 imports from the United
 States last year grew 31.9
 per cent to 44.68 billion
 US dollars.

He said the US trade
 deficits against China is re-
 lated with the different eco-
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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. ZHE HAI 315
 VOY NO (025) are hereby notified that the vessel will
 be arriving on 4-9-2005 and cargo will be discharged
 into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the
 consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the
 byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. YANGON
 STAR VOY NO (386) are hereby notified that the
 vessel will be arriving on 4-9-2005 and cargo will be
 discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will
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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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 Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Austria suggests economic partnership for Turkey

VIENNA, 1 Sept—The
 European Union should
 offer Turkey an economic
 partnership like one it has
 with Iceland as an alterna-
 tive to full EU member-
 ship, Austrian Chancellor
 Wolfgang Schuessel was
 quoted as saying on

Wednesday.
 Schuessel has long
 suggested that EU entry
 talks with Turkey, due to
 start on October 3, should
 leave the door open to an
 outcome other than full
 membership.
 In an interview with

Austria's *Kleine Zeitung*
 newspaper published on
 Wednesday, he said such
 an alternative could be
 similar to existing arrange-
 ments with some non-EU
 countries.
 Asked what such an
 alternative should look
 like, Schuessel said: "One
 in which one tells the
 Turks: Yes, we want to
 bring you closer to us ...
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 pared to go beyond the
 association agreement —
 as far as EEA (European
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 way have."

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 date.
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 day in the English-lan-
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 as saying such an offer
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 immoral" and Turkey
 would accept only full
 membership.

**Lawsuits pile up over
 Air National Guard cuts**

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept
 — Tennessee's governor
 filed a motion on Tues-
 day to block the final
 report of a US military
 base-closing commission,
 adding to a pile of law-
 suits the panel faces over
 Air National Guard cut-
 backs.

Hot on the heels of
 new legal challenges by
 Connecticut and Mis-
 sissippi, Tennessee Gov-
 ernor Phil Bredesen sought
 a federal-court injunction
 barring the Defence Base
 Closure and Realignment
 Commission from recom-
 mending the dismantling
 of the Tennessee Na-
 tional Guard's 118th Air
 Lift Wing in Nashville.

The commission last
 Friday completed its re-
 view of the Defence De-
 partment's first round of
 base closings in a decade.
 The panel spared some
 facilities marked for shut-
 down and altered cut-
 backs at others, but sup-

ported dismantling the
 Tennessee wing.

It is due to submit
 its final report on Sep-
 tember 8 to US President
 George W. Bush, who
 will either ask the com-
 mission for changes or
 send it on to Congress for
 final approval.

In the Tennessee ac-
 tion, part of an earlier suit
 which named Defence
 Secretary Donald
 Rumsfeld as a defendant,
 the state argued that it
 could lose its chance for
 judicial relief if the com-
 mission's decision to
 move eight C-130 planes
 advances.

States argue that
 federal laws — rooted in
 Constitutional clauses
 allowing states to main-
 tain militias — require
 a governor's consent for
 deactivations, moves
 or other substantial
 changes to National
 Guard units.

MNA/Reuters

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 association agreement —
 as far as EEA (European
 Economic Area) status,
 such as Iceland or Nor-
 way have."

Schuessel said Tur-
 key was ready for talks
 but not full membership,
 adding that negotiations
 with Ankara on joining the
 EU would last more than
 20 years.

"If you ask me
 whether Turkey is suffi-
 ciently prepared to begin
 talks that will last 20 years
 and more and are open-
 ended, my answer is
 'yes'," he said.

"If you ask me
 whether Turkey fulfils the
 criteria for accession, my

answer is 'no'," the con-
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 membership.

France, with an eye
 on Merkel's likely victory
 and on hostility among its
 own public to Turkey's
 EU bid, has also stepped
 up its criticism of Ankara
 in recent weeks, saying it
 must recognize EU mem-
 ber Cyprus before start-
 ing entry talks.

"One thing is certain,
 whatever the outcome: we
 will not open our labour
 market. We will insist that
 we can control it ourselves
 in the long term. It is un-
 thinkable to allow a coun-
 try like Turkey this free-
 dom without ifs and buts,"
 Schuessel said.

MNA/Reuters

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Sino-US cooperation in copyright protection effective

NANJING, 1 Sept — China and the United States have conducted effective cooperation in copyright protection since a mechanism was set up for the purpose last month, a Chinese culture official said here on Tuesday.

Liu Yuzhu, head of the culture market department of the Ministry of Culture, made the remark at the first joint meeting of the Sino-US film copyright protection mechanism, held in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province.

China's Ministry of Culture (MoC) and the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT) inked a memorandum with the United States' Motion Picture Association (MPA) in mid-July following the bilateral consensus on protecting intellectual property rights reached early last month.

According to the memo, the MoC, SARFT and the MPA will hold joint meetings on a regular basis. The two sides will exchange publications and release information on films and home video products, work out schemes to jointly crack down on pirated home video

products and protect film copyrights.

In the first half of this year, the cultural authorities of China investigated 349,000 audio-visual studios and stores, confiscating 94.21 million pirated discs and tapes, Liu revealed.

"The Chinese Government is determined to be capable of protecting intellectual property rights and the rights of all foreign copyright owners will be guaranteed in China," he said. "All activities infringing upon copyrights will be dealt with harshly according to law."

Michael C. Ellis, Senior Vice-President and Regional Director of the MPA, expressed the hope that the two sides would further enhance bilateral cooperation to protect the rights of film makers and distributors. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Robotic arm can improve motor control after stroke

NEW YORK, 1 Sept— A computerized robotic arm trainer appears to be more effective than electrical stimulation in improving motor control and strength in stroke patients who are left with severe arm paralysis, German investigators report.

The effectiveness of the Bi-Manu-Track robotic arm trainer (Reha-Stim Company, Berlin), which helps the arm muscles to contract and flex, was compared with electric stimulation, which applies electrical pulses to the affected limb.

Dr. Stefan Hesse, from Klinik Berlin, and associates recruited patients 4 to 8 weeks after stroke causing severe arm paralysis. Twenty-one patients were randomly assigned to the arm trainer group and 22 to electrical stimulation group.

In addition to regular physical therapy, all of the patients received 20 minutes of the intervention therapy every work day for 6 weeks, according to the report in the medical journal *Stroke*. Patients in the arm trainer group performed 800 repetitions per session, while those in the electrical stimulation group performed 60 to 80 wrist extensions per session.

At the end of the 6-week trial, the average motor function score was 24.6 in the arm trainer group and 10.4 in the electrical stimulation group. After 3 months, those in the arm trainer group still had higher motor scores (30.0 versus 16.6). Average scores for upper limb muscle strength were also higher in the arm trainer group — 21.8 versus 6.8, respectively, at week 6, and 22.6 versus 6.9 at week 18. Muscle tone did not differ between groups.

The greater improvement achieved with the arm trainer "is probably attributable to the greater number of repetitions and the bilateral approach", Hesse's group concludes. They recommend confirmation of these findings in a larger, multicentre clinical trial.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

US warships, hospital ship join "Katrina" relief

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept— The US military on Wednesday added Navy ships, including two helicopter assault vessels and the hospital ship *Comfort*, and elite search troops to a relief effort in the wake of killer Hurricane "Katrina".

The moves came as the Army Corps of Engineers also worked to help civilian engineers close a major break in a protective levee that has caused the flooding of most of New Orleans two days after "Katrina" ripped ashore.

The Pentagon said about 8,200 National Guard troops have been mobilized by state governors in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida to take part in the relief effort, and other states were planning to send additional troops and equipment.

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man for the National Guard Bureau at the Pentagon.

The military's Northern Command said the big Navy hospital ship *Comfort* was preparing to depart Baltimore and the helicopter carrier *USS Bataan* and another Navy ship were already conducting helicopter rescue missions off the Louisiana and Mississippi coast.

The *USS Iwo Jima*, another helicopter ship, was also preparing to sail from Norfolk, Virginia, with three other vessels and arrive in five days, the Navy said.

— *MNA/Reuters*

Sri Lanka to develop 200 industrial villages to boost economy

COLOMBO, 1 Sept— The Sri Lankan Small and Rural Industries Ministry will develop 200 selected industrial villages investing 600 million rupee (around six million US dollars) in 2006, the *Daily News* reported on Wednesday.

This is under the new efficient plans and projects to achieve the objective of developing small and medium enterprises (SMEs) while promoting value-added product manufacturing industries in the country.

Project Director Aruna Gunawardana said that the project considers the promoting of imagination, creativity and capability of local SMEs, making the target of increasing their contribution to the national economy.

"The project focuses on identifying the creativity and skills of each SME and other potentials at the selection procedure of villages," Gunawardana said.

The ministry expects to embark on an ambitious programme focusing on value-added productivity in each village by promoting traditional local products such as pottery, leather, jewellery and coir as well as other new recognized products which are in high demand in the international market.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

East Chinese provinces bracing for typhoon "Talin"

FUZHOU, 1 Sept— Both Fujian and Zhejiang provinces in east China have been busy preparing for typhoon "Talin", which is expected to land on the two Chinese Mainland regions Thursday afternoon.

The typhoon is moving northwest at a speed of 20 kilometres to 25 kilometres and might produce strong winds ranging from whole gales to hurricane in scale after sweeping through northern Taiwan Island late Wednesday night and early Friday, local meteorological departments warned.

Liu Dezhang, deputy governor of

Fujian, declared his province was fully aware of the impending typhoon, the 13th of the year, and had made thorough preparation.

The provincial meteorological observatory of Fujian issued an alert against the typhoon early on Wednesday, warning of possible strong winds and torrential rains. — *MNA/Xinhua*

HK Maritime Museum to open in September

HONG KONG, 1 Sept— Hong Kong Maritime Museum, a brand new museum in the city, will open on 8 September, said the museum curator here on Tuesday.

Funded by Hong Kong's international shipping community, preparation work for the museum began in 2003. The museum is intended to celebrate the history of shipping on the South China coast and the role Hong Kong has played.

As told by Assistant Curator of the museum Kenneth Wong at a Press briefing, there will be over 500 different exhibits on display, ranging from a

2,000-year-old Han Dynasty pottery boat to a futuristic video introduction of naval architects' vision of the future of the ship.

Historical and modern ship models, paintings ceramics, trade goods, interactive games and some other items in the museum will tell the long history of humanity's interaction with Asians seas.

— *MNA/Xinhua*



Petra, a young Yellow-footed Rock Wallaby peeks out from the safety of her keeper's shirt during a photocall at Sydney's Taronga Zoo on 1 September, 2005. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Ronaldinho extends contract with Barcelona

MADRID, 1 Sept — Barcelona forward Ronaldinho extended his contract on Wednesday by two years until 2010. The deal also included an option to continue if both club and player agree.

"We're very happy because we've fulfilled his dream to stay at the club for many years," Ronaldinho's brother and agent, Roberto de Assis, told Radio Marca.

Ronaldinho's buyout clause was raised to 125 million euro (154.3 million US dollars).

No details were available about Ronaldinho's salary.

The 25-year-old Brazilian forward helped Barcelona win the league last season for the first time in six years.

Barcelona is trying to extend the contracts of key players, and has also sought to improve the deals of its young prospects.

Ronaldinho, the current FIFA World Player of the Year, joined Barcelona from Paris Saint-Germain for 30 million euro (37 million US dollars) in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

Tottenham agree fee for Jenas

LONDON, 2 Sept — Tottenham Hotspur have agreed a fee for Newcastle United midfielder Jermaine Jenas, the Premier League clubs said on Wednesday.

Jenas, 22, travelled to London on Wednesday for a medical and to discuss personal terms.

Jenas moved to Newcastle under former manager Bobby Robson for five million pounds (9.04 million US dollars) in February 2004 having made his name as a teenager with Nottingham Forest.

MNA/Reuters

China bags three golds out of five at Asian championships

INCHEON, 2 Sept — China bagged three out of five gold medals offered at the opening day's competition of the 16th Asian championships here on Thursday.

Defending champion Li Meiju, who took the seventh in the Helsinki world championships, won the first gold with a throw of 18.64 metres.

Chinese teenager Xie Limei dethroned compatriot Huang Qiuyan in the women's triple jump. The 19-year-old, who emerged by winning this year's New York Grand Prix, took the gold with 14.38 metres. Huang was third in 13.75m.

China's third gold came from the women's 10,000m, where Bai Xue outsprinted Japanese Yuka Sato with 400 metres to go, winning in 33 minutes

34.74 seconds.

In the men's discus throw, Iran's Ehsan Hadadi won the gold with a new Asian record of 65.25 metres. The previous mark of 65.16m was set by Chinese Li Shaojie in 1996.

The day's last gold went to Japan's Miho Sugimori in the women's 1,500m in a time of four minutes 12.69 seconds.

The opening day also saw Olympic champion Liu Xiang easily reach the final of the men's 110m hurdles.

Liu, who won the silver at the Helsinki world championships early last month,

clocked 13.65 seconds in his heat, reaching the final to be held on Friday afternoon.

As the only Olympic champion competing in the event, Liu was cheered by an enthusiastic Korean crowd and said there will be no problem to award the fans with a gold.

"I feel great," he said. "There's no problem to win."

Liu's compatriot and defending champion Shi Dongpeng, who improved his personal best to 13.29 seconds this season, won Heat two in a time of 13.88.

MNA/Xinhua

Africa's most expensive soccer star joins Black Stars

ACCRA, 2 Sept — Africa's most expensive player, Michael Essien and three other key foreign legions of the Black Stars, joined their colleagues on Wednesday at the Obuasi camp ahead of the penultimate World Cup qualifier against the Cranes of Uganda on Sunday.

Team doctor, Martin Engman told the *GNA Sports* in a telephone conversation that the Chelsea midfielder, Essien; John Mensah of Chievo Verona of Italy, Issac Boakye of Arminia Bielefeld of Germany and Israel-based Emmanuel Adoquaye Pappoe have all left their European bases and were expected at the Coconut Grove Hotel in Obuasi.

A 15-member squad

including eight local components have begun camping to fine tune before the crunch duel at the Baba Yara Stadium in Kumasi.

Inspirational skipper Stephen Appiah, Dan Edusei, Joetex Frimpong, offensive midfielder Godwin Attram and important goal scorer Mathew Amoah are already in camp.

Coach Ratimir Dujkovic has made a sur-

prise inclusion in the team with the call up of young goalkeeper Philemon McCarthy of Feyenoord Academy.

He joins his two senior colleagues, Sammy Adjei of Accra Hearts of Oak and George Owu of Ashanti Gold.

The team is expected to move to Kumasi on Friday for a final brush up before the big game.

MNA/Xinhua



James Blake of the US returns a shot to Igor Andreev of Russia in their second round match at the US Open in Flushing Meadows, New York, on 1 September, 2005. Blake won 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.—INTERNET

Hosts advance for clean sweep at China Masters

BEIJING, 2 Sept — Top seeds Lin Dan and Zhang Ning struggled into the quarterfinals while hosts reigned even in the second-round at the China Masters Badminton Championships here on Thursday.

The inaugural IBF six-star tournament turned out to be a national championships after home players booked six spots out of the last eight in men's singles and Netherlands' European champion Yao Jie became the sole non-Chinese woman in quarterfinals.

But some top guns were made to struggle, adding spice to the lackluster event short of foreign big names.

World number one Lin Dan was taken to three sets by world junior champion Chen Jin before winning 15-4, 7-15, 15-4 and fourth-seeded Chen Hong of China was eliminated by his unseeded compatriot Zhu Weilun 15-4, 4-15, 15-11.

Chen was joined by 2003 world champion Xia Xuanze, who was ousted by teammate Wu Yunyong 15-11, 11-15, 15-10.

Niels Christian Kaldau

of Denmark and Malaysian Kuan Beng-Hong, among a throng of Chinese, managed to thrust into the quarterfinals, beating Malaysian M Roslin Hashim and Chinese Li Yu respectively.

"It's a normal result. Chen Jin is strong and we know each other well," Lin said of his one-hour match.

The 21-year-old said he was all right after the recently concluded Anaheim world championships, where he was bidding for his first world title but lost to Indonesian Olympic champion in the final.

"I think I still in good form, both physically and mentally. I'm young and still have chance to make it," he said.

In women's singles, Zhang Ning also stuttered through as she was threatened by teammate Chen Li before an 8-11, 11-3, 11-4

fightback.

Newly-crowned world champion Xie Xingfang maintained her blistering form with overwhelming victory 11-1, 11-8 over compatriot Li Wen.

Hosts are clearly heading for a clean sweep for all the five titles. They have made the women's doubles an all-Chinese game after the first round and dominate the mixed doubles as well.

Except for home stars, most of the leading players skipped the new tournament to refresh from the world championships ended ten days ago.

After world bronze medallist Peter Gade of Denmark had suffered a shock first round exit and Hong Kong's women star Wang Chen withdrew, the 250,000 US event field was left wide open for home shuttlers. — MNA/Xinhua

Al Ittihad signs Cameroon striker Job on loan

LONDON, 2 Sept — Al Ittihad of Saudi Arabia has signed Cameroon international striker Joseph-Desire Job on loan from English Premiership side Middlesbrough in an effort to boost its chances of retaining the AFC Champions League crown.

The 27-year-old joined the Jeddah club on a one-year loan deal after falling out of favour with Middlesbrough manager Steve McLaren. Job has found himself behind Australian Mark Viduka, Dutchman Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and newly-

signed Aiyegbeni Yakubu in the pecking order at the English outfit, making just one substitute appearance in Middlesbrough's first four matches this season.

McLaren felt that allowing Job to leave was in the striker's best interest.

"We wish Joseph luck in Saudi," said the Middlesbrough manager on the club's official website.

"He is keen to secure a place in Cameroon's squad as they bid to qualify for next summer's World Cup finals.

MNA/Xinhua

Kuwait's Ali Zenkawi competes in the men's hammer throw final at the Asian Athletics Championships in Incheon, west of Seoul, on 2 September, 2005. Ali won the gold at the event.

INTERNET



Powerful typhoon strengthens, heads for Okinawa

TOKYO, 2 Sept — A powerful typhoon churning towards Japan's Okinawa Islands strengthened by Friday to a Class Five storm — technically the same strength as Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans — and experts said it could also threaten Japan's southernmost main island.

Typhoon Nabi — Korean for “butterfly” — increased in power to super-typhoon status, the

Tropical Storm Risk group at University College London said on its web site.

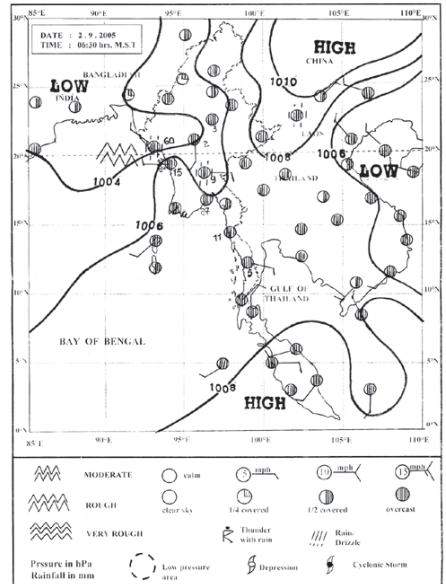
An official at Japan's Meteorological Agency warned that the storm could reach Okinawa by Monday and could curve up to hit Japan's southernmost main island of Kyushu.

He said Nabi was expected to increase its windspeed enough to be dubbed “violent”, the strongest designation Japan uses for typhoons, by Saturday morning.—MNA/Reuters



U Mya Han and Daw Khin Hon (Sein Panthee Textile Shop) of Room 4, Building 18, Sabei Street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, present K 115,000 for a day's meal for the aged and for construction of the three-storey hospital for the aged to Chairman of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board U Maung Tin. — H

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 2 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing Division, Shan and Kayin States, widespread in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States and scattered in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Bago Division, isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (6.18) inches, Pyapon (4.09) inches, Sittway (3.66) inches, Thayawady (3.03) inches, Pyay (2.95) inches, Minbu (0.87) inch, Magway (0.79) inch and Chauk (0.55) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-9-2005 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 2-9-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 2-9-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 1-9-2005 was 2.2 hrs approx. Rainfalls on 2-9-2005 were (0.39) inch at Mingaladon, (1.06) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.51) inch at central Yangon.

Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 70.47 inches at Mingaladon, 74.29 inches at Kaba-Aye and 79.25 inches at central Yangon.

Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 7 mph from Southwest at (15:33) hours MST on 1-9-2005. **Bay inference:** Monsoon is weak in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 3-9-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine State, isolated in Sagaing Division, Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%. **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Weak monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-9-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-9-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%. **Weather outlook for first weekend of September 2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Saw Ba Tun Age 62

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Retd)

Saw Ba Tun of 960 (B), Shwe Hninzi School Road, Mayangone Township, son of (U) Gabriel Ba Tun & Matron Daw Thein Yin), beloved husband of Naw Primrose, loving father of Lynn Ba Tun-Wade Duval, Tha Taw Ba Tun-Natha Wai Lin Oo, Tha Kler Ba Tun, Kathi Ba Tun and Irene Angel Ba Tun was called to his Heavenly Home on 2-9-2005 in Pinyinana. Funeral service will be held at Judson Church, Pyay Road, at 1 pm on 4-9-2005(Sunday), and thence to Yayway Christian Cemetery for entombment.

Bereaved family

Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 2-9-2005)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (597) cm. It may exceed the danger level (600) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 2-9-2005)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (772) cm. It may fall below the danger level (750) cm during the next (4) days.



Saturday, 3 September
View on today:

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am
6. ကွန်ချောင်းရေလှောင်တစ်
- 8:10 am
7. Musical programme
- 8:20 am
8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. Grammar Made Easy
- 11:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 11:15 pm
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 pm
3. News
- 11:40 pm
4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
5. Roundup of the

- week's TV local news
- 12:35 pm
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“တောရပ်ရွာနှင့်မိစ္ဆာစွမ်းမီ”
(အပိုင်း-၃၄)
- 1:15 pm
7. ကြားမြင်သတင်းပြဿနာ
ဇာတ်အလင်္ကာ
- 1:25 pm
8. “နင်းကြည့်စမ်းပါ”
(မင်းအုတ်စို၊ ညီဘူး၊ မင်းမိုးပိုင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုတ်စို)
- 1:40 pm
9. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:55 pm
10. Dance of national races
- 2:10 pm
11. Musical programme
- 2:20 pm
12. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:30 pm
13. [၂၃] ကြိမ်မြောက်အရှေ့တောင်
အာရှအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်စဉ်
မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏
ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ
(ကျွမ်းကျင်)
- 2:45 pm
14. International news
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm
4. အစားသင့်တည့်သို့လှည့်စေရ
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်စနစ်
-တတိယနှစ် (တတိယနှစ်)
အထူးပြု (တတိယနှစ်)
- 5:00 pm
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:15 pm
6. ၂၀၀၅ ရန်ကင်း၊ တောရသေ
အကြိမ်(၃၀ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ

- ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကအရူး၊
အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်
ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး၊ နှင့်
စေတီဟောင်းတေး)(ဒါရိုက်တာ
အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:25 pm
7. မြန်မာဇာ၊ မြန်မာဇာတေး
- 5:35 pm
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:45 pm
9. “ချစ်လွန်းလို့”
(ဇိုးမြ၊ မင်းမိုးပိုင်၊ မျိုးမျိုးမိုင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်နိုး)
- 5:50 pm
10. Games for children
- 6:20 pm
11. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“မိန်းမလေးမိစ္ဆာကန်သား”
(အပိုင်း-၃)
- 7:35 pm
15. Musical
programme
- 7:45 pm
16. သံလွင်မြစ်နီလိလက်ရင်သံ
ခေတ်
- 8:00 pm
17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“တောင်ရေချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 21. The next day's
programme



Saturday, 3 September
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Oah Aah
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Smooth operator
- 8:55 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:05 am Music:
-So much in love
- 9:10 am International
news
- 9:15 am Music:
-Mysterious girl
-You belong to me
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Request
-And I
-Promises
-Crazy for you
- 9:00 pm ASEAN
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanmar culture
by Dr Khin
Maung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs
-The sweetest
song
-Sweeter than
you
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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

Strive with might and main for carrying out agriculture and livestock breeding tasks

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than tours Pyay, Thayawady



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets officers and other ranks and families of local battalion in Pyay. — MNA

YANGON, 2 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung

Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Develop-

ment Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chair-

(West) PDC Brig-Gen Hla Min, Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of Inma Station and officials, attended the cer-

emony to put Tinyein Jetty into service at Pyay Port in Pyay on 31 August. Chairman of Pyay

District PDC Lt-Col Tun Aye reported on construction of the jetty.

Brig-Gen Hla Min and Lt-Col Tun Aye formally opened the jetty.

The jetty, 40 feet long and 10 feet wide, was built by Pyay Technological University, Inland Water Transport, Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems and entrepreneurs of Pyay Industrial Zone.

At the local battalion in Pyay, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with officers, other ranks and (See page 9)



Bago Division (West) PDC Chairman Brig-Gen Hla Min and Pyay District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Tun Aye formally open Tinyein Jetty in Pyay.— MNA



More tours for local tourists

YANGON, 2 Sept— The Myanma Tourism Services is taking systematic steps for local tourists to visit places of interest across the nation with peace of mind.

Its tours include ones starting from Mandalay in addition to those starting from Yangon. Those starting from Mandalay cover the Mandalay-Muse-Mandalay tour, the Mandalay-Bagan-Popa-Mandalay tour, the Mandalay-Kalaw-Pindaya-Inlay-Mandalay

tour, the Madalay-Kengtung-Tachilek-Mandalay tour and the Mandalay - M a g w a y - Shwesehtaw; the Mandalay-Myitkyina-Putao-Mandalay tour.

There is a special tour from Mandalay to PyinOoLwin by buses of the MTS. Arrangements have been made for the visitors of the tour to put up at hotels under the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism at reasonable prices.

Contact is to be made to the MTS, of No

77-91, Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon (Tel 252859 or 387002) or Mandalay Office Branch, corner of 27th and 68th Streets, Mandalay (Tel 02-60356 or 02-60357) for further information.

MNA

Myanmar U-17 team cruises into final with 2-1 win over Laotians

YANGON, 2 Sept — The AFF U-17 Youth Championship 2005 continued in Bangkok, Thailand, at 4 pm local time.

In the semifinal match, Myanmar selected youth team beat Laotian team 2-1 and entered the final.

At the 6th minute of the first half, a Laotian player wearing jersey No 9 scored an opening goal.

Myanmar youth strikers penetrated the opponents with linkage of attacks. At the 31st minute, Myanmar striker Tin Zaw Moe was rewarded an equalizer. When the first-half whistle blew, the match ended with a 1-1 draw.

In the second half, both teams opened up full attacks side by side, but the score line did not

change till the final whistle.

At the 7th minute of the second extra time, the second and winning goal for Myanmar selected youth team came through striker Pyay Phyoo Oo. Myanmar youth team beat Laotian team 2-1.

On 4 September, Myanmar youth team will play against the winning team from the semifinal match between host Thai team vs Malaysian team, in the final match at 6 pm local time.—MNA

INSIDE

Ayeyawady delta is rich in flora and fauna for the people and Ayeyawady has many valuable young mangrove seedlings (regeneration) like Kanazo, Myinka, Madama. These are shaded and suppressed by undesirable and aggressive weed like species such as Kaya, Hnetkyidaung, Myaung Nwe, Theinbein, Thinboug and Kayu.

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