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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Foundry shops are capable of producing high quality ironwares
Cast iron can be pressed, cut and heat treatment can also be made
Development in the production processes of steel products will lead to manufacturing quality goods with markets abroad

YANGON, 5 Sept — The work coordination meeting No 3/2005 of Industrial Development Committee was held at the Ministry of Industry-1 this afternoon with an address by the Chairman of the Committee Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, members of Industrial Development Committee the ministers, Yangon mayor, members of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee and members of work committee the deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, chairmen of sub-committees, officials of the State Peace and Development

Council Office, heads of departments, chairmen of industrial zone supervisory committees and members, chairmen of industrial zone management committees, personnel of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, industrialists and guests. Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister General

Soe Win said there are foundry shops, press shops, forging shops, heat treatment shops and machine shops in three industrial zones—Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya Industrial Zones established by the government. They began manufacturing spare parts and ironware. Handling of iron and ironware with the use of modern technology is a great turning point of development for economic progress of the State and private industries. Each modern furnace used in foundry can melt over 1,000 tons of iron annually and the foundry shops are (See page 16)



Prime Minister General Soe Win addressing the work coordination meeting No 3/2005 of Industrial Development Committee.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Kandawgyi Gardens for public rest and recreation

Measures are being taken for the capital of Myanmar to be clean and pleasant and have all the characteristics of a city like the capitals of other nations in the world. With this end in view, gardens and parks are being built across Yangon in order that Yangonites and local and foreign visitors will be able to relax in these recreation centres. Moreover, all-round upgrading work is being carried out for the Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and the Zoological Gardens (Yangon).

A coordination meeting on all-round upgrading of Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoological Gardens (Yangon) was held at the agricultural museum of Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens on 27 August and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Speaking at the meeting, the Secretary-1 said that it was necessary to do upgrading work for the Kandawgyi Gardens based on its natural environment and for all those responsible personnel at different levels to closely supervise the work so that it can last long.

The government has been taking systematic measures to do the upgrading work for Kandawgyi Gardens without ruining its natural environment in order that all those who visit the Gardens will be able to relax with peace of mind.

The work is being carried out in four zones — the Central Forest Zone, the Education Zone, the Relaxation Zone and the Recreation Zone. Now the three zones except the Central Forest Zone have been inaugurated and the rest of the work continues. In the Central Forest Zone, tarred roads are being built and rare trees and 128 kinds of seasonal flowers totalling 2,878 plants are being grown.

In the relaxation Zones, Popa Tower is under construction. In the Education Zone, a fresh water fish garden has been built and 5,500 fish of 52 species are on display there. In the Relaxation Zone, Popa Tower is under construction. In the Recreation Zone, hotels and restaurants are being built.

We would like to call on all those who are carrying out upgrading work of the Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens to see that the natural environment is not affected.

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

Minister inspects Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei railroad section

YANGON, 5 Sept — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than and officials inspected Dawei station on 3 September morning and gave necessary instructions.

The minister and party proceeded to No 461 Kamyauk creek bridge between mile post 336/5 and 336/6 and No 445 Dawei bridge over Dawei river, and inspected them.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min also met with service personnel at Gantgawtaung and Kaleintaung stations, and left instructions. On arrival at Ye station, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min gave necessary instructions to the officials. Yesterday morn-



Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects Ye-Dawei railroad and gives necessary instructions. — (MYAMNA RAILWAY)

ing, the minister and party met with members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, members of Women's Affairs Organization and government employees at Lamine sta-

tion, and urged them to take part in regional development tasks in collaboration with the people. Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and party also oversaw Thatyetkon sta-

tion, the tunnel between mile post 182/2 and 182/3 and a level crossing in Taungwaing Ward and gave necessary instructions to the officials.

MNA

CEC member of USDA attends stationery donation ceremonies

YANGON, 4 Sept — Hailing Annual General Meeting of Union Solidarity and Development Association 2005, a ceremony to donate stationery to monastic education schools in Bago Division (West), organized by Bago Division (West) USDA, was held at Sasana Rakkhita Monastery in Ayemyathaya in Okpo Township. It was attended by CEC member of USDA Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay and members of USDA donated books and pencils to seven monastic education schools in Okpo Township, and books to rural libraries.

The deputy minister then met with members of USDA and villagers, and explained the functions of USDA to them.

Similar ceremony was held at Yadanabon Monastery in Seinkantlant village in Minhla Township.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay then met with members of Division, District and Township USDA and explained tasks to be undertaken for the annual meeting, duties to be performed for the rural development and economic development of those in rural areas to them. The deputy minister also donated books to rural libraries.—MNA

Workshop on research code of conduct on reproductive health opens

YANGON, 5 Sept — The workshop on research code of conduct on reproductive health at national level organized by the Ministry of Health and WHO was held at the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) in Dagon Township this morning. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo deliv-

ered an opening address.

Next, acting Resident Representative of WHO Dr Stephen P Jost spoke.

The workshop continues till 8 September and professors, specialists and others will take part in the workshop.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo delivers an opening address.— MNA

စာအုပ်လှူဒါန်းပွဲ

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Israeli Deputy PM meets senior Chinese official on bilateral ties

TEL AVIV, 4 Sept—Israel is satisfied with the development of its friendly ties with China and willing to further boost the relationship along with China, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said here on Friday.

China has become Israel's largest trade partner in Asia, and Israel has decided to recognize China's market economy status, Shalom said during his meeting with Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee. For his part, Wang said the CPC and the Chinese Government have always attached great importance to ties with Israel, and that a long-term friendly

and mutually beneficial relationship with Israel is not only needed by the two countries, but also conforms to the interests of the two peoples.

With concerted efforts of both sides, relations between the two countries will surely see further development, said Wang.

Wang and his CPC delegation arrived in Israel on Monday on a six-day visit to Israel and Palestine.

MNA/Xinhua



CNOOC to donate almost 1.6m yuan to “Katrina” stricken victims

BEIJING, 4 Sept — China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), China's largest offshore oil producer, said on Friday that it will donate some 1.6 million yuan (198,000 US dollars) to US victims stricken by hurricane Katrina.

Since hearing news that the hurricane Katrina has hit Louisiana and brought serious losses to the local people on Monday, employees of CNOOC have donated nearly 800,000 yuan (99,000 US dollars) so far.

CNOOC said the company will donate the same sum to help the victims recover their normal life and rebuild their home. As enterprise citizens, CNOOC will shoulder its social responsibility to offer humanitarian help as

much as possible for the victims, said sources with the CNOOC.

According to the company, it has contacted the afflicted area and will send the donation to the victims as soon as possible. — MNA/Xinhua



A campaign girl from Japan's electronics giant Sony shows a new device "Location Free Base Station Pack LF-PK1" at their showroom in Tokyo, on 5 September 2005.—INTERNET

17 Iraqi police, soldiers die in Baquba attacks

BAGHDAD, 4 Sept—Unknown gunmen killed 17 Iraqi police and troops and wounded another 16 in three separate attacks near Baquba, north of Baghdad, on Saturday, police and hospital sources said. The first attack came in the morning at an Iraqi Army checkpoint 30 kilometres (around 20 miles) north of the mainly Sunni Arab city, when four soldiers died. Later, four police officers were killed by armed gunmen at a checkpoint in the centre of Baquba, 65 kilometres (40 miles) north of Baghdad.

The third attack was on a checkpoint manned jointly by police and soldiers 4 kilometres (2.5 miles) south of Baquba, in which seven police and

two soldiers were shot dead.

Police would not comment on whether the attacks were carried out by the same people, or on whether they were revenge attacks by Shi'ite Muslims following a stampede on a bridge in Baghdad on Wednesday in which around 1,000 Shi'ite pilgrims died.

Iraqi forces are battling a Sunni Arab insurgency against the Shi'ite and Kurdish-led government in Baghdad. Tensions are running high ahead of a referendum due by 15 October on a new Constitution for Iraq, which would define the status of these three main Iraqi communities in the post-Saddam Hussein era. —MNA/Reuters

US Black leaders condemn slow “Katrina” relief

WASHINGTON, 4 Sept—Black leaders on Friday condemned the slow response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and said poor and mostly Black storm victims in New Orleans were bearing the brunt of the suffering.

"We cannot allow it to be said by history that the difference between those who lived and those who died in this great storm and flood of 2005 was nothing more than poverty, age or skin colour," said Representative Elijah Cummings, a Maryland Democrat and former head of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The overwhelming proportion of Black people among the refugees, made clear to Americans by television coverage of huge Black crowds pleading for water and food in New Orleans, has raised questions about the role of class and race in the response.

Blacks, frequent targets of discrimination since the days of slavery, account for about two-thirds of

the nearly 500,000 residents of New Orleans, according to census figures.

About 28 per cent of them live below the poverty line, more than double the national poverty rate.

"Many of these Americans who are struggling to survive are Americans of colour," Cummings told a news conference. "Their cries for assistance confront America with a test of our moral compass as a nation."

Among those left behind in New Orleans were residents without access to their own cars or those who could not afford to heed official warnings and leave the area before the hurricane, they said.

MNA/Reuters

Gunmen kidnap head of US security company in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Sept—Gunmen kidnapped the head of an American security company in southern Baghdad, capital of Iraq, on Saturday, police said.

"An Iraqi national, Laith Kadhim al-Azawi, was kidnapped by armed men disguising with police uniform at about 11:40 am (0740 GMT) in Doura District," an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

Azawi used to head an American security company specialized in protecting local and foreign individuals and groups.

The kidnapers, in two vehicles, dragged Azawi into one of their cars, but they left his driver and car on the highway in southern Baghdad, according to the source. Bombings, assassinations and kidnappings are rampant in the war-ravaged Iraq as sectarian tensions are running high and guerillas often resort to violent means to drive out foreign troops and companies. —MNA/Xinhua

First of Iraq war crimes cases to open

LONDON, 5 Sept—The first of three major prosecutions involving alleged misconduct by British troops in Iraq will begin today with seven soldiers from the Parachute Regiment facing court martial for murder.

Over the next six months the Army's conduct in post-war Iraq will come under the spotlight with senior officers on trial and the international War Crimes Act being used for the first time in Britain.

The number of investigations into alleged military malpractice has come under fire from politicians and soldiers, including six former chiefs of the defence staff who condemned the prosecutions in the House of Lords. The

men from the 3 Bn The Parachute Regiment were accused of murder and violent disorder after an Iraqi casual farm labourer died soon after the end of the conflict in May 2003.

Nadhem Abdullah, 18, was killed after he had been stopped at a checkpoint outside the town of Al U'zayra in the British-controlled area of southern Iraq. The victim was in an area on the main drugs route for poppy being smuggled from Afghanistan through Iran and across the marshes that form the border with Iraq.

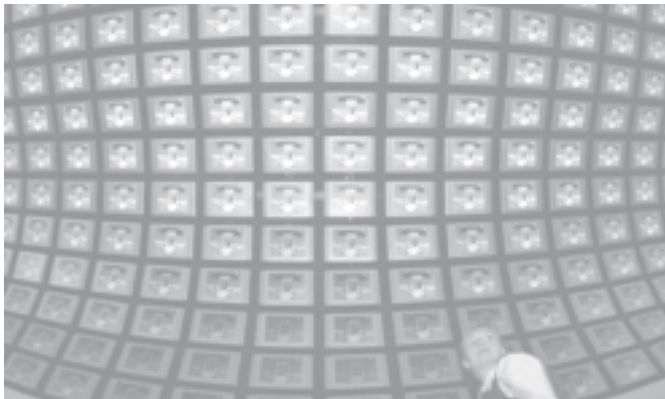
The accused are understood to have denied all the allegations and the case is expected to last 10 weeks.

Internet

A Thai construction worker carries iron bars while walking past a pavillion in Bangkok, on 5 September 2005.

INTERNET





A waitress stands in front of plasma TV screens at an exhibition stand of the Turkish Beko company at the International Funkausstellung (IFA) consumer electronics fair in Berlin on 2 September, 2005. The IFA is the world's largest consumer electronics exhibition and will be opened to the public from 1 September to 7 September, 2005.—INTERNET

British engineer found killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 5 Sept—US-led coalition forces and Afghan troops have found on Saturday the body of British engineer David Addison kidnapped in western Afghanistan, an Afghan official said.

"In a searching operation in the area they found the body of the engineer," spokesman of the Interior Ministry Lutfullah Mashal told *Xinhua*.

Taliban militants kidnapped the British national and his local interpreter on Wednesday in Tootchakan area near Shindand of Herat Province, and three policemen lost their lives when they tried to foil the conspiracy.

It is the first time that such incident has occurred in Shindand, which is fa-

mous for its strategically important airport close to the Iranian border in west Afghanistan.

"We have no information about the interpreter so far," Mashal added.

In the meantime, Taliban's spokesman Abdul Latif Hakimi, who claimed the movement's fighters had taken into custody the British national, was reported to have said they had executed the engineer.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq announces new rule for private cars

BAGHDAD, 5 Sept—Private cars will be only allowed to move on the roads every other day in an effort to ease gasoline shortage, said a new restriction announced by Iraq's government on Sunday.

A statement issued by the cabinet said the cars whose plates end with even numbers and odd numbers will use the roads every other day.

The new restriction will be imposed from Tuesday, the statement said, adding that the decision will not include the public transport, trucks and government vehicles.

Hundreds of Iraqi drivers are waiting in long queues outside the gas stations in all Iraqi cities, as the government failed to ease gasoline crisis because of violence and lack of security in the war-torn country.—MNA/Reuters

Four Iraqis killed in mortar attack in Samarra

BAGHDAD, 4 Sept — Four civilians were killed and 11 others wounded on Saturday when militants fired four mortar rounds on a residential area in Samarra City, north of Baghdad, police said.

"Unknown militants fired four mortar rounds landed on residential area in Samarra City, killing four people and wounding 11 others," an Interior Ministry officer, Captain Ahmed Abdullah, told *Xinhua*.

MNA/Xinhua

17 passengers survive in plane crash in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 5 Sept—Seventeen of 117 people on board of a Boeing 737-200 which crashed at a residential area in Medan, capital of North Sumatra province of Indonesia, survived from the disaster, a local official told *Xinhua* by telephone.

"There are 117 people on board, 17 of them survived," said Edy Sofyan a spokesman of the provincial government.

He said that the survivors were hospitalized in a local hospital of Adam Malik. Mandala's director Asril Tanjung said the cause of the tragedy was being investigated.

The plane was carrying 112 passengers and five crews.

The plane crashed into the central of

a major residential area in Medan, breaking into pieces, setting fire to homes, cars and motorbikes, according to local television. The director said the plane had been made in 1981 and was fit for eight more years of flying.

The plane came down 500 metres from the runway in Medan, Indonesian Transport Minister Hatta Radjasa said.

A few hours after the crash, heavy rain began to fall, hindering recovery efforts.—MNA/Xinhua

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S Korea to provide 2,000 jobs to Nepali workers next year

KATHMANDU, 4 Sept—The South Korean Government has given words to provide about 2,000 jobs to Nepali workers next year, the Minister for Labour and Transport Management said here on Saturday.

"My South Korean counterpart has been convinced to take workers from Nepal and also agreed to include Nepal in the list of source countries next year," Ram Narayan Singh told reporters at a Press conference.

The minister, who returned home Tuesday from South Korea after a week-long visit, said that he and South Korean officials cleared the misunderstanding between the two countries regarding supply of labour force from Nepal.

It was reported that the South Korean Government last year cancelled the quota for trainee labourers citing irregularities of Nepal's manpower agencies in connivance with South Korean agents.

The minister, who met his South Korean counterpart in August to seek opportunity for Nepal labourers in South Korea, said that the quota from South Korea will be distributed to competent manpower agencies to select Nepali labourers.

He said that his ministry had already called applications from eligible manpower agencies to be qualified for the selection of the workers for South Korea.

He also said that the Nepali Government was trying to promote Nepali workforce not only in South Korea but in other countries like Japan, Australia and some European countries as well.

MNA/Xinhua

India, Iran decide to go ahead with proposed gas pipeline project

TEHERAN, 4 Sept—Ignoring pressure from the US to scuttle it, India and Iran on Saturday decided to go ahead with the proposed 7.4-billion-dollar gas pipeline project to supply much-needed natural gas through Pakistan and sign a framework agreement by December this year for the purpose.

"If all goes well there can be a tripartite meeting of the concerned ministers of (India, Iran and Pakistan) to finalize a framework agreement by 31 December," External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh said after holding wide-ranging talks with his Iranian counterpart Manouchehr Mottaki here.

In another major deal, Singh said Teheran has agreed to supply five million metric tons of liquid natural gas to India annually. India had asked for 7.5 million tons of natural gas supply.

Singh, who is here on a three-day visit, said a preliminary framework accord for the pipeline to supply natural gas to India could be made ready by November this year. This is being considered here as a key step to make the project functional.

On the US opposition to the pipeline project, which was mooted during the

visit of then prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to Iran in April 2000, India had made it clear that it was a purely bilateral one based on commercial considerations and it would not bow to any international pressure.

Washington, which is opposing the sale of oil by Iran, has said that the money coming from sale of gas to India could be used for other purposes by Teheran, including on its nuclear programme.

Keen to carry forward the ambitious project, Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar had visited Teheran in June this year during which the two sides decided to set up a joint working group to study all aspects of the project.

So far 14 meetings of the Joint Commission, focussing on trade and commerce, have been held, the last being in New Delhi in February this year.

MNA/PTI



Rescue workers surround the wreckage of an Indonesian Boeing 737-200 operated by Mandala Airlines which crashed just after takeoff near a housing complex in the city of Medan, on Indonesia's Sumatra Island on 5 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Long work hours may raise injury risk

NEW YORK, 4 Sept — Working beyond the standard 8-hour day may raise the risk of job-related injuries, regardless of a person's occupation, a new study suggests.

Among nearly 10,800 US adults followed for 13 years, researchers found that those who worked overtime or on regularly extended shifts were at greater risk of on-the-job injuries. And the effect was not limited to hazard-fraught industries.

Muscle and joint problems were the most common complaint, followed by cuts and bruises, according to findings published in the journal *Occupational and Environmental Medicine*.

Some past research has shown that people who work long hours tend to sustain more injuries

and health problems than workers with standard 40-hour weeks. But these studies have often been limited by shortcomings in their methodology, according to Dr Allard Dembe, the lead author of the new study.

A central question has been whether the findings reflect the fact that overtime and long work days are often found in inherently dangerous industries, like manufacturing, construction and trucking.

But in their study, Dembe and his colleagues found that longer work hours appeared to raise injury risk even when job

type and other factors — such as a worker's age and gender — were weighed.

This strengthens the argument that something about long work hours themselves makes people more vulnerable to injury, said Dembe, an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Shrewsbury.

That something, he told *Reuters Health*, could be stress and fatigue, which can make workers more prone to mistakes and mishaps.

The study findings are based on data from a US survey that has followed

the same group of people since 1979. The researchers analyzed data collected from 10,793 participants between 1987 and 2000, starting when the men and women were between the ages of 22 and 30.

Workers were considered to have logged long hours if their jobs sometimes included overtime — meaning beyond the usual 40-hour week — or if they regularly worked 12-hour days or 60-hour weeks. — *MNA/Reuters*

Bangladesh's Air Force chief to visit Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 4 Septe — Bangladeshi Air Force Commander Air Vice-Marshal Fakhru Azamwill will arrive in Sri Lanka on Sunday for a five-day visit, the *Daily News* reported on Saturday.

He is due to call on President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapakse, Deputy Defence Minister Ratnasiri Wickremnanayake.

The Bangladesh Air Force chief will be accorded a guard of honour by the Sri Lankan Air Force at the Air Force Headquarters, Colombo on Monday.

He is due to visit the Sri Lanka Air Force bases in Katunayake, Anuradhapura and Diyatalawa.

The Bangladesh Air Force chief is accompanied by his wife and two officers from the Bangladesh Air Force.

MNA/Xinhua

British petrol stations need bigger signs as prices soar

LONDON, 4 Sept — British petrol stations are hurriedly investing in bigger signs and new pumps capable of displaying prices with an extra digit as prices soar toward a pound (1.84 US dollars) a litre, companies said over the weekend.

Prices jumped this week as a result of the hurricane in the United States. A spokeswoman for BP said its average price for unleaded gasoline was now about 94 pence a litre.

"Obviously, like everybody else, we didn't anticipate that prices would rise so much so quickly. And obviously we have to invest in some changes, mostly post signs at the stations," she said.

A spokeswoman for Shell was un-

ware of any stations that had yet brought their prices over a pound, but the company was making plans for three-digit prices if necessary.

"If and when it's appropriate we can look at a number of solutions including software options and adding an extra digit." As well as signs, older pumps may have to be upgraded as well, if they cannot show prices higher than 99.99 pence. — *MNA/Reuters*



Victims of Hurricane Katrina stay at the Astrodome stadium where 16,000 evacuees received food and shelter in Houston, Texas, on 4 September, 2005. The Arena is being used as an intake facility where medical care is provided and evacuees of Hurricane Katrina are evaluated for assignment to other facilities.—INTERNET

Heavy rains kill 21 in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 4 Sept — Heavy rains have killed 21 people in Mexico over the past two weeks, the National Civil Protection System (SNPC) of the Mexican Interior Ministry said on Friday.

SNPC's Emergency Administration Chief Raul Rivera said that ten died in the state of Oaxaca, six in Veracruz, and five in Michoacan.

However, according to local media reports, the death toll has already risen to 30.

Rivera said that in Veracruz, over 27,800 people have lost their belongings and harvests due to heavy rains.

MNA/Xinhua

IEA chief warns of worldwide energy crisis

BERLIN, 4 Sept — The head of the West's energy watchdog said in an interview on Saturday that Hurricane Katrina could spark a worldwide energy crisis if damage to US refineries led to a big increase in US purchases of European petrol.

"If the crisis affects oil products then it's a worldwide crisis. No one should think this will be limited to the United States," Claude Mandil, head of the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) told German daily *Die Welt*.

"They are already buying gasoline in Europe. If the refineries are damaged, that will only increase. Then this will become a worldwide crisis very quickly."

Mandil told the paper that high oil prices represented a risk for global economic growth and urged consumers to alter their

behaviour to save more energy and limit the fall-out.

Poor countries were bound to suffer most from a recent surge in energy prices, which has been aggravated by Katrina and the shortages it has caused, he said.

On Friday, the IEA

launched a rescue plan to ease those shortages, saying its 26 members would release two million barrels per day of oil over a 30-day period.

US gasoline prices have spiked by nearly a fifth over the past week, pushing up fuel prices around the world. — *MNA/Reuters*

UNESCAP meeting to be held in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 4 Sept — Leaders of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) are due to meet in Kathmandu on 5 to 6 September to discuss ways to further harness the great potential of South-South cooperation.

"The executive heads of sub-regional organizations and UNESCAP will discuss ways to further harness the great potential of South-South cooperation as an effective contribution to development and as a means to share and transfer best practices and appropriate technologies," a Press statement issued here Saturday by the United Nations Information Centre said.

The meeting will also discuss regional progress in achieving Millennium Deve-

lopment Goals, trade and investment, preparation for and mitigation of natural disasters, and energy infrastructure development, among others, said the statement. The key benefit of the meeting will be the exchange of information in a range of areas in furthering cooperation, it said.

The meeting will emphasize that regional organizations should play positive roles in facing the challenges of globalization and economic development, according to the statement. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A gas station employee holds a gas pump to fill a vehicle in Seoul on 4 September, 2005.—INTERNET



An Afghan health worker (R) drops polio vaccine into the mouth of a child on the first day of a vaccination campaign in Kabul, on 5 September 2005.—INTERNET

1.05 million people resettled from Three Gorges project area

YICHANG, 5 Sept— More than 1.05 million residents in the Three Gorges dam project, have been successfully relocated over the past two decades, according to an official in charge of the operation.

The number accounts for 82.6 per cent of the 1.13 million people planned to be displaced from their ancestral habitat in the water diversion project area, according to Cao Guangjing, deputy manager with the company in charge of the development of the water conservation facility.

Cao said most of the resettled people are satisfied with their new lives, enjoying better liv-

ing conditions. China began an eight-year trial resettlement in 1985 in the Three Gorges area and officially launched the operation in 1993 when the construction of the 185-metre-high dam started on the middle reaches of China's longest river Yangtze River.

By the end of July this year, nearly 42.9 billion yuan (5.3 billion US dollars) had been earmarked for relocating residents and removing enterprises from the area, building houses and re-

suming various infrastructural facilities.

Of the investment, 21 billion yuan (2.6 billion US dollars) were donated by 21 Chinese provinces and municipalities, more than 10 large and medium-sized cities, and 50-plus government departments to help the mammoth endeavour.

Involving an investment of 203.9 billion yuan (about 25.2 billion US dollars), the Three Gorges dam project, expected to be completed in 2009, was designed to

help control heavy floods on the Yangtze River and increase China's power supply. China has injected 121.6 billion yuan (14.9 billion US dollars) in the project so far, accounting for about 60 per cent of the initial budget, according to the company. It is expected the cost will be restrained to within 180 billion yuan (over 22 billion US dollars) thanks to a reasonable investment management system applied for in past years.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia finds no polio case

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Sept— Malaysia has found no polio cases and the disease has been eradicated from the country, Malaysian Health Minister Chua Soi Lek said on Saturday. This should be attributed to Malaysia's nationwide compulsory immunization against the disease, the minister said when he visited a hospital in Jerantut, a small town in Malaysia's Pahang State.

More than 95 per cent of Malaysians have received immunization, except those people living in remote areas, and that prevented any outbreak of polio, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

UN report says worldwide disaster response capabilities "inadequate"

UNITED NATIONS, 4 Sept— Worldwide preparedness for major disasters and the ability of the international community to respond quickly, provide fresh water, sanitation, food, shelter, and security are inadequate, a UN report said on Friday.

The study was conducted at the behest of Jan Egeland, UN Emergency Relief Coordinator and Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, and was undertaken by four independent consultants between February and June 2005.

The report identified major weaknesses in the international relief system including nongovernmental groups, donor organizations and UN agencies.

Despite the right sense of urgency, most organizations cannot ramp up their human resources and sectoral capacities quickly enough to respond to a humanitarian emergency adequately, the report said.

Gaps were identified in "water and sanitation, shelter, camp management and in food aid, nutrition and livelihoods", the report noted, adding these problems were magnified when the crisis rapidly outstripped relief capacity.

MNA/Xinhua

Three Bulgarians arrested for bank cards fraud

SOFIA, 4 Sept— Three Bulgarians have been arrested in northeastern Italy for credit and debit card fraud across the European Union, a Bulgarian police official said on Friday.

The three have been caught red-handed while installing a device on a bank cash machine to scan confidential credit card data in the northeastern Italian resort of Riva del Garda, Interior Ministry's Chief Secretary Boiko Borissov said.

He said the Italian police carried out the arrests after a four-month joint operation by the Bulgarian services and the EU police agency Europol.

"We have cracked down on a crime ring, which had been obtaining illegal information of debit and credit cards throughout Europe," Borissov told Reuters.

The Balkan state, which hopes to join the European Union in 2007, has been warned by the bloc to step up fight against rampant crime or face one year delay of its EU entry.

MNA/Reuters

20 "AK-47" rifles, 8,000 bullets seized in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 4 Sept— Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) in a joint operation have recovered 20 sophisticated AK-47 rifles and over 8,000 bullets from a deep forest in southeastern Bangladesh.

The joint team also seized 50 magazines, 18 oil-cans and 27 cleaning kits in the forest of Jaraliachhari in Bandarban District. The *New Nation* daily reported on Saturday.

This is the country's largest arms and ammunition haul from the remote hilly areas of Bandarban District in recent times.

The arms and ammunition were suspected to be stocked by tribal miscreants active in the bordering areas of Bandarban for committing various types of crime, the report said.

The daily quoted sources as saying that the arms and ammunition hidden under the soil were recovered from two separate spots in the deep forest of Jaraliachhari on Thursday.

However, none was arrested in connection with the recovery and it was suspected that the miscreants might have fled the spot sensing the presence of law-enforcers.

RAB-7 Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Quazi Emdadul Haq was quoted as saying that the arms cache might have been smug-

gled into the country by tribal criminals. The destination of these weapons might be any part of the country for committing crimes, he said.

Nearly 150 people have been killed and about 1,000 others injured in a series of major bomb blasts and attacks in Bangladesh since 1999.

The latest one was on August 17 when a series of bombs blasted in capital Dhaka and 63 out of 64 districts in Bangladesh, killing two and injuring at least 150 persons.

MNA/Xinhua



Ground staff open a Qantas Boeing 767 for servicing during turnaround time at Sydney Airport, on 5 September 2005.—INTERNET

Three killed in traffic accident in Serbia

BELGRADE (Serbia-Montenegro), 4 Sept— Three persons were killed in a traffic accident on Saturday on a highway linking the northern city of Novi Sad to the capital of Belgrade, the official Tanjug news agency reported.

The accident involved a bus carrying the Lithuanian national soccer team from Novi Sad, and two passenger cars, one of which was completely destroyed, said the reports.

Six Lithuanian soccer players were lightly injured and have been released from hospital after treatment, said the reports.

The Lithuanian team is going to have a qualification match for

the World Cup with the Serbia-Montenegro team on Saturday evening in Belgrade.

The reports did not reveal the details of the dead, saying that investigation was underway.

MNA/Xinhua

United Nations Literacy Decade and Myanmar

Soe Myint Soe

In the knowledge age, today's world nations are focusing upon raising their education level with the conviction that the development gap between one nation and another can be narrowed and the world will become peaceful and developed only when each and every nation has enjoyed high education standard.

With this conviction, world education conferences and regional education seminars are being held occasionally. The Union of Myanmar attended Education for All: World Conference held in Jomtien, Thailand, in May, 1990. At that time, Myanmar's literacy rate stood at 78 per cent and illiteracy rate, at 22 per cent. In a bid to translate into reality the Education for All programmes in line with the resolutions passed at world education conferences, Myanmar played a major role in the international education promotion movements and literacy campaigns.

As to the literacy campaigns, Myanmar has achieved considerable success in implementing education promotion plans and projects to meet the target of reducing the illiteracy rate from 22 per cent to 11 per cent. In April 2000, ten years after Jomtien world education conference had been conducted, a similar conference took place in Dakar, Senegal. At that time, Myanmar's literacy rate was 91.4 per cent, while her illiteracy rate dropped to 8.6 per cent, accounting for better performance than targeted per cent of 11.

The 30-year Long-term Plan is part of the drive of the Union of Myanmar for building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline. During the first short-term plan (2000-2005) of the 30-year Long-term Plan, measures were taken to hit the target of literacy rate of 95.5 per cent. The UN General Assembly held in December 2001 designated the period from 2003 to 2012 as United Nations Literacy Decade: Education for All. It passed resolutions urging the nations to carry out literacy campaigns and follow-up development programmes for neo-literates.

The designation of the United Nations Literacy Decade: Education for All has deepened Myanmar's participation in the international literacy campaigns. It also helped her speed up implementation of the ongoing education promotion plans and projects.

Myanmar is making efforts to achieve a proper balance between preventive and remedial measures in reducing illiteracy rate and ensuring cent per cent literacy rate in the nation.

It is very hard for a school age child to be-

Literacy is not just for reading but for building knowledge. The scope of education is very broad. It is important for every person to be literate and for every literate person to gain knowledge from their studies. Ward and village education centres and self-reliant libraries are of great value and play a vital role.

come literate without attending the classes. He needs to attend classes regularly to learn how to write and read. Otherwise, the illiteracy rate of the nation will be on the increase, and the literacy campaign will not work well.

The programme for ensuring enrolment of all school age children was included in the first short-term plan in order to effectively curb the child illiteracy rate.

Accordingly, the last week of May is designated annually as the school enrolment week for the movement of ensuring enrolment of all school age children. The organizational work led to the participation of the entire parents in the drive for all students to complete their education. So, the intake in primary schools reached 97.58 per cent, while the annual student intake in primary schools in Asian and Pacific nations stood at 97 per cent and in de-

veloped industrial nations, at 99 per cent.

Three "R's" courses for adult illiterate persons are conducted in summer in states and divisions including border areas to wipe out the illiteracy. Non-formal primary school programme is under way for the children who had not attended the classes due to various reasons. As a result, the literacy rate of the nation has increased to 94.1 per cent in 2005.

At the same time, steps are being taken for ensuring constant learning of the neo-literates in the nation. Ward and village education centres play an important role in the drive for speeding up reading activities, facilitating better life, and generating income. Subjects on anti-narcotics and prevention of AIDS were inserted as constant learning education in the curriculum of summer three "R's" courses that have been conducted in far-flung areas since 2003.

Thanks to the guidance of the Head of State and arrangements of the Ministry of Information, self-reliant libraries have emerged as knowledge banks in urban and rural areas including border areas, thus making significant contributions towards building of a constant learning society.

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Now, Myanmar is proud to be in the list of Group A of the Asian and Pacific countries with high literacy rate. So, sustained efforts are to be made in the second short-term plan (2005-2010) of the 30-Year Long-term Plan to help Myanmar enjoy cent per cent literacy rate. It is believed that Myanmar's education goals will be met in the United Nations Literacy Decade.

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Mould and die industries are essential part of the plan for mass production of quality steelware of various types

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machines to be bought and installed for manufacturing export quality goods in addition to systematic running of the existing industries. Only then will the nation's industries be able to reach the automation and international level, producing export quality goods.

Mould and die industries are essential part of the plan for mass production of quality steelware of various types. Smelting, moulding, die and cutting works have interrelations. Myanmar needs to produce mould and dies to manufacture various kinds of goods. But skilled engineers and experts are also required. So, many developing nations will still import the

moulds and dies. At a time when the government is setting up steel industries, Fair Sun company is manufacturing advanced moulds and dies with the government's assistance. The government will provide material and technical assistance for the local industries to manufacture moulds and dies.

Development in the production processes of steel products will lead to manufacturing quality goods at the industrial zones, that have markets abroad. Thus, steel industries will develop not only at Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya industries, that have set up foundry and forging factories, but also in other zones.

The important thing is to discover persons of

industrial talent in the zones and to render practical assistance to them. The zones will develop only if they can encourage the industries with high prospects, with capital, technological and type of industries as the base. Encouragement should be given to the zones to produce two or three kinds of significant goods. Then the development gap between the zones can be narrowed.

Success of the steel industries will lead to flourishing of import-substitute industries and exports. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, industries must produce steelware of fine quality, use quality raw materials and make innovations. Only then will



Minister for Industry-2
Maj-Gen Saw Lwin.—MNA



Minister for Industry-1
U Aung Thuang.—MNA

they produce goods of international standard. The industrial sector enjoyed an average of 24.35 per cent rise during the past four years. The government and the private sectors will strive for further development of the sector in 2005-2006. Apart from applying innovative methods, new types of products must be manufactured. All should work with zeal and perseverance to realize the aims of the sector.

Secretary of the committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang said that 28 industrial zones have been set up in the nation to this date. At the zones, 1599 heavy industries, 2364 medium-scale industries, 5610 cottage industries totalling 9573 industries are manufacturing goods. He also explained the assembling of cars and motorcycles, CNG-run cars, research programmes and plans to set up special zones.

Myanma Industrial

Development Work Committee Chairman Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin reported on establishment of modern foundry plants in three industrial zones in Mandalay, Monywa and Taunggyi, manufacturing of machine parts and assistance to be rendered for industrial development; Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw on conditions of mould and die that are essential in mass production of machines and machine parts and use of jigs and fixtures; Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thuang Lwin on production of steel and alloy and assistance to be rendered by the subcommittee for production of iron and steel; General Manager U Thuang Nyunt of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries on production of quality rubber wares; and CEC member U Myint Zaw of Myanmar Engineers Association on development of industry and

technology.

Next, those present also presented matters related to industrial development and requirements. Regarding the reports, the Prime Minister stressed the need for making more coordinated efforts as Myanmar's industry is on the way to development.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister and party inspected the objects displayed at the meeting hall such as coil springs, piston pins, cam shafts, connecting rods and other machine parts. They also studied rubber manufacturing machines and machine parts, various sizes of bicycle and car tyres, tubes and soles.

Later, the Prime Minister and party inspected dies, jigs, pin springs for Mazda Jeep, rice cookers, electric stove, moulds and other equipment. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col
Khin Maung Kyaw.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation
Thura U Thuang Lwin.—MNA

Minister inspects construction of district-to-district road

YANGON, 5 Sept—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, accompanied by officials concerned, on 3 September morning, inspected No 2 district-to-district road being constructed in Mandalay Division. First, the minister heard a re-

port presented by Director U Kan Hla of Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee on development of Kyaukse region at the office of Kyaukse Township Development Affairs Committee and gave instructions to officials.

Next, the minister and party looked into construction of Tazogate

Market and brokerages and No 1 Water Plant where officials reported on supply of water.

Later, the minister inspected functions of No 2 Water Plant and gave necessary instructions.

At the briefing hall of No 2 district-to-district road project, the minister heard a report on construction of earth road with the use of heavy machinery and gave instructions on timely completion of the work and meeting the set standard.

Afterwards, the minister inspected arrangements being made for construction of Zawgyi River Crossing Bridge on the district-to-district road and gave instructions to officials.—MNA

Singapore beat Myanmar in AFF U-23 Youth Championship

YANGON, 5 Sept — AFF U-23 Youth Championship 2005 continued in Bangkok, Thailand, this evening.

In the first seminal final, Myanmar youth team played against Singapore youth team. Sin-

gapore beat Myanmar 2-1. At the third minute of the second half, Marla scored a goal for Myanmar.

Myanmar will meet with Malaysia for the third place on 7 September at 5.45 pm.—MNA

Annual meeting of Htoo Gyi Association on 11 September

YANGON, 5 Sept — The annual meeting of Htoo Gyi Association (Yangon) will be held at Timber Enterprise Dhammayon near Southern Stairway of the Shwedagon Pagoda on Shwedagon Pagoda Road in Dagon Township on 10 September at 2 pm.

Members and locals of Htoo Gyi region should attend the meeting and for further information, one may contact the following numbers: (Tel: 291244, 293056, 294150, 721406, 722015).—MNA

Volume 32 No 9 of Thutapadetha Journal comes out

YANGON, 5 Sept—Volume 32 No 9 of Thutapadetha Journal issued by Sarpay Beikman of Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information has been in circulation.

Included in the journal are progress of cartoons in ASEAN regions, articles—Tadapama Kyaungsaya, Ei-boke-a-twet Sarmyet-hna-thit. Shetkyauk-bwe-ya Kyeindam, Translated poems, humours, short story, international scenery, short notes on knowledge, pieces of news on narcotic drugs.

Contact is to be made to the Manager (Sale), Sarpay Beikman, of No 529/531, Merchant Street, Yangon (Tel 318448) or Sarpay Beikman Book shop on Merchant Street or Sarpay Beikman representatives in Yangon as well as in districts for placing orders.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint...

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Pyithaya Co Ltd cultivated sesame, beans and maize on 1475.78 acres and perennial trees.

At Sinbaungwe, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with departmental officials and members of social organizations.

First, Chairman of Sinbaungwe Township Peace and Development Council reported on land utilization, irrigation and monsoon paddy cultivation, crop and meat production, food and edible oil sufficiency in the region and regional development tasks.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint



Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets with local authorities, members of social organizations and townsenders in Sinbaungwe Township.—MNA

urged the officials concerned to make field trips and to help local residents boost agriculture and farming, to disseminate medical knowledge and to make efforts for high standard of education. Only when authorities and social organizations cooperate with local people,

will Sinbaungwe Township be developed, he added.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Sinbaungwe Township hospital and inspected wards, operation room, medical store and X-ray room. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint

and party proceeded to Sinbaungwe Township Basic Education High School and also inspected the computer aided instruction room, computer skills room and e-Education learning Centre.

During his tour of inspection in Sinbaungwe Township, Lt-Gen Ye

Myint also inspected sesame plantations on either side of Sinbaungwe-Kobin Road, 830 acres of paddy fields on both sides of Aunglan-Taungdingyi Road and 100 acres of monsoon paddy in Taungdingyi Township.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint

viewed the monsoon paddy cultivation in catchment area of Yanpe Dam and urged officials to make efforts to meet the target of 8,715 acres of monsoon paddy. Of 8,715 acres, 6,365 acres have been put under monsoon paddy.

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Commander inspects Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi) construction in Thingangyun

YANGON, 5 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander Maj-Gen Myint Swe this evening inspected the construction

of Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi) in Thingangyun Township and fulfilled the require-

ments. The bridge is being constructed across Ngamoeyeik Creek in

Yangon East District and it links Thingangyun Township and Thaketa Township.

At the briefing hall of the project, Senior Engineer U Han Soe reported to the commander on construction of 300-foot-long approach road and tasks being undertaken for timely completion of work meeting the set standard.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected the laying of foundations of the piles, progress of the construction of approach structures and installation of concrete beams.

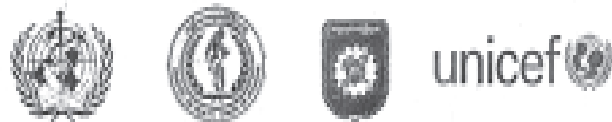
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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects progress of Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi).—MNA

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Prize-presentation of MCWA of SID

YANGON, 5 Sept — Prize-presentation of Maternal and Child Welfare Association of Special Investigation Department of Myanmar Police Force held its anniversary celebration at Aungthabye Yeyeiktha on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road this morning. Present were Head of Organizational Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation wife of the Minister for Home Affairs Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, Patron of MPF MCWA wife of director-general of MPF Daw Khin May Soe and members, chairperson of SID MCWA Daw Kyi Kyi San and members of



Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo presents prize to an outstanding schoolgirl.—MNA

MCWA. Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and party gave vitamin A to children under five. Commander of SID Police Brig-Gen Myint Thin spoke on the occasion. Officials presented prizes to distinction winners in matriculation examination for 2005 and winners of the baby show.—MNA

Tailoring and weaving courses open

YANGON, 5 Sept — Advanced tailoring course No 12 and basic tailoring course No 40 were opened at the domestic science training school of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Lashio this morning, with an opening address by Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Chairman North East Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing. The opening ceremony was attended by local authorities, members of Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and social organizations. The advanced course is being attended by seven women trainees and the basic one by 26.

Similarly, Kengtung domestic training school opened Advanced tailoring course No 12, basic tailoring course No 40 and weaving course No 1. Shan State

(East) PDC Triangle Region Command Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing addressed the opening ceremony. The advanced course is being attended by five women trainees and the basic one by 20 and the weaving course by 2.

Advanced tailoring course No 11 and basic tailoring course No 40 opened in Myeik domestic training school, with an opening speech by Taninthayi Division PDC Chairman Coastal Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe. The advanced course is being attended by two women trainees and the basic one by 37.

Likewise, tailoring and weaving courses for women were opened at the training schools of Muse, Monghsat, Tachilek, Loikaw, Hpa-an, Myawady, Kawthoung and other townships this morning. The course will last 14 weeks. — MNA

Pilgrimages to Bodh Gaya

YANGON, 5 Sept—The Ministry of Religious Affairs has been making arrangements for pilgrimages to Bodh Gaya in Mijjhima region since 1998-1999. And this year also, it is making arrangements for the tours.

There are two pilgrimages. The first one is a 11 day-pilgrimage which covers a trip from Yangon to Bodh Gaya, and the second one is a 16 day-pilgrimage which covers a trip from Yangon to Bodh Gaya via Kolkata.

The two pilgrimages will start by the end of September 2005. Those wishing to go on the tours are to contact Daw Thazin Myint Aung (Aung Chan Tha Bodh Gaya Pilgrimage Group), Power Palace Hotel, of No 16, Pyithaya Street, Bauktaw, Yankin Township (Tel 01-708156, 660843, or 01-544287, 548210, 549668 or 09-99-26108, 09-512-8621) or U Htein Lin (Yangon Bodh Gaya Pilgrimage Transport), of No 55, 17th Street, Latha Township, Yangon (Tel 01-665383 or 01-225989, 225915).—MNA

Construction Minister tours Mon State to assess road works, maintenance of bridges



Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects extension of Hpa-an- Kawkyaik-Kawparan-Zarthabyin-Aphyauk Road.—MNA

YANGON, 5 Sept — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun yesterday arrived at the briefing hall of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) on Mottama Bank and discussed with responsible engineers maintenance of road and bridges on Sittaung-Mottama Section of Yangon-Mawlamyine-Myeik Road. At the meeting, the minister gave instructions on road works and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister and party also went to Sittaung Bridge (Moppalin) construction project and gave instructions.

On 3 September, the minister inspected repairing of road and bridges along Zathinbyin-

Eindu-Hpa-an road. Afterwards, the minister also inspected road repairing and maintenance of bridges along

Hpa-an- Kawkyaik-Kawparan-Zarthabyin-Aphyauk Road.

During his tour of inspection in Mon State,

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun attended to the needs for road and bridge maintenance tasks.

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NPED Deputy Minister arrives back

YANGON, 5 Sept—Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw arrived back here this evening after attending the 8th Task Force Meeting of ASEAN Economic Integration held in Manila, the Philippines, from 2 to 3 September 2005.

Deputy Minister Col Thurein Zaw was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by



Deputy Minister for NPED Col Thurein Zaw arrives back from the Philippines. — MNA

NPED Minister U Soe Tha, departmental officials and families.

MNA

President of MCF Academy U Nyunt Win seen at the airport.—MNA

MCF President arrives back

YANGON, 5 Sept — At the invitation of Asia Cricket Council, U Nyunt Win, President of Myanmar Cricket Federation, who attended the training course on administration and management of ACC held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam from 27 to 31 August arrived back here by air last night.

He was welcomed

back at Yangon International Airport by Vice-President U Maung Maung, General Secretary Daw Swe Zin Htaik and executives. MCF will conduct the tasks on administration in cooperation with ACC and widely run cricket management in Myanmar in collaboration with the artistes.

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Clue for future lies in youth

* Today's Myanmar youth

You're seeing them, aren't you?

They're matchless if you come to it?

With feeling of victory at heart

Won the Cup!

* In the presence of all

There is incessant victory

The apparent gain is

Myanmar's Spirit.

* Human resources

To be born, we strive

How is the result?

For you to discern if asked

It is surely distinctive

The group of our Myanmar youths

A repeated and worthy

Triumph that was won

Will be exhibited.

Byan Hlwar (Trs)

Myanmar Youth Selected Football Team to be accorded rousing welcome

YANGON, 5 Sept—The Myanmar Youth Selected Football Team that emerges champion in the AFF U-17 Youth Championship 2005 will be arriving here by air from Bangkok at 12.10 pm tomorrow.

The victorious youth football team will be accorded a rousing welcome by the people from the junction of Yangon International Airport, 8th Mile junction, Hledan junction, along Alon road, U Wisara roundabout, junction of U Wisara Road and Shwedagon Pagoda, along Shwedagon Pagoda road, Bogyoke Aung San junction, junction of Traders Hotel, in front of Thamada Cinema, to Aung San Stadium.—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

Malaysia to go ahead with "crooked" bridge

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Sept — Malaysia has decided to go ahead with plans to build a bridge to replace its half of a causeway linking the country to Singapore, despite objections from its neighbour, Malaysia's *New Sunday Times* said on Sunday.

The issue could test the current strength of Malaysia-Singapore relations, which have warmed since Malaysia's ex-premier, Mahathir Mohamad, handed power to Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in late 2003. "Singapore is expected to be informed of the decision at a two-day meeting of senior officials in Putrajaya on Tuesday," the newspaper said in a report that quoted unnamed sources. Putrajaya is Malaysia's administrative capital.

Mahathir had unveiled the unusual plan to build a bridge to replace half of the 500-metre causeway spanning the

strait in 2003, after the island state rejected his original plan to jointly build a bridge to replace the entire causeway.

Malaysia says its "crooked" bridge, so called because of its convoluted design, would boost traffic flow and ease jams on its side of the 81-year-old causeway, allow ships to pass beneath and improve water quality by unblocking the waters of the strait.

Singapore opposes the original plan on cost grounds and has raised its own environmental concerns over the crooked bridge, which would merge with Singapore's half of the causeway.

As talks on the issue have dragged on, Malaysia has gone ahead with a key part of its 1.1-billion-ringgit (292-million-US-dollar) project, a Customs, immigration and quarantine (CIQ) centre at Johor Baru, the main gateway to Malaysia from Singapore.

"Malaysia has waited too long for Singapore to respond," the *New Sunday Times* quoted an unnamed source as saying. "We have no choice but to go it alone because work on the new CIQ complex in Johor Baru is reaching an advanced stage of completion."

Malaysia's new Customs, immigration and

quarantine centre is due to open next May and will be linked to the existing causeway by a temporary access road until the bridge is built, it said. Malaysia's crooked bridge is designed so that Singapore can later build a bridge to join up with it, and replace the causeway altogether, if it chooses, the newspaper said.

MNA/Reuters

India's foreign exchange reserves rise

NEW DELHI, 5 Sept — India's foreign exchange reserves resumed their upward journey, rising by 623 million US dollars during the week that ended on 26 August, 2005.

The reserves, which fell last week by 1.1 billion US dollars after continuously rising for three weeks, stood at 143.841 billion US dollars, according to Reserve Bank of India's weekly statistical supplement released in Mumbai on Saturday.

Foreign currency as-

sets also increased by 616 million US dollars, standing at 137.999 billion US dollars as on 26 August, RBI said. The rise in inflows was primarily due to revaluation of non-US foreign currencies such as euro, British pound and Japanese yen, analysts said. — MNA/Xinhua

Latest Paris blaze kills 12, injures 13

PARIS, 5 Sept — An apartment block fire killed 12 people and injured 13 in the southern suburbs of Paris early on Sunday, the French fire service said, bringing to more than 30 the number of deaths in recent serious blazes in the capital.

Some 160 firefighters tackled the fire which broke out in the entrance hall of the 15-floor building in l'Hay-les-Roses at around 1 am (2300 GMT Saturday), a spokesman said.

He said most of the victims were choked by fumes. The fire was quickly brought under control, but the cause was not immediately known.

It was the latest in a spate of fires in

or around Paris which had already killed 24 people, mostly Africans, in a matter of weeks and raised questions over fire safety and the treatment of immigrants.

After a fatal fire less than a week ago, in which seven people died, President Jacques Chirac demanded action on fire safety to prevent further tragedies.

MNA/Reuters

15 killed in Pakistani road accident

ISLAMABAD, 5 Sept — At least 15 people were killed and some others injured when a speeding oil tanker collided head-on with a passenger bus Saturday in northwestern Pakistan.

The accident happened on the main Indus

Highway, about 150 kilometres south of Peshawar, capital of the North-West Frontier Province, private Geo television reported.

All those died were travelling in the bus that left Peshawar for Dera Ismail Khan, a major city in the region.

A rescue police team extracted bodies from the bus, which was almost destroyed in the accident.

The injured were taken to a nearby hospital. The condition of three injured were stated to be critical.

MNA/Xinhua



The death toll inflicted by typhoon Talim in China climbed to 95, and 30 others have gone missing, according to the Ministry of Civil Affairs on 5 September, 2005. — INTERNET



Performers from the Tibet Autonomous Region of China showed their traditional singing and dancing in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark on 3 September, 2005. — INTERNET

Nigeria arrests suspected drug trafficker

LAGOS, 5 Sept — The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) of Nigeria has arrested a Togolese national crossing the border to Benin with 700 grammes of substances suspected to be cocaine, an NDLEA official said here at the weekend.

Ene Tony-Ray, the NDLEA commander in charge of Seme, said the suspect who gave his name as Sule Lasisi "was arrested in small hours of 30 August at Gbaji, Seme-Badagry border town by vigilante officials of the NDLEA."

He added that the substances was "discovered in a black cellophane bag hidden in the

air vent of a commercial vehicle" the suspect had boarded from Lagos, the commercial capital of Nigeria.

Tony-Ray said Lasisi was a commercial minibus driver contracted by a drug baron in Lagos to deliver the drug to another courier in Togo.

The NDLEA official said follow-up investigations led to the ar-

rest of one Okechukwu Collins in Lagos believed to be the baron that contracted Lasisi.

In June this year, the Seme Command of the NDLEA also arrested another Togolese driver who was travelling from Ghana to Lagos with 3 kilos of cocaine worth over 5 million naira (about 37,800 US dollars). — MNA/Xinhua

Typhoon Talim leaves 95 dead, 30 missing in China

BEIJING, 5 Sept — The death toll inflicted by typhoon Talim in China climbed to 95 by Monday, and 30 others have gone missing, according to the Ministry of Civil Affairs on Monday. Causing direct economic losses of 12.19 billion yuan (about 1.5 billion US dollars), the typhoon brought torrential rainfall, severe landslides and mudflows to provinces of Zhejiang, Anhui, Fujian and Jiangxi in east China and Hubei in central China, said the ministry.

In one of the worst hit provinces of Anhui, 59 people have been reported dead and 12 others missing. Economic loss there has reached 2.75 billion yuan (335 million US dollars).

The ministry has dispatched working teams to the affected regions to help local authorities with relief work. Vice Minister Jia Zhibang on Monday also headed a team jointly comprised of officials from the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the Ministry of Finance to Anhui on Monday. — MNA/Xinhua

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Czechs stock up on gasoline as price rises hit

PRAGUE 4 Sept—Czech drivers lined up at petrol stations around the country on Saturday to fill their tanks as prices soared and retailers warned of more rises to come following the Hurricane Katrina disaster, Czech media reported.

News agency CTK said gasoline prices jumped by up to 3.40 crowns (14 US cents) per litre overnight from Friday, and quoted unnamed firms as saying the rise may reach as much as 6 crowns per litre over the weekend, or about 20 per cent.

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Egypt to propose anti-terror initiative at UN summit

CAIRO, 4 Sept—Egypt will submit an initiative calling to hold a special general assembly meeting on anti-terror at the UN summit slated for September 14-16 in New York, the Egyptian Mail reported on Saturday. The newspaper quoted a Foreign Ministry source as saying that Foreign Minister Ahmed Gheit has sent a letter to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, notifying him of Egypt's intention to propose the initiative on anti-terror-ism.—MNA/Xinhua

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Peru finds giant crocodile fossil in Amazon

LIMA(Peru), 4 Sept— Peruvian explorers have discovered the fossilized remains of a giant, 46-foot(14-metre)-long crocodile deep in the Amazon jungle, lending credence to a theory that the world's largest rain forest was once a huge inland sea, a scientist said on Friday.

A French-funded expedition of 12 scientists found the remains of the crocodile's huge skeleton, jaw and teeth under the thick undergrowth of Peru's northern jungle which is part of the Amazon basin.

Once weighing nine tons and with a 4-foot (1.3-metre)-long head, the crocodile is only the second fossil discovery of its kind in three decades, said Rodolfo Salas, head of paleontology at the National History Museum of Peru, whose expedition received funding from the University of Toulouse and French clothing company Devanlay. "This rare find should help us prove that today's Amazon jungle was once an inland sea, possibly connected to the Caribbean," Salas told Reuters. — MNA/Reuters

Penguin prepays \$100,000 for Chinese book's English version

BELING, 4 Sept— In China's most expensive overseas book deal ever, British Penguin Group has prepaid 100,000 US dollars, 10 per cent of the total purchase value, to buy the English copyright of Chinese bestseller "The Wolf Totem".

The Penguin Group, under the British Pearson Education company, bought the copyright from central China's Wuhan-based Changjiang Literary Art Press here Thursday.

According to the contract, the English version of "The Wolf Totem" will be published in all English-speaking countries simultaneously in 2007.

"The Wolf Totem" tells the story of a provin-

cial youth, grassland wolves and Inner Mongolian nomads in the 1960s and 1970s. Writer Jiang Rong uses epic narration to depict Inner Mongolia's grassland environment and nomadic culture.

The novel has topped China's bestseller list for 16 continuous months since last April, selling about one million copies.

The critical acclaim for the book in the Western media has caught the

attention of overseas publishers.

Zhou Hailun, general manager of the Beijing branch of Penguin Group China, who is obsessed by grassland wolves, said the purchase of the novel's English copyright is a significant step for Penguin Group's march into the Chinese market.

The 70-year-old Penguin Group has published such Chinese masterpiece as "The Dream of Red

Mansions", "A Surrounded City" and "Red Sorghum".

According to the State Administration of Press and Publication, China exported 1,314 book copyrights, while importing 10,040, in 2004. The average subscription fee for China's exported copyrights is about 5,000 dollars, only 6 per cent-7 per cent of the total value of the copyrights.

MNA/Xinhua

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Scientists forecast more US Atlantic hurricanes in upcoming months

LOS ANGELES, 4 Sept— The Hurricane Katrina, which has caused huge disaster in New Orleans, is not the last one in this blustering season, and more storms, including six hurricanes, will hit US Atlantic coast over the next two months, scientists forecast on Friday.

Five named storms, including four hurricanes, are expected to occur in September, with three named storms including two hurricanes in October, according to the forecast. The net tropical cyclone activity will go far beyond the average levels.

"We expect that by the time the 2005 hurricane season is over, we will witness seasonal tropical cyclone activity at near-record levels," said William Gray and Philip Klotzbach, atmospheric scientists at the Colorado State University. "We are continuing the bad news by predicting above-average activity for September and October. This year should be one of the most active and is already the most destructive hurricane season on record."

The two researchers, releasing their forecast of Atlantic hurricane activity for September and October 2005, said that record amount of storms have occurred from this June through August, but the active season is far from over.

"Information obtained through 31

August 2005 shows that we have already experienced 110 per cent of the average full season net tropical cyclone (NTC) activity. In an average year, 33 per cent of the seasonal average NTC of 100 occurs before the end of August," their report said.

The hurricane forecast team said there is a 43-per-cent chance an intense hurricane will hit the US coast in September and a 15-per-cent chance in October. The long-term average is 27 per cent in September and 6 per cent in October.

The Atlantic hurricane season already has seen 13 named storms, including Maria, which formed on Friday. Four storms became hurricanes. The 50-year average per season from 1950 to 2000 is 9.6 named storms, 5.9 hurricanes and 2.3 intense hurricanes.

The record high frequency and intensity of the hurricanes might be attributed to long-term fluctuations in the Atlantic Ocean thermohaline circulation, but not the global warming, the researchers argued. — MNA/Xinhua



Poland's Guard of Honour stands at attention on 1 September, 2005, in front of the Westerplatte monument erected where the first shots of World War II were fired on 1 September, 1939, in Gdansk.—INTERNET

Zimbabwean railway introduces satellite tracking system

HARARE, 4 Sept — The National Railways of Zimbabwe (NRZ) will next month install a satellite tracking system that will revolutionize the parastatal's communication system and see a marked reduction in locomotive accidents, a Cabinet minister has said.

Minister of Transport and Communications Christopher Mushowe said on Friday the installation of the satellite tracking system would improve efficiency and reduce accidents.

The satellite tracking system will enable the tracking of both passenger and goods trains along the country's rail network. Mushowe said the NRZ could not quickly locate trains due to a poor and outdated signalling system and the satellite tracking system would ensure that all trains were tracked via satellite.

Mushowe said the installation was part of the parastatal's turnaround strategy that

had seen the installation of signal equipment and the computerization of the booking system.

Satellite tracking enables a central control room to monitor the movement of all trains, from the time they leave to when they arrive at their prescribed destinations.

The tracking also enables the control room to locate any breakdowns and assign help if necessary. The Zimbabwean Government will soon acquire more commuter trains from China and part of the money had already been released to the manufacturers by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe.

MNA/Xinhua

18 killed in taxi accident in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 4 Sept— Eighteen people died on Friday when a minibus taxi plunged down a cliff along the N1 between Makhado and Musina, Limpopo Province.

Police spokesman Captain Mashudu Malelo said it appeared the 16-passenger taxi was overloaded. It was carrying 26 passengers, 18 of whom had been confirmed dead. He said the accident happened in the early hours of Friday.

Speaking from the scene of the accident, Malelo said police were still trying to recover other bodies.—MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Balaban double earns Croatia 3-1 win over Iceland

REYKJAVIK, 5 Sept— Bosko Balaban scored twice in six minutes to help Croatia beat Iceland 3-1 in a World Cup qualifier on Saturday and stay on course for a place in next year's finals in Germany.

Balaban struck in the 56th and 61st minutes after the hosts had taken a surprise first-half lead through Chelsea striker Eidur Gudjohnsen, in the 24th minute.

Although Iceland wasted two good chances of stretching their early advantage before the break, Croatia dominated the second period with three goals to stay on top of European zone Group Eight with 19 points.

Second-placed Sweden have 18 points with Hungary in third on 13.

Balaban equalized after heading home a Marko Babic cross from the right and then put Croatia ahead when he finished off another cross, this time from Darijo Srna, his shot bouncing off Iceland goalkeeper Arni Gautur Arason's back into the goal.

Srna sealed the win with a penalty in the 82nd minute.—MNA/Reuters



Boston Red Sox Edgar Renteria (R) tags out Baltimore Orioles Brian Roberts who was attempting to steal second during the third inning at Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts, on 4 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Costa Rica cruise to easy win in Panama

PANAMA CITY, 5 Sept— Costa Rica emerged as firm favourites to take the third CONCACAF spot at the 2006 World Cup after their 3-1 win away to Panama on Saturday.

The win kept Costa Rica, who have 10 points from seven games, third in the final stage of the CONCACAF qualifiers and took them three points ahead of Guatemala, who lost 3-2 in Trinidad & Tobago.

The top three teams qualify directly and the fourth team plays off against the fifth team from the Asian region.

The United States, who lead with 18 points, have already qualified and Mexico, who have 16, need one point from their last three games.

Costa Rica, missing striker Paulo Wanchope through suspension but boosted by the presence of 5,000 fans who crossed the border for the game, went ahead when Alvaro Saborio scored against the run of play two minutes before half-time.

Walter Centeno and Ronald Gomez added two more goals in the second half before 38-year-old veteran Jorge Dely Valdes scored an injury-time consolation for Panama. Panama are bottom of the group with two points.—MNA/Reuters

Portugal rout Luxembourg to close in on finals

FARO (Portugal), 5 Sept— Pauleta and Simao Sabrosa hit two goals apiece to help Portugal crush Luxembourg 6-0 on Saturday to take a big step towards next year's World Cup finals.

Portugal top Group Three with 23 points from nine matches going into their game in Russia on Wednesday. Russia, who beat Liechtenstein 2-0, share second place with Slovakia on 18.

Defender Jorge Andrade opened the scoring after 23 minutes with a header from a Luis Figo free kick.

Figo, who gained the first of his 114 caps against Luxembourg in 1991, also provided the cross for the second goal, a 30th-minute header by defender Ricardo Carvalho.—MNA/Reuters

Serbs set record in win over Lithuania

BELGRADE, 5 Sept— Goals from Mateja Kezman and Sasa Ilic gave Serbia and Montenegro a 2-0 win over Lithuania in their World Cup qualifier on Saturday and lifted them to the top of Group Seven.

The Serbs, who became the first team to play seven successive qualifiers without conceding a goal, have 15 points from seven matches, two more than second-placed Spain ahead of their potential group decider in Madrid on Wednesday.

Kezman opened the scoring in the 18th minute after the Lithuania defence failed to clear a Dejan Stankovic cross from the left. The ball fell kindly for the striker, who rifled it home with a crisp low shot from 10 metres.—MNA/Reuters

Paraguay stun Argentina to close in on World Cup

ASUACION, 5 Sept— Roque Santa Cruz scored an early goal to give Paraguay a 1-0 win over Argentina on Saturday, their first-ever in a World Cup qualifier, and move them close to a place at the 2006 World Cup finals.

Argentina, already sure of their place, were outplayed and reduced to 10 men in the 56th minute when defender Gabriel Heinze was sent off for a second bookable offence.

Paraguay, who stayed fourth in the 10-nation South American qualifying group, have 25 points from 16 games and are five clear of Colombia and Chile, who have three matches each left starting on Sunday.

Argentina lead the table with 31 points. The top four teams qualify directly for Germany and the fifth plays off against the Oceania region winners.

Paraguay made a flying start and Argentina goalkeeper Roberto Abbondanzieri was called into action after six minutes when he turned Nelson Haedo's shot around the post.

The pressure paid off in the 15th minute when Santa Cruz, who overcame a thigh injury to make the starting line-up, burst into the centre of the Argentina

defence, blocked an attempted clearance by Heinze and slipped the ball past Abbondanzieri.

On a chilly afternoon in front of a rowdy crowd at the Defensores of the Chaco stadium, Argentina slowly came alive, with midfielder Juan Roman Riquelme twice trying his luck from long range but missing the target.

Cesar Delgado, Juan Pablo Sorin and Heinze were all close as Argentina enjoyed their best spell after the break but the game turned back in Paraguay's favour after Heinze's red card.

Paraguay's best effort came with nine minutes left when Julio dos Santos led a counter-attack and slipped the ball to Haedo, whose shot struck the post.

Argentina brought on 18-year-old striker Lionel Messi — sent off after less than two minutes of his international debut against Hungary last month — in the 81st minute but he did not have a chance to make an impact.—MNA/Reuters

N Ireland beat Azerbaijan 2-0 to end win drought

BELFAST, 5 Sept— Northern Ireland ended a four-year stretch without a competitive home win with a 2-0 victory over bottom-placed Azerbaijan in their World Cup qualifier at Windsor Park on Saturday.

After a shaky start to the European Group Six match, the home side went on the attack but were unable to capitalize until the hour mark when forward Stuart Elliott lofted in a free kick.

Substitute Warren Feeney delivered Northern Ireland's second goal, his first for the side, with a penalty in the 85th minute after a foul by Azerbaijan's Rafael Amirbekov on midfielder Keith Gillespie.—MNA/Reuters

John's late double keeps Trinidad in the hunt

PORT OF SPAIN, 5 Sept— Stern John scored twice in the last five minutes as Trinidad and Tobago produced a dramatic comeback to beat Guatemala 3-2 in a World Cup qualifier on Saturday.

The result pulled the Caribbean islanders level on seven points from seven games with the Central Americans in the final stage of the CONCACAF qualifying competition.

Both teams are attempting to reach their first World Cup.

Guatemala, however, stayed ahead of Trinidad in the six team group as they have the better overall record after winning 5-1 at home earlier in the group.

The visitors took the lead after three minutes when Guillermo Ramirez scored from a free kick.

But the Soca Warriors took control of the game and equalized two minutes after the break with an individual effort from 37-year-old Russell Latapy, who came out of international retirement for the game.

The Scottish-based former captain, who played his last international four years ago, decided to return after personal appeals from teammate Dwight Yorke and CONCACAF president Jack Warner.

Gonzalo Romero put Guatemala back in front after 61 minutes, converting a pass by Carlos Ruiz.

But the visitors were stunned when Latapy set up John for the equalizer in the 86th minute and the Coventry City striker scored the winner with the next move of the game.—MNA/Reuters



Ferrari's Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher of Germany is reflected on the top windows of the pits during the third free practice session for the Italian Grand Prix in Monza on 3 September, 2005. The Italian Formula One Grand Prix will take place on Sunday.—INTERNET

Eight killed in latest Afghan violence

KANDHAR (Afghanistan), 5 Sept— Suspected Taliban gunmen killed five Afghan policemen in an ambush on Sunday, the latest incident in a wave of violence ahead of 18 September elections, an official said.

Security is the main worry two weeks before the country goes to the polls to elect a Lower House of Parliament and councils in its 34 provinces, the next big step on its difficult path to stability.

"The district police chief along with three of his body guards and his nephew were killed in the Taliban ambush," said Mohammad Wali Alizai, a spokesman for the governor of troubled Helmand Province in the south. Three Taliban fighters were killed and two wounded when government forces counter-attacked after the ambush in a remote part of the province, he said. Taliban officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

The area where the fighting took place is plagued



CASH DONATION—A member of the Administrative Board of Hninzigon Home for the Aged accepts cash K 100,000 donated by wellwishers, U Tun Tun Wai and Daw Khin Sein Min (a) Daw Pale of Pazundaung Township, Yangon, recently. — H

by drug gangs as well as Taliban insurgents.

The United States has 20,000 troops in Afghanistan, most of whom focus on election security, as do 10,000 NATO-led peacekeepers and tens of thousands of government forces.

MNA/Reuters

ASLEEP IN JESUS Capt P Aung Win (Retd) (96 years)

Residing at No 12, Kyaung Lan, Kyauk Kone, Yankin Township and beloved husband of late Daw Thauing Shwe, beloved father of U Aung Min Win (Retd MPE)-Daw Si Si Mar, Daw Si Mar Win (Dy Asst Director MICS-Rtd)-U Ohn Myint (Director, MICS), grandfather of five and great grandfather of six fell asleep in Jesus peacefully on 4th September 2005 at midnight. Funeral service will be held at Kanbe Baptist Church, Kyauk Kone at 11.00 am on Wednesday, 7th September 2005 and thence to Yayway cemetery for entombment. Cars will leave the above-mentioned Church at 12.00 noon.

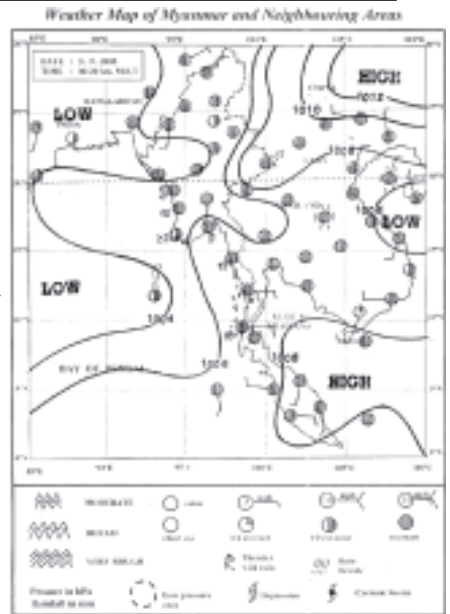
Bereaved family

U Hla Htun (Age 59 years)

Director, Taw Win Travel Company Limited
Branch Manager, Mandalay

The Board of Directors and Staff of Taw Win Travel Company, Limited, are profoundly saddened by the untimely demise of their dear colleague U Hla Htun, in the morning of 1 September 2005. They offer their heartfelt condolences to his beloved mother, brother, sisters, nieces and nephews while offering a prayer that he gain his heavenly reward.

Taw Win Travel Co Ltd (Yangon/Bagan/Taunggyi)



WEATHER

Monday, 5 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the northern Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and upper Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, and lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions, scattered in Mon State and Yangon Division, widespread in Chin State, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Patheingyi (1.07) inches, Bago (1.02) inches, Hakha (0.99) inch, Pyin Oo Lwin (0.63) inch, Monywa (0.28) inch and Aungmye (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-9-2005 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 5-9-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-9-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 4-9-2005 was 4.7 hrs approx. Rainfalls on 5-9-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 72.95 inches at Mingaladon, 75.91 inches at Kaba-Aye and 79.41 inches at central Yangon.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Bay of Bengal.


Forecast valid until evening of 6-9-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, widespread in Mon State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions 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: Decrease of rain in the whole country.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-9-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-9-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.



Tuesday, 6 September
View on today:

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကျွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာယော နာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေး အားပေးမှု၊ အားပေးမှု မဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မစေတီက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘာသာဂါရု၊ ဆရာတော်ဘုရား ဝိနိစ္ဆာသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ် တာရားတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am</p> <p>5. ကဗျာနိဂုံးယုဉ်</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>6. အတိတ်ပြန်</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>7. Song of yesteryears</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>8. အတိတ်ပြန်</p>	<p>8:25 am</p> <p>9. သင်ပုန်းရေလှောင်တံခံ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>10. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>11. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. အစောင့်အရှောက်လုပ်ညွှတ်ရေး ရုပ်ပြိုင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Dance of national races</p> <p>4:55 pm</p> <p>5. ၂၀၀၅ ရ နှစ်၊ တေရသမ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) ပြန်စာရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင် ကြရန်(ကလေးစာအုပ်အတတ်ပညာဆိုင် တေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၃-၂၀) (အမျိုးသား)</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>6. ခံစားနားဆင် တေးစာတံဝင်</p> <p>5:20 pm</p> <p>7. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုးပြည့်အကျိုး</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>8. Sing and Enjoy</p>	<p>6:10 pm</p> <p>9. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းစာတမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်ရယ်ဆော့ဆွဲ ပုရွက်ဆိတ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>10. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>11. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ရွေးချယ်လေးရဲရဲပုပြိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)</p> <p>7:35 pm</p> <p>13. (၂၃)ကြိမ်ပြောင်း အရှေ့တောင် အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြတင်ပြိုင်ဆိုင်မှုများ (လက်စာ)</p> <p>7:45 pm</p> <p>14. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>15. News</p> <p>8:10 pm</p> <p>16. International news</p> <p>8:20 pm</p> <p>17. Weather report</p> <p>8:30 pm</p> <p>18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "မျှော်လင့်ချက်မရှိဘဲ" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)</p> <p>8:40 pm</p> <p>19. The next day's programme</p>
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Tuesday, 6 September

Tune in today:

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: -Hello

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: -Love you more

8:55 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music: -Real life

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music: -When you're looking like that

1:30 pm News/Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music -Maybe

-I love you always forever

9:00 pm English Lesson Level (II) Unit (II)

9:15 pm Article/Music

9:25 pm Weekly sports reel

9:35 pm Music for your listening pleasure -Forever love

9:45 pm News/Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

The important thing is to discover persons of industrial talent in the zones and to render practical assistance to them

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capable of mass-producing high quality ironwares, he said.

He said cast iron can be pressed and cut and heat treatment can also be made. Arrangements are to be made for full operation of the factories, supply of necessary raw materials and purchase of catalyst for production of high quality products. He said recruitment of skilled workers, capital and marketing are important factors. That was why he gave impetus to the board of directors or administrative board that can lead the factories and lay down plans. Only when full operation can be made in the foundries, will they gain profits, he added.

He said according to the data received, it is heartening to learn the production targets of foundry shops, press shops and forging shops. Mandalay Industrial Zone will produce nine items weighing nearly 1,200 tons,



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects machines and machine parts displayed at the meeting hall.—MNA

Monywa Industrial Zone 29 items of spare parts weighing over 850 tons and Ayethaya Industrial Zone 49 items weighing 780 tons in the first year.

He said foundry shops, press shops and forging shops can manufacture spare parts for power tillers, harvesters, winnowing and harrowing ma-

chines, dryers, compressors, water pumps and electric turbines and farm equipment for mechanized farming.

In addition to agro-

based industries, industries based on agricultural products, auto assembling industries and spare manufacturing industries and import-substitute indus-

tries will also emerge. There are also matters to consider from economic and technological point of views to choose the (See page 8)

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects road construction project in Magway Division, monsoon paddy cultivation in Sinbaungwe, Taungdwingyi

YANGON, 5 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, on 3 September arrived at Kopin-Sanmagyi-Thityakauk Road construction project in Magway Division and gave instructions on upgrading of the road.

Regarding the road works, a senior engineer of Public Works reported on tasks carried out and stockpile of gravel.

Thityakauk-Sanmagyi-Kopin Road is 21 miles and 3 furlongs in length and Magway District Public

Works has paved the 30-foot-wide motor road with gravel. Arrangements have been made to upgrade the road to tarred one.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint also gave instructions on construction of district-to-district linking road No 1 in the division. The road links Ainmanak on the border between Magway and Mandalay to Aunglan Township on the border between Magway and Bago. It is 132 miles and 6 furlongs in length. Public Works and Magway Division Development Affairs Department share the construction of the district-to-district linking road. Public Works has tarred 57 miles and 3 furlongs and Magway Division ADA has paved 40 miles 6 furlongs with gravel.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to

Pyithiya Agriculture Co Ltd on Thityakauk-Kopin Road and inspected sesame and maize plantations of the Ltd.

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Literacy is not just for reading but for building knowledge. The scope of education is very broad. It is important for every person to be literate and for every literate person to gain knowledge from their studies. Ward and village education centres and self-reliant libraries are of great value and play a vital role.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects maize plantations grown by Pyithaya Agriculture Co.—MNA