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YANGON, 8 Sept— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Dr H Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia for the loss of lives and property caused by the recent plane crash in Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia. —MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of sympathy to Indonesia

YANGON, 8 Sept— Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Jusuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia for the loss of lives and property caused by the recent plane crash in Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia. —MNA

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

Continuous efforts made for ensuring literacy for all citizens Adult literacy rises to 94.1 per cent in 2005



YANGON, 8 Sept — Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the 2005 International Literacy Day and United Nations Literacy Decade at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, members of MEC, ambassadors of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies, chairmen and

Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the ceremony to mark 2005 International Literacy Day and United Nations Literacy Decade.— MNA

Ensuring literacy for all citizens and literacy in sustainable development, providing access to permanent learning at any time for people of all ages for creating a continuous learning society.

officials of social organizations, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Education, the chairman of Myanmar Board of Examinations, rectors, principals of Education Colleges, township education officers
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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

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From theory to practice

Our national goal is emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democracy and it is only through the united strength of the entire national people that our common goal can be realized.

Being one of the national forces, the Union Solidarity and Development Association is taking an active part in the construction of a modern and developed nation. For the members of the association to be able to do their bit in the national development endeavours, various courses designed to hone their abilities and skills are regularly conducted.

The concluding ceremony of the Myanmar and International Studies Course No 9 organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the training centre of the association in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, on 7 September, and it was attended by Member of the USDA Central Panel of Patrons Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister urged the trainees to adhere to "our three main national causes", to strive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation with Union Spirit and to put into practice what they had learnt at the course. New generation youths who would take the leadership role in the future Myanmar society should fully realize the value of the Union, Union Spirit, sovereignty and independence and defend the Union. And in building the nation into a modern and developed democratic nation, they must do so in accordance with the national policies and political programmes.

The USDA regularly conducts various courses with the aim of turning out citizens with deep conviction and high efficiency. At the Myanmar and international studies courses, lectures on national politics and security, political, economic and social developments of the nation and international affairs are given. As a result, the trainees have been able to make a comparative study of Myanmar and international affairs.

We believe that the new generation youths will actively take part in the construction of a peaceful, modern and developed nation by upholding "our three main national causes" and by correctly applying what they have learnt at the course to their practical life.

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People's Desire

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

Commander inspects tax free markets

YANGON, 8 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected Konmyinthaya Tax-Free Market, Nawade Tax-free Market, Yankin Tax-free Market, Tamway Tax-free Market, Hanthawady Tax-free Market and Pantaya Lane Tax-free Market in Yangon City this morning.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe oversaw the sales of the household goods, vegetable and egg, fish and meat, rice and oil vendors in the markets,

and cordially greeted the shoppers and shopkeepers. The commander then fulfilled the requirements.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects tax-free market on Pantaya Lane in Dagon Township.

MNA

Nine-Precepts to be administered on 10 September

YANGON, 8 Sept — Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw of Shwetaung Pali University in Yenangyoung, Magway Division, Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhama Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Tejaniya will administer the Nine Precepts on 10 September (Saturday) after morning session of Myanmar Radio and Television - MRTV. — MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Tajikistan counterpart

YANGON, 9 Sept — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Talbak Nazarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Tajikistan, which falls on 9 September, 2005.—MNA

Cash donated for rural area development

YANGON, 8 Sept — Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association In-charge of Mon State U Ohn Myint on 5 September went to Laming, Ye Township, Mon State, and accepted cash donated by local residents to be spent on rural area development.

At the cash donation ceremony organized by Laming USDA, the CEC member also accepted USDA membership applications. An official of Laming USDA

also awarded outstanding students who passed matriculation exam for 2005 academic year with distinctions.

During his tour of Mon State, USDA CEC Member U Ohn Myint also met with Thanbyuzayat Township USDA members at the township USDA office and called for implementation of future tasks laid down by the association.

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National Workshop for the Copyright Awareness continues

YANGON, 8 Sept — A National Workshop for the Copyright Awareness and the Utilization and Production of the Myanmar Version of "Asian Copyright Handbook" continued today at Traders Hotel. At the workshop, matters related to collecting the data for the handbook were discussed by two groups.

Present on the occasion were CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, officials of ACCU, departmental officials, literati, resource persons and advisers. Afterwards, the participants took part in the discussions on copyright problems, writing, publishing, music creation, com-



National Workshop for Copyright Awareness and the Utilization and Production of Myanmar Version of "Asian Copyright Handbook" in progress at Traders Hotel.—MNA

posing songs, buying and use of video plays.

Next, resource persons and advisers answered the queries raised by those

present.

Soon after holding the workshop, "Asian Copyright Handbook" will be published in Myanmar

version with the additional supplement of materials related to the knowledge on copyright.

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Expert warns of water reduction in River Nile basin

KAMPALA, 7 Sept—An expert has warned that a rapid increase in demand for livestock will put enormous pressure on water resources around the River Nile basin in future, according to local reports on Tuesday.

The Director General of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) based in Ethiopia, Carlos Sere was quoted by local media as saying that demand for livestock products will put enormous pressure on water resources and that the importance of livestock in managing water resources in the Nile basin has been overlooked.

Sere was speaking at the opening of a regional conference on the Nile basin livestock water productivity in Kampala on Monday.

The conference under the theme of "developing a shared vision for livestock production" has drawn participants from Uganda, Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia. Sere said the Nile basin water sustains life for

about 200 million people from 10 African countries.

"The Nile basin is home to about 200 million people. Water is the key resource determining their presence. Livestock are key to people's livelihood and currently utilize a significant part of water," Sere said. He said with population predicted to double by 2025, all countries that are sustained by the Nile basin waters face a major challenge of feeding their growing population.

"Already water shortages constrain food production in many parts of the River Nile basin, producing more food will require more water unless producers and food processors use the available water more efficiently," he added.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Four security guards from Virginia-based firm killed in Iraq

HERNDON, 8 Sept — Four US security guards killed in Basra, Iraq, today when their S-U-V- was bombed were from a Virginia-based security company.

The men, Ronald Hyatt, Robert McCoy, Robert Pole and Ryan Young worked for Herndon-based Triple Canopy. The company is doing contract work for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, which is responsible for protecting US diplomats at home and abroad.

Company officials confirmed the deaths late this evening and say the men were part of an elite group of highly skilled security professionals.—*Internet*

Six die in El Salvador from heavy rains

SAN SALVADOR, 7 Sept— At least six people died in El Salvador on Tuesday when heavy rains caused a wall to collapse and triggered landslides, officials said.

In Ciudad Delgado, northeast of the capital San Salvador, a 19-year-old woman, her one-year-old child and a 24-year-old man were buried in a landslide, national emergency agency Coen said.

Two others may have died in Delgado, although that was not confirmed. Another person died in a mudslide in Mejicanos, north of the capital. And in San Marcos to the south, a mother and her young child

were killed when a wall collapsed on top of them.

El Salvador's ground is soaked and rivers swollen from weeks of intense rains, causing danger for neighbourhoods built on steep mountainsides and riverbanks.

Officials rescued 45 families on Tuesday, including six people injured in mudslides, on the edge of Ilopango lake to the east of San Salvador.

—*MNA/Reuters*



Chinese tourists watch the tide on the bank of Qiantang River in Hangzhou on 7 September, 2005.—*INTERNET*

Car bomb blast wounds 6 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 8 Sept — A car bomb struck a convoy of four-wheel drive vehicles usually used by foreign contractors in Baghdad on Wednesday, destroying one of the vehicles, wounding an occupant and five Iraq civilians, police said.

"A car parked on the

side of a road in Baghdad's Karada District near a gas station detonated at about 9:00 am (0500 GMT) as a convoy of sport utility vehicles (SUV) was passing by destroying one of vehicles," police officer Captain Ahmed Abdullah told *Xinhua*.

—*MNA/Xinhua*

Boeing wins Singapore's fighter replacement contract

SINGAPORE, 7 Sept—Singapore has chosen American Boeing's F-15 for its Next Fighter Replacement Programme (NFRP), according to a spokesperson from the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) on Tuesday. "MINDEF is now in the process of seeking final clarifications and contract negotiation with Boeing," the spokesperson said in a statement.

It knocked French Dassault's Rafale out of the bid for the NFRP contract worth more than one billion US dollars.

In April this year, the ministry ruled the

Eurofighter Typhoon out from its selection, saying that the fighter's systems and the supplier's committed schedule for the delivery did not meet the requirements.

—*MNA/Xinhua*

Egyptian Govt compensates fire victims

CAIRO, 7 Sept—Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazef on Tuesday decided to give 15,000 Egyptian pounds (about 2,604 US dollars) to the family of each victim killed in Monday's theatre fire, the official *MENA* news agency reported.

Nazef also decided to give a compensation of 8,000 Egyptian pounds (about 1,389 dollars) for each person injured in the fire, which broke out late Monday in a theatre in the town of Beni Suef, some 120 kilometres south of Cairo.

The Prime Minister made the decisions at an urgent meeting, according to *MENA*. At least 31 people were confirmed dead and 35 others injured in the blaze that was believed to have been sparked by candles used in a play that was being performed at the theatre.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Singapore tightens phone card rules in terror fight

SINGAPORE, 7 Sept—Singapore said on Tuesday it is to tighten controls on pre-paid mobile phone cards to prevent their use in possible terror attacks on the city-state.

Pre-paid cards, which can be bought easily in many countries around the world with no need for identification, have been used to remotely trigger explosives in several terror attacks, including last year's Madrid train blasts.

"In the region, we have seen elements of the

Jemaah Islamiah using pre-paid cards extensively to avoid detection and sometimes to rig improvised explosive devices", Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Wong Kan Seng said in a statement.

He said the government had worked with local telecoms operators

to put in place a "practical" regulatory regime to be implemented by November. Singapore has repeatedly warned its citizens that it remains a prime target for terrorists such as Jemaah Islamiah because of the island republic's close ties with the United States.

—*MNA/Reuters*



A vehicle turned over on a highway in Basra after four Americans were killed on 7 Sept, 2005.—*INTERNET*

New storm threatens eastern Florida

MIAMI, 7 Sept— Tropical storm warnings were posted for Florida's central Atlantic coast on Tuesday as a new cyclone formed and threatened to hit the state as a weak hurricane by the weekend.

The system was still an unnamed tropical depression, aloose swirling mass of thunderstorms, but was growing better organized and was expected to strengthen into Tropical Storm Ophelia over the northwestern Bahamas by Wednesday.

It would acquire the name when its 30 miles per hour winds hit 39 miles per hour. Forecasters said it looked unlikely to follow the path of Hurricane Katrina, which swept across southeast Florida and into the Gulf of Mexico, then burgeoned into a monster hurricane that devastated New Orleans and the northern Gulf region last week.

"It looks like it's going to impact a little bit further north than Katrina did," said Jennifer Pralgo, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Centre.

The centre's extended forecast had it coming ashore in north central or

northeast Florida by Thursday and dissipating over Georgia without getting anywhere near the Gulf of Mexico.

Tropical storm warnings were issued for the northwest Bahamas and for Florida's east coast from Jupiter to Titusville, a 130-mile stretch that included the Kennedy Space Centre.

At 11 a.m., the storm was centred about 180 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral, Florida. It was expected to turn north-northwest and strengthen into a strong tropical storm or possibly a weak hurricane, with winds of at least 74 mph, Pralgo said.

Elsewhere in the Atlantic, Tropical Storm Nate strengthened as it inched toward Bermuda. It had top winds of 60 mph, was expected to become a hurricane and hit the British colony of 65,000 people on Friday.

MNA/Reuters

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A man makes his way out of flood waters as a home burns in the seventh ward of New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina on 6 September, 2005.

INTERNET

Singapore Minister says Asia, Latam should bridge partnerships

SINGAPORE, 8 Sept — Countries in Asia and Latin America need to bridge partnerships so as to make business opportunities flow both ways, Singapore Minister of State for Trade and Industry Heng Chee How said here on Wednesday.

Speaking at this year's Latin America Biz Forum, Heng noted that Asia and Latin America have much to learn and benefit from one another.

He described Latin America as a region which is rich in resources, has a well developed agriculture sector, and enjoys an urbanized, well-educated population as well as a high Internet penetration rate. "Latin America is fast becoming an engine of growth for the global economy," Heng said, adding that it is also well placed to become a knowledge economy and to enjoy sustained growth in the coming years.

He also urged businesses from Latin American countries to regard Asia as a

key market for the combined gross domestic product (GDP) of East Asia, including China, Japan, South Korea and 10 Southeast Asian nations, reached about eight trillion US dollars in 2004.

Economic relations between the two regions have been growing rapidly in the past few years with Latin America's merchandise exports to Asia reaching 29 billion US dollars in 2003 and Asia becoming Latin America's third largest source of merchandise imports, according to Heng.

So far, Singapore has concluded free trade agreements (FTAs) with Panama and Chile, and is undergoing FTA talks with Mexico and Peru. — MNA/Xinhua

Basra car bomb kills many

BAGHDAD, 8 Sept—A car bomb explosion late on Wednesday in the southern Iraqi city of Basra has killed at least 16 people and wounded 21 others.

The explosion targeted a restaurant in the neighbourhood of al-Jameiyat, near the centre of the mainly Shia city at around 9.00 pm (1700 GMT), said police official, Colonel Adnan al-Daraji. — Internet



A car bomb shattered the relative peace of the southern Iraqi city of Basra after dark on 7 Sept, 2005.—INTERNET

Direct air flights between Manila, Beijing to resume in November

MANILA, 7 Sept—The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs announced on Tuesday the reset of the direct air flights between Manila and Beijing, China, after 15-year suspension in view of the sharply increase of tourism market in China.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo said at a Press conference that the non-stop flights run by the Philippine Air Lines (PAL) between two capitals would start on 11 November and fly three times a week to serve Chinese visitors, who are expected to grow to 100 million by 2020. The PAL suspended this direct flights 15 years ago due to decreased revenues after the last fly to Beijing in 1989. "The re-opening of direct flights between the two capitals is symbolic

and a fitting milestone as the Philippines and China continue to promote and expand our over-all ties in the 30th year of our diplomatic relations," Secretary Alberto Romulo said.

"It is symbolic of the emergence of the new golden age of partnership envisioned by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and President Hu Jintao during his state visit to the Philippines in April this year," Romulo added.

The PAL's non-stop service between Manila and Beijing would save

time of Filipino and Chinese tourists and business travellers, who now have to take one-stop flights or transfer connections, usually via Xiamen or Hong Kong.

Romulo said that the resumption of Manila-Beijing non-stop flights is a major breakthrough in efforts of the Philippines to expand aviation links with China, which now include flights to Xiamen, Beijing (via Xiamen), Shanghai, and Guangzhou (charter service).

MNA/Xinhua

Toyota's Corolla remains best-seller in August

TOKYO, 7 Sept — Toyota Motor Corp's Corolla ranked top in new vehicle sales in Japan in August for the third straight month, selling 8,716 units, the Japan Automobile Dealers Association said on Tuesday.

Following the Corolla were Honda Motor Co's Step WGN minivan, with sales of 8,130 units, and Nissan Motor Co.'s Serena minivan, selling 7,989 units. Remodelled versions of both minivans were launched in May.

Toyota accounted for four of the 10 best-selling vehicles in August. Honda and Nissan each accounted for three.

MNA/Xinhua

S Korea considers Pakistan as manpower source

ISLAMABAD, 7 Sept—The Pakistani Federal Minister for Labour, Manpower and Overseas Pakistanis, Ghulam Sarwar Khan, Monday said South Korea has agreed to consider inclusion of Pakistan in the list of manpower source countries and increase the quota of its workers, according to the Associated Press of Pakistan.

Addressing a Press conference here, Khan said the South Korean Government is planning to start a work permit programme for Pakistani workers and to place Pakistan in its source countries' list. "We would be able to export manpower to South Korea with an enhanced quota," he said.

Pakistan has been exporting manpower to South Korea for the last several years and at present there are 3,946 Pakistani workers contributing in South Korea's development, said the minister.

He also said during his recent meeting with the officials of the Malaysian Government, they assured that Malaysia will absorb a maximum number of Pakistani workers in different sectors such as manufacturing, construction, plantation, services and deep sea fishing in future. He added that it has been decided that an office will be set up in Kuala Lumpur for Pakistani private promoters to search for more job opportunities in Malaysia and to verify the demands of employers. — MNA/Xinhua

Friday, Saturday declared weekly holidays in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 7 Sept — The Bangladeshi Government has declared a two-day weekly holiday, with effect from next Friday to cushion the effects of increased energy price on the country's economy.

Fridays and Saturdays will be the weekly holidays. Office hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a half-an-hour break from 1 p.m., *The Daily Star* reported on Tuesday.

The two-day weekly holiday is aimed at energy conservation, keeping 17 per cent government motor vehicles off the roads and thus cutting down the government expenditure.

A Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia took the decision Monday night on a set of proposals by the En-

ergy Ministry in the wake of the latest petroleum price hike on Sunday.

The decision will be applicable to government, semi-government, and autonomous and quasi-autonomous offices. Educational institutions, however, will remain outside the purview of the government decision.

In its proposal, the Energy Ministry said the high number of government motor vehicles contributed significantly to the high demand for petroleum. A two-day weekly holiday will cut down a day's trans-

port expense for the government staff, the proposal said. The meeting, however, turned down the business community's demand for a two-day holiday on Saturday and Sunday, considering religious implications of cancelling the holiday on Friday, the daily reported.

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) said on Monday night the new de-

cision on weekly holiday will hurt the country's international trade.

FBCCI President-elect Mir Nasir Hossain was quoted as saying by the daily that it would have been better to announce the holiday on Saturdays and Sundays. He said the decision would force the businesses lose three days a week from the international working days.

BGMEA President Annisul Huq said the government decision would bring a "disaster" for country's export trade.

MNA/Xinhua



Hong Kong actress and singer Kelly Chen poses during the shooting of MV "Princess Medley" in Hong Kong Disneyland. The MV will be released on 11 Sept.—INTERNET

Indonesian Govt to speed up new airport project in Medan

JAKARTA, 7 Sept — The Indonesian Government has said it would speed up the construction of a new airport in Medan following the crash of a Mandala plane near the Polonia Airport that killed at least 150 people on Monday, *The Jakarta Post* newspaper reported on Wednesday.

Minister of Transportation Hatta Radjasa confirmed that the tender for the new airport, which has been in the planning since 1997, would be completed as soon as possible so that the project could begin early next year.

"We hope the construction of the new airport can commence next year," Hatta was quoted as saying.

In 1987, a Garuda plane crashed at Polonia Airport when one of its wings hit an electricity pole in the housing complex. The accident left 28 people dead.

Monday's crash occurred after the aircraft failed to take off and ploughed through dozens of houses, residents and motorists. Besides possi-

ble human and technical error, many have blamed the crash on the airport's short runway and its location in a densely populated area in the middle of the city.

Adi Supranto, an executive with airport operator PT Angkasa Pura II, said the existing airport, despite its international status, was too small for medium-and wide-bodied aircraft, and was also surrounded by high buildings.

The current airport stands on 144 hectares of land and its runway is only 2.9 kilometres in length.

"Ideally, a standard international airport should have a more spacious area and its runway should be at least four kilo-

metres," he said.

The company has bought 1,365 hectares of land in Kuala Namo, Deli Serdang, some 40 kilometres south of Medan, and has completed the plans for the new airport.

"All the land was acquired in 1997 and the area was fenced off in 2002. We also completed the first phase of the drainage works in 2004," he said.

Adi said that a number of construction companies, including ones from Singapore, Japan and France, had submitted bids for the project, which it is estimated will cost 13 trillion rupiah (1.3 billion US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

HK Shopping Festival attracts 4.6 million visitors

HONG KONG, 7 Sept — The 2005 Hong Kong Shopping Festival attracted 4.6 million visitors from 25 June to 31 August, bringing in about 1.85 billion Hong Kong dollars in spending, 24 per cent more than that of last year, said the Tourism Board of Hong Kong on Monday.

Fuelled by strong growth from long-haul markets, arrivals in July reached about two million, up 3.8 per cent over the same period last year, the board said.

Total arrivals in the first seven months this year were over 13 million, up 8.7 per cent in comparison with the same period last year.

Board Chairman Selina Chow said: "One of the remarkable achievements is the record performance in July, which is traditionally a low tourism season as there are relatively fewer business travellers, particularly from long-haul markets."

According to statistics, long-haul regions showed outstanding performance in July. Arrivals from Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific grew 35.3 per cent, while visitors from Africa and the Middle East increased 27.5 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

Thousands of people remain in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS, 8 Sept — In a grim indicator of what may lie ahead, authorities were removing the remains of more than 30 people from a flooded nursing home in a suburban New Orleans parish.

The discovery at St Rita's Nursing Home in lower St Bernard Parish came as 25,000 body bags arrived at the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

Early Thursday, the official death toll along Gulf Coast from Hurricane Katrina stood at 294, but that number is expected to rise dramatically.

Mortuary teams with refrigerated trucks began arriving Wednesday at the nursing home, where St Bernard Parish Sheriff Jack Stevens said "30-plus" bodies were found. Between 40 and 50 other people were rescued from the facility, Stevens said.

The parish is east of New Orleans, where between 10,000 and 15,000 people are believed to remain in the flooded city, and thousands are feared dead.

Deputies reported that floodwaters had reached a height of eight feet in some parts of St Bernard. The nursing home was still surrounded by about three feet of water on Wednesday, as authorities began removing bodies.— *Internet*

Gunmen kill three in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 7 Sept — Unknown gunmen killed three civilians in front of a mosque in northern Baghdad on Tuesday, an Interior Ministry source said.

"Three people were killed after they finished their evening prayers in a mosque in the Ash-Shab District at around 9 pm (1700 GMT), and two others were injured, including a cleric," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Saudi plane evacuated in Sri Lanka bomb scare

COLOMBO, 8 Sept — One woman died and more than a dozen people were injured on Thursday as they fled a Saudi Arabian Airlines flight before take off in a bomb scare Sri Lankan police suspect was triggered by a hoax call.

Hospital officials said they believed the woman who died had suffered a fracture and subsequent shock, while other passengers had suspected fractures after jumping out of emergency exits in panic as the plane sat on the tarmac at Colombo's international airport.

There were no details on the woman's nationality, but airline officials said the *Boeing 747*, carrying 452 passengers and crew, had been due to fly to Jeddah.

MNA/Reuters



A relative of an unidentified victim of the domestic airliner that crashed in Medan mourns during a mass funeral on 7 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Counter media with media-3

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

The Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held the press meet No 6/2005 at the Information Ministry on 28 August 2005. At the meet, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi clarified the theft of Replica of Buddha's Tooth Relic together with golden circular tray with a stem and the miniature golden temple kept at the Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon). Before relating the incident, I would like to present a brief history of the pagoda.

Two Replica Buddha Tooth Relics of Myanmar were kept together with the Buddha's Tooth Relic that was conveyed from the People's Republic of China in 1994 under Sino-Myanmar friendship programme.

The Tatmadaw government built two pagodas — one in Mayangon, Yangon; and the other in Amarapura, Mandalay. Both pagodas were built with significant architectural designs.

When the Buddha Tooth Relic was conveyed to Myanmar for the second time, it was kept at Maha Pasana Cave and Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda in Yangon and Maha Atula Waiyan Monastery in Mandalay. I have visited the pagoda in Yangon and paid obeisance to the Relic for several times during my visits to the city.

Pilgrims visiting any of the two pagodas, the symbols of Sino-Myanmar friendship, to pay homage to the Relic will feel the serenity.

In this article, I have extracted some of the most interesting points of the clarification made Brig-Gen Khin Yi as follows:

"When authorities inspected the pagoda, they found out that Replica Tooth Relic together with golden tray and miniature golden temple kept at the chamber of the pagoda was missing."

"Once the incident was heard, the respective security members were making all-out efforts day in, day out in all aspects to recover the tooth replica in a short period of time. The Myanmar Police Force formed a central supervisory committee at the headquarters and made contact round the clock with those who were practically on duty to exchange information and make coordination."

"A special squad led by the Head of Criminal Investigation Department was formed in order to

provide close supervision. A thorough search was made at all the border check-points across States and Divisions. Moreover, those who are engaged in gold and jewellery business were informed of the incident and requested to come forward with information if they found any suspicious activities."

"Each and every clue including litter left at the scene were collected and experts from CID tried to expose the case with patience. In other words, necessary police measures on crime were fully taken."

Concerning the crime, leader of the Information Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan elucidated the points as follows:

"For instance, we did not release the news on theft of Replica of Tooth Relic in Yangon immedi-

The people on their part should be well aware of the traps of fabricated and instigative false news made by internal and external terrorist destructive elements in collusion with some broadcasting stations and media.

ately and we exposed the case only at this press conference. It was in consideration of not harming the efforts for exposing the culprit and investigating the case. To amplify my statement, we found that the culprit firstly tried to ascertain whether the case had been covered in the daily newspapers as well as by TV and radio. It meant he observed the situation to know whether it was known to the public. When he found out that the Government made no news release about the case, he assumed that the people had not learnt about the incident, so it was safe for him to sell out the objects he had stolen. Then he contacted gold shops in Mandalay and Toungoo and sold them out. Then, responsible personnel could easily trace and arrest him together with stolen objects. That is the reason news releases sometimes are not made immediately.

"Similarly, we do not promptly release news as we need to take time in the interests of the nation. Some news naturally should not be released immediately in view of preventing undesirable effects. Thus, we sometimes release news after thorough investigations. Likewise, some news releases are not made immediately in view of protecting the national interests. Such news should be tackled subtly to prevent adverse effects. I would like to convince you of the fact that the Government is taking appropriate measures in releasing news in consideration of the interests of the nation and the people. We invite suggestions and advice from the journalists."

The minister's words highlighted the correctness of the information policy, further dynamism of the police activities, and public reliance on the Myanmar Police Force.

I will now present the answer given by Brig-Gen Khin Yi to the question raised by U Aung Shwe Oo of Nippon TV.

He said that the MPF is striving its utmost to become an efficient and reliable force at present or in future; and that according to its motto, the MPF at various levels is now reforming its tasks after the formation of the management and reform committee. He said as had mentioned at the previous press conference, members of the MPF were performing duties in accord with the system of 'community policing'.

Nowadays, every case is being dealt with according to the law, he said. Brig-Gen Khin Yi said that all cases are being examined and heard in conformity with the law. So, if there is any that is against the law, the people can report to the MPF and the police force will be ready to review it, he added.

Now, I am going to conclude my article with the message of Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, which said, "The people on their part should be well aware of the traps of fabricated and instigative false news made by internal and external terrorist destructive elements in collusion with some broadcasting stations and media."

(Translation: TMT)

Myanma Alin+Kyemon: 7.9.2005.



GM Tam Siew Siong clarifies the use of GPS and Laser Guidance in construction sites. — H

Workshop on e-Construction Technology held

YANGON, 8 Sept— Workshop on e-Construction Technology organized by Myanmar Credent Technology was held this morning at International Business Centre on Pyay Road here.

First, General Manager U Zaw Naing of Myanmar Credent Technology extended greetings. Next, Vice-Chairman of Credent Technology Asia Mr Lee Sze Keong made presentation on electronic technology used in con-

struction works and Executive Officer U Myo Zaw Oo on engineering works including use of Remote Sensing technology.

Next, General Manager Tan Siew Siong of Trimble Company explained use of GPS and Laser Guidance in construction sites.

Afterwards, officials replied to queries raised by those present.

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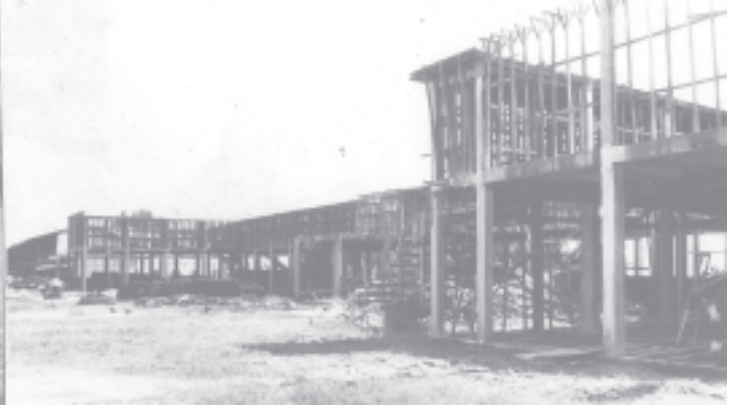
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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects cultivation in Maungtaw Township, regional development tasks



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects construction of two-storey BEHS in Rathedaung. — MNA

YANGON, 8 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and senior military officers, on 6 September went to Buthidaung Station in Maungtaw Township and met with families of officers and other ranks.

At the meeting, he called on officials concerned to fulfill the educational, health, social and welfare needs for the families in the station and to carry out livestock farming on manageable scale.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party visited the pilot cultivation plot and rural clinic in Gandhama Model Village in Buthidaung Township and fulfilled the requirements.

At a meeting with local residents at the Basic Education Primary School of the village, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented cash assistance for the fund of the village to be spent on health and education sectors. He also urged locals to carry out extended cultivation.

Gandhama Model Village was set up by the Committee for Rural Areas and National Races Development.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials also visited the model 100-acre fields at Latwedatpyin Village in Buthidaung Township.

They also went to rubber plantation of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise on Buthidaung-Maungtaw Road and inspected rubber plantations. According to an official of the enterprise, there are 40,000 rubber saplings and of 200,005 thriving rubber plants. An official also reported on arrangements for distribution of rubber saplings.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than proceeded to Buthidaung Township Hospital and met with doctors and staff of the hospital. Next, he inspected the hospital and X-ray room of it.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander arrived at the construction site of jetty by Rathedaung Township Development Affairs Department in the township and inspected the jetty.

An official of the township DAD reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than. In his report he said the Government has allotted K 10 million and Rakhine State Peace and Development Council provided K 3 million for the construction. Local people contributed K 3.5 million

towards the fund of the jetty construction. It is a iron reinforced concrete type and is constructed at a cost of K 16.5 million. It is nearing completion and the jetty will be commissioned into service on 10 September.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders at the office of township Peace and Development Council.

In his address made at the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said with a view to improving the living standard of the people, arrangements are being made by the Government to grow more paddy year by year. As Rakhine State set its target of 1.1 million acres of monsoon paddy in 2005-2006, Rathedaung Township has the duty to make efforts to exceed the target of the township. The Government designated 24 special development zones in the country. Moreover, in an effort to develop the rural areas, the government also laid down five rural areas development tasks and has been implementing the tasks. The tasks include improvement of health, education and transportation and economic sectors and sufficient supply of drink-

ing water and irrigation water.

He also urged departmental officials to carry out the development tasks joining hands with local residents. He called for cultivation of 10 major crops and rubber and pepper.

Regarding the livestock farming sector, he also called for breeding of prawn, fish and layers and fowls.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to

Rathedaung Township Hospital and contributed K 100,000 to the fund of the hospital. Next, they went to Rathedaung BEHS and inspected construction site of the new school building. The new school is a two-storey building.

During his tour of Rathedaung Station, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than also met with families of officers and other ranks at the station.

Next, they went to Sittway and viewed the

damage of Phaungdawgyi Jetty.

An official of Myanmar Port Authority reported on arrangements for construction of a new jetty.

A new jetty will be 240 feet in length and 48 feet in width.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint visited Lawkanda Pagoda in Sittway.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects operation theatre of Buthidaung Hospital. — MNA

Third-placed Myanmar U-23 soccer team arrives back home

YANGON, 8 Sept — Third-placed winner Myanmar U-23 squad remained on the standings of AFF U-23 Championship arrived back home by air this afternoon.

The Myanmar U-23 was wel-

comed back at Yangon International Airport by officials concerned of the Ministry of Sports, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and executives and relatives.

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More primary, post-primary schools opened to enable all children to have access to primary education

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- Producing more academicians and technicians in all fields,
- Ensuring literacy for all citizens and literacy in sustainable development, providing access to permanent learning at any time for people of all ages for creating a continuous learning society.

With the aim of upgrading education standard of the entire nation and Education for All, endeavours have been made to ensure accessibility of Basic Education for everyone, to uplift the quality of education, to develop opportunities for modern teaching and learning and to include systematically drawn up and practically implemented plans for the completion of primary school education for all school-age children and eradicate adult illiteracy.

With regard to all school-age children being in schools and retaining in schools, the Education Promotion Programme (Second Phase) 1999 was conducted as a national movement. Therefore, the rate of enrolment of five-year old children has been increased yearly. It was only 91 percent in the academic year 1999-2000. But in 2005-2006 academic year, it has increased to 97.58 per cent. This is also the outcome of the cooperation and collaboration among the community and the organizations of well-wishers.

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In order to ensure all children can have access to primary education, more primary schools and post-primary schools have been opened and also upgraded to middle schools. Thus, 30,414 primary schools, 5,545 post-primary schools, 2,014 affiliated and branch middle schools and middle schools, 1,962 affiliated and branch primary schools and primary schools are now in existence throughout the country.

This Formal Education is strengthened with Non-formal Primary Education Programme and Mobile School Programme for those school-age children who have difficulties to attend schools. For illiterates and neo-literates, Literacy and Continuing Education Programme is conducted as an integrated and continuous national movement. Moreover, for the disabled children who cannot attend schools, Inclusive Education Programme is being carried out to get access to equal educational opportunities.

As national duty, continuous efforts are being made in cooperation with the entire nationals for ensuring literacy for all citizens and thus the literacy rate has been increased.

cent in 1996 to 93.3 per cent in 2004.

Under the guidance of the Ministry of Education, literacy programme based on the regional needs was implemented in each state and division in collaboration with regional authorities, social organizations and the community. Specific achievements could be gained by implementing these programmes. As a result, the outcomes of the literacy programmes in 2005 are;

- a total of 8,115 persons from remote areas have become literate through "3Rs" programmes for border ar-

literacy movement, to upgrade the role of literacy in sustainable development, generate more family income and to improve quality of life of the literate people, Continuing Education Programmes are being conducted systematically.

Continuing Education consists of literacy promotion, income generation and better life programmes through Community Learning Centres (CLCs). Community Learning Centres are at crucial positions in realizing the Continuing Education. A total of 887 CLCs where people can get together any time of



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents first prize (open division article contest) to SAT Daw Khin Mar Kyi of No 2 BEHS in Latha Township. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents third prize (essay contest) to Ma Hnin Oo Yi (1st year, Yangon Education University).— MNA

reas, Kachin state, Shan state, Chin state, Pa-O region, Wa region, Palaung region, Eastern Kengtung region, Kayah/Kayan region and Naga region;

- a total of 195,178 persons have become literate through follow-up literacy programmes in the states and divisions which have conducted eradication of illiteracy.

These numbers total 203,293 literate persons from the special summer literacy programme in 2005, and increase the percentage of adult literacy to 94.1 per cent which proudly comes out as a good result. Nowadays, literacy goes beyond the reading and writing skill to embrace the life skills.

In conjunction with

the day, spend leisure time, get information, learn life skills and also support the community development, have already been established. It



Rector Dr Khin Zaw. — MNA



Mr Tang Zhenping.—MNA

is the concerted effort of the government and the people of Myanmar with as profound national spirit that could help achieve the fruitful results of "Lit-

eracy for All "and "Education for All" programmes.

The responsible personnel from the education sector and the entire national people make efforts to strive for the literacy movement to ensure that literacy in sustainable development.

In conclusion, I would like to urge all responsible personnel:

- to make all our efforts to make Myanmar Modern Developed Nation with national spirit aiming at uplift of health, fitness and education standard of the entire nation.
- to keep on trying to build the Continuous Learning Society by implementing continuing education programmes for achieving sustainable develop-

Myanmar UNESCO National Commission General Secretary Rector of Yangon Institute of Education Dr Khin Zaw read out the message sent by the Director-General of UNESCO. Next, basic education students presented a song. Afterwards, the Secretary-1 presented prizes to winners in the poster contest at the basic education middle level, in the essay contest at the basic education high level, in the essay contest at Institute of Education and Education College level, and the article (open) level.

The video entitled "Endeavours of Myanmar in Literacy Campaign" was shown.

Goal medallist students sang the song titled "Education for All". After the ceremony, the Secre-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents second prize (middle school level poster contest) to Maung Kyaw Zin Tun of No 13 BEHS, Maha Aungmye.—MNA

demical year, it has increased to 97.58 per cent. This is also the outcome of the cooperation and collaboration among the community and the or-

ganizations and thus the literacy rate has been increased.

The country-wise literacy movement could help increase the literacy rate of adults from 83 per

ment for all.

UN Resident Coordinator Mr Tang Zhenping read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan.

tary-1 and party visited the exhibition in commemoration of the 2005 International Literacy Day and United Nations Literacy Decade.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the opening ceremony of U-21 Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Football Championship (Army, Navy, Air). — MNA

ploma certificates on the trainees, and the Ministry of Sports was set up. In addition, the Government has organized Myanmar Olympic Council, Myanmar Olympic Committee and Myanmar Sports and Physical Education Committee. Furthermore, sports federations were formed, and arrangements for development of the sports sector are being implemented.

For ensuring development of the sports technology, athletes were allowed to take part in the international sports tournaments, and the invitational matches were held for enabling the athletes to gain sports experiences.

It can be said that as Myanmar youth teams emerged champions in the previous ASEAN U-17 and U-20 Football Championships, Myanmar football standard has improved.

Enhancement and success of the sports standard can uplift the prestige of the State as well as the citizens. Patriotism of the people must be further vitalized for uplift of national prestige and integrity.

Therefore, footballers of the Tatmadaw are

Tatmadawmen are to follow the disciplines. Only when Tatmadawmen observe rules and regulations and training disciplines, will they become outstanding athletes.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 urged them to uphold the concept that the improvement of the sports standard is a national duty as the sports success can uplift the prestige and integrity of the State; to become outstanding athletes; and make utmost efforts to represent Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) teams and then, to become selected footballers of the nation.

First, the football teams marched past the Secretary-1.

After that, Defence Services (Navy) and Defence Services (Air) teams played the match which ended with a goalless draw.

The first round matches of the tournament will be held at respective zones from 12 to 21 September. The teams of Group (A) will be played in South-East Command Zone (Mawlamyine), that of Group (B) in South-West Command Zone (Patheingyi), that of Group (C) in North-West Command Zone



Government has laid down and...

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peaceful, modern and developed nation. To build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, it is necessary to enhance national strength. Hence, "Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation" was laid down in one of the four social objectives of the State.

As the sports sector is included in the social ability of the national strength, all are to make all-out efforts for realizing the objectives of the State.

With regard to the sports sector, the Government has laid down and is implementing the motto "Myanmar Sports—the World to Conquer".

Success of sports and enhancement of its sports standard reflect the development of the nation. Therefore, the Government is striving for enabling the sports standard of the country to keep abreast of other nations in the world.

While observing improvement of the international sports events without losing sight, the Government is conducting sports research works and modern sports techniques of international standard, providing sports gear to athletes, and constructing the buildings for sports sector by spending a large sum of funds. Sports and Physical Education Institute was opened to confer di-

to try their best with patriotism to become outstanding players who can bring honour to the State.

In the international sports sphere, sports gear concerning techniques, training and competitiveness are being improved with momentum. Greater progress can be seen not only in the sports management, legal affairs, financial matters and sports health matters but also in the related sectors.

At present, the Government is placing emphasis on equitable development of the sports management, legal affairs, financial matters, health, economic and media sectors so as to thoroughly carry out the enhancement of the Myanmar sports standard.

Morality and discipline are important for nurturing the outstanding athletes. Athletes must have endurance and talent. Hence, the athletes must try their best for enhancement of their efficiency with diligence.

"Soon" offered to members of the Sangha of State Pariyatti University

YANGON, 9 Sept— The staff families of the Ministry of Labour this morning offered "soon" to members of Sangha of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) led by Professor Sayadaw.

First, the congregation led by Deputy Minister of Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein and wife took the Five Precepts from Patron Sayadaw of the university Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Gandavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Pandita Bhivamsa and presented offertories to monks.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein donated K 220,000 for a day meal through Deputy Director General U Tun Mya Aung of the Department of Promotion and Propagation of Sasana.

Afterwards, the staffs of the ministry offered "soon" to members of the Sangha and shared merit gained.

(Monywa), that of Group (D) in Central Command Zone (Mandalay) and that of Group (C) in Southern Command Zone (Toungoo).

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Literacy will be pleasant for future

- * For all beings, nutrition is vital
The same goes, in the field of education
To be knowledgeable, to be literati
Writing comes first, that's vital.
- * Toward that end, we think, conceive
For all school-age boys and girls
We rally around, to put them in school
We think and act, without hesitation
Chance for literacy for all
We lend a hand arduously
As we would help the disabled
We strive to provide education
That's what we're doing, in Myanmar.
- * Also in the international community
As we strive by day and night
Toward acquiring education
Happily, as clearly seen
We are being activated in Myanmar
- * All Myanmar's having acquired literacy
This noble education for life
Continuous acquisition, for Myanmar's future
In the human realm, development
That will materialize, as we're hoping
We're marching forward, in Myanmar.

Nwai Cho (Trs)

(In honour of International Literacy Day 8-9-2005.)

Foreign Minister sends message of sympathy to Indonesia

YANGON, 8 Sept— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Dr N Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia for the loss of lives and property caused by the recent plane crash in Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia. —MNA

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets Tatmadawmen of local battalions in Shan State (South) and (North)



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects thriving Shweyinaye paddy strains near Kwanbon village at the entrance to Taunggyi. — MNA

YANGON, 8 Sept— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence met Tatmadawmen of local battalion in Kengkham region on 6 September and discussed development affairs with them following the inspection of Kengkham region situated on Hopong-Mongpyin-Naungwoe-Kengkham-Thabarwa Bridge-Nanhlán-Hisbaw road section.

First, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint inspected thriving corn grown on both sides of Yaksawk-Intaw-Kyaukgu-Tapalang road and arrived at Kengkham, 18 miles from Yaksawk.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party looked into upgrading tasks of border area development road in Kengkham. The road links

Yaksawk-Intaw-Kyaukgu-Tapalang road section with Hopong-Mongpyin-Kengkham-Naungwoe-Naunglon-Thabarwa Bridge-Nanhlán. The road was used as a timber extraction route in the past. Now, Tatmadawmen of local battalion are to upgrade the road. Local people will be able to travel to Yaksawk and Intaw in ease due to upgrading of this road. It will benefit smooth flow of regional products and help develop economy and social purpose in Kengkham region and its environs. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party then arrived at Kengkham village where they were welcomed by military and departmental personnel.

At the briefing hall, Major Moe Zaw of local Battalion briefed them on location of Kengkham region, transportation, communication, water supply, education and health.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint reported to them on arrangements to be

made for construction of bridges and roads on Hopong-Mongpyin-Kengkham-Naungwoe-Thabarwa Bridge-Nanhlán-Hisbaw road section. Plans will be made for land reclamation in Mongpyin-Lethe-Kengkham region. Arrangements will be made for inviting private businessmen to grow teak plantations in eastern part of Naungwoe.

In connection with the reports, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win made a speech on the occasion. In his speech he said the Government is building the nation to become a peaceful, modern developed democratic one. Moreover it is trying hard to bring about harmonious development in all parts of the country. The Government has laid down five rural development tasks and is implementing a series of projects with genuine goodwill. Only when rural areas make progress will socio-economic life of the entire people of the nation

advance. As a result, the Government lays emphasis on implementation of development tasks in rural areas. Local people are to cooperate in the tasks of transportation, communication, agriculture, education and health sectors.

In Kengkham region, local peasants have already cultivated 174 acres of paddy, peanut and soya-bean in model village, 261 acres in Hona village, 89 acres in Kupinekham village, 14 acres in Heightkwe village, 28 acres in Nanhphyat village and 170 acres in Naungtaw village.

Upon completion of Hopong-Mongpyin-Kengkham-Naungwoe-Thabarwa Bridge-Nanhlán-Hisbaw road section, progress will be made in Shan State (South) and (North). 24,663 acres of virgin and vacant lands will be reclaimed in Hopong, 84,813 acres in Yaksawk and 7,057 acres in Intaw.

Next, Lt-Gen

Kyaw Win met military persons of local battalion and instructed them to pay serious attention to national consolidation and stability of the State.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented cash assistance to Tatmadawmen of Kengkham region.

After that, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party arrived at 18th mile timber plantation on Yaksawk-Intaw-Tapalang road sec-

tion. Maj-Gen Ye Myint briefed Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on thriving of teak plantation. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on arrangements to be made for inviting private businessmen to cultivate teak trees on a commercial scale. A total of 60,000 teak trees have

been grown on 200 acres in 18th mile timber plantation. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party proceeded to Yaksawk. They inspected perennial crops plantations and monsoon paddy fields along Yaksawk-Shweynaye-Taunggyi road section. They viewed 1,350 mango trees grown on 8 acres in Yaksawk.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party arrived at Shweyinaye

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paddy field of Taunggyi Township Police Force. They inspected thriving monsoon paddy.

Maj-Gen Ye Myint briefed Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on arrangements to be made for distribution of paddy strains to local peasants.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets Tatmadawmen of Kengkham local battalion in Kengkham — MNA

28,467 villages get self-reliant libraries

Wellwishers donate cash and kind for opening self-reliant libraries

YANGON, 8 Sept—A total of 113 wellwishers donated publications and cash amounting to over K 60.6 million at the seventh ceremony held at the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Road here yesterday afternoon.

The donations will be used for opening self-reliant libraries in villages under the arrangements of the Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry.

It was attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, offi-



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gives a speech at 7th ceremony to donate publications and cash for self-reliant libraries.—MNA

verse effect, the nation and the people will not be able to catch up with the nations that can apply knowledge and technology effectively.

Head of State Senior

people who make up 70 per cent of the nation's population of over 54 million.

So far, 28,467 out of over 60,000 villages have got self-reliant libraries.



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein accepts the cash donated by a wellwisher. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts K 2.5 million donated by wellwisher U Win Myint of Shwe Wah Myay Co. — MNA,

cial from Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Pictures Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon, social organizations, proprietors of private printing and publishing enterprises, wellwishers, and guests.

The minister in his speech said that in the knowledge age, various sectors of human society are implemented through technology. And in the future, technology will play a more important role.

If the nation and people lag behind in technological development and knowledge, the nation will be able to make only a little headway in the drive for human resource development.

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General Than Shwe has given guidance on establishment of a life-long learning society and the development of human resources.

All necessary measures are being taken to translate the guidance into reality in order that the development gap between the nation and developed nations will not be wide.

Now, the national youths have an easy access to opportunities to enjoy the development of human resources and high education standard.

However, it is still finding a little difficult to ensure human resource development and to enhance knowledge of rural folks.

So, measures are being taken effectively in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State for founding self-reliant libraries for rural

Sustained efforts are to be exerted to meet the target through the strength

of the State, rural residents and wellwishers.

The Ministry of Information has placed emphasis on ensuring durability and effectiveness of the libraries put into service.

In conclusion, the

minister called for continued donation of publications for opening self-reliant libraries in the remaining villages, and expressed thanks to the wellwishers.

Next, wellwishers presented donations to

the minister, the deputy minister, Director-General of IPRD U Chit Naing, Director-General of Myanma Radio and TV U Khin Maung Htay, Managing Director of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise Col Aung Nyein, Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win, and Managing Director of the Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise U Bo Kyi.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted those present.

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In the future, technology will play a more important role. If the nation and people lag behind in technological development and knowledge, the nation will be able to make only a little headway in the drive for human resource development. Then, facing an adverse effect, the nation and the people will not be able to catch up with the nations that can apply knowledge and technology effectively.



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**Heavy storms predicted
in much of Thailand**

BANGKOK, 7 Sept—Thunderstorms are predicted for Bangkok and its vicinity through Saturday, as the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation on Monday issued week-long warnings of heavy rains and possible flooding in over half of the country.

Director General Sunthorn Riewlaung warned residents and public agencies in 39 provinces to brace for heavy rain and flash floods, reported the *Thai News Agency* on Tuesday.

Weather conditions including a southwestern wind over the Andaman Sea and a low pressure covering the upper central

region and the lower northeast region may cause heavy rain, thunder storms and strong wind in the north, the east and the central part including Bangkok and surrounding areas.

Flash floods and mudslides could also occur, he warned. The department has warned local residents in at-risk areas to be prepared to move to higher ground in case of emergency.

Sunthorn said he had ordered local centres of the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department to follow the situation and make local alerts as necessary.

MNA/Xinhua

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**Kenya relocates
47 jumbos in
massive operation**

NAIROBI, 7 Sept—Kenya's wildlife authorities announced here Monday they have successfully moved 47 elephants from an overcrowded reserve at Kenya's coastal region to a national park about 140 kilometres away.

"We are optimistic that by the end of this operation we shall have hit our target of moving 400 jumbos from Shimba Hills National Reserve which has a bloated jumbo population of about 700 individuals, to Tsavo East National Park, which current studies show has a big deficit," Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) scientist Patrick Omondi said.— MNA/Xinhua

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သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း

430,000 Mozambicans suffering from drought

MAPUTO, 7 Sept — About 430,000 people in central and southern Mozambique are suffering from drought, while another 160,000 are set to need food assistance in the next two months.

The Mozambique's Food Security and Nutritional Technical Secretariat released these figures on Monday, during a Maputo symposium on the fight against poverty

through food and nutritional security.

Addressing the meeting, Mozambican Deputy Agriculture Minister Caterina Pajume said that hunger and malnutrition produce cumulative and irreversible effects that will reflect in difficulties for the children to learn at school and expose them to diseases and early death, during their first five years of life.

She urged all intervenors in every action against malnutrition in the country not to neglect this situation, stressing that "fighting against hunger and malnutrition is not a waste, but an investment in the country's development".

This symposium is taking place at a time when drought has attained alarming proportions, both in Mozambique and

in other countries in southern Africa.

The symposium was to promote a debate on the relation between hunger and absolute poverty, to present the results of an Assessment of the Implementation of the Food Security and Nutrition Strategy in the Development Process of Mozambique, among other issues.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai Airways wins UN air travel budget

BANGKOK, 7 Sept—Thailand's national flag carrier has won contracts worth more than one million US dollars to fly officials of United Nations (UN) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) to Southeast Asia.

UN and IMF, both based their headquarters

in New York, spend around 1.5 million dollars a year to fly their officials for meetings in Southeast Asia, according to a statement issued Tuesday by Thai Airways International (THAI).

The annual deal has been officially awarded to THAI, said the statement.

The newly-inked contract come after THAI opened its Bangkok-New York express air route in April, which took only 17 hours for passengers to travel between the two cities.

The national carrier also plans to win more air travel budget from other international groups and transnational corporations based in the United States and Europe.

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Bogus British spy jailed for life for kidnap, theft

LONDON, 7 Sept— A former barman who for 10 years posed as a British spy and brainwashed his victims into funding his luxury "James Bond" lifestyle was jailed for life on Tuesday for kidnap and theft.

Robert Hendy-Freegard, 34, was found guilty in June of conning hundreds of thousands of pounds out of at least seven victims.

In one case he persuaded three students that they were being hunted by the Irish Republican Army (IRA) and he needed money to arrange their protection.

"It appears that he has spent all of his criminal proceeds on a millionaire lifestyle of Rolex watches, fully loaded top-of-the-range BMWs, handmade suits and shoes, and other everyday 'James Bond' expenditure," Scotland Yard said at the end of the trial.

Hendry-Freegard, who was sentenced at London's Blackfriars

Crown Court, had been convicted of 20 charges, including two of kidnap, 10 of theft and five of deception.

"Mr Hendy-Freegard was an evil con artist. He ruthlessly exploited weaknesses in any of his victims," said Scotland Yard detective Robert Brandon after the trial.

"When he started he'd be charming, he'd listen and listen, and find any weakness in character, any vulnerability, and then he would ruthlessly exploit that.

"When he had control of his victims he went to whatever ends he possibly could to take all their money and all their dignity," Brandon said.

MNA/Reuters

17th West China Commodity Fair opens in Sichuan

CHENGDU, 7 Sept— The 17th West China Commodity Fair opened on Tuesday in Mianyang City of southwest China's Sichuan Province with more than 10,000 merchants from home and overseas attending the fair.

The current fair has an exhibition floor space of 126,000 square metres with respective halls for city image display, commercial talks, commodity show, real estate transaction as well as calligraphy and photo show, said

sources with the fair organizing committee.

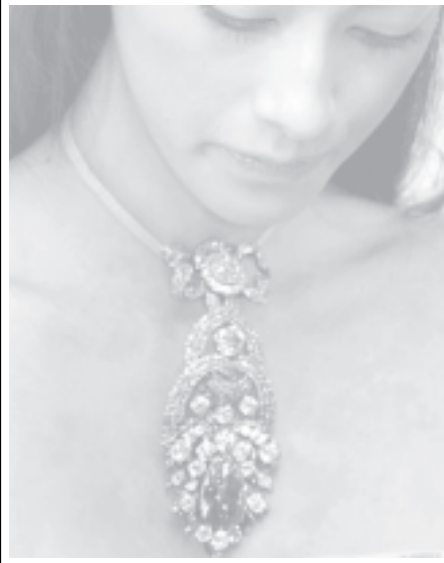
Meanwhile, a series of festivals and exhibitions involving sightseeing tours, food, beer and automobile will be held during the fair.

The fair, co-sponsored

by the neighbouring provinces and autonomous regions in the west China including Shaanxi, Gansu, Sichuan, Ningxia and Inner Mongolia, targets at inviting investment and boosting economic cooperation. More than 10,000

kinds of commodities worth 15 billion yuan (1.85 billion US dollars) have been prepared for the fair, the sources said, adding that 1,200 projects in west China are seeking investors.

MNA/Xinhua



The world's biggest green diamond, the "Dresden Green Diamond" is modelled by Izumi Mon, granddaughter of Japanese fashion designer Hanae Mori at US jeweler Harry Winston's Ginza shop in Tokyo on 8 September, 2005.

INTERNET

Scientists say climate change rises risk of hunger

DUBLIN, 7 Sept— About 50 million more people, most of them in Africa, could be at risk of hunger by 2050 due to climate change and reduced crop yields, scientists predicted on Monday.

Roughly 500 million people worldwide already face hunger but rising levels of greenhouse gases could make the problem worse.

"We expect climate change to aggravate current problems of the number of millions of people at risk of hunger, probably to the tune of 50 million," said Professor Martin Parry of the Hadley Centre of the British Meteorological Office.

"The greatest proportion, about three-quarters of that number, will be in Africa."

Parry told the British Association Science Conference that it would take huge reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases — about 20 times those required by the Kyoto Protocol — to avoid the additional risk of hunger.

The 1997 Protocol demands cuts in greenhouse emissions by 5.2 per cent below 1990 levels by 2008-12. The United States, the world's biggest polluter, has refused to back the protocol, saying it would hurt its economy. It also believes the pact is flawed because it omits rapidly industrializing emerging economies such as India and China.

MNA/Reuters

Snakebite death rising in western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 7 Sept— The number of deaths from snakebite has reached 15 this year in western Nepal, local hospital said Wednesday.

The number of snakebite patients has increased this year to 15 in Rupandehi District, some 300 kilometres west of Kathmandu, in comparison with last year, Lumbini Hospital said in a Press release.

The hospital receives at least one patient a day, the hospital noted.

Meanwhile, in Rajbiraj of the same district, the number of patients suffering from snakebite is increasing day by day in the Sagarmatha zonal hospital.

Two died while other two were injured in four separate accidents that took place in Rajbiraj on Monday.

The area is rampant with poisonous snakes that come out of the ground during the rainy season.

MNA/Xinhua

"Deep Impact" probe shows a fragile, empty comet

WASHINGTON, 7 September — Comet Tempel 1, the target of NASA's *Deep Impact* probe, turns out to be quite fragile, with no more substance than a snowbank, scientists said on Tuesday.

"The comet is mostly empty, mostly porous," said Michael A'Hearn, a comet specialist at the University of Maryland. "Probably all the way in, there is no bulk ice. The ice is all in the form of tiny grains."

The material on the comet's surface, down to a depth of several dozen yards (metres) is "unbelievably fragile, less strong than a snowbank," A'Hearn said in a telephone news briefing to

release early findings from the mission.

The comet's dust and ice grains form a fluffy structure of fine particles held together loosely by a weak gravitational pull, the researchers said.

The surface of Tempel 1 is pocked with apparent impact craters, features that have not been detected before on close-up observation of two other comets.

Deep Impact collided purposely with Tempel 1

on 4 July, freeing a plume of primordial material from its nucleus, the first time astronomers have been able to glimpse the interior of a comet.

The smash-up with *Deep Impact's* washing-machine-sized probe was monitored by another part of the NASA spacecraft that flew above the comet, along with a European spacecraft called *Rosetta* and more than 70 ground-based telescopes.

Scientists hope research into Tempel 1 will help unlock the secret of how life arrived on Earth. Various described as dirty snowballs or snowy dirtballs, comets are prime candidates for seeding planets, including Earth, with water and organic material.

An analysis of material in the plume showed a huge increase in the amount of molecules that contain carbon.

MNA/Reuters

"Off Screen" wins top prize in 29th Montreal Film Festival

UTTAWA, 7 Sept— The 29th Montreal World Film Festival concluded on Monday night with Dutch/Belgian co-production "Off Screen" taking the Grand Prix of the Americas and Chinese picture "Sunrise, Sunset" winning Special Honour Award.

Helmer Pieter Kuijpers' "Off Screen", scooping the top prize and also earning Jan Declair the actor trophy, tells the disturbing tale of a man who took a bunch of people hostage in Amsterdam in a protest against widescreen TV.

"Sunrise, Sunset" is about a group of Chinese northwestern storytellers who struggled to make a

living while trying to maintain tradition and heritage in the process of modernization.

Typical traditional Chinese folksongs are believed to be the cream of the film.

The Special Jury Awards went to Akira Ogata's Japanese film "The Milkwoman" and Hans W. Geissendorfer's German production "

Snowland".

Montreal filmmaker Claude Gagnon won as best director for his Canadian/Japanese co-production "Kamataki" which pocketed awards from the Fipresci jury and the Ecumenical jury as well as the Air Canada People's Choice Award as the most popular feature at the festival.

"Kamataki", set in

Japan and featuring dialogues in English and Japanese, tells the moving story of a young Montrealer who went to Japan to deal with his emotional problems by spending time with his uncle, an eccentric pottery artist. Gagnon won the Grand Prix of the Americas in 1987 for "The Kid Brother".

MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

Podolski hat-trick fires Germany to win over South Africa

BREMEN (Germany), 8 Sept— A hat-trick by 20-year-old striker Lukas Podolski helped Germany to a 4-2 win over South Africa in Wednesday's friendly battle between the hosts of the next two World Cups.

Podolski, underlining his status as Germany's best hope of a home victory at the finals next year, supplied an exquisite chip for the first goal in the 11th minute.

South Africa, preparing to stage the 2010 World Cup but with no chance of qualifying for next year's tournament, equalized with a Shaun Bartlett penalty before Germany took control in a manic

spell at the start of the second half.

Podolski set up Tim Borowski in the 47th minute and raced in himself to make it 3-1 a minute later. Benni McCarthy blasted past Jens Lehmann to bring South Africa back into the game in the 50th minute but Podolski struck five minutes later to complete his hat-trick and take his tally to 10 goals in just 17 games for Germany.—MNA/Reuters



Michael Owen has a good opportunity in the first-half, but his spectacular overhead kick is saved by Maik Taylor.—INTNETNET

Serbia stay in control after 1-1 draw against Spain

MADRID, 8 Sept— Spain became the first side to breach the Serbia & Montenegro defence in a World Cup qualifier on Wednesday but were still only able to claim a 1-1 draw that meant the Balkan team remain in charge of Group Seven.

Spain dominated for much of the match at the Calderon and looked to have the game well under control when Raul put them ahead with a clever improvised header in the 19th minute.

But they were unable to take advantage of several clear cut chances to extend their lead and Serbia levelled the game midway through the second half when Mateja Kezman cashed in on some poor keeping from Iker Casillas to direct a Predrag Djordjevic shot into the net.

Serbia were reduced to 10 men by English referee Graham Poll when midfielder Igor Duljaj cut down Xabi Alonso after Spain refused to kick the ball out of play when Kezman was on the ground in the dying minutes, but the home side were unable to make their numerical advantage tell.

The result means that Serbia remain top of Group Seven with 16 points, two ahead of Spain with both teams having two games left to play.—MNA/Reuters

Toni's triple takes Italy to victory in Belarus

MINSK, 8 Sept— Luca Toni struck a hat-trick for Italy as they recovered from an early scare to comfortably beat Belarus 4-1 in their World Cup, Group Five qualifier on Wednesday.

Belarus took a surprise lead in the fourth minute when Vitali Kutuzov, who plays for Italian club Sampdoria, slotted home after being slipped through by Denis Kovba.

The Azzurri, who lead the group, drew level just two minutes later though when Mauro Camoranesi hooked the ball into the area and Fiorentina striker Toni chested down before confidently driving home.

The Italians went ahead in the 14th minute when Toni headed in a Fabio

Grosso cross at the near post with Belarus keeper Yury Zhevnov left stranded.

Argentine-born Juventus winger Camoranesi made it 3-1 on the stroke of halftime with a well-struck, low diagonal drive from the right after being set up by Francesco Totti.

Toni completed his hat-trick ten minutes after the restart — Zhevnov blocking an effort from Alberto Gilardino but the ball looping kindly to Toni who stooped to head into the unguarded goal.

MNA/Reuters

Portugal hold 10-man Russia to 0-0 draw

Moscow, 8 Sept— Portugal moved a step closer to qualifying for the World Cup finals after drawing 0-0 with 10-man Russia in a tense Group Three qualifier on Wednesday. Leaders Portugal have 24 points from 10 matches. Russia, with 19 points, remain tied for second with Slovakia who were held to a 1-1 draw by Latvia in Riga.

The Russians had captain Alexei Smertin sent off in the 43rd minute after he picked up his second yellow card for dangerous play.

German referee Markus Merk had difficulty keeping tempers in check with the teams looking edgy and nervous.

Russia coach Yuri Syomin blamed Merk for letting the game get out of hand. Russia badly wanted to avenge a 7-1 drubbing in Lisbon last October, their worst defeat since 1916.

The thumping cost coach Georgy Yartsev and the country's long-serving soccer chief Vyacheslav Kolosov their jobs, prompting widespread changes.

Despite playing a man short for more than a half, the hosts had several opportunities to get on the scoreboard in the second period.

Alexander Kerzhakov wasted the best chance with 15 minutes left when he was alone in front of goal but mistimed his shot from close range.

Kerzhakov, the Russian league's top scorer last season, also had a shot blocked in the seventh minute after a nice dribble by Marat Izmailov. The striker then tested Portugal keeper Ricardo with a 15-metre blast 10 minutes later. At the other end, Maniche was off target twice from long range late in the first half.

Russia keeper Igor Akinfeyev kept the visitors at bay in the second half.

In the space of three minutes he made a fine stop from Cristiano Ronaldo's low shot before he saved a dangerous header by Pauleta. Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari was pleased with the outcome.

MNA/Reuters

Northern Ireland score shock 1-0 victory over England

BELFAST, 8 Sept— Northern Ireland beat England 1-0 to seriously dent their old rivals chances of winning European Group Six and qualifying directly for the World Cup finals on Wednesday.

Striker David Healy scored the winner with a powerful angled drive past England goalkeeper Paul Robinson in the 73rd minute after Steve Davis chipped the ball over a static defence.

The win, Northern Ireland's first over England in Belfast since 1927 and only their seventh win over England in 98 meetings, is a huge embarrassment for

England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson, who suffered his first loss in a qualifying game since he took charge in 2001.

Eriksson's tactics will come under scrutiny after he tweaked the 4-5-1 formation used in an unconvincing 1-0 win over Wales on Saturday into a 4-3-3 led by Michael Owen, back from suspension.—MNA/Reuters

Miller double keeps Scotland's World Cup hopes alive

OSLO, 8 Sept— Scotland's Kenny Miller scored twice in a 2-1 win away to Norway on Wednesday that kept alive their slim hopes of reaching next year's World Cup finals.

The Scots, buoyed by a 1-1 draw at home to Group Five leaders Italy at the weekend when Miller also scored, have 10 points from eight games as they bid for the runners-up spot. Norway, who beat Scotland 1-0 in October, are second with 12 points from eight games behind Italy, who have 17 points after a 4-1 victory in Belarus also on Wednesday.

Miller, 25, exploited a defensive error

in the 21st minute to stab the ball home from close range and fired in a second goal from 10 metres just 10 minutes later when Norway defender Andre Bergdolmo headed the ball straight to his feet.

Norway striker Ole Martin Aarst got a consolation goal with two minutes left from the edge of the Scottish area with many of the crowd already on their way out of the stadium.—MNA/Reuters



English cricketer Ashley Giles trains at the Oval ahead of the final test of the Ashes series against Australia.—INTNETNET

Quake jolts Banda Aceh again

JAKARTA, 8 Sept — An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter Scale jolted Banda Aceh, capital city of Aceh Province, and its surroundings on Wednesday at 01:42 pm, official news agency Antara quoted a local official as saying.

The quake's epicenter was located on Nicobar Island, hundreds of kilometres west of Banda Aceh, and 30 kilometres below the sea, Aceh Besar Meteorological and Geophysics Agency Chief Syahnan said.

The tremor's epicenter was traced at 6.4 degree North Latitude and 95.0 degree East Longitude, he said.

There was no report on casualty and material loss, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



CASH DONATED: U Thuang Nyunt (IP-Retd)-Daw Tin Tin Yi of No 14, Natmauk Street, Ward 39 (B), Dagon Myothish (North) Township, recently donated K 100,000 to mark the birthday of daughter Ma Kaythi Moe in UAE. Joint-Treasurer of Administrative Board of Hninzigon Home for the Aged U Maung Maung Gyi accepts the donation. — H

One-third of Britons cannot book ahead to see doctor

LONDON, 8 Sept— Nearly one-third of Britons are unable to book an appointment with their doctor more than three days in advance, the health service's watchdog said on Wednesday.

In a Healthcare Commission poll of 117,000 patients on their experience of dental, GP and local health services, 30 per cent complained they were unable to book an appointment three or more working days in advance.

Hamish Meldrum, chairman of the British Medical Association General Practitioners Committee, said the government's 48-hour target for patients to see their doctor had led to surgeries stopping advanced bookings.

"Where we disagreed with the government was over their particular 48-hour access target because it made the problem worse. It skewed practices towards a system of book on the day appointments," he said.

"You cannot create significantly more appointments until you solve the capacity problem."

Waiting times are a sensitive political issue,

not least because of public confusion about how exactly the figures are calculated.

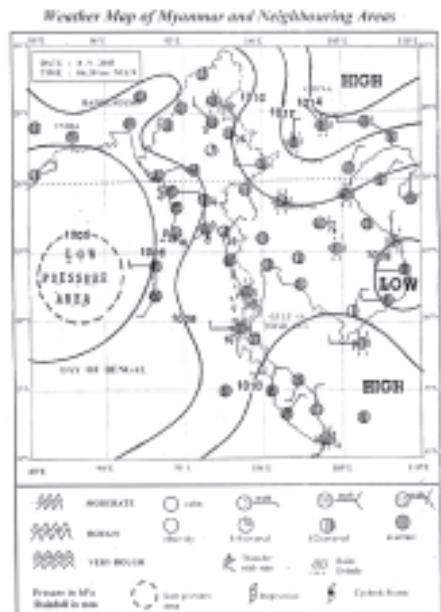
The issue is also important for doctors because as part of the new GP contract they receive bonus payments based on points awarded for the services they deliver.

Health Minister Lord Warner promised to try and improve flexibility and urgent access.

"A very large number of GP practices are both maintaining urgent access and flexible bookings," Warner told BBC radio.

"There is no reason why we can't have a financial incentive that delivers flexibility and a response within 48-hours. We want to keep the urgent access, we just need to add some flexibility."

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Thursday, 8 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, southwest monsoon had withdrawn from the Central Myanmar areas. Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Coco Island (3.15) inches, Katha (1.93) inches, PyinOoLwin (1.65) inches, Hpa-an (1.61) inches, Myeik (1.54) inches, Taunggyi (1.30) inches, Yamethin (0.79) inch and Naung Oo (0.55) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-9-2005 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 8-9-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 8-9-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 7-9-2005 was 0.3 hr approx. Rainfalls on 8-9-2005 were (0.51) inch at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.63) inch at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 74.53 inches at Mingaladon, 77.76 inches at Kaba-Aye and 82.17 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (12:05) hours MST on 7-9-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area still persists over Central South Bay. Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay. Monsoon is weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 9-9-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Yangon Division. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundery conditions in Lower Myanmar areas.

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

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



Friday, 9th September Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: -Oxygen
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: -Giddy up
- 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music: -Always you
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music: -Come & get your love
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music: -To be love, -Love like a river, -I will be yours
- 9.00 pm** World of music: Songs from -Thailand, Cambodia, Korea, China, India, Brunei
- 9.15 pm** Article/music
- 9.25 pm** Music at your request: -Between your heart on me, -Take my breath away, -Put a little love in your life
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL



Friday, 9th September View on today:

- 7:00 am**
- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်တရားကြီး၊ မိုင်းတော်သံဃာယောနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာရဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပဟာသုမ္ပဇာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မဗျာနာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘန္တမိမိတ္တသဘရာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
- 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
- 5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် မိတ်ဖျော်ရွှင်
- 8:05 am**
- 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
- 7. The mirror images of musical oldies

- 8:20 am**
- 8. ပေါင်းနည်းအင်းအား စရာဝတီ မြစ်ကူးတဲးကူးများ
- 8:30 am**
- 9. International news
- 8:45 am**
- 10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
- 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm**
- 4. အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဘေ့အကြိမ်မြောက် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမတွဲ) အထက်(၂) စမ်းချောင်း (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 5:00 pm**
- 5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့ဝင်ညာရေး ချစ်မြင်သကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)
- 5:15 pm**
- 6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm**
- 7. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ် တေရာသပ အကြိမ် (၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊အရေးအတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်
- 8.30 am**
- 8. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းစား ဂီတတေး
- 5:45 pm**
- 9. "မင်းမသိသေးပါဘူးကွာ" (ဧရာ၊ ငှက်ဇွန်အကြိမ်၊ ရွှေစံဧရာ၊ ကြိုကြိုသင်း၊ အေးအေးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဆွေစင်တိုက်)
- 6:00 pm**
- 10. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညင်ရည်
- 6:30 pm**
- 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
- 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
- 13. မိုင်းမြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ရန်ကင်းပ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 7:35 pm**
- 14. Song of yesteryears
- 7:45 pm**
- 15. လေးကျွန်းမာန်အောင် ဇော်တော် (သောတာသန်ရုပ်၊ စစ်တိုင်းမြို့မှတ်)
- 8:00 pm**
- 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. မိုင်းမြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "မနွဲအထူး" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 20. The next day's programme

Myanmar endeavouring to achieve national objectives for uplifting health, fitness and education standards of entire nation

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and school heads of BEHSs in Yangon Division, prize winners, students and guests.

First, gold medallist students in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions opened the ceremony by singing the song.

After that, MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address. He said:

Since the United Nations organizations have acclaimed 8 September as “the International Literacy Day” in 1967, Myanmar has annually honoured and celebrated the Literacy Day with splendour, as the other member nations do. It has now become a firm tradition in Myanmar.

At this time, education is a key to development of every sector and so the theme for 2005 International Literacy Day is “Literacy and Sustainable Development”.

What makes this year’s “International Literacy Day” a very special one is that, at the General Assembly conducted in December 2002, the decade, from 2005 to 2015, has been declared as the “United Nations Decade on Education for Sustainable Development” and decisions were made to draw up plans by respective nations.

The Union of Myanmar is endeavouring to achieve the national objectives for uplifting health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.

At this time the development of educational activities is charged and also every development sector is determined by education.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein visits exhibition in commemoration of the 2005 International Literacy Day and United Nations Literacy Decade.— MNA

For uplift of the education standard of the entire nation, the following measures are carried out harmoniously.

- Enhancement of modern science and technology in each and every sector for the development of the nation,

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The MPF is striving its utmost to become an efficient and reliable force at present or in future; and according to its motto, the MPF at various levels is now reforming its tasks after the formation of the Management and Reform Committee.

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YADANASI SAYADAW (LOILEM)

Government has laid down and is implementing sports aims “Myanmar Sports”— the World to Conquer”

Secretary-1 opens 21st Defence Services C-in-C’s Cup U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament

YANGON, 8 Sept — On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Chairman of Defence Services Sports and Physical Education Administrative Board Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the 21st Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Cup Under-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), here, at 3 pm today.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Divi-

sion Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, senior military officers, foreign military attachés, officials of the Ministry of Sports, guests, Tatmadawmen and their family members, members of Myanmar Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society, football fans and people.

First, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address, saying that Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Cup U-21

Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournaments have been held 21 times annually since 1985. The tournaments are held with the aims of ensuring development of Tatmadaw’s football event, contributing towards the development of physical strength of the Tatmadawmen, turning out the new generation players for Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) teams, and representing the national teams.

The Government is striving for sector-wise development of the country for the emergence of a

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein watches the Defence Services (Navy) and Defence Services (Air) teams at the opening match of U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament.— MNA