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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation wherever he lives to cultivate and possess strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to uphold and safeguard.

Tatmadawmen, entrepreneurs urged to strive for development of the agriculture of resource-rich Kachin State

YANGON, 14 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence observed monsoon paddy cultivation, rubber plantations, bridges and regional development in Kachin State on 12 September.

Accompanied by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, senior military officers, and officials, Lt-Gen Ye Myint visited a 3,100-acre rubber farm of the command in Myitkyina on 12 September.

Officials explained the target and progress in rubber plantation. The commander also joined in the discussions. In response to the presentations, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that officials should render assistance to the entrepreneurs to grow rubber on extensive scale. The Tatmadawmen and the entrepreneurs should jointly strive for the development of agriculture of the resource-rich Kachin State.

During his visit to the rubber plantation of Myitkyina Air Base near Alemawphaung village, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report on growing of rubber presented by the commander and officials. After giving instructions, he visited a 1,500-acre private rubber farm at Shudaung village in Myitkyina Township. He viewed obtaining of latex from rubber trees, producing of rubber sheets at a factory and rubber farms run by the regional battalions and entrepreneurs.

Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Brig-Gen Myint Hein of Mogaung Station and officials, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the Namti Creek Bridge (Kanhla) on Shwebo-Myitkyina road in Mogaung Township.

At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report on the pile driving ceremony of the bridge held on 4 March 2005, foundation laying of the (See page 8)

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

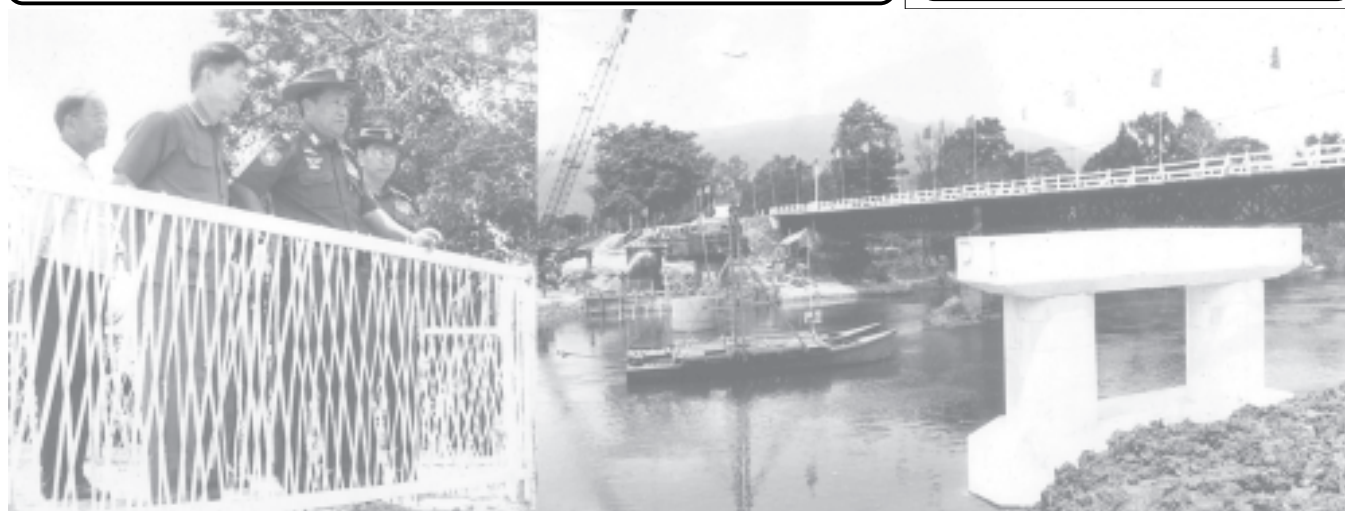
- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Namti Creek Bridge (Kanhla) Project in Mogaung Township. — MNA

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

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Extend agricultural and livestock breeding work

As the Union of Myanmar is home to numerous national races, the government is doing everything in its power to make sure that all the regions of the Union develop harmoniously and all the national people enjoy the fruits of peace and development.

Development of a region, a district or a township rests on the management of the government, efforts of departmental personnel and cooperation of local people. The government is fulfilling the requirements for development of each and every region. Local people, on their part, are required to take an active and enthusiastic part in the implementation of development work for their respective regions.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, accompanied by responsible officials, visited Maungtau Township, Rakhine State, on 5 September and inspected agricultural and regional development work there. In his meeting with members of District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental personnel, local people and members of social organizations, called on all those present to try to meet the target yield of crops, to reclaim land for extended cultivation of crops and to do more livestock breeding.

As Maungtau District has climate and soil suitable for agriculture, efforts are being made to grow monsoon paddy as well as summer paddy. For the 2005-2006 cultivation season, more than 150,000 acres of farmland have been put under monsoon paddy in Maungtau District. Moreover, efforts are being made to extend the prawn farming, inshore and offshore fishing. Not only that, Maungtau District being a border area, there is a border trade with a neighbouring country. Therefore, it is necessary for all those concerned to abide by rules and regulations to develop border trade properly.

It has been planned to grow rubber on 100,000 acres of land in Rakhine State. Now efforts are being made to plant rubber on more than 30,000 acres of land within three years starting from the year 2005-2006. Myanma Agriculture Service has already disbursed more than 300,000 seeds of rubber to 11 townships in the state.

We would like to call on the people living in Rakhine State and in the rest of the nation to extend agricultural and livestock breeding work and take an active part in the development work for their respective regions to ensure food sufficiency and regional development.

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

Central Administrative Committee for State Pariyatti Sasana Universities holds meeting

YANGON, 14 Sept — The Central Administrative Committee for State Pariyatti Sasana Universities of the Ministry of Religious Affairs held meeting 2/2005 at the hall of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this afternoon.

Present were Chairman of the Central Committee Aungmingala Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kesara of Thayet and member Sayadaws, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Religious Affairs Department, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and officials.

The Chairman Sayadaw gave an open-



The meeting of Central Administrative Committee for State Pariyatti Sasana Universities of Ministry of Religious Affairs in progress.— MNA

ing Ovadakatha. The deputy minister supplicated on the religious affairs.

Secretary of the Central Committee Dr Myo Myint supplicated on the minutes of the previous meeting.

All the participants discussed to approve the list of members to be added to the Central Edu-

cation Committee for University Management Committee (Yangon and Mandalay) and the Central Administrative Committee for State Pariyatti Sasana Universities, and

the 11th graduation ceremony for Maha Dhammaçariya and Dhammaçariya degrees. Later, the Chairman Sayadaw gave the concluding remarks.— MNA

Chinese goodwill delegation arrives

YANGON, 14 Sept — At the invitation of Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, a 6-member goodwill delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Yangzhou Political Consultative Committee of the People's Republic of China Mr Zhu Fusheng arrived here by air this afternoon.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Secretary U Tin Soe, Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win, committee members and heads of department.

MNA



PROVISIONS OFFERED: Ceremony to consecrate ancient Cintamani Pagoda in Singu, Nyaung U Township, was held in conjunction with ceremony to hoist Hti daw atop the pagoda, merit sharing ceremony, soon offering ceremony and ceremony to offer food to lay persons on 10 September at the pagoda. Photo shows families of Insein BEHS-2 offering alms to members of the Sangha.—H

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President of MKF Dr Win Zaw presents gifts to trainer of Karatedo Technical Course Mr Takuya Taniyama.— MKF

Karatedo Technical Course concludes

YANGON, 14 Sept — The Karatedo Technical Course No 1, organized by Myanmar Karatedo Federation, concluded at the training hall of the federation at Aung San Stadium, here, this afternoon.

Present were officials of the Ministry of Sports, President of MKF Dr Win Zaw, executives and guests.

On behalf of the Ministry for Sports, General Secretary of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaug Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department gave a speech and presented certificates to the trainees.

Dr Win Zaw gave away gifts to trainer Mr Takuya Taniyama.— MNA



A Chinese soldier helps fishermen dock their boat in fierce winds and heavy rain during a typhoon in Hongze County, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 12 September, 2005. —INTERNET

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Survey shows Londoners feel unsafe on public transport

LONDON, 13 Sept— A new survey showed that almost two-thirds of Londoners still feel unsafe on public transport, more than two months after the 7 July terrorist attacks here.

The survey conducted by research agency Synovate indicated that while about the same amount are now more suspicious of other people, almost all said they would not be intimidated by the bombings.

Some 73 per cent said they had not changed their journey to

work while 81 per cent said they were determined to maintain their normal daily lives.

The anxiety felt by commuters has also spread around the country. Half the population admitted they feel unsafe on public transport while 42 per cent said they avoided going to London un-

necessarily.

In the capital, the survey found the bombings had altered the lives of the Asian population more than the White. One-third Asians surveyed said they had changed their journey to work, compared to less than 10 per cent of Whites.

MNA/Reuters

China, Mexico agree to enrich strategic partnership

MEXICO CITY, 13 Sept — China and Mexico agreed here Monday morning to strengthen dialogues, enhance mutual trust and enrich the content of their strategic partnership.

The agreement was reached between Chinese President Hu Jintao, who arrived here Sunday for a state visit, and his Mexican counterpart Vicente Fox during their talks. The two sides also signed a series of cooperative documents here Monday concerning avoidance of double taxation, culture, plant quarantine, agriculture, social development and mining.

At a news briefing after the talks, Hu said his talks with Fox were "fruitful" and they reached important consensus on the future development of bilateral relations as the two countries enjoy solid political basis, wide-ranging common interests and broad development prospects. They have agreed to further bilateral economic and trade cooperation, expand two-way investment

and explore new areas for cooperation.

Hu said China welcomes more Mexican agricultural products to enter the Chinese market and the two sides will also enhance their cooperation in agriculture, fishery, mining, household appliances, textile and light industry.

The two sides will strengthen cultural exchanges and promote tourism as well, said Hu.

The two countries agreed to strengthen cooperation in international affairs, giving priority to development and the estab-

lishment of a just and rational international political and economic new order.

The two presidents disclosed that a bilateral joint committee will convene the second meeting at the beginning of next year to work out a joint action plan as soon as possible. Hu said China welcomes Mexico to set up a consular office in economically-advanced Guangzhou City, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, which will help further bilateral relation.

MNA/Xinhua

Court martial of seven British soldiers hits hitch

COLCHESTER (England), 13 Sept — A court martial of seven British soldiers charged with murdering an Iraqi teenager hit a hitch on Monday when a juror said he recognized one of the defendants.

The juror, a major in the British Army, said he recognized Corporal Scott Evans, the most senior of the seven men on trial, from a tour of duty in southern Iraq.

Fearing a breach of impartiality, the judge ordered the major to leave the seven-person panel. He was replaced by another juror with no knowledge of Corporal Evans.

A new trial was called and the prosecution spelt out its case for

a second time for the benefit of the new juror.

Prosecuting lawyers say Evans and his six co-defendants killed 18-year-old Nadhem Abdullah in southern Iraq in May 2003 because they wrongly believed he had been in car which had evaded an Army checkpoint.

They say the soldiers fatally injured Abdullah with a blow to the back of the head with a rifle butt.

MNA/Reuters

Suicide car bomb kills over 100 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept—A suicide bomber blew up his minibus after luring a crowd of men to the vehicle with promises of work in Baghdad on Wednesday, killing over 100 people and wounding 163, police and officials said.

Witnesses said the blast in the mostly Shiite district of Kadhimiya tore through a group of labourers waiting at the roadside in the hope of finding jobs for the day.

"We gathered and suddenly a car blew up and turned the area into fire and dust and darkness," said Hadi, one of the workers who survived the attack.

An Interior Ministry source said the bomber had pulled up in the minibus and called to a group of men to gather round, saying he was looking for workers. He then detonated his explosives.

One source said up to 500 lbs of explosives might have been used in the bomb.

Bodies lay in the street beside burned-out cars, witnesses said. Some used wooden carts to haul away the dead. Iraqi government officials have accused Sunni Arab militants of attacking majority Shiites, who were swept to power in January elections, in a bid to spark a civil war.

The carnage followed late-night killings in the town of Taji, just north of the capital, where gunmen dragged 17 people out of their homes and shot them, police said.—Internet

Gunmen execute 17 villagers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept—Gunmen wearing military uniforms surrounded a village north of Baghdad and executed 17 men, police said.

Police Lt Waleed al-Hayali from the area of Taaji, 16 miles north of Baghdad, said the gunmen detained the victims after searching the village. They were handcuffed and blindfolded and were later shot at a site one mile from the village.

The dead were members of the Tameem tribe, al-Hayali said. The gunmen looted the village before fleeing.

Internet

Baghdad Green Zone shelled

BAGHDAD, 13 Sept—Two mortar rounds have exploded near a military hospital inside the Green Zone that houses the Iraqi government, parliament, and foreign missions.

A plume of smoke could be seen rising from the area near the hospital after the attack on Tuesday and helicopters circled overhead.

Sirens sounded the

alarm and loudspeakers could be heard issuing instructions to personnel in the area. Security inside the zone was boosted this month after reports that bombers were trying to

penetrate the area, which is a frequent target for attacks.

Police said at least two other rounds exploded in downtown Baghdad.—Internet



A burned-out car sits in front of a damaged restaurant following an evening car bomb attack in Baghdad, on 13 September, 2005. —INTERNET

China's share reform launched in full swing

BEIJING, 13 Sept— China's two stock markets on Monday unveiled the names of 40 domestically listed firms and their compensation offers to seek the right to float their non-tradable shares, marking the beginning of the country's historic stock market restructuring in full swing.

The companies included Shanghai Automotive and Minsheng Bank. The move followed the successful state share reform of 46 listed firms since May, which was launched on a trial basis in two batches.

Following years of debate, China decided this year to end the split share structure, which was seen as the major problem in China's stagnant stock market as a large part of the shares were not allowed for trading on the market. China kicked off the first round of experimental reform of the share structure on 9 May. Among the four pilot companies, only Qinghua Tongfang failed to pass its reform proposal due to tradable shareholders' discontent about its compensation plans.

The China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC), the national capital market regulator, initi-

ated the second round of reform on 19 June, with 42 pilot companies involved.

The split share structure refers to the existence of both tradable shares and non-tradable shares owned by the state and legal persons. Non-tradable shares account for about two-thirds of the shares of the firms listed on the two markets in Shanghai and Shenzhen.

The system, with major shareholders indifferent to price fluctuations, greatly hinders stock transactions and capital allocation. The split share structure is the key culprit for China's stagnant stock market, and the reform is the "most significant" in China after the nation set up the stock market in the 1990s, said Wu Xiaohu, director of Finance and Securities Institute of China People's University.—MNA/Xinhua



Qatar to propose establishing fund for poor nations at UN Summit

KUWAIT CITY, 13 Sept—Qatari Amir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani will propose setting up a special development fund to aid poor nations when he addresses the summit of the UN General Assembly, the *Qatar News Agency* reported on Sunday.

A Qatari political source was quoted as saying that the Amir had also donated 20 million US dollars from his personal funds for this project.

The Qatari Amir is expected to touch on the question of cooperation between the South and the North, easing off debt burden of poor nations, in addition to his ideas on reforming the United Nations.

Sheikh Hamad flew to New York on Sunday to take part in the UN General Assembly due on 14-16 September.—MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi police view the remains of a car bomb after it exploded in the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, 200 km north of Baghdad on 12 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Oil tanker fire kills seven, injures four in Yangtze River's E China section

NANJING, 13 Sept—Seven people were confirmed dead with four others burned in an oil tanker fire that broke out on Sunday morning in the Jiangyin section of the Yangtze River in east China.

According to local government officials at Jiangyin Port, on Sunday morning, oil residue in an oil tanker met a burning fire when it was being refitted in the Jiangyin area of the Yangtze River, China's second longest. The ensuing fire and choking smog killed seven workers aboard immediately and injured another four.

The vessel have been to Jiangyin from Tianjin Port, north China, for less than one month and the refitting opera-

tion has lasted for 10 days or so. According to the reequipment plan, the vessel would be transformed from an oil tanker into a special transport ship for global services.

The 60,000-ton oil tanker, dubbed *Zhenhua 11*, belonged to Shanghai Zhenhua Port Machinery (Group) Co., Ltd. The officials said the owner of the oil tanker was from Britain. The vessel has served for more than 20 years, but did not meet the term for being scrapped.

MNA/Xinhua

Katrina, a wake-up call to withdraw US troops from Iraq and focus on domestic needs

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept—Senate opponents of the Iraq war on Tuesday called Hurricane Katrina a wake-up call to withdraw troops and focus on domestic needs, lawmakers of both parties acknowledged the relief effort will make it tougher for President George W Bush to maintain support for the war.

"The degree of difficulty has been exponentially increased by Katrina," said Joseph Biden of Delaware, top Senate Foreign Relations Committee Democrat.

"The administration has got to get its act together," Biden said. "Don't give me this amorphous malarkey about we'll stay there until the job is done," he said, but instead Bush must set targets for training Iraqi troops to replace US forces.

Said Sen. John McCain (news, bio, voting record): "Clearly this nation is capable of handling both expenses asso-

ciated with Katrina and the Iraq war, but there's no doubt that Katrina is having a negative effect on support for the war." The Arizona Republican is a staunch supporter of the US-led Iraq invasion.

One of the Senate's fiercest Iraq war opponents, West Virginia Democrat Robert Byrd, said in a floor speech the federal government's faltering response to the Gulf Coast's devastation from Katrina showed that the Iraq war has drained needed resources at home.

Internet

"Human error" causes widespread power outage in LA

LOS ANGELES, 13 Sept—City maintenance workers accidentally cut a power line Monday, sparking a widespread electrical outage that knocked out the lights in almost half of Los Angeles, snarling traffic and trapping dozens of people in elevators.

The workers accidentally cut a line at a power receiving station, then connected it to another line "that was not expecting that amount of electricity", said Ron Deaton, general manager of the city's Department of Water and Power (DWP).

That surge triggered power-control systems throughout the electrical

delivery grid to avoid an overload, knocking out service to more than half of Los Angeles soon after 12:30 pm.

Power was quickly lost in many areas in downtown, and south and west Los Angeles.

MNA/Xinhua



A line of cars is seen during the evening rush hour after a power outage in the Silver Lake section of Los Angeles on 12 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Hurricane "Ophelia" churns off US east coast

SALVO (North Carolina), 13 Sept— Hurricane Ophelia churned near the southeastern US coast on Monday, forcing wary residents off the most vulnerable islands of North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Heavy rains from Ophelia's outer squalls could soak parts of the North and South Carolina coasts by Monday night, the National Hurricane Centre in Miami said. But the main core of the storm had barely budged in days.

The centre of Ophelia, the first hurricane to threaten the United States since Katrina devastated the US Gulf Coast two weeks ago, was about 275 miles south-southwest of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, at 8 am EDT (1200 GMT).

The hurricane was stationary and was expected to turn slowly northwest, putting the centre over or near the North Carolina coast on Wednesday.

Ophelia had top sustained winds of 75 mph, just over the 74 mph threshold to become a hurricane, and little change in strength was expected, hurricane centre forecasters said.

North Carolina Governor Mike Easley has declared a state of emergency and put 200 National Guardsmen on stand-by for deployment.—MNA/Reuters

British soldiers 'beat Iraqi taxi driver'

LONDON, 13 Sept—An Iraqi taxi driver today told a court that he had been beaten unconscious by a group of British soldiers.

The seven servicemen, who are accused of murdering an 18-year-old man in the same attack, listened to the victim of their alleged assault as he gave evidence at their court martial in the UK.

Athar Finnijan Saddam said he had been carrying several passengers towards the village of Faraka, near Al U'Zayra in southern Iraq, when the alleged attack took place on 11 May 2003, three weeks after formal hostilities had ended.

Giving evidence, he told a military court in Colchester, Essex, that he had tried to show the soldiers his car registration but was dragged from the vehicle and attacked.

"The British people stopped and they started beating me," he said. "First I was standing talking to them ... they did not understand what I was saying and they started to beat me. Then I fell on the floor from the blows and they continued hitting me and then I passed out."

He told the court that he had been hit with rifle butts, helmets, fists and feet during the attack. Describing his injuries, Mr Saddam, who was dressed in a brown shirt and trousers, unbuttoned his sleeve and said: "They hit me on my arm, my forearm. They hit my elbow, my head, my back, all over my body." —Internet

Water Desalination Conference held in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 13 Sept— The 10th International Desalination Association (IDA) World Congress opened in Singapore on Sunday with a participation of over 600 experts and delegates from the water industry.

Themed "Desalination: the tide has turned", the six-day conference will discuss issues on desalination and water reuse with more than 100 technical papers to be presented at the event.

Channel NewsAsia report said that Feheid Fahad AlShareef, Governor of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, attended the meeting. The SWCC's 27 desalination plants produce 576 million gallons of desalinated water daily.

As one of the largest

users of desalinated water in the world, Saudi Arabia consumes 30 per cent of the world's desalinated water production, which accounts for 70 per cent of the country's total water supply.

Singapore will also share its experiences on water catchment during the conference. Established in 1985, the IDA has dedicated itself to the development and promotion of the appropriate use of desalination technology and water reuse worldwide.

MNA/Xinhua

US jets strike Iraqi town near Syria

BAGHDAD, 13 Sept— The Iraqi army said it had killed 14 fighters and captured 35.

US aircraft have repeatedly struck fighter targets in the Iraqi town of Karabila, near the Syrian border, while the Iraqi army clashed with fighters at the nearby Gumruk area.

"American aircraft have struck the city of Karabila more than 10 times," a hospital source said on Tuesday.

The hospital source said families were beginning to leave Karabila after the air strikes and heading for Haditha, where the US military said earlier on Tuesday it had killed four fighters and captured another after an air strike on a house.

Iraqi troops, with US support, are currently winding up an operation to flush fighters from the northern Iraqi town of Tal Afar. —Internet

Samsung Electronics develops world's first 16Gb NAND memory chip

SEOUL, 13 Sept — Samsung Electronics Co, Ltd, the world's biggest computer-memory chipmaker, announced on Monday it has developed the world's first 16 Gigabit (Gb) NAND (not and) flash memory chip, using a 50-nanometre manufacturing technology.

"Memory is opening a bold new world in consumer electronics," said Hwang Chang-gyu, Samsung Electronics' CEO, at a Press conference held at Shilla Hotel in downtown Seoul earlier Monday. "With cards containing multiple 16Gb flash memory chips, you will be able to take your entire music and personal video libraries with you on one small portable device," Hwang said.

The newest NAND flash memory chip can store data equivalent to 200 years of a 40-page broadsheet daily newspaper or 8,000 digital music

files, Samsung Electronics said in a Press release, adding the new flash memory can also save up to 32 hours of DVD-quality movie files on a single memory card.

The new chip, which was developed at August 14 this year, holds 16.4 billion functional transistors, each measuring one-two-thousandths of a metre, the thickness of a human hair, the release said.

When explaining the meaning of the new chip, Hwang said "The 16Gb device should accelerate further expansion of the NAND flash market across mobile and portable dig-

ital applications as an alternative to mini-HDDs (hard disk drivers) and even HDDs for laptops". Samsung plans to start mass producing the 16Gb NAND flash memory chip in the second half of 2006, according to the release.

It also said the NAND flash market has enjoyed a compounded annual growth rate of 70 per cent from 2001 through 2005.

The worldwide sales of NAND flash memory chips are expected to rise to 10.1 billion US dollars in 2005, compared with seven billion dollars last year, Samsung Electronics said.

Hwang also predicted that the NAND flash will eventually replace other storage mediums, especially those used in mobile products, creating a "Flash Rush".

Meanwhile, at the Press conference, Samsung also unveiled first 7.2 Mega-pixel CMOS (Complementary Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Transistor) image sensor for high-end digital pictures and Fusion Semiconductors for next-generation smartphones and PDAs, MP3 music players and subscriber identity module card applications. —MNA/Xinhua

Powerful explosion rocks Metro Manila

MANILA, 13 Sept— A powerful explosion rocked a logistics building in Taguig, Metro Manila, late Monday night, the local radio DZMM reported.

The report said the explosion was heard from inside the logistics building at the camp at 23:15 local time (15:15 GMT). The fire also struck the nearby Pasig City Hall. After the explosion, the building, called Camp Bagong Diwa, was engulfed by fire that triggered minor explosions.

Firemen rushed to the area to contain the fire while policemen secured the vicinity of the camp. Director Vidal Querol, chief of the National Capital Region Police Office, told DZMM that the explosion was an accident and not a terrorist attack.

The situation in Manila has remained tense as President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo flew to New York on Monday night to attend a UN summit meeting.

MNA/Xinhua



An employee of Samsung Electronics shows the world's highest density 16-Gigabit NAND flash memory device, using 50-nanometre technology during a news conference in Seoul, on 12 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Tropical low pressure kills five in Vietnam

HANOI, 14 Sept — Flooding caused by a tropical low pressure have killed five local people in Vietnam's central region and Tay Nguyen (central highlands) region, local newspaper Youth reported on Wednesday.

The people, mostly grade students, were from the two central provinces of Thua Thien Hue and Quang Nam and the cen-

tral highlands province of Dac-Lac. The flooding caused by the low pressure on Tuesday drowned the students when they

were on the way to school.

Heavy rain and strong winds caused by the pressure injured seven children, damaged hundreds

of houses, and submerged thousands of hectares of crops. The children from central Quang Binh Province were injured when tiles from the roof of a kindergarten, in which they were sleeping on Tuesday afternoon, fell due to a strong wind.

Natural disasters, mainly storms and floods, killed 232 people, left 38 others missing, injured 187 others, destroyed 4,200 houses, and 3,000 hectares of rice, and killed over 2,000 cattle and 170,000 poultry in Vietnam last year, causing a total property loss of over 900 billion VND (some 57 million dollars). — Internet



British soldiers stand guard after a British military convoy was hit by a roadside bomb in the southern city of Basra on 11 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Import quality, safe and potent medicines

A Journalist

The Government has been expanding the horizon of public health care and taking all possible measures for uplift of the health standard of the nation with a view to enabling the entire national people to lead a healthy life, to be free from diseases and to enjoy longevity.

In the drive, it is required to import safe and potent medicines. Now, the problems of less potent and fake drugs are rampant all over the world, posing grave danger to the world people.

So, the Ministry of Health and relevant departments and organizations have to supervise tasks for import of drugs for ensuring authentic and safe drugs into the nation. Recently, I interviewed some officials so that I would be able to disseminate noteworthy points about import of standard medicines to the people especially to the importers, distributors and consumers.

In the interview, Director Dr Soe Myat Tun of the Food and Drug Administration of the Health Department of the Ministry of Health said that the Government enacted National Drug Law in October, 1992, and issued notifications related to the National Drug Law in August, 1993. The Ministry of Health has been supervising the registration, import and distribution of drugs in line with the provisions of the law.

He said that the Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority was constituted to closely supervise the matters on food and drugs. In addition, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was also formed under the Health Department in accord with Section 29 of the National Drug Law in 1995. The Central Food and Drug Supervisory Committee and the Drug Consultative Committee were established in order to supervise the functions of the FDA. Exercising the authority given by the National Drug Law, the Ministry of Health is supervising import of drug and enforcement of rules and regulations.

The ministry officials are making field trips to supervise storage of drugs to ensure fully potent drugs for consumption. Only registered medicines are valid for import. So, entrepreneurs have to submit trade name, generic name, dosage forms, strength, packing and presentation, accounting unit, name of manufacturer/country of the drugs they want to import.

Those who apply for drug import permission are to submit document/dossier and samples of drugs they want to import, to the FDA. If the FDA is satisfied with the documents and samples, it will have to forward the case to the meeting of the Drug Advisory Committee to make the final decision. The drugs that the authorities have refused to register or that have not been registered are not allowed for export. Drug traders and consumers should understand that quality and potency of unregistered drugs have no guarantees, he said.

From time to time, the ministry reminds the people about the unregistered drugs. The drug companies and stores should not import or market unregistered, fake and low-quality drugs. Severe action is to be taken against those who fail to follow law and rules. So far, there have been 7,840 different registered drugs and 189 companies, he said.

However, he said, some unregistered drugs are smuggled into the nation. So, the ministry is

implementing a programme through the media for enabling the people to distinguish authentic drugs and fake ones.

Deputy Director Dr Khin Oo May of the Import Division of the Directorate of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce said that with the permission of the Trade Policy Council, the Import Division issues import licences. The group of medicines includes household medicines, veterinary medicines, medical equipment, raw materials for modern drugs, and raw materials for traditional medicines.

She said the Ministry of Commerce has been scrutinizing the applications for import of drugs. But, some less potent medicines are imported under invoice and distributed along with standard medicines at same prices. So, it causes adverse effects on the consumers while reducing revenues of the Government.

Under the directive of the Ministry of Health, the Committee for Scrutinizing Prices and Quality of Imported Drugs is scrutinizing the applications for import of medicines and medical equipment. And on the recommendation of the committee regarding prices and qualities of goods, the Directorate of Trade grants permission for import.

Recommendation of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Live-

The OSS at border crossings have been taking actions against persons trafficking in illegal medicines. Documents concerning Drugs Importation Approval Certificate, Retail and Wholesale Licence, Drugs Registration Certificate, List of Registered Approval, membership certificate of Myanmar Drugs and Medicines Traders Association, prices, and the use of drugs should be presented to BTM through the border points.

stock and Fisheries is needed to apply for import of veterinary medicines, and recommendation of the Traditional Medicine Department, for import of raw materials for traditional medicines.

The import licences are being issued according to the Drug Registration Certificate (DRC) and the Drug Importation Approval Certificate (DIAC). Licensed medicines are being imported through the border trade. At an interview with Daw Kyi Kyi Cherry Maung, Deputy Director of the Border Trade Department, she said, "The BTM of the Commerce Ministry has opened border trade points at Muse, Lweje, Laiza, Chinswehew and Kanpaiktee at Myanmar-China border, Tachilek, Myawaddy, Kawthoung, and Myeik border at Myanmar-Thai border, Tamu and Reed at India-Myanmar border, and Sittway and Maungtau at Bangladesh-Myanmar border. In addition, the department opened Mayanchaung check point to inspect goods coming into Myanmar from Thailand. One Stop Services (OSS) have been set up to prevent smuggling of goods into the country.

"The One Stop Services are formed with staff of BTM, Customs Department, Immigration and

National Registration Department, Myanmar Police Force, Myanmar Economic Bank and Internal Revenue Department.

"The OSS at border crossings have been taking actions against persons trafficking in illegal medicines. Documents concerning Drugs Importation Approval Certificate, Retail and Wholesale Licence, Drugs Registration Certificate, List of Registered Approval, membership certificate of Myanmar Drugs and Medicines Traders Association, prices, and the use of drugs should be presented to BTM through the border points."

For the convenience of importers to submit applications, Secretary of the association Dr Saw Hla Tun said, "It is the duty of all to prevent drugs that do not meet the standards from entering Myanmar markets. Traders and entrepreneurs of the profession should serve as a bridge to enable people to buy drugs they really need".

In August 2005, the Health Ministry formed the committee to control prices and drug quality inspection committee with the participation of 12 entrepreneurs under the supervision of ministry officials. After scrutinizing the applications, the committee presented them to the ministry. After scrutinizing the applications, the ministry sends them back to the entrepreneurs.

"It is important for the importer company to follow the procedures. The association on its part will recommend an application if it is in accord with the procedures. The association is also organizing workshops for the importers to work according to the rules."

An official of Customs Department also explained measures being taken for the convenience of drug importers.

Concerning the import and distribution of quality drugs, a director of Traditional Medicine Department said, "The Traditional Medicine Law was enacted on 25 July 1996 and a notification regarding the law was issued on 9 August the same year. Traditional medicines are being registered after due inspections according to the procedures. Every licensed entrepreneur has the right to produce and distribute traditional medicine. But action will be taken against any entrepreneurs who go against the rules. Import of raw materials needs approval of the Traditional Medicine Department to ascertain whether the materials are actually used in producing the traditional medicines. The imported traditional medicines should be registered with the FDA.

The bodies concerned are facilitating the work of importing and distributing potent and safe drugs.

Only when the entire nation is healthy, will the human resources be turned into a great strength to build a modern and developed nation. In this regard, the departments and organizations concerned will have to look into the task to ensure that there are no weaknesses and loopholes in it. And they will have to work with goodwill. The merchants and importers on their part should import and distribute potent and quality drugs for the uplift of health and fitness of the entire nation.

(Translation: MS+TMT)

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Second session of intensive courses at Yangon UDE announced

YANGON, 14 Sept — Yangon University of Distance Education will conduct its second session of the intensive courses for 2005 academic year from 13 to 23 October and hold examinations from 27 October to 3 November at examination centres of Dagon University, East Yangon University, Mawlamyine University, Patheingyi University, Sittway University, Pyaw University, Toungoo University, Dawei University, Hinthada University, Hpa-an University, Myeik University, West Yangon University, Maubin University and Bago Degree College.

First, second and third year arts major students except history and law majors who have got registered at Dagon Branch (Dagon University) of Yangon UDE are to attend the intensive courses at Dagon University. First year Myanmar major students must sit the examination at North Okkalapa BEHS No 1, No 3, No 4 and No 5; and First year Geography major students at North Okkalapa BEHS No 2, Dagon Myothit (North) BEHS No 1, No 3 and No 4. All students for first, second and third arts specialized majors except history and law majors are to take the exam at Dagon University.

First, second and third year arts major students except history and law majors who have got registered at the eastern branch of Yangon UDE (East Yangon University) must attend the intensive courses at East Yangon University.

Similarly, first, second and third year arts major students except history and law majors who have got registered at the western branch of Yangon UDE (West Yangon University) are to attend the intensive course at West Yangon University.

Except history and law majors, all arts specialized majors of first, second and third year students who have got registered at district branches of Yangon UDE must attend the intensive courses at the respective universities and colleges and sit the examination.

The detailed schedules will be announced at respective branches of UDE and BEHSs.—MNA

Hlinethaya Industrial Zone seeks ways of high productivity

YANGON, 12 Sept — To bring about development of factories in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee organized a workshop today at Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-1.

A total of 70 representatives from factories in Hlinethaya Township in the industry zone are participating in the workshop which will last till 16 September. Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein made an opening address at the workshop.

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Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein addresses the opening of a workshop to boost production of industries. — LABOUR

Teachership courses on reproductive health kick off



Daw Khin Thet Htay speaks at opening of educative talks on reproductive health and change of habits among the public. — MNA

YANGON, 14 Sept — With the purpose of giving educative talks on reproductive health and change of habits among the public, teachership courses were opened in Hlegu, Hmawby and Taikkyi townships in Yangon North District this morning.

Present on the occasion were Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay and members, Taikkyi Station Commander Col Tint Wai, Chairman of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myat Min and departmental officials, the chairperson of Supervisory Committees for District MCWA and members, local authorities, chairpersons of Township MCWAs and members, course instructors and trainees.

First, Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay delivered an address on the occasion and presented cash assistance K 1,518,000 to Hlegu Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Hla Hla Win. Next, Chairperson Daw Hla Hla Win reported on arrangements to be made for giving lectures on reproductive health in the teachership course and presented membership certificate of five extended branch associations and 300 permanent membership certificate to Secretary of Yangon Division MCWA Dr Hla Myint.

Likewise, the teachership course was opened

in Hmawby Township. MCWA Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay made a speech on the occasion and handed cash assistance K 1,518,000 to Hmawby Township MCWA Daw Nu Nu Wai. Chairperson Daw Nu Nu Wai reported on arrangements to be made for giving lectures on reproductive health in the teachership course and presented membership certificate of five extended branch associations and 300 permanent membership certificate to Secretary of Yangon Division MCWA Dr Hla Myint.

Similarly, the teachership course was opened in Taikkyi Township. MCWA Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay made a speech on the occasion and handed cash assistance K 1,518,000 to Taikkyi Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Thida. Chairperson Daw Thida reported on arrangements to be made for giving lectures on reproductive health in the teachership course and presented membership certificate of five extended branch associations and 300 permanent membership certificate to Secretary of Yangon Division MCWA Dr Hla Myint.

The course lasts from 14th to 18th September and is being attended by 45 trainees from each township. If completed, the trainees will disseminate their knowledge experienced from the course in 20 villages.

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US disaster chief quits; storm toll passes 500

NEW ORLEANS, 13 Sept — The head of the US disaster agency resigned on Monday amid a storm of criticism over Washington's response to Hurricane Katrina as the confirmed death toll from the calamity passed 500, including 45 victims found inside one abandoned New Orleans hospital.

Michael Brown quit as chief of the Federal Emergency Management Agency while President George W Bush was winding up a two-day visit to New Orleans and other devastated areas. Three days earlier Brown had been removed from direct control over recovery efforts on the US Gulf Coast as complaints mounted that he came to the emergency too late

with too little.

In an apparent nod to critics who said the agency needed more expertise at the top, the White House announced that David Paulison, a veteran firefighter who runs the agency's preparedness division, would take over as acting director.

Fifty-four per cent of Americans disapprove of Bush's handling of the-

response to Katrina, according to two polls released on Monday — one by ABC News/Washington Post and the other by CNN/USA Today/Gallup.

A methodical search for the dead continued in New Orleans and nearby areas.

Teams of morticians were taking DNA samples from survivors who may have lost family members so they could try to make matches and perhaps identify the corpses they were finding.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals said recovery workers found a cluster of 45 bodies at Memorial Medical Centre in New Orleans.

It was not immediately clear what their causes of death were but it appeared that all 45 died at some point after

Katrina hit and officials completed evacuating the city's hospitals.

Around 40 per cent of the city remains swamped by contaminated water, although surrounding suburban areas were drying out. Most of city's 450,000 residents are scattered across the United States in shelters or with friends and family.

An estimated one million coastal residents were displaced by the hurricane.

Louisiana authorities said on Monday they had confirmed 279 fatalities, including the hospital deaths. An additional 218 people have died in Mississippi and seven in Florida where Katrina first hit. The total was far lower than initial estimates that thousands had died.

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piers, completion of the piers, efforts being made to complete the whole project within the target period, and repair and maintenance of the 121-mile long Shwebo-Myitkyina road, presented by officials. He made arrangements for work facilitation, and said that the government has been building a network of motorways, railroads and bridges for ensuring smooth and secure transport in the whole nation.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed Namti Creek Bridge (Kanhla) project and the construction of the approach road.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets departmental officials, local authorities and social organizations in Mogaung.— MNA

He held a meeting with departmental officials, local authorities and members of social organizations at the town hall of Mogaung Township. Officials reported on facts on the township, and economic, social, education and health sectors of the region includ-

ing progress in putting 65,050 acres out of 66,000 acres under monsoon paddy in 2005-2006, arrangements for cultivation of 4,200 more acres, growing 90 acres of rubber. The chairman of Mohnyin District PDC and departmental officials presented sec-

tor-wise reports. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint provided assistance for the projects and delivered a speech.

He also inspected progress of Mogaung and Mogaung Township People's Hospital.

On 12 September morning, he met with officers, other ranks and their family members of Myitkyina Station in Myitkyina. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave a speech, calling for serving the interests of the nation and the people while upholding Our Three Main Na-

tional Causes, cooperation with local people in the five rural development tasks, and establishment of small-scale model agricultural and livestock farms.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint cordially greeted those present. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects rubber plantation of Myitkyina Airbase.— MNA

Industry-1 Minister looks into production tasks in factories

YANGON, 14 Sept — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang together with officials concerned held a meeting with Managing Director of Myanmar Textile Industries U Oo Thein Maung and departmental officials in Aunglan of Magway Division on 11th September.

During the meeting, those in charge of cotton farms reported to the minister on cultivation and production of cotton with the help of charts. In connection with the reports, the minister made arrangements to fulfil the requirements. On arrival at Pyay of Bago Division, the minister inspected production process of soft drinks in Myananda Ice Factory and gave instructions on arrangements to be made for a boost in production.

Upon arrival at Win Thuza Shop in Pyay, the

minister checked sales of goods manufactured by the Ministry of Industry-1 and left necessary instructions.

Next, the minister arrived at Myanmar Textile Industries in Shwedaung and inspected production process of cotton. He then looked into cotton and machines. Af-

terwards, the minister inspected newly-installed 100 spinning and weaving machines and 60 looms. After that, the minister checked varieties of clothing at the finishing plant and computerized design making.

At the briefing hall, the minister met with officials concerned and

gave necessary instructions to them. On arrival at enamel ware factory (Thayawady) in Bago Division, the minister inspected test run of newly-installed machines and filler presses.

Afterwards, the minister looked into progress in building of toilet items factory. — MNA



Minister U Aung Thuang inspects designs made by Myanmar Textile Industries in Shwedaung. —INDUSTRY-1

A&I Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

YANGON, 14 Sept — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun, who had completed his tour of duty, at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation this afternoon.

Also present at the call were departmental heads of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and officials. — MNA

Thai delegation calls on Director-General of LBVD

YANGON, 14 Sept — Visiting Director-General of Department of Livestock Development (DLD) Dr Yukol Limlaemthong of Thailand and party met with Director-General U Maung Maung Nyunt of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and officials at his office at 11 am today.

The visiting Thai delegation will study livestock and livestock farming system in Kyaukpadaung, Meiktila and Mandalay.— MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presents gift to an outstanding schoolboy. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presents gift to an outstanding schoolgirl. — MNA

Significant progress of ...

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in 1963. The school was upgraded into Basic Education Middle School in 1981. In 2003, the school became a Ba-

Government and K 2.1 million by the local people.

While holding the opening ceremony of the school building, the medi-

At the talks, rural women cordially discussed with personnel of USDA and MCWA measures to eradicate TB (Tuberculosis) and medical treatment for ovarian can-

country. They also asked about medical care for pregnant women, vaccinations and free medical treatment to be provided by MCWA for poor elderly.

ple in major cities but also to those in rural areas in line with the five rural development tasks.

Furthermore, social organizations are actively taking part in the HIV/

grammes national and abroad through satellite dish. In addition, telephones have been installed at the villages. And, local people have the opportunities to study vari-



Specialists from Mon State General Hospital give free medical treatments to locals in Natgyichaung Village. MNA



Members of Township and Village MCWAs cordially deal with villagers of Natgyichaung Village. — MNA



Members of Township and Village MCWAs hold talks on rural development tasks in Natgyichaung Village. MNA

cal team comprising specialists and physicians from Mon State General Hospital were performing the medical treatment and operation tasks to local people free of charge.

They also asked about free medical treatments for eye disorders and physical disabilities and cash assistance to be provided by NGOs for

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In reviewing these activities without wishful thinking, it is obvious that the Government is placing emphasis on providing health care services not only to the peo-

AIDS educative programmes.

At the time of the Government of the State Peace and Development Council, the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people cooperate in one another in undertaking development tasks including rural areas.

ous kinds of books at the libraries in the villages.

Today, local people of Natgyichaung Village and its surrounding villages are enjoying fruitful results of paddy plantations and horticultural and livestock breeding farms.

Thanks to better transport, economic growth can be witnessed at Natgyichaung Village.

That is why, significant progress of Natgyichaung Village in Paung Township shows evidence that internal and external destructive elements made false accusations.

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Members of USDA and MCWA hold heart-to-heart discussions with local people in Natgyichaung Village, Paung Township, Mon State. —MNA



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Paung, seven miles far from their village. At present, students are glad to learn the high school level education at the school of Natgyichaung Village.

Deputy Director-General U Myo Nyunt of Department of Basic Education explained at length on progress of the education sector.

The new building of BEHS (Branch) in Natgyichaung Village was built at a cost of over K 6.7 million —K 4.6 million contributed by the

This being so, members of the medical teams provided health care services to 57 eye patients, 15 ear, nose and throat patients, 19 gynecological and obstetrical patients, six surgical patients, 16 dental patients, 42 children patients, five psychiatric patients and 70 other patients.

Officials of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and Maternal and Child Welfare Association also held round-table talks with rural people.

outstanding students in rural areas. Officials of USDA and MCWA replied queries raised by the rural women.

Moreover, members of township/village MCWAs briefed on development tasks carried out in Natgyichaung Village.

Rural women also raised questions on matters related to children with special educational needs, rural education units and women who have strong desire to make money in neighbouring



The new 120' x 30' four-unit building of Basic Education High School in Natgyichaung Village, Paung Township, Mon State. — MNA

Serve public and national interest in reinforcing the Fourth Estate

Conviction, goodwill and practical efforts of media personnel are of utmost importance

Correct stand of media will serve national interest

Strong patriotism and Union Spirit to be built in order to guard against dangers

As some big nations use media as offensive weapon, small nations have to use it as counter-offensive weapon

YANGON, 14 Sept—The News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information inaugurated Journalism Course No 1/2005 at the training hall of the New Light of Myanmar Daily on Strand Road in Botahtaung Township

Foreign Correspondents Club, its president and journalists, course instructors and trainees.

In his speech, the minister said the 12th course organized under the historical necessity is of great importance not only for the nation and

to the lectures in the class under the course instructors who are well-versed in journalism and literacy.

Newspaper has come into being as a mass media for many years. However much technologies have made progress, the

making efforts for the national economic progress and developing human resources. On the other hand saboteurs from inside and outside the nation are trying to destroy the national developments in all sectors. Dailies are standing as the

practical efforts of the media personnel are of utmost important. The correct stand of the media will serve the national interest. In this age, the countries with the strong media arm are trying to bully and dominate small nations through the prac-

some big nations use the media as offensive weapon, small nations have to use it as counter-offensive weapon, he added.

Therefore, he said, the mediemen of small nations are to try to be outstanding persons in



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses opening of Journalism Course No 1/2005 of News and Periodicals Enterprise.—MNA

this afternoon.

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, officials, the chairman of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and CEC members, the patron of the Myanmar

the people but also for the ministry and the nation's journalism world, calling on the trainees to work hard in the studies.

He also urged the trainees to make efforts to practise and translate the three objectives of the course into reality when they will get engaged in the journalism world. The trainees should take advantage of class time by paying a careful attention

important role of newspaper will never be obsolescent and will remain forever as the core of the mass media.

The nation has been in the process of implementing the seven-point Road Map according to the wish of the people. In addition, infrastructures for the flourishing of the democratic system has been built in the nation. The government has been

media helping the national development drive and ward off the destructive acts. Thus, the trainees should strive to become qualified journalists always standing by the people. The government has been endeavouring for national development and ensuring peace and stability and rights for every citizen, with the four main columns as the base. The fourth estate or column is to help control and steer the three columns — the legislative sector, the judicial sector and the executive sector.

The fourth estate will lose its aims and will harm the national interest if it exercises excessive freedom. The trainees should serve the national interest in reinforcing the fourth estate. Thus, the conviction, goodwill and

tice of neo-colonialism. They are trying to introduce their lifestyles and culture to the small nations by force.

He said they are using their strength and power to make the small nations do what they want to and they are bullying small nations and forcibly introducing their political concepts, social systems and cultural traits.

They are also destroying political, economic, administrative, social and cultural values and spirit with the misuse of media. Strong patriotism and the Union spirit are to be built in order to guard against such dangers.

He spoke of the need for both trainees and the people to gain strength through the media. As

media offensive on political, economic and social fronts. He urged them to strive for the people of the world to see the true situations of the country.

In conclusion, he urged the trainees to study journalism at the course, to realize the three aims of the course and to apply the knowledge gained in practical fields.

He also urged them to try to widely carry out the tasks for media cover not only in border areas but in the world in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, to enhance qualifications and to serve the interest of the people and the nation while discharging the media duties. The three-month course is being attended by 45 trainees from the ministries and organizations.—MNA

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Myanma Economic Bank (Branch) opens in Kawlin

YANGON, 13 Sept—Myanma Economic Bank (Branch) was opened on 11 September in Kawlin in the presence of Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

At the ceremony, Chairman of

Katha District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Aung and Managing Director of Myanma Economic Bank U Myat Maw formally opened the building. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye unveiled the signboard of the bank. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivered opening addresses at the ceremony. — MNA



Lt-Col Aung Aung and MEB Managing Director U Myat Maw formally open MEB (Branch) in Kawlin, Sagaing Division. — MNA

Doh Kyeywa Journal in circulation

YANGON, 14 Sept — With a view to disseminating knowledge to people, Volume 1, No 18 of Doh Kyeywa (Our Village) Journal comes out today.

The journal contains articles, stories, humours, poems and news. Bookworms can acquire general knowledge on agriculture, livestock breeding and

health.

A wide range of topics are carried in the issue No 18.

Those wishing to send manuscripts and to put advertisements in the journal, may contact No 30-32, 10th Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon and can dial 371342, 252452, 379768. — MNA



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung meets Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun on 14 September at Ministry of Industry-1. — INDUSTRY-1

Minister inspects Hnget-Aw-San Youth Training School in Kawhmu Township

YANGON, 13 Sept — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Director-General of Immigration and Population Department Col Maung Maung Than, Deputy Director-General of Social Welfare Department Lt-Col Aung Tun Khaing and officials inspected Hnget-Aw-San Youth Training School in Kawhmu Township this morning.

Deputy Director U Sein Win and Principal U Kyaw Win reported on training of youths, vocational education, health care and resettlement.

The minister inspected hostels, li-

brary, basic education primary school, messing hall, industrial and vocational training courses. He presented food, clothing and cash for the youths.

The minister discussed functions and civil service rules and regulations in meeting with personnel and officials of IPDs and Fire Services Departments of Kawhmu, Twantay, Seikkyi-Khanaungto, Dalla and Kungyangon Townships at the Kawhmu Township Peace and Development Council Office.

The minister inspected women rehabilitation centre in Alanoke Village in Twantay Township.

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Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa inspects Hnget-Aw-San Youth Training School in Kawhmu Township in Yangon Division. — SWD

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စဉ်	ဆေးအမည်	ထုတ်လုပ်သည့်ကုမ္ပဏီ	နိုင်ငံ
၁	Bisuvon 8mg Tablet (Bromhexine Hydrochloride I.P 8mg)	Cotec Pharma	India
၂	Bisolvin Tablet (Bromhexine Hydrochloride I.P 8mg)	Uni-pex Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd.	India
၃	Diphenhydramine Capsules I.P (Diphenhydramine Hydrochloride I.P 25mg)	Himco Laboratories	India
၄	Periactin Tablet (Cyproheptadine HCl 4mg)	M&H Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Thailand
၅	Ventolin (Salbutamol) Inhaler (100mcg Slabutamol BP per actuation)	Glaxo SmithKline Pakistan Limited	Pakistan

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Fourth Myanmar National ICT Awards Competition to be held

YANGON, 14 Sept — The Myanmar Computer Federation will organize the Fourth Myanmar National ICT Awards Competition with the categories such as Education & Training Health Solutions, Security, E-Government Application & Services, Industrial Applications, Business Application, E-Commerce, Tourism, Communication, Entertainment Applications, Research & Development.

Individual person, organizations and ministries are invited to take part in the competitions. The applications for the competition can be taken out beginning 14 September.

The contestants may send software products, multimedia and animation products, websites, CD-ROMs of the respective events to Myanmar Computer Industrialist Association not later than 11 October. For further information, anyone may dial 652238 of MCIA, MICT Park (Hline University Campus). — MNA

Chinese Ambassador calls on Yangon Mayor

YANGON, 14 Sept— Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun called on Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin at the office of the mayor at City Hall, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Joint-Secretary of YCDC U Aung Than Win and committee members and heads of department. — MNA

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Colombian police seize 1.5 tons of cocaine

BOGOTA, 13 Sept— The Colombian police discovered 1.5 tons of cocaine inside a light airplane, which did an emergency landing due to mechanical malfunction on the Caribbean island of San Andres Island, authorities said on Monday.

San Andres and Providencia Archipelago Police Chief Carlos Mena said the plane was a *King 300* "with a US registration, but we're investigating to see if it is false".

On landing, two of the three on board of the plane escaped but the pilot was arrested.

The plane was bound for Mexico and it was not ruled out that the cargo was to be sent to the United States, where this cargo would be worth 40 million US dollars.

According to the documents found on board, the plane came from the Colombian Caribbean harbour of Covelas.

Official figures indicate that this year 70 tons of cocaine have been seized in different operations, especially on the coastal areas.

Colombia is the biggest producer and exporter of cocaine in the world, with an annual average of 550 tons.

MNA/Xinhua

More NZ teenagers keep away from cigarettes

WELLINGTON, 13 Sept— A national survey report released Monday shows more teenagers are choosing not to smoke.

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) director Becky Freeman welcomed the results, saying public health is winning the battle against the tobacco companies who have long portrayed smoking as cool and grown-up behaviour.

Since 1997, ASH has annually asked students throughout New Zealand about their smoking habits.

The 2004 survey showed 17.6 per cent of 14 to 16-year-olds said they were smokers, down from 28.6 per cent in 1999.

The number of teenagers who said they have never smoked has increased from 31.6 per cent in 1999 to 47 per cent.

It also showed that 21.2 per cent of girls (24.9 per cent in 2003) and 13.8 per cent of boys (16.4 in 2003) smoked at least once a month.

ASH said the reduction is linked to the Smokefree Environments Amendment Act 2003 that requires the buildings and grounds of schools and early childhood centres to be smokefree.

The survey also marks the first time a decline in daily smoking among Maori females has been observed.

MNA/Xinhua

China to produce 180 million tons of crude oil in 2005

BEIJING, 13 Sept — China is expected to produce 180 million tons of crude oil in 2005, becoming the fifth largest crude oil producer, a senior government official said here Tuesday.

Last year, China produced 175 million tons of crude oil and imported 117 million tons, said Zhang Guobao, deputy director of the State Development and Reform Commission, at a Press conference of the State Council Information Office.

China's oil import accounted for 6.31 per cent of the world total, 23 per cent of that of the United States and 56 per cent of that of Japan, he said.

According to the official, China's energy production can feed 94 percent of its demand, while import is resorted to for the remaining 6 per cent.

This means China's energy self-sufficiency rate is over 20 per cent higher than the average of countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, said Zhang.

China's per capita primary energy consumption is 1.08 tons of oil equivalent, 66 per cent of the world average and 13.4 per cent of the United States, Zhang said.

MNA/Xinhua

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Chirac confirms India's submarine purchase

PARIS, 13 Sept— India is to purchase six *Scorpene* submarines developed by a group of French and Spanish companies and 43 planes from European aircraft maker Airbus, French President Jacques Chirac said on Monday.

Chirac confirmed the purchases during a visit by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Paris.

"I am happy that the Prime Minister is today confirming India's decision concerning the purchase of 6 *Scorpene* submarines and 43 Airbus

planes," Chirac said.

The submarine deal, initially estimated to be worth about 1.8 billion US dollars, is the latest in a series of defence purchases by New Delhi which is on a modernizing spree of its ageing, largely Russian-origin military equipment.

It comes on the back of 5.7 billion US dollars' worth of arms purchases by New Delhi last year, which took it past Saudi Arabia and China to become the developing world's leading buyer, according to a US Congress study.

The French submarine deal involves the manufacture of six *Scorpene SSK*-class submarines at a naval dockyard in Mumbai. The new submarines will replace ageing vessels in the Indian Navy's fleet of 16 diesel submarines.

Singh said last week he had cleared the purchase of 43 aircraft from European plane maker Airbus for state-run Indian Airlines to replace its ageing fleet. The value of this contract would be in the region of 2.2 billion US dollars, he said.

MNA/Reuters

Talks slog on over outcome document for coming UN summit

UNITED NATIONS, 13 Sept— A UN working team wrapped up the latest round of negotiations Sunday night on a draft document to be presented to the UN summit slated to begin on Wednesday, with modest progress made on poverty reduction and security.

An official who declined to be named told *Xinhua* that progress had been made on foreign aid and debt relief and the working team had managed to strike a balance between the United States and the developing nations as to the exact wording of the document on poverty reduction.

However, the official said the United States

and other industrialized countries refused to make concessions over reforms on trade and financial institutions.

As to the the concept of "responsibility to protect" civilians threatened by genocide and war crimes, the official said agreement had largely been reached among the parties to the talks.

In regard to discussions on the definition of terrorism, the team formed by a dozen or so countries including the United States, China and France agreed that the draft document will not produce any political definition of terrorism.

Nevertheless, Western nations refused to con-

sider a request by their Muslim counterparts to include in the draft document the legality of the movement for national self-determination.

Discussions were also held on global disarmament, establishment of a peace commission and a new Human Rights Council to replace the Geneva-based Human Rights Commission, as well as reforms on the UN Secretariat.

The team will resume talks Monday morning and make a final effort to work out a draft document before the start of the summit that will last for three days until Friday.

MNA/Xinhua

The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago.

The second best time is now.

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Indonesia's airlines support stricter safety regulations

JAKARTA, 13 Sept—Airliners in Indonesia say they are ready for a possible tightening of the industry's safety regulations following the crash of a Mandala Air Boeing-737, which killed 149 people in the capital of North Sumatra Province of Medan last week.

Many carriers pledged to upgrade aging aircraft and continue to adhere to strict international safety standards, the airlines said.

"Safety and maintenance have always been our No. 1 priority," the Jakarta Post daily on Monday quoted president director of national flag carrier Garuda Indonesia, Emirshyah Satar, as saying. He said Garuda aircraft regularly underwent audits from the US Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) and by similar agencies from Japan and South Korea.

Meanwhile, PT Merpati Nusantara Airlines corporate secretary Jaka Pujiyono said Merpati also planned to upgrade 11 Boeing 737-

200 aircraft in its 36-strong fleet. Merpati had long scheduled the upgrade in its business plans and it had nothing to do with the government's moves following the accident, he said.

Low-cost carriers assured the safety was their priority, with an official of a popular budget airliner mentioning how all the 36 aircraft his company operates were relatively new, of post-1989 production, and properly maintained.

The official, who requested anonymity, strenuously denied notions that budget carriers were sacrificing flight safety and aircraft maintenance to keep their operational costs down.

MNA/Xinhua

China wishes HK crowned with more world No 1 titles

HONG KONG, 13 Sept— Chinese Vice President Zeng Qinghong said here on Monday that he wishes Hong Kong to be crowned with more world No 1 titles.

The Vice-President made the remarks while talking to some of the teaching staff and students of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on Monday morning.

Accompanied by Donald Tsang Yam-kuen, chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Zeng inspected the Nano Centre for Functional and Intelligent Textile and Ap-

parel at the university. Zeng was briefed at the centre on the development of research in the field of Nano clothing technology and the invention of the "Walter", a mannequin capable of "sweating".

He had cordial talks with the teaching staff and students at the research centre, where he also attended the signing ceremony of a cooperation pact between the Hong

Kong Polytechnic University and the Beijing Institute of Technology.

The Vice-President affirmed the achievement scored by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in the development of applied technology.

Science and technology must serve economic development, said Zeng, adding that Hong Kong has to increase its input in research and education to

cultivate more research talents and sharpen its competitive edge.

Zeng encouraged the Hong Kong compatriots to be confident to top the world, saying "Hong Kong has its advantages to don more world No. 1 titles". The Vice-President presented a model of Shenzhen spaceship to the university at the conclusion of his inspection tour there. — MNA/Xinhua

Japanese encephalitis claims 585 lives in Uttar Pradesh State

NEW DELHI, 13 Sept— The dreaded Japanese encephalitis continued to take its toll in India's eastern Uttar Pradesh, claiming eight more lives Monday, Press Trust of India (PTI) reported from Gorakhpur, which is the worst-hit district in the state.

The number of deaths due to the deadly diseases in the state so far is reported to be 585, the PTI said, quoting state health department sources. As many as 57 cases were admitted in BRD Medical College in Gorakhpur District and other hospitals spread across seven districts from where the eight deaths were reported, the sources said.

Some 500 patients are still under treatment across various hospitals in the region, they said. A specific type of mosquito, culex tritaeniorhynchus, according to experts, is responsible for transmitting the disease to humans from pigs, which is the primary host of the encephalitis virus. — MNA/Xinhua

Over 60 Somalis die at sea headed to Yemen

DJIBOUTI, 13 Sept— At least 61 Somali migrants died after smugglers left them helpless for 20 days in a faulty boat during a crossing to Yemen, survivors said on Monday.

A Danish ship sailing nearby saw the stranded boat and managed to rescue 39 people, including a woman who gave birth at sea to a baby boy, and took them to Djibouti.

"We were 100 when we left (the Somalia port of) Bosasso heading to Yemen but after three days we finished most of our food," said Adan Roble, a survivor. "We ate everything we could find including sea shrubs but 61 of us died of hunger while others committed suicide by plunging into the sea."

MNA/Reuters



Young Tibetan children walk hand in hand near Qinghai Lake on 13 September, 2005 in Qinghai Province, western China. Its total population is about 5 million with 53 ethnic minority groups including Han, Tibetan, Tu, Hui, Salar and Mongolian minorities. Qinghai is known for the largest inland saltwater lake in the country.—INTERNET

Astronomers detect most distant cosmic explosion

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept— Astronomers said on Monday they have detected a cosmic explosion at the very edge of the visible universe, a 13-billion-year-old blast that could help them learn more about the earliest stars.

The brilliant blast — known as a Gamma Ray Burst — was probably caused by the death of a massive star soon after the Big Bang, but was glimpsed on 4 September by NASA's new Swift satellite and later by ground-based telescopes.

The explosion occurred soon after the first stars and galaxies formed, perhaps 500 million to one billion years after the Big Bang explosion that scientists believe gave birth to the cosmos. The current scientific estimate for the age of the universe is 13.7 billion years.

"We are finally starting to see the remnants of some of the oldest objects in the universe," said Daniel Reichart of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Reichart led the team that measured the distance of the blast from Earth. This Gamma Ray Burst, or GRB for short, could be the first of dozens or hundreds that might soon be unveiled to scientists, and these expected discoveries could help them learn more about the early universe, astronomer Donald Lamb said in a telephone news conference.

"This burst opens the door to the use of GRBs as unique and powerful probes

of the early universe," said Lamb, a professor at the University of Chicago. "This is what we've all been waiting and hoping for and now the fun begins."

Scientists had theorized that such bursts could be detected, and the Swift spacecraft, launched last year, aimed to find them.

In cosmic terms, distance equals time, so this explosion occurred 13 billion light-years away, with its light just reaching earthly observers. One light-year is about six trillion miles, the distance light travels in a year.

"We designed Swift to look for faint bursts coming from the edge of the universe," Neil Gehrels, of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre outside Washington, said in a statement. "... For the first time we can learn about individual stars from near the beginning of time. There are surely many more out there." The earliest stars no longer exist, but debris from their destruction can still be detected with Swift and other telescopes; by studying the remnants of these ancient explosions, scientists may be able to tell what these stars were made of and how they formed.

MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh offers reward to help hunt bombers

DHAKA, 13 Sept— Bangladesh on Monday released photographs of the leaders of two Islamic militant groups suspected of involvement in last month's serial bombings and promised to reward anyone with information on their whereabouts.

The Home Ministry said computer-animated images of Shayek Abdur Rahman, supreme leader of Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin, and Siddikul Islam Bangla Bhai, commander of Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh, were given to media in one of the biggest manhunts in the country in recent years.

Police have arrested more than 200 people, mostly Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin activists, for involvement in the blasts that killed two people and wounded about 100 across the country. But Shayek Abdur Rahman and Bangla Bhai are at large.

"Anyone helping in the arrest of the two by providing information to security forces and intelligence agencies would be handsomely rewarded," State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfuzzaman Babar said.

He didn't give any details, but newspapers quoting officials said the government was willing to give one million taka (15,244 US dollars) each to anyone giving information leading to the arrest of the two men.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Cruz goal gives Inter 1-0 win over Artmedia

BRATISLAVA, 14 Sept—Ten-man Inter Milan held on to secure a 1-0 win over Artmedia Bratislava in their opening Champions League game on Tuesday after an early Julio Cruz goal.

Inter's Juan Sebastian Veron was sent off after 56 minutes of the Group H match when the Argentine midfielder got a second yellow card for taking a free kick before the whistle was blown. But Inter, clear favourites against one of the the weakest teams in Europe's premier competition, had already shown their attacking talent with a swift break in the 17th minute.

Dejan Stankovic's perfectly timed pass behind Artmedia's defence found Adriano and Cruz drove the Brazilian's precise low cross from the left past help-

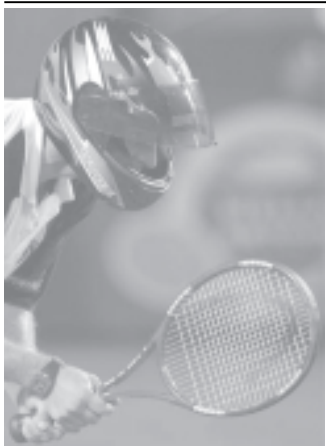
less goalkeeper Ivan Cobej.

Adriano provided a second chance for Cruz with a similar pass in the 37th but the Argentine international fired his shot straight at Cobej's right hand post. The Brazilian had an opportunity to score in the 55th when Stankovic found him unmarked near the penalty spot but Adriano blasted his shot well over the bar. The striker was then denied a goal in the 68th when his free kick from 20 metres hit Cobej's right hand post.

Artmedia tried to put pressure on Inter after Veron was sent off but the visiting goalkeeper Julio Cesar saved their only real chance when forward Juraj Halenar fired a low shot from close range at the Brazilian five minutes from time. Artmedia coach Vladimir Weiss was satisfied with his team's performance but could not hide his frustration that Slovakia's champions missed an opportunity against weakened opponents.

"It was a great match for us and a great experience in the Champions League," Weiss said. "After Veron was sent off I believed that we could play a good match, that we could get at least a point. Unfortunately, we did not manage to achieve that."

"We could have played a better match against 10 men. Some of our players had too much respect (for Inter), and that's why we did not get even a point," said Weiss. —MNA/Reuters



Austria's Thomas Muster wears a helmet during an exhibition tennis match against Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic in Bucharest on 13 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Outstanding Johnsen sinks Olympiakos

ATHENS, 14 Sept—A superb goalkeeping display from Espen Johnsen and a freak own goal helped Rosenborg Trondheim beat Olympiakos 3-1 in the Champions League on Tuesday.

The Greek champions went ahead in the 19th minute of the Group F match when defender Alejandro Lago headed through his own net.

Rosenborg equalised three minutes before halftime when Orjan Berg's neatly threaded pass found Per Ciljan Skjelbred who tucked the ball past Antonis Nikopolidis.

The Norwegian side took the lead three minutes into the second half in a comedy of error and misunderstanding in the Olympiakos penalty area. Nikopolidis flapped the ball off his goalline on to the knee of Dimitris Mavrogenidis and into the net.

Olympiakos promptly threw everything at Rosenborg in search of an equalizer.

But a series of outstanding saves from Johnsen — including one to stop a looping Rivaldo header into the top corner and two at full stretch to deny Michalis Konstantinou — kept them in front.

Oyvind Storfjord then sealed the points in the dying seconds with Rosenborg's third.

Paying tribute to his keeper,

Rosenborg coach Per-Mathias Hogmo said: "His performance was excellent. It was international standard."

"We deserved to win," he added. "The midfield worked really well and the defence also had an excellent night. If we get our psychology right then we will do fine in the Champions League."

There was little consolation for Trond Sollied, a former Rosenborg player and coach who is now manager of the Greek side. —MNA/Reuters

FIFA accepts change to date of Ecuador-Uruguay match

QUITO, 13 Sept— Soccer's world governing body FIFA accepted to change the date for the 17th round of games of the South American World Cup heat for Germany 2006, said the local Press on Monday.

According to this decision the 17th round will be held on 8 October, in a unified time, and not on Sunday at Quito, as originally scheduled.

Reports indicated that, within the framework of the meeting of FIFA president, it all was defi-

nately confirmed in terms of dates and schedules for three of five matches of the 17th round of games. In the beginning, the request of the Uruguayan national team was partially accepted by FIFA, which also accepted the position originally held by Ecuador. —MNA/Xinhua

Late goals give Kaka-inspired Milan victory

MILAN, 14 Sept— Two goals in the last three minutes gave AC Milan a 3-1 victory over Turkey's Fenerbahce in Champions League Group E on Tuesday with inspired Brazilian midfielder Kaka netting a pair of fine solo strikes.

Kaka gave last season's beaten finalists the lead in the 18th minute with a beautifully taken goal and the Italians then had chances to double their advantage. Christoph Daum's Fenerbahce drew level in the 63rd minute with a penalty from Brazilian Alex and looked to have earned a deserved draw until Kaka produced more Brazilian magic three minutes from the end.

After his brilliant individual effort, Kaka then had a hand in Milan's third two minutes later, converted by European Footballer of the Year Andriy Shevchenko as Carlo Ancelotti's side gained a result that flattered them.

Milan, with just two changes from the side which lost on penalties to Liverpool in May's final, started confidently, creating half-chances for strikers Christian Vieri and Shevchenko in the opening minutes.

The breakthrough came when Kaka picked the ball up from Andrea Pirlo on the edge of the area and drilled precisely, but almost nonchalantly into the bottom corner of the net.

The goal did little to alter the pattern of the game with plenty of time and space for the midfielders and both defences looking a little hesitant.

The visitors gained confidence and Brazilian Alex and Frenchman Nicolas Anelka each had a decent chance either side of halftime.

Shevchenko had a deflected shot well saved by Volkan and then wasted a good opportunity after a dreadful clearance from the keeper fell straight to him but the Ukrainian shot high and wide when team mates were better placed.

The Turks drew level when Gennaro Gattuso rather needlessly barged over Anelka inside the area and Alex confidently slotted home the penalty to delight the noisy travelling support.

Milan were desperately running out of ideas but Kaka still had a trick left up his sleeve — and the San Siro rose to a standing ovation after a wonderful solo goal in the 87th minute in which the Brazilian skipped past two challenges on a winding run before firing home.

MNA/Reuters

Rangers edge five-goal thriller against Porto

GLASGOW, 14 Sept— Rangers made a winning start in the Champions League with an enthralling 3-2 victory over Porto in Group H on Tuesday.

Greek defender Sotirios Kyrgiakos headed in off the right post five minutes from time to seal a dramatic result for the Glasgow side in front of 48,599 fans.

Rangers broke the deadlock 10 minutes from the interval when Danish front man Peter Lovenkrands hooked a spectacular goal from 15 metres.

Two minutes into the second half, though, Porto's Pepe headed home from six metres following a corner by Cesar Peixoto.

Rangers' Croatian striker Dado Prso bundled the ball over the line from less than a metre for 2-1 when keeper Vitor Baia failed to deal with an overhead kick by Tunisian Hamed Namouchi on 59 minutes.

As the ball dropped

down towards the bar, Baia completely lost its flight and Prso celebrated as the ball went in off his boot.

Porto levelled again through Pepe when he smuggled the ball into the net from another Peixoto corner in the 71st minute but then came Kyrgiakos's header from Barry Ferguson's free kick to steal all three points.

Porto's Dutch coach Co

Adriaanse felt his side deserved to win after playing better football on the night.

"We had opportunities to win and I think we deserved to win," he told reporters.

"The (Rangers second) goal was a strange goal. It looked easily as if he (Baia) could punch the ball or catch the ball, but he lost the duel in the air with Prso.

MNA/Reuters



Cleveland Indians second baseman Ronnie Belliard leaps out of way of Mark Ellis of the Oakland Athletics, as he fires ball to first to complete the double play in the third inning of game at Jacobs Field in Cleveland, Ohio, on 13 September, 2005. —INTERNET

“Special Storm News”

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 14-9-2005)

Yesterday's tropical depression over the south China Sea had crossed the Vietnam Coast. According to the observations (06:30) hrs MST today, it is centred as a land depression at (280) miles Northeast of Bangkok, Thailand. It is forecast to move westwards and entered into the Andaman Sea within next few hours.

Under its influence, frequent squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Gulf of Mottama, Deltaic, Mon-Taninthyai Coasts, Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

All this needs to be known

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

Asleep in Jesus

Lt. Col. R. Po Saw (Retd) - B.E.M.E. Age 69 years

Lt. Col. Roger Po Saw (Retd), residing at Building 12, Room C-2, No.3, Aye-Yeik-Mon Street, No. 3 Ward, Hlaing Township; son of (U Harry Po Saw and Mrs. Emma Po Saw); beloved husband of Daw Aye Aye Thant; father of U Kaung Htet Oo @ John (German Car Industries) - Daw Myat Kyi Hpyu Win, and Daw Chawdarli- U Zaw Hlyan Maung; grandfather of Kaung Pyi Sone and Kaung Myat Thu; brother of Daw Khin Khin Swe @ Valerie-Lt. Col. Myat Thin (Retd), (Prof. Dr. Daw Khin Hla Win @ Penny) - Prof. U Han Tin (Retd), U Michael Po Saw - Daw Hla Hla Win @ Hilda, and U Terence Po Saw - Daw Tin Tin Nwe @ Lillian, was called to his heavenly home on the morning of the 14th of September, 2005 at the Sakura Medical Centre, Yangon.

The funeral service will be held at the Holy Cross Church, 104 Inya Road on the 16th of September, 2005, at 2:00 pm, after which the remains will be entombed at the Yayway Christian Cemetery.

The bereaved family



Prof Dr Daw May Win Aung Khin of Hnizigon Home for the Aged accepts K 150,000 donated for the home in commemoration of birthday of Capt BM Lama (Retd) of 39 (A/4), Kyundaw Street, Sangyoung Township.

7 killed, 2 injured in fatal traffic accident in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 14 Sept—Seven people, including five children, were killed and two were critically injured when a car speeding down the downtown Monivong Boulevard crashed into roadside booth and the crowd, police said Wednesday.

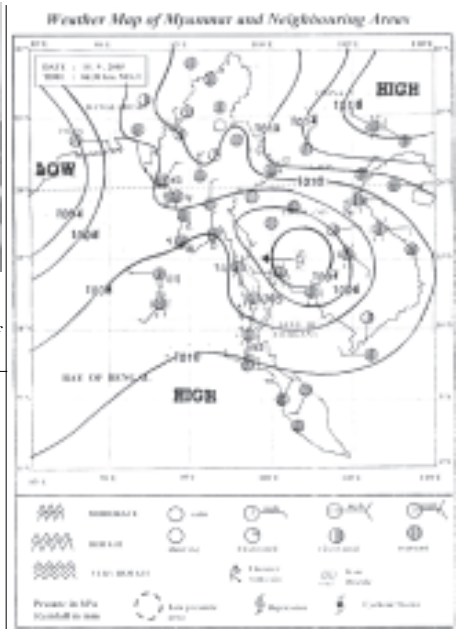
“It is the fatal traffic accident in the capital with so many people died at one single accident,” said Mao Sony, deputy chief of Phnom Penh municipal traffic police.

The accident occurred late Monday night, Mao Sony said. Police found the two men in the car were in drink, and lost control of their Toyota Camry.

The dead were three siblings and two cousins from a family aged from 11 to 17. The sixth identified a shoe-shiner was also killed, but there was no information about the seventh victim.

After the accident, two men got out of the car and one had run away while the other, identified as 31-year-old Chhorn Kunthy who is military police official from Takeo Province, was arrested.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Wednesday, 14 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin, Shan and Kayin States and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Mon State, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Magway and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (10.63) inches, Kawthoung (2.13) inches, Mindat (2.09) inches, Pakokku (2.01) inches, Monywa (0.79) inch, and Chauk (0.51) inch.

Maximum temperature on 13-9-2005 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 14-9-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 14-9-2005 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 13-9-2005 was (2.9) hrs approx. Rainfalls on 14-9-2005 were (1.30) inches at Mingaladon, (0.32) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.20) inch at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (78.19) inches at Mingaladon, (80.67) inches at Kaba-Aye and (86.14) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southeast at (13:30) hours MST on 13-9-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in North Bay and Monsoon is weak to moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special feature: Yesterday's tropical depression over the south China Sea had crossed the Vietnam Coast. According to the observations (06:30) hrs MST today, it is centred as a land depression at (280) miles Northeast of Bangkok, Thailand. It is forecast to move westwards and entered into the Andaman Sea within next few hours.

Forecast valid until evening of 15-9-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin State, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Frequent squalls with rough seas are likely in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of thundery activities in Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-9-2005: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-9-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

“Flood Bulletin”

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 14-9-2005)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (683) cm. It may remain above the danger level (600) cm for the next (3) days commencing noon today.

Radio Myanmar

Thursday, 15th September

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: -As long as you love me
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: -I keep it to my self
- 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: -M M M Bop
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: -A picture of you
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music: -On & On -I don't want to go on without you -When you love someone -25 minutes -Don't walk away
- 9.10 pm** Aspects of Myanmar: -Myanmar village
- 9.10 pm** Article
- 9.20 pm** Pourri: -Bringing glory to the State through sports
- 9.30 pm** Favourite songs chosen by music lovers: -From this moment on (Bryan White & Shania Twin) -If (Bread) -The gift (Collin Raye & Susan Aston)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL



Thursday, 15th September
View on today:

- 7:00 am** 1. Recitation of Paritas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am** 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am** 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am** 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am** 5. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am** 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am** 7. အက ပဒေသာ
- 8:30 am** 8. International news

- 8:45 am** 9. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm** 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm** 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm** 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm** 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm** 5. အစားသစ်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(စာတုဇာအထူးပြု) (စာတုဇာ)
- 5:15 pm** 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm** 7. ဂတ ဝုဒ္ဓိ စာပေအကြောင်း (သင်ကြား) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ ဆုတောင်းကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (ဝါသနာရှင်အစည်း) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:45 pm** 8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

- 6:00 pm** 9. Musical programme
- 5:15 pm** 10. နိုင်ငံအခြား သစ်တောစွမ်းပြိုင်စိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်။
- 6:30 pm** 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm** 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm** 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်တံငါ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 7:35 pm** 14. ပုဂံကြီးမြို့တွင် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်ပြိုင် မြန်မာအားကစားသမားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြိုင်ဆိုင်မှုများ (ခေါက်သီး)
- 7:45 pm** 15. လှည့်လည်ပွဲစော် ဖေါင်းတည် မြတ်စွယ်တော်
- 8:00 pm** 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မရဲ့အတူ” (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 20. The next day's programme

Significant progress of Natgyichaung Village, Paung Township shows evidence that internal and external destructive elements made false accusations

Parents, students pleased with opening of BEHS (Branch)

YANGON, 14 Sept — The Government has laid down and is striving for equitable development of all parts of the nation by implementing the border areas development plan, the 24 special development regions plan, and the plan for five rural development tasks.

This being so, now remarkable progress of the country has been made. Fruitful results can be seen not only in urban areas but also in rural regions.

Due to carrying out the five rural develop-

To inspect accomplishments of five rural development tasks in Mon State, Member of Central Executive Committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Association in-charge of Mon State Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and party made a field trip to Natgyichaung Village of Paung Township, Mon State, recently.

Yesterday, CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint attended the ceremony to hand over the new building of Basic Education High School

Board of Trustees U Than Tun cut the ribbon to open the one-storey building measuring 120 feet by 30 feet.

Next, the CEC member and party together with guests visited the newly-opened school building.

The CEC member and officials gave away prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2005 academic year.

Afterwards, the cash donation ceremony followed. Headmistress Daw Myint Myint San



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presents gift to an outstanding student. — MNA



Headmistress Daw Myint Myint San and Secretary of the School Board of Trustees U Than Tun formally open the new school building. — MNA

accepted K 1 million donated by Chairman of Natgyichaung Village Peace and Development Council U Than Tun; K 1 million by Kyakhatngu Village Peace and Development Council U Aye

Han; and K 200,000 by Yazamin Transport Service. Townselder U Thin Pe expressed gratitude. He said that students could learn primary level education at the school (See page 9)

Due to carrying out the five rural development tasks for narrowing the gap between urban and rural regions in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, rural regions in Mon State have developed political, economic and social sectors more than in the past.

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(Branch) in conjunction with the ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students in Natgyichaung Village.

On the occasion, Headmistress Daw Myint Myint San of the school and Secretary of School



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint inspects new school building of Natgyichaung Village Basic Education High School (branch). — MNA

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