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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.

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea

YANGON, 16 Sept— On the occasion of the Independence Day of Papua New Guinea, which falls on 16 September 2005, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Sir Paulius Matane, Governor-General of Papua New Guinea.— *MNA*

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Mexican President

YANGON, 16 Sept— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vicente Fox Quesada, President of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2005.— *MNA*

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

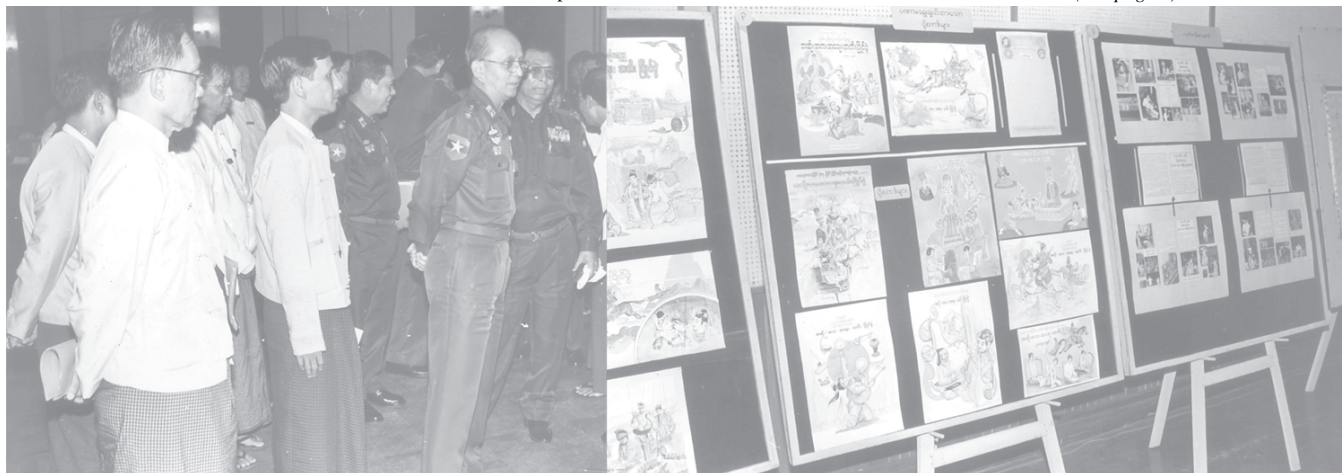
Satisfactory accomplishments can be seen in holding state and division level performing arts competitions

Leading Committee for Organizing 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions holds second meeting

YANGON, 15 Sept — The second coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions comprising members of the panel of

patrons was held at the National Museum on Pyay Road at 4 pm today with an address by State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Also present on the occasion were members of

panel of patrons of the committee Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, (See page 8)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects posters, postcards and background designs for 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.— *MNA*

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Actively work for rural development

The State Peace and Development Council has been striving for all-round development of the nation through the implementation of the border area development plan, the 24-region special development plan and the rural development plan. Thanks to these three development plans, rural and urban areas are now enjoying unprecedented development.

As rural people constitute seventy percent of the nation's population, the development of the nation depends on that of rural areas. This being the case, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on rural development by laying down the five rural development tasks for smooth and easy transport, water supply for drinking and agricultural purposes, higher educational standard, better health care services and economic development.

To meet the health and social requirements of rural people plays an important role in translating the five rural development tasks into action. Therefore, steps are being taken to make sure that requirements are being fully met and the five rural development tasks are being properly implemented. Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint recently visited Natgyichang village, Paung Township, Mon State.

Development of the education sector in Natgyichang village of Paung Township in particular is encouraging. The basic education high school (branch) of Natgyichang village was just a primary school in 1963. In 1981, it became a middle school. Therefore, a youth who had passed the eighth standard examination had to travel seven miles to Paung to attend the high school there. Regarding the health care services, educational talks on TB, HIV/AIDS, ovarian cancer and breast cancer were held.

These activities show that the government is doing whatever is necessary for the development of the education and health sectors not only in urban areas but also in rural areas in accordance with the five rural development tasks. Therefore, the entire national people, on their part, are required to take an active and enthusiastic part in rural development endeavours being carried out by the government.

New books available at Sarpay Beikman bookstall

YANGON, 15 Sept — Prize winning works of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Manuscript Award Contest and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest are now on sale.

Such books are Myanmar Land Utilization and 21st century written by Tun Aung Kyaw who won the second prize in science and applied science genre. With success and other short stories written by third prize winner Nan Moe Saw Aung in the short story genre, and "Ma Shwe Ye! Are you satisfied?" by first prize winner Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo) in the short story genre.

The books are available at Sarpay Beikman Bookstall on Merchant street, new Yadabon Market (second floor) Mandalay and agents from Yangon and country side.—MNA

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

Archaeological buildings in Pyay, Magway Division inspected

YANGON, 15 Sept — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung heard reports on findings for damages of ancient Bawbawgyi Pagoda because of heavy rain presented by Director-General of Archaeology Department U Kyaw Win and officials in ancient Srikhestra (Hmawza), Pyay, on 11 September.

Officials of Archaeology Department, Ministry of Construction and Ministry of Science and Technology submitted reports on renovation for the pagoda.

Next, the minister inspected Srikhestra Archaeological Museum.

On 12 September, the minister and party visited Sandal Wood Monastery in Pwintbyu Township.

At Beikthano, the minister inspected construction of the Beikthano Archaeological Museum and gave necessary instructions.

On 13 September, the minister looked into progress in construction

of Archaeology Technological Training School (Pyay) in Pyay and left instructions on opening of the diploma course in the first week of November.

He supplicated on the renovation of Bawbawgyi Pagoda and took the advice from member Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in Pyay District.

Afterwards, the minister paid homage to sacred Tooth Relic in Paungde and made cash donations. —MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea

YANGON, 16 Sept— On the occasion of the Independence Day of Papua New Guinea, which falls on 16 September 2005, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to the Right Honourable Sir Rabbie Namaliu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Papua New Guinea. —MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to United Mexican States

YANGON, 16 Sept— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Luis Ernesto Derbez Bautista, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2005. —MNA



Maj-Gen Kyi Aung inspects construction of embankment to prevent erosion near Sandaku Pagoda in Pwintbyu Township. — CULTURE

Military Code of Conduct Contest held



Military Code of Conduct Contest being held at Konmyinthath Hall. — MNA

YANGON, 15 Sept — The second four-monthly Military Code of Conduct Contest was held at Konmyinthath Hall of the Ministry of Defence, here, this morning.

Commandant of the Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein and officials viewed competition of the contestants. Altogether 32 contestants took part in the officer level contest, 47 at the WO level contest, 58 at the Sgt and Cpl level contest and 32 at the Pvt level contest. —MNA

Member of Myanmar Accountancy Council leaves for Lao PDR

YANGON, 15 Sept — Member of Myanmar Accountancy Council Director-General U Myo Myint of the Auditor-General's Office left for Lao People's Democratic Republic by air this morning to attend the 84th ASEAN Federation of Accountants Council Meeting to be held in Vientiane of the Lao PDR from 16 to 18 September.

The director-general was accompanied by Certified Public Accountant U Kyaw Toe who is also member of Myanmar Accountancy Council. —MNA



Director-General U Myo Myint of the Auditor-General's Office seen at the airport before depart for Laos. — AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE



Chinese children practise basic skills in martial arts in a kungfu school in Dengfeng in central China's Henan Province on 14 September, 2005.

INTERNET

Talabani says US could withdraw 50,000 troops by year end

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — The United States could withdraw as many as 50,000 troops from Iraq by the end of the year because there are enough Iraqi forces ready to begin taking control of parts of the country, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani told the *Washington Post*.

In an interview with the newspaper that was published on Tuesday, Talabani said he would discuss reductions in US forces during a private meeting with President George W Bush and said he thought the United States could pull some troops out immediately.

"We think that America has the full right to move some forces from Iraq to their country because I think we can replace them (with) our forces," Talabani said. "In my opinion, at least from 40,000 to 50,000 American troops can be (withdrawn) by the end of this year." After the newspaper contacted the White House and Pentagon for comment, a senior adviser to Talabani called *The Post* to say the Iraqi President did not intend to suggest a specific timeline for withdrawal.

drawal. "He is afraid... this might put the notion of a timetable on this thing," the adviser told the newspaper. "The exact figure of

what would be required will undeniably depend on the level of attack (and) the level of Iraqi capability."

MNA/Reuters

Chavez says US meddling in UN visit, denies visas

CARACAS (Venezuela), 14 Sept— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Tuesday accused the US Government of trying to interfere in his visit to the UN General Assembly in New York by denying visas to his personal security detail and his medical team.

Chavez, an ally of Communist Cuba who often accuses Washington of plotting to assassinate him, said he was still considering whether to visit the United States this week to take part in the world body's 60th anniversary summit.

A US official said no visas had been denied to his delegation.

"They threaten to kill me from there and then deny visas to my closest security team who have

been with me for years ... they deny my medical team their visas, I'm going to have to walk around the Big Apple by myself," Chavez said.

"Without a doubt they are interfering," he said during a ceremony to sign deals with a Chinese delegation. Washington constantly dismisses Chavez's assassination charges as wild rhetoric from a South American leader who presents his self-proclaimed socialist revolution

as an alternative to failed US policies in the region.

"We have not denied any visas to the Venezuelan delegation, we are still processing visas," a US Embassy spokesman said.

Ties between oil producer Venezuela and the United States have been strained since Chavez came to office in 1998 vowing to combat poverty. US officials say he has become a threat to regional stability.

MNA/Reuters



Malaysia's Govt employees urged to improve efficiency

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Sept — Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak on Monday urged employees in government departments and agencies to improve work efficiency to help sharpen the competitive edge of the Malaysian Government.

The staff in government departments should provide highly reliable service and have zero tolerance for errors or substandard performance, Najib said at the 10th Civil Service Conference held here.

Citing global figures which indicated the decline in Malaysia's competitiveness, Najib said

that based on the annual world competitiveness report from the Geneva-based Institute for Management Development (IMD), Malaysia's ranking fell from the 16th to 28th place out of 60 economies surveyed.

In terms of government efficiency, Malaysia moved from the 16th place in the year 2004 to the 26th place this year, Najib said in the speech.

As these figures showed that Malaysia's competitors were making much better improvement, Najib noted, it was time for the employees in the Malaysian public sector to re-examine their performance and ensure their service was up to the international standard.

MNA/Reuters

New suicide attacks kill nine Iraqi policemen

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept— Two new suicide bombings killed at least nine police commandos and officers in Baghdad on Thursday, police said.

The bombers struck one minute apart, targeting special forces and police officers in the southern Baghdad district of Doura, where a suicide bomber killed 15 police commandos hours earlier.

Witnesses said heavy clashes erupted in Doura between guerillas and police after the bombings. The violence came one day after suicide bombings and shootings killed at least 150 people in some of the bloodiest attacks since a US-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003.

MNA/Reuters

Suicide bomb kills at least 15 police in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept— A suicide bomber rammed his car into a police patrol in Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 15 members of an elite unit, said a police official.

Police officials had said earlier that the blast killed 10 policemen and five civilians.

The official said the suicide bomber in the southern Baghdad district of Dora attacked the force as they were riding in a truck. At least 21 people were wounded.

The violence followed a series of bombings and a shooting which killed over 150 people on Wednesday. Guerillas are waging a relentless campaign against the US-backed government and have killed thousands of police, security force members, civilians and officials. The guerillas are mostly former members of toppled Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's security forces or Muslim militants, mostly from other Arab countries, who say they are fighting a holy war against US troops. —MNA /Reuters

Iranian President blasts US in UN speech

UNITED NATIONS, 14 Sept—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has condemned the United States as a country of unilateralism, militarism and privilege and called for the United Nations to promote spirituality. In his first major international speech since becoming president in June, Ahmadinejad on Wednesday advanced broad concepts, including a recommendation that the United Nations "institutionalize justice at the international level".

He made no new proposal to resolve a dispute with the United States and Europe over Iran's nuclear ambitions, but was due to address the UN General Assembly again on Saturday.

Ahmadinejad was not shy about taking on the United States, which hosts the world body at its headquarters in New York and has accused Iran of pursuing nuclear weapons in contravention of international commitments. "Greater power or wealth should not accord expanded rights to any (UN) member," he said in a speech to a UN summit, adding: "The host country should not enjoy any right or privilege over the rest of the memberships." He also criticized "unilateralism, production and use of WMD (weapons of mass destruction), intimidation, resort to the threat or use of force and imposition of destructive wars on peoples for the sake of security and prosperity of a few powers". —Internet



Local residents view the damage at the scene of a suicide car bomb attack in Baghdad on 14 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Hu calls for more dialogue, cooperation among developing countries

MEXICO CITY, 14 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Monday called on developing countries to strengthen dialogue, promote mutually beneficial cooperation and improve trade and investment to speed up their development.

Addressing the Mexican Senate, Hu said today's world is undergoing drastic and complicated changes, and peace and development remain the main trends of the times.

On the one hand, with the increasing development of multi-polarization and economic globalization, as well as the rapid development of technology, all the countries are promised unprecedented

development opportunities, he said.

But on the other hand, there are still many uncertain and unstable factors in the world, which pose strong challenges to the countries in the world, especially the developing ones, he added.

These factors include regional conflicts and wars, the widening gap between the North and the South, and traditional and non-traditional security

issues, such as trade barriers, financial risks, the deterioration of the environment, natural disasters and highly infectious diseases, he explained.

The Chinese President said the realization of a bright future for all the human race needs solidarity and further cooperation among all countries.

Peace, development and cooperation are the common wishes of all

peoples, and common development through solidarity, cooperation and reciprocity is the aspiration of the peoples of developing countries, Hu said.

In recent years, he noted, the developing countries have been continuously strengthening cooperation and their overall economic power has obviously been increased.

MNA/Xinhua



Vietnam to strongly modernize banks in 2006

HANOI, 14 Sept — Vietnam needs over 31 million US dollars to modernize banks, including the construction of an inter-bank electronic payment system, local newspaper *Saigon Liberation* reported on Tuesday.

Over 26.4 million dollars are needed to build the system, and 5 million dollars to upgrade information technology and communication networks of the State Bank of Vietnam. Up to 80.3 per cent of the money will come from foreign loans.

Local banks in Vietnam are competitively weak and likely to lose their market share to foreign rivals during the international economic integration process, local experts said, noting that Vietnamese commercial banks are much less competitive in terms of capital, manpower, technology, management, service and market.—MNA/Xinhua



A metropolitan official checks Bangkok's main pipelines after unusually heavy rains hit the city on 15 September, 2005. Thailand's weather bureau has warned of possible flooding in parts of the country.. —INTERNET

Singapore, Kuwait sign second MoU on e-government cooperation

SINGAPORE, 14 Sept — Singapore and Kuwait signed the second memorandum of understanding (MoU) on e-government cooperation here on Tuesday, Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA) said in a statement.

Under the MoU, Singapore will serve as an adviser to Kuwait on information technology (IT) and e-government matters, and the two countries will also work together to select suitable private sector suppliers to implement Kuwait's e-government projects.

"More specifically, Singapore will assist Kuwait in the drafting of the RFP

(Request for Proposals) specifications at the pre-tendering stage, and will assist in the evaluation of RFP submissions and recommend suitable e-government solution providers at the tendering stage," MICA Minister Lee Boon Yang said at the signing ceremony.

He added that the move will further strengthen and enhance the friendship between the two countries and contribute to the socio-economic development of both sides. Lee signed the MoU with Sheikh Ahmed Al-Abdullah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, Minister of Communications and Health of the State of Kuwait.—MNA/Xinhua

Oil drops below \$63 as high prices crimp demand

LONDON, 14 Sept — Oil prices slumped briefly below 63 US dollars a barrel on Monday for the first time since mid-August as signs of a slowdown in global petroleum demand countered the struggle to restart US oil facilities after Hurricane Katrina.

US crude settled down 75 cents to 63.33 US dollars a barrel after having dropped as low as 62.55 US dollars. Crude is now 10 per cent below the record high of 70.85 US dollars struck on 30 August. London Brent crude slipped 1.24 US dollars to 61.60 US dollars.

Forecasts are that Katrina's destruction could shave 0.5 to 1.0 percentage point off US economic growth in the fourth quarter, further undermining fuel demand just as high prices hit consumption.

"For the first time, traders have to worry about demand," said Gary Ross, chief executive of US energy consultancy PIRA Energy. —MNA/Reuters

Four ASEAN countries launch air patrols over Malacca Straits

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Sept — The littoral states along the Straits of Malacca and Thailand on Tuesday started joint air patrols in the Royal Malaysian Air Force base.

Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak launched the "Eyes in the Sky" operations at the air base located in Subang, about 20 kilometres southwest of Kuala Lumpur.

Singaporean Defence Minister Teo Chee Hean and representatives of Indonesia and Thailand witnessed the joint patrols.

The littoral states of Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia will each contribute two aircraft for the

operations while Thailand will act as an observer at the initial stage. The planes will conduct two patrols per week along the designated areas, the official *Bernama* news agency reported.

Najib, who was also Defence Minister, said the joint patrols testified ASEAN's solidarity and its willingness to work together to safeguard its waters.

"It is also a clear signal to the international

community that we are serious about it, we mean business and are willing to pool our resources to help maintain safety and security in the strategic waterway," Najib said.

According to local media reports, Najib, who

proposed the "Eyes in the Sky" concept this June in Singapore, said in early August that the littoral states had agreed to carry out joint air patrols over the Straits of Malacca starting from September.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq slams US detentions, immunity for troops

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept — Iraq's Justice Minister has condemned the US military for detaining thousands of Iraqis for long periods without charge and wants to change a UN resolution that gives foreign troops immunity from Iraqi law.

Speaking to *Reuters*, Justice Minister Abdul Hussein Shandal also criticized US detentions of Iraqi journalists and said the media, contrary to US policy in Iraq, must have special legal protection to report on all sides in the conflict.

"No citizen should be arrested without a court order," he said this week, complaining that US suggestions that his ministry has an equal say on detentions were misleading.

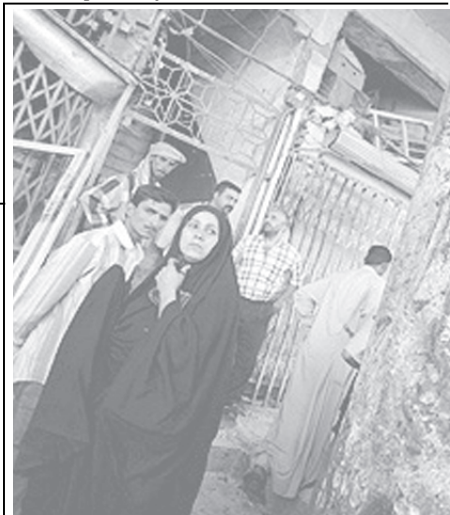
"There is abuse (of human rights) due to deten-

tions, which are overseen by the Multinational Force (MNF) and are not in the control of the Justice Ministry," said Shandal, a Shiite judge respected for standing up to Saddam Hussein on the rule of law.

Killings and unjustified arrests of Iraqi civilians by US troops risked going unpunished, he said, because of UN Security Council resolution 1546, which granted US-led forces sweeping powers following their overthrow of Saddam in 2003.

"The resolution ... gives immunity to the MNF and means taking no action against the MNF no matter what happens or whatever they do against the people of Iraq," Shandal said.

Internet



An Iraqi woman walks past a blood stained concrete post at the site of a suicide attack in Kadhimiyah in Baghdad on 14 Sept, 2005.—INTERNET

Centenarians in Japan number record 25,606

TOKYO, 13 Sept—Centenarians in Japan will number a record 25,606 by the end of this month, surpassing last year's previous high by more than 2,568, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare said on Tuesday ahead of next Monday's Respect for the Aged Day, a national holiday.

Women continue to make up the vast majority of centenarians, accounting for 85 per cent, and topping 20,000 for the first time, the ministry said. For the first time, there will be more than 20 centenarians per 100,000 people — at 20.05 precisely — making up one in every 5,000 people.

MNA/Xinhua

India calls for enhanced global coop to tackle natural disasters

NEW DELHI, 13 Sept— India on Monday asked the global community to enhance cooperation and strengthen the response mechanism to tackle natural disasters.

Inaugurating the two-day Asia-Pacific Regional Group meeting of the International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) in the capital on Monday, India's Minister of State for Home Affairs S Regupathy emphasized the need to consolidate the communication network among the national authorities, international disaster managers, non-governmental organizations and other agencies so that those affected receive rapid and appropriate assistance.

Delegates from 23 countries are participating

in this meeting, organized by the Indian Government.

India also underlined the importance of ensuring that measures are in place for prevention, mitigation and response in an effective and coordinated manner to natural disasters in the country and neighbourhood.

Addressing the delegates, the United Nations assistant secretary-general for humanitarian affairs and deputy emergency relief coordinator, Margareta Wahlstrom, said that India's experience in handling natural disasters is extremely

valuable to make an effective strategy for a quality response to natural calamities.

The Indian Government has recently created a National Disaster Management Authority chaired by the Prime Minister to create complete synergy among all parts of the disaster management cycle.

Established in 1991, INSARAG is an inter-governmental network under the United Nations umbrella, which deals with Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and related disaster response issues.

MNA/Xinhua



Boxes of Nintendo Co's new game console Game Boy Micro are stacked at an electronic appliances store in Tokyo on 13 September, 2005. The new mobile phone-sized game console attracted better-than-expected orders on its debut on Tuesday, though less than Game Boy Advance SP had done, retailers said.—INTERNET

US slammed for Iraq media deaths

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—A media watchdog has criticized the US military for consistently failing to investigate the killing of journalists in Iraq by its forces.

The report by the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, or CPJ, said US troops had killed 13 journalists since the US-led war started in March 2003, and at least 40 other reporters had been killed in the conflict.

"Several of the 13 deaths suggest indifference by US soldiers to the presence of civilians, including members of the Press," the CPJ said in a statement.

The report also examined the deaths of 21 media support staff who were killed in Iraq, two by US forces.—Internet

Typhoon "Khanun" leaves at least 14 dead, nine missing in China

BEIJING, 13 Sept— At least 14 people were killed and nine others were missing in China by Monday noon after Khanun, the No 15 typhoon of this year, slammed into the Chinese Mainland on Sunday.

The typhoon, which is described as the strongest that hit the country this year, also left nearly 5.5 million people and 2.25 million hectares of cropland affected in Zhejiang, Fujian, Anhui and Shanghai, according to the State Flood Control and Drought Relief headquarters.

Premier Wen Jiabao and Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu urged on Tuesday the governments in the typhoon-affected areas to make timely weather forecast and full preparations against Khanun.

More than 1.35 million people have been evacuated to safe places and some schools and kindergartens in Shanghai and Anhui were ordered to close on Tuesday, according to the headquarters.

The typhoon, which slammed into Taizhou City of Zhejiang Province at 14:50 pm on Sunday, had churned through the province and neighbouring municipality of Shanghai by Tuesday noon, moving northwestward at a speed of 25 kilometres per hour.

Khanun has brought strong wind and rainstorms as well as serious damages to the Chinese Mainland. In the most-hit province of Zhejiang, the total economic losses caused by the typhoon was estimated at 6.89 billion yuan (849 million US dollars), said officials of the provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters.—MNA/Xinhua

Louisiana nursing home operators charged in deaths

BATON ROUGE, 14 Sept — The owners of a nursing home where 34 people were found dead after Hurricane Katrina have been arrested and charged with 34 counts of negligent homicide for not evacuating those patients, the Louisiana attorney general's office said on Tuesday.

Mable Mangano and her husband, Salvador Mangano Sr, surrendered to Medicaid fraud investigators in Baton Rouge on Tuesday and were being held in a parish prison.

The Manganos declined an offer from St Bernard Parish authorities of buses to evacuate the residents of their facility, and they did not use a contract they had with an ambulance service, the state said.

"When we decide we're going to put ourselves in harm's way, we do it voluntarily and it's our problem. But you can't do it when you have the care and control and custody of patients," Louisiana Attorney General Charles Foti told a briefing.

"Thirty-four people drowned in a nursing home when it should have been evacuated. I cannot say it

any plainer than that," Foti said, his voice rising with anger. The 34 were found in recent days in an advanced state of decomposition, Foti said, though it is presumed that they drowned when the

storm hit.

Foti declined to say if the Manganos remained at the nursing home throughout the storm or if they fled before it struck on 29 August.—MNA/Reuters

Man with gun arrested near Turkish PM

ANKARA, 14 Sept — A man arrested near Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan on Monday had a gun and may have planned to kill him, a state prosecutor said.

Police detained the man after he yelled abuse and tried to move closer to Erdogan during the Premier's visit to the western Turkish town of Kutahya.

"Police are investigating the issue of whether or not the suspect has any connection with terrorist organizations," the state news agency *Anatolian* quoted local prosecutor Mehmet Serif Eren as saying.

Eren added that "first impressions" suggested the man had intended to assassinate Erdogan with a weapon he described as ready for use, according to *Anatolian*.

However, news channel CNN Turk said the gun contained no live bullets, only blanks. Security concerns have increased in Turkey in recent months as Kurdish guerillas step up attacks on military and civilian targets, mainly in the country's poor southeast.

MNA/Reuters

Iran slams warning on referral of nuclear issue to UN

Moscow, 13 Sept— Iranian Vice-President Gholamreza Aghazadeh said here on Monday that referring his country's nuclear issue to the UN Security Council cannot be justified, and threatened with tough reactions should that happen.

Germany, France and Britain, the so-called European trio that has been in talks with Teheran to persuade it to scrap uranium enrichment, bristled at Iran's August move to renew uranium conversion activities and warned of backing a US push to bring Iran before the UN Security Council for sanctions.

Aghazadeh, who also

heads Iran's nuclear energy agency and is in town to meet Russian officials including Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, said there are no technical or legal reasons for referring Iran's nuclear issue to the UN Security Council.

"Let me assure you we are not seeking dividends in exchange for suspending our nuclear activity

either at the talks with the 'European trio' or with Russia. What we are interested in is creating an atmosphere of trust and transparency before the whole world so as to convince everyone that we are conducting peaceful research," Aghazadeh was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Zazi, a four-year-old cheetah at the Smithsonian's National Zoo, grooms one of her five cubs, which is five-month-old in Washington on 8 September, 2005.

INTERNET

Singapore's first all-female cockpit crew flies Jetstar flight

SINGAPORE, 14 Sept—The first all-female Singaporean cockpit crew comprising Captain Anastacia Gan and her fellow female co-pilot Camille Williams flew a Jetstar flight to Bangkok on Tuesday.

According to *Channel News Asia* report at night, Captain Gan used to be with the Republic of Singapore Air Force for 22 years. She was recruited by

SilkAir, Singapore Airlines' regional arm, as the first female Singaporean pilot before she joined the local low cost carrier Jetstar.

Most of the passengers on board felt alright and comfortable about the flight, expressing no concerns about the all-female cockpit crew, said the report.

The only male working on the flight was steward Derek Tan. —MNA/Xinhua

Rising petrol prices drive up inflation in Britain

LONDON, 14 Sept— Britain's consumer price index (CPI) inflation rose to 2.4 per cent in August from 2.3 per cent in July fuelled by rising oil prices, figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show.

Crude prices drove fuel higher, taking CPI to its highest level since records began eight years ago, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported on Tuesday.

The average cost of a litre of petrol went up by around 3 pence in August, the ONS said, adding petrol prices fuelled the rise in CPI, contributing nearly 0.08 percentage points to the annual CPI rate.

It was the second consecutive month that petrol prices had driven inflation higher than the 2 per cent target set by the government.

Food prices also had an upward impact, as did clothing and footwear as

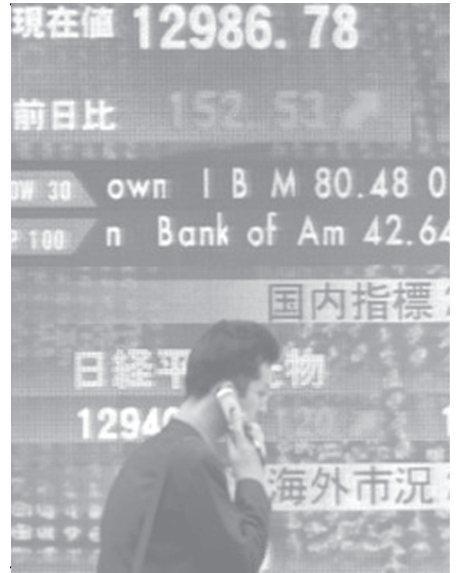
their price comebacks after the summer sales were greater than a year ago.

Headline retail price inflation (RPI), which includes housing costs, fell from 2.9 per cent to 2.8 per cent year-on-year, whereas the underlying rate of RPI fell to 2.3 per cent from 2.4 per cent in July.

"The increase in inflation in August was primarily due to higher prices for fuel and some food items, while core consumer inflation actually edged back down to 1.7 per cent after spiking up to 1.8 per cent in July from 1.5 per cent in June," said economist Howard Archer, at Global Insight.

MNA/Xinhua

Japanese businessman walks in front of a huge stock indicator in downtown Tokyo on 15 Sept, 2005. INTERNET



Main suspect in Australian Embassy bombing sentenced to death

JAKARTA, 14 Sept—The South Jakarta District court on Tuesday rendered a capital punishment to a man accused of taking part in the plotting and executing of the bomb attack near the Australian Embassy compound on 9 September, 2004.

Iwan Darmawan alias Rois was found guilty of "engaging in an evil conspiracy

to attack the Australian Embassy and providing shelters to other perpetrators," presiding judge Roki Panjaitan said.

The verdict meets the prosecution demand read during the 11 August hearing.

The attack claimed the lives of 11 people and injured more than 200 others. MNA/Xinhua

Three kidnapped Turkish engineers freed in Iraq

ANKARA, 14 Sept—Three Turkish engineers who were kidnapped about two months ago in Iraq were freed, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Tuesday.

The three who were freed by guerillas on Monday in Beyji, east of Baghdad, returned to Turkey via Habur border gate, the report said.

Fatih Yigit, one of the engineers, said they were kidnapped on 16 July, 2005, adding "the guerillas who kidnapped us threatened to decapitate us every night and they wanted all Turkish companies to end their business relations with US forces. They wanted our company to withdraw from Iraq."

Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul indicated that the release of three Turkish hostages in Iraq was a pleasing development. MNA/Xinhua

Most small islands in Indonesia managed by foreigners

JAKARTA, 14 Sept— Indonesian Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Ministry confirmed that most small islands in the country are now being managed by foreigners for economic gain.

"The government does not forbid these foreigners to run businesses on these small islands. But it would be far better and more beneficial if it is done by Indonesians," Director General for Marine Resources, Small Islands and Coastal Areas Widi Agus Pratikto said on Tuesday.

Citing examples, he said the Raja Ampat Islands in Papua were now being managed by Dutchmen, the Karimunjawa Island in Central Java by

Australians, Komodo Island by an American group and Sanggalagi island by Malaysians.

Foreigners intending to run a business on small islands generally get married with local women to make it easier to obtain the necessary permits from the regional authorities, *Antarane* news agency quoted Agus as saying.

The islands were mostly used to set up tourism or fish breeding ventures, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

World oil price to drop to \$ 50 per barrel in one year

BEIJING, 14 Sept—A chief economist of the journal *Economist* said here on Tuesday that the international oil price is expected to fall back slowly to 50 US dollars a barrel in one year.

When meeting with economic analysts of *Xinhua* news agency, Robin Bew, a chief economist with the Economist Intelligence Unit of the *Economist* magazine predicted that the international oil price will drop back slowly with the slowing down of the global economic growth in the next two years.

Strong demand is the cause of the recent soaring oil price, in contrast supply reduction leading to the oil crises in the early 1970's and 1990's, said Bew.

So the recent oil soaring trend will not exert a big impact on global economic growth, he said.

However, as the economic growth of major economic bodies such as China, the United States, Western Europe and Japan are slowing down, Bew predicted that global oil demand will rise more slowly.

Bew predicted that in 2006, the international oil price would fall back to some 50 US dollars per barrel.

"With more oil fields coming on streams and the continuing slowing trend of world economic growth, the gap between oil supply and demand will enlarge and the oil price will drop to 40 US dollars per barrel then," he said. However, if incidents that will lead to sharp supply reduction occur, there will be possibility that international oil price will hike in short term, he said.

In the supply and demand of the international oil market, there is no shortage of supply of crude oil, said Robin Bew.

But the tension between oil supply and demand is so tight that any incidents that may lead to supply reduction may give reasons for the hiking of oil price in the futures market, he said.

However, with the slowing down of the global economy and the widening gap between demand and supply, speculators will finally lose the point and leave the market, he said. —MNA/Xinhua



An artist's impression of a statue of the late Hong Kong kungfu superstar Bruce Lee to be erected in Hong Kong. The two-metre-high statue, titled 'Bruce Lee Statue: Star of the Century', will be the first such statue to be unveiled in the city on 27 November, 2005 to celebrate Lee's 65th birth date. —INTERNET

Fishery prospects of Bawle and Hline Rivers

Sein Sein Thein (Dagon University)

In the last summer of 2005, My colleagues of universities asked me to give a series of field reports on fisheries biology through the New Light of Myanmar because they know I like travelling by boat to survey rivers to gain bio-

logical and geographical survey of the Bawle and the Hline River drainage system, sediment related with the river system and general classification of sedimentation are needed to find out for sustainable development to inland fisheries of the Twin Rivers, the Bawle and the Hline.

of stocks are almost diverse, but the one favoured by most biologists is a single interbreeding and intermingling unit of one species of fish. We must try the first problem which is to determine what stocks of fish are in existence in the rivers of Myanmar, and then we

and is over one hundred and fifty miles from the Gulf of Mottama. In west of Htantabin, it meets with Koaka creek, the confluence of the Bawle River and the Hline River. The two rivers drain from the Myitmakha River. They flow by the Aikkalon is-

Hline River. The water-breathers get oxygen from surface of water and air-breathers obtain oxygen from atmosphere.

The different varieties of the fish can be divided mainly into these two categories. Our study examined how natural river systems helped its fisheries development and also examined economic value of fisheries.

In addition to the contribution to the fisheries, rural people can gain great benefits of higher incomes.

However, inland fisheries of the Bawle River and the Hline River suffered from the unsustainable exploitation through habitat changes and degradation of the resources. Fish resources

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The habitat improvement will be very costly and will require high expertise.

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water, worth (1-5%) of the lease value every year. The record of annual fish seed replenished varied from 1.87 million in 2001 to 2002, 2.47 million in 2002 to 2003 and 1.06 million in 2003 to 2004. Future economic value of fisheries can be expected of carps. (Ngagyin, Ngamyit-

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Air-breather (Ngayant)

ecological knowledge. This article is intended for my colleagues from upper Myanmar universities, scholars of universities, administrators of fisheries, as well as for fisheries biologists form neighbouring countries.

There are two branches of fisheries biology. One is the study of the natural history of the stocks and is concerned with how the fish spawn, grow and feed. The other branch is the study of the dynamics of population, the rate of which grow, die and reproduce.

The definition of the stock is needed to know before you read the article. Definitions

must conserve them.

Webster says that conservation is a deliberate or thoughtful preserving and protecting. This definition seems to imply preventing against exploitation.

Fisheries biology must be learnt as first step. Candidates of M Res degree in Dagon University, May Thwe Soe and Khin Hnin Soe had conducted the Ichthyological surveys on the Bawle River and the Hline River respectively.

Our studied areas of the Bawle River is about 41.2 miles in waterway and the Hline River is about 38 miles long in Taikkyi township.

The Bawle River lies between Htantabin and Taikkyi Townships

land. The drainage pattern of the Bawle River and the Hline River is a Ya Zoo type. The Bawle River and the Hline River flow with pools and riffles, making it a good site for inland fisheries.

These rivers are in spate during monsoon and fishery workers are busy with necessary preparations for fishing implements.

Inland fisheries are based mainly on extended seasonally inundated plains. Altogether five species of air-breathers and nineteen water-breathers are observed in the Bawle River.

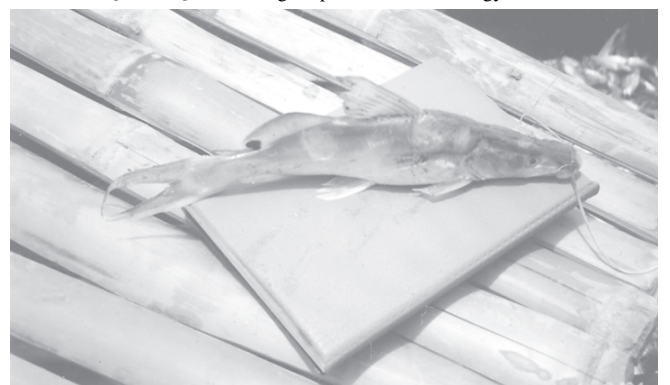
Altogether six species of air-breathers and eighteen species of water-breathers fresh water fishes are found in the

gradual increase in population of Yangon Division, the requirement for production and distribution of fish has markedly increased. Fish is also a valuable energy source.

After the year 2000, the fisheries lessea is responsible for replenishing carp seed into the

chin) and other species do not support significant commercial fisheries.

However, the magnitude and timing of recovery are uncertain. The powerful theoretical weapon is to learn fisheries biology.



Water-breather (Nga Gyaung)



Training of selected Wushu and Karatedo athletes inspected

YANGON, 15 Sept —Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint inspected training of Wushu athletes at Padonma Sports Ground in Sangyoung Township this

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents track suits to Wushu athletes who are undergoing training to take part in the 23rd SEA Games.

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morning.

The president and officials of the Myanmar Wushu Federation reported on progress in training of the athletes.

The minister gave necessary instructions and presented track suits to the athletes.

At Aung San Stadium, the minister inspected training of Myanmar selected Karatedo athletes.

After giving necessary instructions, the minister presented track suits to the athletes.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially converses with maestros.— MNA

Satisfactory accomplishments...

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ministers, deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, committee members, the director-general at State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Music Asiyon, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiyon, Myanmar Thabin Asiyon, Myanmar Artists and Artisans Asiyon, artists and guests.

Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar

Sein delivered an opening speech. He said that Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been organized 13 times consecutively since 1993. Thus, members of the committees have had much experience for hold-

Competitions, the Work Committee and sub-committees have been set up, and duties and functions have been assigned to them.

Under the leadership of the Organizing Committee Patron the Prime Minister, the Leading Committee had held meetings to coordinate the

At present, satisfactory accomplishments can be seen in holding the state and division level performing arts competitions.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the second coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.— MNA

Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions State Peace and Development Council Secretary -1 Lt-Gen Thein

ing the competitions. To successfully hold the competitions this year, the Leading Committee for Organizing the

tasks. Afterwards, committees and sub-committees, on their part, are making preparatory tasks for the competitions.

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The maestros are to supervise systematic participation of the contestants, and all committees are to collaborate their tasks among them.

He requested that members of the panel of judges are to perform their tasks without subjectivity and partiality.

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Per-

forming Arts Competitions are to be held for successfully realizing three of 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; and Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit.

Hence, all the officials are to strive for the successful holding of the competitions as a national duty on a grand scale.

Commander Maj-

Gen Myint Swe reported on organizing of the leading committee, the work committee and sub-committees and their coordination, teaching of performing arts in states and divisions and tasks have been undertaken for successful holding of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions.

Next, Secretary of the leading committee Col Tint Hsan reported on tasks that have been undertaken by the committee and sub-committees and future tasks.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe speaking at the coordination meeting.— MNA

Objectives of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism;
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage;
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts;
- To preserve Myanmar national character;
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths;
- To prevent influence of alien culture; and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

Satisfactory accomplishments...

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Chairman of the Sub-Committee for holding the performing arts competitions Director-General of the Fine Arts Department U Ngwe Tun reported on duration of the competitions, venues and dramas and songs for contests.

Officials of sub-committees on scrutinizing, invitation and accommodation, fund raising and prize

presentation, information, transportation, health, and work inspection also reported on tasks that have been undertaken committee-wise and future tasks.

Members of the panel of judges for music, song composing, puppet, drama, dance, and singing reported on progress of the panel of judges concerned for successfully holding the competitions.

Next, those present joined in general round of discussion. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein fulfilled the requirements of respective sub-committees for

holding the competitions on a grand scale.

After that, Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greeted the maestros.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members scrutinized and selected posters, postcards, pamphlets and background designs to be used at competition halls, opening and closing ceremonies and welcoming ceremony, and sample invitation cards and sample brooches of the reception and accommodation sub-committee.—MNA

Three development projects...

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rubber farm, mixed cropping of rubber and pigeon pea on 55 acres, stockpiling of 16,500 rubber saplings, sending Tatmadawmen to the course on rubber growing methods to conduct multiplier courses.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on small-scale farming of respective regiments and units, preventive measures against fire, and cooperation with the Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise for speedy growing with scientific agricultural methods. Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed plantations of rubber, and mixed cropping from observation tower and attended to the needs of the farm.

They inspected the thriving paddy fields of farmer U Maung Kun near Taungni Village in Mogaung Township. Officials gave an account of the fields.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint held a meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders at Teza Hall in Hopin and dealt with regional development tasks. The head of Township General Administration Department reported

on facts about the region, progress of growing 22,097 acres of monsoon paddy, 644 acres of beans and pulses, 372 acres of edible oil crops, and 1,369 acres of perennial crops, achievement of food security of the region, social, economic, education, health and transport sectors of the region. Officials concerned gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint provided assistance for regional development, saying that in the past, Hopin was just a village and lagged behind in development. Besides, instability was rampant across the region. In contrast, during the time of the Tatmadaw Government, national race

armed groups returned to the legal fold, and as a result, Kachin State has now enjoyed fruitful results of peace and stability along with prevalence of law and order.

Now, the three devel-

opment projects are well under way for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation. The Government is taking measures for upgrading Hopin to a town. In the process, emphasis is to be placed on agriculture and

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livestock breeding for higher standards of socioeconomic life of local people. He called for extended growing of rubber in addition to paddy through land reclamation. Only when agriculture and live-

stock breeding have made progress, will local people be able to enjoy better economy. In conclusion, he called on departmental officials to do their bit for regional development.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented K 1 million for the

basic education high school of Hopin. At Belumyo village in Mohnyin Township, he observed thriving paddy fields and met with officials for raising per acre yield.

In the afternoon, he visited Technological Institute (Mohnyin). At the town hall, Lt-Gen Ye Myint discussed with officials, social organizations and townsenders the regional development undertakings. He said that the government has been implementing three major projects for harmonious progress of all the regions of the nation. Thanks to Shwebo-Myitkyina and Mandalay-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myitkyina roads, Mandalay can be reached from

Myitkyina within a few hours. All should strive to develop farming and to grow rubber in places where rice cultivation is impossible.

Accompanied by officials, he visited the 100-bed general hospital, the degree college, and paddy fields.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with rubber growers and fulfilled their requirements.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed the collection of latex in the rubber plantation and functions of the rubber mill.

They met officers, other ranks and family members of Mogaung Station at the station hall and those of local battalion in Hopin.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets departmental officials, social organization members and local people in Teza Hall in Hopin.—MNA



Commander makes tour round Yangon South District

YANGON, 15 Sept—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected development tasks in Twantay, Kungyangon and Kawhmu townships in

Yangon South District yesterday afternoon.

The commander inspected Panhlaing Bridge Project across Panhlaing River on Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay Road in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District,

and gave instructions on measures for ensuring earlier inauguration of the bridge and provided assistance for the project.

He viewed 11 miles and one furlong long Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay Road, the 4,000-

foot earth road, and Twantay Bridge Project near Phaya Ngukto Village in Twantay Township. The commander held a meeting with service personnel, members of social organizations and locals in Kungyangon Township

and attended to the needs for regional development tasks.

Afterwards, he inspected the construction of a concrete tank and sinking of a tube-well near Kawhmu-Kungyangon Road, and pilot monsoon

paddy fields near Kamarpar Village in Kungyangon Township.

The commander met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local residents in Kawhmu Township to coordinate regional development tasks. He dealt with assistance being rendered for agricultural, education, health, economic and transport sectors and supply of safe potable water.

He also looked into Kawhmu Township People's Hospital (16-bed), harvesting of monsoon paddy in the fields of Kawhmu Township Agricultural Mechanization Department, and the dredging of Kabin Creek near Kabin Village, Kanbe Village-tract, Twantay Township.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe views broadcasting of fertilizer at monsoon paddy fields in Kamapa Village of Kungyangon Township.—MNA

Functions of Kharamt Rubber Factory in Thanbyuzayat inspected

YANGON, 15 Sept — Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin met with private rubber entrepreneurs at Kharamt Rubber Factory in Thanbyuzayat on 13 September.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin explained production of the factory and

rubber availability and urged the entrepreneurs to participate in tasks for improvement of the factory.

The commander gave instructions on extended growing of rubber and supply of raw materials for boosting rubber production.

Next, they attended to the requirements of the entrepreneurs.

Officials of Myanma Tyre and Rub-

ber Industries reported on production of the factory and supply of rubber raw materials to the factory.

Afterwards, the minister inspected production process of the factory and instructed the officials to make utmost efforts for exceeding the target of rubber production, growing new rubber saplings, purchase of rubber raw materials and minimizing loss and wastage.

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Social and Cultural Working Group...



The leader and members of social and cultural work committee of MWAFF greets students at Dagon Township BEHS No 3 and Kyimyindine Township BEHS No 5. —MNA

Wheelchairs donated to the disabled

YANGON, 15 Sept — Latter Day Saints Charities today donated 500 wheelchairs to the Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

At a donation ceremony held at International Business Centre

(IBC) here, Mr Sott F Hansen, Regional Director of the charity, explained the purpose of the donation. Country Director of the Charity Mr Kelvyn H Cullimore and wife presented the documents related to the donation to SWRR Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa.

The wheelchairs will be handed over to homes for the aged, training schools for the disabled, Myanmar Sports Federation and Myanmar Disabled Federation. The minister presented the certificate of honour to the country director of the charity. — MNA.

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Thanks to the Inclusive Education programme, 5,606 disabled persons between 5 and 15 years old, have the opportunities to pursue education. In the 2004-05 academic year, 33 disabled students took the matriculation examination and 13 students including one four-distinction winner, passed the exam.

Next, the Leader of Social and Cultural Working Group and party looked into the Inclusive Education Centre to be opened soon at Dagon BEHS No 3.

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SWRR Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa speaking at the wheelchairs donation ceremony.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Torrential rains cause landslides and floods in Magway and Taninthayi divisions

YANGON, 15 Sept — The rising waters of Kyichang creek caused by continuous torrential rains since 10 September carried away a bridge on Kyaukhtu-Htilin road in Kyaukhtu, Saw Township, Magway Division on 12 September.

The heavy rains also caused landslides and inundation at mile post 4/3 of the road. Led by Saw Township Peace and Development Council, departments and organizations are repairing the road to prevent traffic jams on it and for the convenience of travellers.

The 24-hour heavy rains poured since 13 September also caused floods and landslides at three places — mile posts 31/2,

45/5 and 48/6 — on Myeik-Taninthayi road in Myeik, Taninthayi Division, on 14 September. The commander and Tatmadawmen of the regional tactical operation command, and departmental personnel are repairing the road to prevent traffic jams.

A hill slope landslide occurred at Kyaukka village in Palaw Township, on 14 September due to torrential rains.

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Applications to be submitted for matriculation examination 2006

YANGON, 15 Sept — Myanmar Board of Examinations has already announced matters related to the matriculation examination to be held in 2006.

Applications of the exam will be sold at fixed price for the students who are going to sit the examination, at its office beginning 3 October 2005.

The identity cards are divided into two colours. The green-coloured cards are for the students with combination subject Nos 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and the pink-coloured cards are for the ones with combination subject Nos 2, 3 and 4.

The external students are to buy the applications at their Township Education Officer's Office and to submit their applications at the latter's in which they live beginning from 3 to 31 October.

The schoolheads are to buy the applications for the students who are going to sit the examination in BEHS (Branch) and Affiliated Schools and to collectively submit the applications at the office of MBE from 15 November to 15 December 2005.

Those who fail to submit their applications to the designed place according to schedule would not be allowed to sit for the examination.

The applications and stamps are available at MBE (Zwegabin Hostel) on the campus of Hline University, Hline Township. — MNA

Russia warns US against new nuclear doctrine

BERLIN, 15 Sept — Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov warned the United States on Tuesday against any change of its defence doctrine to allow pre-emptive use of atomic weapons, saying it would prompt others to seek nuclear arms.

A draft revision of the US Defence Department's nuclear operations doctrine was made available at the weekend, out-

lining the use of nuclear weapons to pre-empt an enemy's attack with weapons of mass destruction.

"Lowering the threshold for use of atomic weapons is in itself dangerous," Ivanov told a news conference ahead of a NATO defence ministers meeting in Berlin.

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China spent 245b yuan on social development, social security in 2004

BEIJING, 15 Sept — China made great efforts to improve social development and spent a total of 245.2 billion yuan on social services and social security in 2004.

Chen Fujin, Vice-President of China National School of Administration, made the remark at the Second China-Europe Senior Forum on Government Management held here on Tuesday.

Chen said in 2004 China's central budget spending for science and technology, education, culture, health and sports amounted to 98.7 billion yuan (some 12.2 billion US dollars), an increase of 15 per cent over the previous year, and a total of 146.5 billion yuan (some 18.1 billion US dollars) was spent from the central budget for social security, increasing by 18.1 per cent.

More than 200 Chinese and European government officials and experts gave lectures and exchanged views on how to innovate social management at the three-day forum.

Chen said China has done a lot of work in innovating social management. Governments at all levels have kept increasing spending on social services, and a stable social security system which mainly contains endowment insurance, unemployment insurance and medical insurance has been set up, he said.

Growing spending from central

budget on rural areas' social services has gradually improved rural areas' social development which has lagged behind than in towns and cities, said Chen, adding that China's social relief ability has also been greatly raised, and the central government allocated 3.2 billion yuan (some 0.4 billion US dollars) of disaster relief subsidy in last year and helped 68 million disaster-hit people.

Chinese people have continuously raised their awareness of democracy and law and showed more activeness and creativity in participating in social development affairs, while the governments provided more channels for the people to express their ideas and requirements, said Chen.

But it is not enough, noted Chen, saying China is still a developing country with a large population and a weak economic foundation and productivity has not reached balanced development. Great differences still exist between towns and villages, with social development lagging behind economic development, and various social problems still exist.

Chen appealed for governments to explore more new ways to further promote social management.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysian defence sector urged to catch up with latest technology

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Sept— Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak on Tuesday urged the national defence sector to keep abreast of the latest defence science and technology.

Malaysia cannot afford to be left behind in advances in defence technology, despite the absence of direct military threats, Najib, who was also Defence Minister, was quoted as saying by the *Bernama* news agency.

Developments in technology exert a considerable influence not only in the national defence sector but also in the economy, agriculture, medical, education and the

government's administration as a whole, Najib said at the opening of the Science and Technology Institute for Defence (STRIDE) main complex in the state of Selangor.

He said the Malaysian Armed Forces, as the country's main defence fort, has been equipped with modern and sophisticated equipment, which will be upgraded from time to time to meet the changing needs of the national defence.

Under the Eighth Malaysia Plan (from the year 2001 to the year 2005), the government has spent a huge sum of money to acquire defence equipment and this effort will be continued under the Ninth Plan (from the year 2006 to 2010), Najib said.

He called on the STRIDE to improve its technological research and development capabilities to ensure that the national defence sector is armed with globally competitive equipment.

Najib added that STRIDE had also been entrusted with the task of reviewing and enhancing the defence procurement specifications. According to local media reports, STRIDE, as a research agency under the Defence Ministry, focuses on defence research and development in fields such as aeronautics, electronics, communications, instrumentation, radar, laser as well as chemical and biological weaponry.

MNA/Xinhua

China truck explosion kills 11, flattens houses

BEIJING, 15 Sept — A truck loaded with 18 tons of ammonium nitrate exploded in southwest China, flattening 17 village houses, killing at least 11 people and injuring dozens, state media reported on Wednesday.

For hundreds of yards around the site of the blast, trees were stripped bare of leaves, electricity pylons were bent over and everything was covered in yellow dust, the *Beijing News* said.

The truck blew up on a road running through the village of

Shengangzhai in Yunnan Province just before midnight on Monday, the newspaper said.

Five women and three children were among the dead and 43 people were injured, eight seriously, it said. Seventeen of 66 houses damaged in the blast were destroyed.

The explosion dug a

crater 18.5 metres wide and 5.6 metres deep.

Police are investigating.

Ammonium nitrate, used to make fertilizer and explosives, was used in the bomb that killed 168 people in an Oklahoma City federal building in 1995.

MNA/Reuters

Second militant gets death for Jakarta embassy blast

JAKARTA, 15 Sept — An Indonesian court on Wednesday sentenced a second Islamic militant to death for helping plot and carry out last year's suicide car bomb attack outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.

The court said it found Ahmad Hasan guilty of helping build the one-ton bomb with Malaysian fugitive Azahari bin Husin, a senior militant linked to al-Qaeda and the alleged mastermind of the attack that killed 10 Indonesians.

The same court on Tuesday sentenced to death the leading defendant in custody over the attack, a militant called Rois but also known as Iwan Dharmawan.

Hasan, 34, showed no reaction when the verdict was handed down but once out of the courtroom he shouted "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest) three times as he was led away.

"Of course, I don't accept this," Hasan told reporters.

"This is an evil court. It's all lies

and there has been intervention here."

Achmad Sobari, presiding judge on the three-member bench, said Hasan drove the bomb-laden car close to the embassy, before handing it over to the suicide driver.

"The defendant has been proven guilty of involvement in the planning of a terrorist act," Sobari said.

The court has jailed three other men for terms of up to seven years over the car bomb, which tore through the blast-proof fence of the fortified Australian mission.

It said the attack cost 10,000 US dollars and was financed by Osama bin-Laden, the Saudi-born leader of al-Qaeda, in response to Australia's support of American policies in the Muslim world.

MNA/Reuters

Road accident kills four, injures 25 in N-W China county

LANZHOU, 15 Sept — Four people were confirmed dead with 25 others injured in a farm vehicle accident that happened on Tuesday in Guanghe County, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, local police said on Wednesday morning.

At around 9:00 Tuesday morning, a farm vehicle carrying 40-odd villagers suddenly rushed down to a 19-metre-deep roadside ditch due partly to overspeeding and overload in Shuiquan Township of Guanghe County.

The accident killed three women and a man immediately and injured another 25 people. Two were seriously injured, both teenagers, and 23 slightly injured, the local police said. Cause of the accident is under further investigation.—MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to export AIDS medicines

HANOI, 15 Sept — Vietnam will export anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs for HIV/AIDS treatment to some African and Asian countries in the coming time, *Vietnam News Agency* reported on Wednesday.

The Stada Vietnam, a joint venture between a German pharmaceutical company and a local partner in southern Ho Chi Minh City, has registered to export the drugs. Its ARV products, which have proved effective on many local patients, are eight-10 times lower than similar imports. Using the drugs, a local patient has to spend only 260-280 US dollars for one year of treatment, the lowest expenditure in Southeast Asia, the report said. Foreign ARV drugs, which help dramatically improve the health and extend the life of people with HIV, were introduced into Vietnam in 1993, but few local patients have access to them due to their high cost.—MNA/Xinhua

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Latin countries meet in efforts to cut world hunger

MEXICO CITY, 14 Sept— Officials and experts from 16 countries and international organizations gathered at the Latin American Conference on Chronic Hunger in Guatemala, in efforts to reduce by half hunger and poverty in the world by 2015.

According to reports reaching here on Tuesday, at the end of the meeting on Monday, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva stressed his country's commitment to join in the efforts to eradicate what he called "a silent genocide," in reference to hunger.

Also, delegates and specialists recommended setting up governmental support programmes for small-scale agricultural producers in rural areas with high levels of hunger.

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Greek textile industry suffers three-year recession

ATHENS, 14 Sept — The Greek textile industry, one of the traditional sectors of the economy with significant contribution to exports and employment, is suffering from a significant recession in the last three years, the industry said on Tuesday.

A report by Hellastat said consolidated sales of the industry reduced 16.3 per cent in the textile sector and 18.6 per cent in the clothing sector, compared with the same period in 2004.

Pre-tax, interest and amortization earnings were down by 20.7 per cent and 62.6 per cent,

respectively, over the same period. An increase in raw material prices (cotton), higher labour costs, compared with increased competition from third countries (India, China, Turkey) — countries with incomparable lower costs — led to a significant increase of imports in Greece with domestic and European textiles industries losing significant market shares.

Recession signs are highlighted by the fact that total revenues by the 642 larger textile companies for 2004 were 2.4 per cent lower compared with 2003, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua

Yunnan urged to be bridge for Sino-SE Asian cooperation

KUNMING, 14 Sept— A senior Chinese official has said that southwest China's Yunnan Province could act as a bridge for the country's trade and economic cooperation with South Asia and Southeast Asia.

Local companies should be urged to explore foreign markets in neighbouring countries, said Vice-Premier Huang Ju during a study tour in Yunnan between 9 and 13 September, where he visited a number of local companies and communities.

Being a border province with high populations of ethnic minori-

ties, Yunnan should continue to increase its economic power and improve the living standards of local people step by step, said Huang, who is also member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee.

Huang stressed that the province should accelerate its space of development by seeking strategic opportunities from the central policies of developing the western region and opening wider to the rest of the world.

MNA/Xinhua

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Dhaka proposes duty-free access of 104 items to Islamabad

DHAKA, 14 Sept — Bangladesh Tuesday proposed to Pakistan for allowing duty-free access of its 104 items to the Pakistani market.

The proposal was made on the concluding day of the two-day meeting of Bangladesh-Pakistan Joint Economic Commission on Tuesday, which was held after seven years, according to the official news agency BSS.

After the two-day meeting, the two sides signed an Agreed Minutes, setting a target of one billion US dollars trade on

both way by 2007.

Pakistan increased duty-free access of Bangladeshi tea to its market to 15,000 metric tons from 10,000 tons. The Pakistani side also agreed to favourably consider the requests of Bangladesh, the meeting sources said.

Commerce Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury and Adviser of the Prime Minister of Pakistan for Economic Affairs Dr. Salman Shah, who led their respective sides in the meeting, signed the Agreed Minutes.

The meeting discussed

the entire gamut of the bilateral relations for further strengthening cooperation between the two countries in various sectors.

Bangladesh also showed interest to export different items to Pakistan, including jute goods, pharmaceuticals, plastic products, soap, ready made garments, melamine and porcelain products and tea.

The meeting also agreed to form a Joint Working Group, which will sit twice a year, to review the trade and suggest ways to boost it.

MNA/Xinhua

China to publicize thousands of life sanitation standards

BEIJING, 14 Sept— China has set up thousands of sanitary standards for public life, to which people can get free access on Internet, an official with Ministry of Health (MOH) was quoted as saying by Tuesday's Beijing News.

Huo Xiaojun, an official in charge of laws and regulations with the MOH, said so far the MOH has drafted and issued more than 1,800 items of sanitary standards covering food, environment, radiation, occupational diseases and cosmetics.

Huo said by the end of this year, the standards will be publicized on the official web site of the MOH, namely, www.moh.gov.cn. People can look up the standards free of charge.

MNA/Xinhua

Hu says China will work with US on trade imbalances

NEW YORK, 14 Sept— President Hu Jintao told President George W Bush on Tuesday that China was willing to work with the United States to ease a growing trade imbalance and acknowledged there were frictions in the economic relationship.

"What I would like to stress here is that China does not pursue a huge trade surplus with the United States and we're willing to work with the United States to take effective measures to increase China's imports from the United States," Hu said at the start of a meeting with Bush on the sidelines of a United Nations summit.

Hu described the economic relationship between China and the United States as a driving force for the growing ties that he said were a win-win situation for the two countries.

But he added: "There's

no denial that our bilateral trade has developed so fast and to such a large scale, it is inevitable that we may have some frictions."

The politically sensitive US trade deficit with China set another record in July, hitting 17.7 billion US dollars.

On other issues, Hu promised to work on ways to prevent infringement of intellectual property rights and to seek progress in the six-party talks aimed at ending North Korea's nuclear weapons programme.

Talks between the United States, China, Russia, Japan, South Korea and North Korea over Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions resumed this week in Beijing.

Bush said that he planned to address a range of issues with Hu in their bilateral meeting, including economic matters, North Korea's nuclear ambitions and Iran.

MNA/Reuters

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Surge in Malaysian tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka in first half year

COLOMBO, 14 Sept— Malaysian tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka have recorded a 68-per-cent increase for the first half of this year compared to same period last year, the Daily News reported on Wednesday.

This was a remarkable increase, showing a growth of 6,792 advents, when compared to the first half of last year, the paper quoted Sri Lanka Tourist Board (SLTB) sources as saying.

This was mainly due to all stakeholders in Sri Lanka's tourism industry coming on board to boost tourism of the country that is fast recovering from last year's tsunami, the paper said.

The country's key hotels, tour operators and travel industry associations have developed the Sri Lanka's image by implementing medium and long term campaigns, promotional programmes and participating in exhibitions which have affected the influx of Malaysian tourist arrivals.

Total Malaysian arrivals recorded 10,132 in 2004, while it was 9,331 in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua



A four-month-old Amur tiger cub (top) plays with a dog in the municipal zoo 'Royev Ruchey' in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, on 2 September, 2005. The dog, which has a puppy of its own, nursed the tiger cub and another Sumatran tiger cub after the mothers refused to nurse them. —INTERNET

Hurricane "Ophelia" strafes North Carolina coast

RALEIGH (North Carolina), 15 Sept— Heavy rains and gusty winds on Hurricane Ophelia's outer fringes pelted the North Carolina coast on Wednesday and forecasters said the storm was moving so slowly its assault could last for two days.

At 8 am (1200 GMT), the hurricane's centre was about 60 miles (96 kilometres) south of Wilmington, North Carolina. It was moving north-northeast and the eye was expected to move across the state's southeastern coast on Wednesday then pass near the Outer Banks, the chain of islands along its northern coast, on Thursday.

The outer squalls were pounding the coastline and the storm kicked up high waves that nibbled away at beaches. Ophelia was moving very slowly, creeping along at 6-mile-

per-hour (10-kilometre-per-hour).

"This is likely to result in an excruciatingly long passage of the hurricane along the North Carolina coast over the next couple of days," the National Hurricane Centre in Miami warned.

Ophelia had top sustained winds of 80-mile-

per-hour (128-kilometre-per-hour) and could strengthen slightly before moving ashore, the hurricane centre forecasters said. That made it a Category 1 hurricane on the five-step Saffir-Simpson Scale, capable of flooding coastal areas and washing out seafarnt.

MNA/Xinhua

Two shot dead at exclusive London store

LONDON, 14 Sept— Two people were killed in a shooting at one of central London's most exclusive department stores on Tuesday, police said.

A man and a woman, both aged about 30, were pronounced dead at the scene of the shooting at the Harvey Nichols Store in the upmarket Knightsbridge area of London.

A police source said it appeared the gunman killed himself after shooting the woman on the ground floor of the shop, known as the store of choice for Britain's rich and famous. "No one else is being sought in connection with this incident," he said. Police would not comment on reports that the pair had been in a relationship. No details of the dead will be released until their families have been informed, a police spokesman said.

An eyewitness told BBC television that police had informed staff the gunman was a security guard who used to work at the shop. "The waitress we spoke to had apparently been informed by police ... that it was an ex-security guard who had walked into Harvey Nichols, shot dead one of the girls behind the make-up counter and then shot himself," Charlotte O'Leary told the BBC. The shooting happened at 7:45 pm (1845 GMT), about 15 minutes before the store was due to close. — MNA/Reuters

One in 10 British men suffer from low fertility

LONDON, 14 Sept— About one in 10 men in Britain could be suffering from poor fertility, a report said on Tuesday.

While fertility problems are frequently linked to women, research by Norwich Union Healthcare suggests that men are also contributing to the problem, Sky News reported. Their Male Fertility Study estimated that 9 per cent of Britain's 28.5 million men, or more than 2.5 million in total, could be suffering from low fertility. A survey of general practitioners (GPs) also revealed growing concern about the effect of male infertility. — MNA/Xinhua

China to raise N-power generating capacity to 40 mln kw by 2020

BEIJING, 14 Sept — China plans to increase its installed capacity of nuclear power to 40 million kilowatts by the year 2020, accounting for 4 per cent of the country's total installed capacity at that time, a senior government official said here on Tuesday.

China's current installed nuclear power capacity takes up less than 2 per cent of the total installed power generation capacity, compared with the world average of 17 per cent, said Zhang Guobao, deputy director of the State Development and Reform Commission.

"It seems insignificant to expand the share to 4 per cent, but it means a fast growth rate and needs tremendous efforts if we want to reach the goal," Zhang said at a Press conference hosted by the Information Office of the State Council, the country's Cabinet.

China now has 11 nuclear power generating units with a combined installed capacity of 8.7 million kilowatts.

The nine nuclear generation units in operation include five in Qinshan Nuclear Power Plant in east China's Zhejiang Province and four in Daya Bay and Ling Ao Nuclear Power Plant in the

southern province of Guangdong.

The other two units are under construction in Tianwan Nuclear Power Plant of Jiangsu Province, east China.

The total installed power generation capacity of China is expected to exceed 500 million kilowatts this year as new units with a combined capacity of more than 65 million kilowatts will be put into operation, Zhang said.

Some of the country's coastal regions have been experiencing power shortage in the past three years though monthly power supply has been growing at a two-digit rate for nearly 40 months in a row.

China's gross domestic product grew by 9.5 per cent while power supply increased by the 15.3 per cent last year. In the first half of this year, power supply increased by 13.2 per cent year-on-year. — MNA/Xinhua

Three guards injured in shootout in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, 15 Sept — Three security guards were injured in an early morning shootout with robbers armed with pistols and AK-47s in a business park in Johannesburg on Wednesday.

Police spokesman Constable Sefako Xaba said police joined in the shootout shortly. More than 200 empty cartridges were found lying on the ground afterward.

Xaba said that police did not know how many robbers were involved. Some robbers ran away, and others escaped in four of six vehicles they used to enter the Northlands Business Park at North Riding.

"One vehicle was left behind, filled with computer equipment," he said, "another was abandoned nearby". — MNA/Xinhua



Japanese firms said they will construct the world's biggest Ferris wheel rising some 150 metres (495 feet) high above Singapore.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Last-gasp Arsenal ruin Thun's Champions League debut

LONDON, 15 Sept— An injury-time goal by substitute Dennis Bergkamp gave 10-man Arsenal a 2-1 victory over Thun on Wednesday to deny the Swiss outsiders a memorable Champions League debut.

There were no slips for Udinese, however, also playing in Europe's top club competition for the first time, as they thumped Panathinaikos 3-0 with a hat-trick by Italy international Vincenzo Iaquinta.

Juventus won 2-1 at Club Brugge to make it a clean sweep of wins for the four Italian clubs after AC Milan and Inter Milan won on Tuesday.

Ajax Amsterdam grabbed an injury-time equalizer to draw 1-1 at Sparta Prague while Benfica also scored in added time to beat Lille 1-0.

Bayern Munich won 1-0 at Rapid Vienna, Barcelona won 2-0 at Werder

Bremen while Manchester United were held to a goalless draw at another Champions League debutant Villarreal — after striker Wayne Rooney was sent off and the Spaniards hit the bar in the last minute.

Thun were playing in the amateur Swiss Third Division nine years ago but showed that they had come a long way by beating Dynamo Kiev and Malmo in the qualifying rounds.

The trip to Arsenal demanded a further step up and they responded to the challenge to reach halftime goalless, with Arsenal reduced to 10 men just before the break with a red card for striker Robin van Persie.

Brazilian midfielder Gilberto Silva calmed the Arsenal nerves when he headed the opening goal after 51 minutes but Highbury was stunned when Nelson Ferreira looped in an equalizer two minutes later.

Arsenal struggled to find further openings until 36-year-old substitute Bergkamp won the ball in the box and kept his cool to slot his first Champions League goal for three years.

MNA/Reuters

Lyon shock Real 3-0 in stylish opener

LYON (France), 14 Sept— Olympique Lyon opened their Champions League campaign in style with a 3-0 home victory over a weakened Real Madrid in a lively Group F match on Tuesday.

Three first-half goals in quick succession helped Lyon sink the nine-times European champions and strongly suggest they could make an impact in Europe after leaving the showcase club competition in the quarter-finals the last two seasons.

Lyon's task was made easier by the fact that Real, making yet another sluggish start to the season, were missing France playmaker Zinedine Zidane and Brazil striker Ronaldo through injury and suspension respectively.

Norway striker John Carew opened the scoring for the four-times French champions against the run of play on 21 minutes when he surprised Real Madrid goalkeeper Iker Casillas by deflecting a Juninho free kick with a header.

Brazilian midfielder Juninho needed no help to double the advantage from another free kick from nearly 30 metres out five minutes later.

France forward Sylvain Wiltord effectively killed the tie on 31 minutes when he made it 3-0 with a magnificent volley from a fine backward pass by defender Anthony Reveillere.

Real, who looked the most active side until Lyon opened the scoring, paid a heavy price for nervous defending but escaped further punishment when Casillas brilliantly saved a Juninho penalty on 42 minutes.

The visitors threatened on eight minutes when a trademark powerful free kick from Roberto Carlos flirted with the post.

The set piece followed a foul on Real's latest prodigy,

Brazil's Robinho, who gave the Lyon defence plenty of trouble at first before fading along with rest of his team.

Roberto Carlos had another chance on 19 minutes with an angled shot that Lyon goalkeeper Gregory Coupet managed to block. —MNA/Reuters

Liverpool make dream start with 2-1 win at Betis

SEVILLA (Spain), 14 Sept — European champions Liverpool began the defence of their crown with an authoritative 2-1 win away to debutants Real Betis in their opening Group G match on Tuesday.

The Merseysiders, who had to come through three qualifying rounds to earn the right to defend the trophy they won in dramatic fashion against AC Milan last season, stunned the Spaniards with two quick-fire goals in the first 14 minutes.

French striker Florent Sinama-Pongolle opened with a delightful lob just two minutes into the game and Spanish midfielder Luis Garcia squeezed a

first-time shot in at the near post to make it 2-0 before Betis had time to react.

King's Cup winners Betis finally found their rhythm towards the end of the first half and pulled a goal back when midfielder Arzu steered the ball past keeper Pepe Reina six minutes after the break, but Liverpool weathered the storm to hold on for an important away win.

Benitez sprang a surprise by leaving inspirational captain Steven Gerrard on the bench and deciding to play Sinama-Pongolle in preference to Djibril Cisse alongside Peter Crouch up front.

However, Benitez's selection gamble paid

off immediately when Sinama-Pongolle put his side ahead with less than two minutes on the clock.

The Frenchman received the ball on the edge of the area, looked up to see Toni Dblas off his line and lobbed the ball over the Betis keeper and inside the far post.

Betis almost manufactured an equalizer five minutes later when winger Joaquin found Fernando with a through ball but the striker took too long over his shot and was closed down by Djimi Traore and Reina.

The 50,000 Betis fans who had come to roar on their side's first participation in Europe's elite club

competition were momentarily silenced, though, when one of Liverpool's Spanish exiles Garcia made it 2-0 in the 15th minute.

The former Barcelona player drilled in at the near post from 15 metres out after Boudewijn Zenden had cut a fine pass into his path from the left.

Betis appeared stunned by the double set-back and struggled to cope with Liverpool's high pressure play in midfield.

MNA/Reuters

Bayern Munich edge past feisty Rapid Vienna

VIENNA, 15 Sept — Bayern Munich survived a penalty scare to edge past Rapid Vienna 1-0 in their opening Champions League Group A match on Wednesday.

Peruvian striker Paolo Guerrero scored the only goal in the 60th minute.

Roy Makaay headed a Lucio cross towards goal prompting a lightning reflex save by Rapid keeper Helge Payer but the ball fell to Guerrero whose botched shot still managed to crawl into the open net.

Rapid were awarded a penalty eight minutes from time for a foul on substitute Muhammet Akagunduz but Jozef Valachovic shot wide. — MNA/Reuters

Juventus victory overshadowed by Vieira red card

BRUGES, 15 Sept — Italian champions Juventus opened their Champions League campaign with a 2-1 victory in Bruges, but ended the match with 10 men after Patrick Vieira was sent off in the last minute.

Former Arsenal midfielder Vieira was dismissed for a second bookable offence after the stubborn home side had given their illustrious visitors a fright.

Second half goals from Pavel Nedved and David Trezeguet had put Juventus in control but Bruges hit back in the 85th minute through Jeanvion Yulu Matondo to set up a pulsating finish.

Bruges pushed hard for an equalizer after Vieira's red card but Fabio Capello's team hung on for the victory. — MNA/Reuters

Iaquinta hat-trick gives Udinese winning debut

UDINE (Italy), 15 Sept — Vincenzo Iaquinta struck a hat-trick as Champions League debutants Udinese beat Greece's Panathinaikos 3-0 in Group C on Wednesday.

Italy international Iaquinta headed Serse Cosmi's side ahead in the 28th minute after a fine cross from Damiano Zenoni following a spell of strong pressure from the home side.

Iaquinta made it 2-0 in the 73rd minute, racing on to a great through ball from Antonio Di Natale and rounding Panathinaikos keeper Mario Galinovic before slotting home. — MNA/Reuters

Benfica beat Lille thanks to Miccoli's injury time goal

LISBON, 15 Sept — An injury-time goal by striker Fabrizio Miccoli gave Benfica a 1-0 win over Lille in Champions League Group D on Wednesday to give the Lisbon team a big boost after their worst domestic start ever.

Benfica put the pressure on the French team but spectacular play by Senegalese goalkeeper Tony Sylva kept Benfica at bay until two minutes into injury time when Miccoli headed home a cross from the left by substitute Pedro Mantorras.

Lille, who qualified for Europe's elite competition by surprisingly finishing runners-up to Olympique Lyon in Ligue 1 last season, played their usual counter-attacking game. — MNA/Reuters

Late Sneijder goal saves Ajax a point against Sparta

PRAGUE, 15 Sept — A last-gasp goal from Wesley Sneijder salvaged Ajax a 1-1 draw with Sparta Prague in their Champions League Group B match on Wednesday.

Ajax had been chasing the match since the 66th minute when Sparta substitute Miroslav Matusovic fired home from around 23 metres into the top right-hand corner after picking up a deflected ball.

Sparta had made a cautious start, allowing Ajax to attack and the Dutch side had the better of the chances throughout.

They finally levelled in the dying seconds through Sneijder.

MNA/Reuters



India's batsman Vangipurappu Laxman drives a delivery during his first century against Zimbabwe on day two of their first cricket test match at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe on 14 September, 2005. — INTERNET

"Special Weather News"

(Issued at 07:00 hrs MST on 15-9-2005)

Yesterday's land depression moving west over Thailand has weakened into a low pressure area over Delta area of Myanmar this morning at (06:30) hours MST. It is forecast to move westwards into the East Central Bay during the next few hours. Under the influence of the low pressure area, frequent squalls and rough seas will be experienced in the Gulf of Mottama and off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

"သတိပေးနူးဆော်ချက်"

ပြည်တွင်း စက်မှုဇုန်များမှ ထုတ်လုပ်သည့် ယာဉ်များသည် ယာယီမှတ်ပုံတင်သက်တမ်းကာလအတွင်း မော်တော်ယာဉ်မှတ်ပုံတင်ခြင်း လုပ်ငန်းများ အပြီးဆောင်ရွက် ရပါမည်။ အဆိုပါယာဉ်များ ယာယီမှတ်ပုံတင် သက်တမ်း ကျော်လွန်ပြီး အများပြည်သူဆိုင်ရာ လမ်းများ ပေါ်တွင် မောင်းနှင်နေကြောင်း စစ်ဆေးတွေ့ရှိပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူ ဆောင်ရွက်သွားမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေး နူးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
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**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 Kawdarli-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



CASH DONATED: U Sein Tin and family of Room No 10, Building 26, U Wisara Housing Estate, Dagon Township, recently donated K 150,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi. — H

60th UN General Assembly opens

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Sept—The 60th UN General Assembly opened here Tuesday with the Assembly's new president Jan Fliasson pledging "renewed energy and determination" to tackle the problems facing the world body and the world at large.

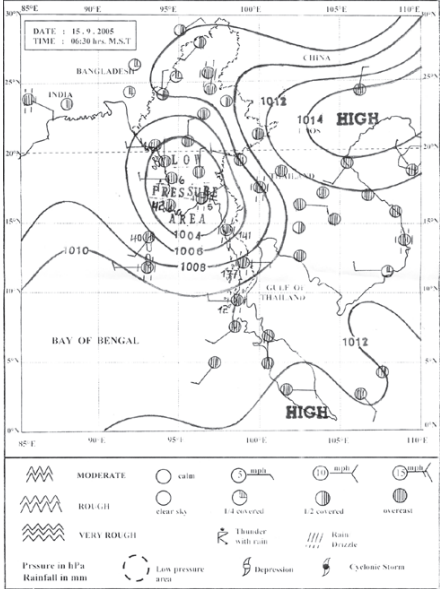
"When we go into this work, we should be reminded of two important realities. One, the expectations and dreams of our peoples for this organization. The other, the sombre realities in this world which must also be felt by us in these halls," he said. He listed terrorist attacks, poverty, disease, disarmament and nonproliferation as some of the challenges facing the international community.

"We need to reflect

on why an organization which was set up to 'save succeeding generations from the scourge of war has been unable to prevent ethnic cleansing, mass killings and even genocide. It is time for us all to stop saying never again," he said. The opening session of the 60th General Assembly was postponed several times as negotiators from a core group of 32 countries made last-minute effort to come up with a draft for the UN summit scheduled for Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

**Thursday, 15 September, 2005
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Launglon (7.56) inches, Myeik (6.97) inches, Dawei (6.11) inches, Kyaikkami (4.21) inches, Ye (3.03) inches, Coco Island (2.44) inches, Mawlamyine (2.05) inches, Pathein (1.69) inches and Aunglan (0.83) inch.

Maximum temperature on 14-9-2005 was 87° F. Minimum temperature on 15-9-2005 was 71° F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 15-9-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 14-9-2005 was (1.3) hrs approx. Rainfalls on 15-9-2005 were (0.27) inch at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (78.46) inches at Mingaladon, (80.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (86.22) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from Northeast at (06:05) hours MST on 15-9-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in North Bay and Monsoon is moderate to strong in Central and South Bay and vigorous in Andaman Sea.

Special feature: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's land depression moving west over Thailand has weakened into a low pressure area over Delta area of Myanmar this morning at (06:30) hours MST. It is forecast to move westwards into the East Central Bay during the next few hours.

Forecast valid until evening of 16-9-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin and Kachin States, Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Kayah States and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State, Taninthayi and Yangon Divisions. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Frequent squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-9-2005: Intermittent rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-9-2005: Partly cloudy.

"Flood Warning"

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 15-9-2005)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1048) cm. It may reach the danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.



**Friday, 16 September
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Everyday
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Jump for joy
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Happy
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Can we talk
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music: -Say you'll be there
- Give me peace on earth
- I believe I can fly
- 9.10 pm World of music: -Songs from Japan, Germany, Latin, France, Brazil
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Music at your request: -Will you be there
- One love
- Be with you again
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



**Friday, 16 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
- 7:50 am 5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am 6. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:10 am 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 8. ကံတော် ဘီးလင်းရေလှောင်တံခွန်

- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. အဗုထု (၃) အခြေခံပညာ ဦးစီးဌာန၊ တတိယအကြိမ်မြောက် ဓမ္မာကြာတော်လှူပွဲအခမ်းတော် (အထက-၁ သာဓကတ) (အမျိုးသမီး ဝတ်စွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:45 pm 4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(ရူပဗေဒ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာအထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm 5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm 6. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ အကြိမ် (သုကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အတီး၊ အရိုး၊ အတီး၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန်
- (မဟာဂီတ)(ဝါသနာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:30 pm 7. စစ်ကိုင်းတောင်ရိုးမညိုသည့် သာသနာ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 5:45 pm 8. "စက်မှုတပ်ဆင်လုပ်ငန်းတွင်" အကယ်ဒမီစင်ပိုင်၊ အကယ်ဒမီ မင်းမော်ကျွန်း၊ အကယ်ဒမီ မိုးမိုးမြင့်အောင် ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းထွန်းထွန်း
- 5:55 pm 9. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာတံရှင်
- 6:30 pm 10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ဝက်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 7:35 pm 13. Songs of yesteryears
- 8:00 pm 14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မခွဲအတူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 18. The next day's programme

Prime Minister sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea

YANGON, 16 Sept— On the occasion of the Independence Day of Papua New Guinea, which falls on 16 September 2005, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to the Right Honourable Sir Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.— MNA

Only when agriculture and livestock breeding have made progress, will local people be able to enjoy better economy.

Three development projects are well under way for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation Lt-Gen Ye Myint goes on inspection tour around Kachin State



Lt-Gen Ye Myint oversees pigeon pea plantation mixed with rubber plantation of Mogaung Station.— MNA

YANGON, 15 Sept—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Kachin State PDC Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Brig-Gen Myint Hein of

Mogaung Station, senior military officers and officials, inspected thriving paddy fields along the road to Mogaung and tasks for maintenance of Shwebo-Myitkyina road on 13 September morning.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed progress

of putting 100 out of 1,000 acres under rubber being undertaken by the local station at 8th Mile at the junction of Mogaung-Hopin-Shwebo Road and Phakant Road in Mogaung. Brig-Gen Myint Hein reported on the

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Social and Cultural Working Group of MWAFF donates teaching aids to disabled students

YANGON, 14 Sept — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is taking part in the development tasks of the State for ensuring improvement of education, health and economic sectors for women. To contribute towards the Inclusive Education programme being implemented by the Ministry of Education, Leader of Social and Cultural Working Group Dr Daw Sanda Aung and party of MWAFF donated teaching aid to Kyimyindine BEHS No 5 and Dagon BEHS No 3 where disabled students are learning education, yesterday.

At Kyimyindine BEHS No 5, they cordially greeted 24 blind students of ninth and tenth standards and presented one cassette, tape and related parts each to them.

One blind schoolgirl expressed gratitude.

Similarly, they proceeded to Dagon BEHS No 3. They cordially conversed with 61 deaf students and donated 100 dozens of exercise books and 100 dozens

of pencils to them. One deaf student spoke words of thanks.

Also present on the occasions were the chairperson of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and members, members of Yangon West District

and Dagon Township WAOs. Yangon Division WAO made cash donations for Kyimyindine School for the Blinds, Khawegyan School for the Blinds and Mary Chapman's School for the Deaf.

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The leader of Social and Cultural Working Group of MWAFF and party present teaching aid to students of Dagon BEHS No 3 and Kyimyindine BEHS No 5.— MNA

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However, inland fisheries of the Bawle River and the Hline River suffered from the unsustainable exploitation through habitat changes and degradation of the resources. Fish resource can maintain its role to contribute a great economic importance to riparian zone, if their habitat and the resources are kept properly.