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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.

Entrepreneurs carrying out cultivation, production of rubber plantations in Nyaunggaing Village, Mohnyin Township on commercial scale

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects rubber plantations, transport facilities, teak plantations in Kachin State, Sagaing Division

YANGON, 16 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint discussed regional development tasks, on his inspection tour, cultivation of 100,000 acres of rubber and 600,000 acres of monsoon paddy and upgrading of Shwebo-Myitkyina Road with

officials at the meeting hall of the local battalion in Mohnyin on 14 September morning.

Also present were Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Brig-Gen Myint Hein of Mogaung Station and departmental officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the requirements of the officials.

Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected rubber plantations of private entrepreneurs in Nyaunggaing Village-tract in Mohnyin Township.

Private entrepreneurs are carrying out cultivation and production of rubber plantations in Nyaunggaing Village of Mohnyin Township on a commercial scale along Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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As these conceptions, outlooks on the nation's historic events, and desires represent the population of the Union of Myanmar, over 54 million people, the Government is firmly standing by the people, taking a leading role in implementing these conceptions and outlooks, and wiping out all the dangers that harm the people's desire.

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TEKKATHO MYAT THU

In the past, Katha-Htigyaing Road was 58 miles long — 18 miles long Katha-Indaw section, 18 miles long Indaw-Kyaunggon section and 22 miles long Kyaunggon-Htigyaing section. Now, Katha-Htigyaing new road is 36 miles and three furlongs long. Therefore, the new one is 21 miles and five furlongs shorter than the old one. The new road contributes towards better transport for 7,500 local people.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects the rubber plantations of the Katha District General Administration Department. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for success of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Myanmar has been standing tall among the international community with its own culture and fine arts for years countable by the thousand. Myanmar people have been valuing and safeguarding cultural heritage up to date.

With the aim of preserving and safeguarding Myanmar cultural heritage, the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are held yearly.

The objectives of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions to be held this year are to vitalize patriotism and nationalism; to preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage; to perpetuate genuine Myanmar performing arts 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.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein on 15 September attended the second coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held at the National Museum on Pyay Road, Yangon and spoke on the occasion.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are to be held for successfully realizing three of the four social objectives: Uplift of 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 responsible personnel are to strive for the successful holding of the competitions as a national duty on a grand scale.

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been organized since 1993. The number of participants has increased year after year and so has the number of prize-winners. This reflects safeguarding of cultural heritage by Myanmar citizens, patriotism and national prestige and integrity of Myanmar.

The Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions, the Work Committee and Sub-committees have been formed and work is well under way for successful holding of the competitions.

The maestros are to supervise the systematic participation of contestants, and all the committees are to collaborate their tasks among them. This being so, all the entire national people are to strive together with the government for successful holding of the competitions on a grand scale in line with the seven objectives.

Domestic tour programmes for travellers

YANGON, 16 Sept — Myanma Tourism Service of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is making tour programmes for the public at a reasonable price.

Tour programmes cover Inlay (PhaungdawU Pagoda Festival), Ngwe Hsaung beach resort, Sittway-MraukU, Kyaikhtiyo (Festival of 9,000 oil lights), Taunggyi (Hot Air-balloon Festival), Bagan (Shwezigon Pagoda Festival) and Myitkyina Festival (X-mas). The programmes are organized for both individual and package tours. Package tours can be made in all seasons. For detailed information, contact Myanmar Tourism Service, No 77-91, Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon (Ph: 252859, 387002). — 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

MIDC Chairman Industry-1 Minister receives Thai Ambassador and entrepreneurs

YANGON, 16 Sept — Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal together with Vice-Governor Mr Supak Vatanasuti and party of Industrial Estate Authority of Thailand (IEAT) at his office at this noon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun, directors-general and deputy directors-general of departments and officials. — MNA



Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung receives Thai Ambassador and guests. — MNA

Sites for Vocational Training Schools in Magway, Sagaing Divisions inspected

YANGON, 16 Sept — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun, accompanied by Director-General U Than Win of the Education and Training Department, gave instructions on opening of the Women's Vocational Training School to officials of local authorities, departmental officials and members of Township Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association at the office of Township Peace and Development Council in Seikpyu on 12 September.

Next, the deputy minister inspected the site

for construction of Vocational Training School in Pauk.

On 13 September, the deputy minister and party oversaw the places for building Women's Vocational Training Schools in Myaing and Pakokku Townships.

In Yezagyo, the deputy minister and party looked into the site for Women's Vocational Training School and the temporary school building.

Next, the deputy minister together with officials inspected the sites for construction of temporary Women's Vocational Training Schools in Pale, Yinnabin and Salingyi Townships. — MNA

NDC delegation of Bangladesh visits Yangon City

YANGON, 16 Sept — Commodore Khondker Moeenuddin Ahmed (G), ndc, psc, BN, and party of National Defence College of Bangladesh, accompanied by officials, arrived at National Races Village near Yangon-Thanyin Bridge, here, this morning.

Director-General U Than Swe of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department explained facts about the village.

Next, officials conducted the guests round the village.

At Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda, curator U Kyaw Win and officials of the mart explained matters related to the mart to the guests. — MNA



NDC delegation of Bangladesh visits National Races Village near Yangon-Thanyin Bridge.

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All this needs to be known

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

Hu Jintao says UNSC's role "irreplaceable"

UNITED NATIONS, 15 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here on Wednesday that the past decades have shown that the UN Security Council has indeed had an irreplaceable role to play in resolving major global and regional issues bearing on world peace and security.

Hu, who arrived here Tuesday to attend the summit on the 60th anniversary of the United Nations, made the remarks in his statement titled "Uphold the Authority of the Security Council and Strengthen Collective Security Mechanism" that was delivered at the UN Security Council.

He said the world is far from a tranquil place as border disputes, territorial conflict, regional

strife and other traditional security concerns continue unabated and non-traditional ones, such as poverty, terrorism, transnational crimes and deadly communicable diseases, keep cropping up.

In order to maintain peace, "we should make sure that the Security Council is able to discharge its responsibility under the Charter," said Hu. He proposed his four-point opinion in this re-

gard. The first is to uphold the Council's authority by adhering to multilateralism and when it comes to major issues bearing on world peace and security, the Council should be left to judge on the merits of the actual situation and act collectively in accordance with the UN Charter.

The second is to improve the Council's efficiency so as to respond to threats more effec-

tively. China supports an enhanced role of the Security Council in responding to terrorism and other non-traditional security threats, and closer cooperation between the UN and other international or regional organizations in the interest of sharing resources, advantages and strength and responsibilities.

The third is to improve the Council's decision-making by giving greater expression to democratic principles. China stands for an enlarged Security Council based on a broad consensus, and increased representation of developing countries, African countries in particular, thus giving more countries, especially the small- and medium-sized countries greater access to its decision-making.

MNA/Xinhua



ICT communities hold Public Policy Conference in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 Sept— The 2005 Global Public Policy Conference opened on Wednesday in Kuala Lumpur, bringing together about 400 delegates in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) from local and international communities.

A flagship event of the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA), the conference serves a platform for government, business and communities to discuss the role of ICT in the public policy as well as the challenges and opportunities related to the ICT in the global economy.

While addressing the keynote speech at the meeting, Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said his government firmly recognized that the ICT is fundamental in addressing the challenges of globalization.

Citing Malaysia's campaign to bridge the digital divide, or in a more positive term, to create digital dividends, Najib said the Malaysian Government had been intensifying efforts to provide ICT facilities and infrastructure to various communities.

Apart from accessibility, Malaysia's public policies on creating digital dividends also focus on affordability, education and publicity, Najib said.

MNA/Xinhua



A trial train of Qinghai-Tibet (Golmud-Lhasa) railway runs on 15 September, 2005 near Golmud City, Qinghai Province, western China.

INTERNET

Chicago Council urges withdrawal from Iraq

CHICAGO, 15 Sept — Chicago on Wednesday became the nation's largest city to urge the Bush administration to withdraw US troops from Iraq at once.

The resolution, approved 29-9, seeks an "immediate and orderly" withdrawal. The City Council has 50 aldermen.

Chicago joins other cities — including San Francisco, Santa Cruz, California, 50 communities in Vermont and the Chicago suburb of Evanston — in calling for the withdrawal of troops.

The vote followed an hour of emotional debate, including an impassioned speech by Alderman Burton Natarus, who fainted afterward.

"It's time to call a halt to the bloodshed," he said. "It's time to load up the ships, load up the planes and welcome

home the troops to a ticker-tape parade in New York and a ticker-tape parade in Chicago." Natarus, 71, was in good condition at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and would be kept overnight for observation, a hospital spokeswoman said.

During the debate, Alderman Bernard Stone said he had backed the invasion of Iraq but changed his mind as the death toll of US troops climbed.

"Do you think we can make the citizens of Iraq accept democracy by having our troops killed in the roads?" he said. "We're not supporting our troops by having them killed."—Internet

Seven killed, two injured in fatal traffic accident in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 15 Sept — Seven people, including five children, were killed and two were critically injured when a car speeding down the downtown Monivong Boulevard crashed into roadside booth and the crowd, police said on Wednesday.

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

The accident occurred late Monday night, Mao Sony said. Police found

the two men in the car were in drink and lost control of their Toyota Camry.

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

seventh victim.

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

MNA/Xinhua

Tropical low pressure kills five in Vietnam

HANOI, 15 Sept— Flooding caused by a tropical low pressure have killed five local people in Vietnam's central region and Tay Nguyen (central highlands) region, local newspaper *Youth* reported on Wednesday.

The people, mostly grade students, were from the two central provinces of Thua Thien Hue and Quang Nam and the central highlands province of Dac Lac. The flooding caused by the low pressure on Tuesday drowned the students when they were on the way to school.

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

MNA/Xinhua

US troop cutback in Afghanistan mullied

NEW YORK, 15 Sept— US troop levels in Afghanistan could be cut by up to a fifth, or about 4,000 troops, next spring under a proposal being reviewed by the Pentagon, *The New York Times* reported on Wednesday.

If adopted, it would be the biggest withdrawal since US-led forces overthrew the Taliban in late 2001, the *Times* said, citing unnamed Pentagon and military officials.

US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, in Berlin for a NATO meeting, declined to comment on the article but said the United States would continue to have "a strong role" in the country. A Pentagon spokesman said Rumsfeld had seen no such proposal. NATO, which has some 10,000 peacekeepers in the capital Kabul and the northern and western parts of Afghanistan, would replace the American troops, the paper said.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi policemen inspect the site of a suicide attack in Shula, northwestern Baghdad on 14 Sept, 2005.— INTERNET



Bollywood actress Bipasha Basu looks on during the unveiling of greeting cards designed by SOS children's villages of India for Diwali, Christmas and New Year, in Mumbai, India, on 14 September, 2005. —INTERNET



China, France pledge to promote parliamentary exchange

BEIJING, 15 Sept — Chinese top legislature and the French Parliament agreed here on Wednesday to improve the regular exchange mechanism for upgrading bilateral cooperation in all fields and relations between the two countries.

Chinese top legislator Wu Banguo and visiting French Senate President Christian Poncelet reached agreement during a meeting.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress (NPC), said parliamentary exchange constitutes an important component part of the state-to-state relations, and that the NPC would like to enhance its existing friendly relations with the French Parliament.

Sino-French relations have developed smoothly, there is a frequent exchange of visits at the high level, bilateral cooperation has become close in all spheres and the strategic dialogues deepened, he said, adding that the two countries enjoy sound cooperation on energy resources, communication, and aviation, and maintained consultations on the international affairs.

China expressed its appreciation for France's opposition to "Taiwan Independence", and its support to the policy of "one country, two systems", Wu acknowledged.

Moreover, he said, China and France are influential nations in the world, and developing Sino-French relations conforms to the interest of the people of both countries, and is conducive to world peace and development.

Poncelet said France hopes to promote friendly exchanges between the parliaments and local governments of the two countries.

Viewing Taiwan issue as China's internal affairs, Poncelet said the French Government and Parliament adhere to one-China principle and is opposed to "Taiwan's Independence", and this stance of France will remain unchanged.

MNA/Xinhua

Egypt promotes e-government to provide better services

CAIRO, 15 Sept — Egypt is putting big efforts in implementing the so-called e-government programme in a bid to provide better services, the official MENA news agency reported on Tuesday. "Strenuous efforts are currently underway in a bid to introduce unified e-government applications to all Egyptian ministries and governmental bodies," said MENA.

Utilizing information and communications technologies (ICTs) to offer more efficient and low-cost services is one of the major objectives for the e-government programme, said MENA.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore forms experts panel to fight against dengue

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept — Singapore Health Ministry announced on Wednesday that a seven-member experts panel has been formed to help the government fight against the dengue disease.

The panel will review the current dengue situation in Singapore to identify possible causes for the resurgence as well as gaps in dengue surveillance and control.

It is also required to recommend "operational research to address the gaps identified" and "short-term and long-term cost effective strategies in the prevention and control of dengue".

The panel comprises professionals from local government organizations and research institutions, as well as experts from the United States, Brazil and France.

A record number of 9,540 dengue cases were reported in Singapore from the beginning of this year to 12 September, surpassing the total number of 9,459 cases registered for the whole of last year, according to the ministry.

Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Yaacob Ibrahim said on Wednesday that the government has allocated 30 million Singapore dollars (about 18 million US dollars) for the fight against the disease.

He is now chairing an inter-ministerial committee formed on 9 September to deal with the country's worrying dengue situation. The committee had its first meeting on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis gather at the explosion site in central Baghdad on 15 Sept, 2005.

INTERNET

Car bomb blast hits US convoy in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept— A car bomb struck a US military convoy in southern Baghdad on Wednesday, causing casualties, police said.

The blast took place at around 11:00 am (0700 GMT) on the highway in al-Jadida District, and US troops cordoned off the area, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The source said there were no civilian casualties and it was hard to know casualties of the US soldiers.

The US military did not confirm the attack.

In a separate incident, a suicide bomber failed to blow up his car near a US military convoy and US soldiers captured a Syrian national, the source quoted a US military officer as saying.

"A suicide car bomber drove his explosive-packed BMW car to a US military convoy but failed to blow up the charges. One tank in the convoy ran over his car but the charges did not blow up," the source said.

The failed attack took place on a highway in eastern Baghdad, the source said.

The latest two car bombs brought the number of car bombings on Wednesday to six. — MNA/Xinhua

Iran condemns terrorist chain bombs in Baghdad

TEHRAN, 16 Sept—Iran on Wednesday strongly condemned the fatal chain bombing attacks in Baghdad earlier in the day, terming them as "inhuman crimes", the official IRNA news agency reported.

"Such measures run counter to human and Islamic principles and values," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi was quoted as saying in a statement.

"The suspicious hands at work to target the innocent people and labourers mainly involved in earning their living aim to disrupt establishment of security, stability and economic prosperity in

Iraq," Asefi said.

The spokesman stressed that the Iraqi people needed to be vigilant over such crimes.

Suicide bombers on Wednesday waged a series of deadly attacks against the US and Iraqi forces along with civilians in Baghdad, killing more than at least 138 people and wounding more than 200 others.

MNA/Xinhua

British celebs urge Blair to withdraw troops from Iraq by year's end

LONDON, 15 Sept—The actress Julie Christie has sent an open letter signed by 100 other celebrities to British Prime Minister Tony Blair, demanding he pull troops out of Iraq by the end of the year.

The letter to Blair — currently in New York at the United Nations' biggest-ever summit — said the war had been an "unmitigated disaster".

Christie's letter told Blair that British soldiers who did not want to serve in Iraq had been killed, wounded or maimed since the March 2003 US-led invasion.

The letter read: "The United Nations mandate for the occupation of Iraq expires this December. We call on you to initiate the first steps to end this carnage by announcing that British troops will be brought home by the end of this year." Film director Ken Loach, guitarist John Williams, actor-director Mark Rylance and singer Billy Bragg are among the signatories.

Meanwhile the Stop The War coalition said it was expecting a large turnout at its national demonstration for peace and liberty, set for 24 September in London. —Internet

Iranian President set to deliver N-initiative at UN summit

TEHERAN, 15 Sept—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad left here on Tuesday to attend the United Nations summit and present his long-awaited nuclear initiative.

Ahmadinejad is scheduled to stay in New York for five days and deliver a 15-minute speech at the UN General Assembly, according to the official IRNA news agency.

Among those accompanying the President are Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki and chief nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani.

Before his departure, Ahmadinejad held a meeting with Iran's Supreme Leader Seyed Ali Khamenei, IRNA reported without giving details.

Ahmadinejad, who promised to come up with new nuclear initiatives shortly

after he was sworn in on 6 August, will attempt to break the deadlock over Iran's resumption of uranium conversion work on 8 August after rejection of a EU nuclear proposal which offered economic and technical incentives in exchange for Iran's abandonment of uranium enrichment activities.

IAEA board of governors is due to meet in Vienna on 19 September to consider IAEA Director General Mohamed ElBaradei's report earlier this month which confirmed Iran defied IAEA demand to resume suspension of all enrichment related work.— MNA/Xinhua



A Vietnamese farmer jumps over an irrigation canal in a rice field outside Hanoi on 14 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Delta Air Lines files for bankruptcy

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Delta Air Lines filed for bankruptcy, making it one of two major carriers to seek protection from creditors on Wednesday.

Delta (Research), the nation's third-biggest airline, has been hurt by the recent spike in jet fuel prices and growing competition from lower-cost, low-fare carriers. Less than half an hour after Delta's filing, Northwest Airlines also filed for protection from creditors.

Delta and Northwest followed United Airlines (Research) and US Airways (Research) into bankruptcy. United, the No 2 airline, has been in bankruptcy court for almost three years. US Airways has been in bankruptcy court twice since the 11 September terrorist attacks that shook the airline industry.

With those four major airlines and some smaller ones already in bankruptcy, nearly half of the industry's capacity is on carriers operating under bankruptcy court oversight. Delta said it expects to keep flying while it seeks to cut costs and reorganize, so the immediate impact on flyers should be minimal. It is also expected to keep its frequent flyer programme intact. But some smaller cities now served

exclusively or primarily by Delta could be hurt as the airline trims its operations going forward.

The Atlanta-based airline, which has not had a profitable quarter since 2000, filed under Chapter 11 of federal bankruptcy laws. In Chapter 11, a company is protected from creditors while it tries to reorganize.

Analysts said this year's spike in jet fuel prices forced Delta's bankruptcy filing.

"Hurricane Katrina was probably the last straw," Ray Neidl, analyst with Calyon Securities, said shortly before the widely expected bankruptcy filing. "Nobody could have predicted \$60-, \$70-a-barrel oil. Things just developed that were uncontrollable factors."

But Delta's problems predate not only the hurricane, but the 11 September, 2001 terrorist attacks. The company has lost some \$6.1 billion since the start of 2001 from its airline operations, according to First Call, which tracks corporate earnings.

Internet

Four dead, 24 injured in Algerian train derailment

ALGIERS, 15 Sept— At least four passengers were killed and 24 others injured on Wednesday when an Algerian commuter train derailed due to excessive speed, the authorities said.

Some 300 passengers were travelling on the Algiers-bound SNTF train when five of the 15 wagons left the track near Aomar, some 100 kilometres (63 miles) east of the capital Algiers.

"We don't know yet the reason for the derailment...but at the moment I think it's due to high speed," Transport Minister Mohamed Maghlaoui told state radio. An inquiry has been set up to determine the cause of the accident, which comes as the government pumps fresh money into ageing state-run rail services.

MNA/Reuters

Nine coalminers die in Iranian pit blast

TEHERAN, 15 Sept— Nine coalminers died on Wednesday when a blast ripped through a mine in southeastern Iran, an official said.

Methane gas had built up in the Babnizou mine near the town of Zarand, 720 kilometres (450 miles) southeast of Teheran, and was ignited by a spark off an underground railway. "Nine workers were killed in the explosion early on Wednesday," the local government official, who declined to be named, told Reuters by telephone from Zarand. "The death toll is not expected to rise."

Twelve coalminers were killed in two separate mineshaft explosions last year in a northern mine, and both blasts were also blamed on a build-up of gas.

MNA/Reuters

Malaria kills hundreds every year in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 15 Sept—Malaria still infects thousands and kills hundreds of Cambodians every year, declared a senior official of the National Centre for Entomology, Parasitology and Malaria Control.

The *Cambodian Press Review* on Wednesday quoted Nong Sao Kry, deputy director of the centre, as saying that between 120,000 and 150,000 Cambodians contract malaria every year, and of those 300 to 400 die.

Nong Sao Kry said that the disease was one of the main causes of illness and death among Cambodians, despite a decreased death toll over the last few years.

According to Sul Bun Kea, head of the Office for Epidemic Diseases, the centre reported a reduced number of malaria patients during the first three months of the year. Almost 30,000 contracted malaria in the first quarter, a decrease from 45,000 patients in the same period last year. But the death toll remains unchanged at about 120 people.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi soldier stands guard at the site of a suicide attack in Shula, northwestern Baghdad on 14 Sept 2005.—INTERNET

China to show latest scientific achievements in past five years

BEIJING, 15 Sept—China's Ministry of Science and Technology announced here Tuesday it will organize a show of scientific achievements made in the past five years, including human genome project research, maglev technologies, hybrid cars and clean energy technologies.

Altogether, 416 major achievements are scheduled to be shown from 18 to 27 September in Haidian Exhibition Hall in Beijing.

Shen Maoxiang, a senior official with the ministry, said the past five years witnessed China's greatest leap forward in scientific advancement. The state launched a total of 12 major national projects for incubating strategic high technologies, including large-scale integrated circuits and related software and electronic and hybrid vehicles.

Other exhibits will be fossil research on remote creatures found in South-

west Guizhou Province, nanotechnological products, quantum information technology, high-performance servers, a high-speed broadband net, computerized machine tools and high-quality agricultural products. An analysis released by the ministry said that in the past five years, China trained a good number of research teams, and volume of published research papers ranked fifth highest in the world.—MNA/Xinhua

Jakarta-based UNESCO official calls on MWAF President

YANGON, 16 Sept — Programme Specialist in Engineering Science and Technology Ms Masami Nakata of UNESCO Office, Jakarta, Indonesia, called on President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Nwe at MWAF hall on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township, this afternoon.

They cordially discussed accomplishments of MWAF, education and health tasks of women and uplift of women's living standard.

Also present at the call were MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin lay

Myint, General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun, Head of International Relations Department Daw Myint Myint Soe, Leader of Education Working Group Daw Min Thet Mon and officials.

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President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Nwe receives Programme Specialist in Engineering Science and Technology Ms Masami Nakata of UNESCO Office, Jakarta.— MNA



Educative talks of MWAF held



Deputy Leader of Organizing Department of MWAF Additional Joint Division Judge Daw Thein Thein Nyunt lectures on Myanma Nemyay Doh-amwe.— MNA

YANGON, 16 Sept — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held educative talks at the ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement this morning.

First, Leader of Working Group of Rehabilitation and Reintegration of MWAF Daw Khin Aye, wife of Minister for SWRR extended greetings.

Next, Additional Division Judge Daw Thein Thein Nyunt gave a lecture on the title "Myanma Nemyay Doh-amwe".

Next, Daw Khin Aye handed over the membership applications to Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo.

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Leader of Working Group of Rehabilitation and Reintegration of MWAF Daw Khin Aye presents membership applications to Head of Organizational Department Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo.— MNA



Signboard of rural...

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clarified measures on public health care services of Thahtaykwin Model village and Kayin Seik Model village. The group including gynecological and obstetric specialists, paediatrician, general practitioners and dentists provided medicines and medical treatment to 180 patients free of charge. The leader and members of Social and Cultural Work-

ing Group of MWAF donated cash to the triplet mothers and their children. Later, cash and kind worth K 0.4 million provided by Yangon Division WAO were donated to the expectant mothers.

Townelders accepted sewing machines, books and cash at the rural education centre opened in Aungmingala Sutaung Pyi Monastery in Kayin Seik Mokel village. Officials of

MWAF and townelders cordially discussed matters related to development tasks of the village.

Members of MWAF then offered provisions to the Sayadaw of Aungmingala Sutaung Pyi Monastery.—MNA

Specialists provide health care services to local people of Kayinseik Model Village in Thanlyin Township.— MNA



Nutrition week activities carried out

YANGON, 16 Sept — Shan State (South) Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee organized nutrition week activities at Mongnaung People's Hospital on 7 September morning. Present on the occasion were Brig-Gen Thaung Aye of Mongnaung Station, departmental officials, members of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association, families of the station and local people.

Brig-Gen Thaung Aye and wife donated K 100,000 to the funds to the MCWA (Branch) and provided cash assistance to 40 elderly persons.

As nutrition week activities, ways of cooking for nutritious foods were explained, children were provided medical checks and fed with vitamin-A tablets. Then officials gave away iodized salt to those present.

MNA

Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills concludes

YANGON, 16 Sept — The Graduation Ceremony of the Certificate Course in Basic Diplomatic Skills (BDS 13/2005) conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at the ministry today.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint delivered an address and presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Altogether 160 trainees attended the 12-week course.

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education, health, economic and social sectors of the township. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that the Government is striving with the participation of the entire people for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

It is visible that the Government has laid down and is implementing the border areas development plan, the 24-special development regions plan and the plan of five rural development tasks systematically for equitable development of all parts of the nation.

Mongtung Township in Shan State (East) grew 15,637 acres of monsoon paddy in 2004-05 and 20,203 acres in 2005-06. Local food sufficiency of the township is 171.38 per cent.

Vacant and virgin lands are to be reclaimed for growing rubber, and departmental officials are to organize and provide quality strains of rubber and agricultural technologies to private entrepreneurs to be able to extend their rubber plantations.

As the State economy is based on agriculture sector, local people are to export agriculture products through regular trade system.

In the afternoon, they viewed development of Mongtung and cultivation of monsoon paddy in Mongkaing.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected Mongtung-Pungpakyem Road, cultivation of monsoon paddy and natural forests along the road. They also oversaw Nakaungmu region of Mongtung Township and Pungpakyem-Mongtung-Monghsat Road.

Next, they inspected Mongtung-Monghsat Road, cultivation of monsoon paddy and other crops in highland area of Mongtung and Monghsat regions and natural forests.

In Monghsat Station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met with Tatmadawmen and family members of Monghsat Station. He explained progress of the nation in the time of the Government of the State Peace and Development Council, cooperation of the Government, the

Tatmadaw and the people in regional development tasks and carrying out for agriculture and livestock breeding for staff welfare.

At Thiri Yadana Hall in Monghsat, he called on departmental personnel, social organization members and local people. He explained progress of the nation. Next, he delivered an address, saying that the Government is building infrastructures for development of economic, education, health, social and transport and communication sectors in the Union.

Roads, bridges, airports and railroads have been built as a network for better transportation in the nation breadth and width in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. Therefore, national people enjoy fruitful results of the transport sector, and social economic development of the local people can be seen in all regions.

Upholding Our Three Main National Causes and 12 Objectives, local people are to harmoniously strive not only for development of their regions but also for emergence of a peaceful,

Entrepreneurs carrying out cultivation...

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At Nantsi-aung Timber Extraction Camp in Katha District, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on preservation of reserved forests in Sagaing Division, thriving forest plantations established in 2004-05 and seizure of forest products presented by Deputy Director-General U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department. Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye gave supplementary reports.

Kachin State Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Kyaw and Sagaing Division Superintending Engineer U Kyi Tun reported on construction of the bridges and upgrading and maintenance of road sections on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

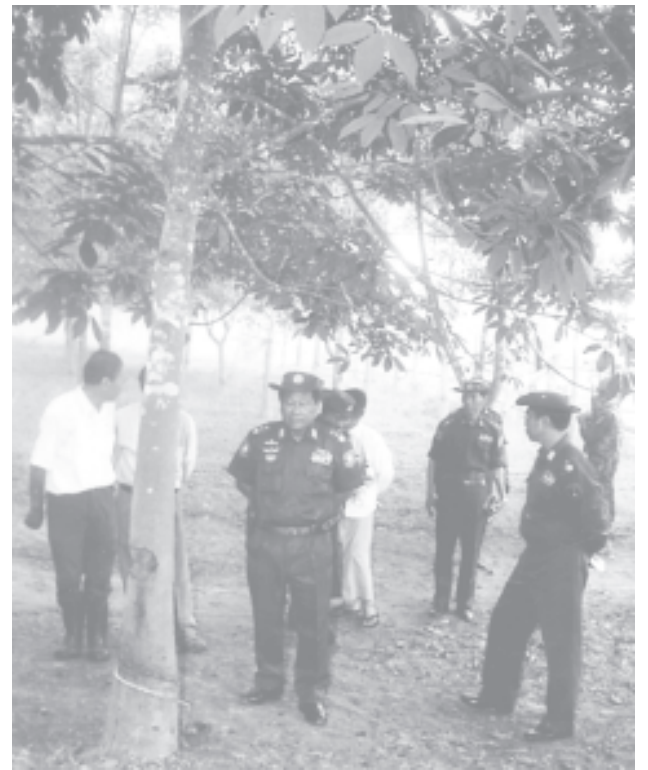
modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Monghsat District has 241,741 acres of cultivable land for 2004-05. The district put 57,168 acres under monsoon paddy and 2,775 acres under summer paddy. Thus, local food sufficiency of the district is 122.53 per cent.

Arrangements should be made for reclaiming vacant and virgin lands in the region and extending rubber plantations. Department personnel are to organize local people for performing regional development tasks. Prevailing peace and stability and national unity reflects development tasks of the State. That is why, all the people are to harmoniously participate in realization of the seven-point Road Map not only for region-wise development of the State but also for improvement of the living standard of the entire nation.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party flew over Monghsat to inspect cultivation of monsoon paddy and left for Kengtung.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects rubber plantation of entrepreneur Daw Mon Mon Latt in Nyaunggaing Village-tract in Mohnyin Township.— MNA

Accompanied by the commanders and party, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected maintenance tasks being carried out along Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

At Phethsut Reserved Forest of Forest Department in Indaw Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on forest preservation tasks and instructed officials to grow teak plants along both sides of the road and guard against depletion of the forests.

In Katha, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party oversaw 250 rubber trees of Katha District General Administration Department and five rubber acres of Katha District USDA.

Next, they inspected maintenance of Katha-Htigyaing road section by car.

In the past, Katha-Htigyaing Road was 58 miles long — 18 miles long Katha-Indaw section, 18 miles long Indaw-Kyaunggon section and 22 miles long Kyaunggon-Htigyaing section. Now, Katha-Htigyaing new road is 36 miles and three furlongs long. Therefore, the new one is 21 miles and five furlongs shorter than the old one. The new road contributes towards better transport for 7,500 local people.

Afterwards, they looked into maintenance of the road section between Kyaukmaw and Nat-in villages in Htigyaing Township.

At Htigyaing Township Peace and Development Council Office, Chairman of Katha District PDC Lt-Col Aung Aung briefed them on cultivation of 239,837 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 277,200 acres in 2005-06, the plan for growing 50,000 acres of rubber within five years, cultivation of 2,500 acres of rubber in 2005-06, economic, social, education, health and transport sectors of the district. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected functions of Htigyaing Hospital and Mezar Bridge linking Htigyaing and Indaw.

On arrival at Special Teak Plantation in Htigyaing Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on matters related to the plantation and participation of private entrepreneurs in growing the teak plantations presented by officials.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Special Teak Plantation and Teak Nursery. He also oversaw 500 acres of special teak plantation in Pyinte Reserved Forest in Htigyaing Township.

On 14 September, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, accompanied by Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, met with officers, other ranks and family members at the local battalion in Mohnyin.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and wife being welcomed by Malaysian Defence Attache Col Hj Abbas Bin Hj Mat and wife at the reception to mark 72nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day of Malaysia.— MNA

From favourable conditions of peace, stability and development to discipline-flourishing democratic nation

It will be 17 years on 18 September this year since the Tatmadaw assumed State duties by safeguarding Myanmar in order not to cause disintegration of the Union, disintegration of national solidarity and fall under alien subjugation.

Just as the Tatmadaw took over State duties unavoidably, it announced the formation of State Law and Order Restoration Council with Order No 1/88 dated 18-9-1988. The announcement said that the Tatmadaw has taken over State duties as of that day to serve the following duties for the prevention of deteriorated situations of the country and for the good of the people. The duties included ensuring the prevalence of law

and human rights. They are trying to secede from the country under the pretext of fighting for their own independence and for the betterment of national races.

The government charged with law enforcement had to do away with anarchy and take action against those who broke the laws. Taking of action against law breakers has been very beneficial to the entire people of the country. At the same time, the Tatmadaw in cooperation with the people took measures for secure and smooth transport in the nation although it was very poor in the past. The State provided all necessary assistance for better living conditions of the people. Assistance was also pro-

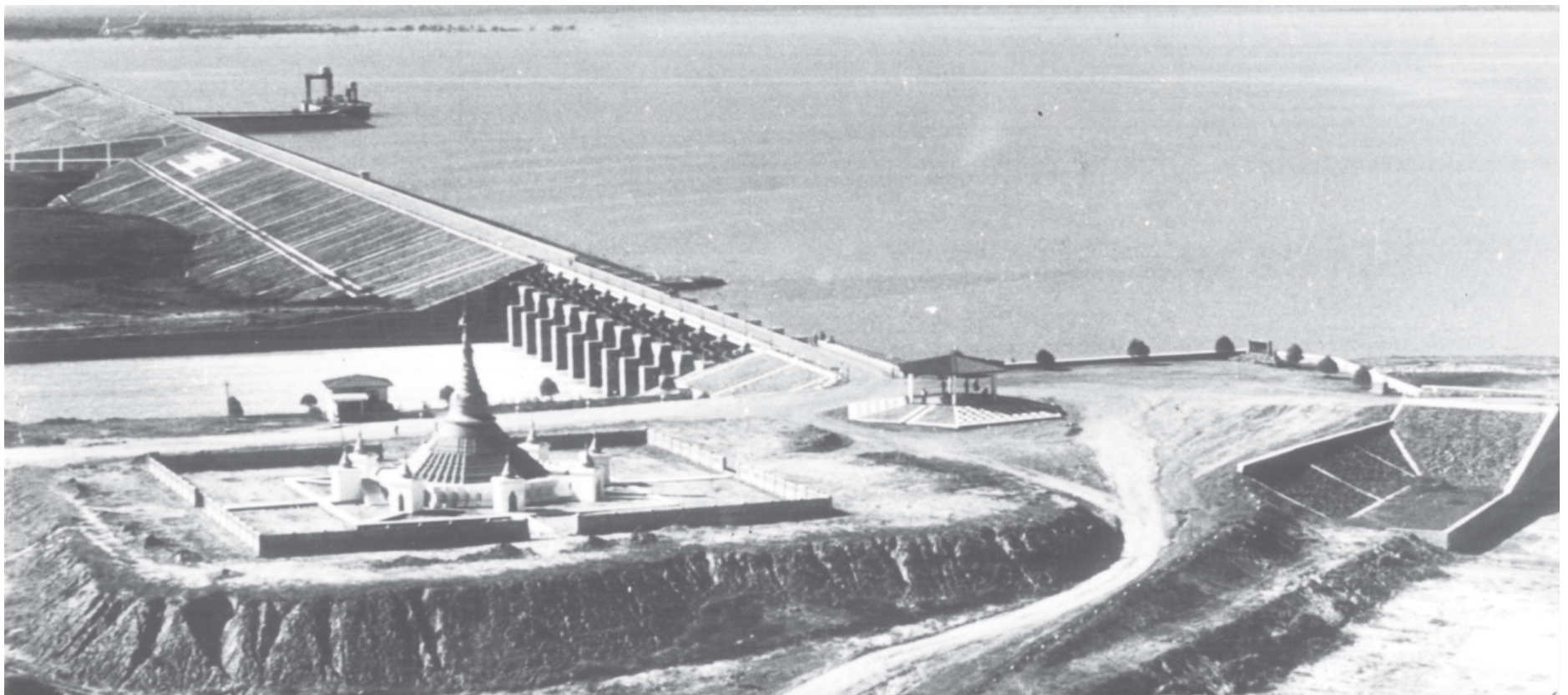
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nations. Hand in hand with the entire national people, the Government has been building infrastructures one after another in various sectors.

National race armed groups that have returned to the legal fold are lending themselves with might and main to regional and national development tasks.

The national brethren are witnessing that the entire Union has been enjoying cumulative economic development annually.

During the period from 1885 in which the



With the length of 22,587 feet, Thaphanseik dam in Kyunhla Township, Sagaing Division, supplies water to 500,000 acres of farm land.

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and order, community peace and tranquillity, measures for secure and smooth transport better living conditions of the people and assistance to be rendered for private and cooperative sectors. It was also stated that democratic system would be shaped upon completion of the projects.

At that time, transport was very poor and flow of commodities got stagnant. As anarchy and violence reigned supreme across the country, it was hard to restore community peace and the rule of law. Each and every country has to enact laws for ensuring the prevalence of peace and stability of the State and its development. Law enforcement officials have responsibilities to take action against those who violate the laws. Since 1988, some destructive elements have been creating chaos, violating laws and committing inhumane acts under the pretext of democracy move-

vided for the improvement of private and cooperative sectors. The government managed to put an end to internal armed insurgency that had been rooted in the nation since independence. Seventeen national race armed groups and other small armed groups returned to the legal fold. As a result, the Union has become peaceful and developed. It has been mainly due to secure and smooth transport and economic development of the country.

Accordingly, the Tamtamdaw Government managed to restore national solidarity. Thanks to the strength of national unity, and peace and stability restored across the Union, the implementation of national development tasks is now in full swing.

The government introduced the market-oriented economic system that is in harmony with prevailing situations and historic events of the nation and that will help the nation catch up with the world

nation lost her sovereignty until 1948 when the nation regained her independence, the colonialists resorted to all possible wicked ways and means to drive a wedge among the national races with the intention of prolonging the colonial rule over the nation and exploiting her natural resources. However, national people continued to stick together and were able to throw off the yoke of slavery.

The entire people never forget fruitful results of national unity, never accept any situations that may break up the nation, and never allow the loss of national sovereignty. These three concepts have been converted into the three aims or three national duties of the people — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty. The people have been upholding these three national duties as Our Three Main National Causes.

Despite favourable climate and natural resources in abundance, the nation could not make any headway for its development for half a century due to sectarianism, subjectivity, and attachment to respective parties. And there broke

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From favourable conditions of peace, stability and development to discipline-flourishing democratic nation



Progress in construction of Government Technological College (Ayethaya) in Taunggyi, Shan State (South).

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out armed conflicts among national races. Therefore, upholding Our Three Main National Causes and safeguarding the nation, the Government and the people have been harmoniously putting into motion the four political objectives, four economic objectives and four social objectives laid down for national development.

In the process, nation-building tasks are being carried out in conformity with the four-point people's desire.

The voices that the national people made unanimously at the mass rallies were: —

- 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, and
- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy.

The four-point people's desire depicts that the people want to lead a peaceful life, to enjoy development, and to crush all internal and external destructive elements that cause hindrance to national progress. In addition, at the mass rallies held in 1998, the people made very determined requests to the Government to effectively deal with the

situations that could hinder peace and stability of the State and increase the momentum of national development. Our Three Main National Causes, State's 12 objectives, four-point people's desire, and the six resolutions passed at the mass rally held in Bagan archaeological region are interrelated. So, the State, the Tatmadaw and the people have been joining hands firmly so as to translate them into reality.

However, there have arisen out a lot of barriers and obstacles to the nation-building tasks. Thus, mobilizing the strength of Union Spirit, true patriotism, common desire and sheer unity, the State, the Tatmadaw and the people have to overcome these hindrances, and crush dangers of various aboveground and underground destructive elements inside and outside the nation.

The firm conceptions of the national people are that Myanmar is the nation of theirs. So, the territory of

the nation must be under the control of Myanmar nationals. Those who have rights to exploit the national resources must be Myanmar. The nation must always be a sovereign one and the national people, the independent ones.

Any drives to be implemented in the interests of the nation and the people must be in harmony with topography of the nation and traditions, way of life, culture and the desire of the entire national people. And that is the freedom, democracy and human rights of the Myanmar nationals.

As these conceptions, outlooks on the nation's historic events, and desires represent the population of the Union of Myanmar, over 54 million people, the Government is firmly standing by the people, taking a leading role in implementing these conceptions and outlooks, and wiping out all the dangers that harm the people's desire.

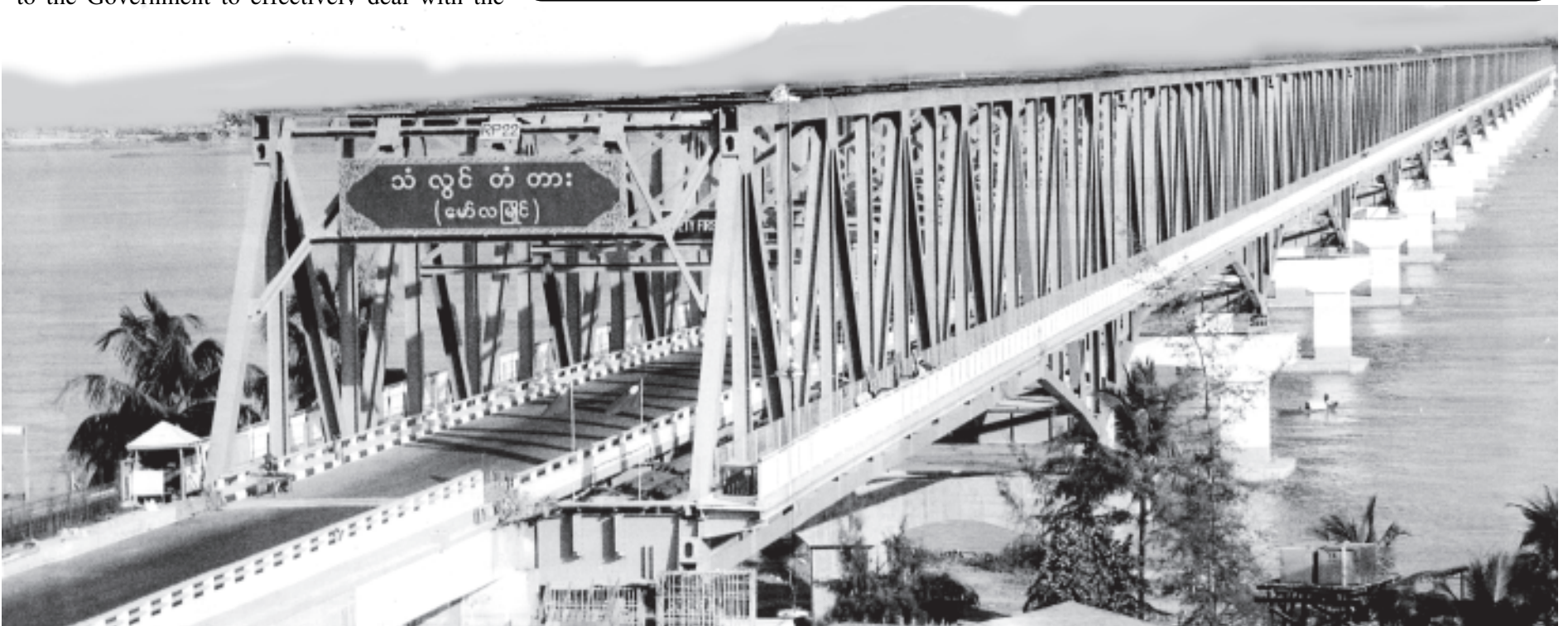
In consequence, now, the entire nation has witnessed peace and tranquillity. And there have emerged infrastructures that can raise national economy across the nation — dams, reservoirs, sluice gates, roads, bridges, hospitals, educational institutions, electric power plants, industrial zones and industrial farms. Now, the nation has been on the path to development with necessary political, economic and social infrastructures.

With the prospects for peace and economic improvement, plans are well under way to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation in accord with the desire of the national people. The implementation of the State's seven-point Road Map is gaining momentum.

These have attested to peace and stability, and all-round development of the nation. Such achievements gained in the period of 17 years are due to the fruitful results of the concerted efforts made harmoniously by the State, the Tatmadaw and the people.

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Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), the longest one of its kind in Myanmar emerged in the time of the State Peace and Development Council.

Government placing emphasis on providing health care services not only for people in major cities but also for those in rural areas in line with five rural development

YANGON, 16 Sept —The Government of the State Peace and Development Council is carrying out sector-wise construction tasks with momentum to enable the nation to keep abreast of other nations.

In doing so, emphasis is being placed on narrowing the gap among the regions of the country for equitable development of all States and Divisions.

Now, significant progress has been made not only in major towns but also in rural areas of the nation.

Mon State is undertaking five rural development tasks in harmony for narrowing the

Yesterday, USDA CEC member in-charge of Mon State Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint arrived in Kadoe Village of Mawlamyine Township to inspect accomplishments of rural development tasks and to attend the opening ceremony of the wind power generator.

A ceremony to launch the wind-powered generator was held in Kadoe/Kawhnat Village of Mawlamyine Township on 15 September. Village Peace and Development Council Chairman U Maung Shwe and Village USDA Organizer Daw Aye Aye Myint formally opened the genera-

ment for launching the wind-powered generator to supply power which is essential for development of the industrial sector of the village.

The local people recognize participation of USDA in power supply tasks of the village for uplift of living standard of the people.

He expressed gratitude of the Government for upgrading education facilities of the village, building a station hospital worth K 60 million, constructing an earth road, supplying drinking water and launching the wind-powered generator.

Next, the CEC member and party viewed the generator and ex-



A ceremony to open wind-powered generator in progress in Kadoe/Kawhnat village. —MNA

Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Ardiçça of Kadoe Village and made donations.

At Kadoe Station Hospital, the CEC mem-

ber and party viewed free medical treatment of the medical teams from Mon State General Hospital. Physicians and specialists provided free medical treatment to 413 local people, 169 eye patients, 46 ear, nose and throat patients, 17 gynecological and obstetrical patients, 14 patients in need of surgical care, 21 dental patients, 21 child patients and eight psychiatric patients.

At the talks, they said that internal and external destructive elements made false accusations with regard to social organizations in the country.

In reviewing these



Mon State MCWA officials give talks on health in Kadoe village. — MNA

gap between urban and rural regions in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

Therefore, the rural regions of Mon State are seen with improved facilities in health, education, transport, economic and social sectors.

Village-elder U Kyee Myint spoke words of thanks. He said that their village is one of six villages of Mawlamyine Township. The village faced difficulties in supplying power with the use of diesel-fired generator. He thanked the Govern-

plained matters related to the generator.

At Kawhnat Pariyatti Monastery, the CEC member paid homage to Buddha images. Furthermore, he paid homage to Maha Yin Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Nayaka Abhidhaja



Specialists give treatment to a patient at Kadoe Station Hospital. — MNA



A specialist provides health care service free of charge to rural people in Kadoe Station hospital.— MNA

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Likewise, Patron of Mon State Maternal and Child Welfare Association Chairperson of Mon State Women's Affairs Federation Daw Tin Tin Lat, wife of the Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-Eastern Command, and party also held round-table talks with rural people.

The Government and Myanmar social organizations are rendering assistance to rural people including border areas in health, education, economic and social sectors. It is obvious that national people residing in remote areas are enjoying fruitful results of development.

Therefore, local people are to actively take part in the regional development and uplift of their living standard. Emphasis should be placed not only on cultivation of paddy and crops but also on livestock breeding tasks for ensuring local food sufficiency.

At the women's affairs discussions, Township and Village WAO members reported on development tasks carried out in Kadoe/Kawhnat Village. Local women asked about teaching of

activities, it is obvious that the Government is placing emphasis on providing health care services not only to the people in major cities but also to those in rural areas in line with the five rural development tasks.

Similarly, Mon State USDA donated books and sports gear at the library in Kawhnat Village. Mon State USDA Executive U Thant Zin presented books for the village library to librarian Daw Aye Aye Myint and sports equipment for Kadoe Village BEHS and Kawhnat Village Post Primary School to Headmistress of the BEHS U Hla Han.

Social organizations are actively participating in the TB control and HIV/AIDS educative programme.

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Women's affairs discussions being held between MWAFF members and local women.— MNA



The South-East Command Commander's wife Daw Tin Tin Lat and party hold rural round-table discussions.— MNA

Government placing emphasis...

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At the time of the Government of the State Peace and Development Council, the Government is performing sector-wise development tasks. Similarly, rural people are undertaking regional development tasks and uplift of living standard. Therefore, Kadoe/Kawhnat Village has improved in all sectors.

Due to construction of the station hospital worth K 65 million, local people are provided with health care services. Thanks to building Attaran, Gyaing and Zathabyin bridges, local people can enjoy fruitful results of better transportation.

In the region, thriving horticultural and developing livestock breeding farms as well as monsoon and summer paddy plantations contribute towards the uplift of living standard of the local people. Likewise, transport facilities reflects economic growth of the village. Hence, economic, religious and social progress have been made in the rural region.

Due to launching of wind power generator, the

village has been supplied with electricity and telecommunications. Furthermore, the local people can enjoy TV programmes through satellite dishes.

In addition, rural people have the opportunities to observe various kinds of books at the village libraries. In the education sector, BEHS turns out outstanding students with the use of modern teaching aids at multimedia teaching centre set up for development of



Mon State USDA Executive U Thant Zin presents books for village library to librarian Daw Aye Aye Myint.— MNA

human resources.

That is why remarkable progress of Kadoe/Kawhnat Village in Mawlamyine Township shows evidence that internal and external destructive elements and western media made false accusations of ignoring rural regions, malnutrition of expectant mothers and falling health standard against the Government.—MNA



Mon State USDA Executive U Thant Zin gives sports gear for Kadoe Village BEHS to Headmaster U Hla Han.

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Third batch of intensive courses, examination centres of YUDE announced

YANGON, 16 Sept — The third batch intensive courses of Yangon University of Distance Education for 2005 academic year will be conducted from 7 to 17 November, 2005, while final exam will be held from 21 to 29 November, 2005 at Dagon University, East Yangon University, Mawlamyine University, Patheingyi University, Pyaw Oo University, Toungoo University, Dawei University, Hinthada University, Hpa-an University, Myeik University, West Yangon University, Maubin University and Bago Degree College.

First, second and third year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law in Dagon Branch under YUDE are to attend the courses at Dagon University. First year students majoring in Economics are to sit for the exam at No 1 BEHS and No 2 BEHS in Insein Township; and first year students majoring in Business Management at North Okkalapa BEHS No 5;

first year students majoring in History at North Okkalapa BEHS No 1 and Insein BEHS No 5; first year students majoring in Law at No 3 BEHS and No 4 BEHS in Insein Township; second year students majoring in Law at North Okkalapa BEHS Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; second year students majoring in History at No 1 BEHS, No 3 BEHS and No 4 BEHS in Dagon Myothit (North) Township; third year students majoring in Business Management at No 1 BEHS, No 2 BEHS and No 4 BEHS in South Okkalapa Township, third year students majoring in Law at No 1 BEHS, No 3 BEHS and No 4 BEHS in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, and No 2 BEHS in North Okkalapa Township; and other first, second and third year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law of the respective branches of UDE are to attend intensive courses and sit for the exam at the universities and degree colleges concerned. Detailed announcement will be posted at the respective branches of YUDE and BEHSs.

First, second, third year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law of

East Yangon University under YUDE are to attend intensive courses at East Yangon University. First year students majoring in Law are to appear for their exam at No 1 BEHS in Thanlyin Township; and other first, second, and third year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law at East Yangon University. First, second, third year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law of West Yangon University under YUDE are to attend intensive courses and sit for the exam at West Yangon University.

The remaining first, second, third year students majoring in Economics, History and Law, and fourth year students majoring in Law of the respective branches of UDE are to attend intensive courses and sit for the exam at the universities and degree colleges concerned. Detailed announcement will be posted at the respective branches of YUDE and BEHSs.

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Tourist Maps of Myanmar appear

YANGON, 16 Sept — Under the directives of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Design Printing Services Co Ltd is publishing Tourist Maps of Myanmar (TMM-15) which are in circulation free of charge to provide smooth transport for the development of local tours.

In the tourist map, the details of Myanmar, Yangon City, Mandalay, Pyin Oo Lwin, Bagan, Mrauk U, Taunggyi, Innlay and Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda are stated including the locations of airways, transport companies, hotels and restaurants. The maps are

Complementary copy of Tourist Maps of Myanmar (TMM-15).

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available free of charge at Myanma Tourism Service on 35th Street in Kyaukdata Township and Design Printing

Services Co Ltd in business hours with the copy of special powers and company's registration.—MNA

Water level of Sittoung River at above danger level

YANGON, 16 Sept — According to the (18:30) hrs MST observation on 15 September, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (84) cm above the danger level (600) cm due to torrential rains.

As the swelling Sittoung River is touching off the inundation of six wards in Toungoo and some villages, altogether 1,901 people of 466 households are being evacuated from their homes to the relief

camps.

The emergency evacuation is being carried out by local authorities, departmental officials, social organizations, the Tatmadawmen and local people.

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MV YANGON STAR VOYNO (387)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (387) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.9.05 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY AGENT FOR: M/S EAGLE SHIPPING

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV ZHE HAI 315 VOY NO (027) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.9.05 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Cholera kills 252 in Guinea-Bissau

DAKAR, 15 Sept— A total of 14,333 people have contracted cholera and 252 have died in Guinea-Bissau since the disease broke out in the country in June, said reports reaching here Tuesday from its capital Bissau.

The disease contaminated nearly 5,000 people every month since its outbreak and the country cannot provide sufficient medical care for all patients because of its under-developed health care system, said Guinea-Bissau's health ministry in a statement.

The ministry asked the international community to continue efforts to provide medicine and donations to relieve the pressure that the outbreak is causing.

According to a recent statement of the World Health Organization, the outbreak of cholera in some western African countries has affected at least 31,000 people and over 500 have died of the disease. — MNA/Xinhua

Helicopter crash-lands in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 15 Sept— A helicopter crash-landed in Brackendowns south of Johannesburg on Tuesday, Ekurhuleni emergency services said.

"A two-seater chopper crash-landed in an open area. One man sustained minor back injuries, the other guy had nothing serious. They're both walking around," the services' spokesman Sukan Moodley said.

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Lithuanian PM urges protection of Baltic environmental safety

RIGA, 15 Sept— Lithuanian Prime Minister Algirdas Brazauskas said on Wednesday that he would make efforts to protect the environmental safety of the Baltic Sea after Russia and Germany declared they will build an underwater gas pipeline there.

According to reports from Vilnius, capital of Lithuania, the Prime Minister said that after Russia

and Germany's announcement of the gas project, he would try to prevent the Baltic Sea's safety from becoming a problem.

He said that the Baltic Sea is a national property. As a member of an international treaty on the protection of the sea, Lithuania would work with all members to have all activities in the region obey the requirements outlined in the treaty.

On September 8, Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder signed a deal to build a five-billion-US-dollar pipeline linking Russia and Germany.

The plan has enraged Poland and Baltic countries since they stand to lose lucrative fees because the pipeline's route bypasses their territory.

MNA/Xinhua

Swiss bankers warn on lifting veil in crime probes

ZURICH, 15 Sept— Swiss bankers warned against lifting the veil of secrecy surrounding bank accounts too readily in criminal investigations, saying some foreign requests for help, specifically from Russia, were politically abused.

The Swiss Bankers Association said on Wednesday foreign prosecutors may launch criminal probes simply as a pretext to gain access to closely guarded banking secrets in Switzerland, the world's largest offshore financial centre.

Swiss authorities have made efforts in recent years to respond to official requests for judicial assistance from foreign investigators in narcotics and corruption probes and as worries grow about international financing of terrorism.

"Judicial assistance cannot be allowed to serve domestic political goals by being misused to exert pressure on influential or politically unpopular persons or companies," said Urs Roth, chief executive of the Basel-based lobby group.

Roth said politically motivated requests for Swiss prosecutors to peer behind Switzerland's secrecy veil were on the increase, and cited Russia in particular.

Russian prosecutors won a freeze last year on millions of dollars in assets held in Switzerland in connection with the energy firm YUKOS and Russian tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky but the Swiss supreme court later unfroze the assets on appeal by YUKOS, which denied any wrongdoing.—MNA/Reuters

Alstom builds its largest global hydro power base in China

BEIJING, 15 Sept— Tianjin Alstom Hydro Co, Ltd (TAH), a leading supplier of hydropower generation equipment and systems in China contributed nearly 30-per-cent share of the domestic hydro market. Alstom now owns 99-per-cent share of TAH, which was jointly founded with a company under Tianjin Municipality in 1995.

With the heavy investment and the full technologies transferred from Alstom, TAH has been

turned into the world's first class hydropower equipment manufacture enterprise that is capable of making and supplying the largest hydro turbine, up to 900 megawatt in the world. The factory covers an area of 60,000 square metres, an annual order volume of more than 170 million euros.

The development of TAH in the past decade reflects the tremendous growth of Alstom's hydropower business in

China. As the largest power generation equipment and technology provider to the Three Gorges project, and the winner of the 16 sets of 300 megawatt units Pumped Storage Project, Alstom is by far the unparallel leader in China's hydropower market.

In addition to manufacturing technologies, Alstom has also transferred engineering know-how to facilitate businesses' rapid growth in China.—MNA/Xinhua

Polish Parlt Lower House speaker quits election, citing foul play

WARSAW, 15 Sept— Polish Parliament Lower House Speaker Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz declared Wednesday he would quit the race for presidency, citing foul play by some of his rivals and media reporters.

"Black propaganda against me has brought results... In protest, I

quit the presidential election," Cimoszewicz, who has denied any wrongdoing, told a news conference.

His opponents and the media even despicably defamed his family, including his children, he said. Cimoszewicz said he sees no suitable person for the top job among the existing candidates.

Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, who was on a visit to the United States, said he regrets Cimoszewicz's decision. He also expressed understanding regarding his exit. Cimoszewicz decided in June to take part in the race as an independent candidate.

MNA/Xinhua

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Britain jobless up again, earnings pick up

LONDON, 15 Sept— The number of Britons out of work and claiming benefits rose for the seventh month running in August, extending the longest period of growing unemployment in 12 years, but increased less quickly than expected.

The Office for National Statistics said on Wednesday claimant count unemployment rose by 1,600 last month, less than the 4,800 predicted by analysts. July's increase was revised down by half to 1,400.

Headline average earnings rose faster than expected in July thanks to higher bonuses in both the manufacturing and service sectors.

Short sterling interest rate futures popped lower after the data as economists said that, together with the pick-up in inflation reported on Tuesday, they made another interest rate cut less likely.

"While we believe that

it is premature to rule out another 25-basis-point cut before the end of this year, we acknowledge that the odds are increasing that it will be delayed until early 2006," said Howard Archer, economist at Global Insight.

Annual earnings growth in the three months to July rose to 4.2 per cent from 4.1 per cent. Earnings in July alone were up 4.4 per cent on the year.

The ONS said the pick-up in pay growth was because of higher bonus payments to real estate workers and in the food and textiles sectors.

Excluding bonuses, annual earnings growth in the three months to July

dipped to 3.9 per cent from 4.0 per cent.

The government's preferred survey-based measure of unemployment also rose in the three months to July, by 12,000, for a rate of 4.7 per cent. "Overall, this reinforces signs that we have seen the worst news on Britain activity," said Alan Clarke, British economist at BNP Paribas.

MNA/Reuters

Hong Kong actor Jackie Chan gestures to someone in the audience as he stands with Korean actress Hee-seon Kim following a news conference for the movie, 'The Myth', during the International Film Festival in Toronto, on 15 Sept, 2005.

INTERNET



Part of London tube briefly shut after burning smell

LONDON, 15 Sept — Part of one of London's key underground train lines was briefly suspended during Wednesday rush hour after reports of a burning smell near a station.

"There was a report of a burning smell 100 metres north of Regent's Park station," a spokeswoman for British Transport Police said.

"The Bakerloo line was suspended at 6:34 pm (1734 GMT) and restored at 6:59 pm (1759 GMT) after fire officers walked along the line and found nothing."

She said that although the line was only suspended between Piccadilly Circus and Paddington, passengers were suffering delays.

"It is a busy time of the day, so there will be a knock-on effect," she said. — MNA/Reuters



Two Japanese young women look up an electric stock quotation board outside a securities brokerage firm in Tokyo on 15 September, 2005. —Internet

One dead in bomb blast at Italian barracks

ROME, 15 Sept — A small bomb exploded at a barracks near Rome on Wednesday, killing one officer of the Carabinieri paramilitary police and wounding another, an officer said.

"It was an explosive device," the officer said, declining to give his name. It was not clear how the device was taken into the barracks, but Italian police are often the target of small parcel bombs sent by local militants, usually anarchists.

The device exploded in a room used for sorting mail at the Carabinieri barracks in Latina, south of the capital, a police source said. The Carabinieri ordered all other barracks in the region to be searched for bombs.

Italy, which has troops in Iraq, is on a high state of alert in case of a terrorist attack similar to bombings that have struck Madrid and London over the last two years.

MNA/Reuters

Dutch arrest man for stealing Army explosives

AMSTERDAM, 15 Sept — Dutch authorities have arrested a man for stealing Army explosives, they suspect he planned to use for terrorist activities, prosecutors said on Wednesday. Prosecutors said in a statement the 29-year-old man had been arrested last week wearing military clothing at an Army training ground.

During a search of his home, police found a box of 45 training grenades or thunder flashes, two smoke bombs and a home-made pipe bomb packed with nails.

A judge ordered the man remanded in custody for 14 days on suspicion of stealing military property and possessing explosives, both with terrorist intent.

A prosecution spokesman told NOS television the man had told them he had contact with two members of an Islamist network, dubbed the Hofstad group by Dutch authorities, that is suspected of links to the murderer of filmmaker Theo van Gogh. —MNA/Reuters

Beijing citizens' disposable income up in first eight months

BEIJING, 15 Sept — The per capita disposable income of the Beijing citizens reached 11,698.9 yuan (1,442.5 US dollars) in the first eight months of this year, indicating a yearly rise of 12.6 per cent, the latest statistics from the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Statistics show.

During the period, the per capita cash income of the rural residents increased by 13 per cent year-on-year to reach 6,065 yuan (747.8 US dollars), the bureau said.

Yu Xiuqin, spokesperson for the bureau, attributed the rise mainly to an increase in salaries of urban residents and an increase of household business earnings for rural residents.

From January to August, the salary of urban residents increased by 17.8 per cent year-on-year, while the rise of household business earnings contributed 83.8 per cent to the increase of cash income for the rural resi-

dents, Yu said.

Meanwhile, prices dropped slightly, Yu said. From January to August, the consumer price index was 101.7 per cent, basically the same with that of the first seven months, but 0.1 percentage points lower than that of the first quarter, statistics show.

The bureau said the consumer market was stable during the period. Statistics also show that Beijing reported retail sales of 189.76 billion yuan (23.4 billion US dollars), up 10.8 per cent, and the spending on consumption of per urban resident was 8,581.4 yuan (1,058 US dollars), up 9.4 per cent.

The auto market was recovering gradually during the period, the bureau said.

In the first eight months, a total of 368,000

motor vehicles were sold, up 20.4 per cent year-on-year, including 245,000 new ones, up 14.5 per cent, statistics show.

MNA/Xinhua

WWII bomb discovery closes Berlin Airport

BERLIN, 15 Sept — Berlin's Tegel Airport was to be temporarily closed on Wednesday for the controlled explosion of a 1,000-pound (454-kilo) bomb dropped by the Allies in World War II that was unearthed during building work, police said.

Takeoffs and landings at the airport — the biggest of three in the German capital — were to be suspended from about 1310 GMT, an adjacent highway shut, trains on a nearby subway line halted and local people evacuated from the area, police said.

Scores of unexploded bombs dropped by US and British planes during World War II are found each year in Germany.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Borgetti hits Bolton injury time winner in 2-1 victory

LONDON, 16 Sept — Mexico striker Jared Borgetti scored two minutes into injury time to give European debutants Bolton Wanderers a 2-1 home win over Bulgaria's Lokomotiv Plovdiv in the first leg of their UEFA Cup first round tie on Thursday.

Borgetti, a second half substitute, scored his first Bolton goal from a tight angle at close range after Japan's Hidetoshi Nakata had flicked on a cross by French substitute

Fabrice Fernandes. Bolton had fallen behind just before the half hour when Boban Jancevski scored from Vladimir Ivanov's right cross. The English Premier

League side, with Nakata making his first start for the club, equalized with 18 minutes remaining through El Hadji Diouf's diving header from a cross by Nicky Hunt. MNA/Reuters



Sevilla's Frederic Kanoute (C) fight for the ball with Mathias Abel (R) and Petr Ruman of Mainz during their UEFA Cup first round first leg soccer match at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan Stadium in Seville, Spain, on 15 September, 2005.

INTERNET

Nadal gets morale booster at China Open

BEIJING, 16 Sept— Top seed Rafael Nadal gave himself a confidence-booster with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Taiwan's Wang Yeu-tzuoo in the first round of the China Open on Wednesday.

Fellow Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero beat Russia's Dmitry Tursunov 6-4, 7-6 in a second round clash to become the first man to reach the quarter-finals.

Sixth seed Ferrero will meet Argentina's David Nalbandian in the next round after the third seed overpowered Israel's Amir Hadad 6-4, 6-0.

World number two Nadal looked sharp in his first match since his third round exit at the US Open, the 19-year-old triumph-

ing in a shade under 90 minutes on his first appearance in Asia.

Nadal, bidding for his 10th title of the year, will play American Justin Gimelstob next. Nadal has already qualified for the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai.

Former world number one Ferrero had too much guile for Tursunov, the man who ended Briton Tim Henman's Wimbledon dream this year.

Tursunov squandered two set points at 5-5 in the

second set and then a 4-1 lead in the tiebreak evaporated as Ferrero rattled off six straight points to clinch victory.

Nalbandian advanced to his second straight quarterfinal after reaching the last eight of the US Open with a crushing victory over Hadad.

The world number nine put the Israeli qualifier out of his misery following a one-sided second set with a thumping backhand down the line after just 50 minutes. — MNA/Reuters

Bizarre red card marks Fluminense's Sudamericana victory

RIO DE JANEIRO, 16 Sept— Fluminense, playing their first competitive match against foreign opposition for 20 years, came from behind to beat Banfield 3-1 in the Copa Sudamericana despite a bizarre first-half sending-off.

'Flu' played more than one hour of Wednesday night's second round, first leg tie with 10 men after midfielder Leandro was twice booked, for climbing onto the fence to celebrate the first goal and then for diving in the penalty area.

The Argentine visitors went ahead after 12 minutes on a wet evening in

Rio de Janeiro when Jesus Datolo, unmarked at the far post, fired past Kleber.

Leandro replied a minute later when he finished off a move started by Serb midfielder Dejan Petkovic, but then got carried away in the celebrations as he climbed the fence around the pitch to celebrate with Fluminense fans.

In the 27th minute,

Leandro fell theatrically in the penalty area and was booked again by Bolivian referee Rene Ortube, who followed the second yellow with a red.

Despite this, striker Tuta added two more second-half goals for Fluminense, whose last international outing was in the more glamorous Libertadores Cup in 1985.

Wednesday night also threw up two more Brazil-Argentina clashes in the competition, which is the region's equivalent of Europe's UEFA Cup.

In Sao Paulo, Corinthians, resting most of their top players, were held to a dire goalless draw by River Plate in front of just over 6,000 fans, their lowest home gate this year.

MNA/Reuters

Winning start for holders CSKA

LONDON, 16 Sept— UEFA Cup holders CSKA Moscow needed two late goals from Brazilian playmaker Daniel Carvalho to make a winning start to their defence on Thursday.

Carvalho scored twice in three minutes as CSKA defeated Denmark's FC Midtjylland 3-1 in their first round, first leg clash in front of a handful of fans.

Forced to play behind closed doors as punishment for their fans' behaviour in the home leg of the semifinal against Parma last season, Russia midfielder Rolan Gusev gave CSKA a 21st-

minute lead but it was quickly cancelled out with a deflected goal by Ghanaian Razak Pimpong.

MNA/Reuters

Leading FIFA world soccer rankings

LONDON, 15 Sept— Leading FIFA world soccer rankings issued on Wednesday (August position in brackets):

1.	(1)	Brazil	839
2.	(3)	Netherlands	785
3.	(2)	Argentina	778
4.	(4)	Czech Republic	777
5.	(5)	Mexico	771
6.	(9=)	France	770
7.	(6)	United States	768
8.	(8)	Spain	750
9.	(9=)	Portugal	743
10.	(15=)	Sweden	740
11.	(7)	England	738
12.	(12)	Turkey	731
13.	(13)	Italy	725
14.	(18=)	Denmark	721
15.	(11)	Germany	718
16.	(17)	Japan	716
17.	(22)	Poland	705
18.	(15=)	Iran	702
19.	(21)	Costa Rica	700
20.	(18)	Greece	699

MNA/Reuters



A pack of riders compete in the 18th stage of the Tour of Spain, from Avila to Avila, on 15 September, 2005. Danish rider Nicki Sorensen won the stage and Spain's Roberto Heras retains the overall lead.—INTERNET

Porto striker Sokota faces long absence with knee injury

LISBON, 15 Sept— Porto striker Tomislav Sokota tore a right knee ligament during his team's Champions League loss to Rangers and faces a long absence, the Portuguese club said on Wednesday.

The 28-year-old Croatian, who joined Porto from Benfica in June, will be operated on in the next 10 days, they said on their official web site.

Sokota abandoned the field after 74 minute of the Group H match in Glasgow on Tuesday which Rangers won 3-2, leaving Porto a man short because they had already made use of their three replacements.

Captain Pedro Emanuel was also injured in a clash of heads with Rangers' Croatian striker Dado Prso. He underwent nose surgery on Wednesday and will be sidelined for several days. — MNA/Reuters

Davenport eases through in Bali

BALI, 16 Sept— World number two and top seed Lindsay Davenport lacked focus at times but came through 6-3, 6-2 against Japan's Rika Fujiwara to reach the third round of the Bali International tournament on Wednesday.

The American took advantage of early breaks in each set to overcome an inexperienced but plucky opponent who rallied well and struck some fine volleys.

Davenport broke to lead 2-0 in the first set, but

then had to fight off three break points at 3-1 and then another as she served for the set.

Davenport then broke for 1-0 in the second set and comfortably maintained her lead.

MNA/Reuters

Blast derails goods train in Russia's Caucasus

Moscow, 16 Sept—A blast on a railway line in Russia's turbulent Caucasus region derailed three wagons of a goods train on Friday in what the interior ministry said may have been a botched attempt to attack a busy passenger train.

The explosion, thought by officials to have been caused by a delayed-action mine, was in a disputed part of North Ossetia, the region where the deadly Beslan school siege took place just over a year ago.

"Several versions are being considered, including the possibility the terrorist attack was directed at a passenger train between Moscow and Nazran or a local train ... which were supposed to pass by several hours later," a local interior ministry spokeswoman said by telephone.

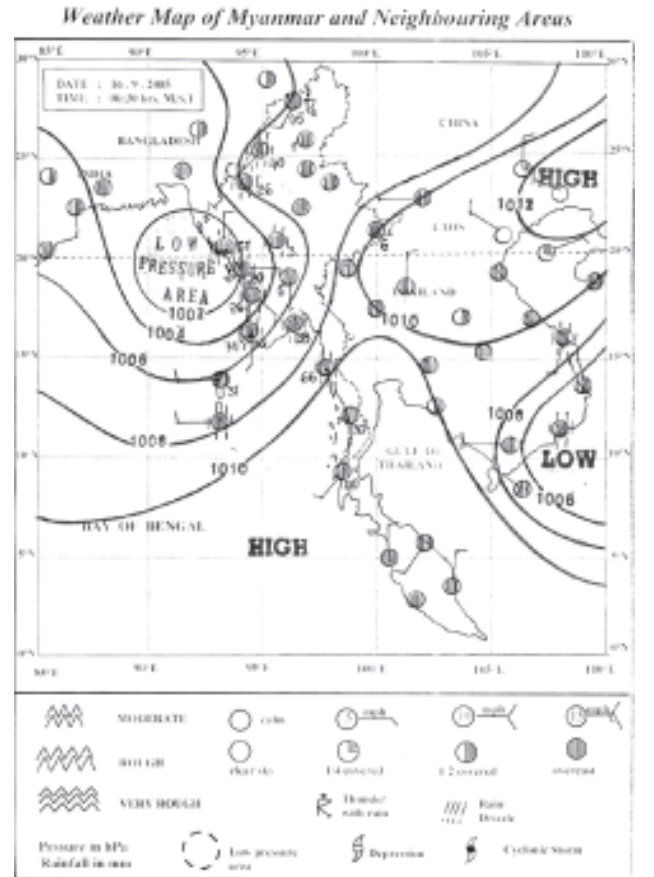
The blast was in the Prigorodny region, which North Ossetia and Ingushetia fought over after communist rule collapsed in 1991. North Ossetia took it over in 1994 after fighting which forced thousands of Ingush to flee but tensions still bubble.

In separate incidents, two blasts hit different parts of Ingushetia on Friday. One explosive device exploded in the region's capital Nazran near an apartment block, while the other hit a village near the border with Chechnya. No one was injured.

Explosions and gun battles are common in the region, where Chechnya's 10-year separatist war has increasingly spilled over into neighbouring provinces such as North Ossetia and Ingushetia.—MNA/Reuters



CASH DONATED: U Mya Bu-Daw Aye Aye Than and family of No 24, Thingaha Street, Kyaukmyaung recently donated K 111,111 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through U Thauung Tut, vice-chairman of the Administrative Board. — H



WEATHER

Friday, 16th September, 2005
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Kachin State, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State and lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Gwa (5.83) inches, Hkamti (3.03) inches, Patheingyi (2.99) inches, Dawei (2.91) inches, Mindat (2.84) inches, Pyaw (2.80) inches, Hinthada (2.76) inches, Bago (2.56) inches, Kantbalu (1.73) inches, Monywa (0.94) inch and NyaungU (0.75) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-9-2005 was 87° F. Minimum temperature on 16-9-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 16-9-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 15-9-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 16-9-2005 were (1.14) inches at Mingaladon, (1.10) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.02) inches at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (79.60) inches at Mingaladon, (81.97) inches at Kaba-Aye and (87.24) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from South at (03:35) hours MST on 16-9-2005.

Bay inference: Yesterday's low pressure area over Deltaic area has moved westwards. According to the observations at (06:30)hours MST today, it is centred over the East Central Bay. It is forecast to intensify further into a depression within the next (24) hours. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in North Bay and Monsoon is strong to vigorous elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 17-9-2005: Rain will be scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady 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 17-9-2005: Some rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-9-2005: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Weather outlook for third weekend of September 2005: During the coming weekend, rain will be widespread in Yangon Division and scattered in Mandalay Division.

"Special Weather News"
 (Issued at 08:30 hrs MST on 16-9-2005)
 Yesterday's low pressure area over Deltaic area has moved westwards. According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, it is centred over the East Central Bay. It is forecast to intensify further into a depression within the next (24) hours.
 Under the influence of the low pressure area, frequent squalls and rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45)mph.



Saturday, 17th September
View on today:

7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:15 am
 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မတဏှာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိန္ဓ္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်)ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိန္ဓ္ဒာဘိဝံသ

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 3. Morning news

7:40 am
 4. နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့ (အဖွဲ့ဝင်) မွန်ပြည်နယ်၊ သထုံမြို့နယ်၊ လယ်ဝန်ကျောင်း၊ တိုက်၊ ပဓာန နာယက ဆရာတော် အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာနန္ဒဝါစက ပဏ္ဍိတ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိန္ဓ္ဒာ ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော "ဂရုဓမ္မအေဒါတော်ဓနတရားတော်"

8:20 am
 5. Nice and sweet song


8:30 am
 6. International news

8:45 am
 7. Islands of Dhamma

8:50 am
 8. ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစာရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓမ္မ) တွဲဖက်အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ဆရာတော်၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ မဟာဝိစိတာရုံကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ရမ်းအေးသာစံမြို့နယ်၊ မန္တလေးတိုင်းထံမှ နဝဂဉ္စပေါသထသီလ ဓံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

- 11:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 11:15 pm**
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 pm**
3. News
- 11:40 pm**
4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm**
5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:30 pm**
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စောရဝိဇ္ဇာနှင့်မိစ္ဆာဇွင်းခါး" (အပိုင်း-၃၈)
- 1:15 pm**
7. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ ဓာပဒေသာ
- 1:25 pm**
8. "တစ်ပါးသီလ" (ဇော်လင်း၊ ခင်စိုးရီ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နှင်းမိုး)
- 2:15 pm**
9. Dance of national races
- 2:30 pm**
10. "အားဆေး" (မိုးဒီ၊ ဇော်ထက်အောင်၊ ဆောင်းအိန္ဒြေထွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောစန္ဒာလှိုင်)
- 2:35 pm**
11. (၂၃)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားသမားအဖွဲ့ များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ကာယဗလ)
- 2:45 pm**
12. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. အမှတ်(၃) အခြေစိုက်ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ တတိယအကြိမ်မြောက် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်စုံပွဲစေတီပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (အထက(၁) သန်လျင်) (အမျိုးသား ဝတ်စုံအဖွဲ့)
- 4:45 pm**
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

- 5:00 pm**
5. နားဝင်ပီယသုလကံသံ
- 5:10 pm**
6. ၂၀၀၅ ရနံ့၊ တေရသမအကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ)(အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:20 pm**
7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:30 pm**
8. Games for children
- 6:00 pm**
9. စစ်ကိုင်းတောင်ရိုး မညှိုးသည့် သာသနာ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 6:15 pm**
10. မဟာသံသရာဗုဒ္ဓ (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (ဗုဒ္ဓဝါစက) (ဣန္ဒာဓာရီဓမ္မပူဇော် မောင်မောင်ကြီး သီဆိုပူဇော်သည်။)
- 6:30 pm**
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စိမ်းလုံးပေတ္တာကန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 7:45 pm**
14. ဘက်စုံဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက် နတ်ကြီးချောင် ကျေးလက်
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
- 8:05 pm**
16. International news
- 8:10 pm**
17. Weather report
- 8:15 pm**
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တာဝရချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၈)
- 8:20 pm**
19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာ ဘာဝနာ ပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 8:25 pm**
20. The next day's programme



Saturday, 17th September
Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music:
 -Funky town
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music:
 -Boogie nights
8.50 am National news
 +12 Objectives & People's Desire
9:00 am Music:
 -I'm every woman
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
 -Lady Marmalade
 -Save your love
 -Just between you & me
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Music at your request
 -I'd love you to want me (Lobo)
 -Kiss me goodbye
 -Stuck on you
9.00 pm ASEAN News
9.10 pm Article
9.20 pm Myanma culture
 -Sacred limestone caves of Hpa-an...Part I
9.30 am Souvenirs
 -When there is no you
 -The morning of our lives
 -Dream baby
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Vacant and virgin lands to be reclaimed in Mongtung region for growing rubber

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on inspection tour of development in Mongtung, Monghsat Townships



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meeting with Tatmadawmen and their families in Mongtung Station.—MNA

YANGON, 16 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by senior military officers of Kengtung, Monghsat and Mongtung Stations, inspected development of Monghsat and Mongtung regions on 14 September.

Accompanied by Deputy Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Wai Lin and Brig-

Gen Tin Yu of Monghsat Station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win went to Mongtung via Monghsat by helicopter.

At Pyi Nyein Aye Hall in Mongtung Station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on carrying out of regional development tasks and livestock breeding and agriculture tasks on manageable scale to Tatmadawmen and family members of Mongtung Station.

Next, he presented clothes for Tatmadawmen and family members to Col Win Maung of Mongtung Station.

They proceeded to Mongtung Township PDC Office. In meeting with local authorities and departmental personnel, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on regional development, agriculture, livestock breeding,

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Signboard of rural education centre erected in Thanlyin Township



Personnel of MWF meeting with villagers of Thahtaykwin Model Village in Thanlyin Township. — MNA

YANGON, 16 Sept — The ceremony to erect the signboard of rural education centre, co-sponsored by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Education Research Bureau, was held at

Thahtaykwin Model village in Thanlyin Township yesterday morning. It was attended by Leader of Social and Cultural Working Group of MWF Dr Daw Sanda Aung and members, Director U Saw Aung and

officials of MERB and townsenders.

They erected the signboard. Sewing machines and cash were donated to the education centre. Townsellers accepted one cabinet and books, donated by Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization for the education centre.

Officials of MWF then met with the townsenders at Dhammayon of Maha Thakya Atula Pagoda in the village. Director U Saw Aung ex-

plained where it is the centre where everyone irrespective of sex and age can easily seek wide knowledge. The aim of setting up the centres is that townsellers are to have chance of getting information and learning education, and cooperating with the departments rendering assistance to the rural areas. Throughout the nation, there are 887 rural education centres being undertaken by MERB and 8 centres have been opened in Yangon Division, he

added.

Member Daw Khine Soe Myint of Education Sub-Working Group of MWF explained matters related to the tasks of the centre and assistance to be given to the centre. Members of Social and Cultural Working Group of MWF discussed matters on development of women's life, and answered the queries raised by the village women.

Members of MWF in cooperation

with the specialists of Yangon South District Health Department provided medical treatment to the expectant mothers and children who live in Kayinseik Model village in Thanlyin Township.

Leader of Health Sub-Working Group of MWF Dr Daw Khin Than Oo, leader of health working group of Yangon Division Dr Daw Lay Khine and Head of Yangon South District Health Department Dr Zaw Win

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Members of MWF donate sewing machines to officials of Thahtaykwin Model Village in Thanlyin Township.—MNA

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