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Tatmadaw Govt charged with transition to democracy while performing duties of national defence and national development The State is now on the path to progress in all sectors

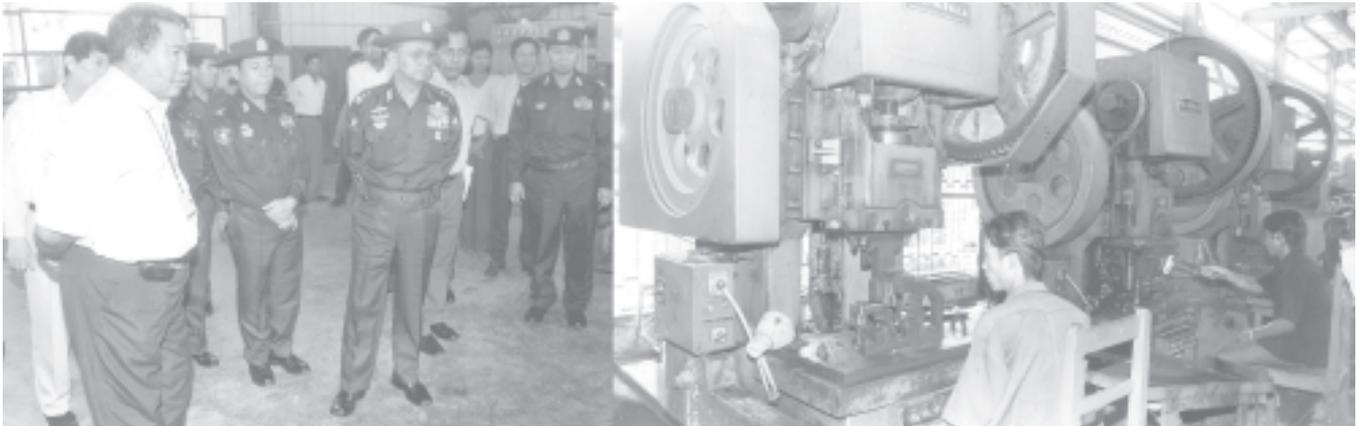
YANGON, 18 Sept — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by the ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the SPDC office, departmental heads and officials, arrived at Mandalay International Airport by Tatmadaw aircraft on 16 September morning. They were welcomed there by Mandalay Division PDC Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and departmental

officials.

First, Chairman of National Health Committee Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party visited the Traditional Medicine University in Mandalay where the pro-rectors and faculty members welcomed them. At the meeting hall of the university, Pro-rector (Admin) U Wa Tun reported that the university was opened in accord with the Head of State. The aim of the opening of the university was to improve Myanmar traditional medical science, to catch up with international medical science and to systematically produce potent Myanmar traditional medicines. The first year

course started on 19 December 2001 and the main building of the university was opened on 26 December 2004. The 2004-2005 academic year started on 27 December. There are the first, second, third and fourth year courses. The number of students is 672. He said the university has six main departments including acupuncture department and other 10 departments. The university is equipped with a herbal garden for demonstration, computer rooms, language labs and an e-library. Next, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint gave a supplementary report.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects production of rail clips at Pre-stressed Concrete Sleeper Factory (Myitnge).—MNA

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects agricultural, development tasks in Kengtung

YANGON, 18 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to broadcast fertilizer and weed 100-acre monsoon paddy plantation near Yanglaw Village in Kengtung Township on 15 September.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Shan State (East) USDA in-charge Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, departmental officials, local authorities and local people.

Additional Manager Shan State (East) Myanmar Agriculture Service U Myint Thein reported on cultivation of paddy and other crops in Shan State (East).

The commander submitted reports that efforts are being made for yielding 71 baskets of paddy per acre. Educative talks are being given to local breeders to carry out systematic breeding tasks. Arrangements are being made for extending summer paddy as well as garlic, onion, potato and soya bean in the region.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that the State economy depends on the agriculture sector. Food sufficiency of Shan State (East) is 129.11 per cent. Except green gram and green bean, eight kinds of main crops have been cultivated in the region exceeding the target. Therefore, socio-economic life of the local people improved.

Shan State (East) has grown over 500,000 rubber plants on 2,880.64 acres of land up to 2004-

05. And, arrangements are being made for extending more rubber plantations.

As peace and stability is prevailing in various parts of the state, departmental personnel are to make field trips to the rural areas for performing development tasks in cooperation with the local people.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Infrastructures for national development reflect unity and strength

The State Peace and Development Council has been making constant efforts for the nation to keep abreast of the international community, to bring about equitable development the length and breadth of the nation, to ensure the growth of national economy and to enhance the socio-economic life of the entire national people.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, a network of roads and bridges have been built with a view to bringing about better transport in various regions. As a result, there have emerged altogether 207 bridges that are 180 feet and above in length across the nation.

The Myitnge Bridge built across Dokhtawady River in Singaing Township, Mandalay Division, was opened on 17 September 2005 with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that the government forged national solidarity and placed emphasis on prevalence of peace and stability in the nation in accord with the national policy. In consequence, there emerged good foundations for national economic development as well as for promotion of socio-economic life.

It is obvious that the Government has laid emphasis on building of bridges across rivers and creeks and roads with a view to ensuring better transportation for the national people. As regards Myitnge or Dokhtawady River, three bridges have been built across it. By crossing the Myitnge Bridge via Yangon-Mandalay six-lane highway, easy access is now available to various States and Divisions of Upper and Lower Myanmar as well as to Mandalay International Airport from Mandalay.

As the bridge is situated on the Union Highway, it is certain that the political, economic and social lives of the national people will improve. In addition, better transportation will surely lead to closer links and more frequent contacts among the national brethren thereby further consolidating national unity.

It can clearly be seen how much the Government has exerted efforts in the interests of the nation and the people out of genuine goodwill. In reciprocation, the entire national people are to earnestly participate in building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Such infrastructures for national development are to be attributed to the combined and collective efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

Chinese delegation leaves for home

YANGON, Sept 18 — The six-member Chinese delegation led by Vice-Governor Mr Zhu Fusheng of Yangzhou Political Consultative Committee of the People's Republic of China who visited Myanmar at the invitation of Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, left here by air this morning.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by YCDC Vice-Chairman Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win, committee member U Nyi Nyi and departmental heads.

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People's Desire

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

Industry-1 Minister inspects No 2 Dagon Myothit (South) Industrial Zone

YANGON, 18 Sept— Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, accompanied by officials concerned, inspected Mibamyitta Dynamo and Electrical Appliance Factory in No 2 Dagon Myothit (South) Industrial Zone, here, this afternoon.

While inspecting spare parts for producing of generators, the minister heard a report presented by the deputy director-general of Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department on measures being taken for production of wind mills and wind-power generators to be



Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thuang views things developed by Mibamyitta Dynamo and Electric Factory.— INDUSTRY-1

used in projects under the ministry and ways and means for use of electricity. After that, the minister

looked into production of fibre barrels, fibre blades, small fibre hovercraft and other items produced by

the Sunlight Fiberglass of Minmaha Industrial Co at the industrial zone.

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Donations made hailing International Day of Older Persons

YANGON, Sept 18 — Patron of the International Day of Older Persons Organizing Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

Maj-Gen Sein Htwa attended the donation ceremony to hail the International Day for Older Persons 2005 at Hninzigon Home for the

Aged on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road yesterday morning and delivered an address.

The minister donated K 100,000 to the home

for the aged for setting up the trust-fund and Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint donated medicines.

Next, the minister provided cash and kind for the oldest persons — 104-year-old Daw Aye May and 96-year-old U Bo Chet.

Later, the deputy minister awarded the aged persons who won first, second and third prizes in the essay contest including consolation prize winners and Vice-Chairman of Home for the Aged Management Committee U Thuang Tut expressed thanks.

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Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa donates cash and kind to an older person of Hninzigon Home for the Aged.— MNA

USDA CEC member Yangon Mayor inspects development tasks in Mingaladon Township

YANGON, 18 Sept — CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with officials inspected tasks of paving roads to be undertaken by USDA in cooperation with townelders in Mingaladon Township, this morning and attended the ceremony of handing over new school building of Mingaladon No 3 Basic Education High School.

The CEC member and party paid obeisance to Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Chandobhasa of Zeyathiri Monastery in Sangyiwa Ward in Mingaladon Township.

At the monastery, CEC member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin met with departmental personnel, members of USDA and townelders.

The CEC member and members of Yangon Division USDA then oversaw tasks of building the roads and the overpass to be undertaken by USDA and people in the township. The CEC member

fulfilled the requirements. Afterwards, CEC member Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials looked into sanitation tasks at Minigaladon No 3 BEHS.

They attended the ceremony of handing over the new school building of No 3 BEHS of Mingaladon funded by the Ministry of Education, departments concerned and the people.

The director-general of No 3 Basic Education Department and officials formally opened the new building.

The CEC member and officials presented certificates of honour to departments concerned, members of social organizations and the wellwishers.

Headmistress Daw San San Win of the school expressed thanks.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials of YCDC proceeded to Yangon City Water Supply Project (Ngamoeyik) near Ahtayu village in Hmawby Township and inspected progress of the project.

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Aceh rebels hand over more weapons

JAKARTA, 17 Sept— The Free Aceh Movement (GAM) handed over 109 pieces of their guns to the Aceh Monitoring Team (AMM) in the province of Aceh on Friday, the second day of disarmament, a minister said.

The quantity and quality of the weapons were higher than those collected Thursday, but still there were some out of standard, Indonesian Minister of Information Soyan Djalil said. The GAM members handed over 78 weapons on Thursday to the AMM. "It is good, right now it has been handed over 109 guns, most of them are in standard, the quality of the weapons is better ... compared (to those handed) yesterday" Sofyan told *Xinhua* in telephone from the location of weapons handover in Bireun Regency.

"This shows a seriousness of the GAM to

settle the problem," he added.

The minister expressed his optimism that the target of decommissioning 25 per cent of the rebels' weapon could be achieved at the first phase of disarmament.

Right after the rebels complete the first phase, Indonesian Armed Forces will withdraw two battalions from the province, spokesman of the Iskandar Muda Military command covering Aceh Province Lieutenant-Colonel Ahmad Husein said.

"The Armed Forces will pull out one battalion on September 18 and another battalion will follow up on 21 September, ac-

ording to our commitment to the peace accord," he told *Xinhua* by telephone from the province.

Political expert from the Centre for Strategy and International Study TJ Kristiadi commented that the two sides have started the trust-building, as the rebels and the government troops have showed their intention to implement the agreement signed on 15 August in Helsinki.

MNA/Xinhua



Int'l Photography Festival opens in N China ancient city

TAIYUAN, 17 Sept — The Pingyao International Photography Festival opened Friday in the 2,700-year-old city in north China's Shanxi Province with nearly ten thousand pieces of works exhibited.

With the theme of "peace and progress", the festival, the only international event of its kind held in China, highlights a photo show to mark the 60th anniversary of the world Anti-Fascist War and China's anti-Japanese war, said Shen Weichen, head of the provincial publicity department.

More than 180 photographers from over 20 countries and regions brought their works to the festival, which also include a series of seminars, slide shows, photo fairs, and an annual best photo competition, according to the festival's organizing committee.

First held in 2001, the

annual festival has become an important platform for culture exchanges, said Shen. Pingyao, located in the centre part of Shanxi Province, is famous for its well-preserved city wall and streets, stores, temples and residential housing built in the Ming and Qing dynasties.

MNA/Xinhua

First cross-Strait elite forum concludes with joint proposal

SHANGHAI, 17 Sept — The first forum of elites from the Chinese Mainland and Taiwan ended here Friday with a joint

proposal calling for closer economic ties and pushing the peaceful and stable development of the cross-Strait relations. The four-point proposal encourages Taiwan's businessmen to invest in the Mainland, saying their lawful rights will be protected.

It claims to actively push the progress of direct flights between the Mainland and Taiwan in 2006.

Meanwhile, the proposal calls for promoting

agricultural exchanges and cooperation across the Taiwan Strait, including trade of agricultural products and exploration of fishing resources.

It also stresses the normalization of economic relations, such as two-way investment and cooperation in banking, securities and insurance.

The two-day forum of elites, which opened Thursday in Shanghai, attracted more than 120 scholars and

business figures from both sides of the Straits. They discussed issues such as the economic development of the Chinese Mainland and Taiwan businessmen's investment in the Mainland, direct air and shipping links across the Straits, the prospect of agricultural exchange and cooperation between the two sides, and improvement in cross-Strait investment and trade during the forum.

MNA/Xinhua



Fourteen-month-old, Gul Makay, looks on after her successful open-heart surgery at a hospital in the southern Indian city of Bangalore on 16 September, 2005. — INTERNET

ACLU releases Iraq prisoner abuse report documents

NEW YORK, 17 Sept — Some US soldiers serving in Iraq interrogated prisoners "using techniques they literally remembered from the movies", according to documents from a US military report released by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The civil rights group released on Thursday 1,800 pages of documents obtained from the government as part of a federal lawsuit seeking information on the treatment of US-held detainees.

The US military was widely criticized after pictures of guards abusing detainees in Abu Ghraib Prison outside Baghdad were made public in April 2004.

ACLU said the documents, taken from interviews conducted for a 2004 investigation by

Lieutenant-General Paul Mikolashek, the Army's inspector-general, contradict the investigation's findings that there were no systematic failures that led to detainee abuse.

One observation, taken from interviews of military personnel in the 4th Infantry Division, said officers "engaged in interrogations using techniques they literally remembered from the movies".

Anthony Romero, executive director of the

ACLU, said the documents were evidence of widespread abuse.

"When troops rely on movies to learn interrogation techniques rather than proper training, our government has failed and the blame is on Washington, not Hollywood," he said.

Another observation of the same infantry division noted, "there was no specific training on the treatment of detainees; the MPs relied on their common knowledge in this area". — MNA/Reuters

Iraq violence prompts British U-turn

LONDON, 18 Sept—A recent upsurge in violence in Iraq has prompted Britain's government to shelve plans to reduce the number of its troops serving in the country, it was reported.

There was now no official target date for British soldiers to leave Iraq amid fears it is heading into full-scale civil war, *The Sunday Telegraph* newspaper said.

The original plan, never announced by Defence Secretary John Reid, would

have seen thousands of British troops returned home by next month, with the remainder home by mid-2006, the paper said.

One serving British army brigadier told the paper that the military was increasingly worried about the long-term commitment to Iraq. More than 200 Iraqi Shiites have been killed this week alone in attacks by Sunni extremists, with a car bomb killing at least 30 on the outskirts of Baghdad.—Internet



Iraqi youngsters shout and clap their hands walking on the tread of a US Army tank damaged by a roadside bomb in Ramadi, 113 kms (70 miles) west of Baghdad, on 17 September, 2005.—INTERNET

India, Russia to set up JSG for CECA

NEW DELHI, 17 Sept — Giving a significant thrust to their bilateral relationship, India and Russia will set up a joint study group (JSG) to explore the possibilities of a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement.

"Politically there is an in-principle agreement on setting up the JSG, which may be announced at the Indo-Russian Summit before the end of the year," Kanwal Sibal, India's Ambassador to Russia, told reporters on sidelines of a Confederation of Indian Industries conclave here.

He said India was particularly keen to invest in the energy sector in Russia, with Oil and Natural Gas Corporation of India making a proposal to Gazprom to source oil and gas from the country on a long-term basis.

India's Petroleum Minister Mani Shanker Aiyar,

who has already visited the country twice, would be visiting it for the third time when he goes to Sakhalin site at monthend.

"We have identified areas of interest to us where potentially, if conditions are created, India would be willing to invest substantial sums in Russia's energy sector. Russia can be a major partner in India's quest for energy security," he said.

Identifying banking and technology sectors as the drivers of the bilateral relationship, he said there was a need to ensure that issue of business visas did not hamper this growth.

"Problem in obtaining Russian visas is discouraging many companies and businessmen, including in the IT sector, to seriously look at opportunities in Russia," he said.

Pointing at the growing cooperation in the banking sector, Sibal said while State Bank of India and Canara Bank had established first Indian commercial bank, Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) has bought a Russian bank.—MNA/PTI

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School children and volunteers collect the rubbish along the beach during the 'Clean Up The World' project held in Terengganu, east coast of Malaysia, on 17 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Bangkok braces for flooding

BANGKOK, 18 Sept — Bangkok is bracing for much more rain on Monday as season weather moves into Thailand from Vietnam and Laos.

A tropical depression moving across Laos and Cambodia from Vietnam is expected to hit the northern, northeastern and eastern regions of Thailand on Sunday bearing heavy rainfall and possible flash floods, the *Thai News Agency* quoted an announcement issued by the Meteorological Department as saying.

The announcement, released on Saturday evening, said the depression named Vicente — then centred 120 km east of the Vietnamese central province of Quang Tri— was expected to hit the province on Sunday. At least 11 provinces in Thailand's North, Northeast and East are expected to experience heavy rainfall and flash floods.

As the depression moves further inland and then out to sea it will also cause heavy storms in both the Gulf of Thailand and the Andaman Sea for the next three or four days, the announcement said. In Bangkok, Governor, Apirak, Kosayodhin said more than 1,000 pumps were ready for emergency use.

Apirak said water could be drained within an hour if the amount of rain was not more than 60mm.

MNA/Xinhua

UN agency says ozone depletion likely to continue

GENEVA, 17 Sept — Ozone depletion is likely to continue and the so-called ozone recovery has yet to be confirmed, a United Nations agency said on Friday.

"The size of the ozone hole this year was expected to be in the same region as in 2000 and 2003, the two largest ozone holes recorded so far," Geir Braathen, an expert of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), told reporters on Friday.

He made the speech on an occasion to mark the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

For this time of the year, the WMO has never observed such a low ozone value as now seen over the South Pole, and ozone destruction started this year earlier than usual, he said.

At present, the hole over the Antarctic is about 27 million square kilometres and the WMO expects it to increase to about 28

million square kilometres, slightly below its 2003 peak at about 29 million square kilometres.

From May to mid-September 2005, the meteorological conditions in the Antarctic stratosphere were close to the 1995-2004 average: colder than 2004 but a little warmer

than in 2003, according to the WMO.

Braathen said the so-called ozone recovery has yet to be confirmed but it is possible to say that ozone depletion is going on at a slower rate than before.

Based on recent patterns, he expects the ozone

holes to hover around this year's size for a few more years before they begin to shrink.

The WMO, in collaboration with the ozone science community, is keeping a close eye on the development of the ozone hole, the UN agency said.

MNA/Xinhua

Moderate earthquake hits India's southern islands

NEW DELHI, 18 Sept — An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter Scale hit India's southern Nicobar Islands on Sunday, causing no damage or injuries, according to the Indian Meteorological Department.

The quake, an aftershock from the 26 Dec earthquake, hit just under the Indian Ocean seabed northeast of India's Nicobar Islands, the meteorological department said in a statement.

It was the fifth earthquake to rock the region this month, all with magnitudes ranging from 5 to 5.4.

The 26 Dec tsunami, caused by a magnitude 9 earthquake off the coast of Indonesia, killed about 3,500 people in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

MNA/Xinhua



A US helicopter takes off from the scene of a roadside bomb attack that targeted 4 trucks loaded with foodstuff for Americans on 17 September, 2005, western Baghdad on the Ghazaliya Khadraa high way. —INTERNET

1,898 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — As of Saturday, 17 Sept, 2005, at least 1,898 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,475 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count matches the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Friday.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,759 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,366 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

Hu says China to keep to road of peaceful development

UNITED NATIONS, 17 Sept— China will unswervingly keep to the path of peaceful development, Chinese President Hu Jintao reiterated here Thursday at the United Nations summit marking the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the world body.

China will continue to hold high the banner of peace, development and cooperation, and firmly pursue the independent foreign policy of peace, the Chinese President said.

China will continue to dedicate itself to developing friendly relations and cooperation with all countries on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, he said.

"Always integrating our development with the common progress of mankind, we take full advantage of the opportunities brought by world peace and development to pursue our own development while going for better promotion of world peace and common development through our

successful development."

"China will, as always, abide by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, actively participate in international affairs and fulfil its international obligations, and work with other countries to build a new international political and economic order that is fair and rational," Hu said.

The Chinese nation loves peace, and China's development will not hurt or threaten anyone, but serve peace, stability and common prosperity in the world, the President noted.

Also at the meeting, the Chinese President put forward a four-point proposal for building a harmonious world with lasting peace and common prosperity:

— A new security concept featuring mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality and cooperation must be cultivated.

— The United Nations should take concrete measures to implement the Millennium Goals, particularly in the area of accelerating the development of developing countries.

— Every country has the right to independently choose its own social system and path of development.

— Rational and necessary reforms should be carried out to maintain the authority of the United Nations and improve its efficacy and capacity to take on new threats and new challenges.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese passengers evacuate from a plane in fire, during an emergency rescue exercise at Capital International Airport in Beijing on 16 September, 2005.

INTERNET

US launches airstrike at guerilla hideout in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 17 Sept — US warplanes waged an airstrike at a guerilla hideout and weapons caches in a northern Iraqi town near the Syrian border, killing nine "suspected terrorists", the US military said on Friday.

Two AV8-B Harrier jets shelled an abandoned school in Karabilah Thursday night. The target was being used by al-Qaeda militants as a launch pad to carry out attacks against "local civilians and coalition forces", the military said in a statement.

The jetfighters used precision-guided 225-kilo bombs on the town, located some 320 kilometres west of Baghdad, the statement said.

"Nine terrorists were confirmed killed and one vehicle destroyed," the statement said, adding that several explosions were

heard after the attack.

The US troops have launched several offensives against guerillas in Karabilah and several other small towns on the Syrian border, known by the US military as a smuggling route for foreign fighters.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi girl stands outside a tent in an Iraqi Red Crescent camp for people displaced by fighting in Tal Afar, Iraq, 420 kilometres (260 miles) northwest of Baghdad, on 15 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Poll shows American support for Iraq war at all-time low

NEW YORK, 17 Sept — Support for the war in Iraq among Americans has tumbled to an all-time low, according to a New York Times/CBS News poll published on Saturday.

Only 44 percent of those surveyed said the United States did the right thing by invading Iraq, the lowest rating since the question was first asked by the poll more than two years ago, the poll showed, according to *The New York Times*.

Furthermore, more than eight in 10 Americans are very or somewhat concerned that the war is costing money and resources needed in the United States, the poll showed.

The poll results come as the United States faces a bill of as much as \$200 billion to rebuild the Gulf Coast after the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. President George W Bush has promised not to raise taxes to pay for it, as Americans also grapple with high

prices at the pump in Katrina's aftermath.

The poll also showed sharp racial divides in how the war is perceived by Americans. Only 36 percent of white Americans felt the war was having a negative impact in their communities, compared to 58 percent of black Americans.

Nearly 60 percent now disapprove of the president's handling of the Iraqi conflict and nearly half of all Americans are not proud of what the United States is doing in the war, the poll found.

The nationwide telephone poll was conducted from 9 through 13 September among 1,167 adults and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.—Internet

At least one killed, ten injured in Beirut explosion

BEIRUT, 18 Sept — A large explosion shook the eastern outskirts of Beirut on Friday night, killing at least one person and wounding some 10 others, security sources said.

One person was killed in the booby-trapped car blast in Ashrafiyah neighbourhood in Beirut, a senior security source said.

He added that the bomb was planted under the car and that it was believed to be detonated by a remote control. The injured were admitted to hospital for treatment.

Another security

source said in details that the bomb exploded near a branch of Lebanon's Byblos Bank in the area of Achrafieh and heard throughout Beirut, adding it badly damaged a building and destroyed two cars.

Following the blast, Lebanese security forces sealed off the area, witnesses said.

The Lebanese capital, especially the mainly Christian areas east of Beirut, have witnessed a string of night time explosions since the assassination of former Lebanese prime minister Rafik al-Hariri who was slain in a car bomb on a Beirut street on 14 February.

MNA/Xinhua

Car bomb kills 30 in market in Nahrwan east of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 18 Sept — A car bomb killed 30 people and wounded 38 in a town east of Baghdad on Saturday at the end of one of the bloodiest weeks in and around the Iraqi capital since the US-led invasion of 2003.

A police spokesman said the explosion in Nahrwan, some 45 kilometres (30 miles) from Baghdad, also wounded 38 people.

"It was not a suicide bomb," he said. "A car parked in the middle of the square and later it blew up."

Iraq's Shi'ite- and Kurdish-led government, backed by the United States, faces a Sunni Arab revolt that has intensified ahead of an 15 October referendum on a new Constitution.

Earlier on Saturday police in Baghdad found nine bodies shot in the head and chest in three separate incidents.—MNA/Reuters

Suicide car bomb hits joint US-Iraqi convoy

FALLUJAH, 18 Sept — A suicide car bomber blew himself up near a joint US and Iraqi military convoy in the restive city of Fallujah on Saturday, witnesses said.

"A suicide bomber drove his explosive-packed car into a joint US and Iraqi convoy in the industrial area in Fallujah, destroying two vehicles belong to the Iraqi Army," Abdul-Rahman, a local resident told *Xinhua*.

All the soldiers aboard were either killed or wounded, he said, adding that the blast also killed a civilian and wounded two others.—MNA/Xinhua

Tatmadaw families, wellwishers donate provisions to Monasteries in Kamayut Township

YANGON, 18 Sept — Provision offering ceremony of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) families and wellwishers to the Pariyatti Monasteries in Kamayut Township was held at Thusaikayon Pariyatti Monastery on Baho Road in Kamayut

this evening.

It was attended by Presiding Sayadaws of the Monasteries, members of the Sangha, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint

Swe, Deputy Ministers, Vice-Mayor, senior military officials and wellwishers.

The commander and wellwishers offered provisions to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha.

On behalf of

Tatmadaw families, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and Colonel General Staff (Air) Colonel Chan Maung donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

The wellwishers

then donated offertories to the Sayadaws.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepted cash donated by the wellwishers.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Deputy Minister for

Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun and Vice-Adjutant General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe accepted cash donated by the wellwishers.

The commander and party shared merits gained. Today's donation amounted to K 3,518,880 and 151 bags of rice, 145 viss of edible oil, 55 viss of grains, 374 viss of iodized salt, 61 tubes of toothpaste, 3021 bottles of assorted traditional medicines, 480 packets of chili powder, 152 viss of dried fish, fish sauce bottles, 304 cakes of soft soaps and 304 bars of soaps.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party share merits at the ceremony to donate provisions to monasteries in Kamayut Township.—MNA

False and fabricated stories

Hla Thein Htay

The news stories issued freely must be the ones that serve the interests of the public, but not the ones that harm the public interests. According to the press ethics, news stories shall be absolutely free from impartiality. In today's media world, some journalists and news agencies respect the press ethics and stand by the public while some journalists and news agencies are self-centred and invent stories for their self-interests.

Here, it can be said that media is like fire because proper use of fire brings benefits. Otherwise fire poses danger to men, and so does media. The International News Journal translated a story that was carried in the Newsweek magazine of 22-8-2005.

In the story, a British official said weaponry scientists of former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein were still held captive in Baghdad by officials of US Intelligence. UN weapons inspectors searched for weapons of mass destruction (WMD) for a decade in Iraq. But they found no WMD there. Nor did they find any documents or evidences for technologies to produce WMD.

The official added that UN weapons inspection commission submitted the case of the search of WMD in Iraq to the Security Council last June, but the SC did not take it seriously. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) had recently disbanded the group comprising experts that was assigned duties to find out WMD of Iraq. The group found no evidences of WMD that had been banned for long in Iraq, he said.

The truth about the non-existence of WMD was revealed only later. Relying on the false information, the US and coalition forces invaded Iraq.

Attacks with exaggerated stories have led to collapses of some unions and internal armed conflicts shedding a lot of blood in some nations. There still exist in the human society conflicts, casualties and deaths due to disunity among families, brothers and sisters and friends who have been incited

by external events.

Such stories are carried by publications, motion pictures, dramas, and Jatakas discoursed by the Lord Buddha for the audience to take invaluable lessons.

At the press conference No 6/2005 conducted by the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council on 28 August 2005, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that it was known to all that at 8.15 pm on 23 August 2005, BBC broadcast a fabricated news story on State leaders and the nation together with supplementary

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"Indeed, such news poses a grave danger to the nation. Under the press ethics, a broadcasting station should find out whether such a story which is very important for a nation is correct or not, and whether it is substantive or not, as it is more impor-

tant than normal news items. They should air such important news only after ascertaining the authenticity and accuracy. However, without doing so, BBC broadcast fabricated news of internal and external destructive elements. Being a world famous news station, BBC should not have done that.

"That BBC news report can be found with links with the aboveground, underground and expatriate three-pronged attack. As you journalists are experienced ones, you can see the BBC's ulterior motive.

"Our politicians in the nation have passed various periods. They experienced during the 1988 incidents how BBC and other media fuelled unrest for spreading anarchy throughout the country by broadcasting instigative, slanderous and fabricated news. I believe that our journalists know how BBC's recent broadcasts were made timely with terrorist destructive elements' plan for creating unrest. However, some so-called politicians in interviews with RFA, DVB, VOA and other broadcasting stations tried to aggravate the issue. It is regrettable for the country and the people".

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Therefore, the entire national people are urged to be fully vigilant against false and fabricated news stories aired by BBC and certain broadcasting stations that are under the complete domination of the Western bloc.

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Secretary-1 attends rice donation ceremony for monasteries, nunnery in Insein Township



Secretary-1 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party take Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tilokabhivamsa at the ceremony to donate alms to monasteries and nunnery in Insein Township.— MNA

YANGON, 18 Sept — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to offer provisions donated by Tatmadaw families and local people to 15 monasteries and one nunnery in Insein Township this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Sangha and nuns, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, officials and wellwishers.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein donated alms to Ywama Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nandavamsa.

Next, the commander, the minister, the deputy minister and officials presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and Colonel General Staff (Air) Col Nay Win offered provisions to the Sayadaws and nuns.

Afterwards, the commander, the minister, the vice-mayor and wellwishers donated alms to the Sayadaws.

Commander, Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun and Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe accepted cash donations for the trust funds of the monasteries and the nunnery presented by wellwishers.

Today's donations amounted to 452 bags of rice, 299 viss of edible oil, 678 viss of gram, 1,939 viss of iodized salt, 388 tubes of tooth paste, 3,828 bottles of traditional medicines, 3,982 bars of soap, 1,095 viss of dry fish, 60 packets of dry noodle, 1,920 packets of chilli powder and K 7,052,550.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash donations from a wellwisher.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers donations to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandabhivamsa of Ywama Pariyatti Monastery.— MNA

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Furthermore, local people and officials from departments concerned and social organizations at the state, district and township levels should hold monthly meetings on regional matters and weak and strong points of the region for serving the interests of the region and the State. Therefore, local people are now to start practising discipline-flourishing democratic system that contributes much towards peace and stability and regional development.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected thriving paddy fields in Kengtung and viewed fertilizer broadcasting at 100 acres of model paddy fields.

At Maha Muni Buddha Image in Kengtung, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win paid homage to the Buddha image and made cash donations.

Afterwards, they oversaw development of Kengtung by car.

At Sasana Beikman in Kengtung, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attended the ceremony to donate rice to nine monasteries of the town. They took the Five Precepts from Kengyin Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta

Khemaçara. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party offered provisions to the Sayadaws.

Dhammawdaya Monastery Presiding Nayaka Agga Maha Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Arjeya delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

At the donation ceremony, 100 bags of rice, 10 viss of edible oil, 10 viss of salt and eight requisites were offered to the monasteries.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party arrived at Golden Triangle Yeiktha in Kengtung.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets departmental officials, social organizations and local people at the fertilizer broadcasting and weeding at monsoon paddy fields in Kengtung.— MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects production of locomotives and carriages of Myanmar Railways. — MNA

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The Secretary-1 said the Tatmadaw government is performing duties for State defence and national development. At the same time, it is trying to transform the nation into a democratic one in accord with the desire of the people. In addition, now is the time when the government is striving its utmost to develop the country in all aspects that lagged behind others due to the instability after independence. The State is now on the path to progress in all sectors. Looking to the international community, it can be seen that industrialized countries are accumulating more wealth. The country itself is striving to gain necessary resources and produce technicians for the establishment of an industrialized nation. As Myanmar is an agro-based country, it will have to establish an industrialized one through the

agricultural products. Meanwhile, measures are being taken for the emergence of human resources.

With such facilities as dams and reservoirs, seasonal and perennial crops are thriving in the nation. Steps are being taken for the nurturing of intellectuals and intelligentsia in the education sector. In this context, the Secretary-1 said, health sector plays an important role in producing intellectuals and intelligentsia as they will be able to participate in the national development drive only when they are strong

Myanmar traditional physicians and efficacious medicines. With the advancing science and technology in the world today, it is necessary for the country to measure the efficacy of its medicines and to produce efficacious traditional medicines. For the development of Myanmar traditional medical world, measures need to be taken for exposing medical treatises that were obscured.

Being aware of the changing world today, it is necessary for the people to stand on their own feet

Myitnge Carriage and Cargo Shed produces 1,000 prestressed concrete sleepers, 3,000 rubber pads, 5,000 pandrd clips and 2,000 insulator pads annually.

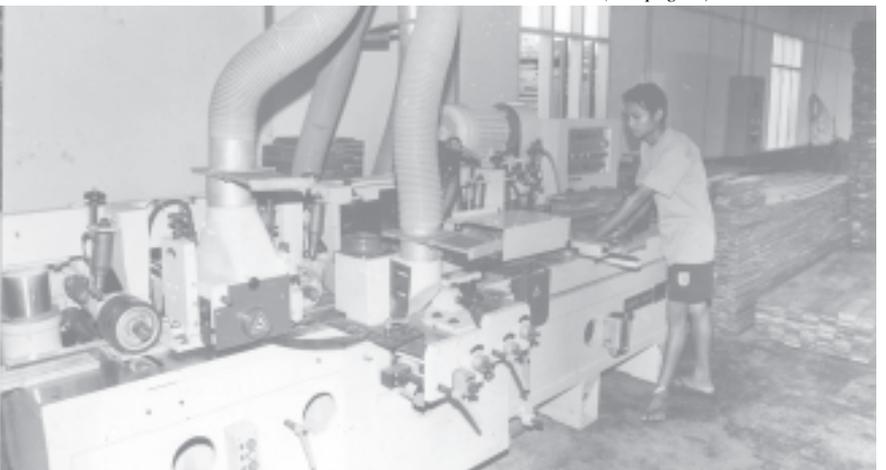


Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects the production of spare parts renovo by Myanmar railways. — MNA

and healthy. That's why construction of hospitals and dispensaries is being extended for the improvement of health care services. Traditional medical scholars have a role in providing health care to the public. Myanmar people, especially those in the rural areas, have been relying on traditional medicine since the times of their ancestors. There emerged famous

in times of emergency. The State has established the Traditional Medicine University and is giving help for the development of Myanmar traditional medical science. Traditional medicine hospitals are being opened in big cities and other townships. Besides, the traditional medicine practitioners conference is being held

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views around furniture factory of MWO Dakonhit Wood-based Industry Co Ltd in Sagaing. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets with faculty members of Traditional Medicine University in Mandalay.— MNA



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annually to improve the skills of the practitioner. So, students are urged to pursue their branches of traditional medical science extensively and systematically. They are to try for Myanmar traditional medical science to catch up with international medical science.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thein Sein greeted

the students of Acupuncture Department. Mandalay Traditional Medicine University is situated in Ohbo Shwekyin Ward in Aungmyay Thazan Township. There are 221 first year students, 103 second year students, 174 third year students and 174 fourth year students totalling 672 in 2004-2005 academic year. In the herbal garden, herbal

plants for six major diseases and 3000 other plants (300 kinds) are cultivated. Students can learn at the library various kinds of books on Myanmar traditional

After attending the opening of Myitnge Bridge in Singaing Township yesterday, the Secretary-1 arrived at Myitnge Carriage and Cargo Shed of Myanma

on the history of Myitnge Carriage and Cargo Shed and production.

Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin reported on implementation of the guidance of

port, other ministries and private entrepreneurs and establishment of foundry.

Factory Manager U Tun Oo reported on functions of the shed, repairs of carriages and cargo



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein sein cordially converses with students of Mandalay Traditional Medicine University.— MNA

As Myanmar is an agro-based country, it will have to establish an industrialized one through the agricultural products. Meanwhile, measures are being taken for the emergence of human resources.

medicine and western medical science, magazines and journals. At the museum of the university, portraits of Myanmar traditional physicians and herbal plants from all parts of the country are hung.

Railways.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed there by Deputy Minister of Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin and officials. Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min reported

the Head of State on construction of carriages of high standard, fulfillment of requirements for spare parts, production of spare parts in cooperation with the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Industry-2, the Ministry of Trans-

shed, production of bogie and rolling stocks and the main parts.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min reported on the site chosen for construction of railroad and prospects for use of Myitnge Bridge as a railcum-road one.

The Secretary-1 said the Head of State had given guidance on renovation of railroads, maintenance of locomotives and carriages and regular running of the trains. He spoke of the need to implement the guidance

He spoke on production of spare parts in coordination with the ministries and industrial zones and striving for earning regular income and progress of railway transport services.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected the hook coupler, auto coupler and dampers innovated by the factory.

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University of Traditional Medicine located in Ohbo Shwekyin Ward of Aungmyethazan Township.— MNA

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They also inspected samples of upholstered seats in upper class coach, wheels and axles, fibre, rubber and spring and spare parts and production of coaches and flat wagon.

The Secretary-1 and party went to pre-stressed concrete sleeper factory (Myitnge). They inspected production of rail clip, rubber pad, production process of sleepers and storage of sleepers. Deputy Minister Thura U Thaug Lwin and officials explained about the products to them.

The factory produces 1,000 pre-stressed concrete sleepers, 3,000 rubber pad, 5,000 pandrol clips and 2,000 insulator pads annually.

Chairman of Central Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Secretary-1

Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party arrived at wood product factory of Dangunthit Wood-based Industrial Co Ltd of MWVO.

Officials concerned reported on salient points of the factory and investment. The Secretary-1 inspected the factory.

The Secretary-1 and party arrived back here in the evening.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan arrived at sub-printing house of News and Periodicals Enterprise in Mandalay. The minister gave instructions on distribution of newspaper in time in Mandalay and its environs and maintenance of machines. Officials reported on work done, opening of self-reliance libraries in all villages soon, fire preventive measures and security—MNA

Priority to be given to cultivation...

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and arrangements are to be made to distribute 3 million rubber saplings from the distribution farm for extended cultivation. Mon State was the very first place of cultivating rubber. As there are many good natural conditions for it, priority is to be given to cultivation of rubber, he added. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the nurture of rubber saplings in the distribution farm.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to Hsinthwelat paddy fields of peasant U Kyaw Oo in Zayatchaugkwin in Thaton Township and heard reports on extended cultivation of Shwepytan, Hsinshwelat and Yesinlonthwe paddy strains up to 460 acres.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects sub-printing house of News and Periodicals Enterprise in Mandalay.—MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo donates cash for rural health centre to the officials.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing gave a supplementary report on the arrangements for cultivation of 1 million acres of monsoon paddy. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo encouraged the local peasants. He gave instructions that as the Head of State is placing emphasis on development of agricultural tasks, arrangements have been made for manufacturing agricultural equipment in

the country. Local farmers are to strive for improvement of agricultural tasks and use agricultural equipment produced by the State to be able to transform from manual into mechanized farming. After that, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected thriving 15-acre Hsinthwelat quality paddy fields.

At The-ein village in Paung Township, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented

167 books donated by the Ministry of Information and cash donated by Mon State PDC for Shwe library in the village to officials and gave instructions on long term existence.

On arrival at rural health care unit in The-ein village, Lt-Gen Maung Bo donated cash for supplying medicines for the unit.

Next, he proceeded to The-ein BEHS and heard reports on academic matters and applications of multimedia equipment at school. At the hall of the school, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on training to turn out the outstanding youths, applying effective multimedia facilities, striving for regional development, joining hands with local authorities to crush and prevent the danger of destructionists. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo donated cash to The-ein BEHS through the headmaster and cordially greeted those present.—MNA



In Matlan Village, wooden Matlan Bridge was upgraded to concrete one, spending K 286.1 million

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24 special region development plan, the plan for four special regions of Shan State and that for

five rural development tasks have been laid down and are being implemented. In Shan State

(South), school enrolment rate of the school-going children rose to 96.69 per cent. There are 2,351 basic education schools in

the state. Among them, 1,264 schools have been equipped with multimedia facilities. In the higher education sector, the state has opened two universities, one Education College and 30 e-Learning Centres. Likewise, two Government Computer Colleges have also been inaugurated in the science and technology sector. In Shan State (South), literacy rate increased 91.80

per cent in 2005. Furthermore, Shan State stood at the fourth position in the passing rate of matriculation examination in the entire nation for 2004-05 academic year and stood first in Upper Myanmar region. Laikha Township has 52 basic education schools and all the villages have opened primary schools. Now, students who passed the matriculation exam are joining

Panglong University, GCC and GTC.

With regard to the health sector, there are 52 hospitals including specialist hospitals, 59 rural health care units and 273 health care branches in Shan State. At present, Loilem District has one 200-bed specialist hospital. Likewise, Laikha Township has one 25-bed hospital, one maternal and (See page 11)



Head of District Health Department Dr Cho Tun presents medicines to Midwife Daw Han Zar Tun of rural health care branch of Matlan Village.—MNA

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Development of Matlan Village makes clear that the accusations of destructive elements are totally wrong



Chairperson Daw Nan Ngwe Htay of District WAO donates books to the library in Matlan Village to Chairman of Village PDC U Ainta.— MNA



Chairperson of District MCWA Daw Htwe Htwe Hla presents 30 dozen exercise books and a cassette to U Sanda for Matlan Village BEPS.— MNA

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 child health care unit, one rural health care unit and four health care branches. Number of sown acreage increased to over 1 million acres from over 600,000 acres in Shan State (South). As there are 36,794 acres of paddy in Laikha Township, local food sufficiency of the township was 212.35 per cent in 2004-05 fiscal year. Now, arrangements are being made by local growers to export garlic, soya bean and other crops.

In the electric power sector, Zawgyi-1 and Zawgyi-2 medium-scale hydel power plants that can generate 30 megawatt was built in Yaksawk Township, Shan State (South), and the Coal-Fired Power Plant that can produce 120 megawatt was constructed in Pinyintha Village of Tikyit Region in Pinlaung Township. Moreover, Kengtawng Hydel Power Plant Project that can generate 54 megawatt and Tarhsan Hydel Power Plant Project that can supply 7,310 megawatt are being implemented. So far, 74 villages in Laikha Township have

been supplied with electricity on a self-reliant basis.

In Matlan Village, wooden Matlan Bridge was upgraded to a concrete one, spending K 286.1 million. In addition, roads and bridges linking among villages have been constructed in the township.

The Government sank wells and built lakes for supplying drinking water, built TV re-transmission stations and opened village libraries for development of the rural areas in all aspects. Only when the entire national people participate in development tasks of the Government, will success be achieved. At present, members of USDA, MAAF, MCWA and other social organizations are taking part in the regional development tasks all out, and he explained development of rural regions.

Head of District Health Department Dr Cho Tun presented medicines to Midwife Daw Han Zar Tun of the rural health care branch of Matlan Village; Chairperson Daw Htwe Htwe Hla of Dis-

trict MCW Supervisory Committee gave 30 dozens of exercise books and one cassette for 67 students of Matlan BEPS to member of the school board of trustees U Sanda; and Chairperson of District MAO Daw Nan Ngwe Htay presented 300 books for Matlan Village Library to Chairman of Village PDC U Einda.

Daw Nan Htay Kywe of Health Department, on behalf of the local people, spoke words of thanks. She said that local people have enough food because of increased production of paddy, pea, onion and edible oil crops as well as breeding pig and poultry farms. There is no one who is malnourished and suffers from HIV/AIDS in the region. MAAF and MCWA often provide health care service to children and mothers. Furthermore, educative talks were given to the local people to prevent human trafficking and violence against women. Hence, local people enjoy fruitful results of health facilities without difficulties. In conclusion, she said that education and health equipment

will be used for the village.

U Sai Tun Oo of Matlan Village also expressed gratitude. He said that in the past, the village had no students and teachers. At present, school-age children are under proper care of teachers at the village school. After completion of primary educa-

tion, the students from Matlan Village may attend BEHS in Laikha, and then, have the opportunity to join Panglong University, 26 miles from Matlan Village, to pursue higher education. Nowadays, sector-wise progress has been

achieved in the rural regions similar to the urban areas. Meanwhile, a medical team comprising specialists and physicians from Loilem District General Hospital gave free treatment to 356 local people.

Similarly, MAO and MCWA held the rural round-table discussions

village. At the time of the Government of the State Peace and Development Council, the Government and local people made concerted efforts harmoniously for development of the rural areas. Therefore, development in all aspects can be seen in Matlan Village of Laikha Township,



A doctor of Loilem District General Hospital provides medical treatment to the villagers of Matlan village.— MNA

and discussed development of the rural region. Members of Township and Village WAOs talked on rural development tasks carried out in Matlan Village. Furthermore, they provided assistance to older persons of the

Shan State (South). That is why the development of Matlan Village makes clear that the accusations of internal and external destructive elements who ignore the progress of the State are totally wrong.

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Staff of Loilem District General Hospital provide medical treatment to the villagers of Matlan village.— MNA



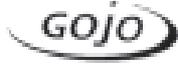
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Eight missing after ship sinks in Siberia's north

Moscow, 17 Sept—As many as eight people may have died on Friday after an overloaded cargo ship sank in the icy waters off Russia's Siberian coast, officials said. Rescue officials told local news agencies the ship was carrying 15 people and around 80 tons of goods, although it was designed to carry less than half as much.

"Seven people were saved, the remainder are considered missing," Emergencies Ministry Spokesman Viktor Beltsov said, adding that their chances of surviving for long in the Arctic waters were very small.

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Bulgarian police seize smuggled amphetamines

SOFIA, 17 Sept—Bulgarian border police have seized 110 kilos (243 pounds) of amphetamine pills bound for Turkey worth around 3.2 million leva (2.01 million US dollars), the Customs office said on Friday.

Police detained a Turkish truck driver delivering automobile tyres from Britain to Turkey, the office said in a statement. The drugs were hidden in the driver's tool box.

The EU-aspirant state has long served as a route for smugglers trafficking goods from Asia and Western Europe. It has been warned to tighten border controls and enforce the rule of law before joining the Union in 2007 or 2008.

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Advertisement in Burmese script for a product, likely related to the GOJO brand mentioned in the adjacent ad.

Annan warns world of nuclear brinkmanship

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Sept—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, highlighting the growing threat of the spread of nuclear weapons and terrorism, warned the world on Saturday of the danger of "diplomatic brinkmanship".

He was addressing the UN General Assembly session hours before Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was to unveil new proposals intended to ally international suspicions about Teheran's secretive nuclear programme. Annan said the global consensus underlying the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty was badly frayed and months of negotiation had ended in failure twice this year.

"Yet we face growing risks of proliferation and catastrophic terrorism, and the stakes are too high to continue down a dangerous path of diplomatic brinkmanship." He was speaking against a backdrop of stalled negotiations over the nuclear ambitions of North Korea and Iran, with potentially far-reaching consequences for security in the fragile regions of Northeast Asia and the Middle East.

Annan took a veiled swipe at the United States, which thwarted agreement at this week's world summit on how to combat weapons of mass destruction because it was unwilling to renew an old pledge by nuclear powers to move toward disarmament. "States could not even agree to reaffirm their existing commitments, or find a way forward, even at the level of principles. They have been content to point fingers at each other, rather than work for solutions," the UN chief said.

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Venezuela says US drug criticism is political ploy

CARACAS (Venezuela), 17 Sept—Venezuela said on Friday that Washington's criticism of its anti-narcotics effort was "false" and politically motivated and did not reflect the country's successes fighting illegal drugs.

The US Government said on Thursday Venezuela had failed to stop illegal drug shipments to the United States last year in a judgment likely to worsen deteriorating political ties between Washington and the world's fifth-biggest oil exporter.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, a vocal critic of US foreign policy, dismissed the classification as part of a campaign by Washington to discredit his

government. "Absolutely false. We have broken records this year in confiscation of cocaine in the fight against drug trafficking," he told ABC's "Nightline". "Those are the false aggressions, the false signals we've been receiving," he said in New York.

The White House said Venezuela would not face sanctions usually associated with the designation

and that Washington would maintain programmes to help Venezuela's institutions and strengthen its political parties. Venezuela said the waiver allowed Washington to keep funding opponents of Chavez, a self-styled revolutionary whom US officials accuse of eroding democracy at home and menacing regional stability in alliance with Cuban President Fidel Castro.

"This is a capricious

and absolutely political judgment, that is completely at odds with the position of other governments involved in the fight against drugs," Venezuelan Vice-President Jose Vicente Rangel said.

Venezuelan Government officials cite their anti-narcotics cooperation with European countries and recent successes in halting cocaine shipments to the Caribbean.

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Danish police recover stolen Rembrandt painting

COPENHAGEN, 17 Sept—Danish police have recovered a self-portrait of 17th-Century Dutch master Rembrandt that was stolen in a daring raid on Sweden's National Museum spokesman said on Friday.

Danish news agency Ritzau said the police caught the four men while they were displaying the 40-million-US-dollar painting to a potential buyer at a Copenhagen hotel on Thursday evening.

"We have recovered the painting during a planned action," police spokesman Flemming Steen Munch told Reuters, adding that two Iraqi men, a Gambian man and a Swede have been arrested.

The painting was stolen alongside two masterworks by Renoir when armed robbers entered the museum on Stockholm's waterfront just before closing time in December 2000.

Renoir's "Conversation" was recovered by Swedish police in 2001.

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Dutchman sentenced for killing pregnant wife

BRUSSELS, 17 Sept—A 31-year-old Dutchman, who suffocated his pregnant wife at home and then brought his 18-month-old daughter to McDonald's for a "happy meal", got 16 years of imprisonment on Friday, the Dutch news agency ANP reported.

The victim, 29, was five months pregnant on December 16 last year when she was murdered at home in Zaandam northwest of Amsterdam.

A court in Haarlem west of Amsterdam imposed a 16-year term on the man identified as SK, said ANP. Amsterdam man R.N, 31, was also sentenced for his part in the crime.

Full names of crime suspects and convicts are usually withheld to the public in the Netherlands.

The court heard that after he killed his wife, SK brought his 18-month-old daughter to McDonald's for a "happy meal".

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Democrats warn of potential "Katrina" contract abuse

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept—Rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina could be ripe for fraud if government whistle-blowers are not better protected than those who lost their jobs after disclosing abuses in Iraq's reconstruction, a leading Senate Democrat said on Friday.

Senator Byron Dorgan of North Dakota said all necessary resources should be deployed to rebuild New Orleans and the US Gulf Coast, but the billions of dollars in expected government spending must be carefully monitored.

"We simply must ensure accountability for these massive expenditures — so that these dollars don't just wind up lining the pockets of unscrupulous contractors, as we've seen all too often in Iraq," Dorgan said at an unofficial hear-

ing held by the Democratic Policy Committee, a congressional group.

"One of the keys to ensuring accountability is to have civil servants who witness fraud, waste and abuse to blow the whistle," Dorgan said. Dorgan

called the hearing to review the cases of two contracting officers who say they were forced out of jobs at the US Army Corp of Engineers after exposing problems with Iraq contracts.

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Scientists find how “SARS” virus infects human cells

LOS ANGELES, 17 Sept — The first detailed images of a piece of spike-shaped protein on the shell of the SARS virus have unveiled how the virus grabs host cells and initiates infection, scientists reported on Thursday.

The structure, which shows how the spike protein grasps its receptor, may help scientists learn new details about how the virus infects cells.

The information could also be helpful in identifying potential targets for novel antiviral drugs or vaccines, the researchers from the Harvard Medical School said in the September 16 issue of the journal *Science*. The SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, coronavirus was responsible for a worldwide outbreak in 2002-2003 that affected more than 8,000 people and killed about 800 before under control.

Public health experts worry about another outbreak of the virus, which originates in wild animals.

Prior to this studies, re-

searchers knew that one of the key steps in SARS infection occurs when the virus' spike protein attaches to a receptor on the surface of target cells. Attachment of the spike protein permits the virus to fuse with a host cell and inject its RNA to infect the cell.

Thus a detailed understanding of how the spike protein complexes with its cell receptor, ACE2 (angiotensin-converting enzyme 2), could have important clinical implications, the researchers said.

“The interest in understanding this complex has to do with the fact that this virus jumps from animals to humans, and then among humans,” said Fang Li, a post-doctorate researcher at Harvard Medical School and first author of the pa-

per. The researchers created crystals of the relevant fragments of the spike protein in complex with the ACE2 receptor. Then they analyzed the structure of the crystallized protein complex using X-ray crystallography.

The X-ray structure revealed that the spike protein fragment showed a slightly concave surface that fits a complementary surface on the receptor, the researchers said.

The studies also revealed important new information about two specific amino acids that are most critical for determining how the SARS virus adapted from infecting only civets to infecting humans, Li told *Xinhua* in a telephone interview.

Both of these critical amino acids turned out to be right in the middle of the interface between the spike protein and the receptor. Even small mutations in the spike protein gene that alter the identity of amino acids at those sites can affect the virus' ability to infect humans.

A dramatic epidemiological difference can result from what looks like an almost trivial mutation. In human SARS virus, such mutations enable viral transmission by altering the shape of the spike protein, which affects how well it binds to the receptor, Li said. — MNA/Xinhua



Romanian Siamese twins Maria (L) and Ana (R) lie in their bed at the pediatric intensive care ward in a hospital in Iasi, 450 km northeast of Bucharest, on 16 September, 2005. The two girls were born on 10 September and doctors said that only Maria will survive an inevitable operation to separate them. —INTERNET

Tai Chi helps women recover from breast cancer surgery

CANBERRA, 17 Sept — The traditional Chinese exercise of Tai Chi helps women who develop persistent arm swelling after breast cancer surgery, an Australian researcher has found.

An *Australian Associated Press* report on Friday quoted Neil Piller of the Flinders Medical Centre in Adelaide, South Australia, as saying that up to 30 per cent of breast cancer patients develop a condition known as lymphoedema after a mastectomy or partial breast removal.

Lymphoedema results from an inadequate drain-

age of fluid which causes swelling, pain and a feeling of heaviness.

Piller studied 24 such patients who were taught a simple Tai Chi exercise involving arm movements and deep breathing. They performed the exercise for 10 minutes twice a day for a month.

Fluid levels at the end of the month dropped an average of around 100

milliliters, a reduction of about 9 per cent, Piller said.

“It also improved the women's range of movement, their arms felt less heavy,” he said. “They felt better and that's what Tai Chi is all about, it's about feeling better,” he added. Results of the study are soon to be published in the *International Journal of Lymphology*.

MNA/Xinhua

Daily number of dengue cases falls in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 17 Sept — A total of 54 new dengue cases were confirmed in the past 24 hours ending at 3 pm on Friday, down from 122 cases recorded in the previous day, according to a Channel News Asia report.

It said that a still high number of 92 confirmed or suspect dengue patients were admitted to hospitals on Thursday.

Public hospitals in Singapore have been running out of beds since early September when the daily number of dengue cases exceeded 100 for several consecutive days.

Non-urgent opera-

tions have been postponed in these hospitals, and more hospitals began to receive dengue patients since last week. To tackle the serious dengue situation in the city state, an Inter-Ministerial Committee led by Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Yaacob Ibrahim was formed on 9 September.

MNA/Xinhua

Mouse stem cells used to repair sheep hearts

LONDON, 17 Sept — Embryonic stem cell research moved a step forward on Friday as French scientists reported they had used master cells from mice to repair heart damage in sheep.

Researchers at the National Centre for Scientific Research in Montpellier, France and the European Hospital Georges Pompidou in Paris transplanted mouse cells into 9 sheep that had suffered a heart attack.

A month later the sheep had healthier hearts than a control group of animals that had not received the cell transplant, the scientists said. The finding strengthens the possibility the technique will be used one day to treat heart disease in humans.

“As far as I know there has been no previous large animal study looking at the effects of

stem cells in myocardial infarction (heart attack),” said Professor Philippe Menasche, a cardiac surgeon who worked on the research.

Stem cells are master cells in the body that can develop into any cell type. Scientists believe they could be used to treat diseases ranging from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's to diabetes.

But their use is controversial because the most promising stem cells for treating human diseases are derived from very early human embryos.

Menasche and his colleagues, who reported the research in *The Lancet* medical journal, said

an important aspect of their study was that the embryonic stem cells used in the research were not completely undifferentiated.

They had been guided or coaxed into developing into heart cells before they were transplanted in the sheep.

“They are not fully differentiated. They will complete their maturation and their differentiation in vivo, once grafted into the heart,” he explained in an interview. The cells were implanted into the sheep two weeks after the animals suffered a heart attack. A month later new heart cells were evident.

MNA/Reuters



A group of about 100 African penguins are released into the sea near Cape Town on 16 September, 2005 after recovering at the SANCCOB (South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds) rehabilitation centre. —INTERNET

SPORTS



Chelsea's Arjen Robben jumps up in celebration of his goal, Chelsea's second, against Charlton Athletic during their English Premiership League soccer match at The Valley, London, on 17 September, 2005. Chelsea won the match 2-0. —INTERNET

Benitez says Rooney should follow Raul's lead

LIVERPOOL (England), 17 Sept — Manchester United's Wayne Rooney would be wise to use Spain striker Raul as a role model, says Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez.

Rooney was sent off against Villarreal in the Champions League in midweek after sarcastically applauding referee Kim Milton Nielsen's decision to book him for a foul.

Benitez worked with Raul as a youth coach at Real Madrid and has seen the forward develop into a respected international.

"The difference between players is not always the quality but their mentality," Benitez told reporters on Friday.

"Raul was with me when he was 16 years old. I remember Raul working really hard in training sessions and working really hard in the games.

"And he had a lot of control in terms of pressure, like talking to newspapers and the media," added Benitez. "Rooney is no different to Raul in the amount of pressure he faces." "When you are talking about good players, they are always in the spotlight."

Benitez has to make plans to stop Rooney when Liverpool play Manchester United on Sunday in the Premier League.

He believes the game will show how far his side have improved since last season when United won both meetings.

"If you can beat Manchester United, you can beat anyone," said the Liverpool manager. "That means you can think about being in the top three."

If United lose they

may have contributed to their own downfall after inviting Benitez over to observe the team training when he was a little known coach in Spain.

"I went to Manchester United for one week to watch them train," Benitez added. "Sir Alex had some problems with Roy Keane about his contract so Steve McClaren was taking training. McClaren was then United's assistant manager but has since taken over the reigns at Middlesbrough.

MNA/Reuters

Arsenal hoping to discuss new contract with Henry

LONDON COLNEY (England), 17 Sept — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger hopes to discuss a new contract with Thierry Henry while the striker recovers from injury in the next six weeks.

He is confident the France forward will open negotiations with the Premier League club over his long-term future.

"Maybe yes, why not," Wenger said on Friday. "Maybe it is a good opportunity and we will certainly try to use it. He has now got two weeks' rest and we will send him away for 10 days."

The prolific Henry has been a key player at the north London club since signing from Juventus in 1999 after his emergence as one of the best strikers in the European game. Arsenal's captain is within one goal of Ian Wright's club record of 185.

Henry's contract runs out at the end of the 2006/07 season and Wenger is hopeful he will extend that for a number of years.

"I don't know if he will

need persuading over signing a new deal," the Arsenal manager told reporters. "When you say to me a lot of persuading it means a mountain of money for me. "Our intention is clear and I'm convinced he will

stay here. But Thierry is not a money man. He's not a guy who's obsessed with money at all.

"It's more about him being committed to the club and showing that," he added.—MNA/Reuters

Bayern extend winning streak to record 14 games

FRANKFURT, 18 Sept — Bayern Munich stretched their Bundesliga winning streak to a record 14 matches as a Martin Demichelis header proved enough to give them a 1-0 victory at home to Hanover 96 on Saturday.

Argentine midfielder Demichelis popped up unmarked at the back post to meet a Willy Sagnol cross and give Bayern the lead at their World Cup stadium in the 10th minute.

Felix Magath's side, missing Michael Ballack because of an ankle injury, kept Hanover at bay with few difficulties to make it five wins from five in the league so far this season.

That perfect start to the campaign follows a nine-match winning sequence on the run-in to last season's title and breaks the previous Bundesliga record

set by Bayern in 1981 and matched by Magath's team last weekend against Nuremberg.

Bayern needed their latest win to stay two points clear of Werder Bremen. Bremen, beaten 2-0 by Barcelona in the Champions League on Wednesday, came back to win an entertaining clash with Borussia Dortmund 3-2.

Hamburg SV lost ground with a 1-1 draw at home to Eintracht Frankfurt.

With five matches played, Bremen have 13, followed by Hamburg in third on 11.—MNA/Reuters



West Ham United's Marlon Harewood strikes for a goal during their English Premier League soccer match against Fulham at Craven Cottage in west London, on 17 September, 2005. West Ham won the match 2-1.—INTERNET

Deportivo go top after 2-2 draw at Valencia

MADRID, 18 Sept — Deportivo Coruna came from behind to claim a 2-2 draw at Valencia that was enough to send them top of the Primera Liga on Saturday.

The Galicians, who beat Real Mallorca and Atletico Madrid in their first two games of the season, took the lead midway through the first half of an action-packed encounter at the Mestalla thanks to a cool finish from striker Diego Tristán.

Valencia suffered another setback when midfielder Ruben Baraja was sent off on the stroke of halftime, but they got back into the game at the start of the second half when David Villa converted a penalty at the second attempt.

Depor also found themselves down to 10 men when winger Pedro Munitis was dismissed for a second booking just before the hour and Valencia looked to have secured victory when Portugal defender Miguel Monteiro cracked in a spectacular drive 10 minutes from time.

But midfielder Sergio allowed Depor to grab a valuable away draw when he finished off a lightning counter-attack with a simple tap-in three minutes later.

MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Wiltord gives tired Lyon a 1-1 draw at Bordeaux

PARIS, 18 Sept — A second half strike by Sylvain Wiltord gave Olympique Lyon a hardly deserved 1-1 draw at Girondins Bordeaux in a top of Ligue 1 match on Saturday.

Lyon extended their unbeaten run to seven games since the start of the season and have 17 points, four more than Paris St. Germain who visit St. Etienne on Sunday. Bordeaux are on 12.

The French title holders looked tired four days after their stylish 3-0 Champions League victory over Real Madrid.

Bordeaux, who have title ambitions, went in front thanks to a superb goal from Czech international Vladimir Smicer in the seventh minute.

The former Liverpool player beat two Lyon defenders and fired the ball home from 18 metres, leaving goalkeeper Gregory Coupet no chance.—MNA/Reuters

Special Weather News

(Issued at 16:00 hours MST on 18-9-2005)
According to the Meteorological Satellite Observations at (15:30) hrs MST today, Land Depression Vicente is centred about (300) miles Northeast of Bangkok (Thailand). It is likely to move west wards and pass over Myanmar within next few hours.
Under the influence of the Land Depression, rain storm squalls may be experienced in some parts of Eastern area, Central area and Lower Myanmar area, accompanied by surface wind speed which may reach (45) mph during the next (48) hours commencing this evening.

Earthquake report

(Issued at 15:50 hours MST today)
An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter near Homalin about (495) miles Northwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (13) hrs (56) min (45) sec MST on 18th September 2005.

All this needs to be known

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

Sri Lanka to set up authority to transfer technology to villages

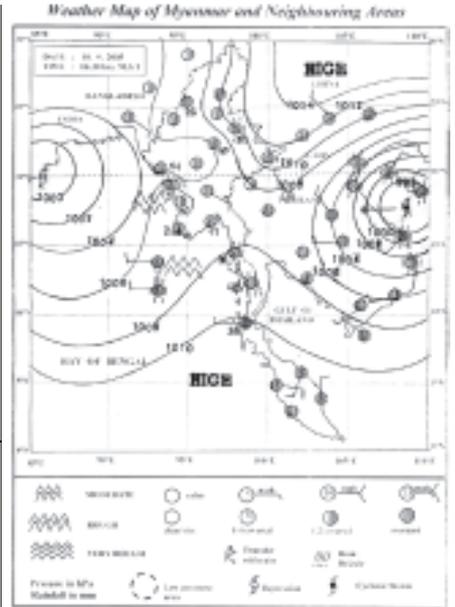
COLOMBO, 18 Sept — Sri Lanka Science and Technology Ministry has made arrangements to set up Sri Lanka Vidhatha Authority to take science and technology to the village level, the *Daily News* reported Saturday.

This proposed authority will be responsible for taking modern technology to rural areas from the centre in respect of research and development encompassing the universities, Science and Technology Minister Tissa Vitharana was quoted as saying.

The ministry will set up resource centres at Divisional Secretariat level with computer link so that people in the villages can access modern technology to develop small and medium scale industries, he said.

The ministry has already set up 32 resource centres countrywide. The ministry's intention is to set up 100 resource centres throughout the country by the year end.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Sunday, 18th September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay Division, scattered in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hakha (2.20) inches, Myeik (1.93) inches, Mandalay (1.58) inches, Kawthong (1.50) inches, Lashio (1.15) inches, Shwebo (0.98) inch and Aunglan (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 17-9-2005 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 18-9-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 18-9-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 17-9-2005 was (1.9) hours approx. Rainfalls on 18-9-2005 were (0.24) inch at Mingaladon, (0.44) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.38) inches at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (80.08) inches at Mingaladon, (82.68) inches at Kaba-Aye and (88.78) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (14:00) hours MST on 17-9-2005.

Bay inference: The low pressure area over East Central Bay has intensified into a depression and crossing Orissa Coast of India at (06:30) hrs MST today. Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special feature: Tropical storm "Vicente" in the South China sea is crossing Vietnam Coast near Darnang, this morning at (06:30) hrs MST. The storm is forecast to be weakened into a land depression while moving West and pass over Myanmar.

Forecast valid until evening of 19-9-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin State, scattered in Chin and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi 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 (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Eastern, Central and Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-9-2005: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-9-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.



Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigone Home for the Aged accepts K 100,000 donated by daughter Dr Daw Mya Thandar Poe, granddaughter Dr Thandar Wei for the Aged recently to mark the 100th birthday anniversary of late mother Daw Mya Sein of No 40, Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township.

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Monday, 19th September
View on today:

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးတော်ရှင် မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်တရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော် သံသယဟောသကအဖွဲ့ အတိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအပ္ပမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မဗျာတ္တဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘုရား စိန်ဆွသောရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
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3. To be healthy exercise
4. Morning news
5. Nice and sweet song
6. Song of national races
7. Cut little dancers

8:10 am

8. အရေးကြီးပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
9. ဟင်းရွက်ရေလောင်းတံ
- 8:30 am**
10. International news
- 8:45 am**
11. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm**
4. Muscial programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အစေးသင်တန်းအဖွဲ့အစည်း ရုပ်ပြိုင်သင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဝထမန္တရ (သတ္တဝေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဝေဒ)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Dance variety
- 5:25 pm**
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- 5:40 pm**
8. Song and dance of national races

5:45 pm

9. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:50 pm**
10. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 6:00 pm**
11. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 18:10 pm**
12. Industrial achievement
- 6:20 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံကြားကွန်ရက်အဖွဲ့အစည်းတွင် "ရယ်ရယ်ဆေးရယ်ပွဲကစီတော်" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 6:30 pm**
14. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
15. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
16. နိုင်ငံကြားကွန်ရက်အဖွဲ့အစည်းတွင် "ရွေးနိမလေးရဲ့ရယ်ရယ်ပြိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 7:45 pm**
17. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm**
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. နိုင်ငံကြားကွန်ရက်အဖွဲ့အစည်းတွင် "ချစ်သောနေ့ပြိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
22. The next day's programme



Monday, 19th September
Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news
Music:
-Happy go lucky...Steps

8.40 am Perspectives
Music:
-Angel's eye ...MLTR

8.45 am National news & Slogan
Music:
-Misery

9:00 am International news
Music:
-I gotta know... Solid Base

9:05 am News/Slogan
Lunch time music
-Top of the world (The carpenters)
-The end of the world (Tracy Huang)
-State of the world
-We are the world

9:00 pm Spot light on the Star

9.10 pm Article
9.20 pm Women's Affairs
9.35 pm Golden Land Melody
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

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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

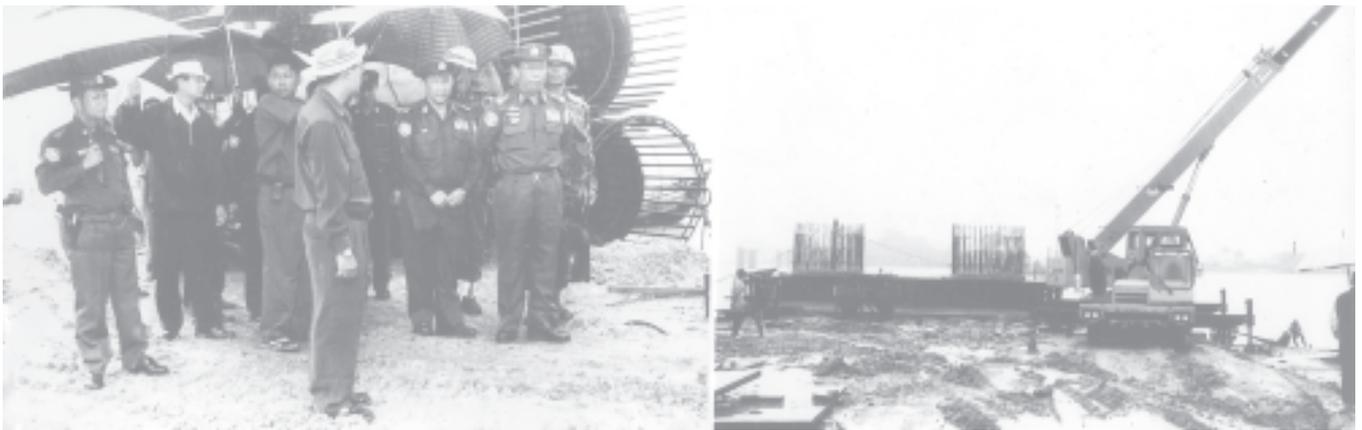
- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country 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

Priority to be given to cultivation of rubber

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects regional development in Mon State



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects project of constructing Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin).—MNA

YANGON, 18 Sept — State Peace and Development Council Member Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of SPDC Office and ministries, inspected the regional development and the cultivation of monsoon paddy and rubber in Mon State on 16 September.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected the project of constructing Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) in Moppalin

village in Kyaikto Township and heard a report on construction works. After hearing the report, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions and attended to the needs.

On arrival at the research and propagation farm of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise, Lt-Gen Maung Bo viewed saplings of rubber, dura, tenera and pisifera displayed at the briefing hall and heard a report on the

tasks being carried out and future tasks.

The Manager of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise in Mon State and officials gave supplementary reports.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that 260,000 acres of rubber plantations have so far been grown against the target of 4000,000 acres,

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Government and local people made concerted efforts harmoniously for development of rural areas

Development in all aspects can be seen in Matlan Village of Laikha Township

YANGON, 18 Sept — As the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw are striving harmoniously for development of the region and the country, progress of

peace and stability as well as development of economic, social, education and health sectors have been made in the region step by step. At present, rural

regions of Shan State are making progress in all aspects by carrying out the five rural development tasks in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

In implementing rural development tasks in Shan State, Laikha Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township Women's Affairs Organization in cooperation with rural region development teams held a ceremony to donate equipment for rural development, health and education matters at the monastery in Matlan Village, Laikha Township, on 15 September afternoon. It was attended by members of Matlan Village Union Solidarity and Development Association, MCWA, MWAFA and local people totaling about 500.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Htin Kyaw who presided over the meeting made a speech. He said that remarkable progress has been made in the education sector of the nation. Likewise, all the people have the opportunity to learn basic education. In this regard, primary schools have been upgraded to middle schools and high schools to enable every school-age child to pursue not only primary education but also middle and high school education.

For ensuring development of the education and health sectors, the border areas development plan, the

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Members of MCWA and WAO make round-table discussions in Matlan village, Laikha.—MNA