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## True patriotism

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

**As peace and stability prevails in the regions of the country, departmental officials are to go down to rural areas to supervise development work.**

**Government will be able to expedite its development drive only when peace and stability of the State and national solidarity prevail perpetually in the nation**

YANGON, 19 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Shan State PDC Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Kayah State PDC Chairman Col Hla Myint Shwe and senior military officers, inspected cultivation of monsoon paddy in Loikaw township and Demawso township through irrigation water (See Page 7)



*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets Tatmadawmen and their families in Pasawng Township. —MNA*

**Public participation needed to promote education system into electronic education**  
**Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends opening ceremony of multi-media classrooms of Mottama BEHS**



*Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visit Mottama Basic Education High School in Paung Township. —MNA*

YANGON, 19 Sept — Multi-media classrooms of the Basic Education High School of Mottama, Paung Township in Mon State were opened on 16 September in the presence of Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence .

It was also attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, senior military officers and departmental officials. Headmaster U Maung Maung and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Khin Zaw cut the ribbon to mark the opening ceremony of the multi-media classrooms. (See Page 8)

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Raise the standard of Myanmar traditional medical science

Now is the time when the entire national people of Myanmar are building a peaceful and developed nation under the leadership of the government. At such a time like this, the people will be able to fully participate in the national development endeavours only when they are in good health. This being the case, the government is constructing more and more clinics, hospitals and specialist hospitals all over the nation, including remote and rural areas, to provide health care services widely.

The role of traditional medicine and traditional medicine practitioners is very important in enhancing the level of public health care services. To improve the standard of traditional medicine, universities of traditional medicine have been opened and all the necessary requirements fulfilled. Moreover, traditional medicine hospitals have been built in major towns and in some townships. And to hone the qualifications of traditional medicine practitioners, conferences and seminars of traditional medicine practitioners are held every year.

Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and officials visited the University of Traditional Medicine in Mandalay on 16 September. In his meeting with responsible personnel at the meeting hall of the university, the Chairman of National Health Committee urged the traditional medicine practitioners to raise the standard of Myanmar traditional medicines by making a systematic study of traditional medical science.

Myanmar people, especially those in rural areas, have been using traditional medicines since the time of their forefathers and there have been well-known traditional medicine practitioners and potent traditional medicines throughout the successive eras in Myanmar history.

For development of Myanmar traditional medical science and emergence of traditional medicine practitioners, the Myanma Traditional Medicine University was opened in Mandalay. In the academic year 2004-2005, there are 672 students studying at the university. The university has six faculties, including acupuncture department, and 10 other departments and is conducting traditional medical science and related subjects. Nowadays, the government is encouraging the development of Myanmar traditional medical science and, at such a time like this, we would like to call on Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners to raise the standard of Myanmar traditional medical science by doing research on the potency of herbal plants and producing effective traditional medicines.



MWEA Executive Daw Kyi Kyi Nyein and Assistant Manager U Ye Thiha seen before their departure for Japan. — MWEA

## 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

### Minister inspects dams in Mandalay Division



Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Nyaungon Dam being built in Meiktila Township. A&I

YANGON, 19 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 17 September met with the chairman of Meiktila District Peace and Development Council and members of Meiktila District and Township Agriculture Service Coordination Committee at the meeting hall of Montaing Dam in Meiktila Township, Mandalay Division and discussed matters on irrigated facilities and greening in the region. At the meeting, the minister stressed the importance of timely cultivation of paddy, disseminating of quality strain and techniques and boosting the per acre yield.

After inspecting the dam, the minister proceeded to Nyaungon Dam project being implemented by Construction-7 of the Irrigation Department near Nyaungon Village in Meiktila Township.

At the briefing hall, officials concerned reported on progress of work, construction of feeding

canal to link Chaunggauk Dam with Lunngin, Letkhokbin and Nyaungon dams as well as Meiktila Lake.

Later, the Minister met with local authorities, USDA executives and agricultural coordination committee members and discussed matters on greening the region and supply of water for cultivation purpose. Then, the Minister inspected paddy fields near the dam and construction of 1.02-mile feeding canal to Letkhokbin dam. He also inspected the in-flow of water into the Lunngin dam through almost one mile long feeding canal.

The Chaunggauk Dam is located in Pyawbwe Township. It is 6,000 feet long and 34 feet high. Its water storage capacity is 12,500 acre-feet. Having the wide and strong catchment area, the Chaunggauk Dam will provide about 20,000 acre-feet of feeding water to Meiktila Lake, it is learnt. — MNA

### Minister receives Indian and Chinese Ambassadors

YANGON, 19 Sept— Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt received

Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra today. They discussed matters on border and rural area development tasks. The minister also received Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun who has completed his tour of duty this afternoon and discussed border and rural areas development projects and drug elimination endeavours.



Minister Col Thein Nyunt receives Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun.

PBANRDA

Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister for PBANRDA Brig-Gen Than Tun, Director-General U Than Win of Education and Training Department and officials. —MNA

### Officials leave for Japan

YANGON, 19 Sept— Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association Executive Daw Kyi Kyi Nyein and Assistant Manager of Seven Seas Fisheries Co.Ltd U Ye Thiha who is also a member of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry left here for Suzuka, Japan, to attend the 38th IATSS Forum Program from 19 September to 14 November. They were seen off at Yangon airport by Adviser to MWEA Daw Yi Yi Myint and officials. —MNA

### Corrigendum

YANGON, 19 Sept — Please read "Myitnge Pre-stressed Concrete Sleeper Factory has a capacity to produce 1000 pre-stressed concrete sleepers, 3000 rubber pads, 5000 pandrol clips and 2000 insulator pads per day." instead of news carried in the box on Page-8 and in Column-1, Page-10 of this paper on 19-9-2005. Error is regretted.

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# Chinese V-P calls for closer economic ties with France

**BEIJING, 18 Sept — Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan called for closer economic ties with France when meeting with a French delegation led by President of the Senate Christian Poncelet.**

Despite the continuous growth of bilateral trade volume, Zeng said China and France still enjoy great potential in expanding cooperation in view of the economic capacity of the two countries.

He said he hoped that the two countries would

improve cooperation in energy resources, aviation and transportation based on the principle of mutual benefit and common development.

He urged the two countries to promote cooperation among medium and small enterprises and further exchanges in the

fields of agriculture, environmental protection and high-tech industry.

He also voiced the hope that both countries would solve the trade problems properly in a bid to promote the healthy growth of Sino-French friendly relations.

Poncelet hailed the France-China cooperation and urged the two countries to improve understanding of the business sectors so as to widen the scope of bilateral cooperation and upgrade economic and trade cooperation.—MNA/Xinhua

## President Mugabe denounces Britain over Iraq war

**UNITED NATIONS, 18 Sept — Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe on Sunday sharply criticized Britain and the United States over the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003, labelling the war as "state terrorism."**

"Is it not obvious that Britain, under the regime of Tony Blair, has ceased to respect the Charter of the United Nations?" asked Mugabe, while delivering a speech at the UN General Assembly.

"Witness its being a principal member of the anti-Iraq illegal coalition that went on a devastating campaign of the country in complete defiance of the United Nations Charter!" he stressed.

**"Any state or group of states that commits such an act of aggression on another, justifying it on blatant falsehoods, surely becomes guilty of state terrorism," he added.**

The US-British coalition invaded Iraq in March 2003 without the authorization of the UN Security Council on the grounds that the Iraqi government of Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

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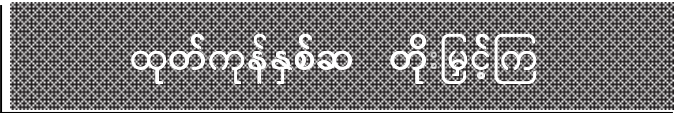
## US GI killed by roadside bomb in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 18 Sept — A roadside bomb killed a US soldier on patrol in western Iraq, the US military said on Sunday.**

The soldier, assigned to the 56th Brigade Combat Team, was taken to a US military hospital where he died of his wounds on Saturday night. The attack occurred near Al Asad Air Base in a volatile guerilla region near Syria. At least 1,899 members of the US military have been killed since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.—Internet



US soldiers patrol following a car bomb explosion recently in Baqouba, 60 kms northeast of Baghdad. —INTERNET



A Chinese official (with loudspeaker) gestures to the re-entry capsule of the Shenzhou-V spaceship on display in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province on 17 September, 2005. China might launch its second manned space mission next month, the Shanghai Morning Post reported early this month citing a space official.—INTERNET

# Clinton launches withering attack on Bush on Iraq, Katrina, budget

**WASHINGTON, 18 Sept — Former US president Bill Clinton sharply criticized George W Bush for the Iraq war and the handling of Hurricane Katrina, and voiced alarm at the swelling US budget deficit.**

Breaking with tradition under which US presidents mute criticisms of their successors, Clinton said the Bush administration had decided to invade Iraq "virtually alone and before UN inspections were completed, with no real urgency, no evidence that there were weapons of mass destruction."

The Iraq war diverted US attention from the war on terrorism "and undermined the support that we might have had," Bush said in an interview with an ABC's "This Week" programme.

The US strategy of trying to develop the Iraqi military and police so that they can cope without US support "I think is the best

strategy. The problem is we may not have, in the short run, enough troops to do that," said Clinton.

On Hurricane Katrina, Clinton faulted the authorities' failure to evacuate New Orleans ahead of the storm's strike on 29 August.

People with cars were able to heed the evacuation order, but many of those who were poor, disabled or elderly were left behind.

"If we really wanted to do it right, we would have had lots of buses lined up to take them out," said

Clinton.

On the US budget, Clinton warned that the federal deficit may be coming untenable, driven by foreign wars, the post-hurricane recovery programme and tax cuts that benefitted just the richest one percent of the US population, himself included.

**"What Americans need to understand is that ... every single day of the year, our government goes into the market and borrows money from other countries to finance Iraq, Afghani-**

stan, Katrina, and our tax cuts," he said.

**"We have never done this before. Never in the history of our republic have we ever financed a conflict, military conflict, by borrowing money from somewhere else."**

Clinton added: "We depend on Japan, China, the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, and Korea primarily to basically loan us money every day of the year to cover my tax cut and these conflicts and Katrina. I don't think it makes any sense." Internet

# Russian envoy calls on strengthening Nepal-Russia ties

**KATHMANDU, 18 Sept — There is a need to strengthen economic ties between Nepal and Russia for mutual benefits, a Russian envoy to Nepal said here on Saturday.**

"We need to explore new avenues for integrating the trade and commerce activities between the two countries," Andrei L Trofimov, the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Nepal, said at a function organized to mark 80th anniversary of Russian Centre for International Scientific and Cultural Cooperation.

"A meeting between deputy ministers of the two countries will take place in Moscow next year," Andrei revealed.

Russia has the power to influence

the course of international politics, so Nepal should approach the Russian Government rather than waiting for Russia to include Nepal in its priority list, said Lila Prasad Sharma, former Nepali ambassador to the Russian Federation.

"Russia can be a good market for Nepali products, including garments, carpets, handicraft," Sharma added.

The 1960s were the golden period for relation between the two countries, Bhagwan R Tuladhar, president of Nepal-Russia Friendship Association, a non-governmental organization, noted, adding, "We need to revive business activities between the two countries."

MNA/Xinhua

# Kazakh Premier, Chinese Defence Chief meet on relations

**ASTANA, 18 Sept** — Kazakh Prime Minister Daniyal Akhmetov met with Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan here on Saturday, with both sides indicating the willingness to further strengthen bilateral cooperation.

Kazakhstan and China are good neighbours whose traditional friendship and cooperative relations have been further developed in recent years, Akhmetov said. Chinese President Hu Jintao's successful visit to Kazakhstan in July and the signing of the declaration regarding the establishment of strategic partnership between both countries by President Hu and his Kazhak counterpart Nursultan Nazarbayev lifted bilateral relations to a new level, he said.

Kazakhstan adheres to the one-China policy and supports China's reunification drive and the efforts it dedicated to regional and world peace and stability, the Premier said.

He added that his country is willing to step up cooperation with China within the framework of regional and international organizations, and to jointly crack down on "the three evil forces" of terrorism, extremism and splittism.

During the meeting, Akhmetov highly appraised the military cooperation between the two countries and hoped that bilateral military exchanges and cooperation would be reinforced.

Cao, for his part, said since the establishment of diplomatic ties 13 years ago, the Sino-Kazakh relations have seen smooth development, with leaders of the two countries maintaining close contacts, mutual po-

litical trust being enhanced and bilateral cooperation in various fields yielding fruitful results.

The decision by leaders of both countries to establish a strategic partnership showed that the Sino-Kazakh ties have entered a new phase of development.

Cao added that as the Sino-Kazakh friendly cooperation deepens, the relationship between the two militaries has also taken on a positive momentum of development. He said China attaches great importance to the friendly cooperation between the two armies and is willing to continuously consolidate and enhance such cooperation.

He said his visit was

aimed at promoting mutual understanding, broadening consensus, developing friendship, boosting cooperation and pushing forward bilateral ties and military relations.

Cao arrived here from Tajikistan on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua



## Local soldier loses leg in Iraq attack

**BAGHDAD, 18 Sept** — A soldier from Cuyahoga Falls lost his leg after a suicide bomber attacked his convoy in Iraq this week.

Sgt Joseph Gross, 28, is on his way to a medical centre in San Antonio, Texas, Sunday, *News Channel 5* reported.

He's expected to be in the hospital for a month.

Two other soldiers were also hurt in the attack.

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## US troops learning counter-insurgency lessons from India

**NEW DELHI, 18 Sept** — Taking forward their cooperation in combating terrorism, the United States is sending a team of National Guards for specialized training at the Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School (CIJWS) of the Indian Army at Varange in Mizoram, the *Indian Express* newspaper reported on Saturday.

Quoting Army officials, the newspaper report said that this would be the first time that US National Guards would be sending a team to India. The US soldiers will be at the school for the third consecutive year. The exercise aims at increasing the inter operability between the Armed Forces of the two countries, as also assisting in fostering a greater bond between India and the United States. Mizoram lies in India's northeast.

Apart from the United States, CIJWS also trains officers and personnel of friendly nations, including Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Singapore, South Africa, Iraq, Ghana, Botswana and Kazakhstan.

According to the report, the training is part of the joint Indo-US exercises code-named "Yudh Abhyas" (war-exercise). The US contingent will have 40 personnel from the 25th Infantry Division and the National Guards.

Exercises with the US troops will be followed by Indo-Russian airborne specialized anti-insurgency exercises between 11 and 19 October at Mahajan firing ranges near Suratgarh in Rajasthan, which borders with Pakistan, the newspaper said.

It will be for the first time that Russian special commando forces, Spetnaz, will be seen in action on Indian soil.

According to the report, the focus of the joint exercise with Russia will be on carrying out attacks against terrorist targets in built-up urban environment. The exercise will involve hit-and-run airborne operations and use new Russian anti-terrorist equipment.

Army Special Forces will also take part in this exercise, which will be witnessed by Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov and other senior officers of the Russian military.

MNA/Xinhua



An F1 powerboat races during a timed trial session in front of the Singapore skyline on 17 September, 2005. —INTERNET

## Thai PM says fair trade system key to success of MDGs

**UNITED NATIONS, 18 Sept** — Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra of Thailand stressed the importance of a fair international economic system on Friday and called for greater effort to rejuvenate the United Nations when he addressed the UN summit.

He said the Millennium Development Goals will not be achievable simply because of the internationally committed Official Development Assistance percentage alone, but depends as much on the ability of the international community to deliver a fairer system of world trade. He said free competition must be fair, but unfortunately, not everyone is equally fit to race in the same free competition. The ability to take part in fair trade is the opportunity for a nation to help itself. To encourage self-help, international efforts must ensure that free competition goes together with fair competition, he added.

On the issue of UN reform, the present-day world of globalization demands a United Nations that is dynamic in outlook, flexible in structure, and firm in its commitment to the enduring ideals for which it was created, the Prime Minister said. "The United Nations must be rejuvenated, strengthened or even reinvented in order to be a more effective, more efficient, more transparent and more accountable global body to serve the international community," he added. — MNA/Xinhua

## Liberal Democrats call for end to Iraq occupation

**LONDON, 19 Sept** — Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman Sir Menzies Campbell is set to call for an end to the US and UK "occupation" of Iraq.

But he will stop short of calling for a date for the withdrawal of troops.

He will also say Britain needs an ethical foreign policy, stressing human rights and multilateralism.

In his speech to the Liberal Democrat annual conference, Sir Menzies will say the Iraq war was illegal and conducted on a "false prospectus".

"The threat was manufactured not in the sands of Iraq, but in the corridors of Whitehall," Sir Menzies will tell delegates.

He will also attack the "inexcusable failure" to plan for post-war Iraq, which is illustrated by a "terrible daily carnage" in the country.

"Two and a half years on, we must begin to bring this occupation to an end," Sir Menzies will say.

Last year the party passed a motion calling for the withdrawal of troops by the end of the year, but Sir Menzies is not expected to name a date for withdrawal in his speech.

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US military vehicles drive by a burning truck following a roadside bomb attack in western Baghdad on the Ghazaliya Khadraa highway that targeted four trucks loaded with food supplies for Americans on 17 September, 2005. —INTERNET



## Indonesian President urges UN reform

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Sept— Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono pledged his country's continued support for efforts to strengthen and revitalize the effectiveness of the United Nations in facing the new challenges.

The President made the remarks when he addressed the UN summit, scheduled for 14-16, which focused on development and the reform of the United Nations and other pressing issues of the world today.

He said the international community needs a reformed Security Council with a membership that is reflective of global realities. No effort at UN reform is complete unless it affirms and brings into

reality the central role of the General Assembly as the main body of the United Nations, he said.

On the responsibility to protect people from genocide, he said force should be used only when all other means have failed in order to save innocent citizens from ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.

On the fight against terrorism, the President stressed the need to develop an effective international cooperation

to deal with this threat and find its root causes, and he expressed the belief that interfaith dialogue and empowering the moderates can reduce violent radicalism.

The projected Human Rights Council, he noted, should be a subsidiary body to the General Assembly and free of politicization and double standards.

On the issue of development, he urged the developed countries to fulfil their commitment

to a genuine and mutually beneficial global partnership for development, provide financing for development, and grant market access to developing countries in a rules-based international trading system.

At the same time, developing countries must achieve good governance, fight corruption, make efficient use of their limited resources, and plan and carry out appropriate development strategies, he said. —MNA/Xinhua



Visitors take a look at the Coronelli terrestrial globe displayed in the newly opened Grand Palais in Paris, on 17 September, 2005 during Heritage Day. —INTERNET

## Exhibition showcases Tibetan culture in Rome

ROME, 18 Sept—An exhibition of Tibetan photographs and Tangkas, a traditional Tibetan painting, was opened here Friday afternoon.

As part of the ongoing "2005 China Tibetan Culture Week" in Italy, the exhibition is held to promote among Italians a better understanding of the Tibetan tradition and the changes of Tibetan people's life today, said Qian Xiaojian, head of the culture week delegation.

The culture week is

jointly sponsored by the China International Culture Association, the Foreign Culture Exchange Association of the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), and the Foundation Italy-China.

More than 200 pictures, including 30 taken by 19 foreign photographers in Tibet

earlier this year, are displayed on the exhibition in the Venice Palace.

Visitors to the exhibition can also see 15 Tangkas, which showcases the religious tradition and the theory of traditional Tibetan medicine.

MNA/Xinhua

## Suspected letter bomb blast injures one person in British Embassy in Zagreb

BELGRADE, 19 Sept—A staff member of the British Embassy in Zagreb was injured early on Monday in a suspected letter bomb blast inside the embassy, said reports reaching here from Croatian capital of Zagreb. The worker received minor injuries after a device exploded in a room at about 07:30 am (0530 GMT) local time, spokeswoman for the embassy Tessa Fras told the

Croatian news agency.

Fras said that British Ambassador John Ramsden had arrived in the embassy and security measures had been stepped up. She said some members of the staff remained in the embassy.

The Croatian police are investigating the cause of the explosion, which comes after several embassies received threatening letters earlier this year.

Anti-EU sentiment in Croatia has been inflamed by a delay in talks over the country's joining the European Union (EU), whose rotation presidency is chaired by Britain during the second half of 2005.

The EU postponed entry talks with Croatia in March over the country's failure to cooperate fully with the Hague international war crimes tribunal.

MNA/Xinhua

## HK ready to receive tourist inflows during Mid-Autumn Festival

HONG KONG, 18 Sept— Hong Kong's various tourism related departments have made full preparations for welcoming the Chinese Mainland tourists who visit Hong Kong around the Mid-Autumn Festival that falls on 18 September.

The Immigration Department has added additional 200 staff members to various cross boundary check points to shorten the clearance time for passengers.

Quite a number of public bus routes have decided to extend the business hour to around 2:00 on Sunday and Monday mornings and add more buses for various routes.

While the Hong Kong Disneyland, the hottest tourist attractions in Hong Kong which opened on September 12, opened half an hour earlier than the usual time, to welcome the first weekend after the theme park's opening, hundreds of tourists had lined up for entrance before its opening.

As the Mid-Autumn Festival is a traditional Chinese festival for family gathering, quite a number of Hong Kong citizens choose to tour Disneyland

on Saturday, one day ahead of the festival.

Eva Cheung, Hong Kong commissioner for Tourism said in an interview with Hong Kong Commercial Radio that the weekend is not the "Gold Week Holiday" of the Chinese Mainland, the number of tourist arrivals in Hong Kong during the weekend will be more or less the same as that of August.

She estimated that 40,000 to 50,000 Chinese Mainland tourists would travel to Hong Kong each day during the weekend. On the newly opened Disneyland, she said, the tickets for Disneyland is sold well and she declined to reveal the detail number.

She said, though the theme park of Hong Kong Disneyland only cover 70 hectares of land, it will have expansion in the coming years.

MNA/Xinhua

## One killed in blast in Beirut

BEIRUT, 19 Sept—One was killed and two injured when a hand grenade accidentally exploded in the Kuwaiti Information Office in Beirut on Monday, Kuwaiti Ambassador Ali Suleiman Saeed said.

Ayyas al-Alayli, a Lebanese employee, died in hospital, and Hussam al-Jamal and Mirna Mugharbel, both Lebanese, were wounded.

"Regrettably, it happened when one of the employees, with the knowledge of his colleagues, was playing with some old explosive materials left over from the 1975-1990 civil war. It exploded, hitting him and two of his colleagues," Saeed said. He said the hand grenade had been in the office for more than two years.

Earlier reports said that the explosion was caused by a parcel bomb, and the blast occurred when al-Jamal tried to open the parcel. —MNA/Xinhua

## Train derails in north-central US state, one killed

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept— A commuter train derailed Saturday morning near Chicago, the largest city in the north-central US state of Illinois, killing at least one person and injuring 83 others, news reports said.

There were a total of 189 people, including four crew members, on the five-car train, which derailed when it was travelling from Joliet to Chicago, officials were quoted as saying.

Seventeen of the injured were in serious condition. —MNA/Xinhua



Rocks fall down after a Metra commuter train sits off the tracks after derailing on 17 September, 2005, on Chicago's South Side. —INTERNET

## Over 200,000 households in Nepal to get electricity in two years

KATHMANDU, 18 Sept— Nearly 225,000 households in rural areas will have access to electricity in the next two years thanks to the government's policy of involving local community in its rural electrification programme, a senior government official said here on Saturday.

"So far only 80,000 households have had access to electricity under the programme. It will be double to meet the target set by the 'Tenth Five Year plan,'" Vice-Chairman of National Planning Commission Shankar Sharma told reporters.

The Tenth Five Year plan (2002-07) has set a target of providing electricity to 55 per cent of the country's population. But so far only 40 per cent of the population has access to electricity, according to Sharma. The capacity of the community to generate and distribute power locally had gone up over the years. The share of local contribution in rural electrification has gone up to 7 per cent from just 1 per cent three years ago, Sharma noted. The government provided 80 per cent grants to rural electrification projects while local communities have to chip in the rest. So far, over 300 local groups have applied to join hands in the government's rural electrification programme, according to the state-owned Nepal Electricity Authority. *MNA/Xinhua*

## China donates money for Aceh, Nias reconstruction

JAKARTA, 18 Sept — Chinese Ambassador to Indonesia Lan Lijun here Saturday donated 1.5 million US dollars on behalf of the Chinese Government to the Aceh and Nias Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Agency.

The money, as part of the two-million-US-dollar aid package promised by Chinese President Hu Jintao during his visit to the archipelago in April this year, would be used to facilitate the reconstruction work on these two islands, said embassy official Xie Yonghui.

The rest of the money, some 500,000 US dollars, was paid in the form of aid materials such as power generators and carpets. They arrived here two months ago and were currently deployed in Nias.

The embassy planned to send its people to Nias at the end of this month to review the dispatch of the aid materials.

The tsunami in December last year devastated Aceh, killing some 120,000 people and making some 200,000 homeless.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Pakistan, India likely to withdraw troops from Siachen Glacier

ISLAMABAD, 18 Sept— The much-awaited accord on troops withdrawal from Siachen Glacier between Pakistan and India is on cards as the two neighbours have agreed in principle on demilitarization of the world's highest battlefield, *The Nation* reported on Saturday.

Islamabad and New Delhi have broadly agreed to demilitarize the Siachen Glacier after having discussed in detail the vital issue through "informal" diplomatic channels during the last two months, unnamed diplomatic sources were quoted as saying here.

They said that earlier the two sides could not settle this vital issue on composite dialogue agenda because of India's insistence on authentication of troops' present positions. However, after having several rounds of so-called secret diplomacy, the two countries had been able to overcome their differences on Siachen demilitarization to a great extent, they added. In the coming days, discussion both at formal and informal level would be on to formalize an agreement on troops withdrawal from the glacier, they said, adding that the accord could be announced during the visit of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Pakistan, likely to take place in October this year.

A source here said that Singh was keen to convert the world's highest battlefield into a "mountain of peace" and he had been able to overcome the stern opposition in this regard by the Indian military establishment, which was against the move.

Pakistani top leadership has also shown willingness to reciprocate to the desire of the Indian Prime Minister of troops withdrawal from Siachen and both sides have agreed to resort to give and take on the contentious issue, he added.

Pakistani and Indian troops have been in a state of confrontation since 1984 in Siachen, a 76-kilometre-long block of ice at heights of over 6,000 metres.

The Siachen standoff is one of the eight issues covered under the ongoing composite dialogue process the two countries initiated early last year to resolve their outstanding bilateral issues including Kashmir.

*MNA/Xinhua*



A Japanese girl harvests rice during a harvesting event atop a high-rise building at Tokyo's Roppongi Hills complex on 19 September, 2005. —INTERNET

## IEA chief urges OPEC to raise oil output

PARIS, 18 Sept—International Energy Agency (IEA) executive director Claude Mandil called on OPEC countries to increase oil output when they meet in Vienna on 19-20 September.

He said in an interview with the energy magazine *Revue le Pétrole et le Gaz Arabes* published on Friday that an increase of the oil cartel's production quota would be "a good thing", adding that IEA members might extend arrangements for releasing oil from strategic reserves.

"What would be really very useful would be that OPEC says clearly how much future new capacity it will put into production and makes commitments in terms of volume and the timing, while specifying the amount of light crude," he said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Eighty fishing trawlers looted in Meghna Estuary in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 18 Sept — Pirates looted cash and goods worth five million taka (76,900 US dollars) from some 80 fishing trawlers in the estuary of Meghna River off Bhola, 300 kilometres south of Dhaka, leaving over 100 crew and fishermen injured and two missing.

Many of the injured crew and fishermen were thrown into the river and later rescued by the fishermen of other boats, *The Independent* reported on Saturday.

The pirates coming in 15 speedy trawlers attacked the fishing trawlers in the estuary and continued their looting spree from Thursday night to Friday morning. Two fishermen thrown to the river after being injured remained missing.

*MNA/Xinhua*



A Chinese student holding a wing jumps from a platform during a flying contest at a park in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 18 September, 2005. Students from a senior high school hold the contest to see who can fly the longest distance with self-designed flying devices. —INTERNET

## One-third of Canadian university students indulged in drinking

OTTAWA, 18 Sept—One-third of Canadian university students are indulged in drinking, according to a survey by a research centre at the University of Toronto.

The survey of 6,282 full-time students from 40 Canadian universities was released by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. It showed 32 per cent of undergraduates admitted at least one indicator of being alcohol-dependent, such as failing to perform everyday obligations because of alcohol, needing a drink first thing in the morning or downing five or more drinks at one outing. That number has not changed since a similar survey in 1998, but it is still significantly higher than the general population, where about 20 per cent report similar drinking patterns, said researcher Edward Adlaf. The biggest worry comes not from the potential for creating long-term alcoholics, but the immediate dangers, he said. Ten per cent of those surveyed reported alcohol-related assault, 9.8 per cent reported booze-fuelled sexual harassment, and 14 per cent said they had unplanned sex because of alcohol.

Drunk students are also at risk of falls, dying or being injured in automobile accidents or getting caught up in brawling, Adlaf said. The survey suggested that universities themselves play a role in students' drinking behaviours. One-quarter of students asked said they had taken advantage of low-priced booze promotions at campus bars and believe that university alcohol policies are not enforced.—*MNA/Xinhua*





*Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets local authorities, officials, social organizations and local elders. — MNA*

## Government will be able to expedite its development...

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from Ngwe Taung Dam on 16 September morning. Next they inspected agricultural work and measures being taken for conservation of natural forests along Pon Creek and in Bawlake and Pasawng regions, Htoo Creek Bridge built at the confluence of Pon Creek and Htoo Creek and the regions in the eastern part of Thanlwin.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party went to Meisei Township in Kayah State. At the office of the township PDC, he met with departmental staff, social organization members and townelders. The township council chairman reported on agricultural, health, economy and social issues of the township. Giving instructions, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said the government is undertaking tasks for all sectors for the building of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation enlisting the strength of the entire national people. In doing so, the government will be able to expedite its development drive only when peace and stability of the State and national solidarity prevail perpetually in the nation. He added he was delighted to see the agricultural and regional development of Meisei Township in Bawlake District. Food is self-sufficient as the township could produce 138.58 percent of rice in 2005-2006. For the progress of education sector, those educated who are discharging duties in other departments are urged to cooperate with teachers of the Ministry of Education in teaching the youths of the

region. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged those present to participate in building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. He next presented gifts to departmental personnel and made cash donations for the township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization. He also presented gifts and provisions for the Tatmadawmen of the region to Col Win Htay of Meisei Station.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party proceeded to Pasawng Station where they met Tatmadaw members and their families. He briefed them on progress in various sectors in the time of the Tatmadaw government, organizational tasks for upholding 'Our Three Main National Causes', crushing destructive elements, implementation of four tasks for building the Tatmadaw. He then cordially greeted those present. He also met service personnel, members of social organizations and local people at Pasawng Township PDC office.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander and party inspected Htoo Creek, Pasawng-Bawlake road. They next visited Bawlake Station and Bawlake Township PDC office. Bawlake District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Kan Tun reported on extended cultivation of 4032 acres of monsoon paddy and health, education and information affairs of the district. In his speech, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said as peace and stability prevails in the regions of the country, departmental officials are to go down to rural areas to supervise development work. He next stressed the need for boosting cultivation to ensure food security in the region in accord with the guidance of the Head of State and active

participation of the national people in the successful implementation of the seven-point Road Map.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win went to Bawlake Station by car and met with Tatmadawmen and their families at Hsinphyushin Hall. During the meeting, he explained the developments in the time of the Tatmadaw government and stressed the need for undertaking agricultural and livestock breeding tasks on a manageable scale. He greeted those present.

Afterwards, he presented gifts and provisions for the Tatmadaw members to Col Aye Lwin of Bawlake Station. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party went to Heho in the afternoon via Loikaw. Later, they arrived back here in the evening by air. — MNA

### POEM:

## Let's all remove all destructionists

- \* Work for the good of the nation  
We welcome whoever does it...
- \* Scheme to destroy nation  
We don't accept whoever does so...
- \* Nation-benefiting work  
Show us one or the other  
It needs to be practical...
- \* From one to one hundred  
The common desire of the entire nation  
In seriousness, resting no day or night  
Do with goodwill, do your best  
If you do it with unity of mind, together  
You will surely win success
- \* Not leading, nor following  
If there are shirkers who won't share  
Stop you on the way, to make no progress  
Won't get to winning post; and either nation  
Won't see success...  
All together, unitedly remove all destructionists.

Hinthada Myint Ngwe (Trs)

## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meets service personnel in Homein

YANGON, 19 Sept—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence inspected cultivation of monsoon paddy, transport and regional development in Kengtung, Lwekha, Mongpuyi and Kengtawng regions on 15 September.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party arrived in Namsang in the afternoon. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party together with Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and officials inspected cultivation and transport in Mongnai, Langkho and Maukmai regions.

They proceeded to Homein in Langkho Township where they were welcomed by Col Aung Kyaw Soe of Homein Station, officers, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win provided foodstuff for the Tatmadaw members to Col Aung Kyaw Soe at the regional battalion.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party met departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people at the Union Hall of General Administration Department in Homein. Head of Township GAD U Tin Maung Soe reported on education, health, agriculture, construction, transport and facts about service personnel. In his address, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said local people learnt that Homein was the result of peace

and it also reflected the strong solidarity of the national people, the government's goodwill and development of the nation.

He said he was pleased to see all-round development of the region with the government's assistance and participation of national races.

He urged the service personnel discharging duties in the region to carry out the tasks for development of economic, social, education and health sectors.

He said local people have now realized the correct endeavours of the officials and assistance with goodwill. Confidence and cooperation of the people grew, he said.

He said service personnel are the representatives of the government to deal with local people. They are to organize the local people to understand the policies of the government. A peaceful, modern developed discipline-flourishing nation would emerge soon, he said.

He called on all departmental officials and local people to make efforts for development of the region.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented gifts to national race leader U Naw Mein Khun and cash assistance for service personnel in Homein to Head of Township GAD U Tin Maung Soe.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected Homein, Sinbintaung and Punchedaung. In the evening they arrived in Loikaw.—MNA

## Two British soldiers held after Basra clash

BAGHDAD, 19 Sept—Two British soldiers have been arrested in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, sparking unrest outside a police station where they are being held.

It is thought the men - who were reportedly undercover - are accused of failing to stop at an Iraqi checkpoint.

UK officials said they did not know why the pair were being detained.

Two British tanks sent to the police station where the soldiers are being held were set alight in a clash between British troops and protesters.

British officials would not say if the two men were working undercover.

Officials said they had received no reports of UK personnel being injured, but local council spokesman Nadhim al Jabari said two civilians were killed in the clashes. —Internet

## Participate in implementing the education promotion plan

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After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials viewed the students learning at the multi-media classrooms. Lt-Gen Maung Bo also accepted ornaments made by students.

At music and arts room, students entertained the guests with songs.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented K 1 million for the multi-media rooms to the headmaster. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing donated K 200,000 and Chairman of Paung Township Peace and Development Council U Tun Mya donated K 2 million for the multi-media rooms.

Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo on

opening of multi-media rooms at schools in Mon State and assistance provided for opening of the multi-media rooms.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said the new generation is facing the globalization and there is a demand for students to learn modern technology these days.

Ministry of Education is implementing the 30-year education plan paving the way for students to meet the challenge of information and communication technology-ICT.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the government and the people, multi-media rooms are mushrooming in schools nationwide, he said. Efforts are



Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents teaching aids to headmaster U Maung Maung.

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being made to promote education system as electronic education. By learning at multi-media rooms, students will have the benefit of a electronic education, he added.

In conclusion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged those present to participate in implementing the education promotion plan.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo had a documentary photo taken together with headmaster, teachers and students. — MNA

## Yangon West District launches anti-TB campaign

YANGON, 19 Sept — Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee launched the DOTS project this afternoon, attended by Chairmen of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint. The ceremony to launch the project was held at No 2 Basic Education High School in Latha Township.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Chairperson of the supervisory committee Daw Khin Thet Htay, officials, members of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and guests.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents gift to a winner of anti-TB programme. — MNA

presented prizes to South Okkalapa, Botahtaung and Dawbon townships of the district, that won first, second and third prizes respectively in the DOTS provider awards. Dr Kyaw Myint presented gifts to winners in the anti-TB quiz.

Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted 973 life membership applications of MCWA.

Officials explained the salient points and achievements of the DOTS programme and facts about TB. Gifts were also presented to

physicians who took part in the anti-TB programme. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and officials viewed documentaries, posters and books on the project.

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## Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) inspected

YANGON, 19 Sept—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun accompanied by officials concerned, yesterday morning inspected earth work and construction of small bridges at the Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project site on Sagaing bank.

At the briefing hall on Sagaing side, the minister heard a report presented by officials on construction of the approach structure, installation of steel beams and other salient points of the project.

After hearing the report, the minister gave instructions on minimizing loss and wastage and worksite safety and fulfilled the need.

At the briefing hall on Mandalay site, officials reported on construction of the approach road, preparation for installation of steel beams and future tasks.

The minister looked into the scale model of the approach structure on Mandalay bank and fulfilled the requirements.

The four-lane bridge is 5,614 feet with 6 feet wide pedestrian lanes on either side. On completion, it will be able to bear 60 ton-lode.

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## I & P Ministry provides cash assistance to students of staff

YANGON, 19 Sept — Ministry of Immigration and Population provided cash assistance for students of the staff families for 2005-2006 academic year and honoured outstanding students.

At a ceremony held at the Population Department here today, Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presented cash awards to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2004-2005 academic year with flying colours and Deputy Minister U Maung Aung presented cash assistance for 620 students.

At the ceremony, the ministry provided over K 5.3 million to 778 students.

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Daw Khin Thet Htay addresses the ceremony to launch the anti-TB programme.—MNA



## U Khin Zaw Win presents credentials to Indonesian President

YANGON, 20 Sept—U Khin Zaw Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Indonesia, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, on 8 September 2005, in Jakarta.—MNA

## Model villages competitions...

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Speaking on the occasion, U Thein Han said establishment of model villages is an example of rural areas development tasks. According to the guidance of the Head of State, national development does not confine to urban development only. Therefore, efforts should be made for development of villages. Model

ship has a population of over 90,000 and there are 43 dams to supply irrigation water to 39,249 acres of land. A total of 15,380 acres has been extended. As there are 3,470 acreage of oil crops in the region, edible oil is in surplus every year.

There are 6,279 acres of paddy, 18,540 acres of maize and 419 acres of mango in Pinphyit

Prize-distribution ceremony of Model villages competition held at Pinphyit No 1 BEPS in Yaksawk Township.—MNA

participate in implementing the development tasks for their village to become the model one. In terms of per capita income, economic growth, poverty rate in rural area and adult literacy rate, Myanmar included in developing countries.

The government has constructed the infra-

panel of judges for the model village competition U Lin Htin Aung reported on holding of model village competition in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State and assessing on 15 development tasks.

Head of Husbandry and Veterinary Department U Than Naing Soe

and Township MCWA and woman organization 300 books for libraries. Next, U Mya Aung, U Myo Lwin and U Ohn Pe reported on efforts for the establishment of model prizes.

Delegates from villages, USDA and social organizations visited Pinphyit Village. There

groundnuts, 6,860 acres of pesinngon, 18,755 acres of maize, 5,460 acres of niger and 940 acres of mango in Yandwinngakyaung village tract which includes Pinphyit Village. satellite dishes were installed in some houses in every model village.

Specialists and physi-



Chairman of Yaksawk Township PDC U Thein Han addressing at prize-distribution ceremony of Model villages competition.—MNA



An official presents prize to a villager at prize-distribution ceremony of Model villages competition.—MNA

villages are to make efforts for all-round development by implementing the fifteen development tasks, and only then will they be designated as model villages. If there is no cooperation between the government and people, the nation will lag behind in development.

Yaksawk Town-

Village which won the first prize in the competitions. The village has a population of 4453.

The village is able to sell its agricultural produce to various regions in the nation. The populace of the village are very busy with their agricultural work.

Still, they actively

structure for development of urban and rural areas endowed with many favourable conditions to become modern and developed nation.

Next, Dr Myo Thant reported on measures undertaken for health sector. Executive of Yaksawk Township USDA Secretary of the

and officials concerned presented prize to winners of the competition. Officials presented prizes to distinction winners of the 2005 matriculation examination. Township USDA executive U Maung Maung Lwin presented 60 dozens of exercise books for basic education schools in model villages

are telephone, post and telegraphs offices and altogether 150 telephones are installed. There are sports ground and Alinyaung library. Over 200,000 saplings are planted in the village for greening of environment and firewood.

There are 123,74 acres of paddy, 476 acres of

icians of Shan State General Hospital gave treatment to 400 people.

There are gardens, paddy fields and animal farms in model villages and nearby villages. With the better transport, all-round development has been made in every village.

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Staff of Shan State General Hospital take part in rural health care services at Pinphyit Village.—MNA



Members of USDA, WAO and MCWA participating in sanitation works at Pinphyit Village in Yaksawk Township.—MNA

# Endeavours made for rural development



Yaksawk Township USDA Executive U Maung Maung Lwin presents 60-dozen exercise books to the headmaster of Pinphyit Village No 1 BEPS—MNA



A doctor providing a medical check-up to a villager—MNA



Bookworms seen at Alinyaung Library in Pinphyit Village in Yaksawk Township.—MNA



A member of MCWA presents 300 books to chairman of Yantwin Ngarkyaung Village PDC U Bo Thein.—MNA



A specialist of Shan State Hospital gives treatment to eye, ear, nose and tooth patients. — MNA



An official gives prize to a villager at prize-distribution ceremony of Model Villages competition—MNA



A specialist of Shan State Hospital gives treatment to eye, ear, nose and tooth patients. — MNA



Members of USDA, WAO and MCWA giving nutrition to children at Pinphyit Village in Yaksawk Township.—MNA





Members of MWF and Ayeyawady Division WAO provide cash assistance, school uniforms and stationery to school children. —MNA



Members of MWF and Ayeyawady Division WAO visit Inma model village station hospital where a specialist is giving treatment to patients. MNA

## Members of WAO take part in development...

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Members of WAO continued to Kyonthut Zetseik Mobile School being undertaken by MWF and the Ministry of Education and donated stationery, bags and school uniforms to the students whose families are working at the construction project of Panmawady River Bridge (Myinkaseik) over Pamawady River. Headmistress Daw Khine Nyo Oo explained inauguration of mobile schools and learning of disabled children to the officials of WAO.

They then arrived at Inma Model Village in Pantanaw Township, Maubin District in the evening, viewed providing of medical treatment to 1,435 villager patients of 75 villages in the Township by Medical Superintendent Dr Thein Wai and the specialists of 200-bed Maubin District Hospital and donated 0.1 million to Dr Thein Wai and party for the expenses of medical treatment.

Chairperson Daw Aye Aye Kyaw and members looked round the treatment of eye specialists to eye

complaints in station hospital. Members of WAO in cooperation with the staff of health department also provided medical treatment to the patients.

Inma Model Village, located on Yangon-Pathein Highway has over 900 houses. Economic and living conditions of the village is high. In addition, Village USDA, WAO and MCWA have been systematically organized as well. There are 300 members of WAO in the village.

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### Winners of the 34th international letter writing contest announced

YANGON, 19 Sept — The winners of the 34th international letter writing contest (under 15) titled 'A letter to my favorite fairytale character', organized by the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and the Ministry of Education that was held to hail World Postal Day at the township BEHS in the whole country on 13 November 2004 were announced today.

In the National level contest, Maung Kaung Si Thu of Yankin BEHS-2 stood first; Ma Zun Oo Hlaing of Nyanglaybin BEMS-1 second and Ma Eint Hanni Tun of Bogalay BEHS-1 third. Consolation prizes went to Ma Yadana Lin of Lanmadaw BEHS-2, Ma Nan Kham Mon Oo of Mongpyin BEHS and Ma Thin Nu Aung of Bhamo BEHS-2. Honourable mentioned prizes went to Ma Nan Htar Htar Cho of Loikaw BEHS-1 and Ma Su Yi Mon Soe of Bogalay BEHS-1. The first prize winning letter of Maung Kaung Si Thu will be sent to UPU in Switzerland for the international level contest.

The prizes-distribution ceremony will be held at the celebration of World Postal Day on 9 October. Those winners are to contact in persons or by phone (591382, 591386 and 591390) Directorate of Telecommunications, Plot No 68, Ayawin Road, Dagon Myothit (Seikan) township. — MNA

### Entries invited to Armed Forces Day Commemorative novel, short story, article competitions

YANGON, 19 Sept — In commemoration of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the Working Committee for Organizing Literary and Photo Contest today announced to hold the novel, short story and article competitions.

The entries in the novel and short story are to reflect Tatmadaw's 12 fine traditions and the competitors can name

their titles as they like. Words of the novel contest must be between 50,000 and 70,000 and the short story, between 4,000 and 10,000. The article must be between 3,000 and 5,000 words.

Under the title of the articles is "Only when the Tatmadaw is strong, will the nation be strong". The entrants are to submit two copies together with the admission that it

is own creation, two license-size photos and the brief biography to U Ko Ko Htwe, Secretary of the Working Committee, Myanma Radio and Television, on Pyay Road, not later than 15 January 2006. Every contestant can submit one entry for the novel, short story and article contests. Hand-some prizes will be presented to the winners.

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### "Katrina" survivor found as officials clash

NEW ORLEANS, 19 Sept — Rescue workers combing hard-hit New Orleans neighbourhoods found a survivor on Sunday who had camped out in his home since Hurricane Katrina, while officials clashed over when residents should return to the

devastated city. The discovery of survivor Reyne Johnson nearly three weeks after Katrina ripped southern Louisiana and Mississippi relieved the search crews, who had been finding more and more corpses as floodwaters that forced hundreds of thousands of

people to flee the historic city recede. The Louisiana death toll rose to 646 on Sunday, bringing the total dead from Katrina to 883, including 218 in Mississippi and 19 combined in Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.

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### State-owned business to be sold

YANGON, 19 Sept — Ministry of Industry-1 is going to sell the land of 0.137 acre of No 5-A Mawlamyine Ice Factory on Upper Street in Shwetaung Ward, Mawlamyine at a price of 24.34 million, the land of 1.250 acres of No 3 Mawlamyine Ice Factory on Lagunain Street in Myinethaya Moythit,

Mawlamyine at a price of 117.66 million, the land of 0.229 acre of cinema of the Ministry of Information on No 3 Shweban Street in Rupa South Ward, Sittway in Rakhine State at a price of 6.484 million through competitive bidding system.

Application forms are available at Privatization Commission Office

at No 313 Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Yangon as from 22 September.

The application forms are to be submitted at 10 am to 4 pm on 21 October.

Further information is available on telephone (245506, 245516, 245537) of the department.

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### Early warnings raised doubt on Bush disaster plans

WASHINGTON, 19 September — In the months before Hurricane Katrina, President George W. Bush sought to cut a key programme to help local governments raise their preparedness, and state officials warned of a "total lack of focus" on natural disasters by his homeland-security chief, documents show. The disclosures add to questions over the administration's emergency-response planning, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff's priorities and the way the White House budgets for disaster preparedness after the September 11, 2001, attacks.

Organizations representing emergency-response and security officials at state and local agencies had complained of funding shortages and what they saw as an excessive shift by the Homeland Security De-

partment away from preparing for natural disasters, as it focused increasingly on terrorism.

In July, the National Emergency Management Association wrote lawmakers expressing "grave" concern that still-pending changes proposed by Chertoff would undercut the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"Our primary concern relates to the total lack of focus on natural-hazards preparedness," David Liebersbach, the association's president, said in the July 27 letter to Senators. Susan Collins, a Republican, and Joseph Lieberman, a Democrat, the leaders of a key Senate committee overseeing the agency.

He said Chertoff's emphasis on terrorism "indicates that FEMA's long-standing mission of preparedness for all types of disasters has been

forgotten at DHS".

FEMA, formerly a Cabinet-level agency, was folded into the new Homeland Security Department as part of a major government reorganization after the September 11 attacks. The agency has borne the brunt of criticism over the delays and problems in responding to Katrina, and its head, Michael Brown, resigned after being removed from the recovery effort. Local emergency officials had also warned the administration over problems meeting a National Response Plan requested by Bush as a battle-plan for emergencies. The International Association of Emergency Managers said in April that state and local emergency management programmes were in "desperate need" of federal funding to meet new standards.

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**Uganda donates  
 \$200,000  
 to US "Katrina"  
 victims**

KAMPALA, 18 Sept—  
 The Ugandan Govern-  
 ment has donated 200,000  
 US dollars to US Katrina  
 victims, according to a  
 Press release from the  
 Ugandan State House on  
 Friday. "President Yoweri  
 Museveni, on behalf of the  
 Ugandan Government, has  
 extended assistance worth  
 200,000 US dollars to the  
 people of the United States  
 of America whose lives,  
 homes and properties were  
 lost and displaced by hur-  
 ricane Katrina that recently  
 hit the American Gulf of  
 Mexico coastline," the re-  
 lease said.  
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 who is currently attend-  
 ing the United Nations  
 General Assembly, gave  
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 president George Bush  
 Senior during a meeting  
 on Thursday in New York.  
 "George Bush  
 thanked President  
 Museveni and the people  
 of Uganda for the gener-  
 ous offer and concern for  
 the disadvantaged and  
 devastated people of  
 America. He said that the  
 offer will go a long way in  
 contributing to the alle-  
 viation of their suffering,"  
 the Press release said.  
 The number of deaths  
 caused by Hurricane  
 Katrina rose to 792 in the  
 United States by Thurs-  
 day.— *MNA/Xinhua*

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 MV LU SHAN VOYNO (60)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV LU SHAN VOYNO (60) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.9.2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.  
 Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.  
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**Chile, China conclude  
 4th round of FTA  
 talks**

**SANTIAGO, 18 Sept — Delegates from Chile and China wrapped up their fourth round of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations on Friday after making important progress and will meet again in October to continue the talks.**  
 The two sides reached agreements on issues concerning animal and plant quarantine and technical barriers to trade, and meanwhile made substantial progress in talks on market access, rules of origin, trade relief, mechanisms for solving commercial disputes and legal issues, the Chinese delegation said in a communique.  
 After five days of hard work, significant headway was made in this round of negotiations, the communique said.  
 The Chinese delegation headed by Assistant Commerce Minister Yi Xiaozhun started the fourth round of FTA talks with the Chilean delegation headed by Carlos Furche, Director of International Eco-

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE  
 MV KOTA MUTIARA VOYNO (235)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA MUTIARA VOYNO (235) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.9.2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.  
 Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.  
 No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.  
**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
 MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
 AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER**  
 Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**Ecuador mulls 1-to  
 12-year jail sentences for  
 money launderers**

**QUITO, 18 Sept— Ecuador's Congress is studying a bill to introduce jail sentences ranging from one to 12 years for money launderers in Ecuador, legislative sources said Friday.**  
 Congress will continue next week the second and final debate on the Bill for the Suppression of Money Laundering.  
 The bill proposes jail sentences of 8-12 years for perpetrators in cases where the amount of money laundered sur- passes 500,000 dollars, when money laundering leads to criminal associa- tion, or when public insti- tutions are involved.  
 The sentence would be 4-8 years if the amount of money is between 100,000 dollars and 500,000 dollars, but it would be reduced to 1-5 years if no criminal asso- ciation is involved.  
*MNA/Xinhua*

**Eight killed in  
 bombing attacks  
 on Iraqi police  
 commandos**

**BAGHDAD, 19 Sept —** Two suicide car bombers separately blew themselves up at Iraqi police commandos in two towns south of Baghdad on Monday, killing seven commandos and one civilian, police said.  
 "A suicide bomber drove an explosive packed vehicle near a police commandos patrol in the town of Muhmoudiyah, some 30 km south of Baghdad," an Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.  
 "Another suicide bomber struck another police commandos on the entrance of Latifiyah, about 40 km south of the capital," the source said.  
 Seven commandos and a civilian were killed in the blasts, he said, adding two commandos were also wounded in the attacks. The two towns are part of the so-called triangle of death in southern Baghdad, where guerillas frequently attacked US and Iraqi security forces.  
*MNA/Xinhua*



"Guinness", one of the 256 chihuahua dog entries in a race to determine America's fastest chihuahua, is seen dressed in his Spiderman outfit at Petco Park in San Diego, California on 18 September, 2005.  
 INTERNET



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# Garuda to purchase 28 Boeing aircraft

JAKARTA, 18 Sept— National flag carrier PT Garuda Indonesia has made a contract worth two billion US dollars to buy 28 new aircraft from the US jet-maker Boeing Co, a local newspaper reported on Saturday.

The contract is a renegotiation of previous contracts signed since the late 1980s with the world's second-largest commercial aircraft producer, said *The Jakarta Post*, quoting an official with the company.

The new agreement was signed by Garuda president Emirsyah Satar and Boeing senior vice-president Dinesh Keskar in New York on Friday.

In the deal, Garuda will buy 10 Boeing 787-Dreamliners, instead of six Boeing 777s as in previous contracts, and 18 Boeing 737-New Generations to replace older types of Boeing 737s agreed before, said the airline's financial director Alex Maneklaran.

"With current technology, we feel that the aircraft (ordered previously) were outdated," Alex said.

He added the airline had not yet decided how it would finance the purchase. "The management and the financial adviser will work together on the scheme."

As Garuda had paid 20 million dollars of pre-delivery payments in previous contracts, for now, it needs only to add some six million dollars to the deal.

The first units of the 737-New Generations would join the fleet in 2009 to serve regional routes, Alex said. The remaining would be ordered gradually until 2012.

The Dreamliners, which can accommodate 240 passengers each, will be delivered between 2011 and 2013. The state-of-the-art aircraft can fly non-stop for 8,500 nautical miles, which means passenger can fall asleep in Jakarta and wake up in London or Vancouver without having to stop in transit.

"(The aircraft) fit with Garuda's business plan," Alex said. Garuda currently operates 57 aircraft, of which only six are made by Boeing's strongest competitor Airbus. The airline has several times renegotiated deals with Boeing to adjust its plans to market condition.

MNA/Xinhua

# Cuban eye operations for Venezuelans pay oil bill

HAVANA, 18 Sept— Venezuelans are flocking to Havana by the planeload for free eye operations under a medical programme funded by their country that is helping Cuba pay for oil imports and keep its socialist economy afloat.

More than 70,000 Venezuelans have been operated on for cataracts and other eye ailments this year and the goal is 150,000 by the end of 2005, a Cuban health official said on Friday.

Operation Miracle, a new programme cementing the alliance between the left-wing governments of Communist Cuba and oil-producing Venezuela, is restoring the vision of poor Venezuelans. It has turned Cuban hospitals into production lines for eye surgery, jamming corridors with patients awaiting their turn.

"It's so wonderful for us. We could not afford this in Venezuela," said Fabiola, who was accompanying her 75-year-old mother from the city of Maracaibo for a cataract operation.

"This is how (Venezuelan President Hugo) Chavez helps the poor," she said in a crowded waiting room at Havana's Pando Ferrer Eye Hospital. She declined to give her last name.

On 20 August, a record 1,648 eye operations at some 20 hospitals were

performed in one day, the health official said. Hotels and educational campuses have been taken over to house Venezuelan patients who get free air travel to Cuba, lodging and food while they are in Havana, courtesy of the Venezuelan state.

They are driven around in new buses from China, often escorted by police on motorcycles. The VIP treatment underscores the priority President Fidel Castro has given to a programme that is paying for vital shipments of 90,000 barrels a day of Venezuelan oil and gasoline, which represents an energy bill that exceeds 1.5 billion US dollars a year at today's high prices. Cuba, economically hobbled since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, has been providing medical care to Venezuelans for five years and sent 20,000 Cuban doctors and dentists to work in Venezuelan slums.

In December, Castro and Chavez signed an agreement fixing payment for these services within a broad cooperation deal that renewed oil shipments at preferential rates. — MNA/Reuters



Pablo Picasso's artwork 'Buste de femme' is displayed by staff at an auction in Tokyo on 17 September, 2005. The painting was sold at an auction for 180 million yen (\$1,616,306). —INTERNET

# Spain arrests 20 members of neo-Nazi group

MADRID, 18 Sept — Spanish police have arrested 20 members of a neo-Nazi group that organized outings to attack immigrants, government officials said on Saturday.

Police found 18 places in the southern province of Valencia over a two-year investigation where the group, called "The Anti-System Front", met and stored illegal arms.

The arrests follow a crackdown in April on the Spanish branch of international neo-Nazi group "Blood&Honour", which resulted in the arrest of 21 people accused of illegal arms dealing and defending genocide.

MNA/Reuters

# China Agri University celebrates centennial anniversary

BEIJING, 18 Sept — China Agricultural University (CAU) celebrated its 100th founding anniversary here on Friday.

Chinese President Hu Jintao, who is in New York now attending the UN summit on the 60th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, sent a congratulatory letter to the CAU for its centennial anniversary.

Hu said in his letter that the CAU has played an important role in the economic and social development of China's rural areas, hoping that the CAU would continue its efforts to train more students and to provide better service to China's rural population. — MNA/Xinhua

# China makes breakthrough in making super-large generating sets

WUHAN, 18 Sept — With the push of a button on Friday morning, Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan commissioned another 700,000 kilowatts generating set in the giant Three Gorges Project in central China's Hubei Province.

All the fourteen 700,000 kilowatts generating sets in the northern bank power station, which feature high localization rates, have gone into operation by now.

"Successful localization of hydroelectric equipment in the Three Gorges Project implies that China is able to design, manufacture, install and operate on its own 700,000-kilowatt water turbine generator sets," Zeng said at the commissioning ceremony.

According to Zeng, two of the generating sets have achieved localization rates of 71 per cent and 85 per cent, respectively.

Zeng called for summarizing the

experience gained in localization and continuing to push forward the construction of large-scale hydroelectric projects and independent manufacturing of major technological equipment.

He noted that of the 12 generating sets in the southern bank power station, now under construction, eight are expected to be completed by domestic enterprises themselves.

According to the original plan, the Three Gorges Project on the Yangtze River, with an estimated cost of 180 billion yuan (approximately 21.7 billion US dollars), will have 26 generators with a combined generating capacity of 18.2 million kilowatts. — MNA/Xinhua



Greek Air Force officers watch a formation of MB-339A PAN from Italy's Pony aerobatic team during an airshow at the air-force base of Tanagra, 70 kilometres (about 43 miles) north of Athens, on 17 September, 2005. Air forces from 13 countries take part in the three-day static and flying show. —INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Liverpool, Man United in goalless stalemate

LONDON, 19 Sept — Liverpool and Manchester United played out a dull 0-0 draw in a Premier League match of few scoring chances and little creative flair at Anfield on Sunday. United's Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy missed the best opportunity just before halftime, chipping the ball on to the top of the net from a tight angle.

Liverpool, the European champions, recorded their third draw in four league matches this season, while United slipped seven points behind champions Chelsea who won 2-0 at Charlton Athletic on Saturday, their sixth successive victory.

United controlled the first half but failed to break down a packed Liverpool defence until moments before the interval when van Nistelrooy ran on to a pass by defender Rio Ferdinand and before lifting his shot over advancing goalkeeper Jose

Reina and inches over the crossbar. Liverpool improved in the second half and their captain Steven Gerrard tested United keeper Edwin van der Sar with a fierce long shot.

Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez, whose side have scored only one goal and conceded none in four league games, was satisfied with the performance.

The match was littered with fouls and two players from each side were booked, though United's England striker Wayne Rooney, sent off in a

Champions League match at Villarreal last week, escaped a yellow card.

Blackburn Rovers play Newcastle United, Manchester City meet Bolton Wanderers and Wigan Athletic face Middlesbrough later on Sunday. Arsenal host Everton on Monday.—MNA/Reuters



Gary Speed hammers home a last minute penalty to give Bolton an undeserved win at the City of Manchester Stadium on 18 September 2005.—INTERNET

## Leverkusen win with Voeller back at helm

FRANKFURT, 19 Sept — Bayer Leverkusen came from behind to beat strugglers MSV Duisburg 3-1 on Sunday and make it a winning return to coaching for Rudi Voeller.

Voeller, director of football at Leverkusen, took over as temporary coach this week after Klaus Augenthaler paid the price for the club's worst start to a season in 22 years.

The early signs were not good for the former Germany boss as Duisburg moved ahead in the 31st minute with a Klemen Lavric header but goals from Juan and Dimitar Berbatov put the visitors in front by the interval. Brazilian Athirson, nominally a defender but playing more like a left winger, blasted in a minute from time to cap a brilliant individual display and send Leverkusen up to seventh place with seven points from five matches.

In Sunday's other match Schalke 04 were held to a goalless draw at home to Hertha Berlin, who had Gilberto sent off in the 26th minute.

The result left Schalke down in fourth place, already six points behind leaders Bayern Munich, and will only increase the pressure on coach Ralf Rangnick.

Bayern are top with a maximum 15 points from five games after claiming a 1-0 victory at home to Hanover 96 on Saturday, a result that stretched their winning run to a Bundesliga record 14 games. Werder Bremen stayed within two points of the leaders with a 3-2 win at home to Borussia Dortmund.

Hamburg SV are third on 11 points after a 1-1 draw at home to Eintracht Frankfurt on Saturday, with Schalke in fourth two points further back.

Augenthaler's dismissal followed Leverkusen's 1-0 defeat by CSKA Sofia in the UEFA Cup on Thursday.

The side seemed to be feeling the effects of that draining match as they left Lavric unmarked to head in Tobias Willi's cross from the right.—MNA/Reuters



New Zealand's Michael Campbell poses with the World Match Play trophy after beating Ireland's Paul McGinley recently.—INTERNET

## Marseille clinch first home win this season

PARIS, 19 Sept— Improving Olympique Marseille laboured to a 2-1 win over promoted Troyes on Sunday, their first Ligue 1 victory at home this season.

The result lifted Marseille to joint 13th in the 20-team standings with eight points after seven games.

The hosts went ahead in the 22nd minute when midfielder Franck Ribery, exploiting a blunder in the Troyes defence, scored from close range.

Marseille, who had lost twice and drawn once at their Stade Velodrome venue in earlier league matches, doubled their lead 12 minutes later with a superb volley by Sabri Lamouchi.

Although Troyes reduced the deficit when Sebastien Grax scored from the penalty spot just before the hour, Marseille held on for their second Ligue 1 win a row, having tamed Sochaux 1-0 away last week.

Monaco delivered another sub-par performance before losing 2-0 at home to Stade Rennes, Kim Kallstrom and Yohann Gourcuff getting the goals for the Brittany side.

MNA/Reuters

## Juventus maintain perfect start, Milan lose

ROME, 19 Sept— Juventus maintained their 100-per-cent start to the season with a 2-1 win over Ascoli as AC Milan suffered a surprise 2-1 defeat at Sampdoria on Sunday.

Champions Juventus moved on to nine points from three matches, two ahead of Fiorentina who beat Udinese 4-2. Lazio and Palermo also have seven points after wins over Treviso and Siena.

AC Milan captain Paolo Maldini equalled Dino Zoff's record of 570 Serie A appearances but had little else to celebrate after a defeat that left his side five points behind Juventus.

Juve's victory marked a return to form for their captain Alessandro del Piero.

The diminutive forward, who has struggled to earn a starting place since Zlatan Ibrahimovic's arrival last season, produced an inspired performance, putting his team ahead with a 13th-minute penalty after midfielder Domenico Cristiano handled in the area.

Juventus dominated possession but a deflected shot by Serie A debutant Alfredo Cariello shortly after the half hour drew Ascoli level.

Del Piero re-established Juve's lead with a well struck free kick just before the break and they could have extended their lead in the second half if Ibrahimovic's finishing had been more precise.

AC Milan striker Alberto Gilardino gave his side an early lead at Sampdoria and wasted a chance to double the advantage when he blasted Andriy Shevchenko's cutback high over the bar.—MNA/Reuters



And just four minutes later Michael Owen rises excellently to head Newcastle in to a two-goal lead at Ewood Park.—INTERNET

## English Premier League reports

LONDON, 19 Sept— Brief match reports of Premier League games played over the weekend:

### Blackburn Rovers 0 — Newcastle United 3

England striker Michael Owen scored his first goal for the club to help Newcastle claim their first win of the campaign at the sixth attempt.

Alan Shearer put the visitors ahead with a fierce shot from just outside the penalty area midway through the second half and Owen doubled the lead with a neat header. Newcastle defender Steven Taylor was sent off but midfielder Charles N'Zogbia sealed a comfortable victory for the visitors.

### Wigan Athletic 1 — Middlesbrough 1

Nigerian Aiyegbeni Yakubu put Boro ahead after 13 minutes with a good finish after his strike partner Mark Viduka had headed on a free kick.

Promoted Wigan refused to lie down, however, and Henri Camara ensured the spoils were shared with a 68th-minute shot, shortly after he had come on as a substitute. Middlesbrough stayed eighth in the table, one place above Wigan.

### Manchester City 0 — Bolton Wanderers 1

Bolton snatched a dramatic late winner when experienced midfielder Gary Speed converted a stoppage-time penalty after City defender Richard Dunne had handled the ball in the area.

City, unbeaten in their first five matches of the season, dominated the match and struck the frame of Bolton's goal five times.—MNA/Reuters



**“Special Weather News”**

(Issued at 08:00 hours MST 19-9-2005)

The land depression, which is the remnant of tropical storm “Vicente” that crossed Vietnam Coast yesterday and moved west has weakened in to a low pressure area over Myanmar at 06:30 hours today. The lower pressure area is forecast to move into the East Central Bay of Bengal.

Under the influence of the low pressure area, isolated heavyfalls are likely in some places in Central Myanmar and Lower Myanmar areas during the next 24 hours commencing this morning.



*Dr Thein Lwin and Daw Ohmar Tin and family donate K 200,000 recently for building three-storey hospital of Hninzigone Home for the Aged through Treasurer U Aung Than of the Administrative Board of the Home.*

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**Three more killed in violence in Canada’s biggest city**

OTTAWA, 19 Sept — Three more people have fallen victim to shooting in Toronto, where gang violence has become a nightmare and claimed 40 lives during this summer, police said Saturday.

Three men died and two others were wounded Friday, bringing the number of people murdered this year in Canada’s largest city to 58, of whom 40 are victims of gunfire.

The three latest victims were sitting in a black BMW when the assailants fired on them, blowing out the car’s back window.

The shooting happened in a northwest neighbourhood which has witnessed frequent gang fights and 40 people there were arrested the day before in a police raid.— MNA/Xinhua

**Six Brazilians charged in one of world’s biggest bank heists**

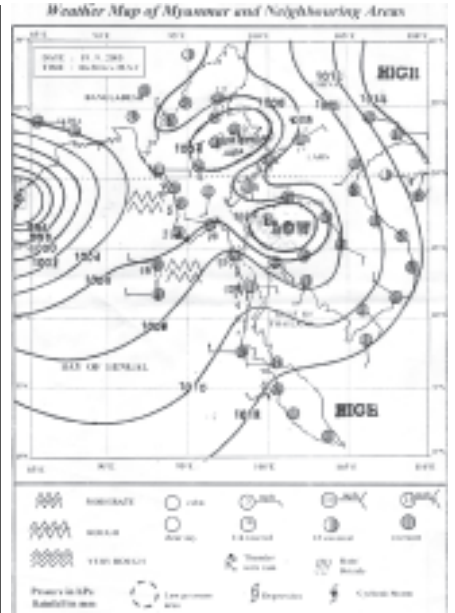
BRASILIA, 19 Sept — Six men have been officially charged with stealing 70 million US dollars from Brazil’s Central Bank in one of the world’s biggest bank robberies, the local media reported Saturday.

Those charged Friday by Brazilian federal prosecutors include three men who were arrested shortly after the robbery in August and another three who are still at large, the local *Agencia Estado* news service said.

The suspects allegedly spent three months tunnelling under a busy avenue in Fortaleza, a city 2,350 kilometres northeast of Sao Paulo, to break into the Central Bank vault.

Some of the stolen Brazilian reales were taken from Fortaleza to Sao Paulo, hidden inside grain sacks on a commercial flight, the prosecutors said.

MNA/Xinhua



**WEATHER**

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Kachin and Kayin States, Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Chin and Rakhine States, Magway Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Kayah States, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye and Longlon (9.80) inches each, Myeik (6.53) inches, Kawthong (5.23) inches, Tharawady (3.90) inches, Central Yangon (3.50) inches, Loikaw and Dawei (3.27) inches each, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (3.07) inches, Yamethin (2.56) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.32) inches, Heho (2.28) inches, Aunglan (1.57) inches and Taunggyi (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-9-2005 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 19-9-2005 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-9-2005 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 18-9-2005 was (3.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 19-9-2005 were (2.32) inches at Mingaladon, (3.07) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.50) inches at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (82.40) inches at Mingaladon, (85.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (92.28) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from Southwest at (15:00) hours MST on 18-9-2005.

**Bay inference:** Yesterday’s depression over Northwest Bay has practically remained stationary. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate to strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Special feature:** The land depression, which is the remnant of tropical storm “Vicente” that crossed Vietnam Coast yesterday and moved west has weakened in to a low pressure area over central Myanmar at 06:30 hours MST today. The low pressure area is forecast to move into the East Central Bay of Bengal during the next 24 hours commencing this morning.

**Forecast valid until evening of 20-9-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin State and lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Chin, Shan, Kayah, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**State of the sea:** Occasional squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Moderate monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-9-2005:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-9-2005:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.



Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September  
View on today:

- 7:00 am
  1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am
  2. တီဗီဂ္ဂဏရ၊ ဓမ္မသက္ကရာဇ်၊ အဋ္ဌမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ဗဟာဆရာတော်)၊ ဗဟာကြားတော်၊ အဓိပတိ၊ ဦးအောင်မြင်
- 7:25 am
  3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
  6. ကဗျာပန်းပွင့်ယုတ်
- 8:00 am
  7. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
  8. Song of yesteryears
- 8:20 am
  9. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:25 am
  10. ဓမ္မသက္ကရာဇ်၊ တော်ဝင်စည်ရပ်စင်တီ
- 8:30 am
  11. International news
- 8:45 am
  12. Let’s Go
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
  3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
  4. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတ်ပေးအထူးပြု) (ဓာတ်ပေး)
- 5:00 pm
  5. Dance of national races
- 5:10 pm
  6. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ ဓာတ်ပေး အကြိမ် (၁၃) ကြိမ်၊ မြန်မာ့ ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအတီးအရေ၊ အတီး၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင် များ လောကီနိုင်ကြရန် (ဗဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာဝေ-၁၅နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:20 pm
  7. ခံစားစားခင်းထားဓာတ်ဝင်
- 5:30 pm
  8. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ

- 5:40 pm
  9. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုးမြည့်အကျိုး
- 5:50 pm
  10. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:15 pm
  11. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်း၊ ဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရယ်ရယ်ဆောင်ရွက်ရက်စိတ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 6:30 pm
  12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
  13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
  14. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဓမ္မနိဂ္ဂဏရ” (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 7:35 pm
  15. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 7:45 pm
  16. ပညာပွဲယုတ်လူတိုင်းအကျိုးဝင် ပွင့်သောခန်းတိုင်းဆွေးနွေးချင်
- 8:00 pm
  17. News
- 8:10 pm
  18. International news
- 8:20 pm
  19. Weather report
- 8:30 pm
  20. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရယ်ရယ်ဆောင်ရွက်ရက်စိတ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 8:40 pm
  21. The next day’s programme



Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music -Gotta tell you
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -Wherever you go
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music -In this life
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music -No place that far
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Where you are? -Have you ever been in love
- 9:00 pm English Lesson: Level III Unit (B)
- 9:10 pm Article/Music
- 9:25 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9:35 pm Music for your listening pleasure -Love shot
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

**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

## Model villages competitions held in Yaksawk Township

YANGON, 19 Sept — The government has built necessary infrastructures for equitable development of economic, education and health sectors.

As part of an effort to step up the implementation of regional development tasks in border and rural areas in Shan State, Yaksawk Township Union Solidarity and Development Association has organized model villages competitions in cooperation with the township Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township War Veterans Organization.

Pinphyit Village in Yaksawk Township won the first prize in the competitions. The prize presentation ceremony was held at Basic Education Primary School of Pinphyit Village on 17 September and Chairman of Yaksawk Township Peace and Development Council U Thein Han chaired the ceremony together with Secretary of the township USDA U Aung Kyaw Nyunt and townselder U Than Lwin.



Specialists of Shan State Hospital give treatment to eye, ear, nose and tooth patients. — MNA

**Establishment of model villages is an example of rural areas development tasks. National development is not confined to urban development only.**

It was attended by representatives of model villages in the township, members of USDA, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and social organiza-

tions, Shan traditional cultural troupe and local people totalling 1,351.

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## Members of WAO take part in development tasks of Myaungmya, Pantanaw Townships

YANGON, 19 Sept — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation is actively participating in the State's Development Programmes as part of the drive to develop women's life underlining vital role of women in building peaceful and modern developed nation.

Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Aye Aye Kyaw, Division Organizer Dr Daw Hla Darni Chain and members arrived at Myaungmya No 1 Basic Education High School on 17 September and encouraged Ma May Zin

Aung, a disabled school girl, who is studying in Grade-11 of the school.

In accord with the programme of Inclusive Education of the Ministry of Education, Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division WAO and executives of Township Maternal Child Welfare Association presented stipend to Ma May Zin Aung after enjoying her painting and knitting skill with the use of the first toe and the second toe. At Youth Development Centre in Myaungmya, they donated books to U Win Kyi, the head of the centre.

Next, U Win Kyi explained the progress of nursing 43 school boys who are national races of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar and Shan, and donation of local authorities and wellwishers. Members of WAO then viewed round the centre.

On arrival at Seiktathukha Monastic Education School in U Peikkon Ward, members of WAO met with volunteer teachers of the school, presented stipend, school uniforms and stationery to the school and paid obeisance to the Sayadaw of Seiktathukha Monastery. They then offered provisions to the Sayadaw.

They proceeded to monsoon paddy plantation in Layeindan Village, viewed the progress of reading power activities undertaken by MAAF and the Ministry of Education and presented dailies, exercise books and stipend to the villager women.

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Ayeyawady Division Women's Affairs Organization, Myaungmya Women's Affairs Organization donate books to Myaungmya Youth Training Centre. —MNA