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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.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents documentary photo album and video tapes to Thai Supreme Commander General Chaisit Shinawatra at the lounge of the airport. — MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Thai Supreme Commander

YANGON, 21 Sept— The Thai delegation led by Supreme Commander of Thai Royal Armed Forces General Chaisit Shinawatra, that was on a goodwill visit in Myanmar at the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, left here by air for Bagan-NyaungU this afternoon to continue the goodwill visit.

The Thai Supreme Commander and party left No 1 Tatmadaw Guest House in a motorcade to Yangon International Airport. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye bids farewell to Thai Supreme Commander General Chaisit Shinawatra at the airport before his departure for Bagan-NyaungU. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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National development endeavours that will go down in history

During the time of the Tatmadaw Government, dams, new motor roads and railroads, bridges, airports, ports, factories and workshops, hydel-power plants, gas-fired power plants and coal-fired power plants are being constructed the length and breadth of the nation for the benefit of the nation and the people.

Development of transport infrastructure is especially important for that of trade and economy and improvement of the social status of the people. Therefore, special emphasis is being given to the construction of river-crossing bridges and roads.

In 1988, there were 13,635 miles of motor roads including 461 Union Highways but now there are 18,640 miles of motor roads including 621 highways. In Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division where there are many rivers and creeks and in Shan State, a mountainous region, a network of various types of bridges has emerged and the people in those regions are enjoying unprecedented benefit.

In the past, there was only one bridge across the Ayeyawady River but now there are seven built across it. At present, the whole nation has a total of 207 bridges 180 feet long and above. More than K 26,651.694 million and US\$ 172 million was spent on the construction of these bridges. In the rail transportation sector, there were 1,976 miles of railroads and 2,790 miles of railtracks in 1988 but now there are more than 3,000 miles of railroads and over 4,000 miles of railtracks altogether in the whole nation.

For the development of the agriculture sector, the main pillar of national economy, dams and river water pumping stations are being built. Now, in the whole nation, there are 177 dams and reservoirs, which can irrigate more than 2.4 million acres of farmland, and 293 river water pumping stations, which benefit nearly 400,000 acres of farmland.

In the education and health sectors, universities and specialist hospitals have been built in the capital cities of states and divisions and in special development regions. It is due to peace and stability and national unity forged in accordance with the national policy that development infrastructure has emerged all over the nation. We believe that national development endeavours being carried out by the Tatmadaw Government will go down in the history of our Union.

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People's Desire

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

Acreage of paddy up in NyaungU

YANGON, 21 Sept — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo urged on practice of irrigated cultivation and systematic use of water for double cropping when he met with local farmers and departmental officials at Lawkananda river water pumping station in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Division, on 16 September.

Thanks to the river water pumping stations, the number of acreage of paddy increases in NyaungU, an arid region, year by year.

According to an offi-

cial of Lawkananda river water pumping station, so far 2,700 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy against the target of 5,000 acres of monsoon paddy this season.

During his tour of NyaungU Township, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo also went to Latpanchayaw and Thukaungti river water pumping stations in the region. At Latpanchayaw river water pumping station, the minister inspected supply of irrigation water and 1,500 acres of monsoon paddy field in the catchment area.— MNA



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Lawkananda River Water Pumping Project in NyaungU Township. — A&I

Workshop on Growing Integration of Greater Mekong Sub-regional ASEAN States in Asian Region concludes

YANGON, 21 Sept — Organized by Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies, the second day session of the Workshop on the Growing Integration of the Greater Mekong Sub-regional ASEAN States in Asian Region continued at the Traders Hotel this morning.

In today's session, Director-General of the Energy Planning Department of the Ministry of Energy U Soe Myint read the papers on "Myanmar, Potential Energy Supplier", Director of the International Organization and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Denzil Abel on "Call on Bagan", Dr Marie Lall,

Principal Researcher, Educational Foundations and Policy Studies, Institute of Education, University of London on "India Looking East: The India-Myanmar Gas Nexus" and Dr Apichai Sunchindah, Executive Director, ASEAN Foun-

dation, Jakarta on "Water Diplomacy in the Mekong Basin: Prospects and Challenges".

Afterwards, the researchers and scholars from local and abroad, actively participated in discussions.

Next, the workshop

ended with concluding remarks by Secretary of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies Ambassador U Nyunt Tin.

In the evening, the dinner was hosted by Ambassador U Nyunt Tin to those present. — MNA



The second day session of Workshop on Growing Integration of Greater Mekong Sub-regional ASEAN States in Asian Region in progress. — MNA

China favours more developing nations in UNSC

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Sept—Representation of developing countries, particularly the African countries, should be increased in the Security Council, Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said on Monday.

Addressing the general debate of the 60th session of the UN General Assembly, Li said China supports the reform of the Security Council aimed to strengthen its authority and efficiency and improve its working methods.

"Representation of developing countries, particularly the African countries, should be increased so that small and medium-sized countries will have more say in the decision-making of the Council," he stressed.

The foreign minister said that no reform proposal can work that only addresses the concerns of a few countries in disregard of the interests of the majority of countries and treats unfairly developing countries in Africa and other parts of the world.

"China supports the principle of cooperation based on democratic consultation," Li noted. "As the reform bears on the future of the United Nations and

the interests of various parties, there should be no artificial time frame or forced voting."

"Instead, the member states should seek consensus through dialogue and consultation and in accordance with the principle of democratic international relations," Li stressed.

He also urged the current session to give focus on Africa, saying if there is no stability in Africa, the world would have no peace, and if Africa remains poor, there would be no development for the world.

"The Security Council should pay special attention to African problems and give them the priority on its agenda," he said.

"This does not only mean devoting more meetings to African issues at the Council, but more importantly, taking concrete actions to heed the voice of Africa, respect its views and accommodate its concerns," he added.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Bulgaria thwarts smuggling of nuclear material

SOFIA, 20 Sept— Bulgarian police have arrested four men trying to smuggle into Romania a substance scientists say can be used to make powerful explosives or "dirty bombs".

The men, three Romanians and a Bulgarian, were caught as they tried to cross into Bulgaria's northern neighbour at the Danube river town of Rousse on Saturday, police said on Monday.

"Police found a bag with 3.4 kilos (7.5 lb) of hafnium in the car. The substance was transported as a metal, and in this condition it is not radioactive and is not dangerous," the national police said in a statement.

The substance is on a list of substances that cannot be transported across borders without official clearance.—*MNA/Reuters*

1,907 US military members killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept—As of Tuesday, 20 Sept, 2005, at least 1,907 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,479 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The *AP* count is five higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Tuesday. The British military has reported 96 deaths; Italy, 26; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; El Salvador, Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,768 US military members have died, according to *AP's* count. That includes at least 1,370 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military: A soldier was killed 75 miles north of Baghdad, Iraq, when his vehicle was struck by an explosive on Tuesday. Four soldiers were killed by explosives in two separate incidents on Monday in Ramadi, Iraq.—*Internet*



Singapore and Brunei rescue team search for supposed survivors in abandoned construction site during a drill in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 19 September, 2005. —INTERNET

HK traffic accident kills one

HONG KONG, 20 Sept— Car crash in Kwun Tong, Hong Kong killed one early Monday morning, according to the police.

Police are investigating the fatal car crash in Kwun Tong, in which a 43-year old taxi driver was killed and another man was critically injured.

Officers say a light goods vehicle was travelling up slope at Hiu Kwong Street, but reportedly lost control and collided with a taxi in the opposite lane. In a separate accident, 16 people were injured in a collision between a coach and a bus in Tseung Kwan O. No one was seriously harmed.—*MNA/Reuters*

Nine Americans killed in north Iraq as tensions build in south

BAGHDAD, 20 Sept—Guerillas have killed nine American troops and security officers in four attacks across Iraq, including a suicide-bomb blast that took the life of a State Department security official and three security contractors as their diplomatic convoy left the regional United States embassy office in Mosul.

One attack in Mosul on Monday morning killed the State Department security official and three private security guards. It was followed later that day by two bombings near the restive city of Ramadi in Anbar Province that each killed two soldiers, the American military reported. This afternoon, an American military policeman was also reported killed by a homemade bomb 75 miles north of Baghdad.

The violence in northern Iraq's largest city came as British and Iraqi officials traded accusations over the British military's siege of an Iraqi police station in Basra to liberate two British soldiers being held by the police.

The bizarre fight on Monday between the Iraqi police and British soldiers who have helped train them threatened to further destabilize a Shiite-dominated region. While the area had been relatively calm, skirmishes have

arisen in recent weeks between rival Shiite militias who control much of the Iraqi police and military in southern Iraq.

Offering new details of the fight and the successful rescue of its two soldiers, the British military accused the Iraqi police of handing over the two soldiers to militiamen in Basra, the largest city in the south. That move, the British said, had been a guiding factor in their decision to knock down the walls of an Iraqi police station with armoured vehicles.

Pictures of the attack, with a British soldier aflame scrambling from his tank while hundreds of Iraqis threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at the troops, shocked British residents, reports from Britain said.

Ultimately, the two soldiers were not at the jail but were later rescued from a home in Basra, the British military said.—*Internet*

Explosion on bus in Turkey kills two

ISTANBUL, 20 Sept— An explosion on a bus in southern Turkey overnight killed two people and wounded 10, Turkey's state-run *Anatolian* news agency said on Monday.

It said the blast came from the hand-baggage shelf inside the bus which was travelling from the southern city of Adana to Antalya, a tourist centre, along the coast to the west.

Parts of the bus were blasted over an area of 400 metres. Police said they had opened a wide-ranging investigation into the blast, the agency said.

Kurdish rebels, Islamist radicals and far-leftists have all launched bomb attacks in Turkey in recent years.—*MNA/Reuters*



Iraqi soldiers man a checkpoint for visitors arriving at Iraqi city of Kerbala, 110 kms (70 miles) south of Baghdad, on 18 September, 2005. —INTERNET



An Indian man pushes his bicycle through a flooded road in the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 19 September, 2005. Heavy rain swamped parts of the western India and disrupted traffic.

INTERNET

Singapore President meets Chinese Vice-Premier

SINGAPORE, 20 Sept—Singapore President SR Nathan on Monday met with visiting Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi, saying that the city state is willing to share China's development experience and promote bilateral cooperation in various fields.

During their meeting, Wu noted that bilateral relations between China and Singapore have been enhanced significantly since the diplomatic relationship between the two countries was established 15 years ago.

Regarding Singapore as China's most important economic and trade partner in the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Wu said that the two countries have been cooperating not only in promoting their respective economies, but also in international and regional affairs, especially in strengthening the China-ASEAN relationship.

President Nathan thanked China for providing Singapore with opportunities in areas like trade, investment and

human resources, adding that China's peaceful development has contributed a lot to the prosperity and stability of the region as well as Asia.

The two leaders also agreed that China's economic and social development will bring increasing opportunities to its neighbours and will benefit Asian countries including Singapore.

Wu stressed that China is willing to be Asian nations' reliable friend and sincere partner for cooperation.

Wu arrived in Singapore on Monday afternoon for a three-day official visit at the invitation of her Singapore counterpart Wong Kan Seng, who hosted a welcome dinner in honour of Wu after the meeting. — MNA/Xinhua

Three Blackwater USA employees killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 Sept—The violence in Iraq has claimed the lives of three security contractors for Blackwater USA in Moyock, North Carolina.

According to 13News' partners at the Virginian Pilot, the three died in a suicide car bombing in Mosul.

"Their untimely deaths illustrate the extraordinary conditions under which these individuals voluntarily serve to bring freedom and democracy to the Iraqi people," Blackwater said in a statement to the Virginian Pilot.

The *Washington Post* reported they were riding in an armoured SUV and were part of a three-vehicle diplomatic convoy. A lone driver pulled alongside the convoy and detonated an explosion next to the second vehicle.

A State Department employee, Assistant Regional Security Officer Stephen Eric Sullivan, also was killed.

Two other people, who haven't been identified, were wounded in the blast.

Blackwater USA did not release the names of their contractors. According to a casualty counting Web site, Blackwater USA has lost 22 employees in the on-going conflict.

Internet

Guerillas 'inside Iraqi police'

BAGHDAD, 20 Sept—Iraq's National Security Adviser Muwafaq al-Rubaie has admitted the country's security forces have been infiltrated by guerillas.

Speaking on the BBC's Newsnight programme, he said he had no idea how far they have already been undermined.

It comes after the British Army said it was forced to take action to free two UK soldiers after learning Iraqi police had handed them to a militia group.

The Pentagon warned in July that Iraq's police force was recruiting guerillas.

The Iraqi government has launched an inquiry into events surrounding the arrest of the British soldiers on Monday, both thought to be members of the SAS elite special forces.

Iraq's Interior Ministry ordered the police force in the southern city of Basra to release the soldiers — but that order was ignored.

Mr Rubaie told Newsnight: "Our Iraqi security forces in general, and these in particular and in many parts of Iraq, I have to admit that they have been penetrated by some of the guerillas, some of the terrorists as well, so I can't deny this."

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Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conf addresses high oil prices

SINGAPORE, 20 Sept—The 21st Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conference (APPEC) opened here on Monday evening with the theme of "High oil prices: fundamentals versus financials."

The three-day event has invited professionals from the region's oil and gas industry as well as international practitioners to discuss such topics as the impact of Asian oil supply and demand on the global markets, and oil trading versus the commodity investors.

Delivering the opening address, Singapore's 2nd Minister for Trade and Industry Vivian Balakrishnan said that high global demand for oil, especially in Asia, is believed to have triggered the

recent surge in oil prices.

"This strong demand is underpinned by robust economic growth," he said, adding that the oil demand in Asia accounted for nearly half of the increase in global oil consumption last year.

He said that there exist significant opportunities for growth for Singapore in areas including oil exploration and production engineering and services, refining, supply chain and logistics, as well as trading. — MNA/Xinhua

Poll shows Bush's disapproval rating at 58%

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept — Only 40 per cent of Americans approved of President George W Bush's performance in office, while 58 per cent disapproved, a new poll released on Monday showed.

This was the second time the president's approval rating has hit that a low mark, according to the CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll. On Hurricane Katrina, which has killed nearly 900 people since it struck the Gulf Coast region three weeks ago, only 41 per cent of those polled said they approved of Bush's handling of the storm's aftermath, while 57 per cent disapproved.

Public support for his handling of the war in Iraq dropped to 32 per cent, with 67 per cent said they disapproved

of the way Bush was handling the war.

Fifty-nine per cent said they considered the 2003 invasion of Iraq a mistake, 63 per cent said they wanted to see some or all US troops withdrawn from that country.

Just 35 per cent of those polled approved of Bush's handling of the economy, with 63 per cent saying they disapproved. The poll of 818 adults was conducted between Friday and Monday, and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4 percentage points. — MNA/Xinhua



Television footage shows a soldier jumping from a British tank as it comes under attack from a crowd in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, on 19 September, 2005. — INTERNET

France, Cambodia to relaunch bilateral cooperation

PARIS, 20 Sept—France and Cambodia signed on Monday a frame agreement of partnership for 2006-2010, relaunching their bilateral cooperation. "It is a new era of the French-Cambodian cooperation that we enter together," said French Junior Minister for Cooperation Brigitte Girardin before signing the frame agreement with Vice Cambodian Prime Minister Hor Namhong, as well as two other funding conventions for the management of Angkor and college training in the medical field.

"We agree to concentrate our aid over the five coming years over the three great priorities that are rule of law, the millenary goals (especially in agriculture, food security, environment and health) and the knowledge," she said at the signature ceremony at the French Foreign Ministry.

For his part, Hor Namhong answered in French that Cambodia did not forget the agreement of Paris signed in 1991 at the French initiative, that ended a 20-year war and said that Cambodia did not forget France's support in the economic, social and cultural fields.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN stresses importance of enhancing judicial cooperation

HANOI, 20 Sept — Delegates at the 6th ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting agreed to boost legal cooperation, especially in the field of judicial assistance in civil and commercial matters, said a Vietnamese official on Monday.

The one-day meeting highlighted the importance of establishing a working group to build agreements on service abroad of judicial and extra judicial documents, and abolishment of legalization of foreign public documents used in judicial assistance among members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Vietnamese Deputy Justice Minister Hoang The Lien said at a Press briefing just after the meeting closed.

Representatives also agreed to set up working groups to examine modalities for harmonizing the trade laws of ASEAN members, laws

on legalization of foreign public documents, a model ASEAN extradition treaty and a model law on maritime security, he added.

Besides, they underlined the importance of enhancing coordination linkages with the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crimes in preventing and combating transnational crimes and terrorism, Lien said.

The ministers also expressed their commitment to the ASEAN declaration, Bali Concord II, in 2003, which was a landmark decision for the block to work toward an ASEAN Community with three main pillars, namely security, economy and

socio-culture, he said, adding that they agreed to hold the 7th ASEAN Law Ministers Meeting in Brunei in 2008.

The meeting, which is alternatively held once per three years in ASEAN countries, is attended by law ministers and representatives from ASEAN members, namely Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Delegates from other countries, including China, Japan, South Korea and the United States, and international organizations also participated in the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

China calls for peace, harmony and common development

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Sept — China called for peace, harmony and common development in the world, Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said on Monday.

Addressing the general debate of the 60th session of the UN General Assembly, Li said this session should serve to promote peace, harmony and common development.

"We want peaceful development," Li said. "Stability and security of one country cannot be built on turbulence or crisis of another."

He pointed out that only a new security concept featuring mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality and coordination will enable us to develop ourselves in peace and

safeguard peace by development.

"We want harmonious development," Li said. "We should work together for more democratic and law-based international relations, and a harmonious environment in which countries respect one another, treat one another as equals, and different cultures can emulate and interchange with each other."

"We want common development," the Chinese Foreign Minister added. "No model of development which benefits only a few countries or a

small group of people is acceptable or sustainable."

He stressed that countries should cooperate with each other more closely to bring economic globalization on the track towards win-win results, benefit-sharing and common prosperity.

On the UN reforms, Li said the position of the United Nations as the core of world collective security mechanism must be strengthened so that it can perform its duty of safeguarding peace in a more effective way.

MNA/Xinhua

Bomb damages truck carrying Afghan ballots

JALALABAD (Afghanistan), 20 Sept — A truck carrying ballot boxes after legislative elections in Afghanistan was slightly damaged by a roadside bomb, police said on Monday.

A remotely controlled bomb exploded in front of the vehicle on Sunday evening in Koghiani District of Nangarhar Province about 60 miles east of Kabul, provincial police chief General Khalilullah Ziayee told Reuters.

"This was the work of the enemies of Afghanistan," he said. "They wanted to destroy the truck with the ballot boxes."

The truck, which

was carrying ballots to a provincial counting centre, was slightly damaged but the driver was not hurt and the ballots were spared, he said.

Millions of Afghans voted on Sunday in the first legislative elections in more than 30 years, despite threats by Taliban guerillas to disrupt the vote.

At least 14 people were killed in violence but voting was held in all districts.

Vote counting is due to start on Tuesday and is expected to take 16 days.

This will involve transporting tens of thousands of ballot boxes to provincial centres.

Final results are expected on 22 October.

MNA/Reuters



Residents wait for buses as cars break down on a waterlogged street after heavy rains in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 19 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Bangkok aims to be world book capital

BANGKOK, 20 Sept — The Publishers and Booksellers Association of Thailand said it would boost Bangkok as a candidate for UNESCO's World Book Capital 2008, local media reported on Tuesday.

"There needs to be a cooperative drive to push and motivate people in the country to read as much as possible," Thanachai Santichaikul, president of the association was quoted by *The Nation* newspaper as saying.

Thanachai said the significance of this plan was in developing Thailand from a knowledge-based society to a society that embraces wisdom.

"We need to instill the reading culture in the new generation so that they can build up their imaginations and creativity."

UNESCO has been naming a World Book

Capital every year since 1996 to support the efforts of cities around the world to encourage people, especially youngsters, to read more books. Bogota, Colombia's capital, was recently named World Book Capital 2007.

A UNESCO's panel,

which consists of the international publishers associations, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions and the International Booksellers Federation, will judge Bangkok's qualification to be named World Book Capital 2008 in March next

year.

The association said it will launch the campaign at the tenth BookExpo Thailand 2005, beginning on October 6. The expo, entitled "Knowledge Beyond Boundaries" is planning for 1.5 million visitors.

MNA/Xinhua

Mine blast kills one person in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 20 Sept — A landmine went off in Genc Town of eastern Turkish province of Bingol, killing one person and injuring two others, semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Monday.

The landmine, which was planted by the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), exploded while officials were making a cadastral survey of the area.

Technician Fehmi Dogan, 39, was killed in the explosion, and two others were injured, according to the report.

The PKK has launched a series of landmine and remote-controlled bomb attacks in Turkey over the past few months. Some 37,000 people have been killed since the rebel group took up arms for Kurdish independence in southeastern Turkey in 1984.

MNA/Xinhua



Director of Wildlife Friends of Thailand Edwin Wiek washes his tiger named 'Meaw' at the Wildlife Rescue Centre in Phetchaburi Province, 100 km south of Bangkok, on 17 September, 2005.—INTERNET

The Reverend of the East passes away in the West

Sitagu Ashin Ñānissara (Agga Maha Pandita) D.Lit, Ph.D

Like the Pole Star the words and deeds of Ashin Silananda Bhivamsa will always serve as a glowing and guiding example for all Buddhists. He was a monk hailed from Weikzawdaya Meditation Retreat of Sagaing Hill giving light of religious knowledge to men and women.

Although he was a member of Sangha of Shwegyin Gana, he won the respect of all the Buddhist Ganas. He was well-versed in Pali and Sanskrit, and a monk who could lecture very well the Three Pitakas in English.

He was also the monk who gave valuable advice in compiling the Pali-Myanmar dictionary, published by Myanmar Buddhist Association, to meet the standard of a similar dictionary published by London Pali Association.

With the cooperation of Anisakhan Sayadaw of Sagaing Hill and Mahasi Sayadaw, Ashin Silananda Bhivamsa conducted Abhidhamma and vipassana courses in the US for nearly 25 years. He was the lighthouse for all Myanmar Theravada Buddhist monks in US, compiling and publishing books on Theravada Buddhism. In discharging missionary duties in the US, he also won the respect and devotion of Mahayana Buddhists of Tibet, China, Japan, Vietnam, the Republic of Korea in addition to the Theravada Buddhists of America.

He was an Agga Maha Pandita Title recipient Sayadaw having wide knowledge in Pali, Sanskrit, English and Myanmar treatises and sculptures, and also an Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Title recipient Sayadaw, able to teach the vipassana meditation for all to clearly understand and practise it.

Sayadaw Ashin Silananda Bhivamsa passed away at the age of 78 in the US. His demise on 13 August 2005 was a great loss to the Sasana. A star

has fallen. But the light of Dhamma he ignited still shines in America. It is the duty of all missionary monks to keep that dhamma alight not only in the America, but in the entire world.

As his illness was diagnosed as brain cancer, the Myanmar government in April 2005 made arrangements for him to receive medical treatment in the US. He underwent surgery on 12 the same month.

Until his demise, he had been in the service of the Sasana conducting vipassana courses abroad at over 20 centres. He compiled 15 treatises in Myanmar and 10 in English. The government conferred Agga Maha Pandita, Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika, and Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika titles and doctorate degree in literature on the Sayadaw.

Rivers serve mankind's interest with water, trees with fruits, and the sun and the moon with the light. For the learned persons they benefit human beings with their wisdom. So, Ashin Silananda Bhivamsa is one of the great benefactors of mankind. The life span of human beings can be said short. All things in this world will meet their end one day. But the demise of Buddha is totally different from that of ordinary human beings, as He attained the Nibbana where all sufferings cease, and the Dhamma continues to exist.

The Buddha continued to teach lay persons and monks till His last breath. Ashin Silananda Bhivamsa bore the suffering of the brain cancer without any complaint. An earthquake of high intensity occurred in Japan on the day of his demise. But world people were shaken more by the news of his passing away.

(Translation: TMT)

Myanma Alin, Kyemon: 21-9-2005

(To be continued)

Biography of Sayadaw Ashin Silananda Bhivamsa

1927: A native of Mandalay, he was born of U Hsai, a Myanmar traditional architect and Daw Mone on 16 December.



- 1943: He was novitiated on 14 April under the patronage of Sayadaw Maha Dhamma Kathika (Akyaw) Paññavanta of Sagaing Hill
- 1947: He was ordained into monkhood on 2 July by Weikzawdaya Sayadaw with the sponsorship of his parents.
- 1950: He received the Sasana Dhaja Siripavara title.
- 1954: He won the Pariyatti Sasana Hita Dhammacariya title.
- 1954-57: He went to Sri Lanka for further studies.
- 1957: He played a leading role in compiling Pali-Myanmar dictionary.
- 1958: Together with Secretary of the Sixth Synod Sayadaw Vijjalankara Visuddha, he went on a first missionary tour of Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, and Japan.
- 1959: Together with Anisakhan Sayadaw, he went to the US, England, France and Germany as his second missionary tour.
- 1960: During his third missionary tour abroad, he visited England, France, Germany, Sweden and Denmark together with international missionary Sayadaw Ashin Thethila.
- 1960: He became the presiding Sayadaw of Maha Weikzawdaya Retreat of Sagaing Hill.
- 1969: He became the Presiding Sayadaw of Abhaya Rama Shwegu Monastery of Mandalay.
- 1969: He was elected as the patron of the All Myanmar Shwegyin Gana.
- 1978: He attended the World Buddhist Summit held in Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan.
- 1979: In April, he together with Mahasi Sayadaw, went to the US for missionary service.
- 1979: In October, he founded the Theravada Buddhist Association.
- 1981: In June, he set up Dhamma Nanda Wihara Monastery in Daly City, California State.
- 1996: He moved to the new Dhamma Nanda Wihara Monastery to Half Moon Bay.
- 1996: He became the Ovacacariya of the Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha in Yangon.
- 1998: In December, he became the rector of the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University founded by the Religious Ministry.
- 2004: From 9 to 11 December, he presided over the World Buddhist Summit hosted by Myanmar in Yangon from the beginning to the end.
- 2004: On 11 December evening, he pronounced the WBS Joint Statement
- 2004: At 5 pm on 11 December, he delivered the Abstract Speech of the WBS.
- 2005: In March, he underwent medical check up under the joint arrangement of the Religious Affairs Ministry and the Health Ministry. His illness was diagnosed as brain cancer.
- 2005: In April 12 he underwent surgery in the US.
- 2005: He passed away on 13 August.
- Like the sun that rises in the east and sets in the west, the Sayadaw, who was born in the East passed away in the West.

RPTCC-4 kicks off in Yangon



Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint delivers an address at the opening session of RPTCC-4. — MNA

YANGON, 21 Sept — The 4th Meeting of the Regional Power Trade Coordination Committee (RPTCC-4) was held at Traders Hotel here today.

Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint, Mr Houmphone Bulyaphol, Director-General of the Department of Electricity, Laos, and Mr John R Cooney, Director, Infrastructure Division, Mekong Department, ADB, delivered opening addresses.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Minister

U Myo Myint said representatives of the Mekong regional countries will discuss matters on implementation of the Regional Power Trade Operation Agreement at RPTCC-4. Myanmar is actively participating in Mekong regional cooperation in economic development, he added. Mekong regional countries signed the Regional Power Trade Operation Agreement (RPTOA) stage 1 in July, 2005.

The meeting continues tomorrow. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects...

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reported on construction tasks and 32 per cent completion of the project.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with faculty members and students and gave necessary instructions. He inspected progress of the construction tasks.

The three-storey building will be 513 feet long and 358 feet wide. It will have 38 lecture halls, the office, the administrative office, staff room and the principal's office, the laboratory and toilets. Construction task started in May 2005 and it will be completed in May 2006.

At 220 acres rubber plantation of the local battalion, in-charge of the plantation Lt-Col Maung

Maung Myint reported on cultivation of the rubber plantations and arrangements for reclaiming land for extended rubber plantations. The commander reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo on assistance for the plantation.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed Tatmadawmen and family members to grow rubber on a manageable scale, distribute rubber saplings on a commercial scale, and nurture the grafted rubber plantation.

On his inspection tour, Lt-Gen Maung Bo oversaw thriving rubber farms in Kyaikmaraw Township.

In the afternoon, they arrived at the late monsoon paddy plantation

in Theinbyaw Village of Kyaikmaraw Township. At the briefing hall, he heard reports on cultivation of 474 monsoon paddy against the target of 1,346 acres in the village-tract, and arrangement being made for growing 872 acres of monsoon paddy.

He inspected cultivation of late monsoon paddy and ploughing tasks with the use of Leyar-16 power-tiller and gave necessary instructions.

At 2.30 pm, Lt-Gen Maung Bo went to the local medical battalion in Mawlamyine. He attended the ceremony to donate medical equipment to medical battalions under control of South-East Command. Commanding Officer Lt-Col Zaw Than Maung reported on the purpose of the donations. Lt-Gen Maung Bo handed over eight items of medicines worth K 1.1 million and nine items of medicines worth K 1 million donated by South-East Command to the respective commanding officers.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially conversed with



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects Leyar-16 Brand power-tillers produced and distributed by Irrigation Department. — MNA

Tatmadawmen patients and family members and presented cash assistance to them.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended the ceremony to put new Mawlamyine Railway Station into service.

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than and Managing Director U Min Swe of Myanmar Railways welcomed and conducted Lt-Gen Maung Bo round the new station. At the briefing hall, Deputy Minister U Pe Than briefed him on

matters related to the new station and Mawlamyine-ye Railroad and the plan for building Mottama Station.

Senior engineers of Public Works explained progress in construction of railroads on Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), and Senior Engineer (Civil) U Lwan Thu of Myanmar Railways on matters on new Mawlamyine Station and construction of the approach railroad to Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine).

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on construction of the railroad from Yangon to Mawlamyine and Ye meeting the set standard, and cooperation of departments concerned in the tasks.

At 4.45 pm, Lt-Gen Maung Bo together with departmental officials, social organization members and local people welcomed the arrival of No 174 Ye-Mawlamyine up-train to the new Mawlamyine Station. MNA

The three-storey building of Government Technological College (Mawlamyine) will be 513 feet long and 358 feet wide. Construction task started in May 2005 and it will be completed in May 2006.

Functions of Arid Zone Greening Department, Myanmar Timber Enterprise inspected in Magway, Mandalay Divisions

YANGON, 21 Sept — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung arrived at the office of Shwedaung Township Forest Department on 17 September evening.

Deputy Director U Kyi Soe of Forest Department (Bago Division-West) reported on setting up of reserved forest and protected public forests, and Deputy General Manager (Timber Extraction) U Han Soe on the plans for extraction of timber this year, transport matters and planting of new teak saplings.

At No 96 Saw Mill in Aunglan, the minister heard reports on saw mill tasks and sown timber presented by Mill Manager U Aung Ngwe.

In the afternoon, the minister viewed greening tasks at Minbu Hill. Director-General U Tun Tun of Arid Zone Greening Department and Minbu Township Staff Officer U San Tin briefed the minister on progress of greening tasks for Minbu Protected Public Forest.

In Magway, the minister inspected 395 acres

of village firewood plantations.

In Phankhasan region of Yenangyoung Township, Staff Officer U Maung Maung Naing of AZGD reported on progress of the forests and use of fuel-substitute wood. Next, the minister oversaw 950 acres of Shwepontaung neem trees plantation.

On 19 September morning, the minister heard reports on matters related to Myethintwin reserved forest with the use of assistance from JICA in NyaungU District. The minister inspected forests, Ngalinpok nursery and plantations.

In the afternoon, officials reported on establishment of forests at the office of Monywa Township AZGD. Afterwards, the minister inspected functions of the Minsontaug Sanctuary.

At the timber extraction office at the foot of Mandalay Hill, the minister met with officials of Forest Department and Myanmar Timber Enterprise and gave necessary instructions. MNA



Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects tree plantations at Shwepondaung in Yenangyoung Township.—FORESTRY

Industry-1 Minister receives members of International Consultancy Team

YANGON, 21 Sept — International Consultancy Team based in Singapore headed by Mr Guana of Top Global Engineering and Trading Pte Ltd called on Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang at the latter's office here yesterday.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun and officials. MNA

Industry-2 Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

YANGON, 21 Sept — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, who had completed his tour of duty, at the ministry on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, this afternoon.

At the meeting, they discussed win-win cooperation in industry sector.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials. — MNA

Executive of MWEA leaves for Tokyo

YANGON, 21 Sept — Executive of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association Daw Hnin Wai yesterday left here for Tokyo, Japan, to attend the training at Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy in Tokyo.

She won a MBA programme scholarship to study at Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye...

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welcomed them at the airport.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented documentary photo album and video tape to the Thai Supreme Commander.

The Thai delegation was seen off at the airport by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Minis-

try of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chief of Military Affairs Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe, senior military officers from the Ministry of Defence, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal, Military Attache Col Prissapa Suvanatat and officials.

MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Thai Supreme Commander General Chaisit Shinawatra and party at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Special gold shop of Ministry of Mines opened

YANGON, 21 Sept —The opening ceremony of special gold shop of Myanmar Gems Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines was held on

the ground floor of Myanmar Gems Museum on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this morning.

Under the guidance of the Head of State

the special shop was opened for the public to purchase gold freely and easily.

The ceremony was attended by Minister for



Managing Director U Hla Thein of No 2 Mining Enterprise and Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise open special gold shop. MNA



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint inspects selling of gold coins at special gold shop.—MNA



One tical gold coins.—MNA

Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, officials of the ministries and guests.

At 10.40 am, Managing Director of No 2 Mining Enterprise U Hla Thein and Managing Director of MGE U Thein Swe formally opened the gold shop.

The minister and guests observed gold coins, jade and jewellery and inspected private gold shops on the ground floor. The minister cordially greeted the buyers who came to buy gold coins.

The minister and party visited a special

gold shop of Myanmar VES Joint Venture Co Ltd where they were welcomed by General Manager U Khaing Soe Tha and officials.

In the afternoon, Minister for Finance and

Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun visited the shop. A gold coin weighing one tical (16.329 gm), is 26.0 mm in diameter and 2 mm in thickness. It is 99.99 percent pure gold.

People can buy gold

coins at K 300,000 per tical.

The two gold shops open daily from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm except Monday and public holidays.

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Buyers seen at Special Gold Shop of Myanmar Gems Enterprise.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo calls for extended farming of rubber in Mon State



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects Zinkyaik small-scale hydropower plant in Zinkyaik Village, Paung Township. — MNA

YANGON, 21 Sept— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence continued his inspection tour around Mon State on 19 September.

Together with Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, senior military officers, and officials, visited local regiment in Wekali Village, Thanbyuzayat Township. They were welcomed there by Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and senior military officers. In meeting with officers and other ranks at Aung San Hall of the regiment, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that today's Tatmadaw members have taken up national defence and nation-building duties from their seniors, so they are to do their bit with a sense of duty, and to safeguard and defend the motherland, while upholding Our Three Main National Causes as national duty.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and the vice-chief of Armed Forces Training presented

cash assistance and personal goods to the Tatmadaw members of the local station.

Next, they inspected the nursery of rubber saplings in the farm of the regiment. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on nurturing of 500,000 rubber saplings next year, and

also presented K 1 million to the funds of the school.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party viewed the study of the students and the building under construction. He inspected thriving rubber farms on both sides of Thanbyuzayat-Mudon-Mawlamyine

They visited the rubber research and propagation farm of the Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise in Kyonphaik Village, Mudon Township. Officials of the farm reported on facts about the farm, propagation of 18 species of rubber, ongoing programmes, distribu-

tion of rubber seeds to other states and divisions, and schedules for nurturing quality strains. Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that Mon State, that grows rubber more than any other states or divisions, is taking paces for increasing the acreage of rubber in Mon State to meet the target of 400,000 acres. That is why he

urged the MPCE and local regiments and units to extend production of rubber saplings year by year. Now, the state has put 260,000 acres under rubber, so it needs over 30 million rubber saplings. Rubber farming becomes popular across the nation, the region is

hydroelectric power plant near the Kyaukthinbaw Pagoda in Zinkyaik Village, Paung Township. Officials gave facts about the plant, and supply of electricity to the region. Lt-Gen Maung Bo dealt with distribution of electricity, and prospects for increased generation of electricity. Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected the plant, Zinkyaik Waterfall, and its environs.

They attended the inauguration of a windmill of Gazaing Model Village in Bilin Township. The chairman of the village PDC formally opened the facility. Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the Armed Forces (Navy) is producing windmills for rural areas. He urged local people to purchase windmills individually or in groups.

The commander said that the government is rendering assistance in all sectors for Gazaing Model Village under the regional development plan, stressing the need of local people to participate in the project.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived back here in the evening.



Lt-Gen Maung Bo in meeting with officers and other ranks of the local regiment in Wegali Village, Thanbyuzayat Township.—MNA

arrangements for family members to grow rubber on a small scale.

On arrival at the affiliated Basic Education High School in Wekali Village, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented K 3 million for construction of a school building and establishment of a multimedia teaching centre for the school through the head-

Section of Yangon-Myeik Highway.

They inspected the project for upgrading Winkamawt Bridge in Mudon Township. Mawlamyine District Senior Engineer U Win Tint reported on the project. Lt-Gen Maung Bo viewed the construction tasks and left necessary instructions.

required to produce sufficient number of rubber saplings to fulfil the requirements. He called for the MPCE to propagate rubber to fulfil the demand of over 15 million saplings next year.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected rubber production process in the farm.

They went to Zinkyaik small-scale hy-

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects the rubber research and propagation farm in Kyonphaik village, Mudon Township. — MNA

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equipment, Minister Col Zaw Min K 500,000, Resident Representative Dr Adik Wibowo medicines, local national race leader U Kan Na K 1 million and wellwisher U Than Win medical equipment worth K 2 million to the hospital in-charge.

Speaking on the occasion, USDA Joint Sec-

riculture Service reported on cultivation of Hsinshweli monsoon paddy, local food sufficiency, matters related to agricultural technology and achievements. Later, they answered the queries raised by those present.

Next, the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding persons agriculture followed. USDA Joint Secretary-General Minister Col Zaw Min pre-

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On behalf of the local people, national race leader U Kan Na expressed gratitude. The commander, the minister and guests visited patients at the hospital and presented refreshments to them. Afterwards, they viewed round the library in the village.



U Mahtunaw donates K 300,000 to Sanlaung station hospital in Shan State (North). — MNA

retary-General Col Zaw Min said that the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw are carrying out rural development tasks in all parts of the nation harmoniously. For providing proper health care services, Namsalat Station Hospital was commissioned. The station hospital will contribute towards giving health care service to over 30,000 people from 62 villages in Namsalat region.

Development tasks in health and education sectors are being per-

On arrival at 842 acres of Hsinshweli high yield paddy plantation of the village, the chairman of Hsenwi Township Peace and Development Council and the township manager of Myanma Ag-

riculture Service reported on cultivation of Hsinshweli monsoon paddy, local food sufficiency, matters related to agricultural technology and achievements. Later, they answered the queries raised by those present.

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UNICEF Resident Representative Ms Elke Wisch donates sports gear to BEHS (branch) in Shan State (North). — MNA

Members of Thai goodwill delegation visit museums in Yangon City



Chairman of Advisory Committee of the office of the Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces General Ruengroj Mahasaronond and party view around Defence Services Museum. — MNA

YANGON, 21 Sept — General Ruengroj Mahasaronond, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the office of the Supreme Commander of Royal Thai Armed Forces, who accompanies the Thai Supreme Commander General Chaisit Shinawatra on the goodwill visit to Myanmar, this morning visited the Defence Services Museum in Dagon Township. Lt-Col Zaw Win of the museum conducted them round

the museum.

Afterwards, General Ruengroj Mahasaronond and party visited the National Museum. Director-General of the Department of Cultural Institute U Myint Thein Swe and officials welcomed them at the National Museum. They also viewed round at the Drug Elimination Museum in Kamayut Township and White Elephant Garden at Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township. — MNA



U Kan Na donates K 1 million for the education fund of BEHS (branch) in Shan State (North). — MNA

member Daw Nan Kyi Myint of Namsalat Village on women's affairs, Village Maternal and Child Welfare Association member Daw Nan Ohn Khin on maternal and child welfare tasks, and Township USDA Secre-

tary U Sai Myint Tun on health, education and social affairs. Daw Nan Kyar Yin of Namsalat Village exchanged views on the discussions. Likewise, all the participants cordially took part in the discussions. In Se-U Village,

the commander, the minister and party attended the ceremony to open the new building of BEHS (Branch). Together with Additional Shan State (North) Education Officer U Than Tun and (See page 11)



Padamyia Garden Company Chairman U Than Win hands over documents related to station hospital through the deputy director-general of Health Department. — MNA

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local national race leader U Kan Na, they cut the ribbon to open the building, and viewed round the school.

The commander, the minister and national race leader U Kan Na formally opened the Pinyin Alin library of the school. The commander and the minister presented books for the library to U Kan Na.

Additional Shan State (North) Education Officer U Than Tun briefed them on progress of the education sector in Shan State (North).

After that, the commander donated uniforms for teachers, the minister K 500,000 for the trust-funds of the school, U Kan Na K 1 million and wellwisher U Than Win K 1 million for school furniture to officials. Townselder U Sai Kyaw Myint expressed gratitude.

At the briefing hall of the Myoma agricultural farm in Hsenwi, the commander, the minister and party heard reports on growing of monsoon Hsinshweli high yield paddy and local food sufficiency presented by the Township PDC Chairman and the deputy general manager of Agricultural Education Division. The minister presented best supervisory award for Hsinshweli paddy cultivation to Chairman of Township PDC U Ye Kyaw Khaing and the FAO Resident Representative prize to the Manager of MAS U Kyaw Soe Win. Hsenwi Township has put 16,685 acres of land under Hsinshweli paddy in 2005-06 monsoon season. Local food sufficiency was 108.70 per cent.

On arrival at Sanlaung Station Hospital, Dr Aung Kyaw Htay of the hospital explained matters related to health care services of the hospital. Next, he accepted hospital equipment donated by the commander; K 500,000 by the minister; K 300,000 for

Minister inspects retransmission stations in Bago, Mandalay Divisions

YANGON, 21 Sept —Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made field trips to townships in Bago and Mandalay Divisions on 19 and 20 September and looked into information work.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and officials inspected retransmission station of MRTV in Nyaunglebin in Bago Division on 19 September.

Officials reported on installation of machines and equipment, test transmission of MRTV programmes and requirements.

The minister gave instructions on transmission of MRTV programmes as soon as possible, systematic use of equipment and inspection of lightning-conductors installed in tower and retransmission station.

Myanma Television retransmission station in Nyaunglebin is airing test



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects TV retransmission station in Nyaunglebin, Bago Division.—MNA

transmission of TV programmes. People in Nyaunglebin, DaikU, Shwegyin, Kyaukdaga and Kyaukkyi Townships can receive TV programmes clearly. After the test run, full time TV programmes will be broadcast.

The minister and party went to MRTV retransmission station in Toungoo. They inspected construction of embankment that prevents water from flowing into the broadcasting room in the event of flooding.

The minister gave

instructions on maintenance of equipment, preparations for floods, sanitation of drains near the station and fire and flood preventive measures and attention to the danger of destructive elements.

MNA



Dr Adik Wibowo presents medicines to Dr Win Htaik Kyi. — MNA



Mr Tang Zhengping presents gift to MAS Manager U Kyaw Soe Win. — MNA

water supply task of the hospital by national race leader U Mahtu Naw. The commander, the minister and party visited the hospital and presented refreshments to the patients.

They proceeded to 500-acre opium-substitute maize, pigeon pea, Hsinshweli paddy and sugarcane cultivation and bee-keeping project site in Manmaw region of Lashio Township. At the briefing hall, the in-charge of the plantation and the Myanmar Rice Research Manager submitted reports on agricultural and bee-keeping works. The commander, the minister and party inspected keeping of 500 beehives and maize plantations.

Afterwards, they attended the pollination of 60 acres of Hsinshweli paddy plantation in conjunction with the ceremony to explain 761 acres of high yield R-line paddy plantations to produce over 200 baskets of paddy per acre, at the model paddy plantation in Lashio. Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint, Shan State MAS Manager U Hla Gyi, Deputy General Manager U San Nyunt of Agricultural Education Division and Dr Tun Win of Myanmar Rice Research Division explained production of hybrid paddy strains and answered the queries raised by those present.

Next, the commander, the minister and party viewed participation of USDA members in pollination at the Hsinshweli paddy fields. —MNA



MNAF and MCWA members discuss health, education and social matters at BEHS (Branch) in Namsalat Village of Hsenwi Township.— MNA

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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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Quantity - 10,000 ± 10% MT
Price (in bulk) - USD/MT CIF Exship Thanlyin
Price (in drum) - USD/MT CIF (LO) Yangon
Payment - LC at sight
Country of Origin - Thailand
Closing Date - 6.10.2005 12:00 HRS
Tender Documents are available at Finance Department, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, No. (23), Min-Ye- Kyawsua Road, Yangon starting from (22.9.2005) on payment of one hundred (100) FEC. Only tender bid purchased officially will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

IDB ignores Dhaka's aid request

DHAKA, 20 Sept — The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has ignored a request by Bangladesh to raise its loan assistance to 1.2 billion US dollars in the current fiscal to ease pressure on the balance of payments.

The Bank, however, will provide in total 899 million dollars this fiscal, which is higher than what Bangladesh received last fiscal, *The Financial Express* reported on Sunday. The Bangladeshi Government, against the backdrop of a global rise in the price of oil, has sought additional loan from the IDB to ease pressure on its balance of payment.

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman in a letter to IDB last month sought assistance worth 1.2 billion dollars for the current fiscal to manage finances for growing import bills caused by the rise in fuel prices in the international market.

The IDB in reply said the Bank has increased allocation for the current year by 29.6 per cent to 700 million dollars from previous year's allocation

of 540 million dollars. It would provide an additional 100 million dollars as internal funds.

IDB is a multilateral development financing institution, established to foster social and economic development of its member countries and Muslim communities worldwide.—MNA/Xinhua

Two Bangladeshi fishermen missing

HALDIA, 20 Sept— Two Bangladeshi fishermen were missing while 10 others had been rescued in the high seas, 50 kilometres off Digha coast in West Bengal's East Midnapore District in East India, police said on Monday.

Two Bangladeshi trawlers, "Samiti 24" and "FB Zalil Pahalam", carrying 25 fishermen had drifted to the Indian coast due to turbulent waves of the Bay of Bengal on Sunday night, the police said.

Of the 12 fisher-

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OPEC President stands for raising oil output quota

VIENNA, 20 Sept— Current OPEC President and Kuwaiti Minister of Energy Ahmed Fahd al Sabah said here on Sunday that OPEC members should raise their daily oil production quotas in order to stabilize the oil prices on international markets.

Although the current oil supply to international markets is adequate, it is necessary to raise the daily oil output ceiling because the northern hemisphere is reaching a winter fuel need peak and Hurricane Katrina produced devastating effects on the oil-producing capacity along the Mexico Gulf coast of the United States, Fahd al Sabah said.

Before the Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) begins a two-day ministerial meeting here Monday, he also said the current oil prices on international markets are too high and it is important for OPEC to exert efforts to stabilize the prices.

He predicted that OPEC will make a decision on Tuesday to raise the daily oil output ceiling by 500,000 barrels. OPEC, which ac-

counts for 40 per cent of the world crude oil production, mulled over several ways on Sunday to calm the tense energy markets amid wide-spread skepticism that simply pumping more crude oil would curb near record-high prices.

The largest organization of oil exporters in the world is expected to make a conclusion at the coming meeting on an initial proposal to raise its official output quota by 500,000 barrels per day (bpd) to a total 28.5 million bpd despite a current production surplus.

An official quota of 28.5 million bpd would mark an all-time high since the headline OPEC figure was created in 1987.

But speaking to reporters after most of the 11 OPEC ministers had arrived, Fahd al Sabah said another option had

emerged, which is that of leaving the current quota unchanged while placing up to two million bpd on call in the market to be drawn on if needed.

The OPEC option would provide immediate supply when there is a demand in the market and that would stabilize the price, he said.

But some OPEC members, which oppose the rise of the oil output quota, say a lack of refining capacity, and not crude supply, has maintained gasoline prices near record highs, although the price of crude has also stayed above 60 US dollars a barrel.

However, OPEC made it clear that oil exporters are concerned by the economies where consumers have been hit by sharply higher prices for petroleum products such as gasoline, Fahd al Sabah noted. —MNA/Xinhua

India seeks more Japanese investment

NEW DELHI, 20 Sept— India on Monday sought greater investments from Japan and asked entrepreneurs from the Asian powerhouse to look towards the country as a potential trading and manufacturing hub.

Addressing representatives of Japanese companies, Commerce Minister Kamal Nath said the level of investments from Japan as well as bilateral trade were not up to the potential.

Nath said the Indian economy was very well suited to the small and medium Japanese companies, who might have difficulty in operating in their own market, which has got saturated.

India, with its vast technical and managerial skills, could collaborate with Japanese small and medium companies, as

complementary and supplementary partners, he said adding the two together could cater to not only the vast Indian market, but also the untapped markets in Asia, Latin America and Africa.

He also emphasized the need to intensify Indo-Japanese industrial cooperation in sectors like telecommunication, power generation, software, biotechnology, food processing, transportation, chemicals and petrochemicals.

The minister pointed out that while India's trade with almost

all major trading partners has been growing, bilateral trade with Japan had been stagnant at below five billion US dollars.

The FDI policies in India are reckoned to be among the most liberal and attractive among the emerging economies.

Government has allowed FDI up to 100 per cent under the automatic route for the development of townships, housing, built-up infrastructure, and other construction and development projects, he added.

MNA/PTI

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Anti-fur protesters storm London fashion show

LONDON, 20 Sept — Three anti-fur protesters burst on to the stage on Sunday during London Fashion Week's first show, which was by designer Julien Macdonald. Carrying signs saying "Fur Kills" and "Fur is Dead", two campaigners from the animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) ran on to the stage shouting their slogans before security dragged them off.

At the end of the show, as Macdonald walked up the catwalk, a third protester ran on to the stage with a sign saying "Macdonald Fur Scum". The Welsh designer, who did not use fur in this show but has used it in the past, laughed off the experience and said all publicity was good publicity. MNA/Reuters



A model wears a creation by Swedish fashion designer Ann-Sofie Back at her spring/summer 2006 show during London Fashion Week in London on 20 September, 2005. —INTERNET

British mothers confused by baby milk adverts

LONDON, 20 Sept — Baby milk manufacturers are confusing mothers with clever marketing that evades a ban on advertising their infant formulas in Britain, according to research published on Monday.

Three-fifths of women asked in a survey believed they had seen advertising for infant formula, even though advertising it in Britain has been banned since 1995, a survey for UNICEF UK and the National Childbirth Trust found.

The researchers said baby milk firms were exploiting a loophole which allows them to advertise follow-on formula, which is only suitable for infants over six months.

"The manufacturers have changed the way they package and promote

their follow-on formulas so they're almost identical to the regular infant formula," said Andrew Radford, director of UNICEF UK's Baby Friendly Initiative. "This means that a supposedly legal TV or magazine advert for a follow-on formula will also promote a company's infant formula."

The survey questioned 1,000 new mothers and pregnant women in August and found that nearly one in five (17 per cent) who used follow-on milk had started it before the baby was three months old, de-

spite it not being suitable for infants that young. The survey found that 38 per cent of the women had fed their youngest child only with breastmilk and 36 per cent had only used formula. A similar poll conducted at the same time by the Department of Health discovered that many women were unaware of the difference between the two preparations.

The Department of Health recommends exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of a baby's life. — MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh makes law to punish adulterated food dealers

DHAKA, 20 Sept — Bangladeshi Parliament on Monday passed a bill with stringent measures to stop selling of adulterated and rotten foods.

The new bill — "Bangladesh Pure Food (Amendment) Bill, 2005" — provides maximum fine of 300,000 taka (about 4,600 US dollars) and various jail terms, including rigorous imprisonment for three years, in case of violation of the

law. The bill prohibits sale or use of any poisonous or dangerous chemicals, intoxicating food colour or flavouring matter in any food, which may cause injury to human body.

Under a provision of the bill, the government may, by notification, establish one or more Pure Food Courts in each district and in metropolitan areas. The court shall consist of an officer vested with the powers of a first class magistrate.

A serial published by local daily Ittefaq on adulterated and rotten food by restaurants and selling items by traders after expiry dates prompted the government to launch a crackdown about two months ago.

Inquiry teams are making raids in different shops and factories and have fined dozens of prominent food producers for making adulterated foods.

The food shops and factories are making food items using chemicals detrimental to health and traders are using chemicals for ripening different fruits, including banana.

Many people mainly children have fallen ill with dysentery, diarrhoea and other intestinal diseases eating those foods. — MNA/Xinhua

Qingdao to auction land for Olympic venue construction

JINAN, 20 Sept — Qingdao, the eastern Chinese city to hold the 2008 Olympic sailing event, will start auctioning its land for building Olympic facilities to draw at least 3.3 billion yuan (400.9 million US dollars) for venue construction.

The starting prices of the first three pieces of land to be listed for sale next month add up to 1.3 billion yuan, all of which will be used for Olympic venue construction, according to land resources department of the city government.

These three pieces of land were expected to function as recreation centres, public parking lots and commercial streets during the Games.

The final bidders have the rights to use the land but should subject the land for Olympic use in 2008, according to the government.

Qingdao has mapped out 38.74 hectares seaside area for building Olympic facilities. Construction of the main venues, including Olympic village, the administration offices and the media centre, needs to be completed by July 2006. — MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia to enhance management in medicine market

PHNOM PENH, 20 Sept — Starting 1 October, medicine in circulation across Cambodia must have a stamp with a registration code given by the Ministry of Health.

According to the ministry, if there is no stamp, the medicine can be removed from the market. Pharmaceutical producers and importers were warned of this measure six months ago and were informed that it would come into practice on this date.

This is all part of the ministry's efforts to fight against the flow, mainly in the provinces, of fake medicine. "We support the measures taken by the ministry. It shows the determination of the government to manage the market of the medicine," Wong Swie Hwa, managing director of Cam-

bodia Pharmaceutical Enterprise, told Xinhua on Monday.

"We believe that the measures will help reducing the fake medicine in the country and promote the fair competition in the market," she added.

Distributors will be the first to be controlled, and then the retailers' turn will come.

According to the official figures of the ministry, 6,000 pharmaceutical brands circulate through the country, of which 4,000 have been controlled. Of the rest, 10 per cent are considered to be fake medi-

cine. "A survey done in 2003 showed that out of 330 medicines collected, 35 were false," Heng Huot, bureau chief of regulation at the Ministry of Health, was quoted by Development Weekly as saying.

Most of these counterfeit products circulate in rural zones. And recently the ministry publicly announced a list of 158 false medicines. Considering the dangers of these medicines, the ministry reminds that those who do resort to selling illegal medicines risk imprisonment for quite a few years and a large fine.

MNA/Xinhua

HK expects holiday travellers high tide

HONG KONG, 20 Sept — Hong Kong Immigration Department said around 200,000 Hong Kong people, who celebrated moon festival on Sunday in the Chinese Mainland, are expected to return to Hong Kong on Monday via the border crossing at Lowu.

It said fewer people travelled to the Mainland this year for the Mid-Autumn festival holidays due to bad weather, thought Hong Kong people have a

tradition to celebrate the moon festival in the near province of Guangdong with their families.

Officials said they would open more counters

at the checkpoint if necessary to deal with the expected flood of travellers due to the end of a two-day holiday.

MNA/Xinhua



Women walk on Miami Beach in Florida. Storm-weary New Orleans residents began fleeing their devastated city again as Hurricane Rita threatened the Gulf Coast three weeks after Katrina's deadly passage through Louisiana. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Chelsea's Lampard eyes an open title race

LONDON, 21 Sept—Chelsea midfielder Frank Lampard claimed on Tuesday that the Premiership title race is still wide open despite the Blues' imperious start to the new campaign.

Chelsea have won all six League games and not conceded a goal to open up a six-point lead at the top of the table.

"I am sure the rest of the League is not giving up and it is definitely not cut and dried yet," said Lampard, 27.

"It is too hard to say how close the League is going to be. It is so early to be talking about a points gap."

Chelsea won 2-0 at Charlton on Saturday and Lampard believes it will be very hard for teams to catch Jose Mourinho's side if they keep up their current form. "We played very well at the weekend and when we do it is hard for teams to beat us because we have a lot of quality in the side," added Lampard.

"But Charlton played well and gave us a very good game - there are a lot of good teams out there and no easy matches.

"Every team just has to push themselves as far as they can go - it is about them raising their standard to the one we have set.

"We know there are some tough

games coming up and we must stay focused on the challenge. There is a long way to go but we must try and do what we did last year.

"It's a different motivation but we are still motivated. We are very driven to retain the title - as much as we were last season to win it for the first time in 50 years."

The Premiership has been criticized in recent weeks for losing some of its entertainment value, a claim Lampard is quick to deny.

"I don't think the League is losing its edge at all, it will always have that excitement factor and that's the way it still is," he stated.

"I have seen some really exciting games this season and we have played some exciting stuff at Chelsea too.

"You want to win games first and foremost and excite the fans too but you have to remember that it is not always possible. "Of course we would take winning every game 1-0 - it would be incredible to win every single game in a season." —MNA/Xinhua



Arsenal 2-0 Everton: The home side start brightly and are soon in the lead via a Sol Campbell header in the 10th minute.—INTERNET

Greece defender Dellas joins AEK

ATHENS, 21 Sept—Greek international centre back Traianos Dellas has returned to AEK Athens on a two-year contract, the club said on Tuesday.

Dellas, a member of the Greece team that won Euro 2004, had been out of contract after being released by AS Roma and joined AEK on a free transfer.

The 29-year-old previously played for the Greek club between 1999 and 2001 before moving to Perugia.

"A few years ago, I said that AEK would be the only team for whom I would consider coming back to Greek

football. That is what has happened," he said.

"They are the only team I love and where I was loved by the fans."

Dellas is still returning to fitness after a hernia operation and is unlikely to be available for the second leg of AEK's UEFA Cup first round tie against Zenit on September 29.

MNA/Reuters

PSV duo Reiziger, Ball face long spell on sidelines

AMSTERDAM, 21 Sept—PSV Eindhoven's new signings Michael Reiziger and Michael Ball face long spells out after being injured at the weekend, the Dutch champions said on Monday.

The two defenders, who joined the club before the transfer window closed last month, were hurt when PSV suffered their first league defeat for 21 matches at Groningen on Sunday.

Former Middlesbrough player Reiziger tore a hip muscle and will be sidelined for several weeks. Englishman Ball, who left Rangers for PSV, will be out for two months with a knee ligament injury.

MNA/Reuters



Venus Williams, seen here in Seoul on 19 September 2005, is now in Beijing where she will be playing in the China Open this week.—INTERNET



Giving it a good shot: Nadezhda Ostapchuk of Belarus competes in the women's shot put final at the Seiko Super track and field meet in Yokohama.—INTERNET

EAA rejects Prague's candidacy for 2009 Indoor Athletic Champs

PRAGUE, 21 Sept—The European Athletic Association (EAA) Tuesday rejected the candidacy of Prague for organizing the Indoor Athletic European Championships in 2009.

According to the EAA representatives, the Prague Sazka Arena, where the champs was to be held, has reduced visibility from the grandstand, and problems with the installation of athletic tracks could occur.

The Czech Athletic Association (CAS) disagrees with their arguments.

The EAA has also turned down the application of Istanbul, which has been the only other candidate to host the indoor championships in 2009. CAS representatives said they were very surprised by the EAA decision.

CAS deputy head Libor Varhanik said that there would be no problems with the tracks as several expert reports proved it.

CAS admits that there were problems with reduced visibility. "But these problems appears in any multifunctional arena and can be solved," CAS head Karel Pilny said. Pilny said they will attempt to change to the stance of the EAA.—MNA/Xinhua

Wenger hails Campbell for England

LONDON, 20 Sept—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger hailed match-winner Sol Campbell and tipped the defender to return for England following Monday's 2-0 triumph over Everton.

Campbell, plagued by injuries over the past year, headed two first-half goals in his opening Premier League game of the season.

"He's a leader," said Wenger, who has lost captain Thierry Henry to injury and sold former skipper Patrick Vieira to Juventus in the close season.

"I rushed him back a bit because losing Vieira, Henry and Campbell was too much in terms of experience. I was uncertain about his fitness but he's remarkably fit," Wenger told reporters.

Campbell's return to top form followed a period of self-doubt for the defender after his injury problems and the resulting loss of his England place.

"When you're a competitor and there's no competition, you're frustrated and it affects you mentally," Wenger said. "At some stage you wonder how good you still are.

"But I feel his hunger and his desire to come back for us, first, but for England as well. He's a proud man and when his pride is touched his competitiveness becomes very sharp." Wenger clearly believes Campbell, who turned 31 on Sunday, is ready to

resume international duties as England prepare for their World Cup qualifiers next month against Austria and Poland.

"It's a big season for every player between 28 and 32 in a World Cup year because they think 'if I miss this one, it could be dangerous for me'," said Wenger.

"He has experience and physical power that nobody else has."

Commenting on the goals, Wenger said: "Don't forget he started out as a centre-forward when he was young and sometimes he reminds people of that."

Campbell said: "I want to be back in (for England), that's one of my main goals, I've got to keep going.

"There was one chance for a hat-trick but two is fine. Last season there was frustration but it's great getting back and being out there and happy and getting stronger with my game."

As for Arsenal's performance, following a wobbly start which featured two defeats and two wins in their previous four league games, Wenger said: "I feel the team is back focused, with belief, disciplined and sharp."

MNA/Reuters

Over 300 Bangladeshi fishermen missing after storm

COX'S BAZAR (Bangladesh), 21 Sept—More than 300 fishermen were posted missing on Tuesday after a storm triggered high swells along the Bangladesh coast, a local official said.

The storm brought heavy rain and spawned a sea surge up to 10 feet (3 metres) high over the past two days near Cox's Bazar on the Bay of Bengal.

Approximately 100 boats with about 400 people were caught in the storm but only 52 people had returned by Tuesday morning, the leader of a local fishermen's association said. "The others are still missing but we hope they will come back soon," he said, adding that many fishermen missing after previous storms had eventually managed to reach shore.

Weather officials said the sea would remain rough for a few more days due to a depression over the Bay of Bengal. Most Bangladeshi fishing boats lack safety and communication equipment and are unable to monitor weather forecasts. Storms kill hundreds of Bangladeshis every year and the country's worst cyclone left about 143,000 people dead in April 1991.

MNA/Reuters



Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board member U Chit Myaing accepts K 100,000 donated by a family member of Maj-Gen Than Oo (Retd)-Daw Myint Than of 1/2, 449 (A), Moemakha Street, Bahan Township recently, to mark the birthday of Maj-Gen Than Oo (Retd). — H

Cambodian King's official web site launched

PHOM PENH, 21 Sept—Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk's official web site was launched on Monday.

The web site (www.norodomsihanouk.net) contains five sections, including biography, news, social activities, correspondence and video. Each one will be updated daily in three languages of Khmer, English and French, according to a statement from the Royal Palace received on Tuesday.

For the time being, only a few items have been published. But in the coming weeks the King's activities since he ascended the throne on 29 October, 2004 will be published, the statement said.

Before the King had his own official web site, he has a web page in his father, former King Norodom Sihanouk's web site.

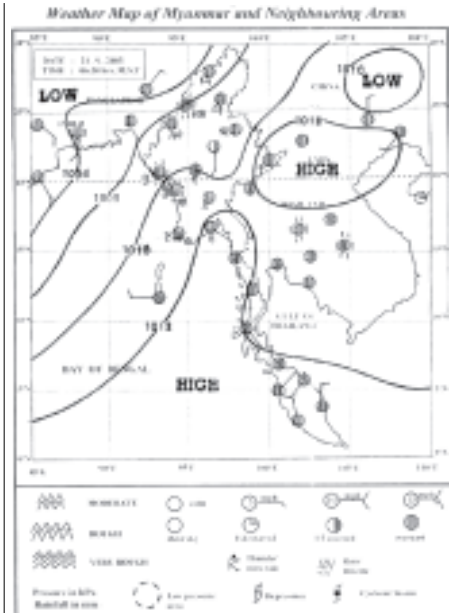
The retired King's web site is very popular and attracts more than 1,000 visitors daily from around the world. For at least three years he has been posting his opinions, historical documents and exchanges with diplomats or Cambodian politicians.

Sihanouk abdicated in favour of his son Sihanouk last October. But the Internet keeps him in the public eye.

The son of Norodom Sihanouk and Queen Monineath Sihanouk, Sihanouk, 52, was a dancer, choreographer and ambassador to UNESCO in Paris.

Since taking the throne, King Sihanouk has used his smile and gentle charm to win over Cambodians, making frequent journeys to the countryside.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Wednesday, 21 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin, Kayah and Magway Divisions, scattered in Hago, Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (4.96) inches, Mawlaik (4.41) inches, Hinthada (1.69) inches, Bilin (1.65) inches, Kalaw (1.58) inches and Theinzayat (1.42) inches.

Maximum temperature on 20-9-2005 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 21-9-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 21-9-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 20-9-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 21-9-2005 were (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.16) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at the central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (83.74) inches at Mingaladon, (87.60) inches at Kaba-Aye and (93.51) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (15:15) hours MST on 20-9-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22-9-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-9-2005: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-9-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 21-9-2005)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (618) cm. It may remain above the danger level (600) cm for the next (3) days commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1092) cm. It may remain above the danger level (1070) cm for the next (3) days commencing noon today.



Thursday, 22 September
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: Rocking good way
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: Come everybody
- 8.50 am** National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: Ring a ling
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: Susana
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music
- For you I will
- L o o k i n g through your eyes
- I don't want to miss a thing
- Still loving you
- Love is stronger than pride
- 9:00 pm** Aspects of Myanmar
- Myanma music and musical instruments
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Pourri
- Multimedia, multilingual from the heart of Europe
- 9:30 pm** Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- From this moment on (Bryan White & Shania Twain)
- If (Bread)
- The gift (Collin Raye & Susan Aston)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL



Thursday, 22 September
View on today

- 7:00 am**
- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယာမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေယာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေယာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိတ၊ ဆရာတော်ဘန္တန် စိန်စွာသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am**
- 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပုတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 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. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am**
- 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
- 8. Dance variety

- 8:20 am**
- 9. ထပ်ဆင့်အောင်ပွဲ ဧရာဝတီတံတား (ဒေးဒရို)
- 8:30 am**
- 10. International news
- 8:45 am**
- 11. 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
- 5:45 pm**
- 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
- 5. အပေးသင်တန်းသင်တန်းများ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဝတ်စုံစုံစုံ(ရလှစော၊ သတ္တဗောဓအထူးပြုများ) (ရလှစော)
- 5:15 pm**
- 6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm**
- 7. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ တေရာသီအကြိမ် (၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ဓမ္မဗုဒ္ဓတော်) (ဇော်လင်းအောင်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 5:40 pm**
- 8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာတေး
- 5:55 pm**
- 9. "အိန္ဒိယစာပေတော်" မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ နှင်းတတ်စည်သောင်း၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး
- 6:00 pm**
- 10. Musical programme
- 6:15 pm**
- 11. နိုင်ငံအခန်းသစ်တောစွမ်းမြင့် စိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်
- 6:30 pm**
- 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
- 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
- 14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ဝတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 7:35 pm**
- 15. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm**
- 16. (၂၃)ကြိမ်ပြောင်းအရေတောင် အရှေ့အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (သေနတ်ဝမ်း)
- 8:00 pm**
- 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ခွေအတွဲ" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 21. "နာမည်တစ်လုံးနှင့်အကြည့်များ" (အပိုင်း-၂) လှမင်း၊ စန်စည်သူ၊ နုနု၊ နေလင်းဦး၊ ကြိမ်၊ အိန္ဒြေကျော်စင်၊ နိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ စင်စင်စော်မြင့် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကျော်စောလင်း)
- 22. The next day's programme

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects agricultural, construction tasks in Mawlamyine, Kyaikmaraw

New Mawlamyine Railway Station put into service



Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party view arrival of Ye-Mawlamyine up-train into new Mawlamyine Station.— MNA

YANGON, 21 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and

Development Council Office and departmental officials, visited the horticultural farm of farmer U Hmein in Kya-in Village of Mawlamyine Township on 18 September morning.

He viewed round thriving crops and pepper plantation.

On arrival at the construction site of the three-storey building project of Government Technological College (Mawlamyine) near Mawlamyine-Mudon Road, Principal U Win Maw Tun and Managing Director U Kyaw Hsan Myint of the construction company

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Government, people and Tatmadaw carrying out rural development tasks harmoniously

Discussions on education, health, social matters held in Namsalat Village, Hsenwi T'ship



USDA Joint Secretary-General Cooperatives Minister Col Zaw Min, Deputy Director-General Dr Hla Pe of Health Department and WHO Resident Representative Dr Adik Wibowo open Namsalat Station Hospital in Hsenwi Township.— MNA

YANGON, 21 Sept — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East

Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Joint Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association

Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min attended the ceremony to open new Namsalat Station Hospital in Hsenwi Township, Shan State (North), on 18 September morning.

Minister Col Zaw Min, Deputy Director-General Dr Hla Pe of Health Department and WHO Resident Representative Dr Adik Wibowo formally opened the new station hospital. The commander unveiled the signboard of the hospital. Later, they posed for

documentary photo in front of the hospital.

At the opening ceremony, Head of Shan State (North) Health Department Dr Aung Win and in-charge of the hos-

pital Dr Win Htaik Kyi reported on health care services in the region. In-charge of the construction tasks Chairman of Padamyia Ooyin Co U Than Win handed over

documents related to the hospital to Deputy Director-General Dr Hla Pe.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing presented medical

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Development tasks in health and education sectors are being performed with the assistance and cooperation of UN agencies — WHO, UNICEF and FAO, and successes have been achieved.



MWAF and MCWA members discuss health, education and social matters at BEHS (Branch) in Namsalat Village of Hsenwi Township.— MNA

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For the development of the agriculture sector, the main pillar of national economy, dams and river water pumping stations are being built. Now, in the whole nation, there are 177 dams and reservoirs, which can irrigate more than 2.4 million acres of farmland, and 293 river water pumping stations, which benefit nearly 400,000 acres of farmland.