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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.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash donations from a wellwisher to the funds of monasteries in Thingangyun Township.— 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

Cash and kind donated to monasteries, nunneries in Thingangyun, Lanmadaw Townships

YANGON, 25 Sept — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to donate alms of Tatmadaw families and wellwishers to 29 monasteries and eight nunneries in Thingangyun Township this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee (Shwegyin) (See page 8)

Government building strong economic foundations through agricultural production

Nyaunggon Dam opened in Meiktila Township

YANGON, 25 Sept — The opening of Nyaunggon Dam was held in Meiktila Township, Meiktila District, Mandalay Division yesterday.

The earth dam was built for supplying water to Meiktila Lake by Construction-7 of Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irriga-

tion. It is 6,400 feet long and 40 feet high and water storage capacity at full brim is 3,500 acre feet. (See page 9)



Newly opened Nyaunggon Dam in Meiktila Township.— A&I

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for success of National Convention

In an effort to build a peaceful modern developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the entire national people are to do their bit in the process, equipped with Union Spirit, nationalistic spirit and spirit of national solidarity for perpetuation of sovereignty.

Only when a democracy with fully institutionalized discipline, which is in conformity with culture and national characters, flourishes will a new genuine nation for the people emerge.

The National Convention, the very first phase for transforming the nation into a democratic one, is in progress with added momentum. The National Convention Convening Commission held its meeting No 5/2005 at the meeting hall of the Commission, Kyaikkasan Grounds, Yangon, on 24 September with an address by NCCC Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In his address, the NCCC Chairman said that the functions of the NC have made progress to an extent. However, certain elements at home and abroad in collusion with foreign broadcasting stations are making slanderous fabrications against the NC. The Government has declared the process for transition to democracy, and sustained efforts are thus to be exerted for the success of the NC, part of the seven-point Road Map as well as the very first phase for transforming the nation into a democratic one.

The National Convention has successfully laid down detailed basic principles on distribution of legislative power to be included in the drawing of the new State Constitution. As the delegates have submitted proposals on sharing of executive and judicial powers, measures will have to be taken for laying down detailed basic principles at the forthcoming NC.

The active participation of the entire national people under the leadership of the Government will surely contribute to the emergence of a democratic nation. The NCCC, the Work Committee and the Management Committee are now exerting relentless efforts for the success of the forthcoming NC.

This being the case, the entire national people are to actively take part in successful realization of the National Convention, the very first phase of the seven-point Road Map, by doing their bit with Union Spirit as the Government has categorically declared a transition to democracy.

Rural and urban development tasks inspected in Pakokku, Myaing

YANGON, 25 Sept — Director-General U Myo Myint of Department of Development Affairs supervised keeping Pakokku clean and pleasant, greening Myakantha Park and supplying water to Myaing on 21 September.

The director-general inspected growing of trees and flowery plants and building of recreation facilities at Myakantha park in Pakokku.

He oversaw sinking of 4-inch tubewell in Kywedwin Village of Myaing Township and gave necessary instructions to officials. The director-general also inspected sinking of tubewells in Beikmanma and Gwaybin Villages. He urged local people to maintain and safeguard durability of the tubewells.

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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

Functions of dry day inspection teams supervised in Yangon City



Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint inspects functions of the dry day inspection teams.—MNA

YANGON, 25 Sept — Chairman of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, together with Leader of the supervision group Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe and members Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, senior military officers and departmental heads supervised functions of the dry day inspection teams, here, this morning.

Likewise, Leader of the supervision group Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen

Aye Myint Kyu, deputy leader Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, members Provost Marshal Maj-Gen Saw Hla and departmental heads oversaw functions of the dry day inspection teams, here, this evening.

Dry Day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bill, wearing of the respective uniforms and breaking of the traffic rules at the main points in the city from 7 am to 5 pm.

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CEC member attends Hinthada District USDA Annual Meeting



CEC member Col Thein Nyunt addressing annual meeting of Hinthada District USDA.—PBANRDA

YANGON, 25 Sept — USDA CEC member Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended the annual meeting of Hinthada District USDA at the town hall in Hinthada yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the CEC member said that as the Government is implementing three special plans for equitable development of all parts of the nation, the association is to join hands with the local people in carrying out rural development tasks. Next, he presented gifts to nine six-distinction winning students who passed the matriculation examination for 2004-05 academic year. Officials also presented gifts to other outstanding students. The Annual Meeting 2005 of Hinthada District USDA continued.

Next, the CEC member inspected construction of Kanhla-Kongyi-Sitkwin gravel road in Hinthada Township.

The road is two miles long. USDA members together with workers of Township Development Affairs Committee provided voluntary service to construction of the gravel road.

In Danubyu, the CEC member met with the secretary and organizers at the township USDA Office.

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Cash and kind donated to Homes for the Aged

YANGON, 25 Sept — Hailing the International Day of Older Persons which falls on 1 October, the cash donation ceremony was held at the U Maung Yone-Daw Yin Home for the Aged in Okkan, Yangon Division, this morning.

Chairman of the Work Committee for Organizing the International Day of Older Persons Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department explained the purpose of holding the ceremony and donations. He presented K 100,000 and medicines for the Home to Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for the Home U Khin Aung.

Similarly, Daw Kyi Kyi Mya, wife of the director-general, donated K 10,000 and refreshments to Secretary of the Supervisory Committee of the Home U Thein Zaw.

A similar ceremony was held at Kayan Home for the Aged in Kayan Township this morning.

Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of SWD presented K 100,000 and medicines for the Home to Chairman of the Maintenance Committee of the Home U Myo Nyunt. — MNA

ASEAN countries to exploit more indigenous energy sources

MANILA, 24 Sept — Southeast Asian foreign ministers have agreed to consider tapping indigenous energy sources as oil-producing states made no guarantee that the oil prices will go down in the coming months, according to reports from New York reaching here on Friday.

Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo, who presided over the Association of South-East Asian Nations-Gulf Cooperation Council (ASEAN-GCC) meeting in New York, said the ASEAN must

find "ways and means" to cope with the volatile and sky-high increase of oil prices, which could adversely affect the region's economy.

Among the measures being considered by ASEAN members are al-

ternative sources of energy such as natural gas and geothermal energy, the more available in the ASEAN territories.

In the meantime, the ASEAN foreign ministers agreed to forge a continuing dialogue between the GCC, which includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain as members, and the ASEAN to address the energy crisis. — MNA/Xinhua

Tajik President rules out hosting US base

DUSHANBE, 24 Sept — Tajik President Imomali Rakhmonov was quoted as saying on Friday he would never allow the US military to set up a military base in his Central Asian state.

Neighbouring Uzbekistan has given US troops six months to quit an air base in the south that was set up during the war in Afghanistan, following criticism of the authoritarian state's bloody suppression of an uprising in the town of Andizhan.

"There has never been and will never be a US military base in Tajikistan," Russia's ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Rakhmonov as saying on a trip to eastern Tajikistan. "I consider all rumours on this subject to be speculation."

A senior member of Rakhmonov's political party said last week Tajikistan could host some military equipment and personnel forced to leave the Karshi-Khanabad Airbase in Uzbekistan, but it could not host the whole base.

The United States has not said whether it is seeking a replacement for the

base, also known as K2, but the closure leaves US forces in Afghanistan reliant on a smaller base at Kyrgyzstan's civilian airport and bases inside Afghanistan. Russia has shown increasing hostility to the US presence in a region rich in oil and gas resources that it historically considers its sphere of influence.

MNA/Reuters

US soldiers kill Dy Mayor, two police officers in northern Iraq

TIKRIT (Iraq), 24 Sept — A deputy mayor of the Iraqi town of Dhuluiyah, some 100 kilometres north of Baghdad, and two police officers were killed by US forces there on Friday, local police and witnesses said.

"A group of US soldiers stormed the house of Brigadier Jabar Atiyah Saud, the Deputy Mayor of Dhuluiyah and dragged him out of his house before they shot him several bullets in his head," a source from the Joint Coordination Centre in Tikrit told Xinhua on condition

of anonymity.

Meanwhile, the US soldiers also killed two local police officers, Captain Amir Yousif and the 1st Lieutenant Jasim Khalaf, the source added. The US troops have sealed off the town of Dhuluiyah since Tuesday, imposing curfew and preventing people



Anti-war protesters dressed in prison uniforms wear masks depicting (front row, L-R) US President George W Bush, Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice during a series of protests and marches to end the war in Iraq, in Washington, on 24 Sept, 2005.

INTERNET

Thousands protest Iraq war, globalization

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept — More than 100,000 protesters flooded Washington on Saturday to stage dual demonstrations against the US-led war in Iraq and economic globalization, before coming together to demand that President George W Bush bring troops home.

Thousands marched in London as well, and protests were planned in San Francisco and Los Angeles that called for an end to military action in Iraq nearly 30 months after an invasion ousted Saddam

Hussein. "We need a people's movement to end this war," said Cindy Sheehan, an anti-war protester whose son was killed in fighting in Iraq. Camping out in Crawford, Texas, during much of August

while Bush was vacationing there, Sheehan's rallies drew crowds that sometimes numbered in the hundreds as she demanded a meeting with Bush.

Bush, who met with Sheehan in 2004 after her son was killed, refused to meet with her again.

"We'll be the checks and balances on this out-of-control criminal government," Sheehan, who has become the anti-war movement's best-known face, told the group gathered at the Ellipse, a park behind the White House. The crowds swelled

throughout the day, and by late afternoon organizers of the anti-war demonstration said 300,000 people had assembled — exceeding an anticipated 100,000. Washington police declined to comment on the size of the rally.

Meanwhile, 1,000 to 3,000 people, as estimated by demonstration organizers, gathered a few blocks away to protest the autumn meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, saying policies that promote globalization and reduce trade barriers hurt the world's poor. *Internet*

Australian soldier wounded in Afghanistan

CANBERRA, 24 Sept — The Australian Defence Department said on Friday that an Australian soldier has been wounded in a clash with insurgents in Afghanistan.

The department said in a statement that the Australian soldier received minor injuries in a clash with anti-coalition militia forces which broke out when Australian troops were on patrol with Afghan National Army (AMA) soldiers.

An AMA soldier was killed during the battle. "During this action, tragically one Afghan National Army soldier was killed and one Australian soldier was slightly wounded," the department said.

"His wound was minor and he did not require evacuation," it said.

"The Australian soldier has subsequently returned to duty," it said.

However, the department did not say when and where the battle took place.

The Australian Government sent 190 troops to Afghanistan last month to help crack down on Taliban insurgents.

MNA/Xinhua



Men view the wreckage of vehicles after a suicide car bomb attack in the southern Iraq city of Musayib, 65km (40 miles) south of Baghdad, on 24 September, 2005.—INTERNET

China's industrial profit up 20.7% in first eight months

BEIJING, 24 Sept — China's industrial enterprises earned 864.3 billion yuan (about 107 billion US dollars) in profit in the first eight months of this year, up 20.7 per cent from the same 2004 period, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Thursday.

The NBS, meanwhile, said the industrial enterprises, which include all state-owned firms and the non-state-owned enterprises with annual sales income more than five million yuan (602,410 US dollars), suffered losses of 137.3 billion yuan in the

January-August period, representing a 53.1-per cent year-on-year increase.

The state-owned industrial enterprises and the share-holding enterprises under the state control suffered losses totaling 69.7 billion yuan, an

increase of 82.7 per cent over the corresponding period of 2004, according to statistics.

The NBS also said the industrial enterprises' sales income amounted to 15 trillion yuan in the period, up 27.7 per cent from the same period a year

earlier. Of China's 39 major industries, the profits of the coal, oil, ferrous and non-ferrous metal ore mining and non-metals mineral mining rose by 80.4 per cent, 76.4 per cent, 47.9 per cent, 128.5 per cent, 80.7 per cent respectively in the first eight months.

The NBS also noted that the profits of the transportation equipment manufacturing, building materials, telecommunications sectors fell by 35.4 per cent, 14.8 per cent and 6.5 per cent respectively in the period.

The industrial enterprises in the petroleum refining and coking sectors reported an economic losses of 8 billion yuan in the January-August period.—MNA/Xinhua



A Thai worker dries rubber sheets in the village's co-operative in Yala Province, 1,084 km (672 miles) south of Bangkok, on 24 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Well-known French Opera Festival opens in China

BEIJING, 24 Sept — The well-known French opera festival "La Mousson d't" arrived in Beijing and opened at the Communication University here on Friday.

Well-known French playwright Jean-Paul Wenzel, together with participants of his workshop debuting in China on the same day, attended the opening ceremony of the festival. Wenzel led the Chinese college students majored in arts and the drama fans reading his masterpiece "LOIN D'HAGONDANGE" (meaning staying far from the city HAGONDANGE).

People attending the festival also read some newly composed play scripts by dramatists like Alejandro Urdapilletta from Argentina.

According to the organizer, the drama research institute of Peking University,

the "La mousson d't" was founded in 1995 by French drama maestro Michel Didym at the "Abbaye des Prmots", a famous abbey in France.

In the beginning, the festival only invited people to attend play performances and scripts reading. In recent years, the festival drew more attention from rising dramatists, and some of them began to bring their new creations to the festival, which later received wide-ranging acclaim. At the opening ceremony in Beijing, playwrights like Urdapilletta from Argentina also brought new scripts for the Chinese drama lovers to read and perform. — MNA/Xinhua

Albright warns dark days ahead in Iraq

DES MOINES, 24 Sept — Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright issued a stern warning on Saturday about the continuing US role in Iraq, saying "there are no good options at this point and the worst days may be ahead of us."

Albright, secretary of state under President Clinton, said the March 2003 invasion of Iraq has led to a series of misfortunes that should have been anticipated.

"Instead of winning friends for America, it has poisoned our relations with many countries in the Mideast and the Muslim world," Albright told a conference on the role of citizens in shaping the nation's image abroad.

"I think that if it were put to a vote, the Iraqi people might want the US to stay for some period of time," Albright said. "What they don't want is a sense that we might be there forever."

Many Iraqis are suspicious that the United States is occupying the country to

assure itself access to Mideastern oil, she said. While the United States' image has been badly hammered by the course being steered in Iraq, Albright said there are still opportunities to make improvements.

She pointed to the quick and huge outpouring of US aid in the wake of last year's deadly tsunami. "It made a huge difference in how America is perceived," she said. Albright argued that American diplomacy must be based firmly in the best interests of the United States, but it also must include an understanding of the needs of other countries.

"Certainly the unilateralism we have seen in recent years hasn't worked," she said.—Internet

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S'pore to implement APEC Business Travel Card Scheme on 1 Oct

SINGAPORE, 24 Sept — Singapore will implement the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Travel Card (ABTC) Scheme from 1 October this year.

According to a joint statement by the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) on Friday, bona fide business persons, members of professional bodies and public officers of Singapore nationality are eligible to apply for the card.

The ICA has also set up designated lanes at all checkpoints to provide immigration clearance for foreign cardholders that will be pre-cleared by Singapore.

Successfully trialed in 1998, the ABTC scheme provides businessmen with visa-free travel and expedited airport processing when visiting participating APEC economies.

So far, 17 out of the 21 APEC economies have joined the scheme, which include Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, China, Taipei, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. — MNA/Xinhua

Baghdad car bomb kills 13 Iraqi police

BAGHDAD, 25 Sept — A suicide car bomb killed 13 elite police commandos in the eastern Baghdad district of New Baghdad on Sunday, and wounded 10, police said.

No further details were immediately available.

The attack followed violence elsewhere in eastern Baghdad on Sunday, when US troops clashed with militia fighters loyal to rebellious Shiite Muslim cleric, killing eight militiamen and wounding five, Iraqi police said.

They said US forces entered the poor Shiite district of Sadr City seeking to detain a group of militia members suspected of carrying out guerilla attacks.

Separately a suicide bomber on a bicycle blew himself up in a busy marketplace in Hilla, south of Baghdad, on Sunday, killing at least three people and wounding more than 30, Iraqi police said.

MNA/Reuters

China becoming world's biggest potential helicopter market

BEIJING, 24 Sept — China is becoming the world's biggest potential helicopter market, said Henri Stell, chief representative of Eurocopter company in Beijing.

Stell said here on Friday that China now has less than 120 helicopters for civilian use and will have some 300 helicopters by 2015. Beijing Olympic Games and the World Expo in Shanghai will need helicopters for live broadcast, VIP guest transportation, first aid and security management. And other public customers include police and marine salvage.

Eurocopter has a 25-year cooperation with China, with 45 per cent of the market share in the past five years.

Established by France, Germany and Spain, Eurocopter is the world's biggest helicopter company.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi child clears debris at the scene of a suicide bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, on 24 September, 2005. —INTERNET

China, Switzerland cooperate in studying disaster emergency system

HARBIN, 24 Sept — Research institutions from China and Switzerland signed an agreement here Friday to cooperatively study the disaster emergency system.

Experts say that the cooperation will be of great significance in establishing an international disaster early warning mechanism.

According to the agreement, the Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) and the Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche will jointly research such fields as disaster risk management, regional economic safety and disaster early warning, the development of a

management system for urban emergency source, and a training programme for top leaders in public safety management.

Walter Ammann, director of the Swiss institute, said various kinds of pollution deteriorate the world climate and bring about more frequent natural disasters. He said all countries should try their best in reducing pollution and pay much attention to disaster prevention and control.

Professor Wang

Shaoyu from HIT said an integrated disaster emergency system is urgently needed to deal with the worsening climate, which aims at gathering and analyzing information collected from all disaster relief departments and then providing possible solutions.

Ammann, who will be the chairman of the 2006 International Disaster Reduction Conference, said the cooperation between China and Switzerland in this field will especially focus on the urban emergency resource management system based on advanced information technology.

He said that in the face of increasing natural disasters, the international community needs to have a coordinated strategy to forecast and prevent, so as to minimize losses.

MNA/Xinhua

Five US crew killed in Afghan helicopter crash

KABUL, 25 Sept — Five US crew members were killed on Sunday when a CH-47 Chinook military helicopter crashed during an operation in Afghanistan, a US military spokesman said.

The helicopter crashed southwest of the south central district of Dai Chopan after dropping off troops during an anti-militant operation, Colonel Jim Yoms said. He said it was too early to say if hostile fire or mechanical failure was to blame.

MNA/Reuters



People wade through floodwaters in Vasana Chaudhari Village, about 50 kilometres (31 miles) east of Ahmadabad, India, on 24 September, 2005.

INTERNET

11 killed as torrential rains hit western India

GUJARAT (INDIA), 24 Sept— Even as rains continue to wreak havoc in Andhra Pradesh of south India, the western region of the country on Friday witnessed heavy torrential downpours, claiming 11 lives in Gujarat State, *Press Trust of India* reports.

A high alert has been sounded across Gujarat on Friday. Many people were shifted to safer places in Nasik in Maharashtra and Goa following incessant downpour.

Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa, the three Indian states, lie in the western region of the country.

A high alert has been issued across Gujarat after 22 of the 25 districts of the state witnessed heavy downpour since Friday morning, Gujarat Revenue Minister Kaushik Patel said.

People from 29 villages mainly in Vadodara, Panchmahals and Bharuch

have been shifted to safer places, sources said.

Rail traffic from Gujarat to Mumbai, India's financial capital, is running at a sluggish pace due to rains since Thursday night, they said.

According to *PTI*, in Nasik, heavy incessant rains continued to lash the city and other parts of Nasik District, flooding almost the entire district.

The district administration has shifted hundreds of people to safer places.

One child was drowned and scores of families evacuated from Sanquelim in north Goa,

which was flooded due to heavy rains, *PTI* report said.

Around 70 families have been moved to a nearby temple in Sanquelim area of north Goa since Thursday night.

"We have also received reports of one child drowning in a gutter", north Goa collector Nikhil Kumar said in capital Panji.

The downpour was caused mainly due to a cyclone hitting the Andhra Pradesh coast, meteorological department sources said forecasting more for the next 24 hours.

MNA/Xinhua



A man in a bowler hat flashes a 'V' for victory sign as he unveils a 'Give War A Chance' banner, attached to the inside of his jacket, while he marches with 'The War' protesters, in a demonstration in central London against the conflict in Iraq, on 24 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Man arrested at Britain's Manchester Airport after alert

LONDON, 24 Sept — British police arrested a man under the terrorism act at Manchester Airport on Friday morning after a struggle and were investigating a suspect package.

"Police attempted to arrest the man who struggled with officers. A Taser gun was then used to detain the man," a spokeswoman for Manchester police said.

An Army bomb disposal unit was investigating a suspect package that was found and parts of terminals One and Two were closed, she said.

Britain has been on high alert for more attacks

ever since four suicide bombers blew themselves up on the London transport system on 7 July, killing 52 commuters, and four more men botched similar attacks two weeks later.

Voted European Airport of the Year in 2001, Manchester Airport in the northwest of England is home to around 95 airlines flying more than 19 million passengers to over

170 destinations each year.

An airport spokeswoman said a police cordon had been set up and parts of the airport had been evacuated.

"There will be an impact on some of the flights due to leave Manchester Airport Terminal Two," the spokeswoman said, advising passengers not to turn up at the airport.

MNA/Reuters

Oil prices fall as hurricane eases

NEW YORK, 24 Sept — Crude oil prices fell Friday as the downgraded Hurricane Rita may miss the heart of the Texas refining hub near Houston.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in November, dipped 86 cents to 65.64 dollars per barrel at the close. In London, the price of Brent North Sea crude for November delivery eased 78 cents to close at 63.82 dollars per barrel.

Traders waited to see the impact of the still-massive storm on Texas and

Louisiana and the oil and gas industry. The storm, still a Category 4 and equivalent in ferocity to Hurricane Katrina, is expected to hit by Saturday the upper Texas and southwest Louisiana coast, just to the east of main production and population centres in Galveston, Houston and Corpus Christie.

Almost 92 per cent of

the offshore oil output, or 1.379 million bpd, is out of action in the Gulf of Mexico, the US Minerals Management Service said.

AFP reported that the Group of Seven powers agreed Friday to send a ministerial delegation to oil-producing countries in mid-October to get a better grip on supply-and-demand problems. —MNA/Xinhua

Facts about copyright

Maung Hsu Shin

The Myanmar term "Mu Paing Khwint" comes from English word "Copyright" and it was believed to have been coined in the colonial period. Much as it is easily comprehensible, it was a little strange to the people. It seemed fairly common in the environment of legal staff, but was beyond the knowledge of common people. The term is believed to be introduced by those who first translated the English legal term "Copyright" into Myanmar. The adopted term has been popular just recently in the nation.

In the beginning pages of some books published in the period from pre-Second World War to the post-independence time carried names of the people who held copyright on the works. Conflicts over copyright have occurred quite often in publishing books, shooting films, and producing pieces of music. Mostly, copyright is connected with rights to profits and recognition of the works of creators. It aims to ensure legally balanced benefits among creators, producers, and consumers.

These days, the scope of business, literacy, arts, entertainment, services and teaching has been widened with speed more than ever. So, copyright is touching the socio-economic field. The locally expanded scope of productivity and advertisement has increased dealings with international community. Therefore copyright has covered commercial ownership of properties, creators, and manufacturing products.

In fact, copyright is intellectual property like ownership of things. And one who holds copyright is the creator of the product. The field of literacy, culture and art is dealing with writers, translators, illustrators, cartoonists, composers, and designers. The sphere of copyright becomes wider with the emergence of modern methods applied for recording, shooting features, and producing pieces of music with sound and pictures. The emergence of computer is followed by such audiovisual machines as video, VCD and DVD. Then, the area of copyright is wider

and more complicated as computer-based equipment can be used variously. Besides, there have emerged international conventions as organizations in world nations have to carry out dealings both locally and internationally.

However, the essence of copyright has not become complicated. The one who creates a product, work, and art can hold copyright of one's intellectual property. It means the creator has to enjoy legal right to have his works recognized and gain some share of benefits from sale, distribution, or hiring of the works. In addition, producers have to state the names of the creators in the products and to avoid ways that harm the dignity of the creators. The artists have to make pieces of arts that do not compromise original style of national cultural heritage, while creating works in the interests of the people.

It can be said that under copyright, one should give priority to the interests of the people instead of his in creating or using intellectual property. So, all the intellectual property created through various ideas is to be used in accord with the standard of world nations for the sake of the people and for national development.

However much the concepts of copyright are apparent, productive relations accompany all forms of dealings in a delicate way. Copyright may be disputed between or among creators if their jointly-created work is sold to someone to be new ownership of copyright. Verbal promises may be broken between the creator of a product and the distributor. Sometimes, the producers may copy the work more than the agreed number of pieces. These are some of the problems related to copyright of literary and art.

Copyright means the legal right to copy and multiply the work, and it depends on the creator who has the right to give permission to any one to use his work repeatedly, or sell or present to someone freely. Some persons without permission commit infringement of copyright by imitating or exactly copying others' goods for their self interests, and such violations of copyright can lead to legal claims for compensation.

A person cannot hold copyright for his ideas, and he therefore has to create his ideas into works if he wants to hold his ideas. Copyright may be disputed between two persons whose trade marks are incidentally the same. Then, the one who registered the trade mark first can win the suit if the dispute is to be decided under law suit. Restrictions on procedures for use of literacy, arts, invention, design, and trade marks have to be set up when copyright is connected with socio-economic affairs. These separate laws have to be enacted to protect intellectual property internationally. The term copyright, the derived meaning of the term "Intellectual Property", plays a vital role in producing literary works.

The term "Intellectual Property" can be divided into two categories — copyright for literary works and industrial works. The basis of copyright is related to invention and interests of human beings. In other words, respective laws are thus enacted to encourage creation of products and economic opportunities based on recognition of others' products with own trade marks.

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Translation: MS

Myanma Alin, Kyemon, 25-9-2005

Dagon Township USDA holds AGM

YANGON, 25 Sept — Dagon Township Union Solidarity and Development Association of Yangon Division held its Annual General Meeting-2005 this morning at Dagon Township BEHS No-1. Present at the meeting were Yangon Division USDA Executives U Tin Win and Daw Thin Thin Moe, members of Yangon North District USDA, social

organizations and the headmaster of the school and others. U Tin Win delivered an opening speech and teacher Daw Ze Ni Win presented membership applications of BEHS students in Dagon township to USDA Secretary U Kyaw Khin. Next, well-wishers made cash donations for the school. U Tin Win, Daw Thin Thin Moe and

officials presented prizes to outstanding students of the township. At the second session of the meeting, Secretary U Kyaw Khin gave a speech. Those present read reports of respective sectors and discussed matters related to guarding against the destructive elements through united strength of the people. The meeting passed resolutions.

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Hotels, communication facilities inspected in Ayeyawady Division

YANGON, 25 Sept — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw met with officials of Nyaungdon, Danabyu and Zalun Townships in Nyaungdon on 23 September and gave instructions on matters related to better

communication.

In Patheingyi, the minister inspected Patheingyi Hotel, roads and bridges along Patheingyi Road and construction of hotels at Ngwehsaung Beach.

Yesterday, the minister oversaw Chaungtha Beach and hotel services, Chaungtha Exchange, the

post office and auto-telephone carrier board.

The minister inspected Chaungtha Beach Hotel, the Chaungtha Jetty and flow of water at Uto Creek near Phokala Island. He gave instructions on preparedness of natural disaster to officials.

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SWRR Deputy Minister leaves for China

YANGON, 25 Sept — Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint this evening left here by air for China to attend the Asian Region Conference on Disaster Reduction to be held in Beijing, the Peoples Republic of China from 27 to 29 Sep-

tember.

The Deputy Minister and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and departmental officials.

The Deputy Minister was accompanied by Director-General U Than Oo of Relief and Reset-

tlement Department, Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department, Deputy Director-General U Tun Lwin of Meteorology and Hydrology Department and Deputy Director-General U Maung Maung Khin of Relief and Resettlement Department.

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Secretary of Dagon Township USDA accepts cash donated by wellwishers.—MNA

Information Minister watches performance of Korean and Myanmar artistes

YANGON, 25 Sept — Marking the 15th founding anniversary of dialogue partners' relations between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea, the Baby Vox band troupe of the ROK and Myanmar artistes gave a performance at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Road in Dagon township here yesterday evening.

Among the audience were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, heads of department, Korean Ambassador Mr Lee Ju Heum, diplomats of foreign embassies in Yangon, the chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, and personnel of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan speaking at the joint entertainment of Korean and Myanmar artistes.— MNA

Asiayon.

Extending greetings to the audience before the performance, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said he warmly welcomed the Korean artistes who were here to present performance together with Myanmar artistes to mark the 15th founding anniversary of

dialogue partners' relations between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea.

The performance would reflect the oriental cultures of the two nations. So the peoples of the two countries would have the chance to study these cultures, and their bilateral relations

would be strengthened, he said.

Next, Korean ambassador spoke on the occasion and the artistes entertained the audience.

After the performance, the minister and the Korean ambassador presented bouquets to the performers.

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ROK Ambassador Mr Lee Ju-Heum extending greetings. MNA



Health Minister addresses ceremony to mark World Heart Day

YANGON, 25 Sept — Organized by the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization, a ceremony to mark World Heart Day took place at the hall of the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, the heads of department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, CEC members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, directors-general, deputy directors-general under the ministry, specialists, professors, medical superintendents, officials of WHO and others.

In his speech, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said the day was being observed in more than 100-member countries of World Heart Federation too.

The purpose of observing the day was to disseminate the knowledge of how to lead a healthy life free from cardiac disease in a span of life time. With this end in view, the chosen slogan for the day runs

“Healthy Weight, Healthy Shape”. Since 1990, the rate of dying of heart disease has increased throughout the world. In addition, there have been about 17 mil-

lion people worldwide who are suffering from diseases like obesity.

lion people worldwide who are suffering from diseases like obesity. The aim of the day was that the public were to come to be more aware of the problem of obesity and of the knowledge of the hard facts of healthy weight. Later, the minister called upon the entire people to make greater cooperation in the drive for disseminating the knowledge of the healthy weight towards the public.

Next, Minister Dr

Kyaw Myint and guests viewed the drugstores on cardiac disease displayed at the hall.

Cardiac specialist Dr Myint Soe Win gave talks on cardiac disease

with the help of projector.

The staff of the Health Department also provided free medical treatment to the patients.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint views round medical stalls at the ceremony to mark World Heart Day.— MNA

Annual meeting of Kyauktada USDA held

YANGON, 25 Sept — Annual General Meeting for 2005 of Kyauktada Township USDA was held this morning at Kyauktada Township Basic Education High School with an address by CEC Member of USDA (Yangon Division In-charge) Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Deputy Mayor Col Maung Pa.

At the meeting, Deputy Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials concerned awarded outstanding members of

USDA including students who passed the matriculation exam for 2004-2005 academic year with flying colours.

Wellwishers donated cash to the township USDA through Joint Secretary of Yangon West District USDA U Myint Hsaung.

At the meeting, Kyauktada Township USDA also contributed cash to the fund of Kyauktada Township Basic Education High School through the headmistress.

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Korean artistes return home

YANGON, 25 Sept — The Baby Vox band troupe and artistes of the Republic of Korea who paid a study visit here to mark the 15th founding anniversary of dialogue partners' relations between ASEAN and the ROK left here for home this evening. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Managing Director U Bo Kyi of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and officials of Korean Embassy.

The visiting Korean artistes went to the Shwedagon Pagoda this morning.

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Cash and kind donated to monasteries, nunneries in Thingangyun, Lannadaw...

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 Agga Maha Pandita Maha Theikpan Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Siridhamma and member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Pandita Sagaing Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dhammananda and members of the Sangha, nuns, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Com-

Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior military officers, officials and wellwishers.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Siridhamma administered the Five Precepts. The Secretary-1 and party offered provisions to the Chairman Sayadaw.

The commander, the ministers and officials donated alms to the Sayadaws.

Maj-Gen Mya Win of the Ministry of De-

The commander presented rice donated by Yangon Division PDC to the Sayadaw.

Next, donations of departments concerned were offered to members of the Sangha. Similarly, wellwishers donated offerings.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Maj-Gen Mya Win, Captain Thura Thet Swe and Col Nay



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers provisions to a Sayadaw at the donation ceremony for monasteries and nunneries in Thingangyun Township. MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party takes the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw at the donation ceremony for monasteries and nunneries in Thingangyun Township.—MNA

mand Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung,

fence, Captain Naval Staff (Navy) Captain Thura Thet Swe and Colonel General Staff Navy (Air) Col Nay Win presented donations to members of the Sangha.

Win accepted cash and kind donated by wellwishers. The Secretary-1 and party together with the congregation took a sermon delivered by the Sagaing Monastery

Sayadaw and shared merits gained.

Today's donations for monasteries and nunneries in Thingangyun Township amounted to 728 bags of rice, 344 viss

of edible oil, 556 viss of gram, 3,094 viss of iodized salt, 619 tubes of tooth paste, 4,665 bottles of traditional medicines, 3,094 bars of soap, 3,094 cakes of soft soap, 1,647

viss of dry fish, 15 bottles of fish sauce, 60 packets of dry noodle, 20 packets of jam, 50 pictures of Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda, and K 18,687,550. MNA

Provisions donated to 66 monasteries in precinct of Thayettaw Monastery



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party takes the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw at the donation ceremony for monasteries in Lannadaw Township.—MNA

YANGON, 25 Sept — Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated provisions to 66 monasteries in the precinct of Thayettaw Monastery in Lannadaw Township this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Commit-

tee Hmankyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññajota and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Vice-

Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior military officers, officials and wellwishers.

The commander, the deputy minister, the vice-mayor and senior military officers offered donations to the Sayadaws.

On behalf of the Tatmadaw families, Maj-Gen Tin Soe of the Ministry of Defence, Captain Naval Staff (Navy) Captain Thura Thet Swe, Colonel General Staff (Air) (Mechanical) Col Chan Maung presented

alms to the Township SNC Chairman Sayadaw. Similarly, wellwishers donated provisions to the Chairman Sayadaw. Next, the commander, the deputy minister, the vice-mayor, senior military officers and OSD Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thaug to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement accepted cash donations for the funds of the monasteries from wellwishers.

Col Chan Maung (Air) supplicated on the

purpose of the donations.

Today's donations for the monasteries amounted to 231 bags of rice, 132 viss of edible oil, 115 viss of gram, 632 viss of iodized salt, 248 tubes of tooth paste, 4,045 bottles of traditional medicines, 371 viss of dry fish, 360 packets of chilli powder, 15 bottles of fish sauce, 250 packets of detergent powder, 642 bars of soap, 642 cakes of soft soap, and K 5,733,715.

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Government building strong economic ...

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It was attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, heads of departments, members of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council, Chairmen of Meiktila District and Township Peace and Development Councils and members, local people, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, War Veterans Organization, social organizations, Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Red Cross Brigade, members of band troupe and officials concerned.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivered an address. He said Nyaunggon Dam has emerged for greening of Meiktila plain and boosting production of crops together with Letkhekepin Dam in Meiktila Township and Lunngin Dam in Pyawbwe Township. The cluster of dams supplies drinking water to local people and surplus of water from Chaungkauk Dam built in Pyawbwe in September 1995 to Meiktila Lake. The dams much contribute towards the development of irrigated areas and production of crops.

He said the government is building strong economic foundations through agricultural production as the country gets better foundations for agriculture.

There are plantations of seasonal and perennial crops due to the government's arrangements for availability of water such as dams and reservoirs.

The Head of State often gives constant guidance on



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw unveils stone plaque of Nyaunggon Dam.— A&I

of Agriculture and Irrigation is undertaking the projects, the minister said.

The minister said the cluster of dams including the present dam, Letkhekepin dam and Lunngin dam, is 45th one in Mandalay Division after 1988 and it is the 178th dam of the State. Irrigated areas nationwide increased up to 2,430,000 acres.

The Head of State often gives constant guidance on serving the interest of the people and boosting agricultural production.

The government is making arrangements for availability of water as well as giving encouragement to extended cultivation of crops through modern technology. It is also making efforts for production of high quality crops and increase of per acre yield, he said. The minister spoke at length on increase of per acre yield of paddy. He called on utilization of water beneficially, maintenance of the dam and prevention against water pollution.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw also delivered an address. He also called on local people to maintain the dam and irrigation networks which are valuable heritage that can be enjoyed for posterity.

A local of Meiktila Township thanked the government for construction of the dam. The commander and the minister cordially greeted those present.

At the auspicious time, the commander formally opened the stone inscription of the dam. The commander and the minister sprinkled the stone inscription with scented water and they formally opened the dam and posed for documentary photos together with local people.

They inspected the dam and paddy plantation and cultivation of monsoon paddy. They also inspected the channel and sluice gates.

At the Nyaunggon dam, Deputy Director U Myo Tun of Irrigation department reported on flow of water into the dams. Assistant Director U Myo Myint Aung reported on the flow of water and irrigation for cultivation of monsoon paddy. The commander and the minister gave instructions on irrigation and success of crops.

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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo addresses opening ceremony of Nyaunggon Dam in Meiktila Township.— A&I

serving the interest of the people and boosting agricultural production. He gave guidance on implementation of dam projects and river water pumping projects for availability of water in the regions where there is scarcity of water. In accord with his guidance, the Ministry

Hline Township USDA holds Annual General Meeting

YANGON, 25 Sept — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association this morning attended the Annual General Meeting for 2005 of the Hline Township Union Solidarity and Development Association and delivered an address.

At the annual meeting held at the office of the township USDA, Secretariat Member U Thaung accepted K 150,000 donated by Hline Township Peace and Development Council to the township USDA and presented a certificate of honour to an official of Hline Township PDC. Wellwishers also donated cash through Executive of Yangon Division USDA U Min Thein.

U Min Thein awarded the outstanding members of USDA at the meeting.

In the second session of the meeting, executives of the township USDA submitted the reports, and discussed the reports sector-wise.

The meeting laid down the future tasks of the association.

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Secretariat Member meets township and district USDA secretaries in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 25 Sept — USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met with secretaries and executives of 31 township and seven district USDAs at the office of Mandalay Division USDA Office yesterday evening.

District secretaries reported on accomplishments of five rural development tasks in their respective regions and future tasks. The Secretariat Member gave necessary instructions. This morning, the Secretariat Member attended the annual meeting 2005 of Aungmyethazan Township USDA at BEHS No 4.

The Secretariat Member delivered an opening

address. Next, he presented K 100,000 each and prizes to two six-distinction winning students who passed the matriculation examination for 2004-05 academic year. Furthermore, he gave away prizes to other outstanding persons.

Aungmyethazan Township USDA Secretary U Myo Myint accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. Next, the second-session of the annual meeting followed. Later, the meeting chairman gave concluding remarks and the meeting ended with chanting of the slogans. —MNA



Secretariat Member Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung meets with secretariats and members of 31 township and seven district USDAs in Mandalay Division.— INDUSTRY-1



MMCWA CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt views computer application of a disabled students at Kamawet Village BEHS.— MNA



CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt and party present medicines, iodized salt and clean delivery kits to expectant mothers.— MNA

Rural people enjoy fruitful results ...

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Mon State Health Department Dr Tin Win Kyaw and Mon State TB Specialist Dr Win Naing briefed them on the service.

At the delivery room of Kawparan Village MCWA, they viewed maternal health care service. They presented medicines, iodized salt packets and clean delivery kits to the expectant mothers.

At Kawparan BEMS, doctors lectured on matters related to HIV/AIDS diseases and MMCWA Joint-Secretary Dr Thein Thein Htay on maternal health care service. They conducted a

test on paper for health knowledge to the local people.

On behalf of the local people, farmer U Tun Ngwe said that now rural people enjoy fruitful results of better transportation as well as health care service because rural health care centres have been set up at the rural area and MCWA members provided pills to TB patients. Due to having health knowledge, expectant mothers give birth to their babies at the delivery rooms. Therefore, they are free from danger. He thanked the Government and social organizations for their contributions towards development of

health, education, social and economic sectors of the local people.

Afterwards, the CEC member and party cordially met with trainees at the tailoring course and knitting courses at Mudon Township MCWA Office. Three sewing machines donated by MMCWA were handed over to Mon State MCWSC. The Joint-Secretary of Mudon Township MCWA explained matters concerning the training courses.

At Kamawet Village BEHS, they viewed round the computer application room and observed application of disabled children at the room. Next, they presented stationery

and cash assistance to the students.

At Shwessin Nyilar Hall of the school, CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt and party held

round-table discussions with local people, MCWA members, local women and members of social organizations, and discussed health, education and so-

cial affairs and tasks to increase family income.

Later, they visited Kamawet Village Library, and donated various kinds of books. —MNA



CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt and party view door-to-door TB pill providing service of MCWA members and health staff in Kawparan Village of Mudon Township.— MNA



Bago Division (West) Regional Organizer Daw Marlar Thein and Chairperson of Bago Division (West) WAO Daw Khin Mya Mya attend the talks on trafficking in women at Swedaw Model Village of Padaung Township.— MNA



Bago Division (West) Regional Organizer Daw Marlar Thein and Chairperson of Bago Division (West) WAO Daw Khin Mya Mya view functions of mobile school in Pyay Township.— MNA



Bago Division (West) Regional Organizer Daw Marlar Thein and Chairperson of Bago Division (West) WAO Daw Khin Mya Mya view treatment of malaria patients in Swedaw Model Village of Padaung Township.— MNA

Thanks to Nawaday...

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Afterwards, members of WAO viewed the treatment tasks for dengue and malaria and providing health care free of charge, and donated tablets for preventing malaria and iodized salt.

Next, they attended the educative talks on trafficking in women, gave a lecture and answered the queries raised by those present. On arrival at Thiri Khittaya Home for the Aged, they viewed the donation of a day's meal of members of Division WAO to the aged and treatment with traditional medicines.

In the afternoon, they arrived at Shwelyaung Mobile School opened for the children of cashew farm workers, viewed the teaching of volunteer teachers and donated exercise books and cash. Later, they discussed matters related to the preventing trafficking in women with local women. — MNA

Kamayut Township USDA holds annual meeting

YANGON, 25 Sept — Kamayut Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held its Annual Meeting 2005 this morning at Kamayut Township BEHS No 3.

Present at the meeting were USDA CEC member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, members and organizers of Yangon Division, Yangon West District and Kamayut Township USDAs, social organizations and guests.

The CEC member made an opening speech, accepted cash donated by well-wishers for public welfare tasks and presented certificates of honour to them.

Next, township USDA executives read out annual reports of various sectors, and ward organizers took part in the discussions. The meeting chairman explained the nine future work programmes and seven objectives of the association, and the meeting passed resolutions. — MNA



USDA CEC member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein speaking at Annual General Meeting of Kamayut Township USDA. — MNA

NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice arrives back from Lao PDR

YANGON, 25 Sept — A Myanmar special observer delegation led by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe arrived back here by air yesterday evening after attending the 26th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization held in Vientiane of Lao People's Democratic Republic from 18 to 23 September.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe and party were



Chief Justice U Aung Toe together with delegation leaders pose for documentary photos at AIPO Conference in Vientiane, Lao PDR. — SUPREME COURT

welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe, Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, Supreme Court Justice U Khin Maung Aye, Laotian Ambassador Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane and officials of Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, and the National Convention Convening Commission Office, and families.

Members of the delegation Secretary of the NCC Work Committee U Thaug Nyunt and member of National Convention Convening Commission Dr Tun Shin also arrived back.

The Speakers and representatives of Parliaments of ASEAN countries, special observers and other observers attended the 26th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization. Before the opening cer-

emony, AIPO Chairman Mr Samane Vignaket greeted leaders of the delegations.

Speaker of the National Parliament of Lao PDR Mr Samane Vignaket delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the Assembly at Convention Hall of Don Chan Palace Hotel in Vientiane.

Next, the Prime Minister of Lao PDR extended greetings.

Afterwards, leaders of the delegations, special observer delegation and other delegations gave speeches. Leader of the Special Observer Delegation of the Union of Myanmar Chief Justice U Aung Toe also delivered an address.

Next, they posed for documentary photos together with the Laotian Prime Minister and the AIPO Chairman.

The Assembly concluded at 6 pm on 22 September.

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Thousands march through London in Iraq war protest

LONDON, 25 Sept — Thousands of people marched through central London on Saturday demanding that Prime Minister Tony Blair withdraw British troops from Iraq.

Three streams of marchers carrying banners, chanting and blowing horns set off from various parts of London aiming to pass Parliament and converge on Hyde Park to hear anti-war speeches.

There was a large police presence and barricades were placed around key government buildings in case of violence.

Protesters carried banners with slogans such as "Blair Liar", "Bush world No 1 terrorist", "No war, no nukes" and "Blair's taking liberties, troops home now".

The US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 has never been popular in Britain and Blair's personal rating slumped after charges that his government had exaggerated the case for war. The march took place on the eve of the annual conference of Blair's ruling Labour Party, which is divided over the

invasion and occupation of Iraq.

Britain has 8,500 soldiers in Iraq and Blair says they will be withdrawn only when stability has been restored, the Iraqi Army is capable of maintaining order and a democratically elected Iraqi Government says the time is right.

The insurgency in the central part of the country in and around Baghdad and the rising number of British deaths in southern Iraq — now standing at 95 — has further eroded public support.

The marches, organized by the Stop The War campaign, took place less than a week after British troops stormed a police station in the southern city of Basra to free two undercover soldiers who had been detained by Iraqi police.

The British say the two had been handed over to a militia group and their lives were in danger, but

the Iraqis deny his was the case and have demanded an apology and compensation.

In a further blow to relations in the British theatre of operations in the south, an Iraqi judge on Saturday issued an arrest

warrant for the two men.

Britain's Ministry of Defence said the warrants had no legal basis. "All British troops in Iraq come under the jurisdiction of Britain," a defence spokesman said in London. — MNA/Reuters



Anti-war protesters pass along Whitehall in London during a demonstration against the conflict in Iraq, on 24 September, 2005. — INTERNET

Three Iraqi soldiers killed in Baghdad's suicide car bombing

BAGHDAD, 25 Sept — Three Iraqi soldiers were killed and eight people wounded when a suicide car bomber struck an Iraqi Army convoy in central Baghdad on Saturday, police said.

"We have three soldiers killed and eight people wounded in the blast. They were three soldiers, a policeman and four civilians," an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

"The suicide bomber rushed into the Iraqi Army vehicles as they started to erect a mobile checkpoint on the road near al-Fenjan restaurant in Karada District," the source said.

Earlier he said three people were wounded, including a soldier, when a suicide bomber rammed his explosive packed vehicle into an Iraqi Army convoy at 9:50 am (0550 GMT) in the area.

An Army vehicle was set ablaze and several civilian cars were also damaged by the blast, he added.

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Annan asks rich nations to hike ODA to 0.7% of GDP

UNITED NATIONS, 24 Sept — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has called on the rich nations to keep their promises to increase the Official Development Aid (ODA) to 0.7 per cent of the GDP and expand debt relief to help the developing countries meet their Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Addressing a ministerial level meeting of the Group of 77, he also urged the developing countries to keep their commitments made by them.

"Our task now is to implement what was agreed, and I look forward to the G-77 playing an active and constructive role in that process," he said.

Both developing and developed countries need to act, he said, adding for their part the developing countries will have to "promote good governance, fight corruption, pursue sound macroeconomic policies, and made transparent and effective use of public funds".

Developed countries must also honour their promise to provide aid at 0.7 per cent of GDP so that developing countries can make improvements where they are really needed, such as providing malaria bed nets, expanding school meal programmes, and eliminating user fees for primary school and health services.

However, he said he was disappointed with the lack of progress on

trade, where "trade-distorting subsidies, quotas and tariffs" were undoing all the good works provided by debt relief and aid.

Annan also touched on UN reform measures, and said he was looking for the G-77's "engagement and support" in accomplishing "a more efficient, more effective, and more accountable" Secretariat and UN.

He also emphasized the need for getting the Peacebuilding Commission up and running, agreeing on a global anti-terrorism strategy, and protecting civilians from genocide.

"I look forward to working with you to translate our commitments into results, particularly for the weak and the poorest of them citizens of your countries, who we must never forget, represent the majority of the UN's membership," he said.

The G-77 now numbers 132 member states, and is the largest Third World coalition in the UN system.

MNA/PTI

Australian surfer fights off shark with his fists

SYDNEY, 24 Sept — An Australian surfer survived a shark attack by repeatedly punching a small shark he first thought was a seal, the second incident of its kind this month, local radio reported on Saturday.

Brad Satchell, 44, was surfing about 120 metres (390 feet) offshore at the popular Scarborough beach in Perth, capital of Western Australia state, on Friday when he was attacked.

"I actually had a smile on my face when I first saw the thing because I thought it was a seal," Satchell told Australian Broadcasting Corp radio.

He said he turned his surfboard on its side to use as a shield when the shark, which he said may have been a bronze whaler more than a metre in length, began to attack him. He was unhurt and paddled to safety.

"I lifted my body out of the water and I just got my fists and I remember what I'd read in the paper. I just started punching and I connected with its head," Satchell said. — MNA/Reuters

Indonesia beeps up effort to prevent bird flu from spreading

JAKARTA, 24 Sept — Indonesia steps up effort to prevent bird flu virus from spreading, by making a plan to conduct a stamping out in highly affected areas and strengthening coordination among authorities.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono instructed all governors from all provinces in a meeting with ministers at his office on Friday to take steps to avoid the spread of the lethal virus that has killed four people and possibly attacks on 28 others.

"Measures will be taken by the provincial governments to avoid the spread of the virus," he told a Press briefing after the meeting.

"The government has taken a decision to conduct stamping out in heavily (affected areas)."

He said that the government would give financial assistance to breeders whose poultry were slaughtered.

Regarding to the reaction of foreign countries to Indonesia in handling the case, President Susilo asked the countries to understand on the steps being taken by Indonesian Government and not to give an exaggerated version in seeing the outbreak in the country.

"The moves of birds are across countries. I hope the world also know that Indonesia is taking serious measures in handling this joint problem," he said.

Meanwhile, Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla reminded that the outbreak could be dangerous threat in the future if it is not controlled immediately, because the outbreak newly occurred in the world.

Indonesian Health Minister Siti Sufari Fadilah said that Indonesia already had 10,000 tablet of Tamiflu, the only treatment so far proven effective against bird flu in humans, after recommended by the World Health Organization.

MNA/Xinhua

French oil company "Total" shuts down Texas facilities

PARIS, 24 Sept — French oil company Total announced Thursday that it had shut down all its operations in the Texas Gulf Coast region, evacuating staff from a dozen sites because of Hurricane Rita.

A spokesman for Total said at its headquarters in Paris that some 1,000 local staff had been evacuated on Wednesday from its offshore Virgo oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico. "Today, we evacuated our land-based installations in the region of Houston, in particular the Port Arthur refinery, closed at 11:00 am local time," said the spokesman.

Other oil majors were also shutting down their operations as Hurricane Rita, one of the biggest storms ever recorded in the region, bears down on the Texas coast.

MNA/Xinhua

"Rita" shuts 2.2 million bpd US gasoline output

WASHINGTON, 24 Sept — Even before Hurricane Rita makes landfall, the US market has lost 2.2 million barrels per day (bpd) in gasoline production and another 1.2 million bpd in distillate fuel output after Gulf Coast oil refineries shut down due to the storm, according to the government.

Fifteen refineries have shut their operations in preparation for Rita, which on Friday was heading toward the Texas-Louisiana border with winds of nearly 140 miles per hour, the Energy Information Administration said.

Four refineries remained offline in the wake of Hurricane Katrina which slammed into Louisiana and Mississippi in late August.

"The total amount of refinery capacity shut down amounts to nearly five million barrels per day," EIA, the Energy Department's analytical arm, said in its latest hurricane update.

About 600,000 bpd in jet fuel production has also been lost from refineries that shut because of Rita, according to EIA.

US Energy Secretary Sam Bodman on Thursday warned that local fuel supply disruptions will occur due to Rita.

"There will be disruptions," Bodman told reporters in a telephone briefing. "How long they will last, I simply don't know."

Bodman said gasoline imports would be needed over the next one to three weeks to help replace lost supply. — MNA/Reuters

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Microsoft, India announce steps to bridge digital divide

SILICON VALLEY, 24 Sept— Stepping up cooperation with Indian Government, Microsoft has announced a slew of initiatives to accelerate IT literacy and enable e-governance to bridge the digital divide in the country.

The announcement follows a series of in-depth discussions this week between visiting Federal Communications and IT Minister Dayanidhi Maran and Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates at the software giant's Redmond headquarters.

The collaboration will focus on strategic areas including enabling access to affordable and language-based computing, accelerating IT literacy, facilitating adoption of e-governance at an accelerated pace, enabling research on Indic Language Computing technologies and cooperation

around IT security.

"Today's (Thursday's) announcements by Microsoft including the launch of new multilingual Windows XP Starter Edition for India, are steps in the right direction," Maran said.

He said the various steps address important issues like IT literacy, taking high-quality, interactive IT education to schools in India, availability of local language computing solutions and e-governance.

"There is an urgent need to enable affordable access to locally relevant IT ap-

plications at a broad level. I believe that through effective private-government partnerships we can deliver on this objective," Maran said.

Gates said the announcements were steps towards a common goal to bridge the digital divide in India.

Elaborating on the announcements Gates said, "we are delighted to be working with Minister Maran towards our common goal of bridging the digital divide for people across India".

"In particular, I'm excited about the promotion

of e-governance technologies, the expansion of teacher education and broadening our Windows XP Starter Edition for India offering to better meet the needs of Indian citizens," he said.

"India is synonymous with IT success today. As a long-term partner for India, Microsoft strives to be a key contributor to this success and at the same time help create a digitally-inclusive society where technology reaches out to the over one billion strong population to help them to realize their full potential," said Ravi Venkatesan, Chairman, Microsoft Corporation India Private Ltd.

MNA/PTI

Asian nations face deadly TB-HIV threat

NOUMEA (New Caledonia), 24 Sept— Drug resistance combined with a deadly double infection of tuberculosis and HIV is posing a serious threat in Cambodia, Vietnam, China and the Philippines, said the World Health Organization.

The WHO said tuberculosis was the leading cause of death in HIV-AIDS patients in the Asia-Pacific Region and growing resistance to a variety of drugs is fuelling a rise in cases.

Tuberculosis is a bacterial disease that mostly attacks the lungs. It is an opportunistic infection that once contracted by an HIV patient sees each disease speed the progress of the other.

In the Western Pacific, which stretches from China to Fiji, more than 1.5 million people were living with HIV/AIDS at the end of 2004 and about 120,000 people are expected to die of AIDS in 2005, said a WHO report on tuberculosis and HIV-AIDS.

People with HIV are up to 50 times more likely to develop tuberculosis (TB).

"HIV and TB are the leading killers among the infectious diseases today and together they form a deadly partnership," said the report released on Friday at a WHO conference in Noumea, capital of New Caledonia in the South Pacific.

MNA/Xinhua



Homes in Orleans Parish are flooded after surging waters from Hurricane Rita over topped a western section of the levee along the Industrial Canal which had given way during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans on 23 September, 2005. INTERNET

Egypt to have third telecom operator

CAIRO, 24 Sept — Egypt's National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (NTRA) has decided to open up the mobile telecommunications market to a third operator, the official MENA news agency reported Friday.

Within the coming few months the NTRA will seek international bids for the establishment and operation of the third mobile network which will offer third generation (3G) services, a NTRA statement was quoted as saying.

The bidder will be chosen early next year and the network will start operation by the middle of 2007, it added.

Egypt first decided to set up a third mobile company in 2002, but the plan was delayed for "the sharp decrease in the volume of local and international communications investments, shortage in liquidity as well as the non-feasibility of the project", according to Minister of Communications and IT Tareq Kamel. The ministry has since resumed its decision for "changes in the telecommunications market and the improved investment climate" which has made foreign investors interested in setting up the third operator, Kamel said.—MNA/Xinhua

Floodwaters surge into New Orleans again

NEW ORLEANS, 24 Sept— Floodwaters poured into New Orleans again on Friday as Hurricane Rita inundated several square miles of this still-devastated city but officials said they expected few deaths since the affected neighbourhoods were largely deserted.

Dozens of recently drained blocks in neighbourhoods flooded by Hurricane Katrina were swamped again after surging storm waters topped the levees in at least three places along the Industrial Canal, which runs through several poor but historic neighbourhoods.

"We were hoping this wouldn't happen, but with Rita knocking at our door we're stuck with this," said Mark Heimann, a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

MNA/Reuters

Measuring waist circumference crucial step to tackle heart disease

BELING, 24 Sept — Results from a survey in 27 countries, including China, reveal that six out of ten physicians recognize abdominal fat as a significant risk factor for heart disease.

However, only a minority of the public are aware of the waist size that puts them at risk for heart disease and less than one in five people can expect to have their waist circumference measured by their doctor.

The "Shape of the Nations" survey was conducted in 27 countries during July 2005 among the general public and people identified as at risk for heart disease to assess knowledge and understanding of the growing risk of heart disease posed by excess abdominal fat.

It was conducted to coincide with World Heart Day on September 25th

2005. Under this year's theme, "Healthy Weight, Healthy Shape", World Heart Day activities will encourage the world's population to lead a healthier lifestyle by increasing physical activity and further reducing the risk of heart disease through healthy nutrition, weight control and smoke-free living. In order to raise the awareness of abdominal obesity, one tower of the Great Wall was wrapped to give the impression of corpulence.

Statistics also show that a high-risk waistline is more than 80 centimetres for women and 90 centimetres for men in China. — MNA/Xinhua



An anti-fur activist shouts a slogan 'No Skin Off, ' holding up a mock carcass of fox with real fur, during an anti-fur demonstration in Tokyo, on 24 September, 2005. The activists said they will hold the protest in London, New York, Paris and Cannes on Saturday.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Getafe back on top after victory over Atletico

MADRID, 25 Sept— Bernd Schuster's Getafe returned to the top of the Primera Liga on Saturday after they beat neighbours Atletico Madrid 1-0 at the Calderon despite being reduced to 10 men early in the second half.

Midfielder Mario Coto was sent off on the hour for a wild challenge on winger Martin Petrov, but defender Mariano Pernia struck the winner 10 minutes later when he fired a free kick through a ragged Atletico wall.

Valencia moved up to third place in the table with a 2-1 win at home to Real Sociedad, striker David Villa lifting his tally for the season to five with a well taken goal at the start of the second half.

Villarreal finally recorded their first victory of the season and moved off the bottom after a 2-1 win at Espanyol, courtesy

of goals from midfielders Josico and Marcos Senna.

Deportivo Coruna and Real Zaragoza kept their unbeaten records after a 1-1 stalemate at La Romareda. Getafe lead the standings with 11 points from five games. Celta Vigo, two points behind, can reclaim top spot if they beat Sevilla on Sunday.

Champions Barcelona, who have won just once in their first four outings, look to get the defence of their title back on track when they travel to Real Betis in Saturday's late match.

Real Madrid, who bounced back from two league defeats in a row

with a 3-1 win over Athletic Bilbao, are at Alaves on Sunday with defender Jonathan Woodgate missing out through suspension after his sending off in Thursday's match.

MNA/Reuters

Bordeaux keep French leaders Lyon in sight

PARIS, 25 Sept— Girondins Bordeaux sealed a hard-earned 1-0 victory over AC Ajaccio on Saturday to keep French Ligue 1 leaders Olympique Lyon in sight.

Paris St. Germain, though, missed the chance to go top as they were held to a goalless draw at promoted Le Mans.

Striker Jean-Claude Darcheville headed home Bordeaux's winner after 30 minutes to take them to third in the 20-team table. They have 16 points to PSG's 17 with champions Lyon on 18.

Lyon, though, have a game in hand, travelling to mid-table Nantes on Sunday.

"This win was important because we were on four draws in a row. It was draws against big sides like Lyon and Rennes but

draws nonetheless," said Bordeaux midfielder David Jemmal.

PSG looked lacklustre and short of the inspiration which led them to a 2-1 home win over Lille on Wednesday. Le Mans, fifth in the table with 15 points, extended their unbeaten run on home-ground to four matches.

"It looks like a logical result," said PSG coach Laurent Fournier. "They put up a good fight... We are still second in the standings and I'm satisfied with my guys."

MNA/Reuters

Lampard keeps Chelsea on track as Man Utd lose

LONDON, 25 Sept — Chelsea's Frank Lampard fired the champions to a 2-1 victory over Aston Villa but there was a shock for Manchester United as they went down 2-1 at home to Blackburn Rovers on Saturday.



Aston Villa's Luke Moore, left, fights off a challenge from Chelsea's Paulo Ferreira during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge in west London, on 24 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Charlton Athletic's charmed start to the season continued as they stayed second with a 2-1 victory at West Bromwich Albion, while England striker Michael Owen was Newcastle United's match-winner as they beat Manchester City 1-0. Everton were booed off after losing 1-0 at home to promoted Wigan Athletic, their eighth defeat in nine games this season in all competitions. Liverpool needed a late penalty from France striker Djibril Cisse to draw 2-2 at Birmingham City.

But the extraordinary message from the day's action is that with the season barely a month and a half old, holders Chelsea are already looking like champions elect.

They are top on 21 points, ahead of Charlton (15) and four clubs including Manchester United on 11 points. Arsenal are seventh on 10 points.

Though they conceded their first league goal of the season after six clean sheets, Chelsea's ability to exert pressure from midfield and up front enabled them to turn a difficult game around.

Villa striker Juan Pablo Angel had a hand in both goals, heading on keeper Thomas Sorensen's long kick for Moore to squeeze an angled shot past Petr Cech in the 44th minute.

The Colombian turned villain just a minute later, though, breaking away from the Villa wall and allowing Lampard's free kick to soar into the back of the net.

The England midfielder made no mistake from the spot in the 75th minute after Villa's Olof Mellberg had checked Chelsea's Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba in the area. Manchester United will be reflecting on Paul Scholes' comments in midweek that their title hopes would be over if they failed to win their next two games against Blackburn and Fulham.—MNA/Reuters

Udinese slip to third consecutive Serie A defeat

ROME, 25 Sept— Champions League side Udinese slumped to their third consecutive Serie A defeat when they lost 2-0 to lowly Reggina on Saturday.

Udinese had lost their last two Serie A matches against Fiorentina and Juventus, but were firm favourites to beat Reggina, who had failed to earn a point in their opening four games.

The result, which left the club stuck in mid-table with six points from five matches, is bound to prompt fresh criticism of Udinese president Giampaolo Pozzo, who has excluded the team's top striker Vincenzo Iaquinta from the squad after he refused to extend his contract.

It could have turned out differently for Udinese if an early effort by midfielder Jose Vidigal had not been deflected wide by the outstretched leg of home keeper Ivan Pelizzoli.

The match swung two minutes before halftime when Reggina captain Francesco Cozza turned his marker just outside the area and fired right-footed into the roof of the net.

Reggina sealed victory 14 minutes from time when Francesco Modesto broke the offside trap and flicked the ball across the area for striker Simone Cavalli to finish into an empty net.—MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Late goal gives Kashima 3-3 draw against Gamba

TOKYO, 25 Sept— A late equalizer from Brazilian Alex Mineiro gave Kashima Antlers a 3-3 draw against J-League leaders Gamba Osaka on Saturday, to keep their title hopes alive. Gamba appeared to have the game sewn up when Masashi Oguro set up the J-League's top scorer, Araujo, in the 90th minute for a 3-2 lead but poor defending allowed Mineiro to equalize.

Kashima had taken the lead in the ninth minute when Japan midfielder Mitsuo Ogasawara lashed the ball home. Gamba replied 14 minutes later through Araujo but shortly before halftime an Ogasawara freekick sailed through Osaka's defence to give the visitors a 2-1 lead.

A poor clearance by Kashima goalkeeper Hitoshi Sogahata six minutes into the second half fell at the feet of Oguro, who slotted the ball home for Gamba's second.

Gamba remain one point clear of Kashima after 25 games. Urawa Reds drew 0-0 with Yokohama F-Marininos to stay third on goal difference ahead of Jubilo Iwata, who edged Kashiwa Reysol 1-0 thanks to a penalty by Masashi Nakayama, and JEF United, 2-1 winners over Shimizu S-Pulse 2-1 after Seiichiro Maki scored in the 90th minute.—MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's Sol Campbell, right, challenges Teddy Sheringham of West Ham United during their English Premiership match at Upton Park in London on 24 September, 2005. Final score was 0-0.—INTERNET

“Rita” pummels US Gulf Coast, spares Houston

LAKE CHARLES, 25 Sept — Hurricane Rita left the US Gulf Coast reeling on Saturday from two powerful storms in less than a month, with renewed flooding in New Orleans, widespread power outages and roads across hundreds of miles closed by debris, although damage was less than feared.

The storm slammed into lightly populated swamplands at the Texas and Louisiana border, sparing Houston, the fourth-largest US city, but battering the oil city of Beaumont, Texas, and Lake Charles, Louisiana, a gambling and chemicals centre.

One storm-related

death was reported in Belzoni, Mississippi, where police said a person died in a tornado.

Some refiners in the region's huge oil industry were hopeful they would find little harm from Rita, but damage to oil rigs offshore was less clear.

“The damage is not

as severe as we expected it would be,” said David Paulson, acting director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in Washington, who credited the evacuation of more than two million people with preventing storm deaths.

But he acknowledged problems that included traffic jams as long as 100 miles leading out of Houston. Two dozen elderly evacuees were killed on Friday when their bus burst into flames south of Dallas.

Game wardens and other emergency workers used boats, airboats and helicopters to try to rescue about 600 people who defied evacuation orders and stayed behind only to be trapped by floods in the heart of Louisiana's Cajun county, in Abbeville, Pecan Island and Lafitte. Several were plucked

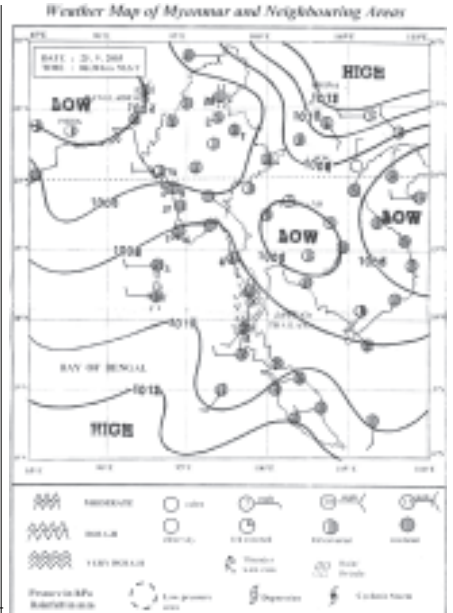
from the rooftops of their submerged homes.

High winds continued to push high water inland, making rescue attempts by boat or helicopter perilous, Vermilion Parish Sheriff Mike Couvillan said.

“We're risking lives to save their lives when they had an opportunity to leave,” he said.

The city of Lake Charles suffered a prolonged pounding as the storm's centre passed nearby.

MNA/Reuters



In memory of late mother Daw Htay, U Thein Win-Daw Nyunt Tin and family of No 9, Thudamma Road, North Okkalapa Township donate K 100,000 to Joint-Secretary U Maung Maung Gyi of Administrative Board of Hninzigon Home for the Aged. — H



Monday, 26th September
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
5. Song of national races
- 8:00 am
6. Cut little dancers
- 8:10 am
7. အတီးဖြူပွဲ
- 8:20 am
8. ကပ်တဲလ်ကြိုးတံတား
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song

- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm
4. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဇောဒါ၊ သတ္တဇောဒါအထူးပြုများ) (ရက္ခဇောဒါ)
- 5:00 pm
5. Dance variety
- 5:10 pm
6. ၂၀၀၅ ရန်ပုံစံ၊ တောရသမ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကဲအစား၊ အတီးဖြူပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ဓမ္မပူဇော်)
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- 5:25 pm
7. Song and dance of national races
- 5:35 pm
8. အတီးဖြူပွဲ
- 5:45 pm
9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:55 pm
10. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစာတေး

- 6:05 pm
11. Industrial achievement
- 6:15 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်း စာတိုလမ်းတွဲ
“ရယ်ခွင်ဆော့ပြေး ပုရွတ်ဆိတ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 6:30 pm
13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ
“ရူးနီမလေးရဲ့ ရုပ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 7:40 pm
16. “ရုပ်ရွာပညာပေးသော ဖွင့်ပါမေး ကျေးလက်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး” (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm
17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ
“ချစ်သောနေ့ခြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 21. The next day's programme



Monday, 26th September
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Witch Doctor
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Dr Jones
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Freak out
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:20 am Music:
Together forever
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Superstar
- Say you say me
-Can't fight this feeling
- 9:00 pm Spotlight on the star
-JenniferLopez
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Drugs Elimination
- Actively works for rural developments
- 9:35 pm Golden Land's melody
- Kanthayar
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

WEATHER

Sunday, 25th September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (2.09) inches, Kyaikkami (1.97) inches, Mogok (1.74) inches, Namsam (1.41) inches, Thandwe (1.22) inches, Myitkyina (1.06) inches and Hpa-an (0.94)inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-9-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 25-9-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-9-2005 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 24-9-2005 was (8.9) hours approx. Rainfalls on 25-9-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (87.60) inches at Mingaladon, (90.55) inches at Kaba-Aye and (96.26) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (13:15) hours MST on 24-9-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26-9-2005: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of thundery conditions in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-9-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-9-2005: Partly cloudy to cloudy.

Rural people enjoy fruitful results of better transportation as well as health care service MMCWA CEC member tours villages of Mon State

YANGON, 25 Sept — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (Central) donated VCD/DVD players and mosquito-proofs to Shwenattaung Pre-Primary School of Maternal and Child Welfare Association of South-East Command on 22 September afternoon.

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, CEC member of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt and members enjoyed entertainment of schoolchildren of the school.

CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt presented a TV set worth K 170,000 for the school, Chairperson of Mon State MCW Supervisory Committee wife of the commander Daw Tin Tin Latt K 236,200 for mosquito-proof, Vice-Chairperson of South-East Command MCWA wife of the deputy commander VCD/DVD players worth K 70,000, and Mon State MCWSC Secretary Dr Tin Win Kyaw refreshments worth K 56,000 to officials. Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of the school Major Than Shein spoke words of thanks.

Next, CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt and party met with members of 10 Township MCWSCs at the Mon State MCWSC Office. Chairperson of the Mon State MCWSC Daw Tin Tin Latt extended greetings.

Secretary Dr Tin Win Kyaw reported on activities of the Mon State MCWSC. CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt gave necessary instructions. Officials of the township associations submitted reports on

their respective activities. The CEC member and party attended to their needs.

Afterwards, the CEC member presented K 1 million to be spent on control of HIV/AIDS and TB disease, and five bicycles for Mon State MCWSC to the Chairman of the Mon State MCWSC.

After the ceremony, they paid homage to the

Presiding Sayadaw of Webyan Monastery and donated K 100,000 and alms.

On 23 September morning, they arrived at Kawparan Model Village in Mudon Township. They viewed daily door-to-door TB pill providing service given by MCWA members and health staff. Head of (See page 10)



CEC member of MCWA Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, members and village women discuss health, education and social matters at Kamarwet BEHS.—MNA

Thanks to Nawaday Bridge trading of local products is convenient MWAF personnel make field trip to fulfil requirements of life security of women in Pyay, Padaung townships

YANGON 25 Sept — To fulfil the requirements of the development of economy, health, education and life security of women, Bago Division (West) Regional Organizer of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Marlar Thein, Chairperson of Bago Division (West) Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Khin Mya and members arrived at West Ywathit village-tract in MaU Village, Pyay Township, on 23

September and viewed refreshments and snacks production of local women for income generating and creating job opportunities, and disbursed loans to them.

Yesterday, the regional organizer and members proceeded to Swedaw model village in Padaung Township, Pyay District, and viewed the tasks on a commercial scale to earn income for the women in

the region.

Swedaw model village with the population of 2,000, has developed as a result of not only agricultural tasks but also the manageable businesses of each family.

Thanks to Nawaday Bridge built by the Government, trading of local products is convenient with the help of smooth transport, and job opportunities can be created for the women in rural regions. The village has developed in all sectors including education, health and economy, and local people can read more with the light of electricity, take relax watching video, and with the possession of TV sets almost every house. Dispensaries and libraries were opened and water supplied, and auto-exchange was facilitated in the region. Due to the implementation of the State's programme for rural development, over 50 telephones were also installed. (See page 10)



Bago Division (West) regional organizer of MWAF Daw Marlar Thein and members give talks on human trafficking to village women—MNA

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