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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.



Minister U Aung Thuang presents anti-venom to the rural health centre in Hsinywagyi Village, Patheingyi Township. — INDUSTRY-1

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

Long-lasting wish of villagers fulfilled Arrangements under way to set up bio-gas power stations in villages

Local people urged to participate in rural development drive

YANGON, 27 Sept — The government has been able to bring harmonious progress to all health, education, transport, clean water supply and economic sectors in accord with the guidance of Head of State to enable the rural areas achieve progress as fast as the urban areas, while working overtime for all-round development of the nation after setting up 24 special development zones in all states and divisions.

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The inauguration ceremony of the bio-gas station at Ywathit Village in Patheingyi Township in progress. — INDUSTRY-1

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Enhance people's awareness of danger of narcotic drugs

Drug abuse, production and trafficking poses a grave threat to the entire mankind today. Therefore, every country and region across the world is steadfastly mounting the fight against the menace of narcotic drugs and Myanmar is no exception.

The Government of the Union of Myanmar is, in its own way, implementing extensive plans to wipe out the danger of narcotic drugs from its soil once and for all. All the national peoples, on their part, is actively and enthusiastically lending themselves to the government's fight against narcotics.

In accordance with the guidance by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the 15-year plan for the eradication of narcotic drugs and the New Destiny Project are being implemented phase by phase. As a result, there has been a remarkable drop in the production and trafficking of opium and heroine in Myanmar, and the United Nations and the international community has recognized it.

A coordination meeting on educating the public about the danger of narcotic drugs and psychothrophic substances was held in the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information on 5 September and it was attended by responsible personnel of the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Ministry of Health, the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and editors of journals and magazines.

The government has been staging narcotic eradication campaigns as a national duty and journalists are doing their bit, especially in educating the public. Respective ministries and departments and the media are required to pool resources to be able to educate the people effectively and extensively.

People have often heard about tragic consequences of the abuse of narcotic drugs and psychothrophic substances. Psychothrophic substances are produced not with the use of opium but with the use of chemicals smuggled into our country from abroad. Production can be done easily and so trafficking in psychothrophic substances is on the rise.

At such a time like this, the onus is on the media to fully cooperate with the government in the fight against drug abuse and to seriously educate the people, especially the youths, about the evil effects of drug abuse.

Hole-in-one

YANGON, 26 Sept— Mr Jung scored an ace from 155 yards at the 15th hole at Yemon Island Golf Resort on 24-9-2005 while playing with a Srixon Ball using Iron 4 Lance Field. The partners at the time were Mr Pi, Mr Jung and Mr Park. — MNA

All this needs to be known

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

People's Desire

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

Minister for Immigration and Population receives Bangladeshi Ambassador

YANGON, 27 Sept — Minister for Immigration and Population and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa received Ambassador of Bangladesh Mr M Khairuzaman at his office on Theinbyu Road here this morning.

Present were Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung, directors-general, deputy directors-general and officials under the Ministry of social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.— MNA



Population and Immigration Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa receives Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr M Khairuzaman. — MNA

Press conference on Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour for 2005-2006 held

YANGON, 27 Sept— A press conference on Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour for 2005-2006 was held at Sedona Hotel this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of MPGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik and officials concerned, General Secretary of MGF U Aung Kyi and executives, Chairman of Air Bagan Ltd U Te Za and officials, President of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Sao Kai Hpa and members, mediemen and guests.

Chairman of MPGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) presented special present of appreciation to Executive Director Mr Lai Wai Chin of Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd which was rendering assistance for over one decade in its drive to promote Myanmar golf standard.

Next, Chairman of MPGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) dealt with participation of Air Bagan Ltd in rendering assistance to hold the golf tournament in the

nation this year, its arrangements for holding the golf tournaments all parts of the country, MGF's performance to bring up age-wise young golfers, its plans for dispatching young golfers to foreign countries to pick



A press conference on Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour for 2005-2006 in progress. — MNA

up international tournament experience.

Afterwards, U Te Za explained that the press focused on the purpose of holding the tournament and media's importance and contribution to the tournaments to be held successfully. By holding the tournaments the world would know the present situation in peaceful and developed Myanmar.

After that, General Secretary of MPGA U Chan Han briefed on mat-

Development tasks in Sagaing Division inspected

YANGON, 27 Sept — Officer on Special Duty of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Thu toured Shwebo, Monywa, Tamu and Sagaing districts in Sagaing Division from 12 to 22 September to assess the development tasks of the districts.

During the tour, he inspected construction of roads and bridges, water supply and beautifying tasks being implemented in the townships by the township development affairs departments and gave instructions. — MNA

ters relating to the tournament.

Next, Chairman of MPGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) and U Te Za and officials replied to the queries raised by those present and the chairman and members posed for a documentary photo. Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour for 2005-2006 tournaments will be held in Myintkyina, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Bagan, Tachilek and Kawthoung

and handsome prizes will be presented to the winners. The first-prize winner will secure K 1.2 million, the second K 700,000, the third K 500,000 and No 25 K 70,000. The tournament will be mainly sponsored by Han Event Management. The co-sponsors will be Tiger Beer, Myanmar Treasure Resorts, Aureum Palace Hotel, Resort, Srixon and London.

MNA

ASEAN+3 economic officials discuss cooperation programmes

VIENTIANE, 26 Sept — Senior economic officials from the 10-member ASEAN (SEOM) and its dialogue partners, China, Japan and South Korea, centred their discussions on specific cooperation projects at the SEOM Plus 3 Consultation held here on Sunday.

The consultation is to prepare for the eighth ASEAN Economic Ministers Plus 3 Consultation on 29 September, which is scheduled to cover such topics as enhancing ASEAN+3 economic cooperation, and the possibility of establishing a regional disaster management system and an international engineering project management training programme for members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The consultation passed China's proposal on setting up the training programme, which will be submitted to the 37th ASEAN Economic Ministers meeting (AEM) slated for 28-30 September in Vientiane for approval. Zhang Shaogang, director of the International Trade and Economic Affairs Department under the Chinese Ministry of Commerce, said after the meeting.

The consultation's delegates also probed into the possible establishment of an East Asia Free Trade Area (EAFTA), he added. In 2003, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao proposed for the establishment of EAFTA, which has received active responses from leaders of Japan, South Korea and ASEAN members.

The ASEAN+3 countries have seen closer cooperation on economic, monetary and financial fields in recent years. Their total trade rose by roughly 14.5 per

cent to 195.6 billion US dollars in 2003, according to the ASEAN Secretariat.

Also on Sunday, the SEOM-South Korea consultation and the SEOM-METI (Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry) consultation were held. The delegates focused their discussions on negotiations on trade in goods for an ASEAN-South Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA), the recent development under the AEM-METI Economic and Industrial Cooperation Committee (AMEICC) and the promotion of financial management capability of small and medium enterprises in ASEAN.

The Framework on ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (CEP), including a possible free trade area, which was inked by the two sides in October 2003, is targeted for completion before 2012 for Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand and Japan, and before 2017 for Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam.

The 10-member ASEAN has a population of about 500 million, a total area of 4.5 million square kilometres, a combined gross domestic product of 737 billion US dollars, and a total trade of 720 billion dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

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Millions of Indian children administered polio vaccine

NEW DELHI, 26 Sept — Millions of children across India were administered anti-polio drops on Sunday in the continuation of the drive to eradicate the disease from the country. The main focus of this round of the immunization programme was to wipe out the disease from Uttar Pradesh, which had reported 12 new cases of polio till July end.

So far this year, 30 cases of polio have been reported in India with a majority of them from Uttar Pradesh, followed by Bihar and Delhi.

In India, there were 1,600 polio cases in 2002, 225 in 2003 and 136 in 2004. Among the 44 polio-infected districts in the country, Siwan in Bihar is the most affected. Besides regular health centres, immunization camps were organized at bus stands, railway stations, religious centres and other public platforms to reach out to the largest number of people.

"In the national capital, drops were administered to more than two million children below the age of five," *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted a Health Ministry official as saying. India is one of the six polio-endemic countries in the world, the other five being Nigeria, Pakistan, Niger, Afghanistan and Egypt.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq war protester Sheehan arrested

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept — Cindy Sheehan, the California woman who has used her son's death in Iraq to spur the antiwar movement, was arrested on Monday while protesting outside the White House.

Sheehan and several dozen other protesters sat down on the sidewalk after marching along the pedestrian walkway on Pennsylvania Avenue. Police warned them three times that they were breaking the law by failing to move along, then began making arrests.

Sheehan, 48, was the first taken into custody. She stood up and was handcuffed, then led to a police vehicle while pro-

testers chanted, "The whole world is watching."

Others who were arrested also cooperated with police. Sgt Scott Fear, spokesman for the US Park Police, said they would be charged with demonstrating without a permit, which is a misdemeanor.

Park Police Sgt LJ McNally said Sheehan and the others would be taken to a processing centre where they would be fin-

gerprinted and photographed, then given a ticket and released. The process would take several hours, he said.

Sheehan's 24-year-old son, Casey, was killed in an ambush in Sadr City, Iraq, last year.—*Internet*

Earthquake jolts Indonesia

JAKARTA, 26 Sept — An earthquake measuring 5.6 at the Richter Scale rocked Indonesia's North Sulawesi city of Manado and North Maluku city of Ternate on Sunday morning, an officer at the Jakarta Meteorological and Geophysical Body (BMG) said.

"But, so far, we have yet to receive any report about material and human casualties as the impact of the quake," *Antara* news agency quoted BMG official Lukito as saying.

The official did not say the timing of the earthquake.

The quake had the epicentre of 1.5-degree of North Latitude and 128.5-degree of East Longitude, and depth of 33 kilometres beneath the sea, he added.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi youngsters shout standing on the remains of a US military armoured vehicle destroyed by a roadside bomb in Ramadi, Iraq, on 26 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Iraq bomber kills six oil workers as violence spikes

BAGHDAD, 26 Sept — A suicide bomber rammed his car into a bus carrying employees of Iraq's Oil Ministry on Monday, killing at least six and wounding 14, police said.

It was the deadliest attack on Iraq's energy industry since guerillas began blowing up pipelines and killing oil officials after US-led forces ousted Saddam Hussein in 2003, and comes as violence between Iraq's three main communities spikes ahead of an 15 October referendum on a controversial new constitution.

"We heard the blast. They died," said a dazed survivor, who stood in a hospital as victims of the blast were wheeled in on stretchers. He told *Reuters* Television the bus was carrying employees of a state oil exploration company. Oil is the main revenue earner for Iraq's battered economy, and energy infrastructure and staff are frequently targeted by guerillas.

"We hope security forces will take

control of the situation," Oil Minister Ibrahim Bahr al-Uloum said.—*Internet*

China's engines to occupy one tenth of world's aviation market

BEIJING, 26 Sept — China's engines will occupy one tenth of the world's aviation market in next 20 years, with the market value to be worth 34 billion US dollars, thanks to China's high demand for new aircraft, said Steve Miller, a senior official of Rolls Royce company, on Sunday. He predicted in next 20 years, China's aviation traffic will grow at 9 per cent year on year, continuing to be the world's fastest growing market. In order to satisfy the need for aircraft, the engine order will also increase.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Heavy smoke billows out of a commercial building on fire in Changsha, central China's Hunan Province on 26 September, 2005. —INTERNET

British business group urges Govt to up retirement age

LONDON, 26 Sept— Two of Britain's top business groups renewed calls on Monday for a hike in the country's retirement age to ward off a pensions crisis, setting the centre-left Labour government and unions on a collision course.

The Confederation of British Industry, Britain's biggest employers' group, and the Institute of Directors want Britons to work longer as part of the solution for easing the inevitable strain on the public finances as the population ages.

The calls from business come at the start of Labour's annual conference Brighton where pensions will be a hot topic. Unions will also attack government plans for a greater role for the private sector in schools and hospitals.

The government, which on Friday signalled Britain's economic growth would probably fall short of this year's 3.0 to 3.5 per cent budget forecast, chose not to address the thorny pensions problem before last May's election in which its majority was more than halved.

Early in the year it threatened to raise the civil service retirement age to 65 from 60, only to incur the ire of public sector unions and retreated at the 11th hour when faced with a strike that may have seen 1.5 million people walk off the job.

But CBI director-general Digby Jones will urge Trade Secretary Alan Johnson on Monday not to back down again.

"The government must face down the unions and grasp the nettle on public sector pension reform. It will not get away with publicly declaring its intentions for a second time and backing down at the first sign of trouble," Jones will say.

Jones called raising the retirement age for civil servants to 65 "an important first step" as it would bring them in line with the private sector.

"It is time the public sector unions stopped holding the government and the taxpayer to ransom, and got real on pensions," Jones said.

The IoD went a step further, proposing in a submission to a government-sponsored commission headed by Adair Turner to raise the retirement age to 70 by 2035.

The IoD is also proposing the government reduce Stamp Duty on stock transactions for pension funds as well as an incentive to work longer by increasing tax-free lump sum.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese dancers perform during the opening ceremony of the 6th Yichang Three Gorges International Tourism Festival in Yichang, Central China's Hubei Province on 25 September, 2005.

INTERNET

China launches new measures to regulate online news services

BEIJING, 26 Sept— Online news sites that publish stories containing fabricated information, pornography, or violence are facing severe punishment or even shutdown under a new regulation, the *China Daily* reported on Monday.

The new regulation on online news services was jointly issued on Sunday by the State Council Information Office and the Ministry of Information Industry.

"We need to better regulate the online news services with the emergence of so many unhealthy news stories that will easily mislead the public," an unnamed spokesman with the information office was cited as saying at a Press conference on Sunday.

Services that provide online news stories, that have bulletin board systems (BBS) or have the function of sending short messages containing news contents to individual mobile phones are all subject to the regulation.

News sites set up by news organizations but publishing not just their own stories, and sites by other organizations featuring news stories must

get approval from the State Council Information Office. Sites by news organizations that only carry their own stories should register at the main office or provincial information offices.

The regulation also spells out that media attached to the central government or directly under provincial governments are not allowed to provide any stories to other online news sites without approval.

A temporary regulation on online news services was published in November 2000. But according to the spokesman, "it has lagged far behind the development of online news services, in technology, content and form. So it is necessary to have an updated version," *China Daily* reported.

The public will help information departments at all levels supervise news sites. — MNA/Xinhua

Japan's post bills approved by Cabinet, set to become laws

TOKYO, 26 Sept— The Japanese Government on Monday approved again a set of postal reform bills and is to submit them to the ongoing special parliamentary session where they almost certain will be passed, given the dominant strength of the ruling bloc gained after the general election.

The bills aim to privatize Japan Post, dividing the mammoth system into four stock companies in 2007.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi regards the privatization as the centerpiece task during his tenure.

However, the bills failed to clear the Upper House in August due to objection of opposition parties as well as some lawmakers of Koizumi's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). Immediately, Koizumi dissolved the Lower House thereafter to call a snap election, in which the LDP and the New Komeito Party achieved an overwhelming vic-

tory by seizing over two-thirds of the Lower House seats.

The absolute majority enables the consolidated ruling camp to override a possible unfavourable decision in the Upper House.

In addition, a lot of LDP's Upper House lawmakers who had voted down the bills have surrendered their objecting positions in face of an iron-handed Koizumi governance.

The extraordinarily longer special session runs 42 days through 1 November.

MNA/Xinhua

China calls on rich countries to abandon protectionism

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept— Governor of the People's Bank of China Zhou Xiaochuan said on Saturday that the major industrial countries should abandon the outdated mentality and behaviour of trade protectionism.

Speaking at the 12th meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee, the policy-making body of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Zhou pointed out that protectionist sentiments are mounting in some industrial countries because of concerns over the competitive pressures arising from emerging markets and some countries have even inappropriately politicized economic issues.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi detainees wave as they wait to be released from Abu Ghraib Prison in the town of Abu Ghraib, 33 km (21 miles) west of Baghdad on 26 September, 2005.

INTERNET

Three US soldiers killed in two attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Sept — Three US soldiers were killed in two attacks in Iraq, the US military said on Monday.

Two soldiers were killed in western Baghdad early Monday, a US military statement said without elaboration.

Another US soldier, working with the 42nd Brigade, was killed in an area located some 80 kilometres southeast of Baghdad, the statement said without providing further details.

The names of the killed soldiers was being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it said.

Over 1,910 US servicemen have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003. — MNA/Xinhua



Waves caused by Typhoon Damrey hit a dock in Haikou, south China's Hainan Province, on 26 September, 2005.—INTERNET

World lake experts reach consensus on lake conservation

HANGZHOU, 26 Sept—More than 200 leisure and tourism officials and experts from all over the world have reached a consensus on lake conservation and tourism development at the China International Lake Tourism Forum which was concluded on Sunday in this capital city of east China's Zhejiang Province.

According to the consensus that was reached on Saturday evening, lakes are important and irreplaceable resources for mankind. Their ecosystem is comparatively fragile and not renewable. Lakes are also an important resource for leisure and tourism. Civilized and "green" tourism should be advocated so as to minimize negative influence on the environment. Many lakes in the world have been somehow polluted. About one billion people on earth suffer from

shortage of drinking water, and 20 lakes in China are disappearing on the average each year, the consensus says.

The consensus underscores sustainable development of lake tourism. It believes proper tourism development will benefit lake conservation efforts and will serve as a boom for the economic and social benefits of undeveloped regions and promote harmonious development between the rural and urban areas.

MNA/Xinhua

World Bank, IMF reiterate support for achieving MDGs

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept—The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Sunday reiterated their support for the realization of internationally agreed development goals including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

In a communique issued after the 72nd meeting of Joint Development Committee of the World Bank and the IMF, the committee said it was encouraged by commitments to reinvigorate the aid partnership, with stronger policies in many developing countries matched by commitment by developed countries and other donors for significant additional aid and debt relief.

It welcomed the Group of Eight (G-8) proposal for 100-per-cent cancellation of debt owed by eligible heavily indebted poor countries (HIPC) to the international financial institutions as providing a valuable opportunity to reduce debt in increase resource for achieving the MDGs.

The communique said that stronger country policies and more and more effective aid must be complemented with ambitious moves to increase openness and market access and to ensure that trade benefits the poor. "Without a timely and ambitious outcome for the Doha Development Agenda, developing countries will

not achieve the economic growth needed to meet the MDGs," it said.

The committee re-emphasized the importance for the global economy and for meeting the MDGs of achieving an outcome of world trade negotiation that includes: a major reform of agricultural policies to expand market access and eliminate trade-distorting subsidies, action to open market in manufactures and services, and increased aid for trade to address supply-side constraints and enhance the capacity of developing countries to take advantage of expanded trade opportunities.

In a statement to the Development Committee, Chinese Finance Minister Jin Renqing said that prompt and sufficient development assistance by the international community is critical to achieving MDGs and called for more aid to poor countries especially those in Africa. The joint 2005 annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank ended here on Sunday.—MNA/Xinhua

Rat poison blamed for students vomit in north China

BEIJING, 26 Sept—A deadly rat poison was responsible for the food poisoning that affected 53 students in north China's Hebei Province on Thursday, the *China Daily* cited local health agency as reporting on Monday.

The rat poison Dushuqiang, the use of which has been banned since 1991, has left 23 students in hospital. The rest have been allowed to go home. "We are almost certain that this is a criminal case and the poison was put in the food deliberately," the newspaper quoted a director with the local information department as saying. "Public security officials are still trying to discover who could be responsible," the official said. Students said they started twitching and vomiting after having dinner at the No 2 dining room of the No 2 Middle School in the city of Sanhe at about 6 pm. The students were served porridge, rice, steamed stuffed buns and some stir-fried dishes that evening.

Most of the poisoned were senior-one grade students who had just returned from military training, said the director, adding that the time for students to have dinner varied from grade to grade and it happened that senior-one students were having dinner at the time in the dining room.—MNA/Xinhua

Solar-power cars set off across Australian outback

SYDNEY, 26 Sept—Twenty-two bug-shaped solar cars designed and built by corporations and universities from around the world set out across the vast, inhospitable Australian outback on Sunday in the eighth World Solar Challenge.

Japan's Sky Ace Tiga car, from the Ashiya University in Osaka, led off after qualifying fastest for the 3,000 kilometres (1,860 miles) race across the centre of Australia from the tropical north city of Darwin to Adelaide in South Australia.

Ashiya University's Professor Kunio

Nakagawa said his team's car, one of the race favourites, was capable of speeds averaging 95 kilometres per hour (59 miles per hour).

"The first target is hoping to finish this race with safety and the second target is to get a top-three position," Nakagawa told Australian Broadcasting Corp radio. Dutch team Nuna 3 returns after winning the past two races in 2001 and 2003 and is joined by entrants from 10 other countries, including the United States, France and Canada.—MNA/Reuters

Polish presidential candidate killed in road accident

WARSAW, 26 Sept—A candidate in Poland's 9 October presidential election was killed on Saturday evening in a car crash in southern Poland.

Daniel Podrzycki, the 42-year-old leader of Poland's left-wing Labour Party, died after his BMW crashed into a lane of oncoming traffic in the south-

ern Polish city of Sosnowiec.

The cause of the accident was under investigation.

The tiny Labour Party currently holds no parliamentary seats. Podrzycki won only marginal support for his presidential bid.

MNA/Xinhua

France to fund Vietnam in upgrading busiest railway route

HANOI, 26 Sept—The French Ministry of Economy has approved in principle to offer an aid of 20-30 million euros (24-36 million US dollars) to Vietnam to upgrade its busiest railway route linking Hanoi capital city to northern Lao Cai Province.

The money will be

spent on equipment or services imported from France, *Vietnam News Agency* reported on Sunday.

Now, the 284 kilometre-long route, which are seriously degrading after more than 100 years of using, serves 20-22 trains every day, many of them are filled with local and

Chinese tourists and traders visiting Sapa resort in Lao Cai or Hekou border gate market in China's Yunnan Province. Earlier, the Vietnam Railway Corporation planned to invest nearly 2.1 trillion Vietnamese dong (VND) (some 132.9 million dollars) in upgrading the route.

MNA/Xinhua



Local residents view the damage following a suicide bomb attack on a market in the Iraq town of Hilla, 100 km south of Baghdad, on 26 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Hu Jintao meets Russian Parliament leader

BEIJING, 27 Sept— Chinese President Hu Jintao said here on Monday that China hopes to enhance cooperation with Russia on key areas and projects as part of the efforts to strengthen bilateral strategic cooperative partnership.

In a meeting with Speaker of Russian Federation Council Sergei Mironov, Hu said the China-Russia ties are developing rapidly in recent years and the bilateral strategic cooperation have produced great results.

Hu, who visited Russia twice this year, said Russian President Vladimir Putin and he reached broad consensus on many key issues, which will significantly promote the development of the bilateral strategic cooperative partnership.

On parliamentary exchanges, Hu said China's National People's Congress (NPC) has set up cooperative mechanisms with both the Russian Federation Council and State Duma, paving a new way for improving bilateral cooperation.

He said he hoped China's NPC and the Russian Federation Council would make full use of the ex-

change mechanism and make new contributions to the development of bilateral strategic cooperative partnership.

Mironov recalled Hu's visit to Russia, saying that the joint declaration signed by Hu and Putin on the world order in the 21st Century will have a positive impact on the establishment of a just and reasonable international order. He said the Russian Federal Council will join hands with the NPC to further strengthen the bilateral strategic cooperative partnership.

On Sunday, Mironov held talks with Wu Bangguo, chairman of the NPC Standing Committee and the two sides signed a chapter for cooperation between the NPC and Russian Federation Council, marking the initiation of the regular parliamentary exchanges between the two nations.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN and CER to further enhance cooperation projects

VIENTIANE, 27 Sept— ASEAN and CER (Closer Economic Relations - Australia and New Zealand) agreed here on Monday to boost implementation of cooperation projects, and facilitate negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA).

Senior economic officials (SEOM) from the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the two countries agreed that they would continue to implement cooperation projects, mainly in the field of capacity building, and that the third negotiation for the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand FTA will take place next month in Australia's capital Canberra, Bounsom Phommavithane, Deputy Director General of the Foreign Trade Department under Laos' Commerce Ministry and Chairman of the SEOM-CER consultation, said at a Press briefing after the meeting.

"The negotiations on the FTA began in February 2005, and would be completed within two years," he said, noting that leaders of ASEAN and CER in 2004 agreed to promote the ASEAN-Australia and New Zealand economic partnerships by launching negotiations for it. At the consultation, Australia pledged to financially assist Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar in

human resource development, especially training negotiators for FTA negotiations, he said.

ASEAN and CER have witnessed high growths in bilateral trade and investment in recent years. The two-way trade surged by 33 per cent from 20.7 billion US dollars in 2002 to nearly 27.6 billion US dollars in 2003, according to the ASEAN Secretariat.

CER's foreign direct investment in ASEAN stood at 3.1 billion US dollars in 2003, up from 1.8 billion US dollars in 2002. The respective figures for ASEAN's foreign direct investment in CER were some 4.9 billion dollars and 3.9 billion dollars.

The 37th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) meeting will be held from September 28-30 in Laos' capital Vientiane. The 10-member ASEAN has a population of about 500 million, a total area of 4.5 million square kilometres, a combined gross domestic product of 737 billion dollars, and a total trade of 720 billion dollars. — MNA/Xinhua

At least seven killed by Hurricane Rita in US

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept — At least seven people have been killed by Hurricane Rita that slammed the US Texas-Louisiana coast on Saturday, news reports said Monday.

The death toll rose to seven when the five bodies were discovered in an apartment in Beaumont, Texas.

The five — a man, a woman and three chil-

dren — reportedly died of carbon monoxide from a generator they were using when their power was knocked off by the storm.

MNA/Xinhua



Miss International winner Precious Lara Quigaman from the Philippines waves after winning at the Miss International beauty pageant in Tokyo on 26 September, 2005. Quigaman was chosen as Miss International among the 52 contestants who participated. In the background first runner-up Miss Dominican Republic Yadira Geara is seen. — INTERNET

Four killed in Peru quake, thousands homeless

LIMA (Peru), 27 Sept — A powerful 7.5 magnitude earthquake that shook Peru's northern jungle over the weekend has killed four people and made several thousand homeless, regional authorities said on Monday.

The quake hit on Sunday evening at 8:55 pm (0155 GMT on Monday) and its epicentre was 56 miles northeast of the coffee-growing town of Moyobamba.

The most damage was made in the nearby hilltop town of Lamas in San Martin region, where a 72-year-old woman, a 9-year-old boy and a man were

killed, Lamas Mayor Rafael Saavedra told CPN radio. A woman in the neighbouring La Libertad region died when her house collapsed on top of her, rescue workers said.

"In Lamas, we've got 102 destroyed homes and another 498 houses that are uninhabitable, which leaves 3,000 people homeless right now," Saavedra

said. President Alejandro Toledo arrived in Lamas on Monday afternoon to survey the damage and the central government sent doctors, blankets, tents, food and medicine to the area, officials said.

The quake was felt strongly 100 miles to the south, where people ran out of their houses in

fright. In Moyobamba, which is also a major flower and tobacco growing area, a police spokesman said the walls of some buildings had collapsed, including parts of the prison, but the inmates were accounted for. Radio reports said residents in Moyobamba, afraid of aftershocks, slept in the streets. — MNA/Reuters



Afghan policemen stand guard near a destroyed pick up belonging to the Afghan border police in the district of Chapar Har about 30km (18 miles) south of Jalalabad City, Afghanistan, on 26 September, 2005. — INTERNET

Dhaka accuses Western countries of interfering in domestic politics

DHAKA, 27 Sept — The government of Bangladesh on Sunday turned down the move of the "Tuesday Group" to hold an international conference here on Bangladesh's next general elections, saying the move is tantamount to "interference into domestic politics and would be counter-productive."

The government cleared its stance when Canadian High Commissioner David Sproule and Norwegian Ambassador Ms Aud Lise Nordheim met Foreign Affairs Advisor Reaz Rahman at his office and raised the matter of the group's intention, *The New Nation* reported Monday.

The Tuesday Group, a club of ambassadors and high commissioners of 14 countries - mostly from Europe and the United States — and representatives of two international organizations want to hold a conference on "International Electoral Best Practices" towards the

end of this year or early next year to discuss the possible technical assistance to the Election Commission of Bangladesh.

The report quoted Reaz Rahman as saying that Bangladesh has already a good track record of ensuring free and fair elections thrice in the past which were acclaimed at home and abroad.

"This is the area where Bangladesh feels proud of," he observed.

The envoys tried to reassure that the Tuesday Group has no intention whatsoever to interfere into Bangladesh's internal politics. — MNA/Xinhua

Discussion of pensioners — 12

Hein Myint

The Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held the press conference No 6/2005 on 28 August 2005. I learned the following main points of the press conference from the clarifications made by officials concerned and the Q & A session.

- the findings of the plots and acts of saboteurs to cause internal instability and civil commotion, and the actions taken against the saboteurs;
- the findings concerning the culprits who had a hand in the bomb explosions in Yangon;
- the disappearance of the replica of Buddha's Tooth Relic in Yangon and actions taken by the authorities to expose and arrest the culprit;
- the truth about the plight of the locals resulting from the forced recruitment of Ywet Sit's SSA-S group;
- The refutations concerning the slanderous news report on the State leaders aired by the BBC at 8.15 pm on 23 August 2005 and its follow-up comments.
- the clarifications concerning the ILO;
- the clarification to allay public anxieties and doubts about K 1000 notes;
- the assurance to have trust in private banks;
- the firm evidences in hand to prove the conspiracies of the saboteurs.

When we, the pensioners, met the following day, we discussed the press meet. A pensioner who usually listened to the BBC started the discussion, saying, "The press meet was interesting as it dealt with the doubts and uncertainties the people were feeling."

"It's because the press meet included the clarification concerning the Head of State, in response to the BBC which aired the news report without checking it," another supported.

"The news spread like wild fire in the entire nation, causing doubts and uncertainties among the people. The people felt the pinch when the rapacious businessmen raised commodity prices," one of us expressed his view.

And we all joined in the discussion.

"Those persons believed such fabrications aired by the BBC against the press ethics, even though the authorities are repeatedly advising the people not to believe rumours."

"As the news report concerned the Head of State, we were anxious despite knowing that it was impossible."

"The rumour spread to every nook and cranny of the city. Although I knew that it was totally untrue, I studied the situation of the city, and found out that the Myanmar Radio and TV, the dailies, the government departments all were in a normal state, and there was no security alert in the city. Everyone could know it was a fabrication, and it was quite obvious to the BBC too."

"The BBC said that it broadcast the news report which it assumed important as it received

from reliable sources and that it was irresponsible to accuse it of collaborating with the destructionists inside and outside the country."

"The BBC is used to airing news reports detrimental to the nation, quoting this or that quarters as the source of the information. It is so easy to make fabrications. So everyone can see the BBC's real aims."

"Even in that situation, the BBC on 29 August 2005 aired the so-called view of the Yangonites who, according to the radio station, said that they

At this ITC age, we must counter the slanders of the internal and external saboteurs with the force of nation's own media. We must try to be always one jump ahead of our enemies in the media war. We must try to give correct thought, ideas and knowledge to the people through the media. The private media will have to play a role for the greater effectiveness of the nation's media. We all will become the saviors of the truth only if we can counter media with media.

did not believe the press meet as they had not seen the Head of State on TV yet."

"There might be vermin, the persons who are opposing the government and the ones who always hold the pessimistic view. They would say that they did not believe the press meet."

"The BBC broadcast a programme, in which it praised Christopher Guinness for his ability to gather news during the 1988 unrest. He was the one who produced a fabricated interview then."

"We all had witnessed the attempts of some of the foreign radio stations including the BBC to harm the national interest in the past, and are still seeing their conspiracies at present also. We had fallen victim to their fabrications once. It will be your foolishness alone if you are deceived by them again."

"We have been deceived not twice but for many times."

"To my knowledge, one of the main forces behind the fall of the Soviet Union was the Radio Free Europe that was airing lies and fabrications. Thus, we all should be aware of the fact that the western nations have already set up radio stations to spread rumours and propaganda."

"On 30 August 2005, the DVB aired a news report saying that Pylon Katkyaw Pagoda in Hinthada was glowing as an omen for an imminent change of leadership in Myanmar."

"We have heard the glowing of pagodas for a number of times. And the shedding of light from the pagoda means that we are safe from any kind of natural disaster, when many places in the world are facing major disasters."

"Because of the rumour that there was a sui-

cide bomber among the people going for a prayer, there occurred a stampede that killed or injured thousands of them. Rumours are dangerous to that degree."

"The seizure of ten terrorists was good news for the nation. The ten were trained and given money and incentives by Maung Maung (a) Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai of FTUB and Thein Win of NDD to commit destructive acts inside the nation to cause a civil commotion. The government has proved with firm evidence, the exaggerations of some foreign radio stations."

"We can know more and clearly about those radio stations in the article written by columnist Tekkatho Myat Thu."

"The crime of blowing up bombs in Yangon has also been exposed, it is said. The Myanmar Police Force chief explained the matter citing video records taken just before the explosions and information received from local and foreign sources. I have already seen the photos concerning the crime."

"Everybody has known about the crime in detail thanks to the TV, radio and dailies."

"The Q & A session has also given light to the people. The culprits always deny their involvement in the crimes although the news meets have explained the incidents with firm evidences. Those foreign radio stations asked leading questions at the interviews with destructionists."

"Sein Win of NCGUB, Pyi Thit Nyunt Wai of NCUB and FTUB, ABSDF and SSA-A (Ywet Sit group) made brazen lies."

"They will try to deny their connections with the criminals who are arrested in Myanmar." Those radio stations will continue to attack Myanmar with slanderous news reports. They will destroy everything if they cannot play the leading role in disregard of sufferings the people have to face."

"The State media and the patriotic media persons who wish to safeguard the national interest, will help the people know the truth."

"Yes. If the government, the Tatmadaw and the people stick together, we can ward off all the slanders and destructive acts of the neo-colonialists and their minions."

After the discussions, I saw in mind a peaceful, modern and developed nation, after the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic state built in line with the seven-point Road Map.

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(Translation: TMT)

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With the leadership of Mandalay Division, district and township Union Solidarity and

emony to launch the bio-gas power station erected by USDA. Chairman of village power supply committee U Than

Govt will continue to implement five rural development tasks with greater momentum



Minister U Aung Thuang meeting with local residents at Hsinywagyi Village in Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Division.— INDUSTRY-1

Development Associations, the five rural development tasks have been launched in the region, where Ywathit and Hsinywagyi villages in Patheingyi Township have emerged together with villages of other ar-

Hsaung and USDA Organizer U Kyaw Thuang formally opened the station. The commander pressed the button to switch on a florescent lamp.

The commander and the minister met with

hours every night. The long-lasting wish of the villagers has been fulfilled. The villagers also discussed transport, social and economic sectors which are also developing.

The commander

village people should also take part in the rural development undertakings.

The commander and Chairperson of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Pyone Win presented stationery for the school, Consul-General Mr Duan Zhiqun of People's Republic of China K 50,000, and the minister, 50 bags of cement. Six donors also presented K 100,000 each for village development. At Hsinywagyi village, the commander and the minister met with over 1,500 locals.

Next, U Tun Tun of Hsinywagyi reported on education developments in vryal areas. Afterwards, Daw Htay Htay reported on development of road transport in the villages.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw said he felt happy to hear the villagers' words and would make arrangements to fulfil the needs to step up rural development tasks.

Next, Secretariat member of USDA U Aung Thuang also said

he was delighted to see rural developments. He then urged rural people to participate in development tasks in cooperation with members of USDA and local authorities for sustainable development in the rural areas.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw presented a set of computer and four casstees players and 40 hearing aids to be used at Hsinywagyi Affiliated High School to the schoolhead. He then presented a set of computer to be used at Patheingyi Myoma Basic Education High School to the schoolhead.

Later, Chairperson of Supervisory Committee for Division MCWSC Daw Khin Pyone Win presented 1500 books, exercise books and ballpens to the schoolhead of Hsinywagyi Affiliated Basic Education High School.

Next, Secretariat member U Aung Thuang presented a television, 2000 exercise books and 1000 ballpens for Hsinywagyi Affiliated School. The Chinese Consul-General pre-

sented K 50,000 for the school funds.

Afterwards, wellwishers U Kyaw Thet Hlaing of KT Construction, U Khin Maung Win of UD Auto Manufacturing, U Pharan Ke, U Aung Naing Oo, U Aung Moe, U Than Oo, U Tun Aung, U Tin Maung Kyi, U Kyaw Thet Hlaing and U Khin Maung Aye donated K 100,000 each for the school through U Aung Thuang and members of school board of trustees. The commander and secretariat member U Aung Thuang viewed learning of students with teaching aids and a library round the school.

At Hsinywagyi Vilage Health Training Centre, they comforted the patients cared by specialists. Some 1000 patients from Hsinywagyi and its neighbouring vilages came to the specialists and received treatment.

After that, the commander and wife donated 100 spectacles and medicines to eye patients. Secretariat member U Aung Thuang presented (See page 9)



Members of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization give talks on general knowledge at Hsinywagyi Village in Patheingyi Township.— INDUSTRY-1

as the developed vilages.

Patron of Division USDA Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Secretariat member of USDA Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang and party visited the vilages on 25 September to witness their developments and to fulfil the requirements.

In Ywathit vilage they attended the cer-

locals at No 34 Basic Education Primary School of Ywathit vilage.

U Soe Maung on behalf of vilagers said that the vilage has 210 houses, 224 households and 1161 vilagers. The 4-million-kyat bio-gas station can run a 28-hp generator which is a diesel engine converted into a gas-fired engine. It is supplying power to 203 two-foot florescent lamps, three video houses and 20 televisions for six

expressed pleasure to witness the progress of the vilages of the area. Arrangements are under way to set up bio-gas power stations in other vilages, urging locals to ardently play a part in the rural development projects.

Minister U Aung Thuang said that he was pleased to see the joy of the locals. The government will continue to implement the five rural development tasks with greater momentum. The

During the round table discussions, salient points on WAO, health care services, prevention against human trafficking, public organization task covering adults and elderly persons, education cash assistance for the poor, presentation of WAO membership applications, medical assistance to the aged, donation of publications to the libraries, care for pregnant women, clothing assistance and prevention against dengue fever were discussed.



Staff of the Health Department distribute medicines to local residents in Hsinywagyi Village, Patheingyi Township.— INDUSTRY-1

Commander, Minister inspects Mandalay Industrial Zone

YANGON, 27 Sept — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han yesterday went to the foundry shop at Mandalay Industrial Zone in Pyigyitagun Township, Mandalay Division, to look into the production process of the shop. They inspected parts of machines produced by the foundry shop.

Afterwards, they proceeded to the machine



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister U Aung Thaung inspect the foundry shop at Industrial Zone in Pyigyitagun Township. — INDUSTRY-1

shop and inspected spare parts of machines produced by the shop. They also met with industrialists and urged them to do

more investment in industrial and to make efforts for development of the industrial zone.

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10 snake-bite injections to rural health centre. At the health training centre, the commander and the secretariat member viewed the educative talks organized by Division WAO and MCWA.

Later, President of Division MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Pyone Win, joint-secretaries Daw Khin May Thit and Daw Aung Aung Ngwe discussed salient points on dengue fever and cholera. And Daw San San Aye, Daw Thida Shein and Daw Khin Phone Win of Mandalay Division WAO gave talks on prevention

against human trafficking.

Similarly, members of Mandalay Division, Township and District WAOs made field trips to villages and held round table discussions on health and salient points of women's affairs organizations in Chanmyathazi, Aungmyaythazan and Chanayethazan Townships in groups from 18 to 23 September.

During the round table discussions, they dealt with salient points of WAO, health care services, prevention against human trafficking, organizing of adults

and elderly persons cash assistance for poor, presentation of WAO membership applications, medicine assistance to the aged, donation of publications to the libraries, care for pregnant women, clothing assistance and prevention against dengue fever.

Next, toiletries were donated to the villages.

Afterwards, the commander and the secretariat member paid homage to Sayadaw of Hsinywagyi village monastery and donated alms to Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

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Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister U Aung Thaung inspect spare parts of machines produced by Myanma Industrial Zone. — INDUSTRY-1

USDA members urged to actively...

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academic year with distinctions. During the first session of the meeting, wellwishers donated cash amounting to K 1 million through the CEC member.

The meeting passed two resolutions and con-

firmed one approval.

On 25 September, USDA CEC Member Col Thein Nyunt went to Thaleikkyi Village in Pyapon Township and viewed free medical treatment given to local populace. The medical team gave free medical treat-

ment to 156 patients.

Moreover, members of USDA, Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association also distributed exercise books and pencils to 150 primary school children.

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt presents a prize to an outstanding student at Pyapon District USDA's annual general meeting. — MNA



A mobile medical team comprising members of USDA, WAO and MCWA gives medical treatment to local people in Pyapon Township. — PBANRDA



Members of USDA, WAO and MCWA distribute exercise books and pencils to school children at Thaleikkyi Village Primary School in Pyapon Township. MNA

Health care provided for mothers and children in Hpa-an...



Members of MMCWA and Mon State MCWA supervise giving medical check-up to children at Eindu Village in Hpa-an Township. —MNA
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Leader of venereal disease and AIDS control team Dr Naing Naing Tun gave educative talks to members of social organizations and local residents. They held cordial talks with members of the village MCWA and female villagers and discussed objectives of the MMCWA and its functions and replied to their queries. They provided assistance for the locals.

They also attended a ceremony to donate exercise books and stationery at No 3 Basic Education High School in Hpa-an. The CEC member presented exercise books and stationery donated by MMCWA, and Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Lu, exercise books

donated by Kayin State MCWA to the school through Principal U Soe Tint, who then expressed thanks to the donors.

Afterwards, they attended a ceremony to donate aid by the MMCWA to Kayin State MCWA at the office of Kayin State Peace and Development Council. Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Lu reported on constitution of MCWAs at Kayin State, district and township levels, organizational measures for increase in permanent membership, and participation in community welfare services; Head of Kayin State Health Department Dr Htay Naung, on health care services carried out in the state in 2005 and future plans.



Members of MMCWA and Mon State MCWA inspect use of iodized salt in Eindu Village in Hpa-an Township. — MNA

CEC Member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt gave instructions on organizational measures to increase the membership and called for active participation of MCWA members in education, health and social sectors, and presented K 1 million, three sewing machines and five bicycles donated by MMCWA to Kayin State MCWA through Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Lu.

Chairpersons and secretaries of district and township MCWAs gave accounts of township-wise tasks. MMCWA Joint-Secretary-2 Daw Thein Thein Htay assessed the reports.

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CEC member of MMCWA and members of Mon State MCWA briefing on objectives and tasks of MMCWA at Eindu Village in Hpa-an Township. — MNA



CEC Member of MMCWA hands over five bicycles to President of Kayin State MCWA. — MNA

Talks on “Human Value” given

YANGON, 27 Sept— Organized by Information Department of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and No 2 Basic Education High School, Sangyoung Township, talks on “Human Value” was given this morning at Zabe Hall of No 2 BEHS, Sangyoung Township.

Present on the occasion were Head of Department of Information Department of MWA Daw Kyi Kyi Win and members, members of Yangon Division

and Yangon West District Women’s Affairs Organizations, members of Sangyoung WAO and MCWA, Headmistress of No 2 BEHS Daw Khin Lay Myint, teachers and students.

The head of the department made an opening speech. Afterwards, National Literary Award winner writer Ma Sandar gave a talk on “Human Value”.

The talk concluded with expression of thanks by the headmistress. —MNA



Head of Department of Information Department of MWA Daw Kyi Kyi Win speaking at the ceremony to give talks on Human Value.— MNA

IT course opened

YANGON, 26 Sept— The opening of Program on Basic IT for IT Engineers (MMFE) jointly conducted by Myanmar Computer Federation and the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS) took place this morning at MICT Park in Hline Township. Vice-Chairman of MCF Dr Kyaw Thein and General Manager Mr Kazuhisa Ogawa of AOTS (Bangkok Office) made speeches. The 6-week course is attended by 30 trainees. —MNA



General Manager Mr Kazuhisa Ogawa of AOTS gives talks at the opening ceremony of the IT course.

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Tatmadaw Chess Tournament opened

YANGON, 27 Sept—The opening ceremony of the 28th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Chess Tournament was held at the gymnasium of South-West Command in Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday morning.

Among the enthusiasts were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division

Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe, senior military officers, departmental officials, officers and other ranks and family members. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the commander delivered a speech.

Next, the commander made the first move to formally open the tournament, and viewed the games of the contestants.

A total of 144 contestants from 18 teams of commands, light infantry divisions, Defence Services (Navy) and Defence Services (Air) are contending for the championship shield. The tournament continues till 7 October. — MNA

USDA CEC Member calls for guarding against destructive acts with patriotism

YANGON, 27 Sept—Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min today attended the annual general meeting for 2005 of Waw Township USDA and called on members of the township USDA to guard against the danger posed by destructionists with patriotism and to actively par-

ticipate in nation building tasks for the emergence of discipline flourishing democratic nation. Speaking on the occasion, USDA CEC Member Maj-Gen Aung Min also briefed on objectives of the association and tasks being carried out by the association for development of rural areas joining hands with other social organizations. At the meeting, Maj-Gen Aung Min and Secretary of Bago Division USDA U Saw Maw Tun awarded outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination

for 2004-2005 academic year with flying colours and outstanding USDA members.

Afterwards, USDA CEC Member Maj-Gen Aung Min also attended the annual general meetings of Kawa Township USDA and Thanatpin Township USDA and delivered addresses. At the meetings, Maj-Gen Aung Min presented prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2004-2005 academic year with distinctions and outstanding USDA members.

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Wellwishers hail International Day of Older Persons

YANGON, 27 Sept—In commemoration of International Day of Older Persons that falls on 1 October, a ceremony to donate cash and medical equipment took place at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this afternoon.

It was attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and wife Daw Khin, leader of Working Group of Rehabilitation and Reintegration, heads of department, officials and wellwishers.

Wellwishers donated over K 11.47 million, 50



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa accepts donation made by a wellwisher. —MNA

FECs, and medicines valued at over 3.047 million. Minister Maj-Gen

Sein Htwa and wife Daw Khin Aye and departmental heads accepted the do-

nations. Next, the minister expressed thanks to the wellwishers. — MNA

Minister inspects fish farm in Pantanaw Township

YANGON, 27 Sept—Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein yesterday inspected the No 4 fish farm of Phyto Ayeya Co Ltd of USDA (Central) in Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Division.

At the farm, officials of the farm reported to the minister on arrangements for fish ponds and water quality. Next, the minister viewed the fishes in the ponds and gave instructions. — MNA

Leading Committee to Hold the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference meets

YANGON, 27 Sept — Leading Committee to Hold the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference held a meeting at the National Health Committee office this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the committee Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint. Present at the meeting were Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Director of Medical Services of Defence Services Maj-Gen Than Aung, Secretary of NHC Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe and officials.

Dr Kyaw Myint said that the first conference was held in 2000 with the united participation of the departments concerned in accord with the guidance of the Head of State to enhance the role of the traditional medicine and forge unity of the practitioners. As in the previous conferences, the sixth conference this year will be organized with the lofty aims.

The joint secretary of the committee explained preparations being made to hold the conference, with audio-visual aids. Dr Kyaw Myint gave the concluding remarks. — MNA

Dagon Township (South) USDA holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 27 Sept—Dagon Township (South) Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual general meeting for 2005 at the office of the township USDA yesterday. Central Executive Committee Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko delivered an address at the meeting and donated two sets of computer to the township USDA. He also accepted the cash donated by wellwishers to the association. At the meeting, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko awarded the outstanding students in the township. Executives of the township USDA submitted reports sector-wise, and the meeting passed two resolutions. — MNA

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Over half of Britons want troops back from Iraq

LONDON, 27 Sept — A latest survey indicates that more than half of British people want the country to set a timetable for pulling troops out of Iraq despite worsening security situation. The survey, published by Monday's *Guardian* newspaper, also shows the public's rising dissatisfaction with Prime Minister Tony Blair's leadership. Only 41 per cent of voters are persuaded by the Prime Min-

ister's argument that troops have a duty to remain in the country until things improve.

The poll, conducted by ICM, a market research company on over 1,000 adults after last week's attack on British troops in Basra, shows that a majority of 64 per cent believe the situation in the country is worsening despite the presence of British forces. Just 12 per cent share Blair's belief

that British troops are actually helping to improve the security situation.

Support for Britain's presence in Iraq is dropping in the wake of repeated attacks on coalition forces and the growing prospect of civil war in the country. At the start of this year, the ICM found 38 per cent of voters believed the war against Iraq was justified, with 47 per cent arguing that it was not. — MNA/Xinhua

Typhoon-hit Vietnam evacuates over 200,000 people

HANOI, 27 Sept — Vietnam was evacuating more than 200,000 people in its coastal localities where typhoon Damrey was forecast to sweep over, a local official told *Xinhua* on Monday.

Over 121,000 people in northern Nam Dinh Province, 76,000 others in northern Thanh Hoa Province, and 9,000 in central Nghe An Province, mostly children, women and the elderly, were being evacuated to solid schools, offices, and private houses, said Do Ngoc Thien, vice head of the Central Steering Committee on Flood and Storm Prevention.

Meanwhile, several thousands of others were mobilized to consolidate important dike segments along the coast and rivers, he said.

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Another Singaporean dies of dengue

SINGAPORE, 26 Sept— Another Singaporean died of the dengue disease, bringing the death toll for this year to 11, Channel NewsAsia said Sunday.

It quoted the Ministry of Health as saying that a 39-year-old woman, who was admitted to hospital last Thursday, also suffered from diabetes.

Some 11,000 dengue cases have been reported in Singapore this year, surpassing the total number of 9,459 cases last year.

To tackle the serious dengue situation in the city state, an Inter-Ministerial Committee was formed on 0 September, while an extra 30 million Singapore dollars (about 18 million

US dollars) have been allocated by the government for prevention of the disease.

Government agencies are partnering communities to carry out search-and-destroy campaigns over the recent weekends to "carpet-comb" possible mosquito breeding places nationwide.

Singaporeans are also urged to perform a ten-minute, five-step routine check everyday to free their homes from mosquitoes.

MNA/Xinhua

E coli cases hit 115 in Welsh outbreak

LONDON, 26 Sept— The number of people affected by an outbreak of potentially fatal E coli food poisoning in Wales reached 115 on Sunday, including 25 requiring hospital treatment, a health services spokesman said.

The outbreak was first detected on 16 September, with cases since then reported in 32 schools in South Wales.

The source of the infections has yet to be confirmed but has been linked

to meat from Bridgend firm John Tudor, which supplies schools and local authorities in South Wales.

Last week, the firm withdrew all its cooked meat products because of a risk that they might be contaminated.

The Food Standards Agency has asked all local authorities in Wales to contact caterers, delicatessens and pubs to make sure they no longer have any of the firm's meat products on sale.

Symptoms of E coli infection include severe diarrhoea and vomiting and can prove fatal for the very young or old.

The spokesman said the number of reported cases was likely to rise before the outbreak was resolved, as parents and relatives of those affected caught it from secondary infection.

"The numbers will keep going up, and although that may give the impression of the outbreak not being controlled, it is actually what you would expect to see in the aftermath of putting control measures in place," he said.

Until the latest outbreak, Wales had been recording about 30 cases of E.coli a year.

MNA/Reuters

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Mine blast injures two Turkish soldiers

ANKARA, 26 Sept— Two Turkish soldiers were injured in a landmine explosion while a military vehicle was passing by in eastern Turkey on Sunday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

The landmine, planted by members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), exploded as the military vehicle was passing by in Sason Town of Batman Province.

Ersin Celik and Mehmet Kurku were taken

to Sason State Hospital for medical treatment.

Anatolia also reported that during controls in Erzurum-Erzincan railway route, gendarmery on Sunday found 25 kilos of C-4 explosives which were planted in two different points of the railway near Sansa River in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian woman dies in suspected bird flu case

JAKARTA, 26 Sept— A 27-year-old Indonesian woman died in a Jakarta hospital on Monday after suffering from suspected bird flu, a doctor said.

Sardikin Giriputro, deputy head of the hospital designated by the government to treat patients with suspected bird flu cases, said the patient had been admitted on Thursday.

Preliminary tests showed the woman suffered from bird flu, he said.

"We did serology tests and the results

showed positive for bird flu," Giriputro told Reuters, adding officials would extract her lung tissues to determine final results.

He also said an eight-year-old boy who was declared bird flu positive last week proved negative after follow-up tests.

MNA/Reuters

Briton confirmed dead in Greek roof collapse

LONDON, 26 Sept— A British man was killed when a vast steel roof above the Akrotiri archaeological site on the Greek island of Santorini

collapsed on Friday, the British Foreign Office confirmed on Saturday.

The official said he did not know whether the man, whose family came from Wales, was an archaeologist or a tourist.

The steel structure above the ancient Minoan City of Akrotiri gave in after it was covered with soil to blend in with the Aegean island's environment. Workers had been watering the soil on the roof when it collapsed.

Two Americans, two Slovaks and a German tourist as well as a Greek worker were injured in the accident.

MNA/Reuters



Shanghai investors examine stock index board Monday. News that more firms announced merging of their tradable and non-tradable shares cheered up the market slightly with the Shanghai Composite Index closing at 1155.04 points, up 0.27 per cent. — INTERNET

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IMF writes off poor countries' debt

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept — Eighteen of the poorest nations will have their debts to the International Monetary Fund wiped out after rich countries bridged differences on Saturday that threatened a pact first signed this summer.

Leaders of the Group of Eight nations pledged at a July meeting in Gleneagles, Scotland, to cancel all debt owed to the international institutions by the world's poorest states, an agreement roughed out by their finance ministers the month before.

But some smaller European countries like the Netherlands were worried the G-8 would not stump up the extra cash needed and that the commitment would undermine the existing resources of the World Bank and IMF.

Faced with the possible collapse of the deal at this weekend's annual meetings of the two institutions in Washington, the G-8 on Friday promised additional money would be available, overcoming the smaller countries' objections.

"The world has come together," said British Finance Minister Gordon Brown who has personally championed the debt write-off and chairs the IMF's steering group, the International Monetary and Financial Committee.

"Agreement has now been reached on all the

elements of the debt deal," he said, adding that the plan would be in operation by the end of the year.

World Bank shareholders are expected to follow the IMF's lead on Sunday and also cancel the 18 countries' — most of them African — debts to it. Under the plan, 40 billion US dollars of debt to the international institutions will now be written. A further nine countries could become eligible in the future and total relief could rise to 55 billion US dollars.

Aid campaigners were relieved that the plans that have been floated for years finally appeared to be turning into reality but urged speedy action. "We heard the overture in June, the fanfare in July — and now we really do hope we have heard part of the final chord," said Stephen Rand of the Jubilee Debt Campaign.

"After all the brinkmanship this is good news. It's good news because it will make a real difference to some of the world's poorest people." MNA/Reuters



A large rally of anti-war demonstrators gather on the Ellipse near the White House (Rear) in Washington DC, on 24 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Iran threatens to end spot checks of nuclear sites

TEHERAN, 26 Sept — Iran threatened on Sunday to halt spot checks of its nuclear sites after the UN watchdog passed a resolution requiring Teheran to be reported to the Security Council over its atomic plans.

Some commentators in the Islamic country expressed surprise over how some countries that had voiced support for its nuclear stance had voted at Saturday's meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

China, Russia and South Africa, which had supported Iran, abstained from the vote, while India surprised all by voting for the resolution against traditional ally Iran and backing fellow nuclear powers, the United States, France and Britain.

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki rejected as illegal the resolution that called on Iran to suspend uranium enrichment-related activities until it proves they are peaceful and resume talks with France, Britain and Germany.

He said now Iran had no reason to implement the Additional Protocol to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) that allows the UN to make spot checks of nuclear facilities. The protocol has not

yet been ratified by Parliament.

"Iran has no legal commitment to continue implementation of the Additional Protocol," ISNA quoted Mottaki as saying. "The resolution is illegal, illogical and politically motivated."

Mottaki predicted a rough ride at the next IAEA board of governors meeting on November, when Iran's case could be referred to the Security Council.

"We will use all diplomatic measures to preserve our right (to have nuclear technology)," he told ISNA student news agency.

Iran denies it is seeking atomic bombs and says its nuclear programme is only for generating electricity. But it concealed its atomic fuel programme from the IAEA for 18 years.

Mottaki said Iran had no intention to pull out of the NPT if the Islamic Republic falls foul of the Security Council.

Iran had expected stronger backing at the IAEA.

MNA/Reuters

Oil down \$1 as "Rita" spares Houston

LONDON, 26 Sept — Oil prices fell about a one US dollar a barrel on Sunday after Houston refineries escaped damage from Hurricane Rita although plants further east in Port Arthur and Lake Charles were hit harder.

US crude, open for a special Sunday session, was down 1.09 US dollars at 63.10 US dollars a barrel by 2330 GMT. US gasoline dropped 9.81 cents to 1.9875 US dollars a gallon and London Brent crude lost 93 cents to 61.51 US dollars a barrel. The Federal Emergency Management Agency said refinery damage was minimal. "We've been doing surveillance of the refineries. So far what we see is minimal damage and we hope that holds, but we'll continue monitoring that to make sure that we can get those refineries back on line as quickly as possible," said the agency's acting director David Paulison. Crude shed more than two US dollars on Friday as dealers calculated a weakening Rita would veer wide of a cluster of refineries around Houston, Texas as it hit land on Saturday. Prices hit a record 70.85 US dollars after Hurricane Katrina four weeks ago.

"We dodged a bullet with this storm," said Pasadena Refining spokesman Chuck Dunlap, which has a Houston-area refinery. "It could've been a lot

worse." An assurance from the International Energy Agency, coordinator for the release of emergency stocks among 26 industrialized nations, that it would consider filling a supply disruption also helped undermine prices.

Texas Governor Rick Perry said his state's refineries should be back soon. "It appears the refining industry, the oil and gas industry (sustained) a glancing blow at worst. Hopefully they'll be back in production very soon," Perry said on Sunday.

"It looks like there will be some delays in getting some refining back up but it doesn't look too bad," said Gary Ross, chief executive of New York consultancy PIRA Energy.

"The US gasoline market will remain somewhat tight but there's no doubt that US demand has been hurt by the high retail prices after Katrina," he added. As assessments rolled in, there was damage reported at two of the three refineries in Port Arthur, east of Houston.

MNA/Reuters

US kept nuke weapons in S Korea until 1992

SEOUL, 26 Sept — The United States Forces Korea (USFK) had kept nuclear weapons in South Korea until 1992, when South Korea and North Korea signed the joint declaration on Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, a South Korean ruling party lawmaker claimed on Sunday.

Choi Sung of the Uri Party claimed the US forces had maintained nuclear weapons at Camp Page in Chuncheon, a city 80 kilometres east of Seoul, citing a document from 1987 recording what he claimed to be a US military unit operating nuclear weapons, reported South Korean Yonhap news agency.

The document, according to Choi, states the standard operating procedures of the alleged nuclear weapons unit, including details on the transportation, maintenance and firing of nuclear weapons.

"Although there have been many rumours that the US forces in South Korea maintained nuclear weapons (here) in the past, this is the first time (the rumour) has been confirmed by a document," Choi, who is also the ruling party member on the parliamentary committee for unification, foreign affairs and trade, was quoted as saying by Yonhap.

The lawmaker said the USFK no longer holds nuclear weapons, which have since been moved off the Peninsula following the 1992 inter-Korean accord stating that neither side would allow, maintain or develop nuclear weapons in their countries.— MNA/Xinhua



A man jumps a set of railroad tracks in his boat while navigating from one flooded area to another during a search and rescue mission for flooded residents caught in the storm surge following Hurricane Rita, in Delcambre, Louisiana, on 25 September, 2005.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Rivarola parts company with Racing Club after Boca loss

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Sept— Guillermo Rivarola became the fifth coaching victim of this season's Argentine Apertura championship when he resigned from Racing Club on Monday.

Rivarola quit just under one year into his first coaching role a day after his side lost 2-0 to Boca Juniors, according to club director Alberto Fanesi.

"He's no longer Racing's coach," Fanesi said in a radio interview.

He had been under intense pressure since a 4-0 drubbing by local rivals Independiente two weeks ago and the latest defeat made his position virtually

untenable.

Racing, who have one of the most fanatical followings in Argentine football, are 10th in the Apertura championship with 11 points from eight games.

River Plate, Colon, Newell's Old Boys and Tiro Federal have already parted company with their coaches since the competition began.

MNA/Reuters



(L to R) Real Madrid's Brazilian players Ronaldo, Robinho and Roberto Carlos and David Beckham of England celebrate a goal by Ronaldo against Deportivo Alaves at the Mendizorroza Stadium in Vitoria in northern Spain on 25 September, 2005.—INTERNET

Defoe goal lifts Spurs spirits as they go fourth

LONDON, 27 Sept— Tottenham Hotspur beat Fulham 1-0 to climb to fourth in the English Premier League on Monday and ease the pain of their humiliating League Cup defeat at fourth division Grimsby Town last week.

A lively London derby was settled after only eight minutes when Jermain Defoe beat Fulham's off-side trap before sweeping a left-foot shot past advancing Fulham goalie Tony Warner after latching on to a long ball out of defence from Ledley King.

In the end that was enough to seal Spurs first win in six matches and only their third victory in 27 London derbies. Both sides went close to scoring again, but Fulham failed to capitalise on the chances they did make, and Spurs held on for their first league win since 20 August.

Fulham's Claus Jensen clipped the Spurs bar with a shot from the edge of the penalty area after 22 minutes.

Tomasz Radzinski also came close to an equaliser for Fulham in the second half when Spurs keeper Paul Robinson blocked a close range shot with his knees.

At the other end, Spurs

went close three times with Mido, back from a three-match suspension after being sent off against Chelsea last month, firing just over the bar after 28 minutes.

Eighteen-year-old Aaron Lennon, making only his second start for Spurs, was voted man of the match afterwards, and he went close with good chances before receiving a standing ovation from the crowd when he was substituted close to the end.

Spurs have 12 points from seven games, nine points behind leaders Chelsea, who have maximum haul of 21 points from seven matches after their 2-1 win over Aston Villa on Saturday.

Charlton Athletic are second on 15 points and Bolton Wanderers third with 14. Fulham though, with just one league win in their opening seven matches, dropped to 17th place with just five points.

Spurs played the better passing football in

midfield where Edgar Davids was back on the left-side after a recent injury, and as Fulham manager Chris Coleman said afterwards: "We did not pass as well as Spurs and tonight the attacking side of our game let us down."

Tottenham coach Martin Jol said: "We are still disappointed after losing

to Grimsby last week as the League Cup is the easiest route into Europe. But we coped well tonight. Fulham played aggressively and although we looked a bit nervous in the second half and couldn't hold the ball properly, I am delighted we have won."

MNA/Reuters

Turkey, Mexico reach quarterfinals at U-17 World Soccer C'ships

LIMA, 27 Sept— Despite a courageous rally at the start of the second half, China could do nothing to prevent Turkey from sailing to a 5-1 victory Sunday in the quarter-finals at the U-17 World Championship in Peru.

In the other quarter-final played on Sunday, Mexico needed a late equalizer to force extra-time before beating Costa Rica 3-1 in Piura.

The Iquitos crowds witnessed a dominant display from the Turks that left a doughty Chinese team reeling.

"We gave 100% as always and performed to a very high level," said Turkish coach Abdullah Avci after the match.

"I'm happy and proud of the way we played, especially because it provided the crowd with some great entertainment. And that makes me pleased because the people of Iquitos have been very warm towards us. I'd really like to salute them."

Tevfik Kose opened the scoring for the Turks with only 10 minutes on the clock when, after being set free on the right by Nuri Sahin, he breezed past Chinese defender Gu Cao, cut inside and blasted his shot in at the

near post.

Turkey went 2-0 ahead in the 33rd minutes thanks to its excellent teamwork. Deniz Yilmaz flicked a corner from Sahin at the near post and Caner Erkin found no trouble stabbing the ball into an empty net. Erkin made it 3-0 nine minutes after the interval before the tenacious Chinese pulled one goal back through Gu Jinjin, who stole the ball from Erkin Ferin in the area before beating Volkan Babacan.

Just as the Chinese saw a slight chance of equalizing the game, Turkey put the result beyond doubt when Kose hit his third goal of the tournament in the 88th minute. The Eu-

ropeans didn't stop there yet, and a beautifully curled shot from Erkin in stoppage-time rounded off a commanding performance.

Chinese coach Zhang Ning could not hide his disappointment at the result. Turkey will next face the winner between Brazil and DPR Korea in the last four.

After such a stylish victory, Avci believed his team has sent out a clear warning to anyone else hoping to lift the trophy.

"I'm not at all concerned about who we face in the semi-finals," said Avci. "Whoever it is, we'll take them. What interests me is my own team."

MNA/Reuters

Canada's "joggler" breaks world record in marathon jogging

OTTAWA, 27 Sept— Michal Kapral from Canada broke the world record in marathon jogging Sunday, running three hours and seven minutes while juggling three balls.

The 33-year-old Toronto man beat the previous record of three hours and 20 minutes set by Norwegian Paul-Erik Lillholm in August 2000.

At the end of the race in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, an exhausted but elated Kapral admitted that balancing running and juggling posed its challenges.

"The race was really good for the first half of it and then I became very tired (and) started dropping the balls a lot...When you get tired and you're still having to juggle, it's 10 times, 20 times harder than when you get tired and you're (just) running," he said.

Kapral trained intensively for four months prior to the race. He juggled a total of 60 kilometers a week, running about one hour daily with his Sunday runs going up to three and a half hours long.

MNA/Xinhua

Five off in Brazilian match as referees stay in spotlight

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 Sept— Rocked by a bribery scandal, Brazilian referees remained firmly in the spotlight on Sunday when five players were sent off and two controversial goals awarded in Cruzeiro's 3-2 win over Ponte Preta.

All eyes were on the officials at the weekend after referee Edilson Pereira de Carvalho, who has taken part in 11 matches this season, was arrested on Saturday morning under suspicion of taking bribes from a gambling ring.

Brazil's sporting tribunal said that up to eight of the games refereed by Carvalho may have to be replayed. "You could see that the referees were worried," Palmeiras coach Emerson Leao said after his team beat Goias 3-1.

Ponte Preta were leading Cruzeiro 2-1 with half an hour left before two decisions turned the

match on its head.

Cruzeiro levelled in the 69th minute when Kelly converted a penalty following a foul which Ponte Preta claimed happened outside the penalty area.

Seven minutes later, Alessandro scored with winner from a rebound as Ponte players claimed the ball hit his arm.

The red cards began in the 29th minute when Ponte defender Preto was dismissed for a bad challenge and continued in first-half injury time when Cruzeiro had Chilean international Claudio Maldonado dismissed for another rough tackle.

Ponte midfielder Romeu went for a second bookable offence early in the second half and was followed by Ze Carlos (Ponte) and Moises (Cruzeiro) for fighting in the 73rd minute.

"The supporters are on edge because of what happened but my conscience is clear," referee Heber Lopes said.

"The referee doesn't have the television replay to help make decisions."

There was also trouble at the goalless draw between Juventude and Botafogo.

MNA/Reuters

Iran plans to weave world's largest carpet

TEHRAN, 27 Sept— Iran is seeking to revive its carpet industry by weaving the world's biggest rug, weighing in at 35 tons. The mammoth rug from the spiritual homeland of Persian carpets will cover almost 6,000

square metres and will fetch some 8.2 million US dollars, its makers told Reuters.

"We will have two working shifts of 1,000 weavers working for 14 months non-stop to deliver the carpet on time," said Karam Reza Haseli, a deputy manager at the state-supported Iranian carpet company.

Work is due to start in three months.

The carpet has been ordered by the Sheikh Zayed Mosque that is being built in Abu Dhabi, after Iran scoured its Gulf neighbours for contracts that might help revive business for local wool merchants, dye makers and weavers.

Although hand-woven carpets are normally Iran's top non-oil export, the industry has been hit by cheaper Pakistani, Chinese and Indian copies of traditional Iranian patterns.

Iran is hoping to break its own record for Gargantuan carpets, which it says is currently held by the 4,400-square-

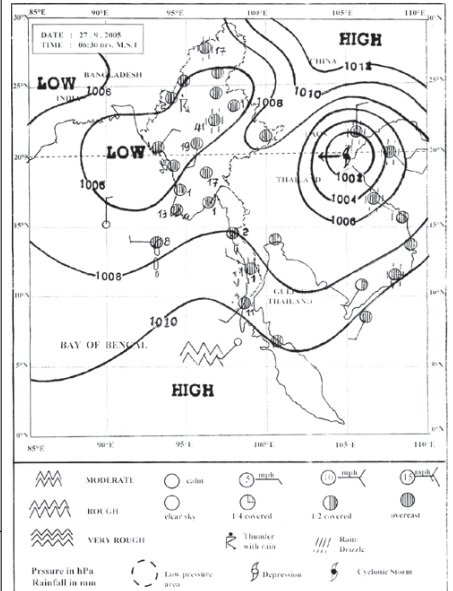
metre carpet woven for the Sultan Qaboos Mosque in Muscat.

Haseli said the quality of the workmanship would be maintained by paying some of the master craftsmen up to seven US dollars a shift, far more than the one US dollar going-rate in areas near the Afghan border.

"We intend to monopolize the market with expensive delicate carpets and leave the cheap fake carpets market for others to fight for," Haseli said.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 27 September, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (4.25) inches, Kyaukpataung (2.62) inches, Mandalay (1.61) inches, Machanbaw (1.38) inches, Meikhtila (0.75) inch, Myingyan (0.71) inch and NyaungU (0.52) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-9-2005 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 27-9-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 27-9-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 26-9-2005 was (3.7) hours approx. Rainfalls on 27-9-2005 were (0.27) inch at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.07) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (92.32) inches at Mingaladon, (94.29) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.50) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (16:30) hours MST on 26-9-2005.

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

Special feature: The tropical storm "DAMREY" in the Gulf of Tonking, South China Sea is crossing Vietnam coast (60) miles south of Hanoi this morning at (06:30) hrs MST, moving West and weakening.

Forecast valid until evening of 28-9-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine and Mon States, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: General increase of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-9-2005: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-9-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Damrey to pass over Myanmar

(Issued at 15:30 hrs MST on 27-9-05)

According to the Meteorological Satellite Observations at (15:30) hrs MST today, the tropical storm "DAMREY" is centered about (390) miles Northeast of Bangkok (Thailand).

It is likely to move westwards and pass over Myanmar within next few hours.

Under the influence of the tropical storm, rain storm squalls may be experienced in some parts of Eastern area, Central area and Lower area of Myanmar with likelihood of isolated heavyfall, accompanied by surface wind speed which may reach (40) mph during the next (48) hrs commencing this evening.



U Kyin Houn-Daw Poe Kyu (Thameelay Store), daughter Ma Khin Khin Sann and family of No 58, 5th Street, Lanmadaw Township hand K 100,000 to Joint-Secretary Maung Maung Gyi of Administrative Board of Hninzigon Home for the Aged. — H

Radio Myanmar

Wednesday, 28 September
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Love is blind-(ATC)
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -If I told you that (W Houston)
- 8.50 am National news & Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: -Baby (Brandy)
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.15 am Music: - To be with you (Mr Big)
- 1.30 pm News / Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music
- Story (Lobo)
- Stay with me (Steps)
- Another day in Paradise (Phill Collins)
- Because of you (Joey Mcintyre)
- 9.00 pm Variations on a tune "Do I love you" -Paul & Cost Hib, Joice Win, E n g l e b e r t Humpudink
- 9.15 pm Article
- 9.25 pm Music at your request -Forever & a day (MLTR)
- Crazy little party girl (Aaron Carter)
- One heart (Celine Dian)
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

TV Myanmar

Wednesday, 28 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. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am 6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:10 am 7. အချေမြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 8. သံသွင်တံတား(တာဝါး)
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go

- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သင်္ချာဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) (သင်္ချာ)
- 4:45 pm 4. Song of national races
- 5:55 pm 5. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ တေရသပ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လှေလာနိုင်ကြရန် (ဓမ္မဗျူဟာ) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:00 pm 6. အကမြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:05 pm 7. Classical song
- 5:15 pm 8. Strong and healthy Myanmar
- 5:25 pm 9. ရွယ်ရယ်လင်အာစီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:35 pm 10. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာလက်ရေးပွဲ
- 6:00 pm 11. သုတရောင် ဓမ္မညာဏ်ရှင်
- 6:30 pm 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 14. Variety spectacular
- 7:35 pm 15. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ ဓာပသော
- 7:45 pm 16. အပြင်သစ် အသွင်သစ် တို့ကျေးဇူး ရှမ်းပြည်နယ် တောင်ပိုင်းလမ်းများ ပြီးနယ်၊ မတ်လန်းကျေးဇူး
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. အမျိုးအနွယ်လင် ချစ်စရာ အသွင် (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 21. The next day's programme

USDA members urged to actively participate in development tasks being implemented by government

Pyapon District USDA holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 27 Sept — The annual general meeting (2005) of Pyapon District Union Solidarity and Development Association was held yesterday with an address by USDA CEC Member USDA Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Col Thein Nyunt called for active participation of USDA members in development tasks being implemented by the government joining hands with social organizations.

He also urged USDA members to review the tasks of the township USDA carried out last year.

At the meeting, Minister Col Thein Nyunt and

officials presented prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation exam for 2004-2005

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Minister Col Thein Nyunt speaks at ceremony to provide stipends for students at Thaleikkyi village, Pyapon Township. PBANRDA



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HEIN MYINT

Health care provided for mothers and children in Hpa-an Township Objectives of MMCWA discussed

YANGON, 27 Sept—CEC Member of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt and party, accompanied by Chairperson of Mon State MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Tin Tin Latt, wife of the commander of South-East Command, made a field trip to Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, on 24 September.

They, together with Kayin State MCW Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Lu and personnel, inspected health care services provided by

members of Eindu Village MCWA and health staff to under-three children from Eindu, Naunglon, Lunnya and Kawtkadar villages in Eindu Station. They gave instructions to the mothers to ensure balanced diet to tackle malnutrition of children, and to have their children vaccinated regularly, and presented gifts to the children.

Head of Eindu Station Hospital Dr Su Su Soe viewed giving medical check-ups to expectant mothers and made suggestions on receiving regular medical

check-up, regular consumption of iron tablets and iodized salt, and delivery only at hospitals or clinics. They presented iron tablets and packages of iodized salt.

Next, they supervised the house-to-house inspection made by members of the village MCWA and health staff to see that every home consumed iodized salt. They gave instructions on choosing iodized salt and systematic storage of salt in the houses.

In the Eindu Village Market, they inspected the shops to ensure that the salt on sale were iodized salt. They dealt with matters for pilot sale of iodine test kits from the health centres, and benefits from consumption of iodized salt.

The CEC member and party attended the educative talks on HIV/AIDS organized by Kayin State MCW Supervisory Committee at the Dhammayon of Yankin Monastery in Eindu Village.

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MMCWA CEC Member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt and Chairperson of Mon State MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Tin Tin Latt distributing iron tablets and iodized salt. MNA

- ☼ **Medical check-up given to mothers.**
- ☼ **Talks on HIV/AIDS given.**
- ☼ **Books, stationery donated to school children.**