

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

Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein sees off NC delegates

YANGON, 4 Sept — Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially met with National Convention delegates who were going home to respective states and divisions after attending the National Convention and saw them off at Nyaunhnapin Camp this morning.

First, the NC delegates welcomed Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and commission members at the reception subcommittee office. Next, the chairman and the commission members cordially greeted the NC delegates prior to their departure.

Afterwards, they saw off the NC delegates who were leaving Nyaunhnapin Camp in a motorcade. — MNA



Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein of the State Peace and Development Council and commission members cordially meet with National Convention delegates who are about to return to respective states and divisions after attending the National Convention at Nyaunhnapin Camp.—MNA

Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein of the State Peace and Development Council and commission members wave hands to National Convention delegates who are leaving Nyaunhnapin Camp in a motorcade.—MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Democratic transition calls for harmonious endeavours

The entire people of Myanmar have aspiration to see prevalence of peace, modernization and development of the motherland. The government, in order to fulfil the wishes of the people, has been working hard to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Emergence of an enduring State Constitution is a primary factor for transforming the nation into a democratic one. To formulate a new State Constitution, the government convened the National Convention in 1993, 2004, 2005 and 2006. It was reconvened for the last time on 18 July 2007 and was successfully completed on 3 September.

At the National Convention, more than 1000 delegates of the eight delegate groups representing the people from all strata of life throughout the nation held thorough discussions after taking invaluable historic lessons and taking into consideration the prevailing conditions to create a prosperous future of the nation. They have been able to adopt the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the State Constitution (draft) as a result.

Now, the National Convention has been convened successfully. However, it is yet to complete the drafting of the State Constitution, a national duty. And collaborative efforts have to be made to disseminate the essence of the principles the National Convention has adopted among the people on a wider scale.

The policies and principles the NC delegates have adopted are, indeed, the foundations necessary for ensuring perpetual existence of the nation, and improvement of living conditions of national races with a peaceful life. Therefore, the entire people including the delegates are duty-bound to constantly and harmoniously participate in the processes of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

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

IRD opens proficiency course

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept — Altogether 65 service personnel of the Internal Revenue Department are attending a proficiency course to learn rules and regulations of the department.

The proficiency course No 32 organized by the Internal Revenue Department was opened today at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue here with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

In his opening address, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun said opening of the course is aimed at effectiveness of the system of the Internal Revenue Department. He also urged trainees to pursue the rules and regulations of the department during the training with determination and to work hard to meet the target of the department.

All trainees are officials of the revenue departments from townships, and the course last four weeks.

Also present at the opening ceremony were Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Director-General of the Internal Revenue Department U Hsan Tun, officials and trainees.

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at the proficiency course No 32 of Internal Revenue Department. — MNA



Construction Minister meets ROK Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun met Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Park Key Chong and party at his office here this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers for Construction U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, departmental heads and officials of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development.

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F & R Minister receives ROK Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Park Key Chong and party at his office here this afternoon.

They discussed mutual cooperation between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Governor U Than Nyein of Central Bank of Myanmar and departmental officials.

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Referees and linesmen do fitness test

YANGON, 4 Sept — The referees and linesmen, who are going to take up duties at Third ASEAN

Women Championship to be hosted by Myanmar from 6 to 15 September, did the fitness test at YTC (Thuwunna) this morning.

Five referees passed the fitness test assessed by referee U Tun Hla Aung of Myanmar and a Laotian referee.

Malaysian Mr Dato Yub Nankin will discharge duties as match commissioner, U Tun Hla Aung

of Myanmar and a Laotian as referee assessors, Daw San San Myint of Myanmar, one each from Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and India as referees and three Myanmar Daw Kawt Jar, Daw Tin Tin Nyo and Daw Aye Aye Maw, two each from Thailand and Vietnam and one from Nepal as linesmen at the championship.

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Referees and linesmen running on tracks during their fitness test at YTC (Thuwunna). — NLM

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran to review work with IAEA if faces new UN sanctions

TEHERAN, 3 Sept—Iran will review its cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency and consider “new options” if the UN Security Council passes a third sanctions resolution, Iran’s Foreign Ministry said on Sunday.

The comments followed remarks by IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei to a German magazine saying Iran’s cooperation deal with the agency struck in August could be the Islamic Republic’s last chance to come clean about its atomic programme.

The IAEA and Teheran

agreed on a rough timetable for addressing lingering concerns about Iran’s nuclear activities, which the West believes is ultimately aimed at building nuclear bombs. Teheran insists its plans are entirely peaceful.

“Our cooperation with the agency will continue, and if a new resolution is issued by the Security Council, we will reconsider our cooperation with the agency and will think of new options,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini told a news conference. He did not specify what those options would be.

The UN Security Council has imposed two sets of sanctions on Iran since December because of its failure to heed a UN demand to halt uranium enrichment, a process which can make nuclear power plant fuel or, if desired, bomb material.

Washington says Iran must stop the work as well as cooperate with the Vienna-based IAEA on clearing up outstanding questions to avoid further penalties. Teheran says it will not stop enrichment, which it insists it has a legal right to do.

MNA/Reuters



Handout from Britain’s Ministry of Defence shows a convoy of British armoured vehicles pulling out from Basra Palace in southern Iraq on Monday. US President George W Bush made a surprise visit to Iraq, on the same day that British troops withdrew from their last base in the southern Iraqi city of Basra.— INTERNET

Afghan top official says British anti-drug effort a failure

LONDON, 3 Sept— British efforts to combat opium production in southern Afghanistan have completely failed, Afghanistan’s first vice-president said on Sunday, calling for tougher measures, including aerial spraying.

Ahmad Zia Masood said Britain and the United States had spent hundreds of millions of dollars to combat growing of opium poppies used to make heroin.

Yet United Nations’ figures released last week showed opium production rose by 34 per cent this

year, he said. “It is now clear that your policy in the south of our country has completely failed,” he wrote in an article in Britain’s *Sunday Telegraph* newspaper. “In Helmand (in southern Afghanistan), where the British are based, poppies have spread like a cancer,” he said. “The province now produces half of Afghanistan’s opium.”

The main reason the policy had failed was insecurity, he said. “Opium cultivation has continued due to the pressure exerted by the Taliban, who ‘tax’ every

aspect of the poppy crop,” he added.

MNA/Reuters



A villager walks past a burnt fire brigade vehicle close to Artemida village, some 350 km southwest of Athens, on 30 Aug, 2007. At least 63 people have died and vast swathes of countryside have burned with more than 500 homes razed in what have been Europe’s most extensive wildfires in a decade, according to the European Space Agency.— INTERNET



Employees of Rio’s train company work near a train in Nova Iguacu city, near of Rio de Janeiro, on 31 Aug, 2007. At least eight people were killed and some 70 injured when a train packed with homeward-bound commuters rammed into another train on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro on Thursday.— INTERNET

UK’s Basra pullout politically popular, at odds with US

LONDON, 3 Sept— Britain began pulling its troops out of a base in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Sunday, a move Prime Minister Gordon Brown knows will be politically popular at home but which risks alienating Washington. The pullout of 500 troops from Saddam Hussein’s former palace in Basra is a step towards Britain handing over security control of Basra Province to Iraqi forces by the year-end, paving the way for an eventual withdrawal of British forces.

Brown, who succeeded Tony Blair as prime minister in June, is aware that the Iraq conflict is an electoral liability for the ruling Labour Party and contributed to Blair’s early departure.

Speculation is growing Brown could call a general election this year or next

and many political commentators believe he wants British troops out of Iraq or at least Britain’s involvement reduced before he goes to the polls.

Brown is under pressure from the Liberal Democrats, the second largest opposition party, to set a timetable for leaving Iraq while British media are increasingly questioning the point of a conflict that has cost the lives of 168 British soldiers.

Army officers admit

Britain’s military—which has another 7,000 soldiers in Afghanistan—is stretched to the limit.

The Basra pullout comes as US President George W Bush struggles to convince Americans that a surge in US troops to 160,000 has helped quell violence.

It also comes amid increasingly bitter recriminations between former US and British generals over the Iraq conflict.

MNA/Reuters

Afghan insurgents HQs destroyed, 25 killed

KABUL, 3 Sept—Afghan and US-led coalition forces destroyed an insurgent headquarters near the southern city of Kandahar overnight, killing an estimated two-dozen guerillas, the US military said on Sunday.

Troops backed by air support attacked two compounds in Ashoqeh Village, 17 kilometres (10 miles) southwest of the southern city of Kandahar, the military said.

It was the latest in a series of clashes in the Islamist Taliban-dominated south in recent weeks in which the US military said coalition forces have killed hundreds of insurgents.

“Intelligence suggested that the compounds, comprised of seven buildings, contained multiple insurgent leaders responsible for the deaths of Afghans and Coalition forces during IED attacks and ambushes,” the Combined Joint Task Force said in a statement.—MNA/Reuters



Pupils look at handwritten newspapers made by themselves during the summer vacation at the Experimental Primary School in Zaozhuang, east China's Shandong Province, on 2 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

Hot spell leaves thousands without power in S California

LOS ANGELES, 3 Sept—Thousands of households in Southern California have been left without power by this year's longest hot spell which showed no sign of easing off on Sunday.

Temperatures are expected to remain in triple digits before easing off Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service (NWS).

The heat wave, which

entered into its fifth day on Sunday, sent people fleeing to the beaches this holiday weekend.

As temperatures rose, nearly a million people escaped to the beach, where lifeguards reported slightly higher than normal holiday weekend crowds, warm waters, light winds and milder temperatures compared with inland.

Officials expect about 825,000 travellers to travel through Los Angeles International Airport from Friday through Monday, a roughly two per cent increase from the 810,000 last year.

No real relief will be felt until Tuesday, when night temperatures are expected to drop, according to Bill Hoffer, a spokesman for the NWS.

"As the temperatures remain high at night it puts a lot more strain on the system," said Joe Ramallo, spokesman for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The demand for electricity peaked at 6,107 megawatts, the second-largest daily usage ever, exceeding Thursday's high of 6,039 megawatts. The DWP record is 6,165 megawatts, set on 24 July, 2006. —MNA/Xinhua

Children under ten in Britain suspected of 3,000 crimes

LONDON, 3 Sept —Thousands of crimes went unpunished in England and Wales last year because the suspects were too young to be prosecuted, it was reported on Sunday.

Children under 10 were suspected of having carried out 2,840 crimes, about half of which were cases of arson or criminal damage.

But there were also 66 sex offences, some against children under 13, for which they were the main suspects. They were also thought to be responsible for harassment, wounding and burglary.

The age of criminal responsibility in England and Wales is 10 and over.

It has intensified the debate as to whether the criminal age should be raised or not.

MNA/Reuters

Blasts kill two, wound 21 in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 3 Sept—Three near-simultaneous blasts killed two women and wounded 21 people in Kathmandu on Sunday, Nepal's police said, the first since a peace process ended a Maoist revolt in the Himalayan nation in May last year.

The attacks came less than three months before the impoverished nation,

sandwiched between Asian giants India and China, votes to elect a new constituent assembly to decide the fate of the monarchy the Maoists want abolished. One of the blasts occurred outside a school and near the newly built United World Trade Centre business complex in the Tripureswor area in the centre of

Nepal's capital.

Another occurred less than a mile away in the central Sundhara area outside some shops, while the third took place in a minibus outside the gates of an industrial park in Balaju, a northwestern suburb.

No group claimed responsibility for the attacks and police had no immediate suspects.—MNA/Reuters



Lightning strikes kill 109 Chinese in August

BEIJING, 3 Sept—Lightning strikes killed 109 Chinese people and injured 43 in August, the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) announced on Friday.

China was more frequently hit by extreme weather conditions this year, said a CMA official.

According to the official, China's temperature averaged 21.6 degrees Celsius in August, the second highest for the same period of the year since 1951. The northwestern Qinghai Province experienced a 56-year high average temperature this summer.

Meanwhile, typhoons and tropical storms were comparatively less frequently along the coastal regions, he said.

The meteorological disasters this year were of "various types, wide reaching, scattered and very intense", said CMA head Zheng Guoguang earlier this month. —MNA/Xinhua

China Eastern Airlines and Singapore Airlines crew members pose during the signing ceremony in Shanghai on 2 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

University student killed in Thai south

BANGKOK, 3 Sept—Suspected insurgents shot dead a university student in southern Thailand's troubled province of Pattani on Saturday.

Twenty-two-year-old Piyaphong Phet-ngern, a fourth year student at Prince of Songkhla University's Pattani campus, was killed by gunshot Saturday afternoon while he and three fellow students rode two motorcycles from Pattani's Muang district heading for nearby Yala Province, according to the *Thai News Agency*.

Two gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire at Piyaphong and his friends when they were on the road in Pattani's Yarang District.

Piyaphong died at the scene, while none of his friends was injured.

Piyaphong was the third student of the Prince of Songkhla University killed in incidents, believed to be linked to the ongoing insurgency in Thailand's far South.

Thailand's southernmost provinces have been hit by insurgents on an almost daily basis and nearly 2,400 persons have died in over three years of violence.

MNA/Xinhua



An Airbus A380 is parked at Suvarnabhumi airport in Bangkok. The world's largest passenger jet arrived in Bangkok recently on the first leg of its four-city Asian tour, as the European aero giant aimed to expand growth against competitor Boeing. —INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

9th Asia-Pacific bonsai, suiseki exhibition opens in Bali

BALI (Indonesia), 3 Sept—The 9th Asia-Pacific bonsai and suiseki exhibition and convention opened here on Sunday, attracting more than 500 experts and lovers of bonsai and suiseki from 23 countries and regions.

With the theme “friendship, peace and culture”, the exhibition and convention is aimed at

encouraging more people to enjoy the arts of bonsai and seiseki by sharing knowledge and bring friendship among countries, to create harmony with a good environment, said chairman of the event Mai Paiman at the opening ceremony.

At the exhibition, 312 pieces of bonsai and 320 pieces of suiseki were

displayed and most of them is from Indonesia. Experts and representatives will also hold seminars and lectures as well as bonsai demonstrations during the three-day event. The Asia-Pacific bonsai and suiseki exhibition and convention has been held biannually since the first one held in Bali in 1991.

MNA/Xinhua



A commuter negotiates a ride at a taxi stand in Kuala Lumpur. Malaysian taxi drivers have been ordered to pull their socks up or face a fine in an effort to smarten up the image of the country's cabbies.—INTERNET

APEC International Media Centre opens

SYDNEY, 3 Sept— A 10,000-square metre International Media Centre, one of the largest ever built in the southern hemisphere, was officially opened Sunday at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre for the APEC Leaders Week to run from 2-9 September.

More than 1,500 international and domestic media persons are expected to cover the events of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) in Sydney this week, and some 1,100 media accreditation passes have already been collected, said a Press release from the APEC 2007 taskforce.

The media centre comprises an International Broadcast Centre

and Main Press Centre over two halls, including a Press conference room with 260 seats, a main Press working area for 300 media persons, briefing rooms for 85, as well as interview rooms and private offices hired by media organizations.

APEC in Sydney, the most significant diplomatic event Australia has ever hosted, will attract intense media interest in Australia and throughout the Asia-Pacific Region, said Commonwealth APEC Spokesperson Anne Fulwood.

“Comprehensive arrangements have been put in place to provide the best possible coverage of the event,” she said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Vice Premier urges closer economic cooperation in N-E Asia

BEIJING, 3 Sept—Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan on Sunday called on to expand cooperation and improve mechanism in a bid to accelerate the regional economic cooperation in the Northeast Asia.

Zeng made the remarks at the high level forum on Northeast Asia Economic and Trade Cooperation of the 3rd Northeast Asia Investment and Trade Expo that opened on Sunday in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province.

Northeast Asia has huge potential in deepening cooperation and witnessed booming economic growth and robust trade and investment activities during the past few years, the vice premier said.

“The countries in the region, with close geography and long friendly people-to-people relations, should enhance exchanges and cooperation to foster a mutually beneficial relationship of common development,” he stated. Zeng proposed that China would like to work with other countries in the region to boost infrastructure construction including building Dalian Port into an international shipping hub and construction of railways and roads to Russia, Mongolia and North Korea.

“China will accelerate economic cooperation and trade in major border cities and strengthen cooperation with other countries in energy, raw materials and mineral resources.”

MNA/Xinhua

World's largest civil aerospace expo opens in HK

HONG KONG, 3 Sept—The Asian Aerospace International Expo and Congress 2007 opened in Hong Kong on Monday to embrace the top fast-growing Asia Pacific market, which is forecast by the world's top manufacturers to account for a third of aircraft orders over the next 20 years.

The Asian Aerospace International Expo and Congress 2007 has celebrated its 14th presentation with the move of its venue from Singapore to Hong Kong for the first time.

Clive Richardson, senior vice president Asia of Reed Exhibitions which organize the four-day exhibition, said, “This historical presentation of our flagship aerospace industry event as the



Visitors pass by the model of helicopter in the exhibiting area for AviChina Industry & Technology Company Limited during the Asian Aerospace International Expo and Congress, which is opened in Hong Kong, south China, on 3 Sept, 2007.—XINHUA

world's largest dedicated civil aerospace event has been shaped to suit the business demands of the entire Asian region.”

The more than 25-year-old biennial event, being held at Asia World-Expo in Hong Kong from 3 to 6 Sept, has attracted around 500 exhibitors from more

than 20 countries. The top 10 countries represented by visitor numbers include China, Singapore, India, Japan, the United States, Thailand, the Philippines and Malaysia.

Both the Airbus and Boeing, both exhibitors at Asian Aerospace International Expo and Con-

gress 2007, see the Asia Pacific market for aircraft demand growing strongly over the next 20 years, making it the second most important region behind the North American market.

Internet



An Indonesian sales woman displays boxes of the new Esia mobile phone during a launch in Jakarta on 3 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET



Sand covers what used to be a village in Mauritania. Spain's Crown Prince Felipe on Monday opened a UN-sponsored conference in Madrid aimed at thrashing out a strategy to stop the spread of deserts, a problem threatening one-third of the world's population. —INTERNET

WHO confirms five human bird flu cases in Vietnam

HANOI, 3 Sept — The World Health Organization (WHO) has confirmed five human bird flu cases in Vietnam, four of them fatal, the UN agency said in a statement.

The four, including two women, died between 21 June and 3 August while a fifth person, a 29-year-old man, had recovered, it said.

All five cases, which had been confirmed earlier

by Vietnam-based laboratory tests, were from the country's north. They brought the total human infections in the Southeast Asian country since 2003 to 100 with 46 fatalities.

Three of Vietnam's 64 provinces— two in the southern Mekong delta and one in the north — are still on the government's current bird flu watchlist, the Agriculture Ministry said on Friday.

Bird flu has infected seven people in Vietnam so far this year and officials said the H5N1 virus could return in winter, starting in November.

The H5N1 virus remains mainly a virus of birds, but experts fear it could mutate into a form easily transmitted from person to person and sweep the world, killing millions.—MNA/Reuters

Tropical Storm "Henriette" kills six in Mexico resort

ACAPULCO, (Mexico), 3 Sept— Tropical Storm "Henriette" swept by Mexico's Pacific coast on Saturday, killing six people in the resort of Acapulco before moving out to sea, where it could become a hurricane.

A man and his two children were killed in a poor area of Acapulco overnight when heavy rain dislodged a boulder from a hill and sent it crashing down on their house.

Three more children died after a mudslide collapsed part of their home.

After lashing Mexico's Pacific coast with rain, Henriette was expected to move farther out to sea and could become a hurricane overnight, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

"There is a hint of an eye feature," the centre said, referring to the storm's cloud formation.

On Saturday, the centre of the storm was about 90 miles (145 kilometres) southwest of Manzanillo, moving northwest with maximum sustained

winds of 65 miles per hour (100 kilometres per hour) with higher gusts, the hurricane centre said. A tropical storm becomes a hurricane when maximum sustained winds reach 74 mile-per-hour (119 kilometres per hour).

MNA/Reuters



Inhabitants stand at the site where a man and his two children were killed in a poor area of Acapulco overnight when heavy rain dislodged a boulder from a hill and sent it crashing down on their house on 1 Sept, 2007.

INTERNET

Chinese cultural festival opens in Oslo

STOCKHOLM, 3 Sept — The Chinese cultural festival opened on Saturday in Norway's capital of Oslo as part of both countries' efforts to boost ties and friendship.

Around 1,000 people, including Chinese living or studying in Norway and local Norwegians, took part in the opening ceremony in downtown Oslo, holding the two countries' national flags as well as other types of colourful flags, said reports reaching here.

Norway's Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg

sent a congratulatory message to the festival, saying the event will serve as a platform for displaying the Chinese culture to the Norwegians and enhancing the people-to-people friendship between both countries.

Every nation has its own unique culture, and the rich and colourful culture of China has been part of the world civilization, said Chinese Ambassador to Norway, Gao Jian.

He went on to say that cultures should learn from one another, and the

Chinese cultural festival is expected to boost the understanding and friendship between the Chinese and Norwegian people.

The festival, which will last into November, is the second of its kind held in Norway, following the first one in 2004.

During the festival, audience will be able to see Chinese movies, performances by Chinese artists, as well as an array of painting, national costumes, musical instruments and modern Chinese arts exhibitions.

MNA/Xinhua



An unused fire extinguisher lies in the yard of a burnt house in the village of Rafti on 1 Sept, 2007. The forest fires that have ravaged southern Greece for the past 11 days, killing dozens of people, were finally extinguished on Monday. —INTERNET

Pollution control strengthened on China-Russia border rivers

BEIJING, 3 Sept — Almost 40 per cent of pollution control projects in the Songhua River basin listed in a State Council plan have been completed or are well underway,

according to an environmental watchdog official.

"Eighty-four out of 222 pollution control projects approved by the State Council in August last year in a five-year plan for Songhua River pollution control, have been finished or are in the middle of

construction," said the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) official.

A combined investment of about 13.4 billion yuan (1.76 billion US dollars) is needed for the 222 projects, including treating industrial pollution sources and urban sewage and building recycling equipment, he said.

Three northeastern provinces shut down 42 factories failing in pollution control in the Songhua River Valley in the first six months, reducing the pollutant discharges by about 6,327 tons in terms of the chemical oxygen demand, the official said.

MNA/Xinhua

Providing eyesight to all in need in Kungyangon region

Dr Nilar Thein (Lin Yaung Thit)



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi putting sunglasses on an eye patient.

The Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Energy and the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized a field trip to Kungyangon Township and its surrounding areas from 18 to 20 August to give free treatments to local people with eye complaints.

Being located by the creek, a tributary of the Toe river, 34 miles southwest of Yangon, in Yangon South District, Kungyangon Township has a temperate climate. So, the team of eye specialists did not consider the number of those with eye complaints to be very high. However, in practice, the number of the patients on the first day alone reached more than 2000 because apart from those with eye complaints, those from surrounding townships such as Twantay, Kawhmu, Dedaye, Dalla and Thongwa came and had their eyes checked up.

The operation was carried out with the encouragement of the Minister for Health, arrangements made by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, and donations of wellwishers. Two weeks ahead of the plan, the Minister for Energy, Daw Khin San Nwe of the Administration Department Head of the MWAF went to Kungyangon and made necessary arrangements. Townselders, officials, NGOs and medical staff played their roles in respective sectors.

It was easier said than done in performing operations on those with eye complaints. Only with cent per cent recovery of eyesight of all patients could we breathe a sigh of relief in the trip.

Due to a large number of patients,

team members were very busy with the processes to categorize the patients, conduct tests for diabetes and hypertension, and eye tests on them.

What was more important was to arrange the equipment in the

Sixty-three percent of the blind in Myanmar is due to cataract and so is about 30 million people around the world. Yearly, about 300 million people suffer poor eyesight from moderately to severely based on symptoms level of cataract.

operation room and sterilize the room a week ahead. To be able to achieve a satisfactory result in performing microsurgery, it was required to meet the standard of sterilizing the room.

Thanks to the arrangements made under the supervision of Township Medical Officer Dr Maung Win and active contribution by the staff of the Ministry of Energy and local officials, all patients enjoyed satisfactory results of the operation.

We were very pleased with it and that somewhat helped implement the objectives of the Ministry of Health.

Sixty-three percent of the blind in Myanmar is due to cataract and so is about 30 million people around the world. Yearly, about 300 million people suffer poor eyesight from moderately to severely based on symptoms level of cataract.

According to a submission to the international conference of ophthalmologists held in Israel in 1972,

on average, a person with cataract who did not receive treatment could live for only one more year, whereas a person who suffered cataract but had recovered his eyesight could live for about 10 more years. Why the life expectancy of the blind is short is owing to incapability of earning their living themselves and poverty. And the blind who have help from others feel depressed and downhearted and are dissatisfied with miserable conditions of blindness.

At the ceremony held on 21 August 2007 to mark the success in the operation at the venue, the Minister for Energy delivered a speech and praised the voluntary contributors and wellwishers for their goodwill.

During a short period between 18 and 20 August, we conducted medical check-ups and presented free eye drop tubes to 6963 OPD patients. Owing to the goodwill of opticians U Su Aye, U Soe Hlaing and Naw Marina Tha Phaw, it was not difficult with providing free eyeglasses to 4336 patients.

operations on six patients simultaneously, Dr Moe Aye Latt, Dr Yin Kyi Oo, Dr Maung Maung Myo Win and Dr Kaung Myat Nyein administered anaesthetic injection to other patients. So, on average, we could carry out operations on 180 patients a day.

At Zartiman Hall, patients were given medical check-ups by Dr Nan Ei Shwe Sin, Dr Aye Moe Htet, Dr Aung Moe Tun, Dr Thein Htut, Dr Aung Ne Oo and U Tin Tun Win of Alcon Company with the help of NGO members under the supervision of Dr Khin San Nwe.

Nonetheless, there remained over 70 persons who had yet to receive treatment. So, 42 out of these over 70 persons were taken to Yangon Eye, Nose and Throat Hospital for operations. Finally, we successfully performed operations on 492 patients in total, the record number.

I have to say thanks to the Minister for Health, the Minister for Energy, 10 national or foreign companies, wellwishers and those who contributed to the plan.

At the ceremony, our hearts were completely filled with pervasive pleasure and all the tiredness we had was no more at all when we saw 449 patients who were out of joy for regaining their eyesight.

Therefore, I solemnly took a vow to continue to make all-out efforts to help all the remaining persons with eye complaints in the nation regain their eyesight.

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Optometrists performing operations on those with eye complaints.

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and stability, peace, unity, prevalence of law and order, strong national economy, economic growth, high reasoning power, vast knowledge and high education standard of the citizens.

To effectively promote the nation's education standard, it is needed to ensure all people's completion of basic education, simultaneous improvement of science and technology across the country and production of a greater number of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Only when rural folks, the majority of the nation's population, are educated with vast knowledge will they be equipped with the good habit of leading a healthy and fit life. As such, there will emerge new agricultural methods, bio-fuel used agricultural machinery and mechanized farming techniques, thereby contributing much to enhancing the socio-economic life of the people.

Although the nation is blessed with rich natural resources it lacks techniques to produce valued added items, to explore and transport natural resources and to produce modern machinery. That is why the nation is still needed to cooperate with friendly nations and entrepreneurs. So also, the government is trying hard for the emergence of modern techniques in the production sector, intellectuals and intelligentsia as well as skilled workers.

In the meantime, a large number of technicians, computer scientists and engineers will be in high demand in the industrial sectors of industrial zones and industrial cities as well as in the economic sectors of special economic zones and of infrastructures based on IT technology and production sectors of new Cyber town that will soon emerge.

The government has laid down and is implementing the 30-year national education promotion programmes for the emergence of a good education environment that is endowed with knowledge and vision while striving for facing the challenges of Knowledge Age to be encountered in the future.

At present, the good education environment is beginning to take shape and continued efforts are thus to be made for successful realization of the project.

There has emerged the process of a constant learning to keep pace with changes and developments as science and technology of the world is witnessing rapid development.

Some big nations with superiority in science and technology are applying double standard in dealing with developing countries. At such a time, a nation like Myanmar which is serving the national interest with its own resources is to constantly study the international affairs and to try its utmost in order not to lag behind others in international changes.

Therefore, the government is introducing reforms in education for the nation to keep abreast of the international community in terms of education. In that regard, priority is being given to the development of basic education sector. Only when basic education



Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets trainees of Special Refresher Course No 62 for Basic Education Teachers at Central Institute for Civil Service in Phaunggyi. —MNA

sector develop so will the whole education sphere including higher education sector.

As the volume of basic education sector is the greatest, the government is enabling the entire national people including departmental officials, those from education sector, scholars, teachers and students, the school boards of trustees, social organizations and townsenders to make concerted efforts in the process of developing the basic education sector.

Each and every teacher plays an important role in developing the basic education sector. Thus, they are to make relentless efforts with might and main for the success of the project by doing their bit.

The success of the education visions depends on teachers' ability as they always keep in touch with students in practically implementing the education policies, projects and programmes at the basic level. They should strive with full nationalism for realizing the fact.

The basic education sector is the initial institution nurturing students to develop in accord with the education vision. Only if students are being effectively nurtured from the basic education level will they be endowed with the ability to safeguard national and public interest, patriotism and the noble spirit in their hearts throughout their whole lives.

Teachers will have to nurture their pupils with serious conviction that the qualifications, spirit and habits of youths will decide whether the future will be good or bad.

At a time when a new nation is being built on self-reliant efforts, all will have to strive for the ever flourishing of positive strengths such as the will to strive for progress and prosperity of the nation, the will to safeguard and uplift national prestige and interest internationally, the spirit to give more priority to

national interest than self-interest and the spirit of unity among all the people and national races.

As the nation is in the process of transition to discipline-flourishing democracy nation, teachers are required to train students to have the good practices of freely and happily living within the framework of school discipline, community and social rules and the law of the nation and viewing the law, rules and discipline as the constructive controls for the benefit of human society. Then youths will have the noble habits, qualifications of good citizens to lead a peaceful life for ensuring freedom, joy and progress within the framework of the law and principles.

The successful process of transition to genuine discipline-flourishing democratic state depends on every individual citizen's observance of law and social norms, ability to live and act freely within the framework of the rule of law and the intellectual qualification to differentiate between right and wrong.

Likewise, human basic qualifications depend on the sound foundations of peace and stability, national economic progress and prosperity, public education standard, public intellectual level.

That is why all the teachers are to try to produce strong national forces through the education sector for peace and stability of the State and development of socio-economic life of the people.

The National Convention, the first and the most important step of the Road Map, has been successfully completed today. And much cooperation of the people is necessary in taking the remaining steps to transform into a new nation.

Particularly, all the people are urged to try to continue the nation's transitional process until success is achieved and see that it does not deviate from the national cause while guarding against any destructive acts, and instigation to cause riots for political gains.

All in all, all the teachers are to strive for ensuring peace and stability of the State, national economic growth and national education promotion through the education sector. They are also to train the citizens to become educated ones with national outlook and well-informed about international affairs to ensure the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greeted the trainee teachers. A total of 1503 basic education teachers are taking the course that will last five weeks. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects regional development tasks in Ayeyawady, Bago Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein and departmental officials, attended a ceremony to broadcast fertilizer on the 200-acre model farm No 297 in Gwa Township, Rakhine State, on 1 September.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged local farmers to grow not only rain-fed paddy but also irrigated water-fed paddy and oil crops.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to the briefing hall of the Road Construction Group-2 and met with officials of the group. At the meeting, a senior engineer reported on



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than views weeding and broadcasting fertilizer on the 200-acre rain-fed paddy cultivation in Gwa Township. — MNA

road works along Gwa-Ngathaingyaung Road. Some parts of the road were damaged due to torrential rains in July.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on durability of the road and construction of retaining walls at some parts of the road and inspected repairing of the road with the use of machinery.

Afterwards, they proceeded to the briefing hall near Bo Myat Tun

Bridge in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division, to hear reports on preventive measures against bank erosion of Ayeyawady River.

At the briefing hall, an official reported on arrangements for preventive measures against erosion of pylons of 230-KV cables linking-Hlinethaya-Athoke in Nyaungdon Township and river crossing pylons of 230-KV cables in Pantanaw Township by

Ayeyawady River.

A senior engineer of the Public Works reported on maintenance of Bo Myat Tun Bridge and preventive measures from bridge erosion by Ayeyawaddy River.

On 2 September, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to the construction site of Technological University in Toungoo, Bago Division. After hearing reports at the site, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended to the needs for the construction.

During his tour of Toungoo, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than also met with students and faculty members of Toungoo Technological University and University of Computer Studies. There will be 55 rooms at Toungoo Technological University.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Swa Creek Bridge construction site.

A senior engineer of the Bridge Construction Special Group-14 reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party on tasks which have been carried out and future task for the bridge. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than called for timely completion of the bridge meeting the set standards, and inspected the construction of the bridge.

As the old bridge across Swa Creek is one-way road and its durability is getting weak, the new concrete one is under construction. The new bridge is 270 ft long and 48 ft wide, and it can withstand 60 tons of load.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party visited the industrial zone project, 4 miles from Thagaya, Yedashe Township, Bago Division, being implemented by Ministry of Industry-2. Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin welcomed them. At the briefing hall, Deputy

Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw reported on arrangements for construction of factories to produce diesel engines, heavy machinery, turbine and generators. He also reported on arrangements for supply of electricity to the zone.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than called for timely completion of the project meeting the set standards, work-site safety and production of import substitute machinery and fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected machinery for factories and cordially greeted foreign experts.

During the tour, he also inspected the chosen sites chosen to build factories to produce bulldozers, turbines and generators. On completion of the factories, diesel engines, bulldozers, turbines and generators will be produced at the industrial zone. — MNA

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MWAF donates cash, books to library

YANGON, 4 Sept — The information department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated books and cash to Phyto Sandar library in Mingaladon Township today.

Also present were Daw Kyi Kyi Win, head of the information department of MWAF, departmental officials, social organizations and donors.

The head of the information department explained the purpose of the donations. At the donation ceremony held at Shwe-na-tha Sanpya Hall in the township, the wellwishers including Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win,

Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and wife donated K 335,000 and 2,366 various kinds of books.

The official of the MNA

library accepted the donations and the chairman of Shwenatha Village Peace and Development Council spoke words of thanks.



Members of Information Department of MWAF donate books to Phyto Sandar Library in Shwenanatha Model Village in Mingaladon Township. — MNA

One resigns from Taikkyi Township NLD

YANGON, 4 Sept — U Thaug Han of Taikkyi Township National League for Democracy in Yangon Division resigned from the party of his own accord by sending his letter of resignation to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned on 28 August.

In the letter sent to Taikkyi Township Multiparty Democracy Election Subcommittee, he said that he quit the NLD of his own volition as he no longer took interest in the party's activities. He had no trust and confidence in NLD and its leaders. — MNA

Cash donated to funds for 15th Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — Leading Committee for Organizing the 15th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions held a ceremony at City Hall here yesterday to accept donation for organizing the performing arts competitions.

Chairman of the leading committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin delivered an address and accepted cash at the first donation ceremony for the competitions. Ministries, construction companies and wellwishers donated cash amounting to K 27.8

million to the funds for holding the competitions through Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Secretary of the funds raising and presentation committee Secretary of Nay Pyi Taw City Development Committee U Tun Kyi.

In his address, Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin said the 15th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions will be held in grand scale in Nay Pyi Taw and it will be the second time here.

As the number of events for the 15th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts

Competitions is increased, arrangements have been made to give away more awards than the previous year, he added.

Those ministries which have contributed cash to the holding of the competitions are Ministry of Rail Transportation, Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Ministry of Education, Auditor-General's Office, Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Superme Court.

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Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin accepts cash donated by a wellwisher.

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Books and CDs donated to University of Culture

YANGON, 4 Sept — A total of 100 books and seven sets of CD were donated to the University of Culture to mark the 66th birthday of writer Shweku Nan Nwe Nwe at the meeting hall of the university on 9 August.

Rector U Tin Soe accepted the donations. Present on the occasion were faculty members of the University of Culture (Yangon), pro-rectors, heads of departments and professors, the head of training department, librarians, registrars, the donor's family and guests. — MNA

Minister calls for high-quality transformer production

YANGON, 4 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint visited three transformer factories in industrial zones in Yangon on 2 September and called for

producing high-quality transformers.

During his tour, the minister inspected the factory of Myanmar Ekarat Transformer Co Ltd and "Soe" Electrical Equipment Factory in the

Industrial Zone in Dagon Myothit (South) and the factory of Yangon Transformer and Electrical Co Ltd in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.

Ekarat Co Ltd produces from 30 to 100 high-quality transformers monthly, President of the Co Ltd said in his report to the minister.

On his tour of Yangon Transformer and Electrical Co Ltd, the minister inspected quality of transformers which will be shipped to Australia and African countries.

At the meetings with officials of the factories, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint stressed the need for production of high-quality transformers meeting the international set standard.

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Advanced applied pharmaceutical management course concluded

YANGON, 4 Sept — An advanced applied pharmaceutical management course No 1 was concluded at the office of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneur's Association MPMEEA here on 31 August.

At the conclusion ceremony, President of the association Dr Maung Maung Lay delivered an address. Afterwards, the officials of the association presented certificate to trainees.

The advanced applied pharmaceutical management course and the emergency life support management course will be opened in September.

More information is available at the association (Tel; 214834). — MNA



President of MPMEEA Dr Maung Maung Lay presents a certificate to a trainee.

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Myanmar traditional practitioners leave for Sri Lanka

YANGON, 4 Sept — Myanmar delegation led by Director Dr Sein Win of Traditional Medicine Department left here by air this evening to attend Ayurveda 2007, the National Indigenous Health Care Exhibition & Symposium which is to be held in Colombo, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka from 7 to 9 September. They were seen off at the airport by departmental officials and their relatives.

The delegation comprises members of Myanmar Traditional Practitioners Association U Maung Maung

Oo (Great Wall medical hall), U Tun Shwe (Tun Shwe Wah medical hall), U Bo Gyi (Yoke Pyo medical hall), U Kyi Soe (Kaythipan medical hall), U Khin Maung Tun (Htet Lin medical hall), U Kyaw Kyaw Htay (Hmancho medical hall), Daw Lay Myint (U Thar Yin medical hall) and Daw Htay Htay Khaing (Mawriya medical hall).

Representatives from Japan, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, ASEAN countries and others will attend the Ayurveda 2007, the National Indigenous Health Care Exhibition & Symposium. — MNA



CASH DONATED TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL : Managing Director of Myanmar Awba Co Ltd U Tha Toe Hein and Daw Saw Marlar donated K 2.2 million to Yangon Children's Hospital recently. Dr U Aung Kyi Win, Medical Superintendent of the hospital, accepts the donation to be spent on buying Coagulation Analyzer for the hospital. — NLM

S Korea's trade dependence on US, Japan falls this year

SEOUL, 4 Sept — South Korea's trade dependence on the United States and Japan dropped in the first seven months of this year from a year ago, while its trade with China is increasing, officials said here Sunday.

South Korea's exports to the United States stood at 26.9 billion won (28.7 million US dollars) in the January-July period, accounting for 12.9 per cent of the nation's total exports of 208 billion won (222 million dollars) in the same period, down 0.7 percentage point year-on-year, the Korea Customs Service (KCS) said in a statement.

Female drug trafficker arrested in Thailand

BANGKOK, 4 Sept — Thai Police have arrested a female drug trafficker and seized 160,000 speed pills and 145 grammes of "ice" drug valued nearly 50 million baht (about 1.47 million US dollars) from her apartment in Bangkok, a police officer said here on Sunday.

Bangkok police chief Adisorn Nonsi told a Press conference that plainclothes policemen had contacted 35-year-old Varisra Larpcharoen to buy 30 grammes of crystal methamphetamine hydrochloride, which is also known popularly as "ice".

She was apprehended after meeting the plainclothes police officers at a shopping mall.

MNA/Xinhua

The ratio of US-bound shipments compared to the nation's total exports has been decreasing since 2000 when it reached 21.8 per cent. It has then slid to 17.7 per cent in 2003, 16.9 per cent in 2004, 14.5 per cent in 2005 and 13.3 per cent in 2006, according to South Korea's *Yonhap* news agency Sunday.

The nation's imports from the United States were 21.6 billion won (23 million dollars) in the same period, down 0.2 percentage point year-on-year to 10.8 per cent of its all imports of 199 billion won (212.3 million

dollars).

The portion of the country's imports from the US also has been dropping since 2000 when it accounted for 17.3 per cent of its all imports. It accounted for 15.9 per cent in 2001, 15.1 per cent in 2002, 13.9 per cent in 2004, 11.7 per cent in 2005 and 10.9 per cent in 2006.

Meanwhile, South Korea's shipments to Japan reached 14.9 billion won (15.9 million dollars) by July, representing 7.2 per cent of its aggregate exports, down 1.1 percentage points from a year ago.

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Director Brian De Palma (C) arrives with actors Robert Devaney (R) and Patrick Carroll for the screening of "Redacted" during the Venice Film Festival 2007 in Venice, Italy, on 31 Aug, 2007. The film "Redacted" shows the harrowing toll the conflict is taking on returning US soldiers. — XINHUA

FM says Russia will not bargain over Kosovo, missiles shield

MOSCOW, 4 Sept — Moscow is not prepared to bargain over Kosovo or Washington's plans for a missile shield in Europe and the West must understand this, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Monday.

He said Kosovo, a Serbian Province pressing for independence, and the US plan to station parts of a missile shield in Eastern Europe, represented for Russia "red lines" which must not be crossed.

"It should be understood that we have red lines, that is where our national security or the world order is threatened," Lavrov said in a speech to students at the Moscow State Institute of International Affairs.

"Russia is not bargaining and our partners should understand this," he said. Lavrov did not say what precisely would be unacceptable to Russia over Kosovo or the missile shield — or if there was scope for compromise.

Russia has strongly opposed a Western-backed proposal to set Kosovo on the path to independence from Belgrade. It says it will accept only a solution on the province's status backed by both Serbia and Kosovo's ethnic Albanian majority. Washington says its missile defence shield is needed to protect against possible rocket strikes from what it calls "rogue states" such as Iran and North Korea.

But Russia says the shield is a threat to its own security. It has proposed an alternative scheme that would involve Moscow and Washington sharing radar data to create a collective missile defence system. — MNA/Reuters



Members of the Snow Leopard Commando of the Chinese People's Armed Police (PAP) line at an airport in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 1 Sept, 2007. The 30-member Snow Leopard Commando of the Chinese People's Armed Police (PAP) arrived here on Saturday to participate in the "Cooperation 2007" anti-terror exercise with Russia's domestic security force in early this month. — XINHUA

Thousands flee Hurricane "Felix" in Central America

TEGUCIGALPA, 4 Sept — Tens of thousands of people, including Miskito Indians and foreign tourists, began fleeing low-lying coastal areas on Central America's Caribbean coast on Monday to escape the approaching Hurricane Felix.

The highly dangerous Category 4 storm charged

toward Nicaragua and Honduras with top sustained winds of 145 miles per hour (230 kilometres per hour) provoking fears of a repeat of Hurricane Mitch, which killed some 10,000 people in Central America in 1998.

"We are faced with a very serious threat to lives and property. The most

important thing is that people pay heed to the call for evacuation so that we don't have to count bodies later," said Marco Burgos, head of Honduras' civil protection agency.

Hundreds of tourists flew to the Honduran mainland from beach and diving resorts on the Bay Islands.

MNA/Reuters



Water floods a street after the heavy rains of Hurricane Felix passed over Oranjestad, Aruba, on 2 Sept, 2007. Felix lashed a cluster of Dutch Caribbean islands, forcing residents and tourists to hunker down in homes and hotels but doing little damage as the Category 3 storm chugged into open waters of the Caribbean Sea. — INTERNET


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၅။ ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကို နေပြည်တော်တွင် ကျင်းပမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအမှတ်ဆိုင် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇)နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၂၅-၉-၂၀၀၇ နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ခါတ်ပုံအပိုတစ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံး နေပြည်တော်သို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၆-၁၀-၂၀၀၇ နေ့နှင့် ၇-၁၀-၂၀၀၇ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၄-၁၀-၂၀၀၇ နေ့မှစ၍ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ အခြားစုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုချက်ရှိပါက ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇)နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၀၅၂ နှင့် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၄၃၀) သို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၉။ ဤကြော်ငြာနှင့် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့၏ Website များဖြစ်သော csstb.imis.com.mm နှင့် www.csstb.gov.mm တွင်လည်း ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။


ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့
Civil Service Selection and Training Board
လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း
ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၁၆/၂၀၀၇
၁၃၆၉ ခုနှစ်၊ ဝါခေါင်လပြည့်ကျော် ၂ ရက်
(၂၀၀၇ ခုနှစ်၊ ဩဂုတ်လ ၃၀ ရက်)

၁။ အမှတ်(၂) လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအားဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ လျှပ်စစ်ဓါတ်အားဖြန့်ဖြူးရေးလုပ်ငန်းတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ တင်သွင်းနိုင်ပါသည်-

ရာထူး	လစ်လပ်	ပညာအရည်အချင်း
ဦးစီးအရာရှိ (ဘဏ္ဍာ)	၂၀ နေရာ	လက်မှတ်ရ ပြည်သူ့စာရင်းကိုင် အောင်လက်မှတ် (C.P.A) ရရှိသူ

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည် -

- (က) ပြည်ထောင်စု မြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
- (ခ) ၂၅-၉-၂၀၀၇ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်) ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူ ဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၂၅-၉-၂၀၀၇ နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာပေးပို့ရာတွင် လူကိုယ်တိုင် ဖြစ်စေ၊ မြန်မာ့ဆိပ်ကမ်းအဖွဲ့မှ လုပ်ငန်းခွင်မှ (သို့မဟုတ်) မှတ်ပုံတင်စာဖြင့် ဖြစ်စေပေးပို့နိုင်ပါသည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့် အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့် နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ၊ နှုတ်ဖြေ စစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့၏ ၁၈-၅-၂၀၀၇ ရက်စွဲပါ စာအမှတ်၊ ၆၉၆/ရွေးချယ်ရေး (အမိက)/၂၀၀၇ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက် စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကို နေပြည်တော်တွင် ကျင်းပမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိ တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီး အမှတ်ဆိုင် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇)နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၂၅-၉-၂၀၀၇ နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ခါတ်ပုံအပိုတစ်ပုံနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံး နေပြည်တော်သို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၆-၁၀-၂၀၀၇ နေ့နှင့် ၇-၁၀-၂၀၀၇ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၄-၁၀-၂၀၀၇ နေ့မှစ၍ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့် ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ ကြော်ငြာပါရာထူးများတွင် တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ခြင်းနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍ အမှတ်(၂) လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအား ဝန်ကြီးဌာန ၏ သီးခြားစည်းကမ်းချက်များ ရှိပါသဖြင့် “လျှပ်စစ်ဓါတ်အားဖြန့်ဖြူးရေးလုပ်ငန်း၊ ရုံးအမှတ် (၂၇) နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၀၅၂)” သို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်း မေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၉။ အခြားစုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုချက်ရှိပါက ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံး၊ ရုံးအမှတ်(၁၇) နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၀၅၂ နှင့် ၀၆၇-၄၀၉၄၃၀) သို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင် ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၁၀။ ဤကြော်ငြာနှင့် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ကို ဝန်ထမ်း ရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့၏ Website များဖြစ်သော csstb.imis.com.mm နှင့် www.csstb.gov.mm တွင်လည်း ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။

CEA, SIA announce strategic investment, partnership framework

BEIJING, 3 Sept—China Eastern Airlines (CEA), one of the country's leading carrier, announced on Sunday it will sell a 26-per-cent stake to Singapore Airlines Limited (“SIA”).

The two on Sunday signed a “Heads of Agreement” (“HOA”) with China Eastern Air Holding Company and Lentor Investments Pte. Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Singaporean-government-controlled investment holding company — Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited.

The document sets out the framework for a cooperative partnership in conjunction with a proposed strategic investment in CEA by SIA and Temasek, which owns 54.8 per cent of SIA.

The HOA identifies several elements, including the financial investment, management participation, commercial partnership and co-operation.

Details of terms identified in the HOA are subject to definitive and legally binding agreements to be discussed between, and entered into by, the parties, and are also subject to approvals by relevant regulatory authorities and shareholders of CEA.

Under the HOA, it is proposed that SIA will subscribe for new H-shares of CEA at a subscription price of 3.80 HK dollars per H-share.

SIA proposes to subscribe for more than 1.2 billion new H-shares for approximately 4.7 billion H.K. dollars, which is less than 5 per cent of SIA's market capitalization on 3 August, 2007. The transaction will result in SIA's holding of a 15.7 per cent stake in the CEA, which is listed in Shanghai, Hong Kong and New York.

Temasek, through Lentor, proposes to subscribe for more than 649 million new H-shares for approximately 2.5 billion Hong Kong dollars. The subscription will allow Lentor to hold a 8.3 per cent stake in the recapitalised CEA.

CEA Holding will also subscribe for around 1.1 billion new H-shares for approximately 4.2 billion Hong Kong dollars. And the subscription will result in CEA Holding having a 51-per cent stake in the recapitalised CEA.

MNA/Xinhua

ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရန် ချိပ်ပိတ်တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း (Ks/F.E)

စဉ်	ပစ္စည်းအမျိုးအမည်	အရေအတွက်	တင်ဒါခေါ်ရက်	တင်ဒါပိတ်ရက်
1.	Primary Crusher	1 No	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
2.	Dump Truck For Engine	2 Unit	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
3.	Electric Locomotive	12 Items	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
4.	M.S Sheet	35 Nos	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
5.	Multiplier, Controller, Regulator	3 Items	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
6.	Ball Bearing	Lot	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
7.	Lubricant	1 Lot	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
8.	Tyre	1 Lot	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
9.	Welding Electrode	1 Lot	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
10.	Conveyor Belt	1 Lot	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
11.	Light Duty Drilling Machine	1 Set	5.9.2007	9.10.2007
12.	Renovation Of Press	11. Items	5.9.2007	9.10.2007

အမှတ်(၁) စက်မှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့ကြွေထည်မြေထည်လုပ်ငန်း၊ ရောင်းဝယ်ရေးဌာန၊ ရုံးအမှတ်(၄၁)နေပြည်တော်တွင် ရုံးချိန်အတွင်း ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်းပြီး တင်ဒါများ လာရောက်ဝယ်ယူ နိုင်ပါသည်။

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မြန်မာ့ကြွေထည်မြေထည်လုပ်ငန်း

Egyptian police find 2.75 tons of explosives in Sinai

ISMAILIA (Egypt), 3 Sept—Egyptian police found 2.75 tons of explosives in central Sinai on Sunday, a security official said.

The explosives, hidden in 54 plastic bags, were found during a search in the el-Gefgafa area, 100 kilometres (62 miles) southwest of the coastal town of El Arish, the official told Reuters on a customary condition of anonymity. Police seized 250 kilos (551 pounds) of explosives in northern Sinai on 19 August. Officials said at the time they suspected the explosives were destined for smuggling into the Palestinian territories.

MNA/Reuters

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New method for predicting lung cancer survival

BEIJING, 3 Sept — A thorough review of a decades-old method used to predict lung cancer survival means thousands more patients each year could be offered surgery or more aggressive therapy — such as chemotherapy — under a new system that classifies many tumours as more treatable.

The new guidance was presented Saturday at a conference of lung cancer specialists in Seoul, South Korea. It is expected to be adopted by policy-making groups in the next year. "There will clearly be shifting of patients from categories not operable to operable" — as many as 10,000 a year in the United States, said Dr David Johnson, a lung cancer specialist at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. He reviewed the plan, which was partly published in a medical journal recently.

Lung cancer is the world's No 1 cancer killer, claiming 1.3 million lives each year. In the United States, 213,380 new cases and 160,390 deaths from the disease are expected this year. Nearly 60 percent of people die within one year of diagnosis, and nearly 75 percent die within two

years, American Cancer Society statistics show.

The current system, based on a tumours size and how far it has spread, was developed from about 5,000 tumour samples from University of Texas M D Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston decades ago — before improved scanning technology was available to evaluate a cancer's spread.

Internet



Doctors are seen during an operation. Surgeons will soon be able to literally mend a broken heart using live tissue grown from a patient's very own stem cells, top cardiologists said on Monday. — INTERNET



From left, actors Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt arrive for the screening of the movie 'The assassination of Jesse James by the coward Robert Ford' at the 64th Venice Film Festival, in Venice, Italy, on 2 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Research: Type two diabetes could be cured by surgery

LONDON, 3 Sept — Surgeons performing duodenal exclusions on obese people with diabetes have noticed that in around 98 percent of cases, the patients' diabetes spontaneously vanished a few weeks after surgery.

According to a report in New Scientist on Monday, an international team of Italian, Brazilian and French doctors has performed duodenal exclusions on seven people with type 2 diabetes who were classified as being between normal weight and moderately obese. Nine months after surgery, the first two people they operated on are both free of anti-diabetic medication and both experienced dramatic reduc-

tions in their blood sugar and insulin levels in the month following surgery - before any weight loss took place. It is too soon to report on the other five patients. Italian surgeon Francesco Rubino, involved in the study, believes that the duodenum may be the source of a signal that can ultimately cause insulin resistance.

"This molecular signal, which should be secreted in response to the passage of nutrients, is possibly exaggerated in diabetic patients or produced in an untimely fashion, disturbing the regulation of insulin and blood glucose levels," Rubino was quoted as saying.

Xinhua

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US artist Mark Jenkins takes picture of his installation about global warming on an island at the Vistula river in Warsaw on 2 Sept, 2007.

INTERNET



Test drug eases schizophrenia without serious side effects

BEIJING, 3 Sept — An experimental drug from Eli Lilly of US eased schizophrenia symptoms

without the serious side effects of current treatments in a clinical trial, according to a study in the journal Nature on Sunday.

Unlike current anti-psychotic drugs, which block the uptake of a naturally occurring chemical called dopamine, the new drug acts on a different neurotransmitter, glutamate, involved in learning and memory. Imbalances in the brain of these chemicals are largely responsible for schizophrenia's disabling symptoms, which range from

hallucinations and delusions to a severely impaired ability to express emotion. As part of the second of three stages of testing generally required for US approval, researchers at Eli Lilly, which funded the study, administered the new drug, dubbed LY2140023, to 97 patients alongside smaller groups given placebos or olanzapine, a commonly prescribed anti-psychotic medication. After four weeks, patients on the drug had significantly fewer symptoms of schizo-

phrenia than those on a placebo. The differences came after one week, the researchers wrote. The new drug LY2140023 matched the effectiveness of olanzapine for both "positive" symptoms such as hallucinations as well as "negative" ones, including withdrawal. It avoided some of the adverse effects associated with dopamine targeting drugs: weight gain, increases in blood fat called triglycerides, periodontitis, and inflammation of the gums.

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SPORTS



Iran's Jahanchi Masoomeh (in white) fights for the ball with Syria's Manar Monther (L) and Eva Ghazy (back) during their 2nd West Asian Federation Women Championship (WAFF) soccer match at Amman Stadium on 3 Sept, 2007.— INTERNET

Beijing tells police to mind manners

BEIJING, 4 Sept — China has launched a campaign to improve police etiquette in Beijing and other Olympic co-host cities, including bans on smoking, eating and chatting for on-duty officers, state media reported on Monday.

"Police inspectors, both uniformed and plain-clothes, will monitor mostly community, traffic and patrol police, to see how they behave when people ask them for help," the *China Daily* quoted, Wu Heping, a police ministry spokesman, as saying. "If a member of the public sees a police officer smoking, eating or chatting on duty — all of which are regarded as harmful to the image of the police — they can report them by dialling 110," the paper quoted Jia Chunming, a Beijing police supervision official, as saying.

The campaign had been launched across the six Olympic co-host cities of Beijing, Shanghai, Qingdao, Shenyang, Tianjin and Qinhuaingdao and would be rolled out to major tourist centres at the start of 2008, the papers said.

It follows a directive in June banning police from wearing scarfs, jewellery, beards and "strangely dyed hair".

MNA/Reuters

Unhappy comeback for Menotti as Tecos lose 3-0

MEXICO CITY, 4 Sept — Former Argentina coach Cesar Luis Menotti made an unhappy return to the touchline on Sunday as his new team Tecos UAG were thumped 3-0 by modest Puebla in the Mexican Championship.

The defeat left the Owls bottom of Group One in the Apertura Champion-

ship with one point from five games and 14 goals conceded. Menotti, the chain-smoking coach who led Argentina to World Cup victory in 1978, ended more than two years out of coaching when he was surprisingly took over at Tecos last week.

But Sunday's loss, against a team who them-

selves had not previously won a game in the championship, showed the magnitude of the task facing the 68-year-old.

Uruguayan Alvaro Gonzalez put Puebla ahead in the 28th minute, snapping up a rebound after Jose de Jesus Corona could only parry Jose Hiber Ruiz' shot.

Ruiz added the second on the hour and Gonzalez was on target again seven minutes later.

In other matches, Santos Laguna, who won their first five games, lost their 100 per cent record in a 2-2 draw away to Atlante in Cancun. Ecuador striker Christian Benitez and Argentine midfielder Daniel Ludena scored either side of halftime to put Santos 2-0 ahead.—MNA/Reuters

World Shotgun Championships open in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 4 Sept — Cyprus President Tassos Papadopoulos officially declared the opening of the 2007 World Shotgun Championships in Nicosia on Sunday evening, which will offer five quotas for the Beijing Olympic

Games next year. Papadopoulos welcomed all athletes from 84 countries and regions, a record-breaking participation, to the eastern Mediterranean island and wished them good luck. A total of 683 shooters

will in the next seven days compete for five tickets to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, each for men's trap, men's skeet, men's double trap, women's trap and women's skeet. General Secretary of the International Shooting

Sport Federation Horst Schreiber has expressed his satisfaction over large turnout for the championships, which he did not expect. China has sent 14 athletes, including two juniors, to the games. MNA/Xinhua

Fiji, Solomon Islands progress in World Cup qualifiers

APIA (Samoa), 3 Sept — Fiji and the Solomon Islands progressed to the last four of the first stage of the Oceania region's World Cup qualifiers after winning their respective matches on Saturday.

It was a third successive win for both teams as Fiji overcame Tahiti 4-0 and the Solomon Islands scored two goals in four minutes midway through the second half to beat Vanuatu 2-0. Both matches were played in Apia, Samoa.

Fiji join New Caledonia as the qualifiers from Group A for the semifinals of the South Pacific Games while the Solomon Islands move ahead from Group B. Hosts Samoa, who did not play on Saturday, Vanuatu

and Tonga all still have a chance to clinch the last semi-final berth when they play on Monday.

Tonga won their first points with a 4-0 triumph on Saturday over American Samoa, who ended their participation after conceding 38 goals in their four matches. American Samoa are the first of the 203 countries participating in the World Cup preliminaries to be eliminated from the running for a place in the finals in South Africa.

They were followed on Saturday by the Cook Islands, who are also out of the competition despite beating Tuvalu 4-1. Tuvalu finish bottom of the Group B standings but were not in World Cup contention as the tiny island nation is not a FIFA member.

Tahiti can also no longer progress in the qualifiers.

The football tournament at the South Pacific Games is being used by the Oceania Football Confederation as the first stage of its 2010 World Cup qualifiers.

MNA/Reuters



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia plays a return to Venus Williams of the US during their women's singles fourth round match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, the United States, on 2 Sept, 2007.—XINHUA

McClaren not drawn on Beckham loan report

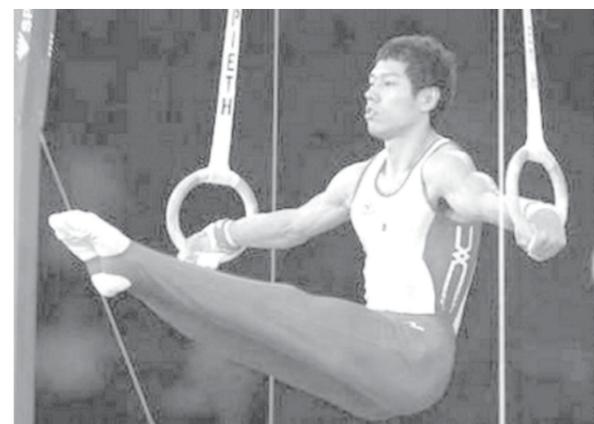
LONDON, 4 Sept — England manager Steve McClaren declined on Sunday to be drawn on a report that David Beckham is considering a possible return to England from the United States on a four-month loan period from January. The *Sunday Express* said Beckham, on 97 international caps, was keen to reach 100 and feared that he might miss out if he was unable to impress McClaren on a regular basis.

The newspaper said the midfielder was seeking "crisis talks" with his American club LA Galaxy to discuss a possible return.

But McClaren told BBC Radio Five: "It's not for me to really comment on that. I spoke to David and I've not seen any quotes from him saying that. He has made no indication to me that he intends to do that."

"I can't comment one way or another on the likelihood (of a loan move) ... or how it would benefit one way or another."

McClaren is gearing up for Euro 2008 qualifiers with Israel and Russia over the next 10 days but will be without Beckham, who is out with an injured knee for about six weeks. — MNA/Reuters



Hisashi Mizutori of Japan performs on the rings during the all-around team competition at the 40th World Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Stuttgart on 3 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Young Argentine soccer goalkeeper dies

BUENOS AIRES, 3 Sept — Argentina's 2003 U-20 national team goalkeeper Gustavo Eberto died on Monday due to testicular cancer at the age of 24.

Eberto's death triggered Argentine soccer to mourn. He had been hospitalized in Buenos Aires in recent days.

Eberto celebrated his 24th birthday on August 30 and debuted in Boca Juniors soccer club in 2003, the year he and Argentina became champions in the U20 South American Soccer Championship in Uruguay after defeating Colombia 1-0. Eberto's life changed abruptly in

early 2006 after he was diagnosed with testicular cancer.

"I do not have ill feelings, nor anger with life nor with God," Eberto said in an interview in his native Corrientes city when he talked about his illness.

"This can happen to anybody and it happened to me. I am ready to fight and I will do so all my life, and this will probably make me stronger for future problems," Eberto said.

Eberto became a Talleres de Cordoba second-category Argentine soccer star in 2006.—Internet

Thousands without power supply as heat wave continues in LA

LOS ANGELES, 4 Sept — More than 23,000 energy customers lost their power supply Monday as the late summer heat wave continued for a seventh straight day in Los Angeles. Utility crews were working overtime to restore the service.

Local power authorities have urged customers to give their heavy appliances the afternoon off to reduce demand on the system, saying the high demand was putting unusual stress on the

power grid.

Meanwhile, on Labour Day, crowds swarmed local beaches to escape scorching temperatures that have turned the region into a furnace, with

the temperature hitting 39 degrees Celsius in downtown Los Angeles, matching Sunday's high.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power said that 3,000

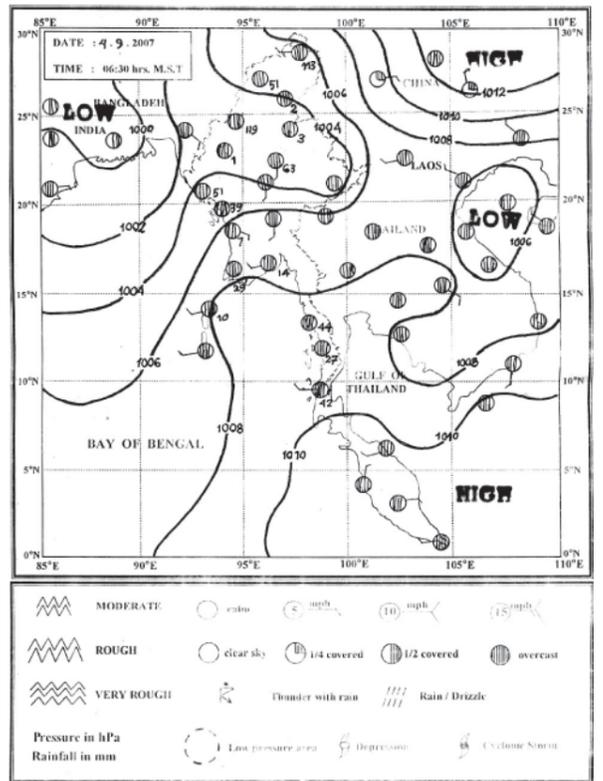
customers in the city were without power Monday, the result of transformers or wiring breaking down in 125 neighbourhoods.

A spokeswoman from the utility agency said the outages were scattered and only included a few homes in various neighbourhoods, but some outages had lasted more than a day. She said more than 40 crews continued to work 16-hour shifts to restore electricity.

Southern California Edison, the primary electricity supplier for much of the region, said that about 20,500 homes and business lost their power supply Monday, down from more than 21,000 on Sunday night

MNA/Xinhua.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 4 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining areas with heavyfall in Kachin State, isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (7.48) inches, Putao (4.96) inches, Homalin (4.69) inches, An (3.46) inches, Sagaing (2.56) inches, Thaton (2.52) inches, Mandalay (2.48) inches, Minkin (2.32) inches, Hkamti (2.24) inches and Kayan (2.09) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-9-2007 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 4-9-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 4-9-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 3-9-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 4-9-2007 was (0.78) inch at Mingaladon, (0.55) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.74) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (99.76) inches at Mingaladon, (102.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (102.09) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from West at (19:00) hours MST on 3-9-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining states and divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 5-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 5-9-2007: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 5-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Medical Superintendent Dr Chit Ko Tin of North Okkalapa General Hospital receives cereals donated by Mo Asia Co Ltd (Dumex) to the hospital on 30 August 2007. Dr Beauty Kyi, National Nutrition Manager of Mo Asia Co Ltd (Dumex) handed over Dumex Dugro 3 Plus Fine cereal worth K 500,000 to the hospital. — NLM



Wednesday, 5 September

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Every day
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Do you wanna dance
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Love sensation
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Say you'll be there
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Luch time music: -She's my girl -Something
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune -When you say nothing at all
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:30pm Music at you request -Sweet for my sweet -You're my heart, you're my soul
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 5 September View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Paritatas 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
- 7:55 am 5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:10 am 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am 7. International news
- 8:40 am 8. Islands of Dhamma
- 8:45 am 9. ဘဒ္ဒန္တရုဏေသန (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓမ္မ) ဒုတိယဥက္ကဋ္ဌဆရာတော်၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ မဟာဓမ္မိကာရူပရိယတ္တိစာသင်တိုက်(ကျိုက်ပိကျောင်း) ရန်ကင်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းတံမှ နဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ပဉ္စမအကြိမ် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ(ပထမဆု) (အထက-၁လသာ) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:50 pm 4. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)
- 5:00 pm 5. Song of national races
- 5:10 pm 6. Classical song
- 5:20 pm 7. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:30 pm 8. ရသပေါလွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်
- 7:00 pm 12. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအက၊အရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန်
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- 7:05 pm 13. ဒွန်ဘန်တံတား
- 7:10 pm 14. “ဇင်ဇင်နှင့်မြိုင်ကျား” (ဇင်ဇင်ဇော်မြိုင်၊ လင်းလင်းဇော်မြိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)
- 7:20 pm 15. Musical programme
- 7:30 pm 16. ဆောင်ပါးရှင်- စေတနာ့အလှူတန်းတစ်ဦး၏ “မင်းကိုနိုင်-ကြိုးမဲ့လေတံခွန်သို့မဟုတ် တိုင်းပြည်အန္တရာယ်” (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 7:45 pm 17. သမိုင်းဝင်ရှင်ကိုးရှင် ဘုရားများ
- 8:00 pm 18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. ၂၀၀၆(၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆိုအက၊အရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ (ရုပ်သေး) “သဒ္ဓါသုမနဇာတ်တော်ကြီး” (ဒုတိယဆု) (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း)
- 22. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 23. The next day's programme

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Special Refresher Course No 62 for Basic Education Teachers opens

Basic education sector initial institution nurturing students to develop in accord with education vision

People urged to try to continue the nation's transitional process until success and protect it from being interfered by alien nations



Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at Special Refresher Course No 62 for Basic Education Teachers. — MNA

YANGON, 4 Sept — Special Refresher Course No 62 for Basic Education Teachers was opened at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township yesterday, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Judge Advocate-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon mayor, the deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-general, members of CSSTB, heads of departments, the rector of CICS (Phaunggyi), instructors and trainee teachers.

First, the Secretary-1 delivered an address. He said as it is known to all the government is marching gently towards

a new nation in the transitional process.

He said the new nation-building tasks are enormous and rapid development has been made. The processes at different levels are changing gradually.

He said all the citizens including teachers are to build political, economic and social infrastructures without any hindrance from outside and without deviating from the correct path of serving the national interest in accord with the set objectives.

He said the teachers are to make efforts for gaining more political, economic and social foundations and he urged them to discharge the respective duties with national outlook whatever role they are in.

Emergence of a new nation and perpetuation of the State depend on peace
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