

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

Special Refresher Course No 28 for Basic Education Teachers opens

Success of the education visions depends on teachers' ability as they always keep in touch with students



Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivers an address at the opening of Special Refresher Course No 28 for Basic Education Teachers at CICS (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Special Refresher Course No 28 for Basic Education Teachers was opened at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township in Mandalay Division on 3 September. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address.

Present on the occasion were the ministers, deputy ministers, mem-

bers of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay mayor, heads of department, the rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar), instructors and trainee teachers.

First, On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein said that emergence of a new nation and perpetuation of the State depend

on peace and stability, 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.

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Chronicle of literacy movements in Myanmar

INSIDE Community Learning Centres (CLCs) are included in the non-formal education programme for the convenience of newly-literate adults. CLCs are designed for multi-purposes such as to help the villagers exchange news, to open vocational training courses, to use them as a gathering sites for villagers to hold discussions on village affairs as well as reading rooms, libraries, cultural centre, recreation centre, and a chinlon (cane ball playing) centre. So, the centres can bring considerable benefits to the villagers.

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AUNG KYI NYUNT (TEKKATHO)

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Nurturing youths to possess high education standard and reasoning power

Peace and stability and unity are essential for perpetuation of a new democratic nation. Moreover, prevalence of law and order and strong national economy are vital. At the same time, the people need to possess reasoning power and vast knowledge.

In order to fulfil these requirements, the government is implementing the national education promotion programmes. The government is also initiating reforms in education system from the basic education sector in accord with international development trend.

The teachers on their part must cultivate students to have good habit of happily living within the framework of school discipline, community and social principles and law of the nation. They have to nurture youths to possess high education standard and reasoning power in every aspect.

By doing so, the students will be endowed with the ability to safeguard national and public interest, patriotism and noble characters of good and able citizens.

Qualifications, moral spirit and behaviour of youths could create good future or worse of the nation and its people. The objectives of completing basic education of all the people and turning out qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia will be realized through the strenuous efforts of the teachers in the implementation of national education promotion programmes.

No wish to stand as NLD members

Two resign from NLD

YANGON, 5 Sept — Two members U Tun Naing and U Poe Pein of Mohnyin Township National League for Democracy of Kachin State resigned from the party of their own volition, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities on 28 August.

In their resignation letters sent to Mohnyin Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they no longer wished to stand as party members. That was why they resigned from the party of their own accord, they said. — MNA

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

Sports Minister's Cup Inter-State/Division U-21 Novice Class Men's Football Tournament opens



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addresses the opening of Sports Minister's Cup Inter-State/Division U-21 Novice Class Men's football tournament. — SPED

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept — A ceremony to welcome participating teams to take part in the 8th Sports Minister's Cup Inter-State/Division U-21 Novice Class Men's Football Tournament for 2007 took place at Monywa Town Hall of Sagaing Division on 2 September with addresses by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Next, the minister presented sports gear worth K 250,000 for North-West Command Headquarters, football items worth K 820,000 for youth football teams in Sagaing Division and cash assistance K 159,000 for the coaches through officials concerned.

Ayeyawady Division narrowly won over Magway Division with 2-1 in the debut. The tournament is divided into four zones — Monywa, Sagaing, Shwebo and Katha — and continues up to 16 September. — MNA

Tawya TatU Monastery opens 111th meditation session

YANGON, 4 Sept — Tawya TatU Monastery in Aung San, Insein Township, opened its 111th meditation session at the monastery on 1 September.

About 700 people are going on a retreat at the 10-day session which was opened with an address by Presiding Sayadaw of Ywama Pariyatti Monastery State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Nandavamsa. Patron of Mogok Vipassana Dhamma Yeiktha (Yangon) Bhaddanta Sadhamma Kittisara will deliver sermons and teach meditation. — H

Over 1,600 employees of MCD become USDA members



Presentation of USDA membership applications in progress at Myanmar Correctional Department. — MCD

YANGON, 4 Sept — The employees of the Myanmar Correctional Department and Insein Central Jail presented 1,625 membership applications for Union Solidarity and Development Association to Secretary U Tint Lwin of the township USDA at the department in Insein Township on 31 August.

First, Director-General of the department U Zaw Win delivered an address on the occasion.

Secretary U Maung Gyi of Yangon North District USDA explained the association.

Afterwards, the secretary of the township accepted the membership applications. — MNA



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bush, Congress heading for new collision over Iraq

LOS ANGELES, 4 Sept—A flurry of conflicting assessments of military and political progress in Iraq will prompt President George W Bush and the Democrat-controlled Congress to get involved in another collision, it was reported on Sunday.

The collision will culminate in an impassioned debate over how soon US forces should be withdrawn, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Army General David H Petraeus, commander of US forces in Iraq, is expected to add fuel to the collision when he presents a report on Iraq soon, said the paper.

The general will report that the current

increase in troops has improved security, and will ask that it continue.

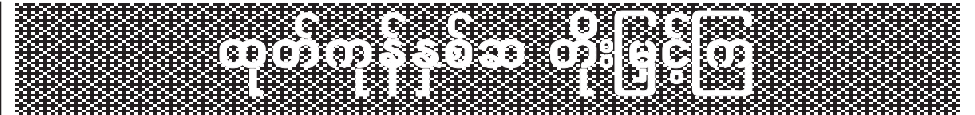
The collision would see Democrats trying again to impose a timetable for a withdrawal and Bush continuing to resist pressure for a major change in strategy, said the paper.

But the President will weigh what aides call “adjustments” in his Iraq policy, according to the paper.

Republican members of Congress and some Bush aides have urged the President to begin laying out a new strategy for next year, when the buildup of troops is scheduled to end.

Even if the clash does not lead to an immediate

change in policy, it may produce—as a side effect—an important debate over the future of the war, the paper said. Administration officials say they recognize that the buildup cannot be sustained next year as the Army and Marine Corps run out of available troops, that political progress in Baghdad has fallen short and that US strategy in Iraq must be re-defined.—MNA/Xinhua



Singaporean architect Wong Mun Summ (C) smiles after receiving the Aga Khan Award for Architecture for designing Singapore's Moulmein Rise Residential Tower, as Malaysia's Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (L) and Prince Karim Aga Khan clap in Kuala Lumpur on 4 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

Iranian leader accuses Bush of hate campaign

TEHERAN, 4 Sept—Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei accused US President George W Bush of trying to whip up hate against Teheran when he said last week the country had put the region “under the shadow of a nuclear holocaust”.

The West suspects Iran has a secret programme to build nuclear weapons. Iran says its atomic pro-

gramme is only for power generation to help boost economic growth and has rejected UN demands to halt its most sensitive work. Iran's IRNA state news agency quoted Khamenei as saying Bush had made comments that were “hateful, arrogant and violent”.

“The Iranian nation has resisted and it will resist... It will never bow to any

coercion in the nuclear issue and in other matters,” said Khamenei, the Islamic Republic's top authority. The UN Security Council has imposed two rounds of sanctions on Iran since December and the United States has said it will push for a third unless Teheran stops enriching uranium.

Enrichment is the part of Iran's programme that most worries the West

because it can be used to make fuel for nuclear power plants or material for warheads. The United States has said it wants the standoff to be ended through diplomacy but has not ruled out military action if that fails. US officials have said they might label Iran's Revolutionary Guards a foreign terrorist group.

MNA/Reuters



Queen Rania of Jordan carries a baby as she visits the Shibalidian Village Clinic in Chaoyang District, to provide medical check-up for migrant women and children in Beijing, China, on 5 Sept, 2007. Rania is on a two-day visit here. INTERNET

Six nabbed in Japan for US-linked money laundering

TOKYO, 4 Sept—A Nigerian man and five Japanese associates have been arrested on suspicion of laundering money for US crime syndicates through banks in eastern

Japan, *Kyodo* news agency said on Monday.

Police confirmed that 700 million yen (six million US dollars) had been laundered through 40 accounts, but the total

laundered amount could add up to several billion yen, making it the first money laundering case involving such a large sum of overseas funds, *Kyodo* said. The Nigerian, 40, is suspected of having ordered the five Japanese, including his wife, to open accounts for the money since 2005.

He is also under suspicion for having sent money through another Nigerian to the United States, China and Canada on behalf of the US crime syndicates, which are suspected of having swindled the money out of people through investment schemes.

While the Nigerian has denied the allegations, the five Japanese suspects have admitted to them, *Kyodo* quoted police as saying.—MNA/Reuters

Seven killed, eight injured in Sichuan mine blast

CHENGDU, 4 Sept—Seven people were killed and eight others injured in a mine demolition operation in southwest China's Sichuan Province, the provincial work safety administration said Sunday.

A workers' shed was hit at around 11 pm Friday by shock waves and rubbles caused by a blasting operation at a nearby granite mine in Miyi County, the administration said. Seven people in the shed were killed and eight others were injured. The injured are being treated in hospital and now in stable condition.

The managers of the mine and others responsible for the casualties have been detained, it said. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.—MNA/Xinhua



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, people push a bus to move on the flooded street in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province on 4 Sept, 2007. A heavy rainstorm hit the city on Tuesday morning, causing waterlog and traffic jam. —XINHUA



Saudi Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Alsaud, centre, shows the medal of Great Patron of the French Culture Ministry, he received from French Culture Minister Christine Albanel, right, as the Prince's wife, Princess Amira, looks on, during a ceremony at the Louvre museum in Paris, on 4 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Iraq troop cuts may no longer be taboo for Bush

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE, 4 Sept— After months of stubbornly refusing even to consider cutting US troop levels in Iraq, US President George W Bush has suddenly decided the idea is no longer taboo. He raised the possibility during a surprise visit to a desert air base in Iraq's Anbar Province on Monday, saying there were signs of improved security and that some US troops could be withdrawn from the country if the trend continued.

Even though he couched his words carefully and made no promises, it was the kind of concession rarely heard from Bush,

who has made single-mindedness a defining trait of his presidency and of his conduct of the unpopular war in Iraq. *MNA/Reuters*



Breastfed babies may sleep less when mother smoke

NEW YORK, 4 Sept— Nursing mothers who smoke may be cutting

their infant's nap times short, a new study shows. Babies whose mothers smoked shortly before breastfeeding napped about 20 minutes less over the following three and a half hours than those whose mothers had abstained from cigarettes for several

hours, Dr Julie A Mennella and colleagues found.

"The greater the dose of nicotine in their milk, the greater the disruption of sleep," Mennella, of the Monell Chemical Senses Centre in Philadelphia, told Reuters Health.—*Internet*

A classmate ties the red scarf for Zheng Yushan at No 21 Primary School in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 3 Sept, 2007. After a year-long suspension of schooling, 12-year-old Zhen Yushan suffering from congenital heart disease has recovered and returned to school on Monday thanks to the help of the Red Cross of Haikou and continued assistance and donations from people. —XINHUA

Thai man gets death for killing Russian tourists

BANGKOK, 4 Sept— A Thai man was sentenced to death on Monday for robbing and killing two Russian women as they sat on the beach at the Thai resort of Pattaya to watch the sun rise, police said.

Anuchit Lumlert, 24, was condemned to die by lethal injection after a court found him guilty of pumping bullets into Tatiana Tsimfer, 30, and Liubov Svirikova, 25, in February, police said. Pattaya, 120 kilometres (80 miles) from Bangkok, is a city notorious for its international Mafia.

"He deserves it since he has ruined our country's reputation," said Lieutenant-Colonel Poolchai Churat of the Pattaya Police and one of the investigators in the case.

Anuchit was freed on bail in January to await trial on charges of robbing a South Korean tourist, then arrested in March for killing the Russians.

He was caught in blurry pictures on a hotel security camera arriving on a motorcycle, walking through a garden to the beach, then later walking back to it.

Police brought in experts to identify the motorcycle, which helped track down Anuchit. — *MNA/Reuters*

India targets five rocket launches per year

NEW DELHI, 4 Sept— India aims to launch five satellites a year in an apparent bid to compete for the 2.5-billion-dollar heavy satellite launch business, a news report said Monday.

"We want to capture five to 10 per cent of the market (mid-range satellite segment of 2,000 kilos and plus) in the next five years" the Hindu quoted Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) chairman G Madhavan Nair as saying.

His comments came as India sent into orbit a 49-metre rocket carrying the Insat-4CR satellite from the Sriharikota space station in its south.

Two Polar Satellite Launch Vehicles (PSLVs) will blast off this year, and another Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) next year, he said.

"We are getting enquiries from foreign customers," he said.

Indian satellites have been used for years for weather forecast, especially for the country's farmers, but the South Asian nation has recently moved toward commercial exploitation of space technology. *MNA/Xinhua*



A model shows the creation during "Capital Model Days", a fashion show organized by Ankara Clothing Industrialist Association, in Ankara, Turkey, on 3 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

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Indonesia, Malaysia plan inter-state bridge

JAKARTA, 4 Sept— Indonesia and Malaysia plan to build a 38-kilometres bridge that connects the two countries crossing the border near Sumatra Island, an official said Monday.

The bridge will link Rupa Island in the Indonesian province of Riau and Malaysia's Port

Dickson, said Riau Governor Rusli Zainal.

According to him, the Malaysian Government has appealed local entrepreneurs to run the project, while from the Indonesian side Vice-President Jusuf Kalla has given a nod to the mega project.

"This has been included in our macro planning

but we haven't set a timetable for the starting of the project," he was quoted by leading news website Detikcom as saying. "The plan should be discussed further by the central government because concerns with relations between two countries," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Chile, Japan launch free trade agreement

SANTIAGO, 4 Sept—The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) signed by Chile and Japan in March took effect Monday, Chilean media reported.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and visiting Chilean President Michelle Bachelet signed a joint declaration in Tokyo announcing the start of the FTA.

Abe and Bachelet

agreed that the FTA would strengthen relations between the two countries.

Abe told Bachelet that Chile would become Japan's biggest trading partner in South America with the launch of the FTA, and Bachelet said Chile would become Japan's doorway into South America.

Japan's FTA with Chile is its first with a South American country and the second in Latin America after its FTA with Mexico.

The Japan-Chile FTA states that Chile will eliminate tariffs on

automobiles, machinery and electronic equipment from Japan, while Japan will gradually eliminate tariffs on Chilean salmon, trout and wines.

Over 90 per cent of the tariffs in the two-way trade will be eliminated gradually over 10 years, according to the agreement. Abe and Bachelet Monday also signed an accord on increasing cooperation in many sectors including the environment, clean energy, climate change, among others.

MNA/Xinhua



Police walk past by a flower bed designed as the symbol of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit as they patrol around the Sydney Convention Centre, on 4 Sept. — INTERNET

Asian reporting networks to boost Zambia's business profile

LUSAKA, 4 Sept — Asia Business Channel, one of the leading business reporting networks, has arrived in Zambia to produce a 30 minute-business investment programme on Zambia as part of an All-Africa series, *Times of Zambia* reported on Monday.

The programme is part of a series that aims at strengthening Africa's image as an investment destination, and in particular, Zambia's key position in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region, according to *Zambia Times*.

MNA/Xinhua



A model presents memory sticks decorated with imitation diamonds at an exhibition stand of Philips at the IFA 2007 consumer electronics fair in Berlin recently. INTERNET

Indonesia's export-import up in first seven months

JAKARTA, 4 Sept—Indonesia's export increased by 13.86 per cent to 63.53 billion US dollars in the first seven months this year compared to the same period of last year, the National Statistic Bureau announced here Monday.

Head of the bureau Rusman Heriawan said that the rise was attributed to the increase of export of non-oil-and-gas products by 20.22 per cent to 52.04 billion US dollars. However, he said that the export of oil-and-gas products decreased by 8.14 per cent to 11.49 billion US dollars. The United States, followed by Japan and Singapore, was the most designated country for the export of Indonesia's non-oil-and-gas products in July, said Heriawan.

At the same time, the import of the country increased by 16.10 per cent to 39.89 billion US dollars, he said.

The rise was due to the increase of import of oil-and-gas products by 1.27 per cent to 11.02 billion US dollars and non-oil-and-gas products by 22.98 per cent to 28.86 billion US dollars, said Heriawan.

The head of the bureau said that China, followed by Japan and the United States, was the most contributory country for supplying non-oil-and-gas products to Indonesia. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese President begins state visit to Australia

PERTH (Australia), 4 Sept—Chinese President Hu Jintao arrived here Monday for a state visit to

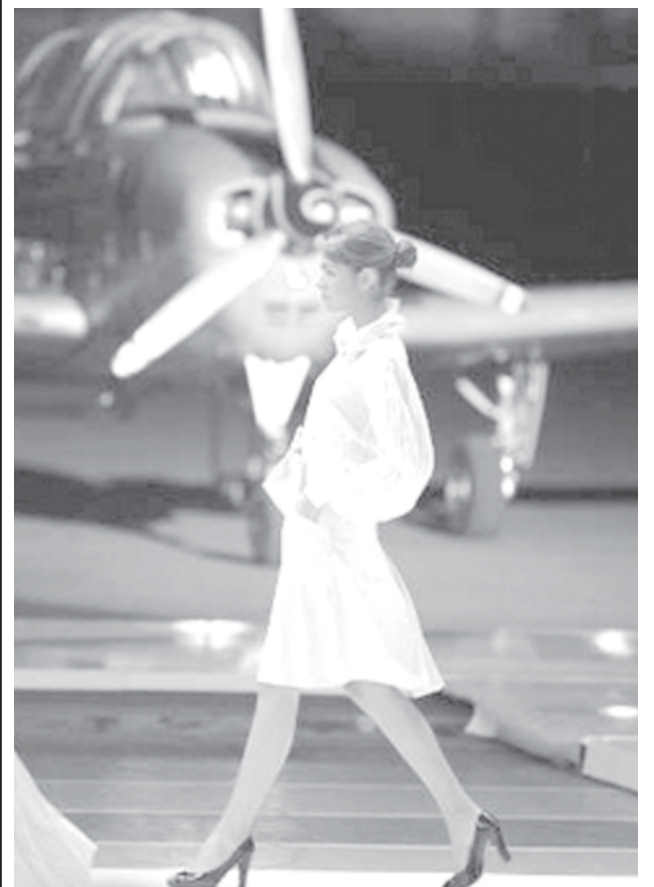
Australia, where he will also attend the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Sydney on 8-9 September.

During his visit, Hu is expected to discuss with Australian leaders ways of furthering the development of bilateral relations, as well as major world and regional issues of common concern. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and Australia. In 2006, the two countries agreed to develop comprehensive and coope-

rative ties for mutual benefit in the 21st Century.

"China and Australia are important countries in the Asia-Pacific Region. Over the past 35 years since the establishment of diplomatic ties, the two countries have treated each other as equals with mutual respect and actively promoted friendly exchanges and win-win cooperation, and their relationship has maintained a strong momentum of growth," Hu said in a written statement issued upon arrival.

MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a creation by Colombian designer Amelia Toro during the "Exposhow 2007" fashion week in Cali, on 4 Sept, 2007.

INTERNET



JBL On Call 5310: Mobile music and docking station for Nokia 5310 Xpress Music.—INTERNET



A dragon boat carrying visitors sails down the Huangpu River, Shanghai, on 3 Sept, 2007. The new archaized dragon boat "Pujiang Sightseeing 1" measures 57 metres long and 17 metres wide.—INTERNET

Nepal, Singapore sign new air service accord

KATHMANDU, 4 Sept — Nepal and Singapore agreed to renew bilateral air service agreement (ASA), agreeing to increase frequency of flights and liberalize the air services between the two countries, a local newspaper *The Himalayan Times* reported on Monday.

According to the daily, civil aviation officials of both countries inked a

preliminary ASA and signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) last Friday in Singapore.

The new pact annulled previous ASA and commercial MoU signed on 15 June 1984 and added new provisions to facilitate air services between the two countries, according to the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation.

The new ASA endorsed a multiple destination provision, allowing the airlines of these two countries to operate up to 28 flights a week using any type of aircraft between Kathmandu and Singapore.

It also increased cargo flight frequency up to 14 flights a week using any kind of cargo freighter, the newspaper said.

MNA/Xinhua

"Airbus A380" flying show opens aviation conference in HK

HONG KONG, 4 Sept — Airbus A380, the world's biggest passenger plane so far, made low flights across the Victoria Harbour in central Hong Kong in a flying show shortly before the opening of Asia's largest airshow on Monday morning.

The superjumbo jet, 72.8 metres long and with a wingspan of 79.8 metres, thrilled spectators at the harbour by flying low against the backdrop of dense skyscrapers nearby, making it possible for people on the ground to have an unusually detailed view.

The plane generated a comparatively smaller noise as it flew over the

Victoria Harbour, a spectator was quoted by the local RTHK radio as saying.

The plane arrived at Hong Kong's International Airport at Chek Lap Kok at about 6:30 pm local time Sunday. It took off from the airport at about 7:53 am local time on Monday.

Some got up early to gather at the Peak, of a hill on the Hong Kong Island, for a closer look at the "big bird", which was expected to join about 10 aircraft on display at the Asian Aerospace International Expo and Congress, held Monday through Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

HIV infections hit record high in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 4 Sept — HIV infections soared to a record high in Hong Kong in the second quarter of 2007 and government doctors said they found a worrying cluster of new infections among homosexual men.

The government reported 111 new HIV infections between April and June this year, up from 91 in the first quarter.

Of the new infections uncovered from April to June, 35 were homosexual men, underlining the vulnerability of the group which has seen a steady rise in new infections since

2004.

Experts identified a new cluster of infections involving eight men, meaning virus samples taken from them were so genetically similar that they probably passed the HIV virus to one another. The eight tested positive between July 2006 and May 2007.

"The detection of a cluster of HIV infection suggests the presence of a rapid local HIV transmission among the affected people," the government said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters



Men form a human pyramid in Villafranca, Spain, recently. Human pyramid is a traditional activity in Catalunya areas.—INTERNET

EC to provide \$3.3m to Bangladesh's flood victims

DHAKA, 4 Sept — The European Commission will provide 2.5 million euros (about 3.3 million US dollars) in emergency aid for the flood-affected people in Bangladesh.

The emergency relief targets 469,000 people in 15 affected districts focusing on the distribution of food items, providing drinking water, emergency shelter and healthcare to prevent water-borne diseases, an EC Press release was quoted by local newspaper *The Daily Star* as saying on Monday.

The fund, channelled through the European Commission's humanitarian aid department ECHO, will also help the

flood-affected people in the recovery of livelihood, water supply, housing, and sanitation facilities.

MNA/Xinhua

Teenager shot dead at New York subway station

NEW YORK, 4 Sept — Police were searching for suspects in the fatal shooting of a 19-year-old at a New York subway station early on Monday.

The shooting happened at 1:15 am (0515 GMT) Monday near the MetroCard booth at the Broadway station on the N line in Astoria, Queens.

Police say Jose Sierra of the Bronx was shot in the head and pronounced

dead at the scene.

A group of four or five men were seen fleeing the train station after the shooting. Police questioned a number of people coming from nightclubs and bars, but no arrests have been made.

There was no apparent motive in the slaying. The investigation into the Labour Day killing was continuing.

MNA/Xinhua

Militants set on fire 13 NATO base-bound trucks in Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 Sept — Afghan Taliban insurgents attacked and burned 13 trucks supplying logistics to NATO forces in southern Afghanistan, an official said on Monday.

The rebels attacked a convoy of Afghan Transport International in Shahri Safa District of Zabol Province Sunday,

burning 13 trucks, provincial police chief Ghulam Jilani told *Xinhua*.

He said one Taliban militant was killed and three others injured while all the drivers were safe.

More than 4,200 people, mostly Taliban insurgents, have been killed in Afghanistan this year.

MNA/Xinhua



Actress Joan Chen, actor Jaycee Chan, actress Kong Wei, director Jiang Wen and actress Zhou Yun (L-R), attend the "The Sun Rises as Usual" premiere at the 64th Annual Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, on 3 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Chronicle of literacy movements in Myanmar

Aung Kyi Nyunt (Tekkatho)

World nations including Myanmar observe the International Literacy Day yearly in response to the suggestion made by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) at the World Literacy Conference held in Teheran, Iran, on 8 September 1965 that International Literacy Day commemorative ceremonies be held on 8 September yearly.

When Myanmar was under the rule of own monarchs, its literacy rate was high and nearly all rural and urban folks were literate thanks to the monks residing in the villages in rural areas at that time.

However, when Myanmar fell under alien subjugation, its people's education, economic and social sectors sank deeper to a certain degree and all sorts of hopes were dashed as a consequence. In particular, they suffered illiteracy and poverty severely.

In 1948 when Myanmar regained independence, it launched a campaign to address the issue of illiteracy, an evil legacy of the colonialists. The literacy movements launched after the independence can be categorized into three periods—from 1948 to 1964, from 1964 to 1988, and from 1988 to date.

Public Education Act was enacted on 4 November 1948. In March 1949, the Public Education Council conducted public education courses and three 'Rs' courses under the first four-year plan (1952-1956) and the second four-year plan (1956-1960).

Myanmar strove from 1964 to 1988 for enabling every citizen to have an equal access to basic education. At the heart of basic education lies literacy. During the period, strenuous efforts were exerted unremittingly in pursuit of the literacy movement. In summer in 1964, summer three 'Rs' courses were launched with the help of voluntary youths at Ashei Sanpya Village in Meiktila Township, Meiktila District. In 1969, Meiktila District was designated to become a district where all local people were literate. In 1971, Meiktila District celebrated the victory over illiteracy for its being the first-ever district in Myanmar.

Myanmar's mass literacy movement had drawn the attention of the world as there emerged many divisions in Myanmar where local people were all literate. Therefore, UNESCO awarded Myanmar the Mohamed Reza Pahlavi Prize on 8 September 1971 and the Noma Prize on 8 September 1983. Thanks to the mass literacy activities, more than 2.4 million people aged 15 years and above became literate. There were a lot of changes in Literacy movements both in form and in essence in the third period from 1988 to date. Literacy movements were launched through additional methods on non-formal education and education for all. Under the directives of the Ministry of Education, the Myanmar Education Research Bureau carried out literacy activities between 1990 and 1995.

Designating 1990 as the International Literacy Year, UNESCO stepped up literacy campaigns. From

1990 to 1993, UNESCO implemented basic proficiency course for women and girls as its research project.

Moreover, it held the World Conference on Education for All in Jomtien, Thailand, in 1990 and released the Declaration of Education for All. And from 26 to 28 April 2000, the World Education Forum was held in Dakar, Senegal, and the Dakar Framework was set up.

Education for All movements covered programmes for school enrollment and continuing education of girls and women, and literacy. The majority of women are housewives, so their literacy and high education standard are necessary for national development. UNESCO designated a motto "Educate a woman, educate a nation".

Myanmar accomplished non-formal education movements under the Education for All programme between 1990 and 2000. As a result, its adult literate rate rose to 91 percent in 2000, 94.1 percent in 2005, 94.35 percent in 2006, and 94.75 percent in 2007.

The 56th UN Assembly held on 19 December 2000 designated the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012) and accelerated literacy movements.

In compliance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, a plan was laid down in 1996 to conduct three 'Rs' courses in border areas: Chin Shwe Haw and Laukkai in Kokang Region, Namtit, Mongmao and Panhsan in Wa region, Mongla and Lisu in eastern Kengtung, and Buthidaung and Paletwa in Rakhine region. So, more than 30,000 people of national races came to know how to read and write Myanmar language.

The non-formal education plan of the Education for All features post-literacy programmes for and enables newly-literate adults to participate in it. For newly-literate adults, UNESCO laid down the continuing education that covers post-literacy programme, income generation programme, better life programme, individual hobby programme, and future education programme.

What is the most important for a newly-literate adult is post-literacy

activities. So, it is required to establish reading sessions, reading rooms and libraries so that they have access to publications of various genres.

Now, under the Ministry of Information, the Information and Public Relations Department is constantly opening self-reliant village libraries across the nation. So far, more than 50,000 villages have enjoyed a village library each.

In addition, to raise the income of the families, the income generation programme is being implemented on the basis of local productivity and by conducting vocational training courses.

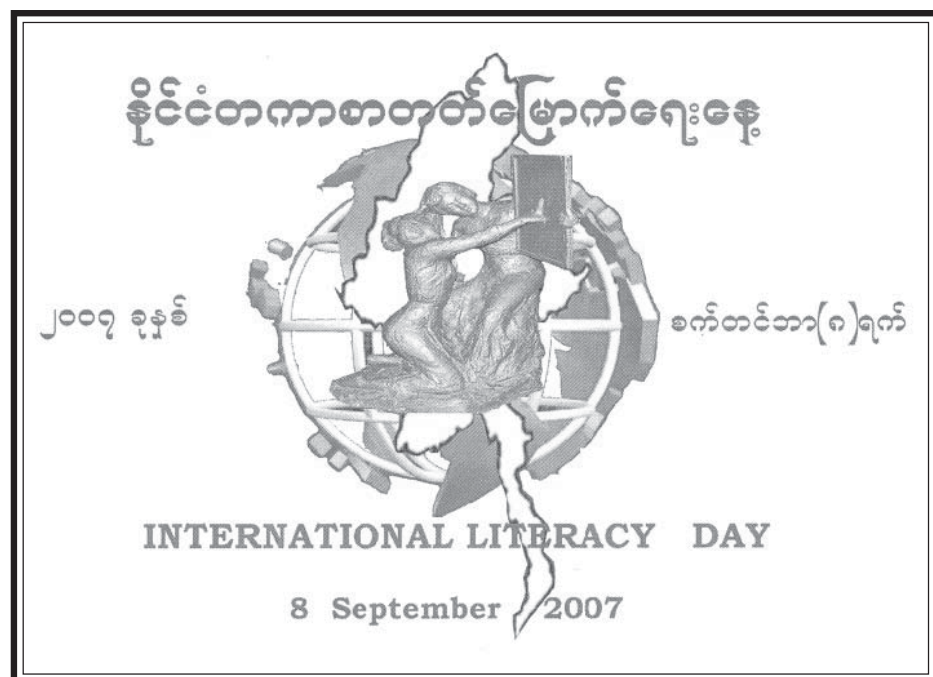
Community Learning Centres (CLCs) are included in the non-formal education programme for the convenience of newly-literate adults. CLCs are designed for multi-purposes such as to help the villagers exchange news, to open vocational training courses, to use them as a gathering sites for villagers to hold discussions on village affairs as well as reading rooms, libraries, cultural centre, recreation centre, and a chinlon (cane ball playing) centre. So, the centres can bring considerable benefits to the villagers.

Besides, the Myanmar Education Research Bureau laid down the books bank plan and coordinated with basic education schools. Under the plan, basic education schools donated necessary publications and periodicals to the Community Learning Centres.

In order to expedite the non-formal education programmes, the government formed the Myanmar Literacy Centre as a non-governmental organization, and is carrying out literacy activities, organizing courses and seminars, and producing publications on literacy and supporting equipment.

The period of Myanmar Literacy movements can also be divided into three parts — public education (1948-1962), Myanmar literacy movement (1964-1988) and Myanmar non-formal education (1988-2004). It is believed that sustained efforts will be made for ensuring literacy of the entire people.

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Special Refresher Course No 28 for Basic Education...

(from page 1)

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 overcoming 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 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.

In conclusion the minister urged the teachers 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.

After the ceremony, Minister Dr Chan Nyein cordially greeted the trainee teachers. A total of 1304 basic education teachers— 223 male and 1081 female—from upper Myanmar are taking the course that will last five weeks.

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Development tasks supervised in Meiktila District

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — Secretary-General U Htay Oo of the Union Solidarity and Development Association on 2 September inspected monsoon paddy plantation with the use of water from Meiktila Lake. He handed 50 exercise books and 50 dozens of pencils donated by USDA members to Basic Education Middle School in Shwehlan Village of Thazi Township and presented cash and kind donations to Meiktila Home for the Aged.

While in Meiktila, the secretary-general inspected construction of buildings for BEPS No 132. He presented clothes and cash assistance to Youth Development Parahita Centre in Tawma Village.

The centre is nurturing three university students and 39 basic education students, and it has produced five



Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo and members donate cash to BEMS at Shwehlan Village.

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graduates and three service personnel.

The secretary-general viewed land preparations for cultivation of monsoon paddy in the farmland of the centre.

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Health Minister receives Chairman of Three Common Diseases Eradication Fund

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Chairman of Three Common Diseases Eradication Fund Mr Andrew Jacobs and member Dr Michael O' Dwyer at the minister's office, here, this morning.

Present also at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, the director-general of the Health Department and officials. —MNA

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister and party back home

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint attended the East-West Economic Corridor Week 2007 held in Da Nang, Vietnam from 27 August to 3 September 2007. The deputy minister and party arrived back here by air this morning.

Deputy Director U Kyaw Thi Wa of the Minister's Office, U Kyaw Soe Thein, Head of Branch 1 of the International Organi-

zations and Economic Department, Joint-Secretary-1 of the UMFCCI Dr Maung Maung Lay and Managing Director U Moe Kyaw of Myanmar Marketing Research and Development Co Ltd also arrived back on the same flight.

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Deputy Minister U Maung Myint participates in East-West Economic Corridor Week 2007 in Vietnam. — MOFA

Wellwishers invited to donate to funds for building pagoda's platform

YANGON, 5 Sept — Under the aegis of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nanita, the Buddha Pujaniya Light 9,900 (oil lamps) Group of Insein Township organizes construction of the concrete platform at Seintamuni Pagoda in Singu of NyaungU Township.

A concrete work measuring 9 square feet and one feet in thickness costs K 9,000. Those wishing to donate cash to the funds for construction task may contact Daw Ma Nge, Tel; 642858, 640487 and 640489, of Buddha Pujaniya Light 9,900 (oil lamps) Group and U Tun Tun Win, Tel; 061-21055, (Chauk Township Land Records and Resettlement Department) not later than 15 November. — MNA

Rice, edible oil to be donated in Pantapwinttaung

YANGON, 5 Sept — Pantapwinttaung Tawya Sasana region Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññasara monthly donates 100 bags of rice and 50 viss of edible oil for serving the daily meals to monks, nuns and devotees at the Sasana region in Taikkyi Township.

Those wishing to donate the provisions to the Sasana region may contact the Sayadaw (Tel; 059 139845), U Myint Soe (Tel; 662328), U San Oo (Tel; 095-017887), U Soe Win (Tel; 643826), U Kyaw Lwin (Tel; 690319), U Kyaw Win (Tel; 642625), Daw Htet Htet Aye (Tel; 579805) and Daw Khin Moe Lwin (Tel; 503993). —MNA



Chief Justice meets judicial officers, judges



Chief Justice U Aung Toe meeting with judicial officers and judges in Yangon Division.— MNA

YANGON, 5 Sept — Chief Justice U Aung Toe met judicial officers of the Supreme Court, justices, staff officers and deputy heads of department of Division, District and Township courts at the Supreme Court (Yangon), here, this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy

Chief Justice U Thein Soe of the Supreme Court (Yangon) and Supreme Court Judges U Khin Myint, Dr Tin Aung Aye, U Myint Thein, U Chit Lwin, U Tin Aye and U Han Shein and officials.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe gave instructions on judicial matters to them. — MNA

Logo invited to construction of Yadanabon Myothit



NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — The Teleport building is under construction in implementing Yadanabon IT City Project in PyinOoLwin Township.

Arrangements are being made to hold the logo contest for Yadanabon IT City. The portrait of the teleport building based on electronic basic facts must be included in the entry for the contest. The contestant is to send three entries measuring 24 inches by 12 inches each to the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Office of Yadanabon Myothit Construction Project Supervisory Committee, Office Building-2, Nay Pyi Taw, Tel: 067-407242, not later than 18 September.

The contestant must describe name, Citizenship Scrutiny Card, qualification, address, telephone number and experience in creating logos attached to the entries.

Prizes will be presented to the prize winners. For further information, may visit the Khitlunge website. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and wife being welcomed by Ambassador of Saudi Arabia Mr Turki Bin Naji Abdul Kader Al Ali at the reception to mark the 77th Anniversary of National Day of Saudi Arabia which falls on 5 September.— MNA

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DHF preventive measures demonstrated

YANGON, 5 Sept — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized the demonstration of preventive measures against dengue fever at Yangon Institute of Education Practising Training School on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

It was attended by the secretariat members of MAAF, member Dr Daw The The Zin and responsible persons, executives of Administration Department of MAAF, heads of Health Department of Yangon City Development Committee and Yangon Division Health Department and officials, Headmistress Dr Nanda Tun of the school, teachers and students.

Deputy Head of Health Department of YCDC Dr Daw Shu Kyi demonstrated

on preventive measures on DHF.

Next, Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint presented educative posters and pamphlets to the responsible persons.

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Demonstration on preventive measures against dengue fever at Yangon Institute of Education Practising Training School.— YCDC

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Syria, Russia agree to cooperate in combating drug trafficking

DAMASCUS, 5 Sept— Syria and Russia on Monday agreed to cooperate in combating drug trafficking, Syria's official SANA news agency reported.

The agreement of cooperation was signed by Syrian Interior Minister Bassam Abdul-Majeed and visiting Director of the Russian Federal Commission for Monitoring Drug Smuggling Viktor Cherkosov,

according to SANA.

It stipulates for cooperation between the two sides in exchanging information and expertise and training specialized cadres as well as implementing joint scientific researches regarding fighting drug trafficking.

"Syria is free of drug planting and industry and it gives great care to the issue of fighting

illegal drug trafficking and cooperates with other Arab and foreign countries in this regard," Abdul-Majeed was quoted as saying.

For his part, Cherkosov said the outcome of bilateral talks and the signing of the agreement constitute a tangible indication of the depth of ties connecting Syria and Russia.

MNA/Xinhua



Singapore Foreign Minister George Yeo (C) arrives with other delegates to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) foreign ministers' meeting at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, on 5 September. Top government leaders, foreign and trade ministers from the 21-member APEC grouping are meeting in Sydney on 2-9 September.—INTERNET



A combination image of Sony's new video Walkman models (L-R) the NWZ-A810 in silver, the NWZ A810 in black and the NWZ-615. Consumer electronics maker Sony Corp on Thursday said it introduced a new US version of its Sony Walkman that includes the ability to play digital video, the latest potential rival to Apple Inc's dominant iPod media player.

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Afghan police kill Taliban hostage-taker

KABUL, 5 Sept — A senior Taliban commander involved in the abduction of 23 South Korean missionaries was among dozens of insurgents killed in clashes in southern Afghanistan overnight, police said on Tuesday.

Ali Shah Ahmadzai, police chief of Ghazni Province, said Taliban commander Mullah Mateen was among 22 insurgents killed in a clash in the province's Qarabagh District.

"He was involved in the kidnapping. We have reconnaissance colleagues on the ground," Ahmadzai told Reuters by telephone from Ghazni. However the US military said it was not yet clear

whether any hostage-takers were among "several" insurgents killed in Qarabagh.

It said a dozen militants had been killed in a separate battle in the southern province of Kandahar overnight, while officials said three policemen had been killed in two separate suicide blasts in the south on Tuesday.

"The fighters targeted in this morning's operation in Ghazni were involved in anti-coalition militant activities. Whether or not they were involved in the hostage situation has yet to be determined decisively," a US military spokesman said.

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French PM ups station security after gang brawls

PARIS, 5 Sept—France plans to step up security at the capital's Gare du Nord Station, the scene of repeated scuffles between rival gangs in recent weeks, Prime Minister Francois Fillon said on Monday.

The brawls at the station that links Paris to other continental European cities and Britain have led to waves of arrests with about 15 people placed under investigation, including eight being held in temporary detention.

Visiting the station with his Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie, Fillon said extra resources would be dedicated to tackling such violence and security cameras would be installed.

"A station is a place to

catch trains, not to be hit on the head with a baseball bat. The people ... who are transforming this part of town into a battle field must know that we will be extremely severe," he told reporters.

Earlier this year and just before France's presidential election, dozens of youths clashed with police around the station earlier this year following an altercation between ticket inspectors and a passenger.

That incident revived memories of riots in poor suburbs around French cities in 2005 and a subsequent wave of clashes between police and demonstrators over a proposed youth jobs law.

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Red Cross says at least 87 dead in West Africa floods

GENEVA, 5 Sept — Severe floods across West Africa have killed at least 87 people, most of them in Nigeria, over the past two months, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said on Tuesday.

Weather conditions worsened considerably in August, with areas of hard-hit northern Togo difficult to reach because bridges

were swept away by heavy rains, the world's largest disaster relief network said.

At least 68 people have died in Nigeria, 17 in Togo and at least two in Mauritania, it said in a statement. More than 100,000 people have been affected in 10 countries across the region, home to some of the world's poorest countries.

"Torrential rains have destroyed homes, leaving thousands homeless. They damaged roads and

devastated crops in areas where food security has been a problem before so we need to carefully monitor the situation," said Niels Scott, the Federation's operations coordinator for Africa.

The Geneva-based Federation has released 553,750 Swiss francs (456,800 US dollars) to help national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies cover immediate needs in West Africa.

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This picture, taken in July 2007, shows a flooded street in Oxford as the River Thames burst its banks due to the heavy rain. Britain had its wettest summer since rainfall records began in 1914, according to provisional figures released by the Meteorological Office on Friday. — INTERNET

Russian business tycoon to be next space tourist

Moscow, 5 Sept — A Russian grocery store chain owner and Parliament member will become the next tourist, and the first from Russia, to the *International Space Station (ISS)*, leading business daily *Vedomosti* reported on Monday.

The 40-year-old Vladimir Gruzdev, from the United Russia pro-presidential party and co-owner of the Seventh Continent grocery store chain, has signed a 20-million-US-dollar worth contract with the Russian Space Agency, the newspaper cited an un-

named official.

Gruzdev has undergone medical tests in the summer and received approval for a flight to the ISS, said another official from the Russian space corporation Energia.

In early August, Gruzdev, along with a group of Russian re-

searchers, dived 4,200 metres below the North Pole in two submarines and planted a titanium Russian flag on the seafloor to support the country's claim to a vast swathe of Arctic territory.

There have been five self-paid space tourists so far.

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A meteorologist tracks tropical storms at the National Hurricane Centre in Miami, Florida, in 2006 file photo. Hurricane Felix gained intensity as it tore across the warm waters of the Caribbean, the National Hurricane Centre has said recently. —INTERNET

US Congress report violence stays high in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept — Violence is high in Iraq, with scant political progress and mixed results on security, a Congressional report said on Tuesday, a day after President George W Bush visited Anbar Province and struck an upbeat tone.

The independent Government Accountability Office (GAO) said Iraq had failed to meet 11 of 18 political and military goals set by

Congress last May. Iraq met three benchmarks and partially met another four, it said.

"Violence remains high, the number of Iraqi

security forces capable of conducting independent operations has declined and militias are not disarmed," the GAO report said — despite

Bush's addition of 30,000 US troops to Iraq this year.

"It is unclear whether sectarian violence in Iraq has decreased," David Walker, head of the GAO, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Iraqi Government got partial credit for one security goal by providing three brigades to support Baghdad operations, but some of those were of limited effectiveness, Walker said.

Baghdad had not met a number of political goals either, the GAO said.

"Of particular concern is the lack of progress on de-Ba'athification legislation that could promote greater Sunni participation in the national government and comprehensive hydrocarbon legislation that would distribute Iraq's vast oil wealth," the GAO said. Laws on amnesty, provincial elections and constitutional review also had not been passed.

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Small device blows out in Manhattan, NY

NEW YORK, 5 Sept — An improvised explosive device detonated in front of a four-storey walk-up in Manhattan early Tuesday, damaging a van but causing no injuries.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg was quick to rule out terrorism, saying there is no evidence showing that but the city is taking the incident seriously.

The building at 227 West 29th Street and Eighth Avenue houses a theatre owned by "Sopranos" actor Michael Imperioli.

Police temporarily evacuated three apartments located above the theatre after the bombing happened at around 1:30 am (0530 GMT).

The city's arson squad, bomb squad, anti-terrorism taskforce and the FBI were all called to the scene to investigate.

Police closed several streets in the area overnight, but they were mostly reopened in time for the morning rush.

Police was working to identify suspects and figure out what the explosive device was made of.

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Local performers stage a traditional drum dance during the Folk Art Show in Zhuzhou County, central-south China's Hunan Province, on 31 Aug, 2007. The show included over 180 pieces of folk art works and various folk art performances. — INTERNET

Costa Rica hosts anti-cluster-bomb conference

SAN JOSE, 5 Sept — Costa Rica is hosting a conference on cluster bombs Tuesday in a bid to make the region the first area free of such weapons.

At the opening of the conference, Vice Minister of the Presidency Jose Torres said that Costa Rica had joined the fight against the use of such weapons, applying laws to bar their use.

Cluster bombs or cluster munitions are air-dropped or ground-launched munitions that spray 10 to 400 mini-bombs.

"This nation calls for a ban on the production, use and sale of such weapons and backs the notion of Latin America being the

first region free of these weapons," Torres said.

Speaking at the same meeting, Jose Manuel Hermida, working for Costa Rica's United Nations Development Programme, said "such weapons have serious effects on food security, causing hygiene problems, displacing communities, exacerbating poverty and limiting both local and national reconstruction and development capacity".

Some 98 per cent of cluster bomb victims are

civilians, including many children. Steve Goose, the executive director of Human Rights Watch, said he was optimistic that Latin America would act as a united force "to create a new 2008 treaty banning the manufacture of cluster bombs".

The non-governmental organization Handicap International said 400 million people in 25 nations which are in "defacto mine fields" are at risks from cluster bombs. — MNA/Xinhua

French Customs intercept 5,000 counterfeit items

PARIS, 5 Sept — About 5,000 counterfeit items valued at 1.5 million euros (about 2 million US dollars) were intercepted over the weekend in Braderie in the northern French city of Lille, French Customs said on

Monday.

Most of the intercepted items consisted of leather goods, textile materials, perfumes, jewels and forged posters of leading brands.

About 10,000 exhibitors, professional and private secondhand goods dealers sell their ware in crowded stalls stretching about 100 kilometres in the heart of the city, transforming it into a mammoth flea market over the weekend.

Regional Customs authorities have devised a special system consisting of 62 Customs agents to track down counterfeit articles.

MNA/Xinhua



A South African model presents a creation of Bongwiwe Walaza' collection during the 11th Sanlam SA Fashion Week in Johannesburg, on 1 Sept, 2007.

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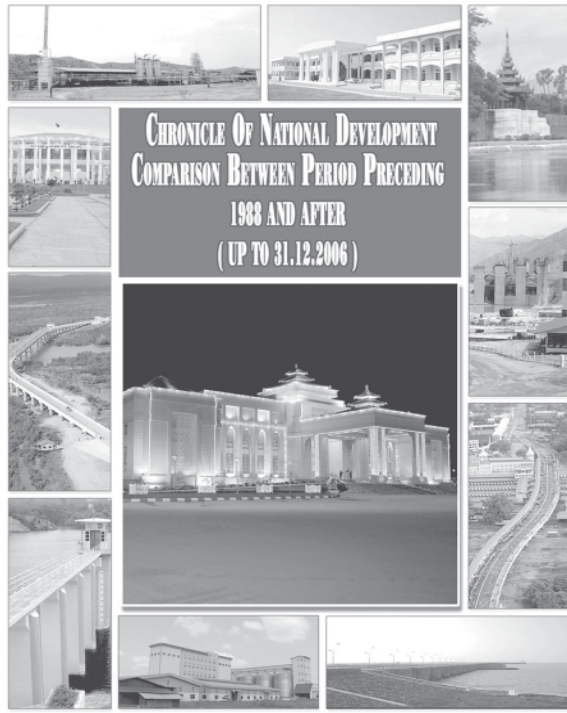
Swelling river in Guatemala kills 12

MEXICO CITY, 4 Sept—At least 12 people died and 18 others went missing in Guatemala on Sunday when their bus overturned while trying to cross a swelling river after torrential rains, said reports reaching here.

All of the drowned were sympathizers of Guatemala's ruling party, the National Union for Hope (UNE). They were returning from a campaign of Gonzalo Cordenon, a UNE candidate for the Jutiapa mayor, said UNE spokesman Jose Carlos Marroquin.—MNA/Xinhua

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Bulgaria donates \$56.6m to help Libya HIV victims

SOFIA, 4 Sept—Bulgaria donated 56.6 million US dollars in Soviet-era debt owed by Libya as its contribution to a deal that led to the release of six medics convicted of infecting Libyan children with HIV.

The European Union newcomer signed on Monday an agreement to donate the debt, accumulated for arms and technical deliveries, to an

international fund set up to provide medical aid and help the families of more than 400 Libyan HIV/AIDS victims.

"The agreement once again proves that Bulgaria is a reliable partner which delivers on its promises," deputy Foreign Minister Feim Chaushev told reporters upon signing.

Sofia wrote off the debt six weeks after five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor — convicted to death for infecting Libyan children with HIV in the 1990s — were freed. Chaushev said Tripoli had agreed to the amount of the debt which has not been served in the past 18 years. The medics who spent eight years in a Libyan jail have

maintained their innocence and said they were tortured into confessing. Tripoli returned the medics to Bulgaria in a deal which included medical help, political ties between the European Union and Tripoli, and compensation for the families of the victims. The chairman of the fund, Mark Pierini, said the Fund plans to pay back the funds to Libya, as and when donors make resources available.

He refused to disclose the level of funds raised so far, citing contributors' requests for anonymity, but noted that besides the Bulgarian contribution, the EU has donated 11.5 million euros, and Germany 1.5 million.

MNA/Reuters

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“Raja Gigi” (King of Teeth) pulls a set of linked trains with his teeth. The Malaysian man with a mouth of steel has beaten his own world record and dragged three train coaches 2.8 metres (nine feet) using only his teeth, his manager said.—INTERNET

Finland : Mobile phones pose no health risk

HELSINKI, 4 Sept—An exhaustive series of Finnish studies have found no evidence that electromagnetic radiation from mobile phones poses a health risk, Finnish media reported on Tuesday. The research programme — Health risk assessment of mobile communications (HERMO) — was started in June, 2004 and concluded in May this year with the aim of studying any possible health effects and risks of mobile



A girl with a dog talks on a mobile phone in central Belgrade.

INTERNET communications.

HERMO programme researchers examined radio frequency electromagnetic fields and how they affect human beings, especially the nervous system and sensory organs. In addition, studies looked for any

possible detrimental effects on children and adolescents.

Using cell cultures, test animals, human subjects and mathematical models, the researchers said that their studies did not uncover any evidence of ill effects on health.

The research programme was comprised of 13 different projects examining various aspects of the issue. The research partners were the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, The Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority and several Finnish universities.—Internet

Indonesia dismisses human-to-human bird flu report

JAKARTA, 4 Sept — Indonesia rejected on Monday a study by US researchers that concluded that the H5N1 bird flu virus had spread from person to person during an outbreak last year, saying it was misleading.

A mathematical analysis published last week in the US journal of *Emerging Infectious Diseases* said it found statistical evidence of human-to-human transmission in a cluster of cases on Sumatra Island, where eight family members died in May 2006. Indonesia’s Health Minister Siti Fadillah Supari said the research findings had “misled the public”.

“It’s pure logic... If there had been human-to-human transmission, it would have already swept the country and killed thousands,” Supari told a news conference.

“Our scientists have already determined that the 2006 outbreak on North Sumatra was not a case of human-to-human transmission.” Researcher Ira Longini and colleagues at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle, who examined two clusters of bird flu cases, said they had developed a tool to run quick tests on disease outbreaks to see if dangerous epidemics or pandemics may be developing.

MNA/Reuters



Female giant panda “Jin Zhu” looks after her baby at the Bifengxia Panda Base of the Chinese Research Centre for the Protection of Giant Pandas in Ya’an of southwest China’s Sichuan Province on 4 Sept, 2007. A total of 22 giant pandas have been artificially bred in China this year, with 21 of them surviving. —XINHUA

Scientists suggest pushing Indian Standard Time to save energy

NEW DELHI, 4 Sept— A group of scientists have suggested pushing the Indian Standard Time (IST) by half-an-hour to six hours ahead of GMT citing several benefits, including peak load energy savings to the tune of 16 per cent.

The new suggestion avoids the risks associated with introducing two separate time zones, a proposal that has already been rejected by the government.

“We propose advancing of the Indian Standard Time by half-an-hour to being six hours ahead of the Universal Coordinated Time,” senior scientists Dilip Ahuja and DP Sen Gupta said in a communication in *Current Science*.

Such an advance would give an extra 30 minutes of daylight in the evenings when it is most useful for all of us.

MNA/PTI

Math prodigy starts university life

BEIJING, 5 Sept — A 9-year-old math prodigy began university life Tuesday — and promptly declared his first lesson “easy.” “I learnt it two years ago,” March Tian Boedihardjo said after attending the lecture on mathematical analysis at Hong Kong Baptist University. Asked what he had learned, he said: “You would not understand that.” The Hong Kong-born Indonesian-Chinese was admitted to a five-year undergraduate and



March Tian Boedihardjo

master’s programme in math by the university last month after obtaining an A in both math and further math, and a B in statistics in the General Certificate

of Education (GCE) A-levels in the United Kingdom. He has also taken courses in Oxford.

The Hong Kong university’s decision to admit him had sparked debate on whether such a young child could communicate with the older students and get used to campus life.

Yesterday, March was accompanied by his father, who carried his son’s school bag and raincoat. He will attend his son’s lessons for the first six months. —Internet



Residents ride bikes through a flooded street near a market in La Ceiba, eastern Honduras, on 4 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Auction in Brazil to sell Pele's millennium ball

BRASILIA, 5 Sept — The ball with which football legend Pele scored his one thousandth goal will be sold one of these days by the famous presenter Roberto Justus, reported local media. Edson Arantes do Nascimento, known as "Pele", scored his historic goal on 19 September, 1969, in a match of his Santos club against Vasco da Gama from Rio de Janeiro. Santos won the game 2-1 and Pele scored in a penalty.

Justus, presenter of a local TV channel, bought Pele's ball by 60,000 reals (30,000 US dollars) in an auction organized in 2005. According to Globonews, Justus wants to collect money for his foundation "Movement You Can Help" dedicated to socio-environmental problems. — MNA/Xinhua

FIFA instructor urges to stop soccer hooliganism

LUSAKA, 5 Sept — Visiting FIFA instructor Jochen Figge has condemned the growing trend by soccer fans to blame on officials and players once their teams are on the losing end, *Times of Zambia* reported Tuesday.

Figge, who is in the country to conduct a week-long youth coaching course in Lusaka, said such conduct has to be gotten rid of from the game as they are casting a dark cloud on the sport. The German national, a former Zambia coach from 1989-1993, cited as a case in point, the riotous behaviour at Nchanga Stadium in Zambia's Copperbelt Province on Sunday after Nchanga Rangers lost 2-1 to Young Arrows in the KCM/FAZ Premier Division match.

He said the Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) needs to clamp down on fans' indiscipline at stadiums by imposing heavy fines on erring clubs while also banning their grounds in order to act as a deterrent to would-be offenders. "It's a very bad trend that sends a wrong picture to the club or the national team whose fans behave like that," he said.

Figge said the sooner the local soccer mother body put an end to such behavior, the better it will be for the development of football in Zambia.

He commended the Zambia Football Coaches Association for its forth-

coming grading system of local coaches to be on the bench in the local league structure. He said FIFA is happy that all its affiliates are establishing the grading system given that coaching has become more demanding and require qualified manpower to do the job with excellence.

MNA/Xinhua



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus returns a forehand to Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia during their fourth round match of the US Open Tennis Championships in Flushing Meadows. Kuznetsova won 6-2, 6-3.—INTERNET

CAF extends ban on former Togo soccer boss to life

JOHANNESBURG, 5 Sept — The Confederation of African Football banned former Togo FA president Avlessi Adaglo Tata for life on Tuesday after he was found guilty of trying to bribe a referee earlier this year.

CAF's appeal committee, meeting in Port Elizabeth, said it had decided to toughen an initial eight-year sanction handed down in July after rejecting his appeal.

CAF found that Tata, who was elected president of the Togo FA earlier this year but has since been removed from office, provided money to the fourth official to pass on to the referee, Pa Abdou Sarr of Gambia, ahead of an African Under-17 qualifier between Togo and Tunisia in March. Togo lost the match 3-0 but still qualified for the U-17 World Cup. Atevi Cehivi Attivi Cessi, who was the fourth official, had acted as the go-between for the bribe, CAF said.

He had been banned for four years but CAF also extended his suspension to life on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

UEFA upholds Domenech's touchline ban

ZURICH, 5 Sept — France coach Raymond Domenech will watch Saturday's Euro 2008 qualifier against world champions Italy from the stands after UEFA upheld his one match touchline ban.

UEFA's appeals body ruled on Tuesday that the ban, handed down following comments made by Domenech in a French newspaper, would stand.

Domenech's appeal was partially upheld, however, with the appeals body lifting the 10,000 Swiss Franc (8,251 US dollars) fine originally imposed on the trainer by UEFA's control and disciplinary board.

Domenech was summoned by the disciplinary board after accusing Italy of bribing the referee of an under-21 qualifying match for the 2000 Olympics

between the two countries.

Following the original hearing, UEFA said Domenech's comments to *Le Parisien* newspaper had brought football into disrepute.

As well as the bribery claims, Domenech used the interview to praise Italy defender Marco Materazzi for provoking Zinedine Zidane into head-butting him in last year's World Cup final.

Zidane was sent off and France lost on penalties.

Domenech also told the newspaper he had doubts about the officiating of Saturday's qualifier in Milan.

"I'm not the one who invented the stories about refereeing in Italy," Domenech said. "Some matches have been fixed."

MNA/Reuters

AFC seeks to heal ties with Malaysian leaders

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Sept — The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) welcomed leading Malaysian Government officials to their headquarters on Tuesday, hoping to work towards healing a rift

caused by a Manchester United friendly.

Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Abdul Razak and Azalina Othman Said, the minister for youth and sports, met with AFC president Mohamed Bin Hammam to discuss the body's Vision Asia project in the Malaysian capital.

Relations between the two were strained in June

when the AFC insisted Football Association Malaysia (FAM) cancel an exhibition match involving English Premier League champions Manchester United.

AFC felt the match, scheduled for July 27, would detract from the Asian Cup final in Jakarta two days later.

The Malaysian Government then ordered the

match to go ahead as part of the country's 50th anniversary celebrations but United eventually cancelled the Kuala Lumpur leg of their Asian Tour.

On Tuesday, Hammam encouraged Malaysia to join the Vision Asia project, which aims to raise the standard of football in all areas, from administration to marketing.

MNA/Reuters

Germany coach surprised by Chelsea omission of Ballack

BERLIN, 5 Sept — Germany coach Joachim Loew said on Tuesday he was surprised Chelsea had omitted Michael Ballack from their Champions League group stage squad because he expected his injured captain to be back in October.

"It's quite a surprise that he won't be

playing in the Champions League this year," Loew said in Cologne.

"We have to talk with each other on the telephone first because I don't know any more details yet myself," he added.

On Monday, Loew said he expected Ballack to return from an ankle injury, which required surgery, for next month's Euro 2008 qualifiers against Ireland and Czech Republic.

"The injury has healed and it's getting better by the day," Loew said late on Monday.

Ballack has not played for Chelsea since April because of the injury and on Monday was left out of their squad for the Champions League group stages. The 30-year-old will not be fit in time for the start of the competition in two weeks.

Chelsea have been drawn with Spain's Valencia, Schalke 04 of Germany and Norwegians Rosenborg Trondheim in Group B.

However, if Ballack does recover fitness over the next four months he would be eligible for the latter stages of the competition should Chelsea qualify.

MNA/Reuters



Japan's rugby player Hajime Kiso catches the ball during a training for the World Cup Rugby 2007, in Toulouse, southwestern France, on 4 Sept, 2007. Japan will play a Group B World Cup Rugby 2007 match against New Zealand on 8 Sept, in Lyon, central France.—INTERNET



David Ferrer of Spain celebrates winning a point over Rafael Nadal of Spain during their match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 4 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

Documents show US troops disregard of rules for war

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept — US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan have failed to understand and observe the rules on interrogations and deadly actions when they committed crimes against local civilians, say documents released on Wednesday.

The report by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) showed it was common that US soldiers believed they did not break any law when killing local citizens.

Among the killings, US soldiers pushed a Iraqi man into the Tigris River

because he broke curfew and a former Iraqi general suspected of helping insurgents was suffocated during interrogation, according to the documents.

Chief Warrant Officer Lewis Welshofer, who was convicted by a

January 2006 court-martial of negligent homicide in the death of an Iraqi general during the interrogation, still insisted his actions were not against the rules, the documents show.

“An interrogation without stress is not an interrogation — it is a conversation,” he said in a letter to the court.

Through a federal Freedom of Information Act, ACLU requested for all documents concerning US troops involvement in

the deaths of civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan. However, only the Army responded.

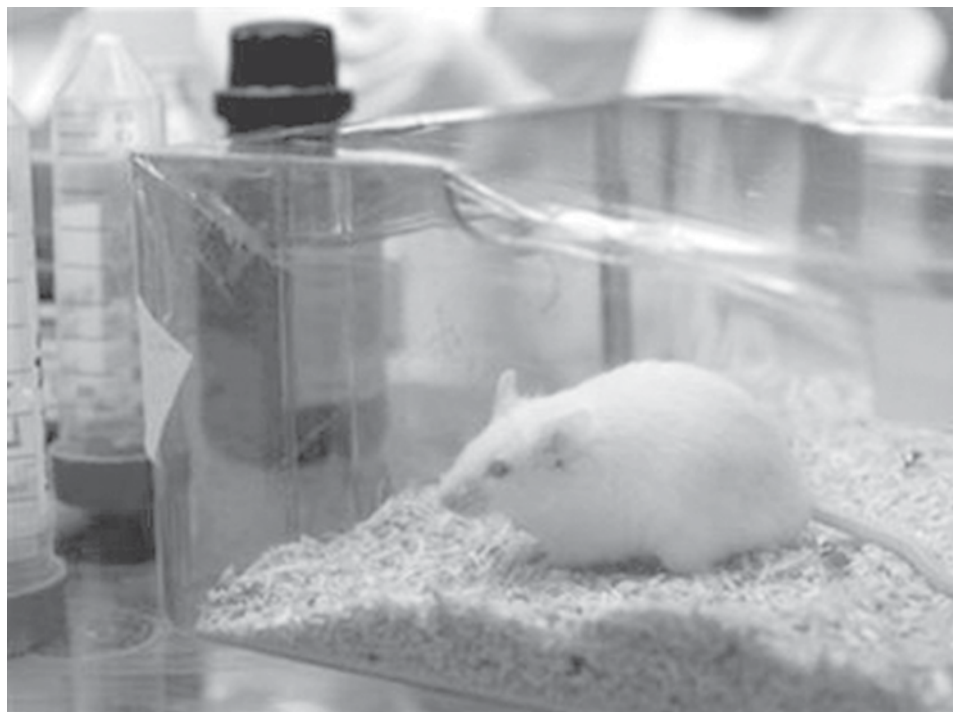
ACLU is to file a lawsuit, by which compel the military to disclose all documents on all civilian deaths incidents US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan were accounted for since January 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

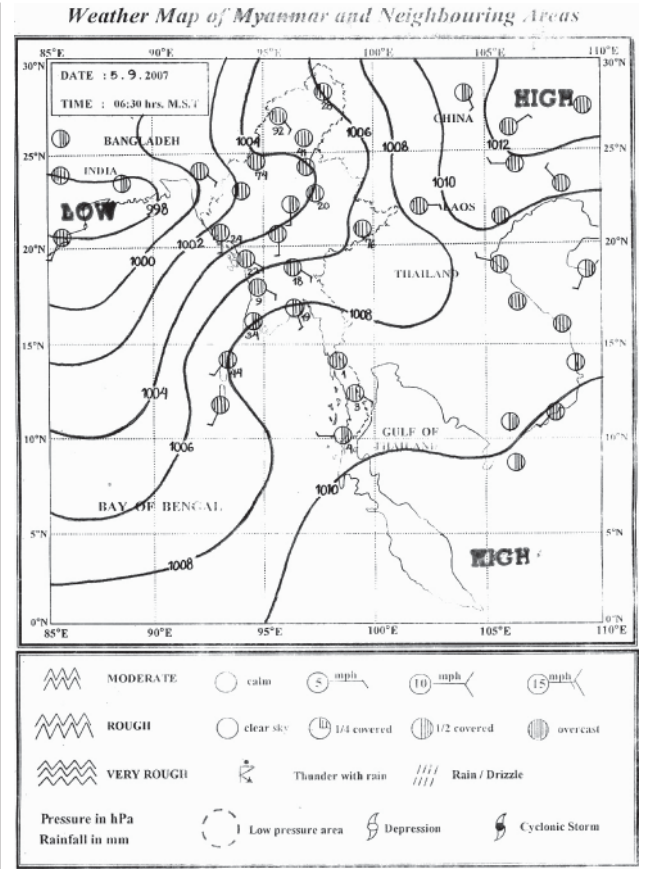
Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 5-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin is (2822) cm. It may reach its danger level (2900) cm during the next (36) hrs commencing noon today.



A genetically modified mouse sits at Romes La Sapienza University on 7 Feb, 2001. A gene that keeps mice and fruit flies lean might offer a way to prevent obesity and diabetes in people, US researchers said recently —INTERNET



WEATHER

Wednesday, 5 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan, Kayah and Mon States, Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division, isolated heavyfall in Shan State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.02) inches, Hkamti (4.37) inches, Homalin (3.82) inches, Mawlaik (3.66) inches, Kalewa (3.58) inches, Kengtung (3.07) inches, Thaton (2.99) inches and Kyaukpyu (1.89) inches.

Maximum temperature on 4-9-2007 was 81°F. Minimum temperature on 5-9-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 5-9-2007 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 4-9-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 5-9-2007 was (0.83) inch at Mingaladon, (0.75) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.14) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (100.59) inches at Mingaladon, (102.91) inches at Kaba-Aye and (102.23) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from South-west at (09:45) hours MST on 4-9-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 6-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagiang and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery condition in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 6-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 6-9-2007: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 6-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Thursday, 6 September
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-Stuck in my heart
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Wonderland
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Nobody wants to be lonely
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Four letter word
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-Can you feel the love tonight
-Colours of the winds
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
-Travelling around Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20pm Topics potpourri
1. Japanese study finds coffee may prevent colon cancer
2. Health juices harm baby teeth
- 9:30pm Songs of your choice
-Top of the world
-More than I can say
-Take me home country road
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 6 September
View on today

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Paritas 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. Dance of national races 8:00 am
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:05 am
7. Dance variety 8:20 am
8. ဝမ်းပုံရေလှောင်တစ် 8:30 am
9. International news 8:45 am
10. Let's Go 4:00 pm
1. Martial song 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit 4:30 pm
3. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊အရေးအတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ဓေတီဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာအဆင့် ၁၅-၂၀)နှစ် (အမျိုးသမီး) 4:35 pm
4. ဆောင်းပါးရှင်- ရေရဲဘော်ဟောင်းတစ်ဦး၏ “မင်းကိုနိုင်-ကြိုးမဲ့လေတံခွန် | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> သို့မဟုတ် တိုင်းပြည်အန္တရာယ်” (အပိုင်း-၆) 4:45 pm
5. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ 5:00 pm
6. သီရိဓေဟာ 5:20 pm
7. ၂၀၀၇ ခုနှစ် အာဆီယံချန်ပီယံ ရှစ်အမျိုးသမီးဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (မြန်မာနှင့်စင်ကာပူ) 7:15 pm
8. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဒုတိယအရွယ်၏ ချစ်မေတ္တာ”(အပိုင်း-၁၈) (ဇာတ်သိမ်း) 8:00 pm
9. News 10. International news 11. Weather report 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်”(အပိုင်း-၁၃) 13. The next day's programme |
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Minister looks into Barite Powder Plant, No 1 Iron and Steel Plant

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — Accompanied by officials concerned, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint went on an inspection tour of Barite Powder Plant in Thazi Township of Mandalay Division on 2 September.

In the compound of the plant, the minister inspected stockpile of raw materials, milling of raw materials, finished ore, production process of quality barite powder and distribution of barite powder to oil-drilling stations.

After hearing the reports of the factory manager at the briefing hall, the minister stressed the need to produce quality barite powder minimizing waste and loss, distribute quality barite powder to the oil-drilling stations in

time to hit their demands, take systematic measures for the distribution of barite powder to the stations that are generating foreign exchange, carry out greening tasks of the plant and its environs, cultivate physic nut and undertake agriculture and breeding tasks on a manageable scale.

At No 1 Iron and Steel Plant in Pyin Oo Lwin, the minister and party inspected stockpile of iron ore, coal and limestone, milling and melting of ore, production of iron rods to be used for construction sites and steel balls for industries, progress in building Oxygen Plant and 3 Ton EAF and manufacturing of import-substitute machine parts for local industries.

Upon arrival at Lime-



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint inspects Barite Powder Plant in Thazi Township.

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stone Mine in Patheingyi Township, the minister oversaw production of limestone, fish ponds and plantations. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint visits maintenance task of bank erosion near No 149 pylon in Pantanaw.

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Weather Forecast for 6-9-2007

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Mandalay and neighbouring areas
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Warning of High Tide

YANGON, 5 Sept — Myanma Port Authority today announced that exceptionally high spring from 20.2 feet to 20.4 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon river during the period from 11th September to 15th September, 2007.

MNA

Maintenance of 230 Hlinethaya-Athok national grid inspected

YANGON, 5 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on 3 September heard reports

on bank erosion near No 149 pylon of 230 kv Hlinethaya-Athok national grid and maintenance of the bank pre-

sented by officials near Kazintaw Village of Pantanaw Township.

The minister instructed officials to harmoniously carry out prevention against bank erosion and maintenance of water way.

The minister inspected prevention against erosion at Ayeyawady River near Kazintaw Village in Pantanaw Township, maintenance of pylon No 149 of 230 KV Hlinethaya-Athok national grid and flow of water in the river. — MNA

