

### 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

## Commander, USDA CEC Member attend awarding ceremony of 15th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions of Bago Division

YANGON, 13 Sept — Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, wife of the Commander Chairperson of Bago Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Sao Nwun Khun Hsam attended the awarding ceremony of 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Bago Division held at Bago Town Hall

on 8 September.

First, the commander made a speech and awarded prizes to winners and so did Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, Brig-Gen Win Myint of Bago Station and wife of Commander Daw Sao Nwun Khun Hsam.

Afterwards, the commander, the minister and those present enjoyed performance of the prize winners at the awarding ceremony. After that the commander presented trophy to Bago District Team and the minister gave away a basket of flowers to the artistes.

The competitions were held from 5 to 7 Sep-



Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko presents a trophy to Bago District team in 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Bago Division. — MNA

tember. A total of 303 contestants participated in the

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## Announcement for submitting matriculation exam applications

YANGON, 13 Sept — Application forms for matriculation examination (2008) will be available at the designated price at the Myanmar Board of Examinations as from 1 October 2007.

The green application form is classified for combination subjects Nos 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8, and pink application form for combination subjects Nos 2, 3, and 4.

External students are to submit their application forms to respective Township Education Office-

er's offices from 1 to 31 October.

Each of the application forms of the students of basic education high schools, BEHS branches and affiliated BEHSs is to be stamped and submitted to the MBE from 1 October to 15 November.

Those who fail to submit their application forms in time will not be granted permission to sit for the exam. And in the exam, any changes in combination subjects will not be allowed.

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### Rainfall received on (13-9-2007)

Thaton	(2.52) inches,
CoCo Island	(2.36) inches,
Ye	(2.09) inches,
Bhamo	(1.73) inches and
Thandwe	(1.34) inches.

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 14 September, 2007

### Boost production of quality goods to meet local demand

The government is now expediting the building of more factories and import-substitute goods factories to boost production of personal goods and household utensils in its drive to fulfil the requirements of the people.

The textile factories, firebrick factories, cement plants, steelware factories and plastic factories that have been built by the Ministry of Industry-1 have launched their production lines. Moreover, it is planning to open more pharmaceutical factories and foodstuff factories.

In like manner, the Ministry of Industry-2 is establishing a raft of technological and prolific factories in relevant industrial zones, and these factories manufacture electrical apparatus for automobiles, machines and equipment, farm implements, electric motors and generators.

Myanmar has got new technical know-how and production methods owing to the extensive implementation of such prudent projects that provide a large number of job opportunities for local people.

At the centre of the national development drive lies industrial development. With this view, the government is now opening industrial zones and regions and pouring investments into modern factory and plant projects, thus creating a prosperous future of the industrial sector. So, the factories have to boost production of quality products, personal goods and household utensils and distribute the items all the more to meet local demand.



*In memory of the late parents, brothers and sisters, retired teacher Daw Kyi Kyi Myint (Meiktila) of Southern Ananbin Ward in Mingaladon Township recently donated K 100,000 to the funds of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Treasurer U Aung Than.— H*

## Peoples' 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

### MWAF organizes educative talks



*Leader of Environment Working Group of MWAF Daw Nilar Thaw speaking at the educative talks at Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 5. — MWAF*

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept — Jointly organized by environment working group and social and culture working group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, an educative talk was held at Nay Pyi Taw Basic Education High School No 5, here, yesterday.

It was attended by Leader of the environment working group Daw Nilar Thaw, Leader of the social and culture working group Dr Daw Sandar Aung, members of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana District /Township Women's Affairs Organization, officials of No 2 Basic Education Department, the education officer of

the township, the principal and teachers and students of the school.

Next, Secretary of the environment working group Deputy Director of National Commission for Environmental Conservation of the Ministry of Forestry Daw Htwe Nyo Nyo gave talks on environmental conservation, member of the social and culture working group Deputy Director of Education Planning and Training Department of the Ministry of Education, on vocational education for life.

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### Deputy Minister looks into Botahtaung BEHS No 6

YANGON, 13 Sept — Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min together with officials looked into learning of students of Basic Education High School No 6 in Botahtaung Township and met with Principal Dr Win Min Lat and officials at the school yesterday.

Next, the deputy minister inspected science labs, classrooms, library and language lab and gave necessary instructions. — MNA

### UMFCCI meets delegation of Yunnan Province



*Responsible persons of UMFCCI meet delegation of Yunnan Province.*

UMFCCI

YANGON, 13 Sept — A delegation led by Vice-Chairman Mr Wang Minzheng of Development and Reform Committee of Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China called on Vice-Presidents U Zaw

Min Win and U Aung Lwin, CEC members and executives of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the office of the federation, here, on 7 September.

They discussed

opportunities for investment and cooperation in businesses to promote bilateral trade, smooth trading between Yunnan Province Chamber of Commerce and UMFCCI and cooperation in border trade. — MNA

### On Site Training Course for Safety & Quality Assurance of Frozen Products concludes

YANGON, 13 Sept — A ceremony to conclude On Site Training Course for Safety & Quality Assurance of Frozen Products organized by Myanmar Fisheries Federation of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries was held at the cold storage of Pylone Chantha Trading Co in Shwepyitha Township this morning with an address by Director-General U Khin Maung Aye of MFF.

Next, responsible persons of Gandhi Win International and Pylone Chantha cold storages spoke words of thanks.

Later, the director-general and Deputy Director-General U Khin Ko Lay presented certificates to the trainees. A total of 37 trainees attended the one week course.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

# Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe resigns

TOKYO, 12 Sept— Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe offered his resignation Wednesday, less than a month after he reshuffled the Cabinet following a crushing defeat in parliamentary election.

“I made my determination today to step down,” Abe told a Press conference held at his office.

Abe said that he quit “to have the war against terror continued”, since as long as he is premier, the opposition leader would not agree to talk over the extension of Japan’s refuelling mission in the Indian Ocean under his leadership.

It would be better to have a new prime minister pursue the matter, he said. Abe also said that he had difficulty in implementing policies and gathering public support.

Abe quitted his post as the president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and effectively the post of prime minister.

However, Abe will continue act as premier until the ruling party selects a new leader “in at least a month,” *Kyodo News* quoted a LDP official as saying.

Abe, who took office on 26 September last year, has been plagued by a series of scandals involving his Cabinet

ministers, pension recording errors, as well as a crushing defeat in July’s Upper House election which cost the LDP’s decades-long dominance in the chamber.

On 27 August, Abe reshuffled the Cabinet and replaced the members with veteran politicians to regain public trust. However, in less than a week, the new Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Takehiko Endo resigned over a scandal involving a farmers’ group that he heads. The internal affairs minister Hiroya Masuda admitted Saturday an error in his own political fund report.—MNA/Xinhua



Jia Qinglin (L), chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, meets with Speaker of the Japanese House of Representatives Yohei Kono in Tokyo, Japan, on 12 Sept, 2007. Jia Qinglin arrived here on Wednesday afternoon, starting a seven-day official goodwill visit to Japan. —XINHUA

## Regional conference opens in Malaysia to tackle forest management

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 Sept— A regional conference sponsored by The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on sustainable forest management in East and Southeast Asia opened here Monday.

A total of 65 participants from Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia are attending the two-day meeting, themed “Forest Protection and Management Through Local Action”.

In his opening speech, UNDP resident representative for Malaysia, Dr Richard Leete, lauded efforts to accomplish the objectives set out under the Small Grants Programme to Promote Tropical Forests (SGP-PTF) after four years of implementation in Malaysia.

He said that this was consistent with the

national vision of sustainable human development and sustainable forest management.

“The SGP-PTF national steering committee has created a programme that reflects the commitment to sustainable forest management while recognizing the role of the indigenous people,” Leete said.

MNA/Xinhua

## US marks 11 Sept with moments of silence

NEW YORK, 12 Sept— Americans observed a moment of silence at the very hour and place of the first 11 September attack on Tuesday, the sixth anniversary of a day remembered with solemnity and ceremony. Speaking near Ground Zero, where the twin World Trade Centre towers were destroyed by hijacked planes on 11 September, 2001, Mayor Michael Bloomberg told families of those who died: “Six years have passed and our place is still by your side.”

Rain fell on the somber ceremony as some wore funereal black to

remember the 2,750 people killed when the towers were destroyed one after the other. Their names were due to be read out loud over four hours.

Similar ceremonies were taking place in Washington, where the Pentagon was attacked by a third plane, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where a fourth plane crashed after passengers fought with al-Qaeda hijackers that day.

Bagpipes played, accompanied by a steady drum beat, in a New York City park neighbouring the former disaster site which is now a busy construction zone.

MNA/Reuters

## Two Canadian schools shut down after shooting nearby

OTTAWA, 13 Sept— Two schools were shut down Tuesday morning in western Canada after a shooting took place near the schools, reports reaching here said.

The shooting happened about a block from Peterson Road Elementary and a few blocks from DW Poppy

High School in the city of Langley in the province of British Columbia, Langley School District spokesman Craig Spence said. The shooting took place just as the high school was starting its teaching day about 8:15 am. No details about the shooting are available so far. Local police is still

investigating the event.

School shooting has been on the rise in Canada in recent years. In September 13, 2006, in one of the deadliest such attacks, two were killed and 19 injured when a young man opened fire randomly in a building at Dawson College in Montreal.

MNA/Xinhua

## Pakistan suicide blast kills 18, injures 16 others

ISLAMABAD, 12 Sept— As many as 18 people, including the bomber himself were killed and 16 others injured in a suicide bomb blast in northwestern Pakistani city of Dera Ismail Khan on Tuesday, police said.

The blast occurred at “New Bannu Chungi” locality, a busy area in Dera Ismail Khan, some 280 kilometres southwest of Pakistani capital Islamabad and within North West Frontier Province (NWFP).

At least three security personnel were among the killed in the explosion, according to officials.

A boy, aged 14 or 15, blew himself up in Dera Ismail Khan at 3:30 pm

(1030 GMT), when the police tried to search his body, Deputy Inspector-General of Police in Dera Ismail Khan, Haji Habib-ur-Rehman, earlier told private Geo TV channel.

“The bomber was travelling on a bus when he realized he was being followed by police. He got off the bus and soon afterwards blew himself up at the bus stand,” said DIG Dera Ismail Khan Haji Habib-u-Rehman.

While state-run *Associated Press of Pakistan* quoting police as saying that suspicious man boarded a passenger pickup in a bid to escape and blew himself up in the vehicle.

Dera Ismail Khan has

seen deadly bomb attacks in recent months.

MNA/Xinhua

*Actress Rachel McAdams attends the “Married Life” gala at the 32nd Toronto International Film Festival on 12 Sept, 2007.*

XINHUA



Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Political Bureau, talks with students after watching the show by college students to promote the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, on 10 Sept, 2007, in Beijing.—XINHUA

## Schwarzenegger steps up fight against West Nile Virus

LOS ANGELES, 12 Sept—California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger this week stepped up the fight against the deadly West Nile Virus.

The Governor issued an executive order Monday broadening the scope of what the 10 million US dollars allocated last month can be spent on in tackling the mosquito-borne disease.

Last month's funding was initially earmarked for

mosquito control, surveillance and vegetation management. Prior to that this year, 35 counties received nearly 4.5 million dollars to fight the virus.

Monday's order will allow the money to be used in efforts by local government to expand public education, enhance support to the medical community and promote aggressive surveillance by the California Department of Public Health

(CDPH) in areas with an elevated risk of West Nile Virus transmission.

MNA/Xinhua

## 81 die of rabies in Vietnam in first eight months

HANOI, 12 Sept—Eighty-one people in Vietnam died of rabies in the first eight months of this year, local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* reported Monday.

Most of the victims were from the northern provinces of Tuyen Quang, Phu Tho, Ha Tay and Yen Bai, the paper quoted Vietnamese Deputy Health Minister Trinh Quan Huan as saying.

Vietnam has annually reported 80 fatalities due to rabies since 2004, up from only 34 in 2003.

Nearly 5.9 million people in Vietnam have been bitten by rabies-infected dogs or cats in the last 10 years, much

higher than the figure in the pre-1996 period, according to the ministry.

Vietnam, with a population of some 85 million, is encouraging vaccinations among people and dogs in a bid to contain the disease by 2010 and eradicate it by 2015.—MNA/Xinhua

## Germany boosts non-embryonic stem cell research

BERLIN, 12 Sept—The German Government said it would allocate five million euros (6.9 million US dollars) over three years for non-embryonic stem cell research.

"We will support more those research projects that aim to substitute... embryonic stem cells with stem cells ... produced from non-embryonic cells," German Research Minister Annette Schavan said in a statement on Monday.

MNA/Reuters

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## Chinese, British Cos sign agreement on carbon emissions

BEIJING, 12 Sept—The GD Power Development Co Ltd has signed an agreement on the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions with a British energy company, sources with GD Power confirmed on Tuesday.

Under the accord, the Shanghai-listed firm will sell carbon emission reductions of two million tons to the Britain-based SSE Energy Supply Ltd for 20 million euros before 30 November, 2012.

The carbon emissions are to be reduced by a series of wind power projects carried out by the Chinese company.

The agreement will also help raise income from electricity to be supplied by the wind power projects by 0.09 to 0.1 yuan per kilowatts/hour.

The sources said the fulfillment of the agreement depended partly on the operation of the wind power projects and supervision and recogni-

tion of the projects by an independent third-party agency on international markets. Energy efficiency and emissions reduction have been one of the top concerns of the Chinese Government for further development of the national economy.

MNA/Xinhua

## Helicopter crash kills four in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, 12 Sept—Two military helicopters collided in mid-air during a national guard exercise in the south of Sweden on Tuesday, killing all four people on board. The two helicopters, which each carried a pilot and a navigator, belonged to a helicopter base in Linkoping and were part of the F-17 regiment in Ronneby, the military said in a statement.

"When the rescuers arrived at the scene there was nothing to do. All four were deceased," Swedish police spokesman Robert Loeffel said.

The helicopters were both German-produced MBB BO 105 CB-3s, which the Swedish military calls *Helicopter 9*, according to the Swedish military's website. The site says they were long used as anti-tank helicopters but are now mainly used as transport helicopters.—MNA/Reuters

## Two killed in US helicopter crash

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept—A helicopter crashed Tuesday off the coast of Sarasota, Florida, killing two people and injuring a third person on board.

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office said the chopper was part of a photoshoot with a speedboat. Officials are still trying to determine if the helicopter struck a speedboat as it plunged into the ocean.

According to authorities, one man was pronounced dead on shore, and two others were taken to a local hospital where one of them died.—MNA/Xinhua



Zac Posen 2008 spring/summer collection is modelled during Fashion Week in New York, on 11 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET



Fire fighters put out the fire at a mock air crash at Phnom Penh International Airport during the Full Scale Airport Emergency Exercise 2007 on 12 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

## ECONOMIC NEWS

## OPEC agrees oil output rise in nod to consumers

VIENNA, 12 Sept—Saudi Arabia persuaded OPEC to raise oil output by 500,000 barrels per day on Tuesday in a gesture to consumer nations worried by the economic impact of 77 US dollars oil and rapidly diminishing fuel stocks.

After seven hours of talks, OPEC officials announced the hard-won deal, effective 1 November. Before the meeting Libya, Algeria and Venezuela were inclined to resist the proposal put forward by Saudi Arabia and its Gulf Arab neighbours.

“We think the market is a little bit tight so we are responding positively. We are also taking into

consideration, as OPEC, the concern of the consumers,” acting Kuwaiti Oil Minister Mohammad al-Olaïm told reporters.

“Our message to the consumer is that we care and that is why we have raised our production by 500,000 barrels per day,” OPEC Secretary-General Abdullah al-Badri told a news conference.

US crude oil was down seven cents at 77.42 US dollars after the deal but still within sight of its record high of 78.77 US dollars a barrel.

“Given the global credit crunch and the number one consumer on the economic ropes, OPEC’s decision is symbolic,” said Christopher Jarvis, analyst at

Caprock Risk Management.

OPEC’s move followed months of calls for more oil from top consumer the United States and the International Energy Agency (IEA) that represents the interests of 26 industrialized nations. —MNA/Reuters



A woman introduces an artwork combining traditional Chinese paper-cutting and block printing during a paper-cutting art exhibition in Changchun, capital of northeast China’s Jilin Province, on 12 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

## Nepal-China Tibet Economic, Trade Fair kicks off

KATHMANDU, 12 Sept—Nepal-China Tibet Economic and Trade Fair 2007 was kicked off at Birendra International Conference Centre in Nepali capital Kathmandu on Tuesday morning.

At the opening ceremony of the economic and trade fair, Rajendra Mahato, Nepal’s Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies, welcomed an 81-member delegation from China’s Tibet Autonomous Region, which arrived in Kathmandu on Monday to participate in the fair.

Mahato said, “The Tibet Autonomous Region of China and Nepal share many things in common due to their geographical proximity and historical ties. The bilateral trade relations

which have existed since long have been further strengthened over the years.”

He said he believed that the fair “is a good opportunity for our business community of both sides to have direct interaction with each other and develop a reliable link for trade and investment through trade fair like this”. Chinese Ambassador to Nepal Zheng Xianglin said,

“The recent years have witnessed expanding trade and economic cooperation between Nepal and the Tibet Autonomous Region.”

He said the Chinese side is working hard on the renovation of infrastructure facilities in Chinese border town Khase, and in the Kerong port as the second important pass between the two countries.

Head of the delegation and Vice-Chairman of China’s Tibet Autonomous Region Deng Xiaogang thanked the Nepali hosts for the warm welcome accorded to the delegation. He said, “The fair will further strengthen the traditional friendship between the two peoples of China and Nepal, enhance the bilateral trade between Nepal and Tibet of China.” —MNA/Xinhua



A woman holds a Sphynx cat during a local cat show in Almaty on 9 Sept, 2007.

INTERNET

## China’s passenger vehicle sales up 24% in first eight months

BEIJING, 12 Sept—Automobile manufacturers in China sold 4.02 million passenger vehicles in the first eight months of this year, up 24.09 per cent over the same period of last year, the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers said in its latest monthly report.

Of this, 481,300 units were sold in August, up

5.29 per cent over the previous month, and 26.77 per cent year-on-year.

For the January-August period, sales of sedans jumped 26.31 per cent year-on-year to 3.01

million units, sports-utility vehicles soared 49.78 per cent to 217,200 units, while multi-purpose vehicles went up 20.48 per cent to 143,500 units.

MNA/Xinhua

Sony Corp’s Organic Electroluminescence (EL) televisions are displayed at the Display 2007 in

Tokyo on 11 April, 2007.—XINHUA

## Sinopec to import 60,000 tons of gasoline in September

BEIJING, 12 Sept—Sinopec, China’s biggest oil refiner, is planning to import 60,000 tons of gasoline in September to help meet domestic demand, said an official of the company on Tuesday.

Arrangements for the imports have been fixed, including the time and place of delivery, said the official in charge of sales with Sinopec, adding the imported gasoline would arrive at the end of this month. The demand for gasoline has surged due to increasing fuel consumption propelled by the end of a

fishing moratorium, intensified farming in the autumn and persistent hot weather.

Meanwhile, the company wanted to keep some gasoline in store ahead of the National Day holidays to help ease the shortage in the domestic market, he said.

The market price of gasoline in China was 6,300 yuan (829 US dollars) per ton while the CIF (cost, insurance and freight) of imported gasoline was about 6,800 yuan (895 US dollars) per ton, said the official.

MNA/Xinhua





A hay sculpture depicting a University of Montana grizzly bear mascot and a Montana State University bobcat mascot stands in a field near Utica, Mont, during the 17th annual 'What the Hay' bale art show on 9 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

## Swiss head for record mountain deaths

ZURICH, 12 Sept — Switzerland is headed toward a record year for mountain casualties, with 77 deaths so far this year, a study showed on Tuesday.

Swiss newspaper *Blick* said this year's figure was rapidly approaching the record 88 fatal mountain casualties seen in 2003.

The newspaper said the latest spike in deaths was due to lack of fitness among hikers and to growing numbers of visitors from Eastern Europe who did not speak local languages and who were not familiar with

conditions in the mountains.

"We have reached a high level of mountain casualties this year," said Gery Baumann, spokesman for Swiss Air Rescue group Rega.

Rega flew 545 mountain missions up to the end of August this year, second only to the 633 missions in the same period in 2003, when an unusually hot summer attracted waves of hikers and climbers.

In one week in July this year, 10 hikers perished in the canton of Valais, including French-

man Claude Rey, president of the International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations, who plunged 30 metres into a crevasse.

Switzerland is still coping with the loss of six soldiers who died in July during a training exercise on the Jungfrau mountain — apparently ignoring expert advice to avoid the icy conditions.

"People are better equipped today," Bauman said. "But the risk is then that they don't know exactly what to do, or how to deal with the mountains." — MNA/Reuters

## US study: Higher education, lower cancer death rates

BEIJING, 13 Sept — A new study in US found higher education lowers the risk for black and white women and men, media reported Thursday.

Researchers collected data on 137,708 cancer deaths from 2001 involving black and white men and women between the ages of 25 and 64.

Researchers found that more education was associated with lower death rates from cancer among all race and gender groups. The greatest

difference was found between people with 12 or fewer years of education and those with more than 12 years of schooling.

Compared with those with the lowest levels of education, those with the highest levels of education cut their risk of dying from cancer. For the highest educated white men, the risk was cut by 48 percent, for white women it was cut by 76 percent as it was for black men, and the most educated black women had a 43 percent

lower risk of dying from cancer, the researchers reported.

"Cancer mortality varies a great deal for all cancers by individual level of education," said Elizabeth Ward, director of cancer surveillance in the American Cancer Society.

"If we could get everyone's cancer mortality to the level we see among the best educated, it would make a huge impact on cancer in the United States."

Education is tied to socioeconomic status and access to medical care, Ward noted.

The new study finding makes it clear that many of the factors that influence cancer mortality are preventable, she said.

Internet

## At least nine killed in strong Indonesian earthquake

JAKARTA, 13 Sept — At least nine people were killed and more than one hundred feared injured after a strong earthquake measuring 7.9 magnitude on Richter Scale hit Bengkulu province of Indonesia on Wednesday, Disaster Management Agency said here Thursday.

The agency official Firman Haye said that seven of the fatalities were found in Bengkulu city, capital of Bengkulu province, and two others in Padang, capital of West Sumatra province.

Until Thursday morning, strong and moderate aftershocks frequently hit Bengkulu province, scaring people to return home and settle outdoors.

"Many of the people in

the city build tents outside far from buildings," the provincial red cross staff Sugent Suyatno told *Xinhua*.

Internet



A resident and firefighters look at a damaged building after a strong earthquake struck in Padang, Indonesia's West Sumatra Province on 12 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

## Megawati agrees to run in 2009 presidential election

JAKARTA, 12 Sept — Former Indonesian president Megawati Soekarnoputri has accepted a nomination by her Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P) to run for the presidential election in 2009, local Press said Tuesday.

Megawati made the decision after party executives from across the board joined a day-long coordination meeting Monday to show their unanimous determination to support her for presidency.

In addition, a meeting attended by around 1,500 party executives from

provinces and regional branches on the weekend recommended Megawati run for presidency, reported English daily *The Jakarta Post*.

"On the basis of the party's recommendation, in my capacity as chairwoman of PDI-P, I am ready to be nominated

by PDI-P as a presidential candidate in 2009," she said.

Megawati was president from 2001 to 2004. She was defeated by Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono in the second round of the 2004 presidential elections.

MNA/Xinhua

## Landslides claim over 1,000 lives in China annually

CHENGDU, 12 Sept — Mud-rock flows and landslides left an average 1,036 people dead or missing in China each year from 1995 to 2006, a Chinese scientist said on Monday.

Fu Bojie, chief of the environment and resource bureau with the Chinese Academy of Sciences, said landslides and mud-rock flows left 12,428 dead or missing in China during the 12-year period.

Around 74 million people in 1,583 counties or cities were threatened by landslides and mud-rock flows, said Fu at the Fourth International Conference on Debris-Flow Hazards Mitigation, which began on Monday in Chengdu, capital of the southwestern Sichuan Province.

More than 100 debris flow-prone areas have been effectively treated across China, protecting the lives of more than 100,000 people, said Deng Wei, director of the CAS Mountain Hazards and Environment Institute.

The four-day conference attracted 130 debris-flow researchers from 19 countries who gathered to discuss the treatment and prevention of disasters.

MNA/Xinhua

# Farmers constitute majority in Thayawady Township

## Monsoon paddy per acre yield is 75 baskets, summer paddy 85 baskets

Article: Nu Nu Yee and Tin Tin Win  
Photos: Tin Soe (Myanma Alin)



*“Summer paddy yields more as is minimized wastage”, explains farmer U Hla Soe of Leik-ou-kon village.*

Per acre yield of monsoon paddy was 75 baskets and that of summer paddy 85

more as wastage was minimized.

The farmer, U Hla Soe, put monsoon paddy

south. He told us that there were two strains of monsoon paddy, saying, “The four-month-life-span paddy is grown during the period from June to September and the six-month-life-span paddy from June to November. Summer paddy season is from January to April.”

U Hla Soe continued to say, “Normally, paddy seeds are scattered all over the field at the rate of two baskets per acre. After four months the field is



*Farm machines are used in pressing paddy plants.*



*A thriving paddy field in Leik-ou-kon village.*

baskets in Thayawady Township. It was at the plot of a farmer in Thayawady Township, Bago Division (West). Summer paddy yielded

as well as summer paddy on his 17-acre plot in Leik-ou-kon village, in the township that is 78 miles by road and 68 miles by rail from Yangon in the

harvested. Then harvested paddy is transported to a place where it is threshed, winnowed and dried. Afterwards, paddy is milled into rice.”

The farmer also explained, “We use conventional method as well as machines in growing paddy. The Gaw Dam is the main source for irrigating the farmlands in Thayawady Township bordering Taikkyi in Yangon Division in the south and Letpadan of Bago Division (West) in the north. “We feed paddy plants with chemical as well as natural fertilizers

### ONE VILLAGE, ONE PRODUCT

depending on soil condition”, he added.

When we saw his

per cent of her population are rural dwellers. In this regard, the government laid down and is implementing the following five rural development work programmes:

—To improve and

Hence, we believe that agriculture development in Thayawady Township will contribute towards implementing the work programmes, especially towards developing rural economy.

As for us, we have



*Farmers working with a thresher.*

duck farm, we asked him about it in detail. “Duck droppings can be used as natural fertilizer”, he answered, adding, “about 1000 ducks of the farm are producing over 500 eggs daily.”

“When the paddy plants are thriving well, I send flocks of ducks into the field. These water birds eat up all insects they find on the paddy plants. This process makes the plants healthier”, he explained.

Myanmar is an agro-based nation and over 70

facilitate rural transport

—To supply clean water for irrigation and other purposes

—To uplift rural education

—To promote rural health care services

—To develop rural economy

The name “Thayawady” means prosperous and pleasant land with promising future. Most of the people in the township earn their living through agriculture.

studied paddy cultivation and witnessed the whole process of producing rice beginning from harvesting of fields to threshing, winnowing, drying and milling of paddy.

And it is the result of our tireless efforts to gather information about the one village one product project in the length and breadth of the nation regardless of the weather and territorial condition.

(Translation: TMT)  
Myanma Alin: 7-9-2007



*Villagers winnowing paddy.*

## Nutritious food cookery contest organized



**Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win presents prize to winning MCWA branch in nutritious food cookery contest. — MNA**

YANGON, 13 Sept — The Maternal and Child Welfare Association of Yangon Command organized the nutritious food cookery contest for expectant and breastfeeding mothers as activities in commemoration of the Nutrition Development Week 2007, at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters, here, this afternoon.

Member of the

Panel of Judges Dr Nwe Ni Ohn explained matters related to the contest.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai together with guests viewed participation of contestants from 12 MCWA branches in the contest.

After giving an

address, the commander presented first, second and third prizes to respective MCWA branches for the expectant mothers event in the contest.

Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee also presented prizes to winning MCWA branches in the breastfeeding mother event in the contest. — MNA

## Indian Army delegation tours Bagan archaeological region

YANGON, 13 Sept — A visiting Indian delegation led by General Officer Commanding-GOC 3 Corps Lieutenant General MS Dadwal, AVSM, VSM, and wife arrived at Bagan-NyaungU Airport yesterday morning.

They were welcomed at the airport by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and

Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and Daw San San Myint, Chairman of NyaungU District PDC U Aung Kyaw Soe and wife and officials.

The goodwill delegation members offered flowers, water and lights to Shwezigon Pagoda and paid homage to the pagoda. They also paid obeisance to Ananda

Pagoda and Thabbyinnyu Pagoda.

The Indian guests visited Bagan Archaeological Museum and the Lacquerware Shop of U Ba Nyein in Bagan Myothit.

In the evening, Col Phone Maw Shwe and wife hosted a dinner in honour of the Indian delegation at Thande Hotel. — MNA



**General Officer Commanding-GOC, 3 Corps Lt-Gen MS Dadwal, AVSM, VSM and wife visit Lacquerware Shop of U Ba Nyein in Bagan Myothit. — MNA**

## Patients with HIV/AIDS, TB and chronic diseases provided with cash, medicines and refreshment

YANGON, 13 Sept — The cash donation ceremony of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and

social organizations for patients with HIV/AIDS, TB and chronic disease and their families was held at the meeting hall

of Hlinethaya Township Basic Education High School No 1 this morning.

Patron of

Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai delivered an address and accepted K 780,000 donated by wellwishers.

Next, Dr Hla Myint of Yangon Division Health Department explained community based preventive measures and health care services and the chairperson of Hlinethaya Township WAO reported on the activities of township organization.

After the ceremony, Daw Mar Mar Wai and members presented cash, medicines and refreshment to the patients of Shwe Udaung Street in Ward 1 and Maha Bandoola Street in Ward 2. — MNA



**Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai presents cash, medicines and nutritious food to patients in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA**

## Five members quit YeU, Ayadaw, Kawlin, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Sagaing Township NLDs

YANGON, 13 Sept — Five members including U Tun Myaing of YeU Township on 27 July, U Kyi Soe of Ayadaw Township on 29 July, U Aung Gyi of Kawlin Township on 8 August, U Win Min Thu of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township and U Kyauk Khwe of Sagaing Township on 4 September sent their resignation letters of their own accord to National League for Democracy Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In their resignation letters sent to YeU, Ayadaw, Kawlin, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and Sagaing Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommissions, they said that they no longer wished to stand as members of the NLD, and they resigned from the party of their own volition.

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## All this needs to be known

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

## MWAF organizes demonstration on prevention of DHF

YANGON, 13 Sept —The second demonstration on preventive measures against dengue fever for September was held at the Yangon Institute of Education Practicing High School here yesterday, attended by Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe.

Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and members heard reports on the population, number of households and schools, supply of clean water, outbreak of the dengue fever and educative activities on the disease control in Kamayut Township presented by



**MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe put fry fish into water tank of Yangon Institute of Education Practising High School.**  
YCDC

Assistant Head of the Health Department of YCDC Dr Daw Kyi Kyi Than, Head of Kamayut

Township Health Department Dr Myint Lwin and Principal Dr U Nandar Tun of the school. Daw Khin Thet Htay gave instructions on prevention of dengue fever.

Next, the Vice-President and members,

staff of Health Department and YCDC, members of WAO and social organizations looked into preventive measures against DHF and held discussions on educative activities with the students.

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**Myanmar striker Zin Mar Wan trying to pass through Malaysian defensive players in second semifinal match.**  
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## Minister looks into construction of Mansan main power station

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint together with officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Mansan main power station that is included in the construction project of Shweli-Mansan-Shwesaryan (230) KV powerline and sub-power stations on 10 September.

At the briefing hall of the project, Project Manager U Aung Kyaw Oo briefed the minister and party on purposes of the project, volume of power to be supplied, completion of approach road along the power line, stockpile of gravel and sand, accomplishment of the towers. Next, Managing Director U Tin Aung of Electric Power Distribution Enterprise and Director of Myanma Electric Power Supply Project (North) U Tin Shwe gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on use of quality materials in the project and emphasis to be placed on timely completion of the construction of main power station. At Shan State (North) Electrical Engineer Office, the minister and party met with staff. Next, Senior Engineer U Win Aung briefed them on use of power in Lashio and Managing Director U Tin Aung gave a supplementary report.

In connection with the reports, the minister gave instructions on use of power will be doubled if the project is completed. He urged the staff to discharge duties with might and main and become qualified ones on whom the people can rely and attended to the needs.

After inspecting Shweli-Mansan-Shwesaryan (230-kv) grid near Sakhantha village between Kyaukme and Nawngkhio being implemented by Original Group Co Ltd, the minister and party fulfilled the requirements to officials concerned. — MNA

## Mya Eya market ship leaves for Mandalay



**Mya Eya market ship with barges Ba-809 and Ba-810 leave Botahtaung Jetty for Mandalay.** — TRANSPORT

YANGON, 13 Sept —Mya Eya market ship together with two barges namely Ba-809 and Ba-810 of Inland Water Transport carrying 1,143 tons of kitchen utensils,

personal goods and foodstuff left Botahtaung Jetty for Mandalay at 1 pm today.

In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe,

Mya Eya market ship is running the Yangon-Mandalay water way. The ship will sell various personal goods at towns and villages along Ayeyawady River. — MNA

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.**

## Iran says report will not save US from "Iraq's swamp"

TEHERAN, 13 Sept— Iran dismissed a long-awaited progress report by the two senior US officials in Iraq on Wednesday, saying it would not "save America from Iraq's swamp" and calling on Washington to withdraw its troops.

General David Petraeus, Commander of US forces in Iraq, and Ambassador Ryan Crocker testified to the US Congress on Monday. Petraeus recommended cutting US troops by about 30,000 by next July, ending a so-called surge of forces but not fundamentally changing strategy in the unpopular war.

Iran has long called for US forces to leave its neighbour, and a Foreign Ministry statement made clear the suggested troop withdrawal did not go far enough for Teheran.

"This report does not reflect the real demands and priorities of the majority of the American people," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman

Mohammad Ali Hosseini said in the statement, according to the official IRNA news agency.

"This report will not save America from Iraq's swamp."

It was the first official reaction from Teheran about the testimony, which has been welcomed by the Iraqi Government.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad later told state television that: "Americans do not want to accept their failure in Iraq ... their only solution is to leave Iraq."

Petraeus and Crocker appeared at a congressional hearing seen as a pivotal moment in the US debate over the war, which US President George W Bush has vowed to pursue but which many of the Democrats who control Congress say must end.

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Wildlife Protection and National Parks Department officer Othman Mohammad Yatim displays a pair of leopard tortoises (C and R) and an Indian star tortoise (L) on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur in June 2007 file photo. Tanzania is ready to pay for the repatriation of 76 rare tortoises that were smuggled to Malaysia two months ago, an official said on Tuesday.

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## Gas pipeline explodes into fire in S-E Bangladesh

DHAKA, 13 Sept — The pipeline of the Expanded Bakhrabad Gas line located in Bangladesh's southeastern Chittagong District exploded into a violent fire at the middle of Kalurghat bridge over the Karnaphuli River Tuesday night, threatening locals

and industries.

"The fire, which broke out about 8:30 pm, was raging towards the southern side where 25 industrial units and two residential areas are facing threat," a spot account of the blaze was quoted by private news agency UNB as saying.

Firefighters from different stations rushed to the spot and tried to douse the blaze, but to little effect.

The cause of the fire was unknown. Bakhrabad Gas authorities could not say anything in this regard.

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A woman feeds her daughter outside her house damaged by a strong earthquake in Lais, Bengkulu, Sumatra island, Indonesia, on 13 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

## Iraq eyes big drop in foreign forces by end 2008

BAGHDAD, 13 Sept— Foreign troop levels in Iraq could drop to less than 100,000 by the end of 2008 if Iraq's own forces were ready and security threats had diminished, Iraq's national security adviser said on Wednesday.

"Maybe it is not far from the truth if we said that by the end of next year, multinational forces could be less than 100,000," Mowaffaq al-

Rubaie told a news conference.

"This all depends on the security circumstances and the level of the threat, whether from inside the country or in the region. This also depends on the level of training of the Iraqi forces," Rubaie said.

He did not speak specifically about US troop numbers — currently at 168,000 — but the overwhelming majority of foreign

soldiers in Iraq are American.

Rubaie was speaking following two days of testimony by the US military commander in Iraq, General David Petraeus, who has recommended cutting US forces by about 30,000 by next July because of reduced violence in Iraq.

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## Passengers escape injury in Lithuania plane crash

VILNIUS, 13 Sept — A plane with 52 people aboard crash landed in Lithuania on Wednesday but no one was hurt, the airport said, in the second such accident this week involving a turboprop of the Scandinavian SAS airline.

The plane ploughed through the ground with its fuselage and right wing and slid off the runway at Vilnius Airport when the crew decided to put down there after noticing in

flight that landing gear had failed.

Following a crash of the same type of SAS plane on Sunday in Denmark, also due to landing gear problems,

the airline said it was grounding the Canadian DHC-8-400 aircraft and cancelling 112 flights.

None of the 48 passengers or 4 crew was injured in Wednesday's accident involving the plane, popularly known as the Dash 8, SAS said in a statement. The accident happened at 1:48 am local time (2248 GMT), it added.

"The plane was en route from Copenhagen to the western Lithuanian town Palanga when the crew noted the failure of the front and right landing gear," said Vilnius Airport spokesman Arunas Marcinkevicius.

The crew then decided to land in Vilnius, which has a longer and broader runway.

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## WWII grenade found among used clothing in Canada

OTTAWA, 13 Sept — Canadian police found Tuesday a hand grenade from the Second World War in a shipment of used clothing, according to local media reports.

Authorities are examining the item which was delivered to a used-clothing facility a week ago but it was not found until Tuesday, Canadian Press quoted a police

spokesman as saying.

The immediate area where the device was discovered was evacuated as a precaution. Police said there was no imminent danger because the pin was still in the device. Police believe the box came from someone who may have been trying to dispose of something they did not want anymore.

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Film festival fans take cover from the rain at the 32nd Toronto International Film Festival on 11 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET



Visitors walk past a wall of water-filled tubes displayed at an information stand about Hybrid Synergy drive at the Frankfurt International Auto Show IAA in Frankfurt on 12 Sept, 2007. After two days for the media and analysts the Frankfurt motorshow will be open to the public from 13 to 23 September. Green technology and lower fuel consumption will be a big theme at the largest and most prestigious auto show in the world this year.—INTERNET

## Non-aligned nations voice support for deal between IAEA, Iran

VIENNA, 13 Sept — Non-aligned nations on Tuesday voiced their support for the deal reached last month between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Iran despite Western skepticism.

Addressing a meeting of IAEA governing board that opened Monday in Vienna, Cuban Ambassador Norma Miguelina Goicochea Estenez said the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) shares IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei's view that "this work plan (timetable) is a significant step forward".

The NAM "reiterates

its full confidence in the impartiality and professionalism of the Secretariat of the IAEA", she said.

Iran has pledged late last month to answer outstanding questions about its controversial nuclear programme, but the deal falls short of support from some Western countries which considered it as Iran's fresh trick to delay UN sanctions.

Portuguese Ambassador Joaquim Duarte, whose country holds the rotating EU presidency, said Tuesday that the European Union has "taken note" of the deal

but stressed that Iran has so far failed to suspend uranium enrichment "contrary to the decisions of the (UN) Security Council".

Instead of addressing global concerns about its nuclear programme, "Iran has further increased its enrichment capacities", he said.

UN atomic watchdog chief Mohamed ElBaradei has reportedly walked out during the meeting in protest against the statement by the European Union which apparently failed to support the IAEA diplomacy.

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## 250 Canadian soldiers kept from Afghanistan for drug use

OTTAWA, 13 Sept — About 250 Canadian soldiers were prevented from going to Afghanistan during last year because of drug use, Canadian military confirmed Tuesday.

The military has tested about 6,800 soldiers since mandatory drug testing of troops heading for Afghanistan began in September 2006. Since some soldiers were tested more than once, about 9,500 tests have been done to date, officials told Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).

About 250 soldiers, less than 4 per cent, tested

positive for drug use. According to test results from September to May, the majority of soldiers who failed the test tested positive for marijuana. Some others used harder drugs, such as cocaine, methamphetamine and amphetamines.

Although the 4-per cent rate in the military represents a smaller percentage than drug use by the general population, military officials have taken particular concern at the issue, said Canadian Armed Forces Brigadier-General Ian Poulter.

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Vadim Yarkov (R) and Olga Sharutenko of the Imperial Ice Stars theatrical ice skating company perform a scene from act two of "Swan Lake on Ice" during a photo call at the Esplanade Theatre in Singapore on 12 Sept, 2007. The Moscow-based company will perform in Singapore from 12-16 Sept. — INTERNET

## Gunmen murder 4 Federal police in public in N Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 13 Sept — Four officers from the Federal Investigation Agency (AFI) were shot dead at 11:00 am on Tuesday, in a public street in the northern Mexico city of Monterrey, capital of Nuevo Leon State, state police said.

The killers arrived in a series of vehicles as AFI officer were making an arrest and engaged them in a five-minute shootout. There were also two explosions during the attack.

Monterrey television showed images of bullet holes in the buildings and shells of different calibres. State and federal police and the Army, who arrived aboard a water cannon vehicle, sealed the area after the attack.

Authorities have not reported on civilian casualties, but they are likely as the firefight took place in a central area with a lot of traffic.

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## More cancer deaths seen in less-educated Americans

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept — People with at least some education beyond high school have a lower cancer death risk than those with less education, according to a US study published on Tuesday.

The study, published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, found that the more education people had, the less likely they were to die of cancer, particularly Black and White men and White women.

Mortality rates specifically for lung, colorectal, breast and

prostate cancers were strongly associated with education level among these groups, the researchers said.

Researchers led by Jessica Albano of the American Cancer Society in Atlanta analyzed about 140,000 US cancer deaths among adults aged 25 to 64 in 2001.

They found the difference in mortality for all groups was most pronounced for those with 12 or fewer years of education compared to people with more than 12 years of education.

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Malaysian astronauts Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor (L) and Faiz Khaleed sit in front of the Soyuz TMA landing capsule during a training session at the Star City space centre, outside Moscow, on 12 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

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**Air force academy plane crashes in India, two killed**

NEW DELHI, 12 Sept—A military trainer aircraft crashed near the southern Indian city of Hyderabad, killing its pilot and co-pilot Tuesday, the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) said. Squadron leader Bhagat, 33, and trainee pilot UC Pathi, 26, died in the crash. Police said their bodies were charred beyond recognition.

The plane belonged to an Air Force academy at Hakimpet near Hyderabad. It went down immediately after takeoff near Hakimpet, the PTI reported.

Senior Air Force officers reached the scene, 10 kilometres from the Hakimpet academy.

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**Laos to raise literacy rate in 2007**

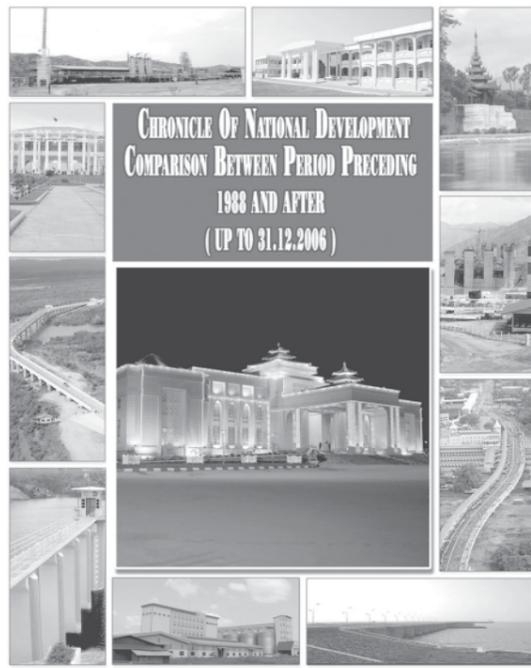
HANOI, 12 Sept—Laos plans to increase its literacy rate to 77.5 per cent this year from roughly 76 per cent last year, Lao newspaper *Vientiane Times* reported Tuesday.

Some 77.5 per cent of Laos' total population, including 84 per cent of people in the age bracket

of 15-40, will have been literate by the end of 2007, the newspaper quoted Lao Deputy Minister of Education Sengdeuane Lachanthaboun as saying.

Last year, 40,000 Lao people aged 15 upwards achieved literacy, over half of whom are women, she noted.

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A man walks past a 25-metre-high wall displaying thousands of varied facial expressions on the Nanjing Road, Shanghai on 11 Sept, 2007. It is reported that an inspired shopping mall under renovation uses the wall to cover the scene of construction.—INTERNET

US study finds jump in drug injury reports

CHICAGO, 12 Sept — Reports of deaths or injuries related to drug treatments more than doubled between 1998 and 2005 in the United States, with painkillers and immune-system boosters accounting for most, researchers said on Monday.

“This study shows that substantially growing numbers of patients are experiencing serious injuries from drug therapy,” they wrote in a report in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*.

“This growing toll of serious injury shows that the existing system is not adequately protecting

patients and underscores the importance of recent reports urging far-reaching legislative, policy and institutional changes,” they added.

Thomas Moore and colleagues at the Institute for Safe Medication Practices in Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania, said the findings came from a look at serious adverse drug events as reported to the US Food and Drug Administration from 1998 through 2005. A “serious

adverse drug event” is one that causes death, birth defects, disability, puts someone in a hospital or was life-threatening.

The FDA gets information about such occurrences directly or from drug makers, who are required to report them. A bill pending in the US Congress would force the agency to do more active surveillance, for instance, by checking insurance records.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam Govt approves environment-protect plan

HANOI, 12 Sept — The Vietnamese Government has approved a national action plan to curb the rapid degradation of environment in the country, according to newspaper *Vietnam News* Tuesday.

Under the action plan, forest coverage should be increased to between 42-43 per cent of total natural area of the country by 2010, and expand to 48 per cent by 2020. One half of degraded watershed forests should be restored and total area of protected ecological land should increase one and half times by 2010. Total area of submerged and marine reserves should increase to over 1.2 million hectares and restore 200,000 hectares of mangrove trees.

In addition, 90 per cent of production and business facilities should attain international environmental standards and have planted trees inside their complexes. 50 per cent of polluted lakes, ponds, canals and rivers in cities should be cleaned up by 2010, according to the plan. The country has targeted that 85 per cent of rural residents would easy access to clean water by 2010, and 100 per cent of urban residents and 95 per cent of rural residents by 2020, said the newspaper, while 62 per cent of rural residents access to clean water on average at present, said the newspaper.

MNA/Xinhua



Former Miss Hong Kong Halina Tam poses with her bridegroom Eric Tsoi at their wedding on 11 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

German Minister says ratifying UN climate deal to take time

BERLIN, 12 Sept — A global deal to combat climate change must be decided by the end of 2009 as it will take about two years to ratify, Germany’s Environment Minister said on Monday.

World leaders said at the G-8 summit last June they would pursue a new deal to replace the Kyoto Protocol which expires in 2012.

“We must have an agreement by the end of 2009, and then it will probably take about two years to reach a mandate,” Sigmar Gabriel said, opening a two-day meeting of environment and energy ministers from 20 countries. “If you think about how long it takes to reach an agreement just between the 16 German states ... you can see that it might take a while,” he told the meeting called ahead of United Nations climate talks in Bali in December. The meeting is designed to lay the groundwork for the new climate deal and aims to change the position of countries such as China and India who are wary of binding emissions cuts.

MNA/Reuters

Lutein, zeaxanthin may reduce blindness among elders

BEIJING, 13 Sept — Two nutrients, lutein and zeaxanthin, found in eggs, spinach and other leafy green vegetables offer some protection against the most common cause of blindness among the elderly, media reported Thursday.

A 6-year study in US asked about the dietary habits of 4,519 people aged 60 to 80 when enrolled.

Those in the top fifth of dietary consumption of

foods containing the two nutrients had 35 percent less chance of developing the condition compared to those in the lowest fifth of consumption.

“Lutein and zeaxanthin may be considered as useful agents in food or supplement-based interventions designed to reduce the risk of AMD,” said the researchers. Lutein and zeaxanthin help ward off the condition, apparently by allowing the eyes to filter

harmful short-wave-length light and by curtailing other damaging effects to the macula, or the centre of eye’s retina.

“No clear associations with other nutrients were seen,” including the vitamins C and E and beta-carotene, according to the researchers, led by John Paul SanGiovanni of the National Eye Institute, one of the National Institutes of Health in Maryland, US

Internet



Workers gather outside a building after an earthquake, which struck Indonesia, was felt in Singapore, on 12 Sept, 2007. An earthquake measuring 8.0 struck Indonesia’s Sumatra region on Wednesday, the United States Geological Survey said.—INTERNET

## SPORTS

**Scotland top Group B after shock win in France**

PARIS, 13 Sept — Scotland took command of Euro 2008 qualifying Group B after James McFadden's second-half strike gave them a surprise 1-0 win in France on Wednesday.

McFadden struck from 25 metres in the 64th minute as Scotland clinched their second victory against the World Cup finalists in their bid to reach next year's finals.

Alex McLeish's side have 21 points from nine games and lead Italy, who grabbed a 2-1 win in Ukraine, by one point.

France, who had the clearest chances in the second half, conceded their first goal in six matches and dropped to third place two points off the pace.

The home side had not played a qualifying match at the Parc des Princes since missing out on a World Cup spot in November 1993 when they lost 2-1 to Bulgaria.

They were first into the action with David Trezeguet volleying wide from a Franck Ribery cross in the 15th minute.

Trezeguet, who had not played for France since their 1-0 defeat by Argentina at the Stade de France in February, was replacing the suspended Thierry Henry.

However, Scotland were barely troubled as Les Bleus failed to break down the wings.

France had their best chance 10 minutes into the second half when Ribery, set up by Trezeguet, saw his effort parried by goalkeeper Craig Gordon.

One minute later, Gordon pulled off a superb save to deny Nicolas Anelka. — MNA/Reuters

**Spain beat Latvia to join Sweden at top of Group F**

OVIEDO (Spain), 13 Sept — Spain laboured to a 2-0 home win over Latvia to join Sweden at the top of Group F in their Euro 2008 qualifier on Wednesday. Barcelona midfielder Xavi opened the scoring after just 13 minutes but Spain struggled to add to the score against technically inferior, though well-organized, opposition.

It was not until five minutes from time that Liverpool striker Fernando Torres pounced for the second to secure the result.

Spain move above Northern Ireland into second in the group, level on 19 points with Sweden who have a game in hand. Northern Ireland, who lost 2-1 to Iceland earlier, have 16 points. — MNA/Reuters



**Justine Henin of Belgium poses with the trophy after defeating Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia in the women's final of the US Open tennis tournament in Flushing Meadows, New York, on 8 Sept, 2007. Henin has pulled out of next week's China Open because of a respiratory infection, organizers said on Wednesday. —INTERNET**

**England beat Russia 3-0 in qualifying match**

LONDON, 13 Sept — England head coach Steve McClaren praised Michael Owen's match-winning performance against Russia on Wednesday saying he never doubted he would return to the highest level after his injury nightmare.

"I never wrote him off, I always knew he was going to be important for us," said McClaren after Owen took his tally to 40 goals for his country in his 85th international match.

Only Bobby Charlton (49), Gary Lineker (48) and Jimmy Greaves (44) have scored 40 or more goals for England and Owen looks capable of overtaking all of them before too long.

The Newcastle United striker scored twice in the first half but McClaren praised his all-round contribution in the 3-0 victory that lifted England up to second place in Group E. Croatia lead with 23 points, England have 20 and Russia 18.

"He looks fitter and sharper, and its not just his goals, but his all-round play," said McClaren, delighted to have Owen back in the side after more than 20 months in which he has battled two serious injuries.

Owen has scored three in two games following his strike against Israel on Saturday as England collected six points out of six to revitalize their Euro 2008

qualifying campaign.

McClaren told reporters: "I am greatly satisfied. We wanted six points out of the two games and we got them and I'm satisfied by the performance of individuals and the team. But we are keeping our feet on the ground. There's three games to go, and we have won nothing yet and we're not qualified yet either."

MNA/Reuters



**Russia's Konstantin Zyryanov(C) scores against England before seeing his goal disallowed during their European Championship qualifying Group D match at Wembley Stadium. England won 3-0.**

INTERNET

**Czechs beat Ireland to move closer to Euro 2008**

PRAGUE, 13 Sept — Marek Jankulovski's early goal gave the Czech Republic a 1-0 win over 10-man Ireland in their Group D qualifier on Wednesday and moved his team a big step closer to advancing to Euro 2008.

The Czechs entered the match in second place in the group, five points behind leaders Germany who are on 22 and three ahead of the Irish after eight matches.

With six points now between themselves and Ireland, the Czechs need just one win from their final three games against Germany, Cyprus and Slovakia.

"We still have important games ahead, we can't say we have advanced. But this was a big win for us, it helps separate us from the others," said Czech coach Karel Brueckner.

The Czechs pounced on a tentative Irish team from the kickoff and Jankulovski struck in the 15th minute when he combined well with Jaroslav Plasil.

MNA/Reuters

**Bellamy double helps Wales thrash Slovakia**

TRNAVA (Slovakia), 13 Sept — Wales captain Craig Bellamy scored twice to help his team thrash Slovakia 5-2 in their Euro 2008 qualifier on Wednesday.

Bellamy was the architect of Wales' third win in Group D, which was sweet revenge for John Toshack's young side after their 5-1 defeat by Slovakia in Cardiff last October.

A Freddy Eastwood equalizer, Jan Durica's own goal and a last-gasp Simon Davies strike wrapped up a convincing win for the Welsh, who lost 2-0 to group leaders Germany on Saturday.

The victory put Wales level on 10 points with the Slovaks although both countries are 12 points drift of the Germans. Slovakia's stand-in captain Marek Mintal replied for the home side, having opened the scoring in the 12th minute with a perfect shot in the top corner of Wayne Hennessey's goal.

The striker was close to adding a second four minutes later but the Welsh keeper caught his low shot.

The Slovaks threatened again in the 19th but Hennessey palmed out a sizzling long-range shot by defender Marek Cech. — MNA/Reuters



**Chinese players greet the audience after winning Denmark 3-2 in a Group D match at the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 12 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET**

**Van Nistelrooy gives Dutch 1-0 win in Albania**

TIRANA, 13 Sept — Ruud van Nistelrooy struck from close range in injury time to earn the Netherlands a hard-fought 1-0 win over Albania in their Euro 2008 qualifier on Wednesday.

Referee Mike Riley blew the final whistle two minutes early in the Group G match after fireworks thrown from the stands exploded above the head of Dutch defender Mario Melchiot.

The win takes the Dutch level with leaders Romania on 20 points and keeps them two points above Bulgaria, who have played a game more after beating visitors Luxembourg 3-0.

"They started furiously and made it difficult for us but that is not a problem," Netherlands coach Marco Van Basten said on RTL4-television.

"It was a deserved win because we kept our discipline and therefore my team deserves a compliment."

In a dreadful game, the Netherlands lacked the creativity and pace to unsettle the passionate Albanians, who set out to earn a point and had their chances to clinch a shock win.

"For an attractive match you need two teams that want to play football but they only pulled back and then it is difficult," added a relieved Van Basten.

On the stroke of halftime Albania thought they had scored when Melchiot headed past his own keeper Edwin van der Sar but Debatik Curri was penalized for pushing the defender. — MNA/Reuters

# US weak points identified in Iraq, Afghanistan

TEHERAN, 13 Sept — The commander of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps said on Tuesday that the country has identified US weak points in Iraq and Afghanistan, Iran's state broadcasting organization IRIB reported on its website.

"All weak points of the enemy of Islamic Revolution in Iraq and in Afghanistan have been located and on the basis of these weak points the country's defensive fundamentals have been strengthened," General Mohammad Ali Jaafari said.

The commander made the remarks at the end of the three-day nation-wide annual gathering of the commanders of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps.

"In case the enemy

wants to do any bold action the Iranians will give a strong and teeth-breaking response," Jaafari said.

He noted that the Revolutionary Guards and the Basij militia force, which is subordinate to the Revolutionary Guards, will remain the supporters of the Iranian revolution and the system.

The United States has been seeking to impose tougher sanctions on Iran through the UN Security Council on the grounds that

Teheran is developing a nuclear weapon programme under the guise of a civilian-use programme.

Iran has insisted that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes and voiced hope for talks to defuse the nuclear standoff.

The United States has never ruled out military action against Iranian targets for Teheran's suspicious nuclear programmes.

MNA/Xinhua

### Earthquake report (Issued at 08:00 hours MST today)

A severe earthquake of intensity (7.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (South of Sumatra, Indonesia) about (1370) miles south of Kaba-Aye Seismological Observatory, was recorded at (06) hr (23) min (25) sec MST on 13-9-2007.



Students from Muhammadiyah 4 elementary school in Surabaya, East Java, ride camels in an event to welcome Ramadhan on Tuesday. The camels, from Surabaya Zoo, carried the children around the city. — INTERNET

## Mexico pipeline attacks leave hundreds of Cos without fuel

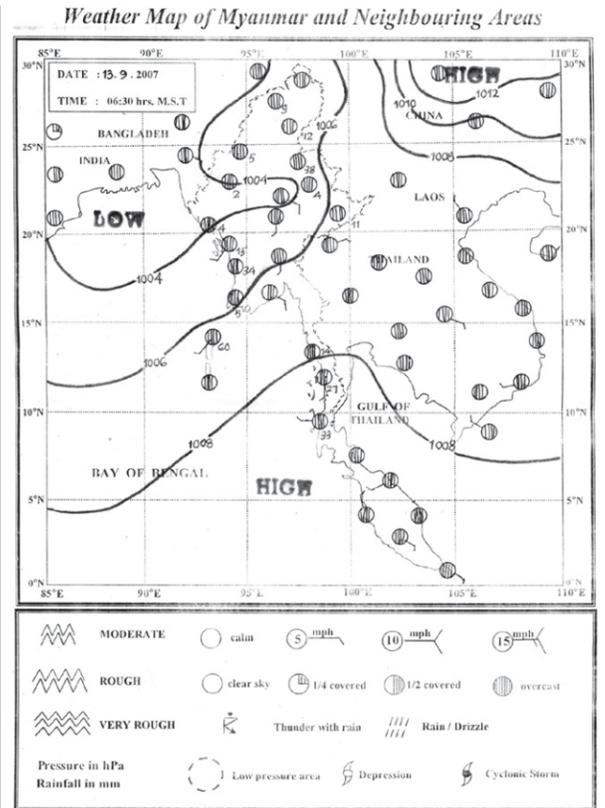
MEXICO CITY, 13 Sept — Monday's bomb attacks against gas pipelines in Mexico have left hundreds of companies without fuel, the Mexican Natural Gas Association (AMGN) said Tuesday.

The AMGN president Agustin Human said the attacks had halted the daily delivery of up to 700 million cubic feet of gas.

Early Monday, attackers blew up gas pipelines belonging to state oil company Petroleos

Mexicanos (Pemex) in six locations. Five of these were in the east coast state of Veracruz and one was in the central state of Tlaxcala. No one died in the raid but 12,500 people were evacuated from their homes.

MNA/Xinhua



### WEATHER

Thursday, 13 September, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, South West monsoon has withdrawn from the Northern Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Kayin State and Ayeyawady Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton (2.52) inches, Co Co Island (2.36) inches, Ye (2.09) inches, Bhamo (1.73) inches and Thandwe (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 12-9-2007 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 13-9-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 13-9-2007 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 12-9-2007 was (0.3) hour approx.

Rainfall on 13-9-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (106.02) inches at Mingaladon, (108.74) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 12-9-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 14-9-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Kayin States and Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Moderate monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 14-9-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 14-9-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 14-9-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

### Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 13-9-2007)  
According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada is (1298) cm. It may reach its danger level (1342) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



Friday, 14 September

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music  
-My love is for real
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music  
-Venus
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music  
-Lucky you
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music  
-Love you more
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music  
-I will follow you  
-Be a man
- 9:00 pm WOM
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request  
-My love is your love  
-Come into my life
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 14 September  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိတာ၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am
  6. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:15 am
  7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 am
  8. မရမ်းကုန်းရေထိန်းတံခါး
- 8:30 am
  9. International news
- 8:45 am
  10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
  3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm
  4. Song of national races
- 5:00 pm
  5. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:15 pm
  6. Song of yesteryears
- 5:25 pm
  7. "နောက်မကျရအောင်" (မင်းသူကျော်ထူးမြပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ဒေါ်အေးအေးမြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)
- 5:35 pm
  8. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊အရေး၊အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင် များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (ဝါသနာရှင်(ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား/ အမျိုးသမီး)
- 7:50 pm
  9. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (အင်းဝေါခုံရွာပျိုးထည်လုပ်ငန်း)
- 6:00 pm
  10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm
  13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေးတတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:00 pm
  14. News
- 8:00 pm
  15. International news
- 8:00 pm
  16. Weather report
- 8:00 pm
  17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေးတစ်လည်လည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 8:00 pm
  18. The next day's programme

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# Commander supervises progress of regional development in Mongpauk

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected thriving monsoon paddy, maize and rubber plantations along both sides of Mongyan-Mongpauk road on 22 August.

While in Mongpauk, the commander met local national races and discussed regional development tasks.

At Mongpauk Hospital, the commander presented cash assistance to the patients and K 500,000 to the funds of the hospital through officials.

At Mongpauk BEHS, the commander met departmental personnel, calling for participation in the regional development undertakings. He presented K 1 million donated by Shan State (East) PDC to the funds of the school, K 850,000 to be used in installation of one computer set, 10 desks to the school, cash assistance and foodstuff to the service personnel through the Assistant Director of Mongpauk Region Development Office and Headmaster U Aung Myaing.

The commander inspected tasks of Mongpauk Township TV Retransmitting Station, Radio Telegraph Office and Post Office and attended to the needs.— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing donates provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tejaniya of Naungkham Monastery in Mongpauk Township. — MNA

## MR offers good train service for convenience of public

YANGON, 13 Sept — The Myanma Railways operates 191 circular train runs here daily, especially in the rush hours, offering good train service at reasonable prices for the comfort and convenience of the public.

Train fares are rated at K 10 and K 20. The 191 circular train runs in Yangon are as follows:

Sr No.	Train Route	Run
1.	Yangon-Yangon (circular/anti-clockwise)	7
2.	Yangon-Yangon (circular/clockwise)	7
3.	Insein-Yangon	24
4.	Yangon-Insein	29
5.	Insein-Mingaladon-Yangon	3
6.	Yangon-Mingaladon-Insein	3
7.	Yangon-Mingaladon	8
8.	Mingaladon-Yangon	8
9.	Yangon-Paywetseikkon	2
10.	Paywetseikkon-Yangon	2
11.	Insein-Hlawga	15
12.	Hlawga-Insein	15
13.	Yangon-Thilawa	2
14.	Thilawa-Yangon	2
15.	Yangon-Toegyaunggalay	6
16.	Toegyaunggalay-Yangon	6
17.	Yangon-Ywathagy	8
18.	Ywathagy-Yangon	8
19.	Yangon-Okphosu	1
20.	Okphosu-Yangon	1
21.	Yangon-Dagon University	9
22.	Dagon University-Yangon	9
23.	Yangon-University (East)	6
24.	University (East)-Yangon	6
25.	Yangon-University of Computer Studies	2
26.	University of Computer Studies-Yangon	2

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## Myanmar sail to final with 5-0 win over Malaysia

YANGON, 13 Sept — Semifinal matches of the AFF Women's Championship 2007 took place at the Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna, here, this afternoon.

In the first semifinal match at 3.30 pm, Thai Women's Team hammered Vietnamese Women's team 3-0 and the former cruised to the final.

At 5.45 pm, the second semifinal match followed. Myanmar Women's Football Team moved up to the final by winning a 5-0 victory over Malaysian Women's Team.

After the second semifinal

match, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation gave words of encouragement to the players of the Myanmar Women's Team.

Among the spectators were General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and officials, members of the Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, senior military officers, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and executives. — MNA

## Weather Forecast for 14-9-2007

### Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain or thundershowers.  
Degree of certainty is (80%).

### Yangon and neighbouring areas

One or two rain or thundershowers.  
Degree of certainty is (80%).

### Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain or thundershowers.  
Degree of certainty is (80%).