

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Mexican President

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Felipe Calderon, President of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2007. — *MNA*

Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein congratulates Mr Viktor Zubkov

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Viktor Zubkov, on his appointment as Prime Minister of the Russian Federation on 14 September 2007. — *MNA*



Trophy of AFF Women's Championship.

Myanmar crown AFF Women's Championship

YANGON, 15 Sept — Myanmar Women's National Team beat Thai Women's National Team 5-2 in the final match of the 3rd AFF Women's Championship at Youth Training Centre, here, this evening.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the third place match, the final match and the prize presentation ceremony of the Championship.

Also present at the prize presentation cer-

emony were Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Daw Mar Mar Wai, wife of the commander, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe, members of the MOC and their wives, Chairperson Daw Aye Aye of the Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Ambassadors and Charges d'Affaires of ASEAN member countries to Myanmar, President of Myanmar Football

Federation U Zaw Zaw and officials.

In the third place match that commenced at 3 pm, Vietnamese Women's Team routed Malaysian Women's Team 6-0.

The final match opened with singing the national anthems of Myanmar and Thailand. In the match, both Myanmar and Thai teams could not score any goal till the final whistle. In the extra time, Myanmar scored the opening goal, and Thai women's

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Myanmar women players celebrate victory lifting high the championship trophy. — NLM

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Extend export of quality species of fish and prawn

Today, human consumption of fish and prawn is on the increase owing to its high nutrition content and being healthy food. If compared with other kinds of meat, fish is easier to cook, and fish demand is getting higher as a result.

In Myanmar, Taninthayi, Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions are largest producers of marine products such as fish and prawn. Other states and divisions also breed fish and prawn from small scale to commercial scale based on the existence of dams, creeks and lakes in the regions concerned.

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is rendering technical assistance to the fishery entrepreneurs for encouraging extensive production of fish and prawn, satisfying local demand, and exporting the fish surplus.

Apart from accelerating the fishery industry, the Ministry is engaged in coastal and offshore fishery.

Taninthayi Division produces more marine products than any other state or division. Such sea products as fish, prawn, crab and eel are well marketable.

Now, local fishery entrepreneurs are stepping up the breeding of first-growing species of fish and prawn, gudgeon, Tilapia, rohu and lobster are fast-growing species with good taste, so, they are in high demand.

National fishery entrepreneurs are, therefore, urged to extend the breeding of quality species of fish and prawn to meet local demand and to export more marine products.



Executive Committee Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Retd) of Hninzigon Home for the Aged accepts K 100,000 donated by Daw Thaung of Zeyathukha Road in Ward A of Thingangyun Township. — H

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

F & R Minister inspects arrangements for opening training courses

YANGON, 15 Sept — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun visited the customs warehouse at Yangon International Airport this morning. After hearing the reports presented by departmental officials, the minister gave necessary instructions and inspected the warehouse.

Next, accompanied by officials, the minister went to the office of Myanmar Banks Association and inspected arrangements being made for conducting courses on banking services. Vice-Governor U Maung Maung Win of the Central Bank of Myanmar and Rector U Kan Zaw of Yangon Institute of Economics



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers an address at meeting on opening of Banking Service Diploma Course. — F&R

Foreign Minister felicitates Mexican counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Ambassador Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2007.

MNA

reported on preparations for opening the training courses. Later, the minister gave necessary instructions and inspected the lecture halls and language lab. A diploma course on banking will be opened soon at the office of Myanmar Banks Association. — MNA



Mayangon Township USDA holds Annual General Meeting

YANGON, 15 Sept — The annual general meeting of Mayangon Township Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Kyaikwaing Youth Training Centre in the township this evening, with an address by CEC member of the USDA Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

Also present were Secretary of Yangon Division USDA U Aye Myint, executive members, Secretary of District USDA U Nay Win, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, wellwishers and guests.

USDA member students sang a song "Eternal Union". The CEC member and the Secretary of Yangon Division USDA presented prizes to outstanding students

who had passed the matriculation examination.

The Minister presented a set of computer and books worth K 50,000 to Township USDA Secretary Daw Khin Than Nwe.

The minister and Secretary U Aye Myint accepted donations. Wellwishers from Bayintnaung Brokerage donated K 200,000 for maintenance of No 25 BEPS in Mayangon Township.

Secretary Daw Khin Than Nwe presented longyis and cash for Ward USDA and Kyaikwaing Youth Training Centre.

Next, executives submitted the respective reports to the meeting.

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CEC member Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung addresses Annual General Meeting 2007 of Mayangon Township USDA. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

2008 Beijing Olympic Games to widely use solar energy

BEIJING, 14 Sept — Solar power will be widely applied during the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, according to a senior government official.

Li Zhonghai, senior official with the China Association for Standardization and member of the National Committee of

the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), said about 90 per cent of all the hot water used in the Olympic village will be solar heated and 80 to 90 per cent of street lights around the Olympic venues will also be solar powered.

About 40 million Chinese households, or 150 million Chinese people, now use solar energy in their daily lives.

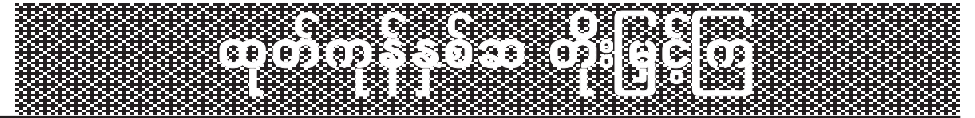
According to the *People's Daily*, China is the world's biggest user of solar water heating. Following the implementation of the Renewable Energy Law in 2006, China's solar heating market is valued at tens of billions of yuan and has provided hundreds of thousand jobs, said the newspaper.

MNA/Xinhua



Norwegian chess genius Magnus Carlsen, 16, poses with a chess board in Oslo, on 13 Sept, 2007. Carlsen became an international grandmaster at 13 years, four months and 27 days and is now 17th in the World Chess Federation's ranking of the world's top players.

INTERNET



The Burj tower in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, still under construction, is seen in 17 Aug, 2007 file photo. The Burj will become the world's tallest building by next year. The Burj Dubai surpassed Canada's Toronto-based CN Tower on 13 Sept, 2007, which at 555.3 metres (1,822 feet), had been the world's tallest free-standing structure since 1976, the developers said in a press release. — INTERNET

British TV chef's brother jailed in Bali for heroin

DENPASAR, 14 Sept — An Indonesian court sentenced the brother of British celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay to 10 months in prison on Thursday for heroin possession on the resort island of Bali. Ronald Ramsay was

arrested in February after entering a supermarket in Bali's main tourist strip, Kuta. Police said they seized 100 milligrammes of heroin from him.

A panel of judges found Ramsay guilty of heroin possession and sentenced Ramsay to 10 months in jail and a five-million-rupiah (531.6-US-dollar) fine, head

judge Wayan Merta said in a district court hearing in Bali's capital, Denpasar. Ramsay has already spent six months in prison, which means he has another four months to serve in Denpasar's Kerobokan Prison. Ramsay frowned and shook his head when the verdict was announced. Through his interpreter he

later told the hearing that he would "think about the verdict for a week" before deciding whether to file an appeal. The defendant's brother, Gordon Ramsay, is known as the bad boy of celebrity chefs, and his cooking programme "Kitchen Nightmares" is shown on British and American television.

MNA/Reuters

Thailand to ban reporting on domestic violence

BANGKOK, 14 Sept — The Domestic-Violence Victim Protection Act of Thailand is going to bar media from reporting on domestic violence cases after they reach the hands

of police investigators. Suwit Khantharoj, who heads the Social Development and Human Security Ministry's Office of Women's Affairs and Family Development, said

the ban on news reports was intended to keep families from falling apart.

He was quoted by local news group *The Nation* as saying that news coverage sometimes stood between family members who could have otherwise reconciled. According to Suwit, the act will take effect on 13 November.

MNA/Xinhua

A man rides his bike through a flooded street in the Uptown section of New Orleans, on 13 Sept, 2007. Tropical Storm Humberto dumped heavy rain on much of Louisiana, flooding streets as it lumbered across the state. —INTERNET



UAE's Thuraya considers launching back-up satellite

ABU DHABI, 14 Sept — Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications Company of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is considering launching a back-up satellite to support its *Thuraya-2* and *Thuraya-3* satellites, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Thursday.

Thuraya is considering "a back-up satellite depending on the success of *Thuraya-3*," the company's CEO Yousuf Al Sayed was quoted as saying. "Currently we are in discussions with a number of manufacturers, but have not yet decided on one," he added.

According to Sayed, the *Thuraya-3* satellite is scheduled to be launched on 28 October from the Pacific Ocean by the US-

based Sea Launch Company.

Following the launch of *Thuraya-3*, the company expects to start commercial services in Asia Pacific Region before the end of this year. The satellite is

part of the company's plans to expand coverage to many countries, including China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines and Australia.

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Director Alison Eastwood smiles during a news conference for the movie "Rails & Ties" at the 32nd Toronto International Film Festival in Toronto on 14 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET



Russia's Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov (Middle) holds a bouquet of flowers after being confirmed in the lower house of parliament, the State Duma, in Moscow on 14 Sept, 2007. — XINHUA

Malaysia looks at tougher rules to save coastal birds

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Sept — Malaysia vowed on Tuesday to toughen environmental rules for coastal development projects after a study showed a drop in bird numbers following reclamation that destroyed their homes in mangroves and wetlands.

Farms, homes and industry have sprung up along Malaysia's coasts, depriving migratory birds of key winter homes, leading to a 22-per-cent fall in the number of shorebirds recorded in the two decades to 2006,

conservation group Wetlands International said.

Malaysia will tighten environmental regulations to avoid similar future mistakes, Environment Minister Azmi Khalid said.

"Of course, wetlands, people have turned that into prawn farms, fish farms, without regard," he said at a function in the Malaysian capital.

"But today we are aware, my god, we have done the wrong thing. So now governments are very aware of this. All appro-

vals are now being looked at very seriously by all state governments."

The state of Malaysia's vanishing wetlands mirrored the situation with its 189 river basins, just half of which were still intact, while another 5 per cent were too polluted for even a fish to survive, Azmi said. "In the process of development we have overlooked these issues," he added.

MNA/Reuters

More nurses demanded in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 14 Sept — Poor ratio between doctors and nurses in Bangladesh is impeding the country's health services, local newspaper *The Independent* reported Thursday.

There should be at least three nurses posted against a doctor, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) standard. "But in Bangladesh, there are 43,000 registered doctors against 21,000 nurses," Health Ministry official Khandaker M Shefayet Ullah was quoted as saying.

"The role of nurses in health services is very important. The health

system will collapse without nurses and paramedics," Shefayet said.

According to an estimate, there is only one nurse per eight hospital beds in Bangladesh that severely deprives the patients from proper health care.

"It should be one nurse per four patients," said Shahjahan Hawlader, general secretary of Bangladesh Nurses Association (BNA).

"In some special cases as in intensive care units, the ratio should be one nurse for one patient," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

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Iraqi al-Qaeda issues video of US pilot killed in crash

DUBAI, 14 Sept — An al-Qaeda-led group in Iraq appealed to Americans on Thursday to reject the policies of President George W Bush and issued a video apparently showing the remains of a US pilot killed in a crash last year.

The video posted on the Internet by the media arm of the Islamic State in Iraq showed the body of a dead man in a flight suit wearing a parachute harness and lying in an open area.

"O people of America, Iraq has taken many of your soldiers and Bush is the cause of this," said an off-camera insurgent on the video, which also included footage of Iraqi children it said were killed in a US airstrike.

The video also showed an Air Force ID card bearing the name of Troy Gilbert, a US pilot whose plane crashed in November 2006. Originally listed as missing, he was declared dead based on human

remains found at the site of the crash, according to a US military website.

"It is your President (who is responsible). The one who deceived you regarding the war in Iraq.

And his deception continues," the insurgent said on the video, issued shortly before a major speech by Bush on his Iraq policies.

MNA/Reuters



Earthquake affected residents get medical attention in Lais, Indonesia. Rescue workers in Indonesia rushed aid across Sumatra on Friday after massive earthquakes killed 14 people there and shocks frightened thousands of survivors into camping outdoors.—INTERNET

Paper says Russia developing top-secret submarine

MOSCOW, 14 Sept — Russia could be developing a top-secret new type of submarine capable of patrolling underwater longer than existing diesel-powered submarines, a Russian newspaper said on Wednesday.

The project — codenamed 20120 — came to light when details were inadvertently posted on the Internet site of a provincial town, *Kommersant* newspaper reported. The posting has now been taken down and the Navy denied any knowledge of the project.

Russia is boosting military spending to back up its increasingly assertive foreign policy. That has allowed it to resume work developing

new hardware that was shelved because of a lack of cash after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Earlier this year, Russia launched the *Yuri*

Dologruky nuclear submarine, its first new-generation submarine since the end of Soviet rule. *Kommersant* said the specifications for the

20120 and the secrecy around it suggested it contained technology that was radically different from any submarines in service.—MNA/Reuters



San Diego Zoo veterinarians examine a four-pound (1.8-kg) Giant Panda cub at the San Diego Zoo's Giant Panda Research Station on 13 Sept, 2007. Zoo veterinarians confirmed on Thursday that the panda cub is a girl. Following Chinese tradition, she will receive her name after she is 100 days old.—INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Chrysler to recall 369,000 vehicles for problems



Jeep Commander SUV

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — Chrysler LLC said on Friday it is recalling almost 369,000 vehicles to address potential problems in brake system and front door latches and locks.

The automaker said the first recall

due to brake problem involves Jeep Grand Cherokee and Jeep Commander SUVs for the 2006 and 2007 model years and the 2007 Jeep Wrangler and Dodge Nitro.

Chrysler spokesman Max Gates said that an error in the electronic braking system could cause momentary braking delays on hills, adding the company has had about 20 reports of such problems.

In another separate case, Chrysler said it will recall 72,333 model year 2008 Dodge Avenger sedans and Chrysler Sebring convertibles to address problems with the front door latches and locks.

The company said no injuries have been reported in the two cases and owners will be notified beginning in September and October respectively.—*Internet*



A technician "talks" to a robot on the opening day of the WIRED NextFest 2007 exhibition in Los Angeles, the United States, on 13 Sept, 2007. Organized by the WIRED Magazine, the annual WIRED NextFest exhibition has brought together inventors from around the world to showcase the innovations in communication, design, entertainment, energy, environment protection, medicine, robotics, security and transportation.—XINHUA

Backgrounder: World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention

KOBE (JAPAN), 15 Sept — Over 3,000 ethnic Chinese entrepreneurs from around the world gathered Saturday in Kobe, Japan to attend the 9th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention (WCEC).

The biennial convention, held at Kobe on 15-16 Sept and Osaka on the 17th, is aimed at promoting exchanges among global ethnic Chinese as well as those between Chinese and the people of the host

country.

The WCEC was first held 1991 in Singapore. Since then, it has been held in Hong Kong, China, Bangkok, Thailand, Vancouver, Canada, Melbourne, Australia, Nanjing, China, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Seoul, Republic of Korea, promoting local as well as regional and national economy of the host countries.

Till now, the Nanjing WCEC was of the largest scale, with 4,700 people

from over 70 countries and regions attending the convention in 2001.

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A grand boat show on the Dongting Lake marks the start of the 2007 Hunan Tourism Festival in Yueyang, northeastern Hunan, on 12 Sept, 2007.

XINHUA

Iran resumes gas export to Turkey

ANKARA, 14 Sept— Iran restarted to pump natural gas to Turkey on Thursday following a large explosion damaged the pipeline and caused

supplies cutoff on Sunday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Ministry sources were quoted as saying that Iran had started to pump natural gas early Thursday after the pipeline was repaired. The natural gas flow was halted when the pipeline was damaged in the blast that occurred near Dogubeyazit town of eastern Turkey's Agri Province bordering Iran and caused a huge fire.

The Turkish Petroleum Pipeline Corporation (BOTAS) confirmed the blast in a statement on Monday, without giving details about the cause of the explosion.

Stressing that the suspension of Iranian natural gas was temporary, the BOTAS said "gas supply from other sources increased and a balance of demand and supply was reached so that no consumer was placed in a disadvantageous position".

MNA/Xinhua

Suzuki Indonesia recalls over 14,000 cars

JAKARTA, 15 Sept—PT Indomobil Suzuki International, the Indonesian branch of Japanese car-maker Suzuki, plans to recall 14,452 cars in Indonesia due to mechanical problem in the transmission system, local Press said Friday.

The recall affects 9,954 Aerio hatchbacks manufactured in 2002-06 and 4,498 Baleno sedans produced in 2003-06, reported leading economic daily *Bisnis Indonesia*.

Indomobil said the recall aims to replace some small parts in the transmission system that

are potentially broken due to unexpected frictions with the gear housing.

Indomobil spokesman Priyo Kurnianto told the daily the free repair would take only one hour per car.

MNA/Xinhua

Stunt performer Wang Chuntai pulls four people in a minicar with a rope attached to his nose on a street in Haikou, South China's Hainan Province, on 13 Sept, 2007. He pulled the car nearly 10 meters in 10 seconds.

INTERNET



Malaysia expected to receive more funds for biodiversity project

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Sept — Malaysia is expected to receive more funds in the next five years to carry out various en-

vironmental conservation programmes and activities in the Borneo Island.

Japan International Cooperation Agency

(JICA) is expected to spend about 10 million ringgit (2.86 million US dollars) for the Bornean Biodiversity and Ecosystems Conservation (BBEC) Phase II project, according to *Bernama*, Malaysia's state news agency, on Tuesday.

JICA's director-general of global environment department, Takafumi Ito, was quoted as saying that the project cost was cut by half compared to the 20 million ringgit (5.71 million US dollars) in the last five years under BBEC Phase I because the equipment and facilities used under the first phase project were still available.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Aid, cash pledged for Indonesia quake victims

SINGAPORE, 14 Sept— Aid agencies have pledged cash and rushed teams to assess damage and help the injured after a major earthquake and a series of powerful aftershocks shook Indonesia's Sumatra Island.

US-based Catholic Relief Services said it has committed an initial 50,000 US dollars to the earthquake recovery effort.

"Between the earthquakes and aftershocks, the damage seems to be more widespread than initially thought," CRS Indonesia Country Director Rich Balmadier said in a statement carried on Reuters AlertNet website (www.alertnet.org).

"We are concerned about the vulnerability in rural villages, where the houses are modest and less equipped to withstand massive impact," he added. Australia pledged 50,000 Australia dollars (42,000 US dollars) in emergency aid on Thursday through the Indonesian chapter of the International Red Cross. "This assistance will help in early impact assessments and to support deployment of Indonesian

emergency medical teams and transport critical relief items to the affected areas," said Foreign Minister Alexander Downer.

"Australia is in constant contact with the Government of Indonesia and stands ready to provide further assistance if requested," Downer said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters



Two boys experience a brain wave test at the "brainball" section on the opening day of the WIRED NextFest 2007 exhibition in Los Angeles, the United States, on 13 Sept, 2007. — XINHUA

Beijing to clean up restaurant slops business

BEIJING, 14 Sept — China's capital plans to revamp the collection of restaurant waste and eventually phase out vendors who ply Beijing's eateries buying scraps used for pig swill, a local newspaper reported.

The city's many thousands of restaurants sustain an Army of poor migrant workers who use barrels placed on often filthy three-wheel cycles to buy uneaten food, cooking oil and kitchen scraps. They take the smelly loads to the city's outskirts, where the refuse is sold for pig feed and — despite food safety rules — the oil is recycled for cooking, soaps and other goods.

With the 2008 Olympic Games looming and the country's food hygiene under tough scrutiny, city officials have said they

will begin phasing out the vast informal trade and replace it with "unified collection" by specialized contractors, the *Beijing Morning Post* reported on Thursday.

"This means that the privately owned swill carts will in the future bid farewell to Beijing," the paper said.

The phase-out will begin at Olympic Games venues, a well-known chain of Peking duck restaurants and over 100 hotels that have signed deals to receive Olympic Games guests the paper said.—MNA/Reuters



Sunni tribal leader Abdul Sattar Abu Risha shakes hands with President Bush during a meeting in Anbar Province, Iraq, in this 3 Sept, 2007 file photo. Abu Risha, who was instrumental in driving al Qaeda out of Iraq's Anbar province, was killed by a bomb attack on 13 Sept, 2007, less than two weeks after he met Bush. Abu Risha was killed near his home in Ramadi, capital of Anbar. He was the most influential leader of an alliance of Sunni Arab tribes that joined forces with US troops to push al Qaeda from much of the western region. —INTERNET

Children in central Nepal given vaccines in fear of polio

KATHMANDU, 14 Sept — Eighty-five children in central Nepal were administered polio drops after a child was found with polio syndrome, Nepali national news agency RSS reported on Thursday.

According to the District Public Health Office (DPHO) of Nuwakot District, some 30 kilometres north of capital Kathmandu, a two-year-old boy of Okharpauwa Village Development Committee (VDC) was found with symptoms of polio. The doctors, after suspecting polio, sent the boy to Kanti Children's Hospital in the capital city.

In order to prevent the spread of polio in the area, other children were administered with polio drops to control the disease, DPHO added.

Nepali Department of Health (DH) had resumed immunization campaign against polio from 2006 after a few cases of the disease were detected in some areas in Indo-Nepal border areas.

The campaign was stopped in Nepal from 2000-2004 as no polio patients were seen in the country.

MNA/Xinhua

Giuliani slams Hillary over Iraq war criticism

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — Republican US presidential front-runner Rudy Giuliani bought a full-page advertisement in *The New York Times* on Friday accusing the leading Democrat, Senator Hillary Clinton, of "spewing political venom" for comments she made in the debate over the Iraq war.

The unusual and vituperative advertisement followed a week of partisan exchanges over President George W. Bush's policy of maintaining high levels of US troops in Iraq, based on an assessment by the US commander General David Petraeus.

Clinton, who has called for early withdrawal of US troops, said during a Senate hearing with Petraeus on Tuesday that his report outlining progress in the war required "a willing suspension of disbelief".

Giuliani, who built his reputation as a former mayor of New York where he was tough on crime and praised for his leadership after the September 11 attacks, has backed Bush's policy of vigorously prosecuting the war.

In the advertisement he declared: "These times call for statesmanship, not politicians spewing political venom."

MNA/Reuters



Residents carry salvaged material from their households in Ikorodu neighbourhood of Nigeria's main city of Lagos, on 5 Aug, 2007. File photo.

Floods from torrential rains have killed at least 41 more people, displaced thousands, and devastated crops and livestock across sub-Saharan Africa, officials said on Friday.

INTERNET

Myanma Railways providing rail transportation services at reasonable fares

Aung (Myanma Railways)

On 18 September 1988, the Tatmadaw took up State duties and then laid down the four major tasks, one of which was to ensure secure and smooth transport. Despite the practice of the market-oriented economic system, it is now spending and subsidising huge State funds in the social, health, education and transport sectors for well-being of the people.

Fuel prices have gone up again, but they are not expensive if compared with that in neighbouring countries and many other countries, as evidenced by Notification No 2/2007 dated 8 September



A train seen on Namhsan-Hsaikkhaung railroad with the mountain range in the background.
MR

Travelling by train costs less, but ensures security and convenience. Therefore, the people have relied on rail transportation in successive periods.

kyats and for the distance between Dagon University and University of Economics, 230 kyats, less than the cost of even a cup of tea. It indicates the government's benevolent attitude towards the students.

The transport charges

on board the trains four times a day— at 9 am, 1 pm, 5 pm and 9 pm.

Travelling by train costs less, but ensures security and convenience. Therefore, the people have relied on rail transportation in successive periods.

In order to improve the transport services,

Local national races are satisfied with the rail transportation service.

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Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Express.
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2007 released by the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council.

Now, the MR operates 191 circular train runs every day especially in rush hours with the train tickets charging 10 kyats and 20 kyats for the comfort and convenience of Yangonites including student and staff commuters, thus winning the reliance and trust of local commuters.

Monthly season ticket for the distance between Yangon Eastern University and Yangon is fixed at 460

for 10 viss (about 36 lbs) are rated at only 10 kyats, and children have to pay a fixed price of only five kyats for the ticket. In the rush hours between 8 am and 10 am and between 4 pm and 6 pm, loads that take large space and heavy loads are not allowed on board circular trains.

For the transportation of circular train commuters, the MR has set up a check point each in Kyimyindine, Insein, Danyingon, Ma-hlwagon and Thingangyun stations and MR officials and staff check the condition of the passengers and they get

the Tatmadaw government since 1988 has been constructing transport facilities throughout the nation. As a result, the length of railroads rose to 3048.86 miles, up from 1976.35 miles in 1988.

During the same period, the number of stations has increased from 487 to 806, and that of bridges, large and small, from 5650 to 9700.

Smooth transportation is an indicator of economic growth as well as progress in the education, social and health sectors and prevalence of law and order. In addition, it fosters the relations, unity and Union spirit of national races.

The express and postal trains ply between destinations across the

nation at reasonable fares. With a view to ensuring swift commodity flow and smooth transportation of the people of the regions of different directions with Nay Pyi Taw as the centre, the MR launched No 107 Up train and No 108 Down train between Nay Pyi Taw and Bagan, and No 101 Up train and No 102 Down train between Nay Pyi Taw and Kyaukpadaung on 18 May 2006. Besides, No 109 Up train and No 110 Down train between Nay Pyi Taw and Pyi were

put into commission on 25 May 2006.

And due to the launch of many other train schedules, Dawei in the southern part of the nation is easily accessible by train from Myitkyina in the northern part of the nation.

In a day, the MR operates 40 express runs, 22 postal train runs, 64 passenger train and wagon train runs, 72 short-trip train runs and 191 circular train runs at reasonable fares round the clock.

The MR is now expediting many railway projects, and as a result the people enjoy smooth transport, and commodity flow becomes swifter with rapid regional development, thereby helping strengthen the unity among national races.

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A cargo train whose locomotive was innovated by the Myanma Railways.
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Myanmar crown AFF Women's Championship



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint seen with victorious Myanmar Women's Team. — NLM



Myanmar women's team poses for group photo before the final match. — NLM

Thousands of spectators enjoying final match between Myanmar and Thai women's teams at YTC. — NLM



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team could equalize. On the penalty shoot-out, Myanmar scored four goals, while Thai team kicked once. Hence, Myanmar clinched the title by winning a 5-2 victory over Thai team.

Thai women's team had to be content with the second prize due to the fact that players of the Thai team could not compete with Myanmar players in harmonious efforts and sporting spirit. Myanmar women's team played the match firing on all cylinders and won the cheers of spectators.

Myanmar team that had blanked out Thai team 1-0 in the group match was able to score the leading goal in today's match. At 2nd minute of the first extra time when Khin Moe Wai shot the leading goal for Myanmar, the packed spectators cheered up the Myanmar team with a thunderous applause. However, Thai team took an equalizer at the 15th minute of the first extra time. Till the final whistle, both teams could not score any more goal. On the penalty shoot-outs, Myanmar players kicked four goals and Thai team, once. As a result, Myanmar women's team gets the chance to lift the championship trophy with a 5-2 result in the 3rd AFF Women's Championship.

Myanmar team was included in the group (B), and the team beat Singapore 3-0, Laos 7-0 and Thai team 1-0. Hence, Myanmar stood first on the standing table with nine points and three wins. As a result, Myanmar sailed to the semifinal. In competing the first semifinal match, Myanmar stunned Malaysian team with a 5-0 result. In five matches from the group to the final, Myanmar scored 17 goals without penalty shoot-outs and gave only one conceding goal. Enjoying the tumultuous applause of the spectators, Myanmar players unitedly participated in the final match with sporting spirit.

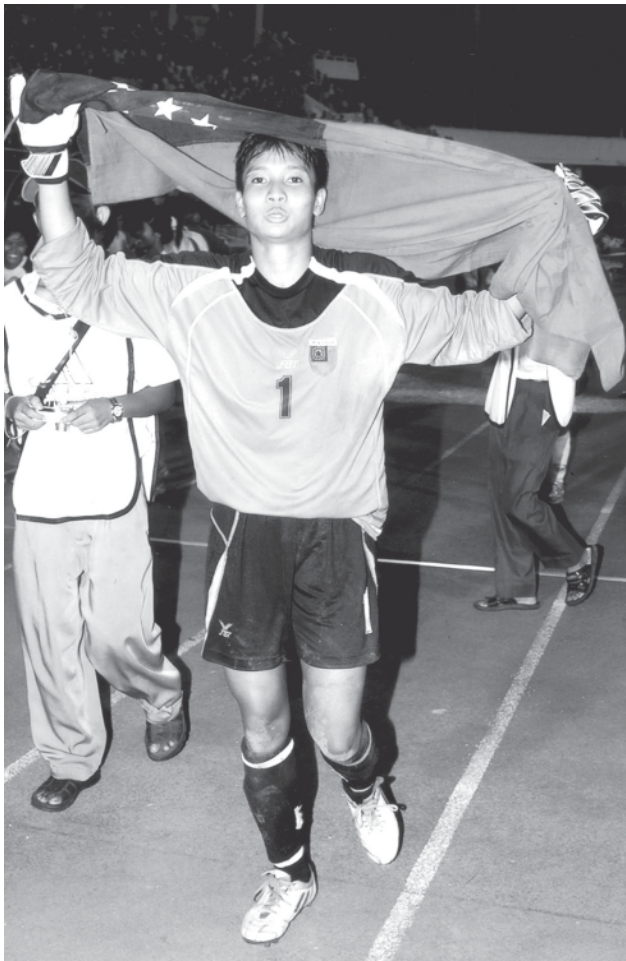
At the prize presentation ceremony, Vice-President of AFF Mr Ravy Khek presented prizes to referees who discharged duties in the final match.

AFF Vice-President Pangiran Haji Mafusin Matasan gave the fairplay award to Vietnamese Women's Team.

President of MFF U Zaw Zaw handed individual trophies to players of third prize winning Vietnamese team. MOC Chairman Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented individual trophies to second prize winning Thai women's team.

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win awarded individual trophies and championship trophy to first prize winning Myanmar Women's Team. —MNA

OUR LAND, OUR CUP



Myanmar Goalkeeper May Khin Yamin celebrates victory lifting State Flag. —NLM



Than Than Htwe kisses the championship cup. —NLM



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win presents championship cup to Myanmar Team Captain San San Maw. —NLM



The photo shows crowded Myanmar spectators at stands of YTC.— NLM



Champion Myanmar Women's Team joyfully poses for documentary photo. —NLM



Commander inspects Yezin Dam, Paunglaung Reservoir



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspects sluice gate of Yezin Dam.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin this morning inspected Yezin Dam and Paunglaung Reservoir in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District.

At Yezin Dam, the commander heard a report presented by Assistant Director U Myo Myint Aung of Irrigation Department on supply of water by the dam and maintenance tasks, and spoke of the need to systematically maintain the dam and the effectively use the irrigated water as the government had to spend a lot of funds on the construction of the facility.

While inspecting the construction of the

spillways of the dam, the minister heard a report presented by Director U Myo Myint Aung on work carried out and future tasks, and fulfilled the requirements.

On arrival at Paunglaung Reservoir, the minister heard a report on progress of the project, maintenance tasks and supply of irrigated water to farmland, and gave necessary instructions on systematic maintenance of the facility.

After that, the commander inspected the spillways of the reservoir and left there at 10.30 am.

MNA

Health Minister addresses ...

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He continued to say that the objectives of activities on the Nutrition Development Week are: To produce the iodized salt of high standard with added momentum, to continue the wider distribution of Vitamin-A tablets, to get women to be well aware of the advantage of taking folic acid, to get them to breastfeed up to six months, to develop the habit of taking wholesome foods in people according to their age and to ensure the wider distribution of anti-worm tablets to children and pregnant women.

The Ministry of Health is undertaking functions on nutrition development, vaccination, control of diseases, maternal and child health, environmental sanitation, school health activities and health education activities. In the process, it is striving together with other ministries for producing and distributing of wholesome and healthy foods and it has laid down the Myanmar Food and Nutrition Programme for 2006-2010, he noted.

At the same time, the Ministry of Health is also co-operating with NGOs and social organizations for successful realization of its objectives, he disclosed.

He said that significant progress has been

made in the activities of the Nutrition Week and such achievement can be attributed to the active participation of the entire national people. In conclusion, the minister thanked those from the Ministry of Mines, WHO, UNICEF, NGOs and entrepreneurs who contributed their services hand in hand with the Ministry of Health in enhancing the nutrition of mothers and children.

After the opening ceremony, the ministers and the deputy ministers viewed documentary photos on activities of the 2007 Nutrition Development Week, publications on health, health and wholesome foods and unwholesome foods and documentary photos on production of iodized salt by the Ministry of Mines.

Next, the ministers and the deputy ministers gave folic acid and Vitamin-A tablets to women and children.—MNA

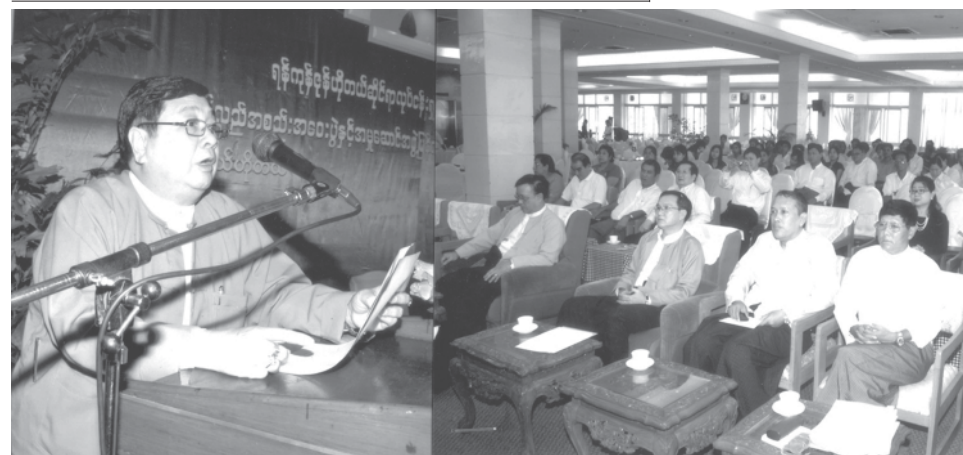
Yangon Zone Hotelier Association holds annual meeting

YANGON, 15 Sept—Annual meeting of Yangon Zone Hotelier Association was held at

Central Hotel this afternoon. Secretary Dr Nay Zin Latt of Myanmar Hotelier Association gave a speech.

Also present were responsible personnel of Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and officials of Yangon Zone Hotelier Association. Chairman U Maung Maung (Asia Plaza) and Secretary U Tin Win (Central Hotel) and executive members were elected at the meeting.

Next, new chairman U Maung Maung spoke on the occasion.—NLM



New chairman U Maung Maung (Asia Plaza) addresses annual meeting of Yangon Zone Hotelier Association.—NLM

Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing looks ...

(from page 16)

The commander presented video documents on systematic methods for growing sugarcane to departmental officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing explained the arrangements to distribute quality strains for extended cultivation of Hsinshweli sugarcane. He stressed the need for supply of water and participation of agricultural staff into educative activities. He called on local battalions and ministries to set up 10-acre model plantation and arrangements for extended cultivation of sugarcane.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and party looked into thriving 10-acre model plantation, progress of plant propagation of quality sugarcane strains in Lamine plantation and cultivation of 100-acre plantation, and presented gifts to servicemen and their families.

A total of 20, 000-ton of Hsinshweli sugarcane will be produced in Nay Pyi Taw Command this cultivation season. Arrangements are being made to disseminate agricultural technology and to distribute quality sugarcane strains. — MNA

Indian delegation concludes visit



Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun bids farewell to Lieutenant General MS Dadwal.—MNA

YANGON, 15 Sept — General Officer Commanding GOC 3 Corps of Indian Army Lieutenant General MS Dadwal, AVSM, VSM and wife and party concluded visit and left here by air this morning.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and wife, senior military officers, Indian Military Attaché to Myanmar Colonel Manoj Mukund Narvane and officials. — MNA

NLD leaders power maniacs, selfishly serve their own interest

Seventeen members quit Sagaing Township NLD

YANGON, 15 Sept—Seventeen members of Sagaing Township National League for Democracy including U Tun Tun, U Thaug Yan, U Hla Shwe, U Kan Sein, U Tun Kyaing, U Kan Maung, U Pyae Win, U Khin Soe, U Aye Tun and U Taut on 6 September resigned from the NLD party of their own accord, sending letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In their letters sent to the Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commissions, they said that NLD leaders are power maniacs and they take great interest in gaining power only. The Seventeen NLD members no longer wish to remain as party members as their leaders selfishly serve their own interest. That was why they resigned from the NLD party of their own volition, they said. —MNA

Study clears mobile phones of short-term risks

LONDON, 15 Sept — Mobile phones do not pose short-term health risks, but it remains too soon to say whether they can cause brain cancer or whether children face greater risks than adults, British scientists said on Wednesday.

Publishing the largest UK investigation into possible health problems from mobile technology, scientists said the six-year programme found no evidence that short-term mobile phone use affected brain function or could cause brain cancer.

But Professor Lawrie Challis, chairman of the 8.8 million pound (17.90 million US dollars) Mobile Telecommunications and Health Research (MTHR) Programme, said studies so far had included few

participants who had used cell phones for 10 years or longer.

“We cannot rule out the possibility at this stage that cancer could appear in a few years’ time,” he told a news conference. “Most cancers take 10 years to appear.”

Challis also noted that the UK studies that made up the report had not yet examined children. British scientists had shied away from exposing children to radio-

frequency (RF) fields, which are generated by devices such as mobile phones and phone masts, for ethical reasons, he said.

However, he noted that it was possible for children to be more sensitive to RF radiation than adults and said a second MTHR programme was underway, involving 200,000 people in Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Britain.

MNA/Reuters



A general view of Hong Kong's West Kowloon, on 12 Sep, 2007, which is planned to be built into a multi-billion dollar harbourfront cultural project. Hong Kong has resurrected the ambitious plan aimed at transforming the financial city into an Asian cultural hub, officials said on Wednesday. — INTERNET

Polish police seize 120 kilos of heroin at border

WARSAW, 15 Sept — Polish police seized nearly 120 kilos of heroin hidden in a truck crossing the border from Ukraine on Thursday in one of Poland's biggest drug busts.

The drugs, estimated to be worth nine million US dollars, were packed in nearly 270 bags and detected in a compartment beneath the cabin roof when police X-rayed the vehicle at the Hrebenne crossing in eastern Poland.

MNA/Reuters

31 rescued from sunken ship in Black Sea

ANKARA, 15 Sept — Turkey's Deputy Trabzon Governor Mehmet Ozmen said on Friday that 31 people, who were in a ship that sank in the Black Sea some 39 miles off

Trabzon, were rescued.

Panama-flagged Ro-Ro ship *Sunny Day*, carrying 28 trucks, sank at 3:22 pm (1222 GMT) on Friday because of bad weather conditions and

storm on its way from Trabzon in northeastern Turkey to Russia's Sochi Port, Ozmen was quoted as saying by Turkish semi-official *Anatolia* news agency. — MNA/Xinhua

Hurricane "Humberto" slams into Texas coast

HOUSTON, 15 Sept — Hurricane Humberto rumbled onto the upper Texas coast on Thursday with 85 miles per hour (135 kilometres per hour) winds and heavy rains that threatened widespread flooding.

The storm, which brewed up in the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday, made landfall near High Island, about 30 miles northeast of Galveston, the US National Hurricane Centre said in a report at

2:10 am CDT (0710 GMT).

Humberto had been expected to come ashore as a tropical storm, but suddenly strengthened in the gulf's warm waters.

It struck a lightly populated area, and there were no reports of damage or injuries. The storm was expected to plow through southeastern Texas and head east into Louisiana, where officials braced for flooding.

MNA/Reuters



People ride motor bikes without helmets during rush hour in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 13 Sept, 2007. A new helmet law will go into effect on 15 Sept, 2007, making the protective head gear mandatory.

INTERNET



A US Army guard stands in a corridor of cells in Camp Five, a facility at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on 4 Sept, 2007 file photo. — INTERNET

No thin model ban for London fashion show

LONDON, 15 Sept — Models strutting catwalks at London Fashion Week should provide a certificate attesting their good health, but there should be no outright ban on wafer-thin women, the British Fashion Council said on Friday.

In its report, the council recommended models under 16 should be outlawed from London's catwalks. It said the medical certificate must be provided from

September next year by doctors specializing in eating disorders.

Spain and Italy have recommended banning models with a body mass index (BMI) of less than 18.5 from catwalks but the expert panel behind the British report rejected use of the index saying it was not an accurate measure of health.

“We have considered this carefully and listened to a range of expert views. But we do not believe a

focus on BMI provides the way forward,” the report said.

“We favour the alternative approach of promoting good health based on medical assessments of models participating in London Fashion Week,” it said.

BMI is a measure of how much weight we carry per centimetre of our bodies. While it is a fair measure of good health it is not perfect.

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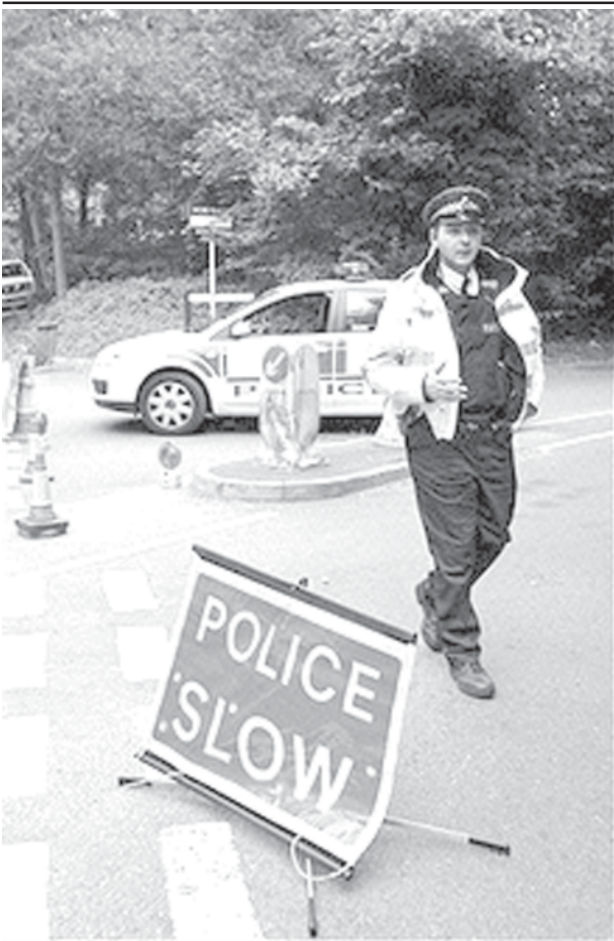
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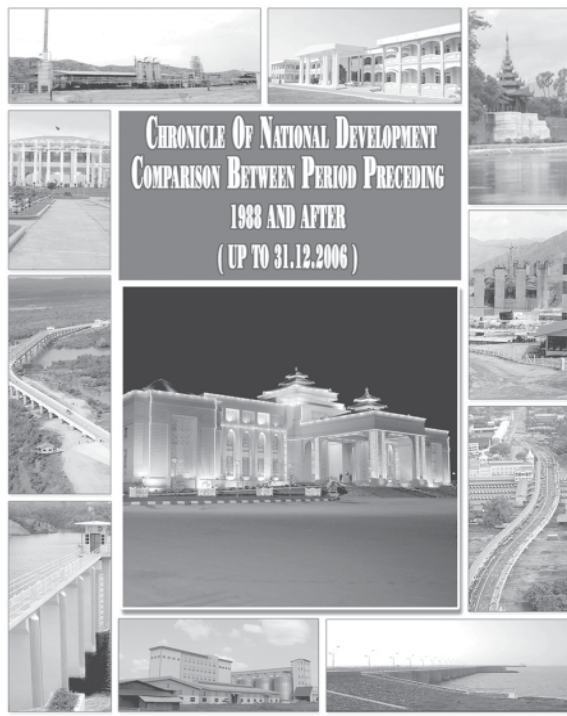
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Police block a road after an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Chertsey, Surrey. A new outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Britain was caused by the same strain of virus which was declared "eradicated" only last week, initial test results showed on Thursday. — INTERNET



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Lutein, zeaxanthin may reduce blindness among elders

B EIJING, 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 on 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-wavelength light and by curtailing other damaging effects to the macula, or the center of the 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. Foods considered good sources of the nutrients include eggs, spinach, kale, turnip greens, collard greens, romaine lettuce, broccoli, zucchini, corn, garden peas and Brussels sprouts.

Internet

Google sponsors \$30m for moon contest

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept— Internet search engine giant Google announced Thursday that it will give 30 million US dollars to the first private companies that can safely land robotic spacecrafts on the moon. "We're thrilled to be sponsoring the Lunar X-PRIZE, which will award a total of 30 million dollars to teams competing around the world to land privately funded spacecraft on the Moon," said Alan Eustace, Senior VP of Engineering of the company in a statement on Thursday.

The rules call for a spacecraft to roll at least a quarter mile and beam back a gigabyte of images and video to Earth after its safe landing.

Whoever accomplishes the task by the end of 2012 will receive 20 million US dollars. There is also a 10-million-dollar second-place prize to teams that go beyond the minimum requirements.

Why does Google love space? "Well, for one thing, we just think it's cool. More seriously, space exploration has a remarkable history of producing technological breakthroughs, and the X-PRIZE, too, could lead to important developments in robotic space exploration," said the statement.

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Ayana Mendoza (C) from Amazonas poses for a group picture with the first and second runners up after being crowned Miss Venezuela 2007 in Caracas, capital of Venezuela, on 13 Sept, 2007. — XINHUA

Japan successfully launches its 1st lunar explorer

TOKYO, 14 Sept — Japan launched an H-2A rocket carrying the Selenological and Engineering Explorer, the country's first lunar probe satellite, on Friday from the Tanegashima Space Centre in southern Kagoshima Prefecture.

The rocket, which is named "Kaguya" after Japanese ancient fable, lifted off as scheduled at 10:31 am from the center on the Pacific off Japan's southern Kyushu Island. The satellite and the launch vehicle successfully separated at 11:16

am. Kaguya, which consists of a 3-ton main orbiter and two 50-kilogram sub-satellites, is equipped with 14 scientific instruments and a high-definition television camera, according to the agency's introduction.

News said.

Kaguya will be the highest performing lunar probe satellite and start the world's first full-scale mission to explore the moon since the US Apollo programme, Kyodo quoted agency officials as saying.

Under the 55 billion yen project, the satellite is to begin its 10-month mission around December, collecting lunar features related with the origin and evolution of the moon.

Kaguya's originally planned launch was in August, when fault installment of two components postponed the schedule. —Xinhua

The rocket was made by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. This is the first time for the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency to contract with a company on the construction and launch of a rocket in order to reduce costs and boost Japan's international competitiveness in the space business, Kyodo

Greek researchers developing system to wake up sleepy drivers

ATHENS, 13 Sept — Greek researchers are currently working on a smart system that will be able to monitor alertness levels in drivers, recognize symptoms of sleepiness and give drivers a wake-up call, according to a report by Greek new agency ANA-MPA on Thursday.

The system is being developed by the Greek Transport Institute IMET at the National Centre for Research and Technology Development in Thessaloniki. According to IMET's research director Evangelos Bekiaris, it is expected to be completed in early 2008 and will go into production for use by car manufacturers within the next five years.

Bekiaris said the system comes equipped with micro and nano-sensors that will be able to measure levels of wakefulness and warn drivers when they are becoming dangerously sleepy or distracted, so as to ensure safer driving behavior in drivers who are tired or have drunk alcohol — conditions



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shown to be responsible for a large percentage of serious accidents.

Researchers have found that sleepiness increases the risk of an accident by three or four times more than when a driver is alert, while it is responsible for 15-20

percent of accidents overall. They also found that the 2-3 seconds before accidents take place are usually crucial.

"In this tiny space of time, a normal vehicle will have already covered 70 metres before its driver reacts if it is traveling at

100 kilometres an hour. The reaction time of the driver is critical and is reduced when he or she is sleepy or distracted," experts said. —Xinhua

Less patch-wearing time OK for kids' lazy eye correction

BEIJING, 14 Sept — Children with amblyopia (commonly known as lazy eye) need only wear an eye patch for three to four hours a day for 12 weeks to improve vision, and those aged under four

around three hours, rather than the six to 12 hours usually recommended by doctors, according to a new study as quoted by media reports on Friday.

The study involved 97 children aged 3-8 years

with a confirmed diagnosis of amblyopia. All children had a full ophthalmic assessment and were instructed to wear glasses all the time for 18 weeks.

On completion of this phase, researchers at City University in London and McGill University in Montreal asked 80 children who still met the study's definition of amblyopia to wear a patch for either six or 12 hours a day. The patch was fitted with sensors that were wired to a data logger, which recorded how long the patch was actually worn. Visual function was recorded every two weeks.

The point of the study was to see which eye patch "dose" was more effective.

It is found that, on average, the six-hour group wore the patch for 4.2 hours a day, while the 12-hour group wore it for 6.2 hours. However, the visual improvement between the two groups was the same. — Internet



Three children are wearing eye patches. Children with amblyopia need only wear an eye patch for three to four hours a day for 12 weeks to improve vision, and those aged under four around three hours, rather than the six to 12 hours usually recommended by doctors. — INTERNET

"Cassini" resumes sending images of Saturn

LOS ANGELES, 14 Sept — Spacecraft Cassini is sending images of Saturn's charms again after being hit by a galactic cosmic ray, it was announced Thursday.

The hit put the spacecraft into a precautionary state called safe mode, making Cassini stop sending data on Tuesday, said NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Los Angeles.

But the data flow resumed later, said the JPL, which manages the spacecraft. The spacecraft is operating normally

and its instruments are expected to return to normal operations in a few days, it said. Scientists are poring through hundreds of images returned from Monday's flyby of Saturn's two-toned moon Iapetus. Pictures show half the moon resembling snow and the other half as black as tar, according to JPL.

Images show a heavily cratered surface and a 12-mile-high mountain ridge along the moon's equator that gives the moon a walnut-shaped appearance.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Sao Paulo's Hugo given 4-month ban for spitting

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Sept — Brazilian championship leaders Sao Paulo will be without midfielder Hugo for the rest of the tournament after he was banned for 120 days on Friday for spitting at an opponent.

Brazilian football's disciplinary tribunal imposed the ban after finding the player guilty of ungentlemanly conduct during the 6-0 win over Parana, when he spat at defender Daniel Marques.

"I'm sure Sao Paulo will be champions but it hurts that I won't take part in the remaining games," he told reporters after the hearing.

"It's a heavy penalty but I respect the tribunal's decision."

After the incident, Hugo wept during a media conference and said he had been given a ticking off by his father over the incident.—MNA/Reuters



Marin Cilic of Croatia serves to Nikolay Davydenko of Russia during a men's singles second round match at the 2007 China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, capital of China, on 13 Sept, 2007. Cilic won 2-0. — XINHUA

Dortmund humble Werder Bremen with first half rout

BERLIN, 15 Sept — Borussia Dortmund scored three times in 10 first-half minutes to beat Champions League hopefuls Werder Bremen 3-0 in the Bundesliga on Friday. Mladen Petric fired in at the far post to open the scoring in the 22nd minute, Diego Klimowicz beat the offside trap to make it 2-0 seven minutes later before Petric grabbed his second soon after to

stun the visitors.

It was Dortmund's third successive league win after they started the season with two defeats and moved them up to provisional second place, a point behind Bayern Munich, who host Schalke 04 on Saturday.

Werder, who begin their Champions League campaign at Real Madrid on Tuesday, are in seventh place with a meagre seven points from five matches.

Dortmund took control thanks to two great pieces of skill from Jakub Blaszczykowski.

The Poland midfielder controlled a high cross-field ball from Dede on his chest and sent in a cross-shot to set up the opener for Petric. For the second, Blaszczykowski took his time before playing in Klimowicz to run on towards goal and smash the ball home.

MNA/Reuters

Petrovic appointed China coach

BEIJING, 15 Sept — China have appointed former Yugoslavia international Vladimir Petrovic as national coach until after next year's Beijing Olympics, state media reported on Friday.

The Serbian's appointment came on the recommendation of compatriot Ratomir Djukovic, who last year was made coach of China's Olympic team and after the Games is likely to take over the remainder of the qualifying campaign for the 2010 World Cup.

Former Dalian Shide coach Petrovic signed a one-year contract to replace Zhu Guanghu, who was sacked last

month after failing to get China beyond the group stage at the Asian Cup.

"This is a highlight of my career as the coach of the Chinese national team," Petrovic told the Xinhua news agency.

"I'm looking forward to working with Djukovic to form up the national team."

Next month, China face Myanmar over two legs in the preliminary round of Asian qualifying for the 2010 World Cup finals in South Africa.

China have only made one appearance at the finals, in 2002 under Serbian Bora Milutinovic.

MNA/Reuters



China's Lin Dan jumps to smash the shuttlecock to Denmark's Peter Gade during their men's singles quarter-finals match of the Japan Open badminton tournament in Tokyo on 14 Sept, 2007. INTERNET

Sizzling Woods surges three ahead at East lake

ATLANTA, 15 Sept — Tiger Woods, who has made a habit of producing the remarkable, took control of the Tour Championship on Friday with a sizzling run of five birdies and an eagle in the second round.

Although the world number one lost momen-

tum with two bogeys after the turn, he rolled in a 17-footer to birdie the par-three last for a seven-under 63.

Woods ended a damp day at East Lake Golf Club three ahead of the field, breaking the tournament record by three shots with a 13-under total of 127.

Fellow American Woody Austin was alone in second place after shooting a 65, finishing one ahead of compatriot Mark Calcavecchia (66), South African Tim Clark (69) and title-holder Adam Scott of Australia (66).

"I really played well,"

Woods told reporters after posting the lowest 36-hole score on the 2007 PGA Tour in the fourth and final event of the inaugural FedExCup playoff series.

"I didn't particularly drive it as well as I would

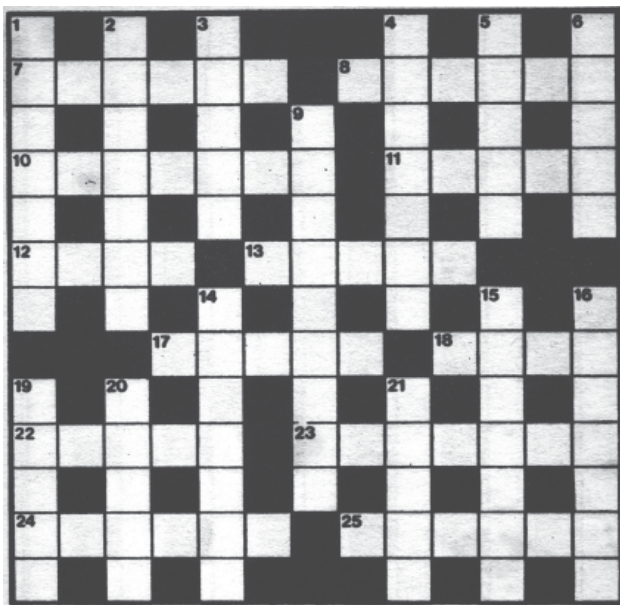
like but I was able to fix it and then I hit some good shots.

"I had a nice little roll there from four through nine. Some lucky things happened and I also hit a few good shots here and there. Overall it was a good, solid round."

Two strokes off the pace after the weather-hit first round was completed earlier in the day, Woods lit up the tournament with a blistering front nine of seven-under 28, although he was unaware of that number at the time.

MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 7 Drawing instrument
- 8 More-conceited
- 10 Section of Matins
- 11 Instigate
- 12 Gather
- 13 Take oath
- 17 Smoothed with rasp
- 18 Liberate
- 22 Stupid
- 23 Adult (5-2)
- 24 Shrewd
- 25 Revoke

DOWN

- 1 Green vegetable
- 2 A joint
- 3 Diminished by
- 4 Splendid
- 5 Long-billed bird
- 6 A ruffle
- 9 Information
- 14 Hairy
- 15 Smiled broadly
- 16 Jocular deception(3-4)
- 19 Scrimmage
- 20 Political body
- 21 English port

Former Colombia international Rincon released from prison

SAO PAULO, 15 Sept — Former Colombia international Freddy Rincon, facing an extradition request from Panama, has been released from prison in Brazil, a federal police spokesman said on Friday. Rincon, who played in three World Cups for his country, was granted the right to await the hearing at liberty by Brazil's top court, the Supreme Federal Tribunal.

He will have to surrender his passport and could not leave Sao Paulo, where he lives, without judicial authorization, the spokesman said.

Rincon, wanted in Panama on money-laundering charges, had been held at the federal police's Sao Paulo headquarters since May. Rincon, a lanky midfielder with a surprisingly deft touch, played for Brazilian clubs Corinthians and Palmeiras, Napoli and Real Madrid.

He captained the Corinthians team which won FIFA's inaugural Club World Cup in 2000.

Rincon, 41, has been trying to break into coaching and had a brief spell earlier this year with provincial club Sao Bento. Results were generally modest but included a shock 2-0 win away to Santos in the Paulista championship. — MNA/Reuters



Tennisbabies gesture for a photo call at the 2007 China Open tennis tournament in Beijing, capital of China, on 14 Sept, 2007. — XINHUA

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 15-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Mawlaik (1335) cm and Kalewa (1639) cm are exceeded (105) cm at Mawlaik and (89) cm at Kalewa above their respective danger levels. The water levels may remain above their danger levels of Mawlaik (1230) cm and Kalewa (1550) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 15-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Dokehtawady River at Myitnge is (820) cm. It may reach its danger levels (870) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

Floods kill dozens across East Africa

NAIROBI, 15 Sept — Floods from torrential rains have killed at least 41 people, displaced thousands more, and drowned livestock across East Africa, officials said on Friday.

Often prone to drought, the region also frequently suffers floods in August and September, the end of the rainy season.

In the worst-hit nations, at least 17 people

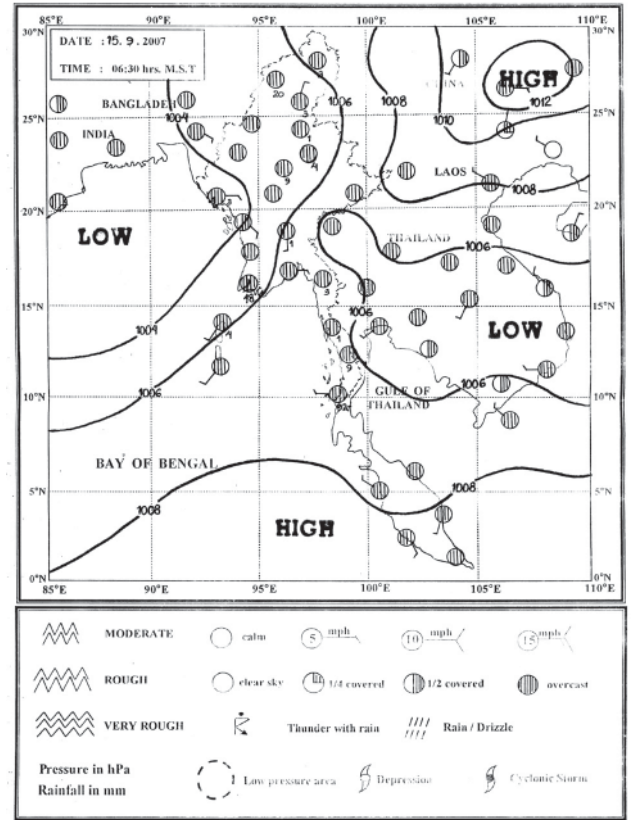
died in Ethiopia in recent days, 15 in Rwanda and nine in Uganda, governments and aid agencies said.

Hailstorms and landslides have compounded the problem in some areas, while thousands of families have fled to flimsy shelters, the return to school has been severely disrupted, and the risk of water-borne diseases such as cholera and malaria was growing.

In Ethiopia, "the death toll has reached 17 people, while some 4,000 head of livestock have been drowned or washed away, and 34,000 hectares of land has been damaged", the United Nations World Food Programme said in a statement.

The floods have affected 183,000 people in north Ethiopia, and displaced 42,000, WFP added. — MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 15 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine State, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan, Kayin, Kayah States, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.23) inch, Kawthoung (3.62) inches, Thaton (2.76) inches, Pinlaung (2.13) inches, Kyaukse (2.09) inches, Patheingyi (1.89) inches and Mandalay (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 14-9-2007 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 15-9-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 15-9-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 14-9-2007 was (5.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 15-9-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.47) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (106.02) inches at Mingaladon, (108.74) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.63) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 14-9-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Chin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered 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: Likelihood of thundery condition in Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 16-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 16-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 16-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Members of the Chinese men's national basketball team attend a charity auction party in Beijing, on 13 Sept, 2007. — XINHUA



Sunday, 16 September
View on today

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:00 am
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
7. ကတိုက်ရေလှောင်တံ
- 8:15 am
8. Musical programme
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am
2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am
3. Round up of the week's international news

- 11:40 am
4. Myanmar video feature: "မဉ္ဇူရီနှင့်ပတ်သက်၍" (လူမင်းထွန်းအိန္ဒြာရီ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဟိန်းစိုး)
- 1:30 pm
5. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (နာမည်ကျော်ထင်ရှား ပေါက်သနပ်ခါး)
- 1:40 pm
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 1:45 pm
7. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ပြဇာတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆွေးနွေးခန်း)(အပိုင်း-၂)
- 2:00 pm
8. Musical programme
- 2:10 pm
9. ကြံတောင်သူတွေဝင်ငွေသုံးဆ တိုးဖို့ ဆင်းရွေလိကြိုစိုက်ကြဖို့ (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 2:25 pm
10. "စင်စင်နှင့်မြင့်ကျား" (စင်စင်စော်မြင့်၊ လင်းလင်းစော်မြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)
- 2:45 pm
11. International news
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song for uphold national spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. သာယာချိုအေး(၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာတေး

- 4:45 pm
4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ်(သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု)(သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm
5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm
6. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာ အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:30 pm
7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm
8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
10. သီရိဂေဟာ
- 7:00 pm
11. "သစ်ရွက်ဆွေးသာဘဝ မြေဩဇာပြုလုပ်သုံးစွဲပါ" (ဝိုင်းစုနိုင်သိန်း)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
- 7:10 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမားတော်"(အပိုင်း-၅၉)
- 8:00 pm
13. News
- 8:15 pm
14. International news
- 8:30 pm
15. Weather report
- 8:45 pm
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စရာပျိုကညာ" (အပိုင်း-၄)
- 9:00 pm
17. The next day's programme



Sunday, 16 September
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -We are young
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Come on everybody
- 8:50 am National news/Solgan
- 9:00 am Music: -5,6,7,8
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar (A wonder land of pagodas Bago and its environs):
- 9:20 am Music: -Better now
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan
- 1:40 pm Children's delight (story) -The old man and 500 monkeys
- 1:50 pm Songs for children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music/LIETS -I just wanna be with you -On and on
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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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

Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing looks into Hsinshweli sugarcane plantation in Tatkon Station

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept — Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin viewed thriving 10-acre model Hsinshweli sugarcane plantation of the local battalion in Tatkon Station yesterday.

The commander reported on plant propagation of quality sugarcane strains in Tatkon and Taungnyo Stations, cultivation of sugarcane in Nay Pyi Taw Command area and arrangements for cultivation of 30,000 acres of sugarcane against the target of 40,000 acres this year.

Col Tin Aung Myint of Taungnyo Station, Supervisor of the sugarcane farm Lt-Col Tin Win and Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana District Manager U Win Maung of Myanma Sugarcane Enterprise submitted the reports on cultivation of sugarcane plantations, supply of water and thriving 100-acre quality sugarcane plantation.

Officials presented reports on plant propagation of Hsinshweli sugarcane strains and agricultural technology.

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Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence inspects Hsinshweli sugarcane farm in Tatkon Station.—MNA

Health Minister addresses ceremony to mark 2007 Nutrition Development Week

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—A ceremony to mark the 2007 Nutrition Development Week co-sponsored by the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Mines, WHO and UNICEF was opened at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health here this morning with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Min-

ister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Myint, Vice-Chairperson of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Aye Aye and heads of departments, officials of the Ministry of Health and UN agencies and others.

In his address, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw

Myint said that the National Health Committee is making a constant effort for the Ministry of Health to be able to engage in prevention of diseases, medical treatments and improvement of health; that in this regard priority is being given to providing the people with nutritious food that is indispensable in prevention of diseases, medical treatments and improvement of health; that the ceremony was held with the aim of accelerating the momentum of the activities on the Nutrition Development Week.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint addresses ceremony to mark the 2007 Nutrition Development Week. — MNA

Mid-year Gems Emporium in November

YANGON, 15 Sept — The Ministry of Mines and Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee is making arrangements to hold the Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2007. At the emporium, gems and jewelry will be on sale through competitive bidding.

National entrepreneurs are to contact Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee and have their gems and jewelry scrutinized and floor prices fixed in accord with the rules and regulations from 15 September to 21 October 2007. — MNA