

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

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Chilean President

NAY PYI TAW, 18 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 Her Excellency Ms Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile, on the anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Chile which falls on 18 September 2007. — MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Myanmar working in cooperation with UN agencies to reveal that accusation concerning child soldiers is totally untrue

Secretary-1 addresses meeting on the formation of a working committee to adopt a monitoring and reporting mechanism for prevention against recruiting minors into army



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the meeting on the formation of a working committee to adopt a monitoring and reporting mechanism for prevention against recruiting minors into army.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — A coordination meeting on the formation of a working committee to adopt a monitoring and reporting mechanism for prevention against recruiting minors into the army took place at the State Peace and Development Council Office here

at 3 pm today with an address by Chairman of the committee for prevention against recruiting minors into the army Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Present at the meeting were committee member

ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, the directors-general of the SPDC Office and Government Office and departmental heads. Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said the committee for

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Enhance public health care services

As loss of sight could amount to loss of even life the value of an eye is therefore priceless.

Open angle glaucoma, angle closure glaucoma and cataract are eye complaints one should know in order that he may avoid it.

Open angle glaucoma is unnoticeable because there is no sign of poor eye-sight. It can be diagnosed through consulting a doctor. As it often develops in people over forty everybody at that age needs to have their eyes checked.

Headache, nerve cramps, vomiting and suffering from poor eye-sight are the symptoms of angle closure glaucoma. When one eye is affected the other should be treated in advance.

Cataract often develops in older persons whose lens have become dim. Moreover, trachoma is a kind of ailments that can harm the eyesight.

Under the Anti-trachoma Campaign and Prevention of Blindness Programme of the Health Department of the Ministry of Health, free medical treatment was given to 2,012 eye patients in Mahlaing Township, Meiktila District from 7 to 18 September.

Likewise, under the arrangement of the Ministry of Health, the Union Solidarity and Development Association and the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, free medical treatment was carried out in Thongwa Township and other townships in which surgical operations were performed on those with eye complaints.

Therefore, people should be provided with more health care services through imparting knowledge on eye complaints and providing medical treatment to eye patients.



In memory of grandparents and younger brothers U Nyunt Maung, Daw Tin Aye and U Hla Thein, Daw Hla Yi and family donates K 100,000 for the construction of three-storey building of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through treasurer U Aung Than of Administrative Body of Home for the Aged.—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

FM felicitates Chilean counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alejandro Foxley, Minister of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Chile, on the anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Chile which falls on 18 September 2007. — MNA

NPE conducts journalism course No 1/2007

YANGON, 17 Sept — News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information conducted the journalism course No 1/2007 at the training hall of the New Light of Myanmar daily publishing house on Strand Road in Botahtaung Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were heads of departments of the ministry, veteran journalists, chief editors of daily newspaper publishing houses, deputy chief editors, media persons, course instructors, guests, the

Myanmar Taekwondo team to take part in Korea Open

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept— The Myanmar taekwondo team that will undergo a joint training programme in Incheon, the Republic of Korea, and take part in Korea Open championship (2007) was honoured with a dinner hosted at Yuzana Hotel here yesterday evening.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sport Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address at the dinner hosted by President U Htay Myint of Myanmar Taekwondo Federation.

The minister also presented K 1 million and tracksuits to the federation through its president.

Chairperson of Central Working Committee of Myanmar Women's Sport Federation Daw Aye Aye then presented K 200,000 to the team through MTF Vice-President U Mya Han.

The military attache of ROK embassy and MTF President U Htay Myint also made speeches. An MTF coach gave words of thanks—MNA



Managing Director U Soe Win of NPE makes a speech at the opening ceremony of the journalism course No 1/2007. — MNA

principal, course in-charge and trainees.

On behalf of the Minister for Information, Managing Director U Soe Win of NPE made a speech on the occasion, saying that NPE conducted the present course as the 13th of its kind. There are three aims of the present course, first of which is to get knowledge or skills in journalism field basically, the second is to boost work efficiency and good moral qualities and the third is to enable the trainees to always stand by the State and the people and produce quality newspapers featuring latest and interesting news. The course is

important not only for the State and the people but also for the media, adding that the journalism course can support media works and the trainees are to carry out media works as supporters of the State and the people. It is certain that the course ensures benefits to the trainees and the State.

A total of 50 trainees— 30 of departments and enterprises of the Ministry of Information, 18 of the Ministry of Education and two of Myawady Television— are attending the 10-week course which lasts from 17 September to 23 November. — MNA

Development tasks supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept — Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department and officials concerned attended the coordination meeting on No 1 and No 2 district-to-district road of Mandalay Division on 16 September.

Director U Hla Myo of Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee briefed the Director-General on accomplishment of the construction

tasks for the road and future tasks with the use of charts.

After hearing the reports, the Director-General gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks. Next, he inspected No 1 district-to-district road in Mahlaing Township and tarmacking of the road near Myaukle village at mile post No 38/6 and fulfilled the requirements. —MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Vice-President calls for public energy-saving awareness

BEIJING, 17 Sept—Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong called for public energy-saving awareness while participating in activities for a National Science and Technology Popularization Day held on Saturday. Zeng said governments at all levels should organize all forms of science and technology popularization activities to increase energy-saving awareness of the public.

He made the remark in attending an exhibition held in Gaobeidian se-

wage treatment plant in Beijing which processes waste water discharged from the city. Zeng encouraged Chinese scientists to devote themselves to innovation of general and key technologies for saving energy and reducing emission.

In meeting with local children who also participated in the activities, the Vice-President told them to properly use every drop of water, every piece of paper and other resources.

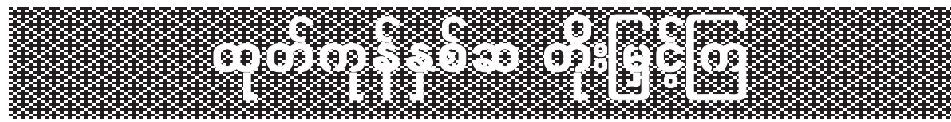
“To build up an environment-friendly and

resource-saving society is a responsibility not only for the Party and government, but every one,” Zeng said.

He also urged science workers and local governments to carry out more science and technology popularization activities that are more easily to be understood and accepted by common people.

National Science and Technology Popularization Day this year will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua



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Helicopter crashes near rally champion home

LONDON, 17 Sept—A small helicopter crashed, killing those on board, on Saturday near the home of former world rally champion Colin McRae, a helicopter pilot and enthusiast, police said.

They added in a statement that four people were on board the helicopter owned by McRae, which came down in a wooded area in Lanarkshire, Scotland at about 1510 GMT.

“It’s believed he (McRae) was on board the helicopter, however until

formal identification has taken place we will not be able to confirm the identities of those on board.” Police, who were at the scene conducting a thorough search of the area, said further details about the victims would be released on Sunday.

Air Accident Investi-

gators will carry out a full investigation into the cause of the crash.

McRae, 39, the son of five-times British rally champion Jimmy, wrote his name in the record books in 1995 when he became the first Briton to win the world rally championship.

MNA/Reuters

Ten die as bus falls into well in India

NEW DELHI, 17 Sept—At least 10 people were killed Saturday when a bus carrying them swerved off the road and plunged into a 30-foot well in a bizarre fall in a south Indian state.

The crash at Parthanhally in Karnataka left 12 others injured, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. Police said the bus that went down into the well was operated by

the state government and was carrying 38 to 40 passengers. The toll might go up, police said. Cranes were used to pull the bus and its passengers out.

The PTI reported that the accident occurred when the driver lost control of the vehicle while passing through a culvert, crashing it down the well. Injured passengers have been hospitalized.

MNA/Xinhua



The 9th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention will be held in Kobe on 15-16 Sept and move to Osaka on 17 Sept, with some 3,600 attendants from 33 countries and regions.—XINHUA

US soldier killed in bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 17 Sept—An American soldier was killed and four others were injured in a roadside bomb attack, the US military said on Sunday.

The attack occurred when Task Force Marne soldiers were on foot

patrol on Friday, a military statement said without saying where exactly the incident took place.

However, the Task Force Marne, also known as Multi National Division-Central, is respon-

sible for the security of a huge area located along the southern edge of Baghdad and scales from the border of Saudi Arabia to the border of Iran.

The latest death brings the number of US

soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to more than 3,780 since the outbreak of the Iraqi war in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkey seizes 1.3 tons of hashish in eastern city of Van

ANKARA, 17 Sept—Turkish security forces impounded some 1.3 tons of hashish in an operation in the eastern city of Van, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Saturday.

Acting on a tip-off, the security forces raided some houses in the villages of Erkonagi and Yukari Kume in Van late Friday and seized the large amount of the hashish, according to the report.

Six people are wanted in connection with the illicit drug trafficking.

In the past one year, security forces confiscated a total of 5.7 tons of hashish and 1.3 tons of heroin in the province, and 57 people were arrested in the operations.

Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in western Europe.—MNA/Xinhua

A resident walks past the scene of a car bomb attack in Baghdad on 16 Sept, 2007.
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Chinese official commended for dedication to ‘leprosy village’

BEIJING, 16 Sept—Lin Qiang, an education official from Sichuan Province, was commended here in Beijing on Friday for his dedication to improve welfare and education of a despised ‘leprosy village’ in a remote mountainous area.

Chinese President Hu Jintao has called on all the Party and government officials to learn from Lin. Vice-President Zeng Qinghong said on Friday officials ‘should put the interests of the common people first, just like Lin has done.’

53-year-old Lin, director of the provincial linguistic committee of Sichuan, found a leprosy recovery village in 2003, where all the patients have been cured but many were left handicapped, and was

stunned by the destitution of villagers and their illiterate children.

Leprosy is a chronic, mildly contagious disease, characterized by ulcers of the skin, bone, and viscera and leading to loss of sensation, paralysis, gangrene, and deformation.

China has eradicated the disease 40 years ago, but left cured patients in Abuluoha Village in Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture of Sichuan virtually isolated to the outside world, because people nearby are still afraid.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 4 Sept, 2007 shows the snow-covered 6,740-meter-high Kagbo Peak, the highest peak of the Meili Snow Mountain, and a glacier below it, in Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, southwest China’s Yunnan Province. As one of China’s leading tourist landmarks, the Meili Snow Mountain will be devoid of snow within 80 years if the global warming trends continue, meteorological scientists have warned, saying the glaciers in the Meili Snow Mountain have been shrinking quickly over the past 13 years.

XINHUA

Suicide car bombing kills 10 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept—A suicide car bomb exploded near a police checkpoint in southwest Baghdad on Saturday, killing ten people and wounding 25 others, police said.

‘A suicide bomber blew up his explosive-laden car near a police checkpoint in the predo-

minantly Shiite district of Amil in the southwest Baghdad,’ the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The powerful explosion killed ten people and wounded 25 others, along with damaging some nearby buildings, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia’s quake death rises to 21

JAKARTA, 16 Sept—The death toll of the powerful quake measuring 7.9 on the Richter Scale in Bengkulu Province in Indonesia’s Sumatra Island on Wednesday went up to 21 with 88 others having been wounded, the Indonesian Health Ministry said here Saturday.

The rise was caused by three deaths from the worst-hit tourist island of Mentawai, which is a heaven for surfing, in West Sumatra Province, head of the ministry’s crisis centre Rustam Pakaya said.

Another death was found in southern coastal

area of the province, he said. ‘The total death toll reached 21, with 88 other persons having been wounded,’ he told Xinhua.

Up to Saturday, frequent powerful or moderate tremors have occurred with the epicentre moving toward northern parts of the western waters off Sumatra Island, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

However, Pakaya said that the fatalities and damages were mostly found in Bengkulu, which bore the blunt of the greatest intensity of 5 to 7 MMI (Modified Mercury Intensity) caused by the

magnitude 7.9 quake on Wednesday.

Such kind of intensity scale can turn down buildings, while other places only suffered 3 to 4 MMI, the intensity scale which can crack buildings, according to the agency.

The northern part of Bengkulu, the closest area to the epicentre of the

quake, was the worst hit in the province, the Disaster and Management Agency said.

Indonesia lies on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called ‘the Pacific Ring of Fire,’ where two continental plates meet, resulting in frequent seismic and volcanic activities.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese rescuers leave the helicopter to the site where the bodies of missing Russian canoeists were found in northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 15 Sept, 2007. Rescuers have found three bodies of the six Russian canoeists who had been missing in northwest China’s Xinjiang since on 2 Sept. — XINHUA

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US Capitol Police officers form a human barricade to stop anti-war demonstrators from crossing onto Capitol grounds, on 15 Sept, 2007, in Washington. At least 150 protesters were arrested on Saturday as thousands of demonstrators marched to the Capitol demanding an end to the Iraq war.

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India to provide \$100m loan to Nepal

KATHMANDU, 16 Sept— India has signed an agreement providing Nepal 100 million US dollars for Nepal’s infrastructure development project, *The Himalayan Times* reported on Saturday.

According to the daily, the Indian Government had promised to provide this aid 16 months ago when Nepali Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala visited New Delhi.

The agreement was signed here on Friday. Nepal is expected to return the loan over a period of 20 years at an interest rate of 1.75 per cent.

The Physical Planning and Works Ministry of Nepal has marked some projects for the building of new rural roads and the widening of others. Some of the loan money will be spent on rural electrification.

Transmission lines will also be expanded. A part of the loan amount will be spent on expanding and upgrading the 115-kilometre-long Hulaki road in the southern Nepal’s Terai Region and on building 500 kilometres of roads in the hilly regions.

MNA/Xinhua



ECONOMIC NEWS

China rejects pork imports from US, Canada

BEIJING, 17 Sept—China has rejected shipments of pork kidney from the United States and of spare ribs from Canada after finding traces of a banned growth agent in them, in

the latest volley of cross-border accusations over product quality.

The *Xinhua* news agency cited the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection

and Quarantine (AQSIQ) as saying that the 18.4-ton shipment of frozen kidneys and the 24-ton shipment of frozen pork ribs had been returned to the exporters by local quarantine officials in southern Guangdong Province. The growth agent ractopamine, commonly used in the United States, is at the centre of negotiations between US and Chinese officials over the pork trade.

China has banned use of ractopamine and refuses to import pork containing it.

Richard Raymond, the US Agriculture Department's undersecretary for food safety, said on Thursday following meetings with the AQSIQ that he hoped Beijing could change its stance on ractopamine if Codex Alimentarius, an international food safety body, could endorse tolerance levels for it.

MNA/Reuters



Kuala Lumpur International Airport. Malaysian immigration authorities have established a makeshift camp in the car park of Kuala Lumpur's airport for foreign workers waiting to be collected by their agents, a report said on Sunday.—INTERNET

Toshiba says subpoenaed over US flash memory

TOKYO, 16 Sept—Japanese electronics firm Toshiba Corp said it had been subpoenaed by the US Department of Justice about its flash memory business in the key US market.

That comes after Toshiba's US partner, SanDisk Corp, said on Friday it and its chief executive had received grand jury subpoenas indicating a government probe into possible price-fixing in the NAND flash memory industry.

A Toshiba spokesman in Tokyo, Keisuke Ohmori, said on Saturday the company's US semiconductor sales unit, Toshiba America Electronic Components, had received the subpoena.

In a regulatory filing

on Friday, SanDisk said the subpoenas served to it and CEO Eli Harari followed a suit last month that alleged price-fixing of flash memory.

The filing said 23 other companies were also sued for the same reason.

NAND flash memory is used in digital cameras and music players such as Apple Inc's iPod.

Other makers of NAND flash include South Korea's Samsung Corp and Hynix Semiconductor Inc.—MNA/Reuters



In this file photo, Indian online tutors work on their computers, using broadband connection to Internet, in New Delhi. Home to some 1.5 billion people, South Asia is paying a high price to access the Internet as service providers have been slow to deliver cheaper broadband connections, analysts say.—INTERNET

Indonesia out to woo Italian auto-firms

JAKARTA, 16 Sept—Indonesia wants to woo Italian automobile industry giants like Ducati Motor Holdings, Fiat SpA and Piaggio to invest in the country.

"With its huge population, Indonesia is a potential market and a strategic place for automotive assembling and manufacturing," Indonesian Automotive Manufacturers Association (GAIKINDO) chairman Bambang Trisulo was

quoted Friday by English daily *The Jakarta Post* as saying. "Unfortunately, Italy does not have a big presence in Indonesia. We would like to invite Italian automobile companies to Indonesia."

According to Bambang, Italian automobile companies know little about the potential of the Indonesian market.

"It seems they do not know that we are the world's third biggest producer of motorcycles after China and India. Only one Italian company, Piaggio, is currently pre-

sent in Indonesia. It sold just 915 motorcycles in Indonesia in 2005," Bambang told the daily.

Indonesia has been the darling of motorcycle manufacturers from China, South Korea, and India in recent years. Japan has been the market leader in Indonesia with a 90-per-cent market share for many years.

Bambang said that Indonesia's vehicle sales stood at 318,000 units in 2006. In the previous year, 2005, they hit a record high of 534,000 vehicles.

MNA/Xinhua

Germany rejects EU's idea to woo foreign workers

BERLIN, 16 Sept—German Economy Minister Michael Glos has rejected a European Commission plan to encourage legal migration into Europe to ease labour shortages caused by a declining, ageing population, a German magazine reported.

EU Home Affairs Commissioner Franco Frattini said on Thursday he would present proposals to member states on 23 October aimed at reversing a trend whereby skilled migrants are going to places like the United States and unskilled workers to Europe.

Speaking for Germany, which has been reluctant to open up its labour market to non-European Union citizens as well as workers from the new EU member states, Glos dismissed the idea.

Germany cannot "massively take in workers simply because we need them at the moment", Glos was quoted as saying on the website of German magazine *Der Spiegel* on Friday.

He added that there was "a large reserve of unused labour" in Germany, which has an unemployment rate of nearly 9 per cent. Germany announced last month that it would open its doors to engineers from eastern Europe from November to help compensate for a skills shortage in the sector that risks holding back economic growth.—MNA/Reuters

Pakistan Govt inks peace deal in tribal region

ISLAMABAD, 16 Sept — The Pakistani Government signed a peace deal with tribal elders in one of Pakistan's tribal regions on Saturday, officials said.

Some tribesmen from Safi tribe in Muhmand Tribal Agency had earlier held talks with local pro-Taleban militants and received assurance from militants that they would

neither shelter foreigners nor attack government officials and buildings.

The agreement was inked at Ghalanai, the headquarters of Muhmand Agency in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), at a jirga or council of tribal elders.

The government officials will have the right to move freely in the area

under the agreement.

Political Agent of Muhmand Agency Kazim Niaz praised tribesmen and said that the agreement would help maintain peace in the area.

Pro-Taleban militants occupied a mosque in the area soon after the Army stormed the Lal Masjid, or Red Mosque, in Islamabad in July.

They named the mosque as Red Mosque after occupation but the tribal elders persuaded them to end the occupation after more than a week.

Local militants in North Waziristan scrapped a peace deal with the government in mid-July, accusing the authorities of violating the agreement.

The deal, signed in September last year, had brought fighting to an end but attacks on security forces increased in the region after the agreement was scrapped.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers hang red lanterns on a road in Yichun city, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 15 Sept, 2007. — XINHUA

Airplane crashes on landing in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 16 Sept — A passenger plane crashed on landing at the airport of Phuket in southern Thailand Sunday, causing many casualties.

The One-to-Go airplane slid out of runway when attempting to land at Phuket at about 3:40 pm (0840 GMT), and crashed with trees at the airport.

The ill-fated aircraft MB-82 broke into two pieces during the crash while landing at Phuket at about 3:40 pm (0840 GMT).

Eye-witnesses said the impact of the crash caused the plane to break in two and they heard a series of explosions.

Initial report said the airplane has 128 passengers and crew.

Thai local news network *The Nation* reported that some 60 passengers were killed. The nationalities of those



Rescue workers evacuate the injured from the site of a plane crash at Phuket airport on 16 Sept, 2007. A budget airliner crashed on the Thai resort island of Phuket on Sunday, killing 88 people as it broke up trying to land in driving rain and burst into flames, a senior Thai official said.

INTERNET

on board are also unknown, but Phuket is a highly popular destination for overseas tourists.

Local radio FM 100 said the casualties include Thais and foreigners.

Rescue work has started soon after the crash and the injured have been

sent to the airport.

Ambulance vehicles have already got to the spot, but local reports said the plane was all burnt down.

The accident was said to be caused by slippery runway after heavy rains.

Xinhua

Beijing stages subway fire drill ahead of party congress

BEIJING, 16 Sept — Beijing staged a major fire drill Saturday morning in the city's subway in a bid to test its abilities to handle emergency situation of the underground mass transit system.

The fire drill started around 00:45 am in the Guomao, or the World Trade Centre stop on the horizontal Line 1, with a simulated fire that trapped several hundreds of people.

Shortly afterwards, more than 20 policemen, 100 firefighters and 20 rescue teams rushed to the site, cordoning off the area. Twenty vehicles loaded with smoke-ventilating, illumination, incision and fire extinguishing devices also

rushed to the site.

Firefighters wearing fire and chemical proof outfit and oxygen masks went down the tunnels with the equipments to evacuate passengers, save the feigned casualties and put out fires.

The fire debris were later collected to check if they contain biochemical or radioactive substances.

Li Jin, deputy director of the Beijing fire control bureau, said the drill was

organized to test the police and firefighting team's abilities to tackle subway crises that are likely to lead to massive casualties.

The drill is an important practice to ensure the security for the 17th National Congress of the CPC, which will begin on 15 October, Li said, adding that it also helped them gather experiences to prepare for the 2008 Olympic Games.

MNA/Xinhua

Tropical storm "Ingrid" fizzles in far Atlantic

MIAMI, 17 Sept — Tropical Storm Ingrid, the ninth named storm of the 2007 hurricane season, fell apart over the open Atlantic on Saturday and was downgraded to a tropical depression as it fought unfavorable atmospheric conditions.

The weather system was likely to continue to weaken due to wind shear — the difference in wind direction and speed at different altitudes — but some computer models still indicated it could strengthen again if it clings on as a depression for a few days, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

The depression had top sustained winds of 35 miles per hour (55 km per hour) as it swirled around 510 miles (820 kilometres) east of the Lesser Antilles islands of the Caribbean at 11 am EDT (1500 GMT), the hurricane center said.

It was moving west-northwest at 10 mile per hour (16 kilometre per hour), on a track that was likely to keep it over water well north of the islands.

The 2007 Atlantic hurricane season has been active, though far less ferocious than record-breaking 2005 when 28 storms spawned 15 hurricanes, including Katrina, which flooded New Orleans and killed 1,500 people on the US Gulf Coast.

MNA/Reuters

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XINHUA



Successful car assembling plant of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone

Article and photos by Aung Aung

Of the many industries in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, auto assembling, an import-substitute enterprise, is achieving notable success.

The zone in northern Yangon is famous for manufacturing quality and marketable farm machinery, export quality goods and import-substitute goods.

“The government has permitted to manufacture appropriate and actually required cars. As we are producing cars in accord with government’s aim, our products are high in quality and penetrating markets well”, Managing Director U Maung Pu (a) U Pyone Cho of MG Cars Production told me.

MG Car Production set up its car assembling plant at a plot on Gandawin Street, Zone 5, Hlinethaya Industrial

company is assembling MGLight Trucks and MG Super Light Trucks. The design of the former is similar to that of Toyota Town Ace 88 model and the design of the latter to that of Toyota Town Ace 97 model”, explained U Maung Pu (a) U Pyone Cho.

MG Light Truck is equipped with 2C turbo diesel engine, 5 speed gear and power steering and MG Super Light Truck, 2C turbo diesel engine or 3Y petrol engine, 5 speed gear and power steering. Both types can carry loads up to 1000 Kg and have three doors to load and unload goods easily and smoothly.

Except engine, gear and axle, the bumper, body, frame and paint are produced locally. “Our experts are making efforts for ensuring customer satisfaction, creating fine car designs and en-



A MG-I jeep.

Light Trucks or MG Super Light Trucks with the colours of their choice. Payments can be made in three installments. Moreover, the company is offering serv-

the most promising zones in Myanmar. It includes several sections and Shwelinban Zone.

The whole Hlinethaya Industrial Zone is contributing to national economic development, creating more jobs, ensuring income generation and promoting regional economy and social standard of the local people.

In reality, the government has set up industrial zones to systematically relocate all kinds, types and sizes of industries that were scattered in towns and residential areas at chosen sites.

Moreover, the government has been providing all necessary assistance for progress of industrial zones. The zones are witnessing rapid development at present as the national entrepreneurs are also striving to develop their industries.

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Zone, after the government gave the green light to produce cars as an import-substitute business after establishing industrial zones in 1995.

The company started assembling of MG-I which is included in the M-38 model jeeps in 2003/2004. MG-I is installed with 2C turbo engine, 2C (5 speed) gear, and left-hand-drive power steering.

MG Car Production is also assembling another M-38 model jeep which is called MG-II. The jeep is equipped with 2C turbo engine, 2C (5 speed) gear, Pajero-type dashboard and left-hand-drive power steering.

MG-II is longer in length and breadth and higher in height than MG-I. Both the MG-I and MG-II have high market demand.

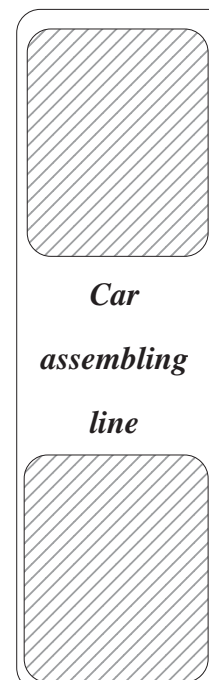
“In addition to the said jeeps, the

hancing their quality to match imported cars”, the managing director said.

Buyers can place orders in advance to buy MG-I jeeps, MG-II jeeps, MG

ices for paying fuel purchase book, wheel tax , VIC and insurance premium.

Hlinethaya Industrial Zone is one of



Myanmar working in cooperation with UN...

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prevention against recruiting minors into the army was formed on 5 January 2004. The committee laid down a project to take measures for prevention against recruiting minors into the army.

A working committee was formed with the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to systematically supervise the task of implementing the project.

The committee has to constantly supervise the work of preventing the use of force in recruiting minors to the Armed Forces, protecting the interest of adolescents and ensuring the orders and directives are being strictly followed.

The Tatmadaw has been recruiting new

members in accord with law, rules and regulations. However, opponents from inside and outside the country holding negative views are trying to smear Myanmar Tatmadaw saying that it is using child soldiers in forward areas.

The government has been working in cooperation with UN agencies to reveal that the accusation is totally untrue. It will continue to inform the UN agencies about the true situation in Myanmar.

Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy, Under Secretary General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, visited Myanmar from 25 to 29 June.

During her visit to Myanmar, she made suggestions regarding future programmes for protecting minors from recruiting into military service. Regarding the issue of child soldiers, the director-general of Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was designated as the focal point and necessary measures will be taken, he said.

Moreover, he said, the director-general of International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been designated as the focal point for effective communications with UN resident agencies.

In order to carry out the tasks more effectively, a work committee comprising the director-general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as chairman and delegates from related ministries is to be formed for establishment of the national level monitoring and reporting mechanism, he said.

Those present at the meeting reported on protecting minors from being recruited into military service, safeguarding the interest of the child and measures taken in diplomatic, judicial, legal, social, worker and Tatmadaw sectors in accord with laws, rules and regulations for rebutting fabricated accusations after realizing the government's genuine measures.

Next, the meeting came to a close with the concluding remarks by the Secretary-1. — MNA

USDA Joint Secretary-General meets executives

YANGON, 16 Sept — Joint Secretary-General of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min met with executive members of district and township USDAs and organizers of ward and village-tract USDAs of Thayet District, Thayet and Aunglan Townships at the Aunglan Township USDA office on 14 September.

The Joint Secretary-General called for active participation of USDA in public welfare tasks, rural development work, drinking water supply tasks, education, health and social sectors and the flourishing of Union Spirit. — MNA

Maj-Gen Mya Win of the Ministry of Defence being welcomed by Malaysian Defence Adviser Col Sanusi Bin Hashim and Madame to the reception to mark 74th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day of Malaysia. — MNA



Minister Col Zaw Min addresses USDAs of Thayet District, Thayet and Aunglan Townships at Aunglan Township USDA office. — ELECTRIC POWER No 1

Deputy Rail Transportation Minister meets service personnel

YANGON, 16 Sept — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin met the general manager, engineers and supervisors of Insein Locomotive Shed of Myanma Railways at the shed on 14 September and discussed the improvement of work efficiency of staff and quality of products.

Next, the deputy minister inspected production process and stressed the need for minimizing loss and wastage and worksite safety. Yesterday morning, the deputy minister and party visited Mahlwagone Locomotive Shed and Sethsan Warehouse and Botahtaung godshed and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Managing Director U Maung Maung Nyein addresses the Sangyoung Township USDA Annual General Meeting. — MNA



Sangyoung Township USDA holds AGM 2007

YANGON, 15 Sept — Sangyoung Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held annual general meeting for 2007 at the office of the association, here, this morning.

On behalf of CEC member of USDA Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Managing Director U Maung Maung Nyein of Myanma Five Star Line and Executive U Min Thein of Yangon Division USDA delivered addresses.

Next, responsible persons accepted cash donations of wellwishers and presented gifts to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination, doctors who performed free medical treatment at Phyto Cetena Clinic of Yangon West District and members of social organizations. Later, the executives submitted and read out reports at the annual general meeting.

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3rd Meeting of Sectoral Working Group...

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At the same time, we are of the view on slow progress in common projects and bilateral programmes. In this regard, situation definitely needs to speed up the implementation of common and bilateral projects between us.

The preliminary evaluation made at the various ACMECS Meetings and lately at the ACMECS leaders' Mid-term Review meeting in Cebu, early this year indicated that progress has been made in bilateral projects involving Thailand. I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Government of Thailand for its kind support in carrying out the bilateral projects effectively, mostly in the area of Human Resource Development in the agricultural sector.

In the second meeting of the Sectoral Working Group on Agriculture, held in Chiang Rai, Thailand in August 2006, altogether 7 common projects and 28 bilateral



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo makes a speech at the 3rd Meeting of Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Cooperation under ACMECS.—MNA

projects were identified to implement under the agricultural cooperation sector. However, most of these projects are still in the conceptual stage and required to be transformed into action.

Though all the member countries have shown their keen interest to cooperate in these bilateral projects actively, funding has been a major constraint in ACMECS community. In this respect, prevailing situation demands us to work out an effective fund raising plan in order to ensure acquisition of required budget in materializing our visions. At the same time, we may need to reprioritize the

existing common and bilateral projects to be a shortlist that can be effectively and efficiently implemented within our available resource.

As you are aware, rice is crucially important in the countries of our ACMECS Community in terms of being our staple food, major employment activities of our rural populace and high proportion of rice supply to the world trade, and food security.

In Myanmar, paddy is designated as the principal food crop and cultivated area under paddy is currently about 8.1 million hactre, which produce milled-rice, about 14.7 million tons.

The ACMECS countries as a whole produce approximately 55 million tons of milled rice per year or 13 percent of the world's total production. These countries export to world 13 million tons per year, or 45 percent of the world's supply. Therefore, stabilization of the rice price in the world market is highly important and required to maintain for the sustained income of rice farmers who are the majority of our population.

Therefore, cooperation among ACMECS member countries in improving the production capacity and product quality, strengthening marketing network and trade facilitation, and enhancing understanding among rice producing and trading communities would be much beneficial to all the member countries of our ACMECS regions.

In order to attain such achievement, an appropriate policy should be developed through a wide discussion on

possible ways and areas of cooperation based on the actual situation of each particular country.

I do hope that today's Working Group Meeting will produce valuable recommendation for the future direction of ACMECS rice cooperation.

Myanmar has been engaged in closer cooperation with its neighboring countries both bilaterally and collectively. Over the years, we have been actively participating not only in ACMECS but also in ASEAN, GMS and BIMSTEC with the aim to enhance greater regional cooperation.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Myanmar as a focal coordinator will therefore continue to play an active role to ensure that agricultural projects under ACMECS framework would be successful and beneficial to the people residing in our sub-region.

After completion of the meeting, we have arranged a study visit

programme for the delegates to observe our development activities of hydropower project, agricultural research and some academic institutions around Nay Pyi Taw. Your suggestion and comments on such development activities are most welcome and highly appreciated.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw, heads of department, representatives of Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam and guests.

The meeting continues tomorrow and the participants will pay study visits to Paunglaung multi-purpose dam project site, Yezin University of Agriculture, University of Veterinary Science and the plantations of the Agriculture Research Department.

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CEC Member attends AGM of Maubin USDA

YANGON, 17 Sept — CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt made a speech while attending Annual General Meeting of Maubin USDA for 2007 held at Toeshwewah Hall in Maubin this morning.

Present on the occasion were local authorities, departmental officials at district and township levels, the secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA and executives and members of social organizations.

Next, the CEC Member, District Chairman U Htay Win, Division Secretary U Than Tun and Township Peace

and Development Council U Bo Tun presented prizes to distinction winners who had passed the 2006-2007 matriculation examination. Afterwards, officials concerned accepted cash donations presented by wellwishers. After that the

CEC Member met with the secretaries and executives at District USDA Office. At the office of Maubin DAC, the CEC Member met with executive officers and engineers in-charge and left necessary instructions. — MNA



Minister Col Thein Nyunt presents prize to distinction winner. — MNA

No interest to stand as NLD members

Seven resign from NLD

YANGON, 17 Sept — Seven members namely U Than Htay of Shwetaung Township National League for Democracy of Bago Division (West) on 28 June, and U Maung Maung Oo, U Hla Oo, U Aung Tin and U Sein Maung of Taungdwingyi Township NLD, Magway Division, and U Aung Phyo Wai and U Toe Gyi of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Township NLD on 5 September resigned from NLD of their own volition, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their resignation letters sent to Shwetaung, Taungdwingyi and Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they no longer wished to stand as NLD members. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said. — MNA

Commander attends cornerstone-laying ceremony of Lawka Hmanku Pagoda in Toungoo

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The cornerstones were laid for construction of Lawka Hmanku Pagoda at Wisuddhayon TheinU Monastery in Myogyi Ward, Toungoo at a ceremony held in the precinct of the pagoda on 8 September.

It was attended by members of the Sangha led by Chairman of the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Yadana Bonmyint Monastery Agga Maha Saddammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Arawundabhivamsa, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, senior military officers, division and district level departmental officials, social organizations and others.

The congregation led by the commander received the Nine Precepts from Bhaddanta Arawundabhivamsa.

Next, the commander presented the gem caskets and ruby cornerstones to the Sayadaw and the deputy commander, offertories to members of the Sangha.

The first session of the ceremony ended with the delivering a sermon by Bhaddanta Arawundabhivamsa.

The second session of the ceremony followed. The commander and party laid the cornerstones at the designated places and sprinkled scented water onto them.

At 8 am on 8 September, the commander attended the ceremony to mark the 2007 World First Aid Day held at Thirihantha Hall in Bago and made a speech on the occasion.

At 9 am, the commander attended the ceremony

Cash donated for construction of religious edifices

YANGON, 16 Sept—Cash donations for construction of monasteries in hilly and border regions, construction of Bagan Sasana Beikmandaw and all-round renovation of Sanghabesijjathanavihara Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana were presented to the Branch Office of Ministry of Religious Affairs on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this morning, and Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung attended the ceremony and accepted the cash donations.

First, the minister and congregation received the Five Precepts from Presiding Nayaka of Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Majjimagonyi Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida.

Next, the cash presentation ceremony followed. the minister accepted the donations that included K 11.2 million by mother Daw Aye Yi of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida, K 2.4 million by U Tin Win-Daw San San Win, K 2.4 million by Daw Nan Phu, K



Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko presents prize to a winner at the ceremony marking International Literacy Day. —MNA

to mark the International Literacy Day held at Thirihantha Hall in Bago and made a speech on the occasion.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspects a fire engine at Fire Services Department (Headquarters). — FSD

513,000 by U Zaw Zaw Naing, K 500,000 each by U Nyunt Htay-Daw Nila Shwe, U Aung Mon, U Tin Win-Daw Khin Kyi and U Bo Gyi-Daw Than Than, K 520,000 by U Ye Anug-Daw Le Le Win, K 505,000 by (U Thein Maung)-Daw Pa Pa and U Chit Aye-Daw Than Than Swe, and K 100,000 by Daw Daw Kyin of Lanmadaw totaling K 29,443,000 and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.

After that, Presiding Nayaka of Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Majjimagonyi Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovida delivered a sermon, after which the ceremony came to an end.

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Healthy Shop introduces new cosmetics

YANGON, 16 Sept — Healthy Shop (PARIS) of Shwepandaing Trading Company Limited introduced new cosmetics and honoured the birthday of member artistes at the company office of No 199 on Anawrahta Street in Lamadaw Township on 15 September, attended by officials of the company, artistes and members.

First, birthday parties of performer Nan Su Yati Soe and vocalist Shin Phone were held. New cosmetics such SPA relaxing natural body massage cream, aroma therapy, dry cream, night cream, eye cream were demonstrated during the ceremony.

Further information is available at the company. — MNA

Shwepandaing Trading Company Limited launches new cosmetics and honours member artistes. —MNA





Hundreds of protesters spell out the word "TREASON" next to the Golden Gate Bridge in reference to US President George Bush and the war in Iraq in San Francisco, California, on 15 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Mahathir in stable condition

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 Sept—Former Malaysian premier Mahathir Mohamad is in a stable condition after being moved back into intensive care for checks by doctors, his son Mokhzani Mahathir said on Sunday.

The 82-year-old Mahathir, Malaysia's longest-serving premier, underwent heart bypass surgery on September 4. This was his second such operation since 1989 and followed two heart attacks over the past 10 months.

The hospital treating Mahathir said on Saturday

he had been moved back into intensive care to facilitate checks by doctors.

State news agency Bernama quoted Mahathir's daughter, Marina, as saying the former premier was transferred back to intensive

care as a precautionary measure to prevent any infection.

"The doctors say Tun (Mahathir) will remain longer in the ICU due to the need to prevent any infection," Marina said.

MNA/Reuters

Japan hits record number of centenarians

TOKYO, 17 Sept — The number of Japanese aged 100 or older will reach a record of more than 32,000 by next month, according to a government survey, the latest sign that Japan is ageing quicker than any other country.

One in five Japanese are now aged 65 or older and by mid-century that figure will nearly double, while the population is expected to drop by 30

per cent to 90 million. Japan's women, who have topped the world's longevity ranking for 22 years, now account for 86 per cent of the

country's centenarians at 27,682, according to the recent government survey.

Japanese girls born last year can expect to live to an average age of 85.8 years. Their male compatriots have a life expectancy of 79, second to Icelandic man at 79.4 years.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's players (L-R) Elena Vesnina, Anna Chakvetadze, team captain Shamil Tarpishev, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Nadia Petrova pose with a trophy after their victory over team Italy in the Fed Cup final tennis match in Moscow, on 16 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Syria stresses right reservation to respond to Israeli violations

DAMASCUS, 17 Sept — Syrian Deputy Foreign Minister Faisal al-Mekdad has stressed that his country reserves the right to respond to the recent violation of its airspace by Israeli warplanes, the independent Champress website reported on Saturday.

"Syria is not accustomed to keep silent on violations (of its airspace) and will choose when and where to respond," Mekdad was quoted as saying.

"The Syrian authorities will make response to the aggression now or in the future," he added.

Syrian defence forces opened fire on Israeli

aircraft after they flew over northern Syria and dropped ammunition on September 6, according to official media here.

MNA/Xinhua



Birdman competition kicks off in Chinese Hunan Province on 15 Sept, 2007. — XINHUA

CIA analyst says West losing in Iraq, Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 17 Sept — The West is losing the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan because it does not understand the true motives of terrorists and is thus taking wrong strategies against them, a former analyst of US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said on Sunday.

The reason for Osama bin Laden and his followers to fight the West is not because of their different values, or because they hate freedom, democracy or gender equality, but rather lies in Western countries' policies in the Middle East, Michael Scheuer, a retired 22-year CIA veteran told Canadian Television during an interview.

American and the West's unqualified support for Israel, support for tyrannical regimes in the Middle East, and dependence on oil in the region are the real factors behind the terrorist acts of Islamic fundamentalist, he pointed out.

Western countries so far have not realized or acknowledged these true reasons for terrorism, and so "we're fighting an enemy that doesn't exist," he said, adding "if you don't fight the enemy in the way that he's motivated, you're going to lose."

He warned the United States should never have entered Iraq and is on the

verge of losing the war in that country. He said Western countries like Canada are pursuing wrong strategies in Afghanistan and may also face loss there.

Canada and its allies have too many agendas in Afghanistan and yet have deployed too few soldiers to carry out the tasks. This has already led to a near-defeat there and if Western countries decide to pull out combat troops it would mean the ultimate triumph of terrorism, he said.

Scheuer said that victory against Islamic fundamentalists can only come if Canadian, the United States, and other Western governments change strategies and understand what motivates terrorists.

Scheuer's book *Through Our Enemies Eyes* was mentioned by Osama bin Laden in a video released last week when the al-Qaeda leader tried to explain why the West was to lose in fight with him. —MNA/Xinhua

Militant linked to killing of Iraq tribal chief caught

BAGHDAD, 17 Sept — US forces have caught a suspected al-Qaeda militant believed to be responsible for the killing last week of a key Sunni Arab tribal leader in Iraq's Anbar Province, the US military said on Sunday.

Abdul Sattar Abu Risha was killed in a bomb attack on Thursday near his home in Ramadi, provincial capital of Anbar.

Abu Risha, who met US President George W. Bush two weeks ago in Anbar, led the Anbar Salvation Council, an alliance of Sunni Arab tribes that worked with US troops to push Sunni Islamist al-Qaeda out of much of the vast desert area.

In a statement, the US military named the captured militant as Fallah Khalifa Hiyas Fayyas al-Jumayli.

It said he was caught on Saturday during an operation near the town of Balad, north of Baghdad.

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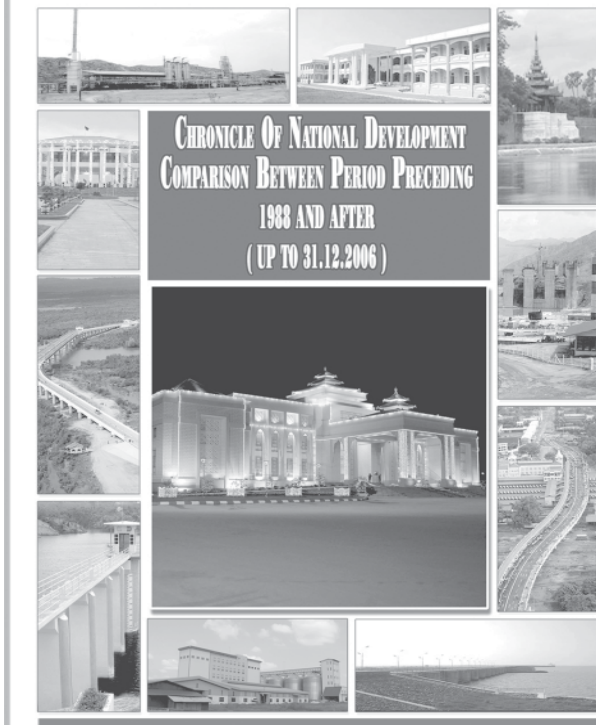
Helicopter crash kills six in Russia

Moscow, 17 Sept—At least six people died when a helicopter crashed in Russia's far east, *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported on Sunday.

The wreckage of the *Mi-8* carrier, with three pilots and four passengers onboard, was found in the Magadan region on Saturday. Only the captain survived, said local emergency authorities.

The helicopter, owned by a regional forest protection base, was on a commercial flight to the Burgali River. It crashed and caught fire near Suruktash Mountain, the authorities said.

The *Mi-8* is widely-used for both civilian and military purposes. However, crashes in Russia have been quite frequent and are mostly blamed on poor maintenance and excessive service age.—*MNA/Xinhua*



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Rescuers find two bodies of Russian canoeists in N-W China

URUMQI, 17 Sept—Rescuers have found two bodies of the six Russian canoeists who had been missing in northwest China's Xinjiang since 2 September, sources with the local rescue headquarters said Saturday.

Four rescuers, including three Russians and a Chinese, crossed the river and found the bodies around 01:20 pm on Saturday under two canoes, spotted earlier at some 58 kilometres north of Omisha, a village at the mid-point of the Yurungkax River in southern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, said Zhang Shaoyun, deputy chief of the rescue headquarters.

The bodies have been transported back to the northern bank of the river, and will later be sent back to Hotan, Zhang said, adding that their identities are yet to be confirmed once they are sent back to Hotan.

MNA/Xinhua

Canada reports record number of West Nile cases this year

OTTAWA, 17 Sept—Canada has been hardest hit by West Nile virus this year, reporting the highest number of cases in any year this summer, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada.

The country reported 1,790 cases of the disease this summer, up considerably from the 1,481 in 2003. The vast majority of the cases are in central Canada or the so called Prairies, where seven people died of the disease, *Canadian Press* (CP) said in a report Saturday citing the agency statistics.

Scientists say the wet spring and hot summer this year may have contributed to the rise in West Nile virus. On the

one hand, this weather condition is an ideal environment for the development of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes, the type that transmits West Nile to humans.

On the other hand, the same weather is not right for the breeding of nuisance mosquitoes, which do not carry West Nile but are annoying enough to get people vigilant and thus take precautions against being bitten, health officials pointed out.

Most people infected with West Nile virus do not show any symptoms. But in some cases it may cause swelling of the brain and spinal cord, as well as paralysis, or even death.

MNA/Xinhua



Champion Ma Qing (3rd L) poses with runner-ups after the final of the 2007 New Silk Road Model Competition held in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 15 Sept, 2007. A total of 60 contestants attended the final of this year's event. —XINHUA

Israeli force clashes with militants in Gaza

GAZA, 17 Sept — A small Israeli ground force pushed into the northern Gaza Strip on Saturday, clashing with militants and bulldozing areas of farmland, the Army and residents said.

Local medics said a 17-year-old Palestinian male was in serious condition after being shot in the stomach in northern Gaza. The Army said it had no reports of injuries.

An Army spokesman said Israeli forces conducted "routine activity" against what it called terror threats in the north of the coastal enclave, and said troops arrested nine Palestinians.

Militants in northern Gaza fired a rocket propelled grenade at the Israelis and exchanged fire with soldiers, he said.

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Over 70% Chinese Internet users have health problems

BEIJING, 16 Sept — About 73 per cent of Chinese citizen are in sub-healthy state with 70 per cent of them suffering from psychological problems, according to a survey conducted by 39.com website.

The survey said 73 per cent of the 150,000 respondents have dizzy, insomnia and arthralgic problems and half of them suffer from stomach-ache from time to time.

More than 70 per cent

citizen have suffered amnesia, anxiety and scatterbrained problems, however, 90 per cent of them never resort to psychological doctors, the survey showed.

Surfing on the Internet kills netizens' time for physical exercise. 51.4 per cent of the respondents said they spent less than three hours every week in taking exercise and 12.5 of them did not do any exercise in the last half year. The Internet also

sharply reduces users' time for sleeping. The survey said that 84 per cent of them sleep for less than eight hours a day.

Statistics showed the number of Internet users in China hit an estimated 162 million by the end of this June.

Sub-healthy state, referred to a functional change without organic pathological process, is a transitional stage between the health and illness.

MNA/Xinhua



A utility truck drives past a pile of oil palm fruit bunches awaiting collection at a roadside in a oil palm estate near Sepang, in February. The value of Malaysia's palm oil exports is expected to reach a record high this year thanks to strong worldwide demand fuelled by the boom in biofuels, a report said on Sunday.— INTERNET

HK to strengthen role as regional technology servicing hub

HONG KONG, 16 Sept— Hong Kong is to strengthen its role as a regional technology servicing hub, said John Tsang Chun-wah, Financial Secretary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Friday on the opening ceremony of the 'Innovation Expo 07' showcasing the latest achievements of Hong Kong in innovation, technology and design.

He said the government had been actively promoting innovation and technology by putting in place funding

programmes and infrastructural support, including the establishment of the Innovation and Technology Fund, the Hong Kong Science Park, Cyberport and five Research and Development Centres.

The "Innovation Expo 07" features more than 100 exhibitors from local universities, research and development organizations, industry support organizations, technology and design enterprises and technology education organizations.

MNA/Xinhua



A model wears a creation from the Gareth Pugh Spring/Summer 2008 collection at his show during the London Fashion Week, London, on 16 Sept, 2007.— INTERNET

Osteoporosis drug Evista approved to cut risk of breast cancer

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — The US Food and Drug Administration approved Evista on Friday for reducing the risk of invasive breast cancer in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis and in postmenopausal women at high risk for invasive breast cancer.

In 1997, FDA approved Evista, which is manufactured by Eli Lilly and Company, for the prevention of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women and, in 1999, for the treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis. Previously as a drug for osteoporosis, Evista is now only the second drug approved to

reduce the risk of breast cancer.

Evista is commonly referred to as a selective estrogen receptor modulator (SERM). In reducing the risk of invasive breast cancer, SERMs may act by blocking estrogen receptors in the breast.

"Today's action provides an important new option for women at heightened risk of breast cancer," said Steven Galson, director of FDA's Centre for Drug Evaluation and Research. "Because Evista can cause serious side effects, the benefits and risks of taking Evista should be carefully evaluated for each individual woman."

The serious side effects include blood clots in the legs and lungs, and death due to stroke. Women with current or prior blood clots in the legs, lungs, or eyes should not take Evista. Other potential side effects include hot flashes, leg cramps, swelling of the legs and feet, flu-like symptoms, joint pain, and sweating.

Evista should not be taken by premenopausal women and women who are or may become pregnant because it may cause harm to the unborn baby, warned FDA in its statement.

Xinhua



An iceberg melts off Ammassalik Island in Eastern Greenland in this 19 July 2007 file photo. Arctic ice has shrunk to the lowest level on record, new satellite images show, raising the possibility that the Northwest Passage that eluded famous explorers will become an open shipping lane.— INTERNET

State of emergency proclaimed in California county

LOS ANGELES, 17 Sept — Californian Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Saturday proclaimed a state of emergency in San Bernardino County due to a raging wildfire.

The fire, which began on Friday, has burned more than 18,000 acres (7,300 hectares) of land and forced the evacuation of 5,000 people from a pair of mountain communities.

The fire is threatening large areas in the county, including 6,000 homes and 150 businesses, and

continuing to burn "with very little containment," the governor said in a statement e-mailed to Xinhua.

There are currently mandatory and voluntary evacuations occurring, and as a result of the fire, "conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen in San Bernardino County," the governor said, adding that there is imminent danger to populated areas.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Manchester United defender Silvestre out for season

LONDON, 17 Sept — Manchester United's France defender Mikael Silvestre is likely to miss the rest of the season after suffering a cruciate knee ligament injury at Everton, the champions said on their Web site on Sunday. The 30-year-old left back got his studs caught in the ground and fell awkwardly, twisting his knee in Saturday's Premier League match at Goodison Park which United won 1-0.

Silvestre, who will miss France's Euro 2008 qualifying run-in, is the third United player to suffer a serious knee injury this year following similar problems for South Korean midfielder Ji-sung Park and goalkeeper Ben Foster. — MNA/Reuters

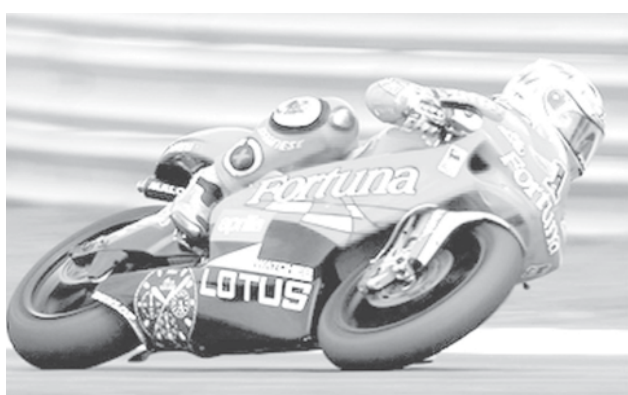
Barca slip further, Sevilla crush local rivals

MADRID, 17 Sept — Barcelona lost more ground in the title race on Sunday with a 0-0 draw at Osasuna while Sevilla showed they are the Primera Liga's form team with a 4-1 stroll past regional rivals Recreativo Huelva.

Shorn of regular strikers Samuel Eto'o and Lionel Messi, Barcelona lacked penetration and now languish four points behind leaders and arch rivals Real Madrid who have nine. "Again we lacked freshness," said coach Frank Rijkaard. Osasuna's Javier Portillo wasted several chances including a 30-metre piledriver that Victor Valdes just managed to tip over the bar shortly after halftime.

Thierry Henry had the best opportunity for Barcelona but his bullet header was cleared off the line.

A subdued Ronaldinho was substituted midway through the second half and while Mexican prodigy Giovanni dos Santos and Spain's under-17 international Bojan Krkic, on his league debut, were lively they did not come close to breaking the deadlock. — MNA/Reuters



Jorge Lorenzo, from Spain, accelerates his Aprilia through a curve on 16 Sept, 2007 during the 250cc race of the Estoril Motorcycle Grand Prix in Sintra, outside Lisbon, Portugal. Lorenzo finished third while countryman Alvaro Bautista won ahead of second placed Andrea Dovizioso. — INTERNET

Didot fires Rennes into fourth in Ligue 1

PARIS, 17 Sept — A first-half strike by Etienne Didot earned Stade Rennes a 1-0 victory over Lorient in the Breton derby and fourth place in Ligue 1 on Sunday.

Midfielder Didot netted in the 34th minute with a powerful 30-metre free kick to give Rennes their fourth win of the season.

Pierre Dreossi's side, who have not lost since their opening match, have 15 points from eight matches and now lead ninth-placed Lorient by three points.

MNA/Reuters



Paris' SG Jerome Rothen (R) challenges Monaco's Leandro Cufre (L) during their French Ligue 1 soccer match at the Louis II stadium in Monaco, on 16 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Primera Liga reports

MADRID, 17 Sept — Brief reports of matches played in the Primera Liga played on Sunday:

Deportivo Coruna 1 Real Betis 0

Depor's Jose Guardado punished sloppy Betis defending when he latched on to a long throw-in after eight minutes. The home side could have had more goals but Ricardo saved a point-blank header and a 59th minute strike from Joan Verdu hit the post.

Espanyol 1 Getafe 0

Espanyol edged an entertaining game in Barcelona thanks to a goal by Jonathan Soriano and also had a penalty appeal turned down when Raul Tamudo was bundled over in the 12th minute.

Getafe substitute Esteban Granero was sent off after six minutes on the pitch midway through the second half. The 10 men fought valiantly but Soriano ended the resistance by stretching to poke home Albert Riera's cross two minutes from time.

Racing Santander 1 Levante 0

Racing's Pedro Munitis ran on to a sharp interception to sidefoot home after 28 minutes to give the north coast team their first win of the season.

Munitis should have wrapped up the game early in the second half but missed a sitter from three metres.

MNA/Reuters

Johnson goal lifts Man City into second place

LONDON, 17 Sept — Manchester City moved into second place in the Premier League on Sunday after a goal from teenager Michael Johnson gave them a 1-0 win over Aston Villa.

Johnson powered past three Villa defenders after taking a pass from Brazilian Elano to fire wide of keeper Scott Carson in the 48th minute.

The win on a rainy afternoon at the City of Manchester Stadium saw Sven-Goran Eriksson's men climb from eighth to second place with 12 points from their opening six matches.

Arsenal are top with 13 points, followed by City, Liverpool (11), champions Manchester United (11) and Chelsea (11).

Villa, who beat Chelsea in their last league match two weeks ago, remain in 11th place with seven points.

The game was evenly matched with both sides creating and spurning scoring chances but Johnson's strike was enough to give City their third successive 1-0 home league win this season.

Eriksson left Stephen Ireland out of his side after he said the midfielder "was not quite right" after the player admitted lying and apologizing to Irish officials after claiming his grandmother had died while on international duty last week.

"He trained today, but he wasn't quite right," Eriksson told Sky TV. "He will be back on Tuesday and I am sure he will be 100 per cent then." — MNA/Reuters



Manchester City's Rolando Bianchi, right, fails to score past Aston Villa's goalkeeper Scott Carson during their English Premier League soccer match at The City of Manchester Stadium, Manchester, England, on 16 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Feyenoord beat Roda 3-1 to move back on top

AMSTERDAM, 17 Sept — Canadian Jonathan de Guzman scored twice in the second half to help Feyenoord to a 3-1 victory at Roda JC Kerkrade in the Dutch League on Sunday.

Cheikh Tiote netted a rebound to put Roda in front six minutes before the break. Early in the second half Roy Makaay equalized from the penalty spot, before de Guzman struck twice.

Feyenoord moved back to the top of the table with 12 points after four matches, two above Ajax and PSV Eindhoven who had 1-0 wins on Saturday over Heracles Almelo and Vitesse Arnhem respectively.

Feyenoord will travel to PSV next Sunday.

AZ Alkmaar came from two goals behind to get a point against Sparta Rotterdam.

Midfielder Haris Medunjanin scored an own goal after five minutes to hand Sparta the lead, while Nourdin Boukhari made it 2-0 early in the second half.

Midway through the second half Julian Jenner pulled one back and with 14 minutes remaining Mounir El Hamdaoui struck his first for Alkmaar to earn his side a point. — MNA/Reuters



Nicole Castrale (R) of the US reacts after her putt on the 16th hole at the Solheim Cup in Sweden on 16 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Atletico held at Murcia, Villarreal snatch late winner

MADRID, 17 Sept — Big spending Atletico Madrid stumbled to a 1-1 draw at promoted Real Murcia in the Primera Liga on Sunday while fellow UEFA Cup contenders Villarreal snatched a late victory against Real Mallorca.

Atletico looked headed for their first win of the campaign after Argentine Sergio Aguero put away Yourkas Seitavidis's cross in the 15th minute for his second goal of the season.

However, Murcia's Francisco Gallardo struck a late equalizer when he collected a sweeping pass, wrong-footed Costinha and rifled a shot into the far corner.

The result leaves Atletico with just two points, seven behind city rivals and leaders Real Madrid.

MNA/Reuters

4,000 people call for Danube cleanup in Budapest

BUDAPEST, 17 Sept — Some 4,000 people armed with green umbrellas called attention to Danube pollution and the need for an environmental cleanup in Budapest on Saturday, according to *MTI* news agency.

The appeal was part of a Danube Conference organized jointly by the Budapest municipal government and the sister city of Ulm, Germany, where countries, regions, cities and towns along the

Danube are meeting to promote cultural, economic and political cooperation.

Budapest Mayor Gabor Demszky called a cleanup of the Danube “one of Europe’s top environmental priorities”.

The umbrellas were the idea of Spanish artist Maider Lopez and were intended to call attention to individual responsibility for the environment.

MNA/Xinhua

Greenspan says Iraq war was really for oil

LONDON, 17 Sept — Former US Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, in a memoir to be released Monday, says the prime motive for the March 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq was oil, *The Sunday Times* reported.

In his long-awaited memoir, Greenspan will also deliver a stinging critique of US President George W Bush’s economic policies, according to the paper.

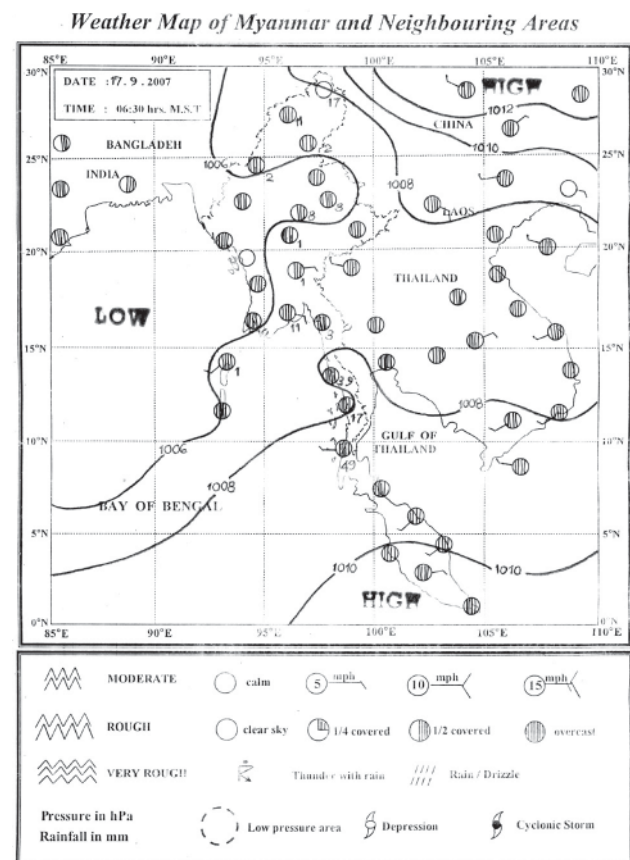
However, it is Greenspan’s view on the motive for the 2003 Iraq war that is likely to provoke

the most controversy, the paper said.

“I am saddened that it is politically inconvenient to acknowledge what everyone knows: the Iraq war is largely about oil,” Greenspan says in the book, as cited by the paper. Greenspan is understood to believe that Saddam Hussein, the former Iraqi president, posed a threat to the security of oil supplies in the Middle East, the paper said.

America and Britain have always insisted that the war had nothing to do with oil, and Bush said the aim was to disarm Iraq of weapons of mass destruction and end Saddam’s support for terrorism, the paper pointed out.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 17 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon is withdrawing from the North Bay of Bengal and Central Myanmar areas. Rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rkazine, Kayin, Kayah States, Magway Division, scattered in lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Katha (3.54) inches, Kawthoung and Machanbaw (2.13) inches each, Thaton (2.05) inches, Dawei (1.54) inches, Kyaukse (0.87) inches and Yamethin (0.83) inches.

Maximum temperature on 16-9-2007 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 17-9-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 17-9-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 16-9-2007 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 17-9-2007 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (106.22) inches at Mingaladon, (109.17) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.71) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (16:15) hours MST on 16-9-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 17-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Withdrawal of Southwest monsoon from the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 18-9-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 18-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 18-9-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Picture taken on 7 June, 2007 shows a view of the Mt Shixin of Huangshan Mountain in Huangshan City, east China's Anhui Province.—XINHUA



Tuesday, 18 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
- 7:55 am
5. ကဗျာပန်းညွှန်
- 8:10 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
7. Song of yesteryear
- 8:30 am
8. International news

- 8:45 am
9. Let's go
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. အမှတ်(၃)၊ အခြေခံပညာ ဦးစီးဌာန၊ စတုတ္ထအကြိမ် မြောက် မေ့စကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ် ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (အထက-၂၊ စမ်းချောင်း) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:50 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ်(ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:05 pm
5. Dance of national races
- 5:20 pm
6. Sing and enjoy
- 5:50 pm
7. “လေးကျွန်းမာရ်အောင် စေတီတော်”

- (သောတာပန်ရုပ်၊ စစ်ကိုင်းမြို့နယ်)
- 6:00 pm
8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:50 pm
11. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)
- 7:20 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သောရွှေနေ့ခြည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 8:00 pm
13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ပြုံးလှည့်ပါချစ်သူရယ်” (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 17. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 18 September Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-You got it
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Keep on growing
- 8:50 am National news/Solgan
- 9:00 am Music:
-Dreams
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Cross roads
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Love hurts
-Follow you follow me
- 9:00 pm English speaking course
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9:35 pm Listening pleasure
-Love is my life
-Queen of rain
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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Myaungdaga Steel Industrial Zone in Hmawby Township to produce iron rods, other ironware



Lt-Gen Myint Swe addresses Myaungdaga Steel Industrial Zone in Hmawby Township. — MNA

YANGON, 17 Sept — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, senior military officers, Secretary of Yangon Division PDC U Hla Soe and officials, inspected Myaungdaga Steel Industrial Zone being developed by Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development in Hmawby Township yesterday.

The 1,015.57-acre zone will be set up in three phases and it will produce iron rods necessary for national development tasks.

At the management office of the zone, Director-General of DHSHD U Aung Win reported on implementation of the project, the area of the zone, construction of earth and concrete roads, arrangements for construction of sluice gates, installation of power lines, environmental conservation and communications measures and sale of plots of land and payment.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint reported on power supply and installation of 230 KV power lines and future. Officials concerned also reported on the respective work.

In his discussions, Lt-Gen Myint Swe said the government has been providing necessary assistance for industrial development in building a peaceful modern developed nation. The government-owned and private-owned factories produce cement and ironware. The steel industrial zone is being set-up in Myaungdaga Village in Hmawby Township for production of ironware, he said.

He said the zone will supply ironware for local demand. In the long run import of other iron products will be cut. Industrial zones in the country have developed due to the government's encouragement and cooperation among the industrialists, he added. He spoke of the need for industrialists to invest in the industrial zone. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party toured the zone. —MNA

3rd Meeting of Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Cooperation opens

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — The Third Meeting of the Sectoral Working Group on Agricultural Cooperation under Ayeyawady-Chaophraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategies (ACMECS) was opened at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation here this morning with an opening address by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo.

In his address, the minister said: I am pleased to recall that the first ACMECS summit held in Bagan, Myanmar in November 2003 and the Second ACMECS Summit, held in Bangkok in November 2005 highlighted the importance of agricultural sector in the sub-region. Also the ACMECS Plan of Action-2006, outlined the area

of agricultural cooperation by increasing productivity, improving market access and promoting investment and joint production, research and development.

With a view to achieving these objectives, we all have to take our respective responsibilities particularly on reviewing the progress and obstacles in implementing our common and bilateral projects, and finding our commonly agreeable solution.

Over the past four years, we have been working together to translate our vision into reality. However, I noted that our endeavors have not reached full potential and still required a more practical way and action.

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Successful car assembling plant of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone

In reality, the government has set up industrial zones to systematically relocate all kinds, types and sizes of industries that were scattered in towns and residential areas at chosen sites.



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Flood Possibility Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 17-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observations today, the water levels of Ayeyawady River at Minbu and Magway are (1670) cm and (1656) cm respectively. The water levels are possible to reach the respective danger levels of Minbu and Magway (1700) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

Noteworthy amount of Rainfall recorded on 17-9-2007

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