

**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

**State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee has duty to reinforce and observe basic principles and rules and regulations and implement religious matters**

**The directives state all the rules and regulations for the monks prohibiting them from participating in secular affairs**

YANGON, 24 Sept — *The Directive (93) signed by Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhi Dhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara and Secretary of the committee Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa was issued today. The directive has called for the state/division/township/ward Sangha Nayaka Committees to supervise the Buddhist monks and novices so that they are to practise only Pariyatti and Patipatti. Following is the full text of the directive.*

Letter No 300/15/(Sar-Vi) Sar-Mahana  
Date: 13th waxing of Tawthalin 1369  
24 September 2007

**Directive (93)**

**Subject: State/Division, Township and Ward Sangha Nayaka Committees to supervise members of the Sangha to practise Patiyatti and Patipatti**

1. The First All Ganas Sangha Meeting for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana was held in May 1980 with the participation of 1218 Sayadaws representing over 100,000 members of the Sangha of the whole country. The meeting passed resolutions concerning basic principles, rules and regulations, Vinaya problems.
2. State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, State Ovadacariya and state/division/township/ward/village  
(See page 6)

**Sayadaws of monasteries are requested to give ovada to their disciples to stay away from forming, joining or supporting any illegal Sangha organization**

YANGON, 24 Sept — *The directives (81), (83), (85) and (65) issued by Chairman of the first State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bago Myoma Sayadaw and Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vicittasarabhivamsa Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bandagarika Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru are as follows:*

Letter No 212/4/Sar-Mahana  
Date: 4th waning of Tazaungmone 1352  
5th November 1990

**Directive (81)**

**Subject: The directive for perpetuation of Sangha organizations at all levels**

1. The First All Ganas Sangha Meeting for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana passed and enacted basic principles for Sangha organizations. The Sangha organizations have been formed at all levels and they are implementing the task of purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sangha.
2. All members of the Sangha residing in Myanmar shall be under the supervision and administration of a certain Sangha organization formed in accord with the basic principles for Sangha organizations.
3. Abbot Sayadaws and Patron Sayadaws of monasteries are requested to give Ovada to their disciple monks to stay away from forming, joining or supporting any illegal Sangha organization that does not accept supervision and administration of Sangha organizations at different levels.

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Secretary Sayadaw

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 25 September, 2007

### Bring honour to motherland through sports

The government is building good foundations for stability and peace the length and breadth of the country for improving the living conditions of the people. With social improvement and economic growth of the people, the nation's sports standard is getting higher and higher.

Now, the government is making unremitting efforts to raise the sports standard of the nation, while the entire people are providing assistance and encouragement in this regard. The people are fond of and cheer football more than any other sports.

Myanmar won the trophy in the Third AFF Women's Championship, after victory over Thailand. Myanmar lifted the trophy of AFF Women's Championship two times in three years.

Myanmar women's football team participated in ASEAN games, and it won bronze in the 18th SEA Games in 1995, silver in the 19th SEA Games, bronze in the 21st SEA Games, silver in the 22nd SEA Games, and silver in the 23rd SEA Games.

The government has honoured the Myanmar women's football team that had won many medals in the ASEAN level football events, and the entire people are encouraging and praising it.

Winning medals in international football tournaments, the Myanmar women's football team has brought honour to the motherland, thus enhancing nationalistic vigor of the people. That reflects the improvement of Myanmar's sports standard. Myanmar athletes are, therefore, to continue to try hard with tenacity to bring honour to the nation through sports in response to the encouragement of the government and support of the entire people.

### Medical students visit MMCWA

YANGON, 24 Sept — Medical students of Final year part (A) of University of Medicine-1 visited Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association here today.

First, Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint extended greetings and dealt with the association's set-up and education, economic and social sectors.

Secretary of MMCWA Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha explained health care services of the association.

The medical students browsed the documentary photos of the association and visited the clinic, the department for prevention of HIV infection from mother to child and the nursery of the early childhood development centre of the association.—MNA

## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Minister welcomes Indian Oil and Gas Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, officials concerned and Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra welcomed the Indian delegation led by Minister of Oil and Gas Mr Murli S Deora who arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Airport yesterday to attend signing ceremony of Production Sharing Contract.

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi received the Indian delegation led by Minister of Oil and Gas Mr Murli S Deora at his office in Nay Pyi Taw and



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Indian Oil and Gas Minister Mr Murli S Deora in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

frankly discussed energy matters.

Present at the call

were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, directors-general and managing di-

rectors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry. — MNA

### AKADEMIE In-Country Course On Reporting for Radio opened



Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV delivers an address at AKADEMIE In-Country Course on Reporting for Radio. — MNA

YANGON, 24 Sept — Myanma Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information, Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) and Deutsche Welle (DW) organized AKADEMIE In-Country Course on Reporting for Radio Workshop at MRTV on Pyay Road today.

The opening ceremony of the workshop was held at MRTV with an address by Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV.

Project Manager Mr Thorsten Karg of DW-AKADEMIE and AIBD Project Manager Mr Marcel Gomez delivered addresses.

A total of 20 trainees are attending the workshop and it ends on 5 October.

MNA

### Two severely injured in mine blasts in Kyaukkyi, Htantabin

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Sept — Eighteen-year-old Ma Hla Htwe, daughter of U Phoe War of Kyaukkyi Township of Bago Division was blown off her right foot on her way to the forest in search of vegetables together with her brother after stepping on a mine planted by the insurgents on 17 September.

Similarly, thirty-five-year-old U Khar Shay, son of U Hla Tun of Bomati village of Htantabin Township, together with his two sons, went to the forest and was blown off his right foot after stepping on a mine planted by the insurgents on 18 September.

The two injured were rushed to Shwekyin People's Hospital and Zayetgyi Hospital and were receiving medical treatment. Authorities and local people were in hot pursuit of the insurgents. — MNA

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**



*This computer generated hand out image shows a plan of a luxury island which will built in the Black Sea, outside the Russian resort of Sochi. Russian developers outlined plans on 21 Sept, 2007 for a 350-hectare artificial island in the shape of Russia to be built off the Black Sea coast near the future Olympic venue Sochi.—INTERNET*

**Crocodile increase in S Zambia threatening people, livestock**

MAZABUKA (Zambia), 24 Sept—The crocodile population in Chigolo Stream in Mazabuka in Southern Province is said to have increased and jeopardized the lives of local people and their livestock, forcing school-going children and their parents to stop crossing the stream and affecting their school attendance and other daily chores respectively.

Parliament member Ben Mweemba said here on Friday that because of the tremendous increase in the population of crocodiles, school-going children

have stopped attending classes while their parents have equally stopped crossing the stream to buy groceries in Kasako area.

He called on the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) to urgently send wildlife officers to the crocodile-infested Chigolo Stream to crop the reptiles that have continued killing people and their livestock.

Mweemba said that hunger is looming because all economical activities have come to a halt as people cannot go about doing their businesses for fear of being killed by the

reptiles.

Over 200 herds of cattle have been caught and eaten up by crocodiles this year alone thereby compounding poverty levels, Mweemba disclosed. He did not say how many people have been killed this year.

MNA/Xinhua

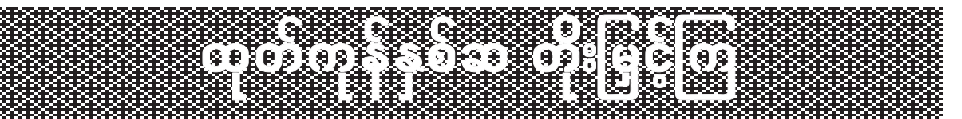
**Chinese ex-banker gets death for corruption**

BEIJING, 24 Sept—A Chinese court has sentenced a former bank manager to death for taking payoffs that led to losses of 700 million yuan (93 million US dollars), the official Xinhua news agency reported on Saturday. Huang Jinjiang, who headed a branch of Agricultural Bank of China in the southwestern province of Sichuan,

accepted seven million yuan in bribes between 1993 and 1997 from a local firm that was seeking to borrow money, Xinhua quoted court sources as saying.

Huang then signed off on bank drafts in the company's favour that resulted in losses of 700 million yuan, Xinhua said.

It gave no details but said three of Huang's colleagues would be tried separately for taking bribes worth 3.12 million yuan.—MNA/Xinhua



**Russian communists say Putin more powerful than Tsar**

Moscow, 24 Sept — The leader of Russia's Communist Party accused President Vladimir Putin on Saturday of piling up vast powers and said the Kremlin's main party represented billionaires rather than ordinary people. "He (President Vladimir Putin) has more power today than the Pharaoh of Egypt, the Tsar, and the Soviet Union's General Secretary combined," veteran Communist leader Genady Zyuganov told a party congress on the outskirts of Moscow.

"He has four times more power than the quite powerful president of the United States," said Zyuganov, whose party is the country's number two political force with 162,000 members.

Zyuganov said his party, the successor to the all-powerful Soviet

Communists, hoped to win at least a fifth of seats in elections this December for the State Duma (lower house of parliament). It currently has just over 10 per cent of deputies.

The Duma is dominated by United Russia, a party patronised by Putin, which enjoys a two-thirds majority. Zyuganov said he was the only real opponent of the Kremlin and added he was gaining new supporters as voters

were getting bored with unfulfilled promises from United Russia, which he said represented the rich, with over 30 billionaires among its Duma members. "They (United Russia) have billionaires. We have millions (of supporters) behind us," he added.

The December elections will be closely watched as a dress rehearsal for a presidential vote next March.—MNA/Reuters

**Death toll of toxic liquor to 41 in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 24 Sept— As many as 41 people died after consuming poisonous liquor in southern Pakistan's metropolis Karachi in two days, police said Saturday. Twenty-seven others are still under treatment at various hospitals and most of them were in a precarious condition, Javed Bukhari,

a local senior police officer told private Geo News channel.

The incident surfaced in local media Thursday evening when some people in the city became ill and died after drinking toxic liquor, reportedly illegally brewed and provided by a local source.

MNA/Xinhua

**Fires raging in north Syria kill four firefighters**

DAMASCUS, 24 Sept—Four firefighters died battling forest fires that have been raging in northern Syria since Wednesday, the official news agency said on Saturday. Planes from neighbouring Turkey had joined Syrian teams to try to contain the fires, which had spread to the area around the main road between the trading hub of Aleppo and the port of Latakia on the Mediterranean, the agency said.—MNA/Reuters



*A view of a charred forest in the Rabia area in northern Syria near the border with Turkey on 23 Sept, 2007. Four firefighters died battling forest fires that erupted in the area on stet.*

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*A hot air balloon floats over the Churfirsten mountain on the occasion of the international balloon display in the Swiss region of Toggenburg, Switzerland, on 23 Sept, 2007. 25 hot air balloons took part in the event.—INTERNET*





*In this photo released by Cuba's Juventud Rebelde newspaper, Cuba's President Fidel Castro shakes hands with Angola's President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos in Havana, on 22 Sept, 2007.*  
**INTERNET**

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**Angola, Cuba sign 10 cooperation accords, memos**

LUANDA, 23 Sept — Angola and Cuba have signed 10 cooperation accords and memorandums of understanding during a three-day visit to Cuba by Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, Angola's official news agency *ANGOP* reported on Saturday. The signing of the accords and memos is

aimed to boost economic and commercial ties and deepen friendship and solidarity between Angola and Cuba, said the report. On behalf of their respective governments, Angolan Foreign Minister Joao Miranda and his Cuban counterpart Felipe Perez Roque signed the "Complementary Protocol of Cooperation" which

renews the documents signed on 29 July, 1976. The two countries also signed cooperation accords in the domains of public works, energy, higher education, training of cadres, as well as the memos of understanding on health, literacy, hotel and tourism, sports and physical education.  
*MNA/Xinhua*

**Talabani asks for US release of detained Iranian**

BAGHDAD, 23 Sept — Iraqi President Jalal Talabani on Saturday demanded the US military to release an Iranian who was arrested by US troops two days ago.

Talabani made the demand in a message addressed Saturday to General David Petraeus, the top US commander in Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, the US ambassador in Baghdad, according to media reports.

In the message, the Iraqi head of state called for an "immediate" release of the Iranian civilian official, while expressing resentment over the arrest without consulting the local government of Kurdistan.

The US military announced on Thursday that its troops arrested an officer from the elite Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps-Quds Force in Iraq's northern city of Sulaimaniyah.

"Contrary to recent diplomatic initiatives, this individual has been involved in transporting improvised explosive devices and explosively formed penetrators into Iraq," the military said in a statement.  
*MNA/Xinhua*



*A Kenyan uses a canoe to cross through flood water in Budalangi recently. Hundreds of thousands of people were desperate for food and shelter across Africa as record floods and fresh downpours hampered relief efforts.*  
**INTERNET**

**Poverty percentage in India drops**

NEW DELHI, 23 Sept — India Friday said its poverty percentage had come down by more than four percentage points because of a range of programmes under way in

different states. "Implementation of several anti-poverty programmes in various states has had a positive impact on poverty reduction," said a statement released by India's Labour and Employment Ministry.

The percentage of poverty-stricken people came down from 26.1 per cent in 1999-2000 to 21.8 in 2004-05, it added, citing estimates based on a household consumer expenditure survey.

Employment, it said, also grew at a faster rate

than population during that period.

India's National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), the statement said, had reported that the country's annual employ-

ment growth was 2.95 per cent between 1999-2000 and 2004-05 as against the 1.71 per cent of population growth during the corresponding period.  
*MNA/Xinhua*

**Germany opposes Sarkozy Iran sanctions idea**

BERLIN, 23 Sept — Germany opposes a French call for the European Union to impose a new round of sanctions against Iran if world powers fail to agree on fresh punitive measures next week, a German magazine reported on Saturday. *Der Spiegel* magazine said Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier was prepared for intense talks this week with the five permanent UN Security Council members on whether the United Nations would adopt new punitive measures against Iran.

If the Security Council fails to agree on a new sanctions resolution, French President Nicolas Sarkozy wants EU members to approve separate EU sanctions against the Islamic Republic, an idea *Spiegel*

said Washington supported but Berlin opposed.

The magazine cited a senior official in Steinmeier's department in its report which it pre-released before its edition goes on sale on Monday.  
*MNA/Reuters*

**US soldier dies in non-combat related incident in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, 23 Sept — A US soldier died on Saturday in a vehicle accident in the volatile Diyala Province in eastern Iraq, the US military said.

The Task Force Lightning soldier died on Saturday, a military statement said without giving further details. Earlier in the day, the military said another soldier died of non-battle injuries on Friday.

The names of the soldiers are being withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statements said.

The latest deaths bring the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to more than 3,795 since the outbreak of the Iraqi war in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.  
*MNA/Xinhua*



*Members of a Celtic pipe band play bagpipes as they march on the Champs Elysees during the Celtic "Breizh Touch" parade in Paris on 23 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET*

## ECONOMIC NEWS

## Chinese eye wide-ranging investment in East Timor

DILI, 22 Sept—Chinese businessmen want to invest more than 100 million US dollars in East Timor over the next 10 years in a range of sectors from banking to agriculture, a Chinese business delegation said on Friday.

East Timor, a young nation of about one million people, is one of the world's poorest with a per capita income of only around 400 US dollars, but is starting to tap its rich energy resources that over time

could significantly raise standards of living.

Some businessmen fled when the country was rocked by deadly factional and gang violence last year, but calm is returning to the impoverished country after presidential and legislative elections this year.

"We have come here to meet with relevant ministries to find the way how we can invest in East Timor," a spokesman for the delegation visiting East Timor, Lu Yong Hua, told *Reuters*.

"This investment is very relevant to East Timor's condition, and I believe Timorese people involved in this investment will change their economy in five years to come," he told reporters after talks with the tiny country's Economy and Development Minister, Joao Gonsalves.

Lu said the private sector delegation was seeking investment in commercial banking, agriculture, property and road construction.

MNA/Reuters



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, right, and Afghan President Hamid Karzai, centre, are surrounded by photographers as they arrive for a high-level meeting on Afghanistan on 23 Sept, 2007 at United Nations headquarters. — INTERNET

## Foreign investments up 161% in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 Sept—Direct foreign investments in Brazil reached 26.5 billion US dollars in the January-August period this year,

up 161 per cent from 10.1 billion US dollars in the same period in 2006, the country's Central Bank said on Friday.

The result, which represents 3.78 per cent of Brazil's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the period, led the government to raise its expected direct foreign investment for 2007 from 25 billion US dollars to 32 billion US dollars.

The Central Bank's Head of the Economic Department, Altamir Lopes, stressed that the revised expectation takes into consideration only the direct foreign investment

in Brazil, disregarding eventual acquisitions of local companies by foreign players.

He said the highest annual volume of direct foreign investments was 32.77 million US dollars in 2000, which included the acquisitions that took place that year.

The Bank also said that direct foreign investments in the country amounted to 35.12 billion US dollars in the September 2006-August 2007 period, representing 2.98 per cent of the GDP accumulated over those 12 months.

MNA/Xinhua



Joe's Stone Crab restaurant, an historic landmark in Miami Beach, Florida pictured on 13 Sept, 2007, is located about three blocks from the beach but could be sitting in ocean water in a hundred years if seas rise from global warming as some scientists predict. INTERNET

## Arroyo suspends telecoms deal with Chinese firm

MANILA, 23 Sept—Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has suspended a 330-million-US-dollar telecommunications deal with a Chinese firm after it triggered a kickbacks scandal that could rattle her government.

"I think this is the best thing to do now," Trade Secretary Peter Favila told reporters on Saturday. "Those were her instructions. We were just implementing her orders."

Favila said Arroyo made her decision after discussions with some

Cabinet members but he declined to give further details. "Whatever reasons behind that, that's an executive privilege."

The suspension of the agreement with China's ZTE Corp to build a broadband network linking state agencies comes two days

after Arroyo's Cabinet defended the contract at a Senate inquiry into allegations of kickbacks in the project. The Supreme Court had earlier stopped the implementation of the deal after it received two separate petitions to scrap the project. Political analysts have said the scandal could affect the stability of Arroyo's government because her husband was named in the Senate inquiry and because it could lead to a split with a major coalition partner in Congress.

Favila said he had not been in contact with ZTE officials, but he had informed China's Commerce Ministry of the suspension. —MNA/Reuters

## Venezuela, Argentina relaunch foreign bond

CARACAS, 23 Sept—Venezuela and Argentina announced separately on Thursday the relaunching of a foreign debt bill worth 1.2 billion US dollars that was suspended last month due to the volatility of global markets.

Venezuela's Finance Minister Rodrigo Cabezas said the Bono del Sur III bond is made up of two combined foreign debt papers from both countries and will be put up for sale on Monday 24 September until midday on Thursday 28 September.

The minimum combined purchase will be offered at 3,000 US dollars, at the official exchange rate of 2,150 bolivars per dollar at an interest rate of 7 per cent.

The bond's sale was suspended in mid August to protect investors from global market volatility caused by the losses on the New York Stock Exchange.

Venezuela's Finance Ministry and its Central Bank informed on their respective websites the characteristics and conditions of the so-called Southern Bond. —MNA/Xinhua



A Beijing enamel snuff box dated 1715-1722. From 19th century Chinese erotica to contemporary Indian paintings, hundreds of Asian artworks went under the hammer in New York this week, with records falling for several leading artists. — INTERNET

## State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee has duty...

### Directive (93)

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Sangha Nayaka Committees have been formed in accord with the principles.

3. State Central Working Committee of the Sangha has been assigned the task of purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana. State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and Sangha organizations at all levels are implementing the said task. Hence, the task of curbing adhamma, purifying the Sasana, holding religious examinations and launching missionary services in remote border areas and hill regions in the nation and abroad is gaining success.

4. State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee has the duty to reinforce and observe basic principles and rules and regulations and implement religious matters in accord with the wish of all the members of the Sangha in the entire nation. In other words, it is promoting Pariyatti and Patipatti.

The directives (81), (83), (85) and (65) issued by Chairman of the first State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bago Myoma Sayadaw and Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vicittasara Bhivamsa Tipitaka Bhara Dhamma Bandagarika Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru state all the rules and regulations for the monks prohibiting them from participating in secular affairs. Sangha organizations at all levels are urged to supervise monks to practise only the Pariyatti and Paripatti.

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Secretary Sayadaw

#### Circulation

- Chairman Sayadaw, State/Division Sangha Nayaka Committees
- Chairman Sayadaw, Township Sangha Nayaka Committees
- Chairman Sayadaw, Ward/Village Sangha Nayaka Committees
- Minister, Ministry of Religious Affairs
- State and Division Peace and Development Councils
- District Peace and Development Councils
- Township Peace and Development Councils
- Director-General, Department of Religious Affairs
- Director-General, Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana
- Pro-Rector, (Admin), International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University
- State and Division Head of Religious Affairs
- District Head of Religious Affairs
- Township Head of Religious Affairs

Letter No: 212/4/Sar-Mahana

Date: 13 July 1991

### Directive No (83)

**Subject: The directive for members of the Sangha not to get involved in party politics.**

1. More than 300,000 members of the Sangha (Theravada Buddhist monks) are residing in the Union of Myanmar. After an All-gana Sangha Meeting had been held, nine ganas were formed to carry out religious duties.

2. With a view to ensuring the propagation of the Sasana, all the members of the Sangha are to live in accord with Vinaya as well as the Sangha rules and regulations and to avoid getting involved in party politics.

3. If members of the Sangha did party politics, political parties would approach and serve them as their mentors. Then the members of the Sangha would not be able to practise both Pariyatti and Paripatti, thereby contributing to harming the perpetuity of the Sasana as they would have to get involved in the affairs of their favoured political parties. Moreover, there would be disagreements between the members of the Sangha, the unity of the all ganas be weakened and all Sangha ganas be in ruin.

During the colonial rule, there were different political parties like Vinsanu and Diarchy in Myanmar. As some members of the Sangha engaged in party politics, there broke out dissension among the mass of members of the Sangha and emerged Vinsanu monks and Diarchy monks.

4. As the unity of various Sangha ganas could be consolidated, Sangha organizations at different levels were formed to perform religious duties in line with the policy of carrying out Sangha affairs by the members of the Sangha alone. And this produced a lot of benefits to Myanmar. Therefore, the onus is upon each and every member of the Sangha to ensure the unity of all Sangha ganas. If they failed the duty, the unity of the Sangha would break up, Sangha organizations would be in ruin and there would be no more chance to achieve unity.

5. Party politics is concerned only with lay persons. No matter which party comes to power, members of the Sangha are to try to maintain the perpetuation of the Buddha's Sasana under the administrative machinery of the new government of that party.

6. All in all, all the members of the Sangha residing in the Union of Myanmar are directed to avoid getting involved in party politics and instigation.

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Secretary Sayadaw

Dated 8th Waxing of Tagu, 1357 ME  
(26 March 1996)

## Directive No 85

**Subject: Action to be taken against members of the Sangha who commit acts that tarnish the prestige of the Sasana.**

1. The State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee issued the directive No 24 regarding action to be taken against corrupt members of the Sangha, the directive No 30 regarding giving Ovada to members of the Sangha who enjoy festivities, the directive No 65 regarding members of the Sangha individually or in groups who violate Vinaya rules and laws enacted by the State, the directive No 72 regarding regulations to be observed by abbots and members of the Sangha residing in the monasteries in accord with Dhamma Vinaya and the directive No 75 regarding those who fail to follow the regulations in the directive No 72 and those who reside in the building that is not regarded as monastery or in forbidden building that is not to be constructed.
2. The Fourth All Ganas Sangha Meeting held at the Maha Pasana Cave in Kaba Aye Hill approved the rules and regulations to be observed by members of the Sangha in the Union of Myanmar in accord with Vinaya on 13th Waxing of Tabaung, 1356 ME (3 March, 1995).
3. Out of the 31 rules and regulations, the following are the points that tarnish the Buddha Sasana.
  - (a) going to towns and villages without wearing the Buddhist monk's robe in a proper manner (para-7)
  - (b) going to towns and villages in the afternoon without the permission of abbot or Presiding Nayaka (para-8)
  - (c) visiting festivals such as boat race and equestrian race, enjoying saing, pwes and marionette shows and gambling (para-25)
  - (d) going to the markets that are crowded with people including men and women (para-27)
  - (e) having meal in the afternoon in the presence of the people or in the restaurants, riding on the roof or at the rear of the car and soliciting donations at the station or bus terminals or restaurants (para-29)
4. In order to take effective action against the members of the Sangha who commit the acts that tarnish the Buddha Sasan, the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee has requested the State Law and Order Restoration Council through the Ministry of Religious Affairs. The State Law and Order Restoration Council sent instructions to State and Division Law and Order Restoration Councils to take action against the members of the Sangha who violate Para-7,8,25,27 and 29 of the rules and regulations in accord with para 11 of Chapter 3 and para 14 of Chapter 14 of the law on Sangha organizations (20/90) prescribed by State Law and Order Restoration Council.
5. Therefore, abbots and Presiding Nayaka Sayadaws are directed to give Ovada to the monks daily in order not to commit acts to tarnish the Sasana.

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Secretary Sayadaw

## Directive No 65

### Matters concerning members of the Sangha violating individually or in groups Vinaya rules and laws prescribed by the government

(8, 8, 84) (12, 5, 46)

1. Regarding the matters concerning members of the Sangha who are violating individually or in groups Vinaya rules and laws prescribed by the government in Myanmar, the fifth session of the meeting of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha held on 13th Waxing of Nayon 1346 Myanmar Era (11 June 1984) passed the following resolution.
 

Regarding the matters to take action against members of the Sangha who are violating individually or in groups Vinaya rules and laws prescribed by the government, a resolution is passed to give Ovada of the Minister for Home and Religious Affairs and directives to Sangha organizations at all levels to take action.
2. According to the resolution, Ovada has been given to the Minister for Home and Religious Affairs that taking due action against monks and novices who have violated rules, in proportion to the sins, some way constitutes propagating the Sasana.
3. Administrative bodies will soon take action, in accordance with the resolution mentioned in para (1), against the monks and novices who have violated rules. Therefore, Ovada is hereby given to respective Township Sangha Nayaka Committees to adhere to the following directives.
  - (a) To invite the abbots of the monasteries of the township to the Office of the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee concerned to instruct them to enforce rules on their subordinate monks and novices to ensure that no monk or novice commits Vinaya rules and laws prescribed by the government, and to instruct Sangha Nayaka monks of Ward/Village-tract Sangha Nayaka Committees for their information;
  - (b) Not to provide any protection to any monks and novices who, despite being instructed, violate any of the rules.
4. Some monks and novices are violating Vinaya rules and the Law. However, they may take advantage to commit offences again and again due to the fact that both Sangha Nayaka Committees at different levels and the government somewhat ignore their perpetration because the committees consider that the government will take action against them under the Law, while the government consider that the committees will do so. Therefore, Sangha Organizations at all levels are responsible for taking necessary measures in accordance with para (1) of the Resolution passed by the fifth session of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, for ensuring promotion and propagation of the Sasana.

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## Root cause of problems is perpetration...

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destructionists, who are jealous of national development and stability, to harm all the government's endeavours through various methods.

The government convened the National Convention for emergence of a Constitution that is as important as the life-blood of the people. Although they made various attempts, the saboteurs failed to jeopardize the National Convention. The Convention participated by various national races successfully concluded with the public support. They are trying to hinder the process of the seven-step Road Map.

Some global powers who practise hegemonism totally dislike the proposed Constitution as it contains stipulations assuring self-determination and prohibiting

have no knowledge of social and political affairs as they have devoted to the Buddha's teachings. Included in their agitated words were even exaggerating the government's minor weaknesses by describing themselves as saviours of the troubled people. In some cases, the agitators ployed various wicked means such as painting pictures of torturing the monks, acting themselves for the torture and posting the news events on the Internet, threatening the big monasteries by phone through their raised hardcores, threatening those who do not want to stage protests to be blacklisted on the Internet after collecting their names and those who dare not go outside will be sent Htamain (women's wear). Their instigation caused even some young monks and novices unwilling to be involved in the protests to

orders of the internal and external destructive elements, BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB. As far as we know, the presiding Sayadaws and supervisor Sayadaws are feeling sorry for their pupil monks.

After their instigation and driving of the wedge, the worst thing is that there was lack of trust between the pupils and their Sayadaws and there was suspicion among the members of the Sangha at the monasteries. They are now facing unhappy situations.

Before such situation, the members of the Sangha, the government and the people have been preserving the Sasana. The government tried to flourish the Sasana beginning 1988. As a result, there are a great number of pagodas, Zayats, Tazaungs, monasteries and lakes nationwide. Though the young monks are claiming they say prayers and recite parittas, due to the instigation of internal and external destructive elements, disciples are very sad to see the scene of demonstration and protest. When they see a group of monk demonstrators in procession, they may not pay respects to the monks and they will feel that they are in the wrong. If they do so, it will smount to committing sin.

After the demonstration of the young monks, even disciples who are intimate with the members of the Sangha before will be hesitant to go to the monasteries. It is a negative sign for the members of the Sangha. The BCP communist UGs, ABSDF and other insurgent groups created situation that harms the interest of the disciples visiting the monastery. As a result of this, there is suspicion and fear between the members of the Sangha and the disciples.

Myanmar is a true Theravada Buddhist country and it is famous for keeping the teachings of the Buddha by members of the Sangha and disciples.

Persons from other countries who do not know about the admirable Myanmar monks with good morale  
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## Internal and external destructionists do not even spare the religion if it is in their interest.

the stationing of foreign troops on Myanmar soil. Hence, those powers in collusion with a group of destructionists from inside the nation are stirring up disturbances.

The protest walk occurring in Myanmar is one of the plots systematically manipulated from abroad.

Internal and external destructionists do not even spare the religion if it is in their interest. They dare instigate young monks, who are trying hard in the religious studies, to stage street protests.

First, those internal and external saboteurs tried to penetrate and instigate students, workers and the public. The people who still remember the beheadings of persons of own race alive in crowded places during 1988 unrest due to their instigation are against unrest. Hence, the people are able to resist all agitations.

I would like to supplicate on an actual event regarding those instigators' threat to the monasteries where the Buddhist monks are residing in accord with the Vinaya rules. At about 2.30 pm on 24 September, some 350 monk demonstrators and 50 NLD members went to Kyakhatwaing Monastery in Bago and threw drinking water bottles at the monastery buildings. And as a result, the window panes were broken.

Since their instigation targeting the public did not work, they started agitating the young monks who

take to the streets. Although the crowds of monks seemed big as they gathered together in a single place, the number of monks on the street was not as much as two percent of the total. Over 98 percent of monks want to perform their religious duties peacefully. Indeed, the instigators are organizing the young monks to express whatever they wish through the foreign media.

What's more, they persuaded some young monks not to follow the admonitions of their Sayadaws who provided them with all requisites with whom they have been living for years but to completely follow the

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may look down the Buddhism when they witness the monks' protest on the streets.

Some foreign media telecasting the protests aim to cause unrest in Myanmar. At the same time, they deliberately create a situation to tarnish the prestige of the members of the Sangha when the people from other countries see the protests of the monks.

The destructionists said that prices of fuel and commodities are high and the people are facing hard times. For the time being, there may be some difficulties because of the price hike. But the situation did not cause the public to panic.

The people do fear that they may experience the chaos or anarchistic situation like the 1988 disturbances.

The people are disappointed as trading slows down in some townships and wards where the protests take place. The people are worried so much that destructive elements and unscrupulous persons following the monk protesters are ready to rob property if there is a riot. Therefore shops are closed along the streets.

Local authorities are reluctant to stop the monk protesters who are hot-blooded due to the instigation of the unscrupulous persons. At the same time, they are responsible for protecting the lives and property of the people. Therefore they are trying to find the best way to tackle the issue.

The authorities concerned are handling the

current situation with care and least mistakes. However, young monks are being compelled by a group of destructive elements within and without to break the law.

The authorities concerned have to handle the situation most softly to avoid incidents desired by destructive elements while protecting the people. It is U Khemasara, the so-called chairman of the young monks association who went into exile in 1988, has managed to manipulate young monks to march on the streets. He directed young monks over the phone to organize opposing groups; to slander the township/district/division/state Sangha Nayaka Committees in an attempt to jeopardize the current Sangha committees and not to obey the orders of chairmen of township Sangha Nayaka Committees, and has staged political movements on the pretext of managing the affairs of

the Sangha. Moreover, so-called masters from the west group have instructed opposing groups in the country over the phone and BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB have aired fabricated news in an attempt to incite unrest in the country.

In a bid to slump the economy of the country, they also made efforts for imposing economic sanctions on Myanmar and for the shut down of factories invested by foreign countries to create jobless in Myanmar. They turned a blind eye to their acts and put the blame on the government when the country experienced instability of its economy.

Acts of internal and external elements have posed danger to tarnish the Sasana day by day. Therefore, I'd like to request Rev Sayadaws to give instructions for the sake of the country, the religion and the Sasana.—MNA

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## Tasks of Myanmar Info-tech inspected

YANGON, 23 Sept — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw met with officials of the ministry and the experts of Myanmar Info-tech at the Expetite Mail Service (EMS) here today and they discussed video

conferencing system and Voice Mail system.

The experts of Myanmar Info-tech briefed the minister on the tasks of Video Conferencing system and Voice Mail system. The Chief Engineers of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and

the experts of Myanmar Info-tech discussed the technical sectors. Next, the minister fulfilled the requirements of the tasks.

Afterwards, the officials of Myanmar Info-tech reported to the minister on e-Tourist Visa tasks and he fulfilled the needs.—MNA

## OWC holds ceremony to donate medicines and cash

YANGON, 23 Sept — The Organizing Work Committee for International Day for Older Persons which falls on 1 October held a ceremony to donate medicines and cash at Hninzigon Home for the Aged this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Work Committee for Organizing International Day for Older Persons

Director-General of Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaing and committee members, the chairman and executives of Hninzigon Home for the Aged, members of supervisory committees of respective homes, aged persons and guests.

Next, chairmen of respective homes and officials accepted cash and medicines donated by Director-General U Sit

Myaing and Secretary U Sein Win of Work Committee. Afterwards, the chairman and officials of Hninzigon Home for the Aged presented prizes to essay winners aged persons. After that the chairman of the Home spoke words of thanks and donated 684 varieties of clothes for the Home and the director-general accepted the donations.

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## Progress of Bago River Bridge (Kawa), Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Sept — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by officials of Public Works, arrived at Bago River Bridge (Kawa) construction project being implemented by Bridge Construction Special Group-1 yesterday morning.

Engineer in-charge U Win Min Htut reported to the minister on progress of construction tasks and future plan.

The minister instructed officials to place emphasis on construction of the pile cap at pier P4 and culverts on the approach road.

Next, he inspected construction of the bridge.

The lower structure of

Bago River Bridge (Kawa) is of reinforced concrete foundation and the upper structure is the iron frame bailey type. The bridge will be 560 feet long and it can withstand 20-ton loads. On Mottama bank of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin), the minister heard reports on cent per cent completion of construction work and progress of approach roads presented by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Lin. Bago Division Superintending Engineer U Win Maung gave a supplementary report.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister

instructed officials to construct approach roads and other meeting the set standards, and attended to the needs. Next, the minister inspected progress of approach roads on Waw bank.

The lower structure of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) is reinforced concrete type and the upper structure is steel frame and RC type. The bridge will be 2,391 feet long. The motorway will be 28 feet wide flanked by six feet wide pedestrian way. The bridge can withstand 60-ton loads.

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## Donate Blood

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*A letter of complaint from Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jotipala of Kyakhatwaing Monastery in Bago to Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command about damage of some buildings in Kyakhatwaing Monastery due to destruction of protesters comprising about 350 monks and 50 members of National League for Democracy Party - NLD. — MNA*

*Letters of complaint from In-charge Sayadaws of Kyakhatwaing Monastery in Bago to the Sayadaw of Kyakhatwaing Monastery about the damages caused by protesters of about 350 monks and 50 National League for Democracy Party-NLD members. — MNA*

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*A woman uses free wireless Internet access at Union Square in San Francisco, California, in 2006. Ambitious plans for big Wi-Fi networks to provide free or low-cost wireless Internet access are being abandoned or scaled back by US cities as the economics of the deals turn out to be more challenging than expected.—INTERNET*

## Political parties, civil society urged to work together in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 23 Sept—Chief of the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN) Ian Martin has urged the political parties and civil society to work together at the community level in a common effort for social harmony and peace. In a Press statement issued on the occasion of International Day of Peace on Friday, Martin said, “In recent days in Nepal we have seen once again the tragedy of violence at the community level in which people have lost their lives, and have been reminded how easily violence can put the peace process at risk.”

Expressing concern over recent tragic violence at the community level, he said, “It is essential that public security

be provided to all citizens, and that political parties and civil society work together at the community level in a common effort for social harmony and peace.”

“The political parties face a special challenge in the current context, in exercising their stewardship of the peace process,” and all parties, despite their differences, need to work together to seize this historic opportunity for peace in Nepal, he said.

“The eight political parties who formed the Interim Government have a special responsibility to recommit to the path of peace which they so courageously embarked upon last year,” Martin said.

MNA/Xinhua

## India mulls to buy Israeli unmanned aerial vehicles

NEW DELHI, 23 Sept—India plans to buy spy drones that can be used as cruise missiles, local newspaper the *Times of India* reported Saturday, citing Defence Ministry sources.

The sources said India’s Army, Navy and Air Force are drawing up a proposal to buy Israeli Harpy unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs, which are

designed to detect and attack enemy radar, according to the news report.

“Indian teams went to Israel to see the Harpys in action last year. Their purchase has now been approved in principle,” said an official source.

The move followed the use of armed UAVs like Predators during the US operations in Iraq and

Afghanistan.

India’s Army is also planning to acquire miniature Israeli UAVs like *Skylite-B* and *I-View* for its special forces, the report said.

Harpy, which India plans to buy, is capable of tracking, verifying and detonating its warhead above hostile radar emissions.

MNA/Xinhua



*Fishermen aboard a cod-fishing boat. Inspectors caught two Polish boats fishing cod in the Baltic sea on Saturday, they said, the day after the European Commission warned Poland it had used up its quotas for catching the threatened fish.*

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## Nigeria needs \$5.8b funding annually for “IT” development

LAGOS, 23 Sept—President of Nigeria Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) Cleopas Anyage said here on Saturday that the country needs to invest 5.8 billion US dollars for it to catch up with the

global community in Information Technology (IT) development.

Anyage, who was represented by an official of the agency, Emeka Ezekwesili, said at a one-day IT summit on Friday in Lagos that the

investment was necessary since IT was now an integral part of the daily life of most Nigerians, providing useful tools and services in the homes and the work places.

He said that there had been tremendous growth

in the IT industry since 2002 till date, with the number of Cybercafes and Internet users growing from 500 to over 2,500 and about 500,000 to over 3 million respectively.

He said that the federal government had embarked on measures to enhance the development and deployment of IT through relevant bodies like NITDA and the Nigeria Communication Commission with the initiation of Computer for All Nigeria Initiative.

The NITDA boss, who spoke on the “Appraisal of the state of IT in Nigeria,” called for an increase on the annual budget of government ministries, departments and agencies for the provision of relevant IT infrastructure under the supervision of NITDA to avoid unnecessary duplication.—MNA/Xinhua

## Red Cross distributes relief for flood, landslide victims in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 23 Sept—Red Cross is to dole out food relief worth 20 million Nepali rupees (307,692 US dollars) through World Food Programme (WFP) to the victims of flood and landslide in Nepal, local media reported on Saturday.

According to a leading website, nepalnews.com, about 5,758 families from 30 major affected districts in the country will benefit for at least a month by the grant from the WFP affiliated programme, the Red Cross informed.

Rice, beans, oil and salt will be distributed to the families on a regular basis so that no one suffers from starvation, informed Red Cross Minister Deepak Mishra.

About 402,000 kilogrammes of rice, 59,000 kilogrammes of beans and 24,500 kilogrammes of vegetable oil and 7,400 kilogrammes of salt will be distributed through the relief programme. Distribution of relief items will begin within five days, said the Red Cross.—MNA/Xinhua



*An armoured sport-utility vehicle manned by private security contractors passes through central Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 Sept, 2007.*

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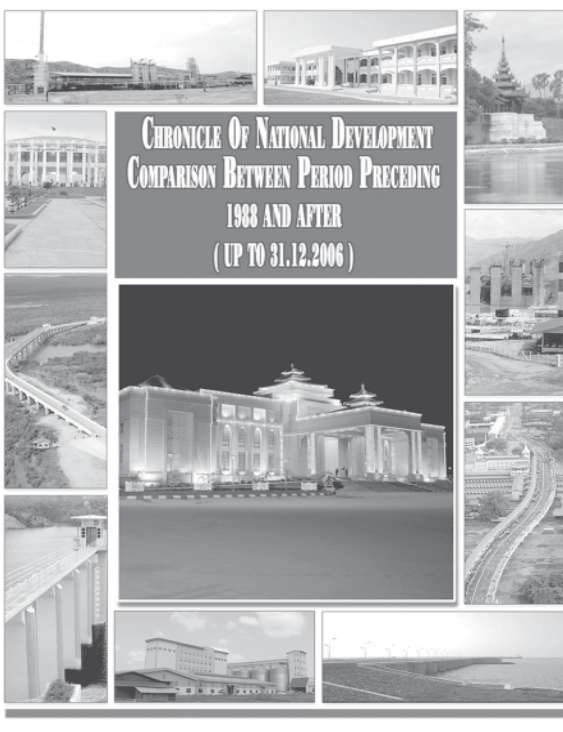
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**Angola, EU sign agreement to fight HIV/AIDS**

LUANDA, 23 Sept—The Angolan Government and the European Union (EU) at the weekend signed a string of agreements on partnership with a British non-governmental organization to fight HIV/AIDS scourge in the country, an Angolan health official said.

Simao de Amaral, acting director of Moxico provincial health department, told reporters that four local organizations have signed agreements with the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (Oxfam) respectively to carry out EU-financed anti-HIV/AIDS projects.

The official urged both sides for a rigorous management of the projects so that the beneficiaries feel the positive efforts of the donation.—MNA/Xinhua



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**Bomb wounds nine including three foreigners in Algeria**

ALGIERS, 23 Sept—A bomb exploded near a police convoy accompanying foreign workers in Algeria on Friday, injuring nine people including two French and one Italian, official news agency APS reported.

Five of the gendarmes and the driver were injured by the bomb in the mountainous area of Bouira, 70 kilometres (40 miles) southeast of Algiers in Kabylie region, APS said, calling it a "terrorist attack".

"The nine injured people are out of danger," it said, quoting the Interior Ministry.

A French company, Razel, said the foreigners were its employees and that it appeared to be a suicide attack that took place at around 7 am. It denied that its staff were injured. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the bombing, the first attack on foreigners reported in the country since March.

A Razel spokeswoman said the attacker had targeted an off-road vehicle used by the company, which is building a dam in the area.

In March, three Algerians and a Russian were killed in a roadside attack southwest of Algiers on a bus carrying workers for a Russian pipeline construction company.—MNAReuters

**Mozambique signs six agreements with World Bank**

MAPUTO, 23 Sept—The Mozambican Government and the World Bank signed six agreements in the Mozambican capital of Maputo on Friday, under which the Bank is to provide about 145 million US dollars for development projects, local media AIM reported.

By far the largest sum is a loan of 93 million dollars from the Bank's soft loans affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA) to finance the Mozambique-Malawi Transmission Interconnection project linking Malawi to the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) and allowing trade in energy between the two countries.

Of this loan, 45 million dollars will be spent in Mozambique and 48 million in Malawi. In Mozambique, the work involves building 135 kilometres of 220 kilovolt transmission line, and expanding the existing sub-station at Matambo in Tete Province. In Malawi, 75 kilometres of transmission line will be built, plus a new sub-station.

The loan was agreed in July by the World Bank Board of Directors, which stated at the time that the interconnection will ensure much-needed diversification of Malawi's electricity supply, and allow the export of any off-peak power surpluses. It will also provide Mozambique's energy sector a new revenue source. Also signed was an agreement for an IDA loan of 15 million dollars for a Water Service and Institutional Support project approved by the Bank's board earlier this month. The project aims to build 370 kilometres of new water pipes in the cities of Beira, Quelimane, Nampula and Pemba.

Some of the money will also be used to establish an institutional and regulatory framework for water management in smaller cities and towns.

MNA/Xinhua

**Minister says electricity to reach 1/4 rural Tanzania by 2013**

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 23 Sept—The government of Tanzania has put back to the year of 2013 when electricity is expected to reach a quarter of the rural areas of the country.

Local English broadsheet *Daily News* on

Saturday quoted Tanzanian Energy Minister Nazir Karamagi as attributing the three-year putback to a delay in forming the country's rural electrification board.

But the minister assured the public that the

government had set aside 10 billion Tanzanian shillings (8 million US dollars) for this year's rural energy projects. Of the country's 35 million population, some one million get electricity supplies from the country's sole electricity

supplier, Tanzania Electric Supply Company Limited.

According to the Energy Minister, only 8 per cent of the country's urban residents and 2 per cent of the rural residents now get electricity supplies.

MNA/Xinhua

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## China to build new space launch centre in Hainan Province

**BEIJING, 24 Sept**— China plans to construct a new space launch centre in Wenchang, China's southernmost Hainan Province, according to official sources.

The new launch centre aims to serve the next-generation rocket carriers that do emit poisonous and pollutive gas and new-type spacecraft.

The new launch site will be mainly used for launching synchronous satellites, heavy satellites, large space stations, and deep space probe satellites, according to the plan which has been approved by the State Council and the Central Military Commission.

Hainan is located in a

low-latitude region, which is helpful to increasing the capacity of rocket carriers and extending the life span of satellites.

A spokesman for China's space programme said the Chinese Government works on peaceful use of the outerspace to promote development of human civilization and social development and benefit the whole Mankind.

In 1958, China began building its first rocket launch site in northwest

China's Jiuquan. At present, the country has three space launch grounds. The other two are located in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province and Xichang in southwestern Sichuan Province.

These launch sites have carried out over 100 space launches, sending over 100 satellites and six manned spacecraft into space. — MNA/Xinhua



Massachusetts Institute of Technology sophomore Star Simpson, 19, from Hawaii leaves court after her arraignment on 21 Sept, 2007, on charges of disturbing the peace and possessing a hoax device after being arrested at gunpoint at Logan International Airport while wearing a computer circuit board and wiring in plain view over a black hooded sweat shirt. — INTERNET

## Hundreds of genes controlling female fertility identified

**WASHINGTON, 24 Sept** — Researchers at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre have found nearly 350 genes related to female fertility.

Their research may open the door to much wider study in the poorly understood field of infertility.

"This study gives us a way to begin to understand the causes of female infertility," said lead researcher Diego Castrillon in a briefing released Saturday by the university. Their findings

is published in the September issue of the journal *Genetics*.

"It gives us a much more complete list of candidate genes to explore." The study was done in mice, "but at the molecular level, ovarian biology is very similar in mice and humans," Castrillon said.

Some of the 348 genes

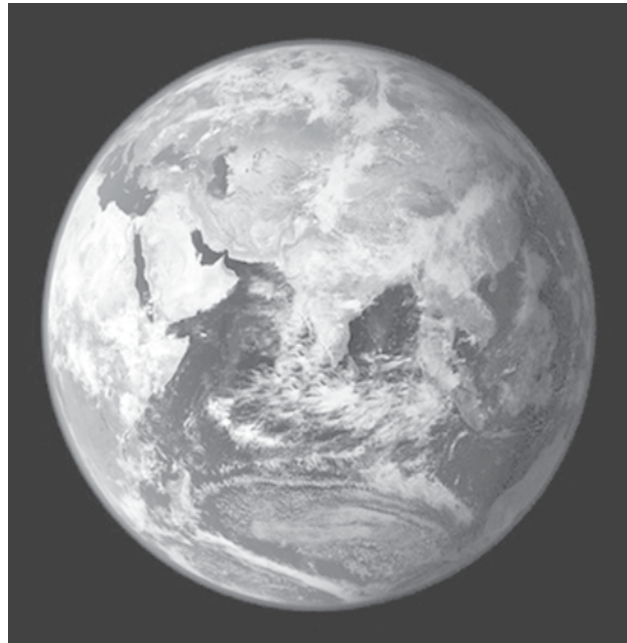
the researchers found were already known to be involved in infertility, which helped validate the experimental method. Most, however, were previously unknown.

These discoveries might lead the way to eventually allowing clinicians to test whether an infertile woman has problems with a specific

gene, allowing for improved diagnostic tests and tailored therapy in the future.

About 13 per cent of women suffer from infertility, with the most common cause being dysfunction of the ovary. Researchers suspected genetic links in many cases, Castrillon said.

MNA/Xinhua



This NASA handout image shows an image of the Earth. World leaders were gathering here on Sunday for an unprecedented UN summit aimed at whipping up action against climate change. About 150 countries are taking part in Monday's one-off event, some 80 of them at the level of heads of state and government, United Nations sources said. — INTERNET

## Brazil plans to restrict flights at Sao Paulo Airport

**BRASILIA, 23 Sept** — Brazil is seeking to restrict flights at Sao Paulo's Congonhas Airport, where a deadly crash killed 199 people in July.

Brazil's National Aviation Agency (Anac) submitted a proposal on Thursday to the Defence Ministry for cutting flights at the Airport, where a TAM plane crashed upon landing on 17 July.

Although an official report on the cause of the disaster is not yet ready, experts say the crash happened because the Congonhas Airport handled flights beyond its capacity.

According to the Anac proposal, only flights within 1,000 kilometres will be allowed in the airport and connecting flights will be banned.

MNA/Xinhua

## Irish College in Paris reopens historic library

**PARIS, 24 Sept** — The old Irish College in Paris, where for over two centuries Catholic priests got the religious training banned in their English-dominated homeland, reopened its historic library on Saturday.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern officially reopened the library of 8,000 rare books including three volumes dating from around 1500 just returned from a Dublin bank vault where they were sent for safe keeping at the start of the Second World War.

The "College des Irlandais" in the Latin Quarter was the largest of about 30 Irish colleges launched in Europe after England began vigorously imposing Protestant supremacy in

Ireland after the excommunication of Queen Elizabeth I in 1570.

"During the early part of the 18th century, more than half of the Irish clergy were educated in France, and more than one-third of them here in Paris," Ahern said at the college building, which now houses the Irish Cultural Centre.

The rare leatherbound books in Latin, English, French and Irish will soon be available for scholars to consult.

MNA/Reuters



A contestant looks on during a make up session prior to pose in front of the jury at the Miss Italia (Miss Italy) 2007 beauty contest in Salsomaggiore, Italy, on 23 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

# SPORTS

## Ajax beat Alkmaar 3-2 to go top

EINDHOVEN (Netherlands), 24 Sept — Luis Suarez struck twice to inspire Ajax Amsterdam to a 3-2 win at AZ Alkmaar in the Dutch league on Sunday.

Klaas Jan Huntelaar had opened the scoring for Ajax after 32 minutes when he curled a free kick around the wall and Suarez doubled their lead just before the break.

Demy de Zeeuw pulled one back for Alkmaar on the stroke of halftime but they missed the chance to equalize nine minutes into the second period when Mounir El Hamdaoui's penalty was saved by Maarten Stekelenburg. Ten minutes later Suarez lobbed goalkeeper Boy Waterman to seal the victory for Ajax before Moussa Dembele added a second goal for the home side in injury time.

Ajax are top with 13 points after five matches, one point above Feyenoord who visit third-placed PSV Eindhoven (10) later on Sunday. Alkmaar slipped to eight with seven points. — MNA/Reuters

## Bayern beat Karlsruhe to open 2-point lead

BERLIN, 24 Sept — Bayern Munich won 4-1 at Karlsruhe SC to open a two-point lead at the top of the Bundesliga on Sunday.

Luca Toni opened the scoring for the Bavarians in the fifth minute, the Italian latching on to Mark van Bommel's pass and cleverly lifting the ball over advancing goalkeeper Markus Miller.

Bundesliga top scorer Miroslav Klose made it 2-0 15 minutes later with his fifth of the season. Hamit Altintop tested Miller from just outside the box and the Germany striker poked the loose ball home from close range.

Altintop extended Bayern's lead early in the second half with a powerful drive but Karlsruhe hit back when Massimiliano Moriconi drove the ball through a crowd of play-

ers to beat Oliver Kahn low to his right.

Bayern's Ze Roberto completed the scoring in the 75th minute with a low drive after Klose's fine through ball.

Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld had glowing praise for Toni and Klose, both new arrivals at the club this season.

MNA/Reuters



Top seed Richard Gasquet of France will open his bid for the 416,000-dollar ATP Mumbai Open in Mumbai on Monday with a clash against unfancied Kristof Vliegen of Belgium. — INTERNET



Andrei Demanov of Russia lifts 217 kg during the clean and jerk phase of the men's 94 kg Group A competition at the Royal Weightlifting championship on 23 Sept, 2007, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Demanov finished fourth in the clean and jerk competition. — INTERNET

## Saviola spares Real's blushes against Valladolid

MADRID, 24 Sept — Substitute Javier Saviola scored a late equalizer for champions Real Madrid as they could only draw 1-1 at promoted Valladolid in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

Bernd Schuster's side had won three from three and their opening match in the Champions League on Tuesday, but were out-fought for most of the game by their hosts.

Right back Pedro Lopez's 25-metre thunderbolt set Valladolid on course for victory midway through the second half,

before Argentine Saviola levelled four minutes from time.

"They played very well and it's an important point for us," Real's Michel Salgado told Canal Plus television.

Real, who lost their 100 per cent record, stay top with 10 points, one ahead of Villarreal and Valencia who both won.

Valencia overcame Real Betis 2-1 away to earn their fourth consecutive win in all competitions.

Portugal fullback Miguel set them on their way with a great individual effort and winger Joaquin sealed the win against his former club in the closing stages.

Brazilian Rafael Sobis pulled one back for Betis at the end.

Valencia climbed to third, behind second-placed Villarreal who beat Real Murcia 2-0 at home with two goals in the last five minutes from Italian striker Giuseppe Rossi.

MNA/Reuters

## Iaquinta earns Juventus draw at Roma, Inter held

ROME, 24 Sept — A late goal by Italy striker Vincenzo Iaquinta earned Juventus a thrilling 2-2 draw at Serie A leaders AS Roma on Sunday.

The Rome club appeared to be cruising to victory after two first-half goals by Francesco Totti cancelled out David Trezeguet's opener and Alessandro Del Piero missed a penalty.

Roma stay top with 10 points from four games, two points more than champions Inter Milan, who were held 2-2 at Livorno, while Juventus are sixth with seven points.

Fiorentina also have eight points after beating Catania 1-0 away from home.

"Tomorrow, when I look my players in the face, I'll tell them they played a great match and deserved to win," Roma coach Luciano Spalletti told reporters.

The visitors took the lead in the 17th minute with France striker Trezeguet, who headed in his 100th goal in Serie A, his fifth of the current campaign.

MNA/Reuters



Kim Yong-il of South Korea takes part in the qualifying round of the Singapore leg of the Wakeboard World Cup series at Bedok Reservoir in Singapore on 22 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

## Ronaldinho out with muscle injury

MADRID, 24 Sept — Ronaldinho has pulled out of Barcelona's squad to face Sevilla in the Nou Camp on Saturday with a muscle injury, the Primera Liga club said. "The player finished training on Friday with a calf muscle strain in his right leg and it has continued to be a problem today," said the Barca Web site (www.fcbarcelona.com).

"The Brazilian is out of the Sevilla game and in the next few days we will see how he recovers to see if he will be available for the coming matches."

Ronaldinho has been under pressure in recent days after a series of below par performances.

Coach Frank Rijkaard has substituted him in the second half of the last three Barcelona matches, prompting doubts over the player's fitness. — MNA/Reuters

## Jankovic takes revenge, to meet Szavay at China Open final

BEIJING, 24 Sept — Serb Jelena Jankovic took sweet revenge in a much-anticipated rematch of last week's encounter against Lindsay Davenport in the semifinals of the China Open here on Saturday.

With the 6-3, 7-5 win, the 22-year-old Jankovic earned her first victory against Davenport after four

defeats and now stands just one win away from her fifth title of the season.

Coming up for the Serb in the final will be Hungarian prospect Agnes Szavay, who advanced with a drubbing of 6-1, 6-2 over local hope Peng Shuai.

The 31-year-old Davenport, who gave birth to her son Jagger in June and only came out of retirement last week, prevailed 2-1 against the Serb in the quarterfinals of the Tier III event in Bali eight days ago before eventually winning the event, her 52nd career title.

Although she had her eight-match Asian winning streak ended, Davenport said winning or not does not matter at all. — MNA/Reuters



Russia's team waves to the crowd during the rope medal ceremony of the group apparatus final at the 28th Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in the city of Patras, southern Greece, on 23 Sept, 2007. Russia won two gold medals at exercises of ropes and hoops/clubs. — INTERNET

# Mattel apologizes to China for toy recalls

BEIJING, 24 Sept — The world's largest toy maker, Mattel Inc, apologized on Friday for damaging China's reputation after recent massive recalls of its Chinese-made toys, admitting it targeted some goods that were actually up to scratch.

Mattel has come under scrutiny following the recall of about 21 million of the toys in a span of five weeks, many because of excessive levels of lead paint.

"Our reputation has been damaged lately by these recalls," Thomas Debrowski, Mattel's executive vice president of worldwide operations, told China's quality watchdog

chief, Li Changjiang, in the Chinese capital.

"Mattel takes full responsibility for these recalls and apologizes personally to you, the Chinese people and all of our customers who received the toys."

Debrowski said he realized the damage that had been done to the reputation of Chinese

goods, adding the company was committed to manufacturing in China and was also investing 30 million US dollars in a Barbie store in Shanghai.

"But it's important for everyone to understand that the vast majority of those products that we recalled were the result of a design flaw in Mattel's design, not through a manufacturing

flaw in Chinese manufacturers."

The company added in a statement that too many toys had been recalled, although it said that was because it puts safety first.

Li told Debrowski of his displeasure at the admission that perhaps too many toys had been targeted.

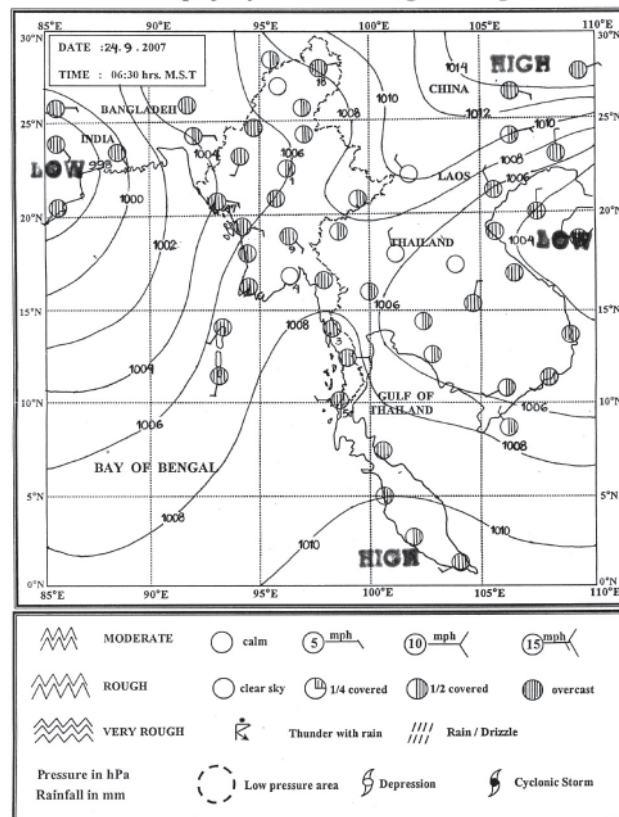
"You cannot recall 10,000 products just because one is substandard. This is unacceptable," he said.

But Li also struck a conciliatory tone with the company, which directly and indirectly employs thousands of Chinese.

"I appreciate your objective and responsible attitude towards the recalls and your sincere attitude towards our future cooperation," Li said.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Monday, 24 September, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah, Mon States and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.24) inch, Sittwe (2.92) inches, Phyanpon (1.34) inches, Putao (0.71) inches and Pyay (0.67) inch.

Maximum temperature on 23-9-2007 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 24-9-2007 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 24-9-2007 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 23-9-2007 was (0.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-9-2007 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.16) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (122.84) inches at Mingaladon, (127.64) inches at Kaba-Aye and (133.12) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (15:30) hours MST on 23-9-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 25-9-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States and Bago Division scattered in Mon and Kayah States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of withdrawal of southwest monsoon from the Deltaic areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 25-9-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 25-9-2007:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 25-9-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

### Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 24-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Ayeyawady River at Minbu and Magway are (1742) cm and exceeded (42) cm above their respective danger levels. The water levels may fall below the danger levels of Minbu and Magway (1700) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



In this file photo, an aerial view of Sydney shows Sydney Harbour Bridge, which was part of the Sydney Marathon course, on Sunday. Kenyan runner Julius Maritim won for the third consecutive year, crossing the finish line in a record time of 2 hours 14 minutes and 38 seconds.— INTERNET



Tuesday, 25 September  
View on today

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- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
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- 7:50 am
- 5. Nice and sweet song

- 8:00 am
- 6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
- 8:15 am
- 7. Song of yesteryears
- 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၊ တတိယ အကြိမ်မြောက် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (အထက-၁၊ သန်လျင်) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 4:50 pm
- 4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 5:05 pm
- 5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm
- 6. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန်
- (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင်(ပထမတန်း) အဆင့်)(အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:25 pm
- 7. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ (အဆိုဘာသာရပ် မဟာဂီတဆွေးနွေးခန်း)
- 5:35 pm
- 8. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm
- 9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
- 10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
- 11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:50 pm
- 12. နတ်မတောင်ကမိတ်ခေါ်သံ
- 7:00 pm
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောရွှေနေခြည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပြီးလှည့်ပါချစ်သူရယ်" (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 20. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 25 September  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Can't get you out of my head
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Get the party strated
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -I love rock N' roll
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Never forget
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -When I am gone -Child in time
- 9:00 pm English speaking course
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9:35 pm Listening pleasure -Sound of silence -Honesty
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

## All members of the Sangha to strictly follow directives articulated in Directive Nos 81, 83, 85 and 65, not to commit any activities that are not related to Gantha Dhura and Vipassana Dhura

### Magway Sayadaw gives Ovada to members of the Sangha

YANGON, 24 Sept—*The following is the full text of Ovada of Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara.*

The First All Ganas Meeting for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana prescribed procedures to judge conflicts and disputes relating to vinayas and fundamental principles and procedures on Sangha organizations, and formed the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha and assigned duties to it to purify, promote and propagate the Sasana of the Lord Buddha.

Then, the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha assigned duties to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee to promote and propagate the Sasana.

The State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee is responsible for discharging the duties assigned by the First All Ganas Meeting for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha.

I hereby give Ovada (enforce rules and regulations) for all members of the Sangha to strictly follow the directives articulated in Directive Nos 81, 83, 85 and 65 prescribed by prominent and eminent Sayadaws including late Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bago Myoma Sayadaw, and late Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Mingun Tipitakadhara Sayadaw, and not to commit any activities that are not related to Gantha Dhura (teaching and learning the Teachings of the Buddha) and Vipassana Dhura (meditation). — MNA

*Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Aggamaha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara.*

MNA



## Root cause of problems is perpetration of internal and external destructionists, who are jealous of national development and stability

### Some global powers in collusion with group of destructioninists from inside the nation inciting disturbances

YANGON, 24 Sept—*The following is the supplication on religious affairs made by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.*

Currently, external and internal unscrupulous elements have been making constant and continuous political instigation. On 28 August 2007, about 140 monks started to stage a protest in Sittway holding placards demanding to bring down commodity prices.

A group of NLD political extremists on 5 and

6 September approached famous monasteries in Pakokku to instigate monks. The monks staged the so-called second protest walk through non-violent means in accord with the directive of some foreign radio stations. The monks recited parittas during the protest.

Due to continuous agitation of some NLD political extremists, BCP remnants and some foreign radio stations, monks staged protest walks, reciting parittas, in seven states and divisions including cities

like Yangon, Mandalay, Hinthada and Monywa. The demands no more include fuel prices and commodity prices which are the original demands. Instead, the protestors are demanding a dialogue with NLD and even said prayers in front of the house of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who is under restriction order for security reason. They are trying to make the matter confused.

The root cause of the above-mentioned problems is the perpetration of internal and external  
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## Failure to observe or obey any stipulations, rules and regulations and the Dhamma order to be met with action

YANGON, 24 Sept—A ceremony to supplicate on religious matters to the Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and eminent Sayadaws was held at the meeting hall of the committee in Kaba Aye here this evening.

Present were Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara, Secretary Nyaungdon Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha

Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Osadabhivamsa, the first 15 alternate members of the Committee and four invited member Sayadaws of the Committee.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious matters.

(Supplication made by Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung is reported separately.)

Next, Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika

Bhaddanta Kumara gave an Ovada.

(The Ovada of the Sayadaw is reported separately.)

Next, the Sayadaws at the meeting said that they had no further suggestions. The minister in his additional supplications said that failure to observe or obey any stipulations, rules and regulations and the dhamma order will be met with action according to law or rules and regulations.

MNA