

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

Foreign Minister U Nyan Win attends Myanmar-Cuba 2nd Ministerial Meeting of Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept— The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived at Jose Marti International Airport, Havana on 16 September 2007 to attend 2nd Ministerial Meeting of the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Cuba to be held in Havana from 17 to 18 September.

The minister was welcomed at the airport by Mr Marcelino Mesina, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr Alberto J Blanco Silva, Director of Asia and Oceania Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba.

On 17 September, the minister and Myanmar ambassador to the Republic of Cuba U Kyaw Tint Swe visited the Jose Marti Monument at the Revolution Square. They were welcomed by Mr Marcelino Mesina, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr Angel Reigosa de la Cruz, Chief of Protocol Department of

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Foreign Minister U Nyan Win and Minister for Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation Mrs Marta Lomas Morales sign the agreed minutes.
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Rights and wrongs of today's political arena of Myanmar - I

The present government is serving the interest of the nation and the people in accord with the people's desire. You can say if it is true or not. You know the government encountered economic sanctions and other difficulties due to the instigation of Daw Suu Kyi and NLD. Despite such economic sanctions and difficulties the government has been able to overcome these hard times with the unity of the people. Which parties provided support to reach the present stage? Which party leader served the interest of the people? You know the present developments are the results due to the efforts we made on self-reliance basis in spite of the hindrance of the anti-government groups with negative views. We should not ignore these results.

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KYAW MIN LU (SHWEPYITHA)

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 28 September, 2007

Ongoing hydropower projects to be completed on schedule

The government is now implementing hydropower projects with added momentum to bolster the nation's economic growth. The projects along the Ayeyawady River are Yeywa, Shweli, Thaphanseik, Monechaung and Paunglaung.

It is also implementing Htamanthi, Manipura, Myittha and Yaysaray hydropower projects along the Chindwin valley, and Kengtawng hydropower project in Thanlwin River basin. Plans are under way to launch Thanlwin Tarhsan Hydropower Project.

Now, the Ministry of Electric Power-1 is making increased efforts to complete the Kunchaung and Khabaung hydropower projects ahead of schedule. The remaining hydel power projects located over Kun creek, west of Pyu, have been completed over 57 per cent so far.

Khabaung creek Hydropower Project situated over the Khabaung creek, west of Ottwin, has been completed more than 86 per cent so far. Upon completion, the project will be able to generate 117 million kilowatt hours a year.

On completion, Pathi creek Hydropower Project situated near Pathi creek, north-east of Toungoo will be able to produce about eight million kilowatt hours a year.

Those responsible are, therefore, to work hard to ensure completion of the ongoing projects on schedule to help provide more electricity necessary for development of industries and other enterprises.

Train timetable changed

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — For the convenience of the railway passengers, the 3.15 am Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Up train leaves Yangon at 8.00 am and arrives at Nay Pyi Taw at 4.30 pm. Likewise, the 1.45 pm Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Down train leaves Nay Pyi Taw at 10.00 am and arrives at Yangon at 6.45 pm.

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All this needs to be known

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

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

Foreign Minister U Nyan Win attends...

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the Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba. Minister U Nyan Win laid a wreath at the monument.

The minister and party proceeded to the Centre of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology and were greeted by Director General Dr Luis Herrera Martinez and Sales Manager for Asia Dr Sergio Perez Talavera. They were briefed about the health sector of Cuba, of the centre, and pharmaceutical products and conducted around the centre.

The minister held official talks with Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Felipe Perez Roque at Raul Roa Protocol Room at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba in Cuba. Minister U Nyan Win attended the Diplomatic Welcome Reception hosted by the Cuban Foreign Affairs Minister at the Protocol Lounge.

Minister U Nyan Win also attended the official dinner by the Cuban Foreign Affairs Minister at the Pink House. On 18 September, the minister and Myanmar ambassador to Cuba U Kyaw Tint Swe visited Organoponico Vivero Alamar (UBPC). They

were welcomed by Chief Supervisor Mr Miguel Angel Salones Lopez, briefed about development of Agriculture and Livestock Production and



Minister U Nyan Win holds talks with Foreign Minister of Cuba Mr Felipe Perez Roque. — FOREIGN AFFAIRS

viewed the plantations.

The minister attended the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Joint Commission for Bilateral Cooperation between Myanmar and Cuba together with Mrs Marta Lomas Morales, Minister for Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation of Cuba at the meeting hall of the ministry.

After the meeting, both sides signed and exchanged the Agreed Min-

utes. Next, the minister attended a luncheon hosted by Cuban Minister of FIEC at the Protocol Residence of the Ministry of FIEC.

On 19 September, Foreign Minister U Nyan Win and Myanmar Ambassador U Kyaw Tint Swe to the Republic of Cuba met with Member of the Secretariat and Head of the Department of International Relations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party Mr Fernando

Remirez de Estenez at the Headquarters of the CCCP.

The minister and party left for New York by air to attend the 62nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly. They were seen off at the airport by Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Mr Marcelino Mesina and Director of Asia and Oceania Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Alberto J Blanco Silva. — MNA

Minister supervises health care services in Mon and Kayin States

YANGON, 27 Sept — Accompanied by officials concerned of the Ministry of Health, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint went on an inspection tour of Thaton District People's Hospital in Mon State on 23 September afternoon.

At the hospital, the minister inspected patient ward, laboratory, X-ray room, dental out-patient ward. In the evening, the minister and party looked into construction tasks of the new 50-bed hospital and the deputy minister gave instructions on requirements of the task.

On 24 September, the minister and party met with the head of District Health Department, specialists and staff at Myawady District People's Hospital.

Next, wellwishers and officials donated K 1.2 million for Supervisory Committee for Myawady District Health and mosquito repellent sprayers for Township Health Department through Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and then he presented certificates of honor to them.

Afterwards, the minister and party looked into Kawkareik District People's Hospital, Kyondoe Station Hospital, Hpa-an Rual Health Department (Branch) and Eindu Station Hospital and fulfilled the requirements.

On 25 September, the minister and party oversaw Theinseik Station Hospital in Thaton Township and Waw Township People's Hospital in Bago Division (East). — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran, IAEA atomic talks end, meet again in mid-October

TEHERAN, 26 Sept— An Iranian team and UN experts ended two days of talks in Teheran on Tuesday to try to clear up outstanding questions about Iran's nuclear programme and agreed to meet again in mid-October, an Iranian news agency reported. The two-day meeting was part of a plan agreed with the UN watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, to try to help allay Western suspicions that Iran wants to build atomic bombs. Iran says its atomic programme is to generate power.

The meeting covered equipment used to enrich uranium. Iran uses a 1970s vintage of centrifuge,

called P-1s, prone to breakdown if spun at high speed for long periods but is researching an advanced P-2 model at sites off limits to IAEA inspectors. Centrifuges can enrich uranium to arms-grade.

"Talks between the two IAEA technical experts and an Iranian delegation over the P-1 and P-2 centrifuges ended on Tuesday," Iran's ISNA news agency quoted an "informed official" as saying.

"The official declined to tell the ISNA reporter about the contents and results of the meeting but said that both sides had agreed to have another meeting in mid-October."

Iran agreed with the IAEA on 21 August to explain the scope of its nuclear programme, which Teheran insists aims at mastering technology to generate atomic power although Western nations believe it is a covert bomb programme.

The pact allows Iran to settle questions one by one over a timeline the IAEA says would run to December — even as it adds centrifuges to its Natanz enrichment plant, nearing the 3,000 needed to start producing usable quantities of nuclear fuel.

Western powers have cast doubt on the deal, saying it allows Teheran to string out answers to questions about past, hidden nuclear work while leaving intact its uranium-enrichment programme, a possible path to atom bombs.

MNA/Reuters

Death toll rises to 18 in S-W China road accident

CHENGDU, 26 Sept— The death toll from the highway accident in southwest China's Sichuan Province 12 days ago rose to 18, as search continues for the last three missing people, said local government sources.

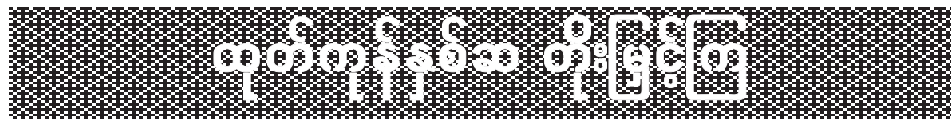
A spokesman of the Sichuan Provincial Bureau of Work Safety on Tuesday said, "The chance is slim for the three missing people to survive", but the local government of Kangding county vowed to continue the search for the missing people.

The accident occurred around 1:30 am on 13 September in Gonggashan Township of Kangding County, capital of Sichuan's far-flung Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture of Garze, when a van carrying 31 people plunged into a river. The passengers were all migrant workers of a local tungsten and stannum mine.

MNA/Xinhua



Riot policemen baton charge activists of the Islamic student group Hizb-ut-Tahrir, to disperse them as they march towards the office of Prothom Alo newspaper during a protest in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 21 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET.



University of Florida student Andrew Meyer struggles with University Police as officers try to remove him from a question and answer session with Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass, on Monday, 17 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

US police use stun gun on autistic teen

TUSTIN, California, 20 Sept— California sheriff's officials have defended their use of a Taser stun gun to subdue an autistic teenager who left a social services centre where he was being treated.

Sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino says 15-year-old Taylor Karras was running in and out of traffic and is lucky to be alive. The teenager bolted from a social services centre Monday and had walked 24 kilometres when

sheriff's deputies received a call about someone running in and out of traffic.

In Warren, Ohio, a police officer was shown on his cruiser's video jolting a woman with a Taser gun both before and after she was handcuffed.

The woman was arrested September 2 and the officer was placed on paid leave last week.

Patrolman Richard Kovach's report says the 38-year-old woman, who had been ordered out of a

bar, kicked at a rear window and tried to climb into the front seat once she was inside the cruiser. She was again Tasered during the transfer to the second car when she fell and was knocked unconscious by the impact.

An ambulance took her to a hospital. The woman has pleaded not guilty to resisting arrest and other charges.

Taser use by police drew attention this week after video surfaced on the Internet of police shocking a university student in Florida who persistently questioned US Senator John Kerry during a forum and refused to yield the microphone to others.

The incident generated a fierce debate about free speech, use of force and the motives of the student, a known prankster.

Taser stun guns fire electrically charged darts that carry 50,000 volts for several seconds, temporarily immobilizing their targets. Taser International Inc. says about 11,000 US law-enforcement agencies use Taser technology.— Internet



A file photo on shooting with a 50,000 - volt Taser stun gun. INTERNET.

Vietnam, Singapore to enhance military cooperation

HANOI, 27 Sept— Vietnam and Singapore have agreed to promote military cooperation, and exchange more military delegations, local newspaper Vietnam News reported Tuesday.

The two sides reached the agreement during the

meeting between Vietnamese Defence Minister Phung Quang Thanh and his visiting Singaporean counterpart Teo Chee Hean here Monday.

During the meeting, they also discussed the Army construction in each

country, anti-terrorism, humanitarian assistance and peace-keeping, and reviewed the bilateral cooperation on socio-economic development, national defence, security enhancement and language training.

MNA/Xinhua



Travellers walk under a full size model of the magnet levitation train Transrapid on display at the Franz-Josef-Strauss airport in Munich, southern Germany, on 25 Sept, 2007. Bavaria's state government said on Tuesday that it has reached an agreement to build a high-speed magnetic-levitation train from Munich to the city's airport. The so-called Transrapid line would be the first to operate commercially in Germany. So far, the German technology has gone into regular service only in Shanghai, China.—INTERNET

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Wen Jiabao says service sector can help cut emissions

BEIJING, 26 Sept— China should push development of its service sector and invest in new technology to curb growing pollution and thirst for energy, state television on Tuesday quoted Premier Wen Jiabao saying.

“To save energy and cut emissions, on the one hand we must readjust the economic structure and strongly develop the

service industry,” the report quoted Wen saying at a meeting with officials and analysts.

“On the other we must promote energy saving and new technologies, and doing good work on statistics is also very important — we are currently strengthening this work.”

Beijing is promoting cleaner growth after years of calling for economic expansion at any cost because dirty air and water are limiting growth, provoking social unrest and causing diplomatic headaches.

The Communist Party plans to write a commit-

ment to more balanced growth into its charter at a key meeting next month, where the environment will be an important theme.

But the central government has struggled to enforce the change of direction, with provincial officials often chasing growth and jobs at the expense of the environment.

Beijing recently shelved the public release of a “green GDP” study which put a cost to the country’s environmental damage after lobbying by local officials, Chinese media reported.

MNA/Reuters

China discovers “new” glaciers on roof of world

BEIJING, 26 Sept— China has discovered 42 glaciers on the roof of the world, the Qinghai-Tibet plateau where ice is shrinking due to global warming, and the group could be the biggest of them all, state media said on Tuesday.

Beijing has become increasingly concerned about global warming as studies show glaciers retreating on the plateau, where China’s largest rivers originate.

The 49 glaciers were found by satellite imagery in Bomi County which has an average altitude of 4,200 metres (13,800 feet) above sea level, the *China Daily* reported.

The rivers of ice on the plateau, which borders the Himalayas, account for around four-fifths of China’s glaciers and are crucial for drinking water and irrigation at ground level.

“(If the find is confirmed) it would be the biggest glacier group on the plateau,” Zhaxi Norbu, director of the county’s publicity department, was quoted as saying.

China has about 46,000 glaciers, totalling 60,000 square kilometres (23,000 square miles) primarily in Tibet and Xinjiang.

Over the past century, the area of the glaciers has shrunk by around 30 per cent. — MNA/Reuters

China, New Zealand vow to advance bilateral ties

BEIJING, 27 Sept— China and New Zealand vowed here Tuesday to push forward their all-round cooperative ties on the occasion of 35th anniversary of diplomatic ties.

“China would like to work with New Zealand to intensify exchanges at various levels, and continuously deepen beneficial cooperation,” Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan told visiting Deputy Prime Minister Michael Cullen.

Zeng noted that Chinese President Hu Jintao and New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark had reached an important agreement on bilateral ties during their meeting at the 15th Economic Leaders Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Cullen, who is also New Zealand’s Minister of Finance and Tertiary Education, said the relationship with China is one of the most important bilateral ties for New Zealand.

New Zealand will continue exchanges and cooperation with China in broad fields, he said.

Cullen reaffirmed New Zealand’s firm adherence to the one-China policy, opposing “Taiwan independence”.

MNA/Xinhua



A model wears a creation as part of the Gucci Spring/Summer women’s collection 2008 during Milan Fashion Week on 26 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

Vietnam bridge collapse kills at least 27 workers

HANOI, 26 Sept— At least 27 workers were killed and about 100 others feared dead or missing after a bridge they were building in Vietnam’s southern city of Can Tho collapsed on Wednesday, state-run media and police said.

“At the time of the accident there were about 100 workers directly under the section of the bridge where the scaffolding collapsed and another 150 on the surface of the bridge,” a Can Tho police officer said by telephone.

“The figures of victims are still being updated but



Rescuers carry the body of a victim of a bridge collapse from a boat on Mekong River in Can Tho city, on 27 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

as many as 100 could be dead or missing for now,” he said.

The online *VnExpress* (www.vnexpress.net) newspaper quoted officials in Can Tho as saying

scaffolding at some sections of the bridge over the Hau River collapsed at about 08:30 am (0130 GMT) at the start of a shift.

“We heard a loud explosion and then a big

cloud of dust and screams from workers stuck in the rubble,” the state-run online newspaper quoted a bridge engineer at the site as saying.

Officials in Can Tho said about 250 engineers and workers from three Japanese contractors — Taisei, Kazima and NipponSteel — were on the construction site at the time of the accident.

State-run Vietnam TV showed footage of the damage to the collapsed concrete and steel structure and reported that people were still believed to be trapped in the rubble.

MNA/Reuters

Flood death toll hits 1,056 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 26 Sept — Flood death toll in Bangladesh climbed up to 1,056 till Tuesday morning while the situation in the country’s flood-hit areas has improved completely. According to health department of the country, ten more people were killed in flood-related incidents like drowning, snakebites and waterborne diseases in the last 24 hours. The devastating flood caused by incessant rain and upstream waters has affected 46 out of the country’s 64 districts since late July, leaving over 16 million people marooned, over two million houses damaged and hundreds of millions dollars economic loss. — MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Cathay Pacific backs off bid for shares in China Eastern

WASHINGTON, 26 Sept—Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd and the parent company of its Chinese affiliate have backed off from a planned joint bid for shares in China Eastern Airlines Corp, a report carried by *The Wall Street Journal* network said on Monday.

The move averted a showdown with Singapore Airlines for control of the Chinese Mainland's lucrative Shanghai gateway, said the report.

Singapore Airlines agreed earlier this month

to buy a 15.7-per-cent stake in Shanghai-based China Eastern to establish a foothold in China's enormous aviation market. Singaporean Government's investment arm Temasek agreed to simultaneously buy an additional 8.3 per cent of China Eastern.

Cathay and Air China were expected to offer a higher premium for China Eastern's shares. Air China affiliate China National Aviation already holds an 11-per-cent stake in China Eastern.

Singapore Airlines' proposed investment in China Eastern would give it access in Shanghai to a steady supply of Chinese domestic passengers to feed into its extensive international route network, said the report.

The jockeying for a stake in China Eastern has unfolded against a backdrop of torrid growth in Chinese passenger traffic. With China's economy racing ahead at an 11.5 per cent annual pace for the first half of the year, ever more Chinese can afford to take to the skies for business and leisure, the report added.—MNA/Xinhua

GM announces recall of 29,000 vehicles in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Sept—The Brazilian subsidiary of US automobile giant General Motors (GM) on Monday announced a recall of 29,000 vehicles manufactured in January to August this year in the country.

The company said the move was due to problems found in screws of the vehicles' suspensions and seats.

According to GM's Press statement, models such as Corsa, Meriva and Montana manufactured during the 19 January-17 May period need to have screws in their front suspension's screws. The screws were more rigid than the originally specified for the models, said the company.

GM stressed that there is a risk of harming endurance of the suspension screws and, in some cases, causing an accident, if the screws happen to break.

Crew cab S10 and SUV Blazer, produced on 30 July-31 August, were also included on the recall list. GM stated the screws used to fix the models' front seats received inappropriate thermal treatment, which can affect the vehicles' structural characteristics "in extreme situations" and cause the seats to break.

MNA/Xinhua



Hou Dongming, the "bee-man", sits amid a swarm of bees to demonstrate his command of them on 24 Sept, 2007, in a village near Siping, Jilin Province in Northeast China.—INTERNET



A young visitor plays a video game in southern Paries in 13 Sept, 2006 file photo. With child obesity rates rising, the US's biggest health maintenance organization on Tuesday launched an online video game to teach kids what to eat — and then shut down after 20 minutes. — INTERNET

Russian taxman to crack down on tycoons

Moscow, 26 Sept—Russia's tax authorities plan to crack down on tax evasion by the country's richest people through the creation of a new unit to scrutinize their finan-

cial activities, news agency *RIA Novosti* reported on Monday.

With 43-dollar billionaires, according to the *Forbes* rich list, an elite class of ultra-wealthy Russians controls a large chunk of the post-Soviet economy.

"This inspectorate is being created to control the oligarchs," a source in Russia's tax authority told *RIA Novosti*. Tax officials were unavailable for comment.

Some of Russia's billio-

naires, often described as oligarchs, have flaunted their wealth ostentatiously both in Russia and abroad while the average Russian salary stands at just over 500 US dollars per month. The order to create the inter-regional tax inspectorate, number 11, will be signed in the next few days, *RIA* said.

The new unit will also look at celebrities, such as pop stars and sportsmen, a second source told the news agency.

MNA/Reuters

S'pore signs agreement to speed up oil spill compensation claims

SINGAPORE, 26 Sept—Singapore has signed an agreement with the International Tank Owners Pollution Federation (ITOPF) to speed up oil spill compensation claims. The initiative was announced by Singapore's Minister of State for Transport Lim Hwee Hua at this year's International Chemical and Oil Pollution Conference and Exhibition on Monday.

Singapore is the first country to set such an agreement, which is a pre-agreed schedule of rates for oil spill response resources provided by Singapore's Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) and its supporting spill response agencies and resource owners that help in oil spill clean-ups.

Lim said with the framework of pre-agreed rates in place, spill response agencies and resource owners can look forward to fair and timely compensation when they deploy their craft and equipment to assist in clean-up operations.

She noted that the agreement is timely. "With greater volumes of oil and chemicals being transported by sea, the challenge of striking a balance between environmental protection and economic development comes to the fore. Our collective ability to prevent accidents and to manage accidents and spills that do occur will be more critical."—MNA/Xinhua



Russian aircraft manufacturer Sukhoi's Superjet 100 stands on the tarmac in the Far Eastern city Komsomolsk-on-Amur on 26 Sept, 2007.

XINHUA



A floating lantern depicting the Chinese Temple of Heaven is seen during Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations at a park in Beijing, on 23 Sept, 2007.

INTERNET

China, Japan to share marrow donation information

BEIJING, 26 Sept — The Chinese Marrow Donor Programme (CMDP) signed an agreement on Monday with its Japanese counterpart to cooperate in hematopoietic stem cell transplant.

Under the agreement, the two marrow banks will seek cell donors for leukaemia patients by sharing marrow reserves information.

With 670,000 donors in China and 280,000 in Japan, the cooperation would dramatically increase the match rate of hematopoietic stem cells for patients with leukemia, said Hong Junling, director of CMDP.

China had more than one million leukemia patients with around 40,000 new cases every year, said Hong.

“More than 2,000 leukemia patients in Japan are also waiting for donors of

hematopoietic stem cells,” said Tohru Masaoka, adviser of Osaka Medical Centre for Cancer and Cardiovascular Diseases in Japan. “We expect great cooperation between the two sides in saving people’s lives,” Tohru Masaoka said. Hong said the cooperation was possible because the people of the two nations were “ethnically similar”.

The two sides also agreed to recruit donors, conduct collection of hematopoietic stem cells according to their respective standards and procedures and maintain donor confidentiality.

MNA/Xinhua

Ethiopia gets \$208m China loan for power, cement

ADDIS ABABA, 27 Sept — Ethiopia on Tuesday signed a 208-million-US-dollar loan agreement with China, to finance new power generation and expand a cement factory, the Horn of Africa country’s Finance Minister said.

Economic powerhouse China has been wooing African countries with aid and loans in a bid to better access the continent’s raw materials and consumer markets, to feed its exploding economy.

“The loan with China’s Import Bank and the state-owned, Commercial Bank of Ethiopia will be used to finance expansion of a cement factory and for power generation,” said Sufian Ahmed, Ethiopia’s

Finance Minister.

Ethiopia has received 708 million US dollars in development loans from Beijing this year, he said.

He said 500 million US dollars received earlier

was used to finance various projects.

Sufian said annual trade volume between the two countries in 2006/07 was 500 million US dollars.

MNA/Reuters



A parterre circling a fountain at the centre of the Tian’anmen Square is unveiled on 25 Sept, 2007, in preparation for the upcoming National Day celebration.—XINHUA

China, South Africa vow to further cooperation

BEIJING, 26 Sept — Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong and South African Deputy President Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka co-chaired the third meeting of the China-South Africa Bi-National Commission on Monday, vowing to further all-round cooperation.

Zeng proposed that China and South Africa strengthen political consultation and enterprises exchanges and

deepen the cooperation on human resources, agriculture and poverty eradication, so as to realize the agreements reached by leaders of the two countries.

Zeng said China and South Africa had expanded cooperation on trade, culture, science and public health since they established strategic partnership in 2004.

Mlambo-Ngcuka expressed gratitude for the measures taken by China

to balance the bilateral trade as well as China’s assistance on the human resources exploration.

She said South Africa hoped to establish a developing partnership with China and learn more experience from China.

She reaffirmed South Africa would continue to adhere to the one-China policy.

Mlambo-Ngcuka arrived here Sunday to start a four-day visit to China. —MNA/Xinhua



Visitors to Yankee Candle, in Deerfield, Mass explore a replica of a German Village, on 22 Aug, 2007.

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India mulls new satellite for cheaper mobile phone link

NEW DELHI, 26 Sept — India is planning to launch in three years a satellite capable of providing direct

communication links to mobile handsets, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported Tuesday.

The move aims at making satellite phone usage cheaper and accessible to the remotest parts of the country, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) declared Monday.

“We plan to provide satellite connectivity using a special bandwidth,” ISRO chairman G Madhavan Nair told space agency chiefs attending the International Aeronautical Congress (IAC) in the southern Indian city of Hyderabad.

The ISRO, he said, was designing an experimental

satellite—GSAT-6—for the purpose.

“It will make access cheaper with connectivity even in remote areas.”

The GSAT-6 will be launched by the indigenous GSLV (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle) and deployed in the geostationary orbit at 36,000 kilometres from earth by 2010.

“A subscriber will be able to connect his or her GSM phone when signals from the mobile service provider fail or do not reach by automatically switching over to the satellite link,” PTI quoted ISRO scientific secretary Bhaskara Narayana as saying. —MNA/Xinhua

NLD member organizes abbot monk of Ashekyaung Pariyatti Sarthintaik monastery in Mohnyin, Kachin State to take part in protest

He has to leave as abbot monk and members of Sangha do not accept his persuasion

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — U Kyaw Maung, a representative-elect of NLD visited Ashekyaung Pariyatti Sarthintaik monastery in Mohnyin, Kachin State, at 1 pm on 24 September. He tried to organize the Abbot Monk U Jayansa and some members of the Sangha to take part in noisy demonstrations.

The abbot monk who is living in accord with the Vinaya told U Kyaw Maung that all the monks of the

monastery including him would never take part in the protests; that they did not want to see a black mark being earned as in the 1988 unrest; that he could not let his monks being used as steppingstone; that NLD did not render a helping hand in building Sasana Beikman and clinic in the monastery compound, but the government departments concerned did; and that NLD had never taken part in any endeavours in the

interest of the community and the Sasana. The Sayadaw resolutely and strongly rejected U Kyaw Maung's persuasion that was just an attempt to jeopardize community peace and stability. Hence, U Kyaw Maung had to leave the monastery.

The monastery has over 100 monks and they have never taken part in any one of the monks' protests.

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About 50-strong mob attempts to attack residence of Bahan Township USDA executive

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—Those getting involved in the protests not only are staging demonstrations but also are intimidating the people. At about 8 pm yesterday, five monks made an inquiry into the residence of Bahan Township Union Solidarity and Development Association Executive U Aung Htoo of 16, Arzarni Street, Saya San Ward (South), Bahan Township. However, a friend of U Aung Htoo informed him in advance by phone, so his wife and five children were moved to a safe place before their arrival.

At about 8 pm on the same day, about 50 monks and people holding swords and rods searched the

house of U Aung Htoo. Ward dwellers and authorities informed the case to security forces. When the security forces arrived, the mob dispersed.

Further investigation revealed that it had been in retaliation for the sentence of their brother Myo Min — a leader of Yangon Division NLD young members in 1995, elder sister Ma Swe Swe Khaing and younger sister Ma Yee Yee Hlaing, who gets involved in the mass protest, manufactured a fabrication in the ward that U Aung Htoo was one of those who hit monk protesters. So, the mob tried to attack his house.

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Four called in for questioning regarding protests

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—With respect to the violent acts and protests happening at present, authorities concerned called in four persons for questioning—Member of NLD Central Executive Committee U Hla Pe, Member of NLD Information Committee U Myint Thein, and members of illegally formed CRPP U Htaung Kho Htan of the Union Nationalities League for Democracy and U Pu Kyint Shin Htan of Zomi National Congress yesterday.

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NLD hiring people on daily payment to cheat as if the people are taking part in protests and increase number of protesters

Interviews being held in townships to create and distribute false news reports

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept — About 100 monks gathered at Myatheindan monastery in Zigon, Bago Division, at about 12.30 pm on 25 September. Beginning 1 pm, the monks staged protest walk on Pagoda Street, Merchant Street, Sipin Street and Market Street in the town. Eight members including Daw Khin Waing of Township NLD and 11 civilians followed the monks holding placards and shouting slogans.

The group dispersed at about 2.15 pm and the monks returned to the monastery. The 11 civilians were hired by NLD on daily payments to join the protest and shout slogans. It was the NLD's plot to cheat as if the people were taking part in the protest.

At 8.40 pm on 24 September, a man by the name Ko Thet of Thai-based Ayeyawady news agency

another man and a woman totalling three visited Abbot Monk U Devinda of Zeyathukha monastery in Sangyoung Ward, Aunglan, Magway Division, Ko Thet showed the abbot monk his identity card and interviewed the Sayadaw. The woman recorded the interview with her recorder. Ko Thet asked the Sayadaw whether he was the secretary of discipline enforcement group of the Aunglan Township Sangha Nayaka Committee and whether he prohibited monks from staging strike in the town on 17 September; and about his view on the monk protests.

The Sayadaw said that he was the secretary of the group; that due to the ill health of the chairman Sayadaw of the Aunglan Township Sangha Nayaka Committee the 17-September-scheduled meeting to

invite participants to the alms offering ceremony after the Lent was postponed; that he had no comments about the current protests; that his monastery did not need to stage a protest; and that it would not stage any protest.

The Sayadaw asked the group where the members were staying. They said that they were a group gathering news in various townships and that their next destination was Taungdwingyi. The group left the monastery at about 9.10 pm.

Authorities concerned have urged the people to be aware of the plots to organize people offering money to take part in the disturbance and false news reports and propaganda collected and distributed by the persons hired by certain foreign news agencies. — MNA

Rights and wrongs of today's political arena of Myanmar - I

Kyaw Min Lu (Shwepyitha)

This time, I would like to inform the public about the conspiracies of anti-government terrorist groups holding negative views to disturb and destroy government's endeavours for the good of the nation and people to the extent of my knowledge. But please do not see me as a writer taking pro-government stance. As my article "The answer will be fine if it is based on fair views". I will think fairly and weigh justly. I wish readers to see what is right as right and what is wrong as wrong. My article may be just like a discussion with readers. Actually, all the people should have an overall view of the present political stage of the nation.

Our history has very few periods during which the nation was going smoothly. My assumption is that there was no such period at all. Leaving aside the ancient feudal dynasties, let us just recount the post-

parliamentary period after the regaining of independence. The past successive governments were not able to effectively serve the interest of the nation and the people due to attacks and disturbances launched by the anti-government groups with negative views. No government however it wished to develop the nation was seen good then. As there were lots of disturbances, however much a government had goodwill and fine objectives, it never had had an opportunity to carry out national development endeavours. It is true. It is so heart-rending for all of us that there have been anti-government groups, with negative views, at any time to hinder any national development. It is a minus sign. I think you all appreciate this.

The first view is all the people truly wish to see national development. They also wish to enjoy high living standard, while reaping benefits from sufficiency in food, clothing and shelter for every individual and family.

Why are those groups opposing the government with the intention of harming the national interest and putting the people into abject poverty? It's power! Nothing more than power! They want power. They regard the government as their real enemy, opposing, slandering, disturbing and attacking it and trying to remove it just to grab power. Isn't it true that their ultimate aim is to grab power? Whom are the anti-government groups using as a stepping-stone to oppose the government and to grab power? Readers, you answer it please. They are using us, the people. We are being used. They are using students who are our children, workers, who are our colleagues, and monks to whom we pay respects and from whom we seek advice.

As they are power craze, they are trying to trick us and incite enmity between us, the people, and the government, urging us to come forward and make daredevil acts, while they themselves are instigating us from behind the scene. Isn't that true? Do not the people (also including, students, workers and monks) really know their tricks? No, they do not. They are black magicians. They are specially trained by their foreign masters to trick and agitate the public. So the people become daredevils doing everything as ordered by them. I think you have noticed the government informing the people about the true events from the dailies, radio and TV for the people to

be able to stay away from their cheats. I would like to explain till you see their tricks. I would like to discuss with you their plots and conspiracies, whom they are working for and their ultimate aim in opposing the government. So, you decide who is right and who is wrong. My sincere goodwill is to keep you free from being tricked and used by others.

Before going to the topic on the government and the anti-government groups, let us talk about ourselves. What is the genuine desire of the people? You will say, "Oh, many!" "I want a car, a house". But I do not mean those public wants. According to my view, there are three main desires representing the entire people. I think you also have this view.

The first view is all the people truly wish to see national development. They also wish to enjoy high

living standard, while reaping benefits from sufficiency in food, clothing and shelter for every individual and family.

The second is that the people do not want to live in constant fear of strikes, violence and unrest. They love to enjoy a serene and peaceful life. They are tired of conflicts, commotions and killings that occur in the absence of peace and stability. Frankly, they are afraid of those incidents and acts. They do not even want to hear any disturbances similar to 1988 unrest. What the people truly want is peace and stability and life security. You will never find any reason to refute this.

The third is that the people wish to have the right to live and act freely in accord with the law. They wish to choose their own profession and develop their lives with their own intellectual and physical ability under the rule of law. All will have to develop themselves in accord with market economy. No one wants to violate the law when there are lots of opportunities. All are eager to strive with the best of their ability and achieve the greatest success.

In my assessment, these three views are the genuine desire of the people, covering all your wishes big or small including the wish to buy a car and build a house.

The people have those desires. What is the government doing? You all know that the government has been constantly striving with the best of its intellectual and

physical ability to fulfill those public desires completely.

You all know "Our Three Main National Causes", the government's national guideline policy. "Our Three Main National Causes" has been adopted not for a single party, race or person. The causes are always right and required for every party, race and person. We, the entire people, are always striving for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. "Our Three Main National Causes" is always correct for us. Any party, race or individual that does not accept "Our Three Main National Causes" is the one that ignores the national interest. Hence, "Our Three Main National Causes" will always be true and required. Hence, it is adopted in the interest of the entire Union. There is nothing we cannot accept it.

The government adopted and has been implementing the 12 political, economic and social objectives to keep in the fore "Our Three Main National Causes" and to effectively materialize it. A thorough review of the 12 objectives shows that they are the most practical work programmes, that are in accord with the prevailing conditions and that can realize the national interest best. Let us examine the last objective of the four economic objectives — **The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the people.** It is obvious that the objective envisages long-term interest of the national race entrepreneurs. If the nation does not protect the national entrepreneurs, it is sure that our economy will be under total manipulation of foreigners. Our entrepreneurs will be wiped out totally. We should appreciate the government's protection. If we study the remaining objectives, we can obviously understand that they are for the long-term interest of the nation and the people sector-wise. **Hence, it is undeniable that the 12 objectives are the most suitable and appropriate work programmes. Nothing harmful to the interest of the nation and people is stipulated in the objectives.**

Our country's goal is to build a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. In this regard, the word "peace" covers the first point of people's desire, and the words "modern and developed", the second point, and the word "discipline-flourishing", the third point. So, I think all agree that the nation's goal reflects the three points of people's desire.

Therefore, it is acceptable that the ruling government upholds the national policy — Our Three Main National Causes — and is fulfilling the three points of the people's desire through the 12 objectives. In this regard, the government and the people are joining hands and working together, and all parts of the nation

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have developed at unprecedented level in various sectors including the education, health, economic, social and communication sectors. We national people have equal access to these fruitful results.

The government has constructed a network of roads and bridges in the transport sector, irrigation facilities in the agricultural sector, established industrial zones in the industrial sector across the nation. So, its all-out efforts to serve the public interests well deserve recognition, and it is known to all. Anti-government groups have known that. I will present some facts about them later.

The ruling government is working hard in the interests of the nation and the people. Its efforts are in accordance with the national policy and objectives and reflect the true desire of the people. And it is marching forward in cooperation with the people. Thus, success has been achieved to a certain degree, if compared with that in the parliamentary democracy period or the Myanma Socialist Programme Party. Certainly, in the time of the Tatmadaw government, the nation has enjoyed unprecedented development. It is apparent that the government is taking steps with foresight not only for the present but also for the future of the country.

The infrastructures the government is constructing with added momentum are just designed to pave way for greater development. Without such infrastructures necessary for development, the nation cannot practise the multi-party democracy system at all, as evidenced by a large number of bitter experiences the nation has faced. I am sure the government has visualized that the nation cannot be transformed into a democratic one. That is why it is taking steps one after another to ensure smooth and systematic democratic transition. Here, we should realize this point.

In response to the people's desire, it has introduced the market-oriented economic system to the nation. In addition, it is taking systematic measures step by step in the appropriate times. If it had opened the market-oriented economic system irresponsibly, the economy of our nation would have been under the monopolization of alien entrepreneurs.

According to the market economy, profit is oriented. However, the government is sacrificing huge sums from the State funds in various sectors such as in the social, health, education and transport sectors for the well-being of the people. For many years the government has been sacrificing large sums of money to import fuel with the positive stance that the people can get fuel at reasonable prices. Nonetheless, we people did not know the fact that the government was distributing fuel at a loss and we did not care about the world fuel prices.

Now, world fuel prices are getting higher and higher. So, its sacrifice of funds on fuel becomes overstretched. In the meantime, it has to invest heavily in the development projects to create a prosperous future of the nation. Therefore, it had no choice but to raise fuel prices to save the loss of State funds. It raised fuel prices just fairly to avert great impact on the

interests of the people. The fuel prices in Myanmar stand at about fifty per cent of that in other countries. We have known the fuel prices of the world through newspapers and journals. So, we have understood the case. And we have accepted that the rise in fuel prices is just to save State funds to an extent, not to gain profits.

The government has accomplished the convening of the National Convention necessary for the multi-party democracy system as aspired by the people. It is undeniable. It launched the National Convention in 1993 to adopt the basic principles and detailed basic principles to be included in the forthcoming State Constitution. As is known to all, the National League for Democracy attended the NC initially. Nevertheless, in 1995, its representatives walked out of the NC under the irrevocable decision of Daw Suu Kyi. In 1996, the NC was adjourned temporarily, in consequence.

However, the government pursued the national goal constantly. In 2003, it announced the State's seven-step Road Map. In 2004, it reconvened the National Convention. Now, it has achieved the first step of the seven-step Road Map — reconvening the National Convention. I am sure the State policies and objectives being implemented in accordance with the people's desire will be all accomplished in a short time if the government and the people continue to work in harmony at the present momentum.

It is obvious that the government is creating the situations in order to practise democracy in the country— (1) stability and peace and prevalence of law and order (2) development of economy of the nation and the people (3) possession of knowledge for the people who practise democracy. I support it is right. The 1948-62 Parliamentary democratic system was without a success due to the lack of these three points. The education, health and economic sectors declined because of the evil legacy of the colonialists. The government was dubbed as Yangon government. There was no peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. Could any government practise democracy successfully under such situations? If we take lessons from that, we will accept the ruling government's constructive tasks of transition to democracy. We know that the government is making endeavours for the good of the people.

Here, democracy we trust is not a carbon copy democracy of the West. We want democracy that is in conformity with historical background, present political, economic and social situations and national interest. We cannot create situation beyond the present situations and importune for democracy. The government understands this and controls the situation. The people trust the government.

Laying down basic principles at the National Convention is not the end of installing democracy. It is the beginning of the process to be implemented at different levels. We can see and accept it. The people will gradually become mature in practising democracy. With due maturity, democracy can be implemented smoothly. The people believe in it with seriousness. Some people do not believe. Why don't they accept it? I will give my answer later.

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the nation and the people in accord with the people's desire. You can say if it is true or not. You know the government encountered economic sanctions and other difficulties due to the instigation of Daw Suu Kyi and NLD. Despite such economic sanctions and difficulties the government has been able to overcome these hard times with the unity of the people. Which parties provided support to reach the present stage? Which party leader served the interest of the people? You know the present developments are the results due to the efforts we made on self-reliance basis in spite of the hindrance of the anti-government groups with negative views. We should not ignore these results.

You may think that I am telling you standing by the government. If so, I deny. I'll tell you the truth as I see. You must accept it. I do not say that it is a good government. Decide yourself whether it is good or bad. Each has knowledge to decide and heart to feel. Make a right decision. I do not say the ruling government is a perfect one. There may be some weaknesses.

I will tell you as I understand. Every human being can make mistakes. To err is human. No one but our Lord Buddha is perfect. Not every government, party or person is always right. Similarly, all is not good. The present government may make mistakes and it is not perfect and it may have flaws or weaknesses.

Think if most of the government's efforts are good. Policies, objectives and tasks are right and good. Most of its efforts are good and right. It is good to serve the interest of the people. Frankly speaking, I believe its goodwill towards the nation and the people. Though the goodwill is right, the way the government does may be wrong. We may think it is wrong because our democratic view is premature and we do not understand the theory of market-oriented economy. Whatever it is, you should review the prevailing situation with clear thinking. What is the answer? The answer is clear whether the present government is good or not and most of its endeavours are right or wrong.

We can assume that it is good and right if most of the efforts are good and right. In the examination if you get 40 marks out of 100, you will pass it. How many marks can the present government get? 70 or 80 marks? I don't want to tell you. In my opinion, the present government passes the examination. It may win distinction though it cannot get full marks. This is my view.

At this time we should serve the interest of the people, shouldn't we? But the fact is that anti-government groups brushed aside the people's interests. Instead, they are making all attempts to cause utter devastation in collusion. I will discuss this in part 2.

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A gamer plays the Xbox 360 at a 'Best Buy' store in San Francisco, California recently. The gaming world is bracing for the release of "Halo 3," expected to be a blockbuster for Microsoft and its struggling Xbox 360.—INTERNET

Study questions value of annual medical check-up

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept — The customary annual physical check-up at the doctor's office may not be worth the time or money, researchers said on Monday.

About 63 million US adults visit a doctor annually for a routine medical or gynecological check-up at a total cost of 7.8 billion US dollars, according to a study intended to help answer questions about the value of this trip to the doctor's office. More than 80 per cent of preventive care provided by doctors does not take place during this annual check-up, the study showed. And more than 350 million US dollars worth of potentially unnecessary medical tests are performed, the researchers said.

"We need to question encouraging everybody to come in for an annual physical," Dr Ateev Mehrotra of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and the RAND Corp., who led the study, said in a telephone interview.

"There's a lot of money, a lot of visits, a lot of adults going to see their doctor for annual physical exams with a real unclear benefit. It's the No 1 reason adults see their doctor, and yet we don't know whether it's helpful or not," he added. The study appears in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

These check-ups account for one in 12 adult

outpatient visits to the doctor's office, the study found. On average, they lasted 23 minutes and cost

116 US dollars, including laboratory and radiology services, the researchers said.— MNA/Reuters

Abandoned child reunited with grandmother in NZ

WELLINGTON, 27 Sept — A toddler abandoned in Australia 10 days ago was reunited with her grandmother in New Zealand on Tuesday, while police in the United States stepped up the hunt for her fugitive father.

Maternal grandmother Liu Xiaoping, 53, arrived in New Zealand earlier from China and is to seek custody of three-year-old Qian Xun Xue, whose mother's body was found in the trunk of a

car parked outside their Auckland home.

"While Qian Xun has times where she has been quite distressed, she is generally a very sunny, happy little girl," said Marion Heeney, regional director of New Zealand's Department of Child, Youth and Family.

The little girl, dubbed "Pumpkin" after the Pumpkin Patch brand of clothing she was wearing

when she was found at a railway station in Melbourne, arrived in Auckland on Monday accompanied by a carer.

An arrest warrant for her 54-year-old father, magazine publisher Nai Yin Xue, was issued after police discovered the body of Anan Liu, 27, in Xue's car on Wednesday.

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US Navy helicopter crashes in Guam, one dead

HAGATAN (Guam), 27 Sept — A US Navy MH60 helicopter crashed into a lake on the Pacific island of Guam, killing one crew member, the military said on Tuesday.

The incident happened during a training exercise on Monday and the Navy is investigating the cause of the crash.

Three surviving crew members were being treated in hospital for minor injuries. One sustained a broken arm.

Guam, a US territory, has had a US military presence to varying degrees since 1898 when the Navy captured it from Spain.

The United States plans to move 8,000 Marines from the southern Japanese island of Okinawa to Guam by 2014 as part of a global realignment of US forces.

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Lawmaker says Rice interfered with Iraq inquiry

WASHINGTON, 27 Sept — A leading Democratic lawmaker on Tuesday accused Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice of interfering in congressional inquiries into corruption in Iraq's Government and the activities of US security firm Blackwater.

Democratic Representative Henry Waxman said State Department officials had told the Oversight and Government Reform Committee he chairs they could not provide details of corruption in Iraq's Government unless the information was treated as a "state secret" and not revealed to the public.

"You are wrong to interfere with the committee's inquiry," Waxman said in a letter to Rice.

"The State Department's position on this matter is ludicrous," added Waxman, a vocal opponent of the Bush Administration's Iraq

policies.

But State Department spokesman Tom Casey said there seemed to have been a "misunderstanding" over the issue and all the information requested by Congress had either been provided or was in the process of being provided.

Waxman said security contractor Blackwater, which was involved in an incident in which Iraqi civilians were killed last week, said they could not hand over documents relevant to an investigation without State Department approval.

But Casey said later Blackwater had been informed the State Department had no objection to it providing information to Waxman's committee.

Blackwater provides security for the US Embassy in Baghdad and has a contract with the State Department.

Waxman, who has called a hearing on Blackwater for 2 October, released a letter his staff received from the security contractor's

attorneys dated 24 September.

Blackwater also urged the committee not to ask questions at the hearing that could reveal sensitive information "that could be utilized by our country's implacable enemies in Iraq".

Waxman also released a letter signed by State Department contracting officer Kiazan Money Penny to Blackwater.

"I hereby direct Blackwater to make no disclosure of documents or information ... unless such disclosure has been authorized in writing by the contracting officer," wrote Money Penny.

Waxman also complained Rice was refusing to testify at any hearings his committee planned to look at political reconciliation in Iraq, corruption or the Blackwater incident.

"We have offered to make available for testimony those officials in the best position to respond to the specific issues the committee has raised," said Casey.

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A Palestinian man looks at pictures of Palestinian women held in Israeli prisons, in the West Bank city of Jenin, on 23 Sept, 2007.

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Newly-discovered comet named after Chinese astronomer

NANJING, 27 Sept — A newly-discovered comet has been named after the surname of a Chinese astronomer, Dr Zhao Haibin, the finder of the celestial body.

Zhao, who leads an NEO (Near Earth Object) research team at the Zijinshan Astronomical Observatory of the Chinese Academy of Sciences based in the eastern city of Nanjing, discovered the comet

close to the Cetus constellation in mid-September, a source with the observatory said.

The orbit of the new comet, named "P/2007S1(ZHAO)", was found to be an ellipse whose eccentricity is

0.344, and the comet's period of revolution around the sun is 7.46 years.

Zhao reported his discovery to the Minor Planet Centre of the International Astronomical Union (IAU), which confirmed the new comet after a careful analysis and comparison with the observations of seven authoritative observatories in the world, including the Lowell Observatory of the United States and the Schiaparelli Observatory of Italy.

The new comet, the fifth one discovered by the Zijinshan Astronomical Observatory, was detected at an observation station in Xuyi County in the western part of eastern Jiangsu Province, the source said.

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Afghan police men stand guard as Afghan woman passes by in Herat, south west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 23 Sept, 2007.

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Vietnam bridge collapse death toll rises to 60

HANOI, 27 Sept — A Japanese-funded bridge under construction in southern Vietnam collapsed on Wednesday, killing up to 60 workers and injuring around 150 in the country's worst such disaster.

A contractor with a Chinese company working on the bridge being built in Can Tho City said 60 people were killed. State-run Vietnam TV said 48 casualties had been confirmed with scores unaccounted for.

One police officer reached by telephone said as many as 100 could be dead or missing.

TV news bulletins showed footage of a mass of tangled steel and concrete at the scene, and emergency workers in white uniforms taking bloodied victims into hospitals for treatment.

"It is total chaos here,"

said Tran Thanh Quang, director of military hospital 112 in the Mekong Delta city, where most victims were being treated.

At least 150 people were being treated for injuries and hospitals were running out of beds, officials said. Doctors and nurses were sent from Ho Chi Minh City, 170 kilometres (105 miles) away, to help.

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Vietnam improves business environment

HANOI, 27 Sept — Vietnam, between April 2006 and June 2007, improved in the ease of doing business, including such areas as business start-up, credit access and cross-border trade, although its rankings in investor protection, business closure and tax payment are still low, says a World Bank report released here Wednesday.

Vietnam strengthened investor protection with a new enterprise law and securities act, which mandate investor involvement in major company actions and increase disclosure requirements, and eased access to credit by broadening the scope of asset that can be used as collateral, says the Doing Business 2008 published

by the bank and the International Finance Corporation.

In the reported one-year period, the cost of starting a business in Vietnam decreased to 20 per cent of gross national income per capita. The new Enterprise Law effective from July 2006 reduces the number of days it takes to obtain business registration certificate to 10 days or five days less than stated in the old law.

In the period, Vietnam adopted new securities and enterprise laws, which helped strengthen investor protection. Following the 2005 revised Civil Code, Decree 163/2006 on secured transaction issued in late 2006 further facilitates collateral-based lending by making it possible for all kind of movable property to be used as collateral.

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Cambodia to educate remote communities about avian influenza

PHNOM PENH, 27 Sept — The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and Medicam will organize a community forum in Mondul Kiri near the border with Vietnam on Thursday to educate remote communities about avian influenza and

how they can protect their poultry and their families from contracting the deadly virus, said a Press release on Tuesday.

"The event will be the first of a new series of community forums that Medicam, with support from FAO, will organize in areas of the country that

have limited or zero access to TV and radio, to inform communities about the risks posed by avian influenza to their poultry and to their health," said Dr Sin Somuny, Executive Director of Medicam, an umbrella organization of more than 100 health NGOs in Cambodia.

"The forum will veer away from the usual 'we tell you and you listen to us' speeches," said Guy

Freeland, Team Leader of FAO's Avian Influenza Control Programme in Cambodia.

"We would like it to be an interactive exchange of information based on a consistent storyline depicted by a series of photographs that shows how avian influenza is transmitted from its source in poultry to other farms and villages," said Freeland. —MNA/Xinhua



Store manager Jay Jacoby displays a two-headed red slider turtle at Big Al's Aquarium Supercentre in East Norriton Pa., on 26 Sept, 2007. The rare turtle is on display at the store. — INTERNET

Series of quakes jolt Indonesia

JAKARTA, 27 Sept — A series of moderate earthquakes hit Indonesia on Tuesday, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The quakes measuring 5.2 and 5.4 respectively on the Richter Scale rocked Sumatra Island in western parts of the country, an official of the agency said.

A 5.2 magnitude quake struck at 15:27 Jakarta Time (0827 GMT) with the

epicentre at 57 kilometres southwest of Painan Town of West Sumatra Province and the depth of 67 kilometres, an official of the agency said.

Another quake with a magnitude of 5.4 occurred at 04:25 Jakarta time (2125 GMT) with the epicentre at 172 kilometres southwest of Lais town of Bengkulu Province and the depth of 94 kilometres, the official said.

Another quake with a

magnitude of 5.2 jolted at 00:25 Jakarta Time (1725 GMT) with the epicenter at 52 kilometres southwest of Kalianda of Lampung Province and the depth of 10 kilometres, said the official.

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

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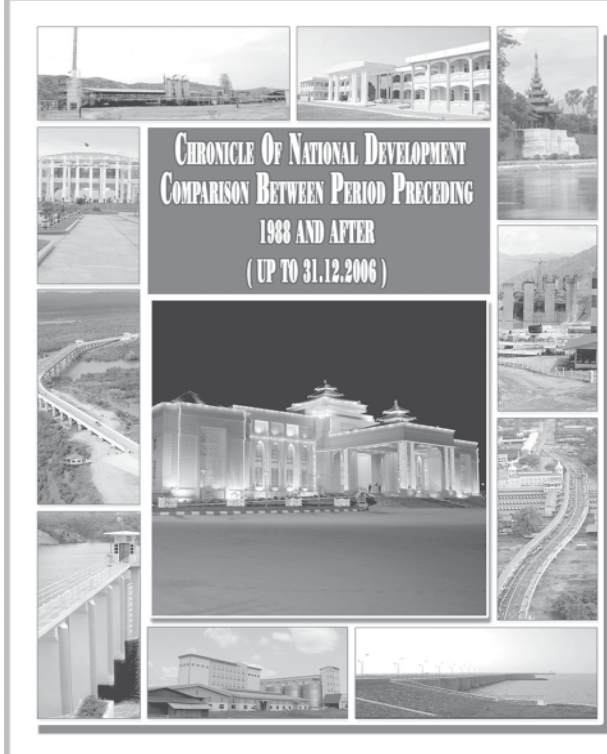
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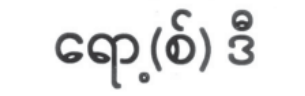
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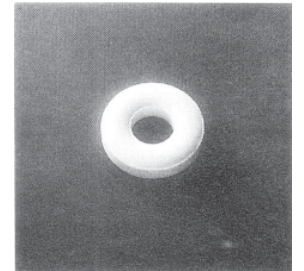
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Rio film festival boosts Brazil-China cooperation

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Sept—Chinese film director Yin Li said Monday that the ongoing Rio International Film Festival will boost cooperation between China and Brazil in the film industry.

As Latin America's largest film festival, the 14-day event which began on September 20, has chosen China as its focus country this year, screening a total of 20 Chinese films.

"The China Focus provides an opportunity for dialogue between Brazilian and Chinese film-makers," said Yin, who is presenting his 2006 production "The Knot" at the festival.

Yin is in Rio with a 10-member delegation from China to deliver 12 of China's recent film productions and eight classic Chinese films to the festival.

MNA/Xinhua



Baby girl Nadia (L), who weighed 7.75 kg (17.1 lbs) after birth, lies in a maternity ward in the Siberian city of Barnaul on 26 Sept, 2007.

XINHUA

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WWF: New animal, plant species found in Vietnam

GENEVA, 26 Sept — Scientists have discovered 11 new species of animals and plants in a remote area in central Vietnam, conservation group World Wildlife Fund (WWF) said on Wednesday.

The species were found in the Thua Thien Hue Province — a region known as the Green Corridor.

They include two butterflies and a snake, as well as five orchids and three other plants, all of which are exclusive to tropical forests in Vietnam's Annamites Mountain Range, said the Swiss-based organization in a Press release.

"You only discover so many new species in very special places, and the Green Corridor is one of them," said Chris



An orchid species named *Phyllagathis Melastomataceae* is seen in an hand out photo taken in Vietnam's central Thua Thien Hue Province. XINHUA

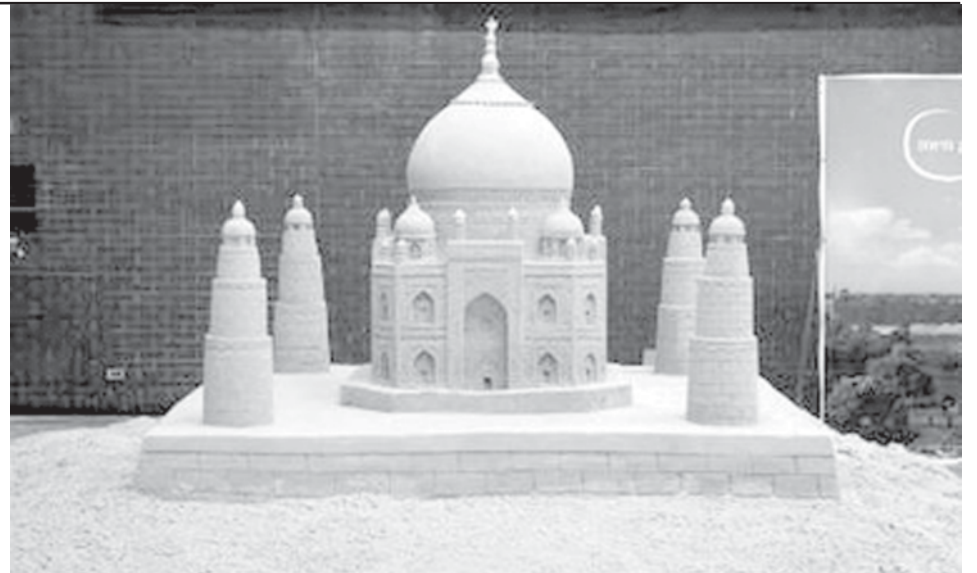
Dickinson, WWF's chief technical adviser in the area.

"Several large mammal species were discovered in the 1990s in the same forests, which means

that these latest discoveries could be just the tip of the iceberg," he added.

The new snake species, called the white-lipped keel back, tends to live by streams where it catches frogs and other small animals. It has a beautiful yellow-white stripe that sweeps along its head and red dots cover its body. It can reach about 80 cm in length.

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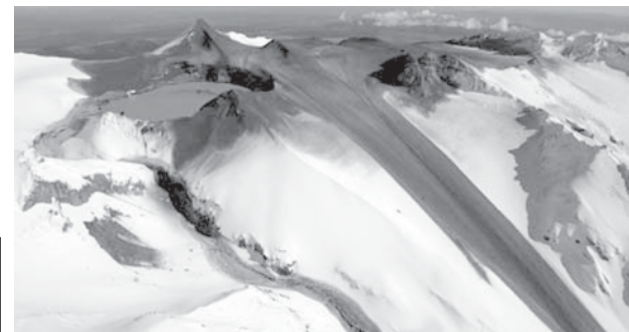


A large sand reconstruction of India's Taj Mahal made with over two tonnes of sand is seen in the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York on 25 Sept, 2007. The sculpture was built to celebrate the 60th anniversary of India's independence. —INTERNET

New Zealand: "Lord of the Rings" volcano erupts

BEIJING, 26 Sept — New Zealand's Mount Ruapehu — location of Middle Earth in the "Lord of the Rings" film trilogy — erupted Tuesday, spewing ash and rock that injured a climber and forced the evacuation of about 50 people off the mountain, local media reported Wednesday.

The 10-minute eruption started at about 8.20 pm and sent a cloud of ash and dust to a height of 15,000 feet, Geological and Nuclear Sciences said. The eruption also



A blanket of ash lies over the upper area of Mount Ruapehu about 230 kilometres (143 miles) north of New Zealand's capital, Wellington on 26 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

caused mudslides down the side of the mountain.

Mount Ruapehu, the highest mountain in New Zealand's North Island at 9,177 feet, has one of the most active crater lakes in the world. In March a mudflow, or lahar, flowed down the side of the

mountain after the crater lake overflowed.

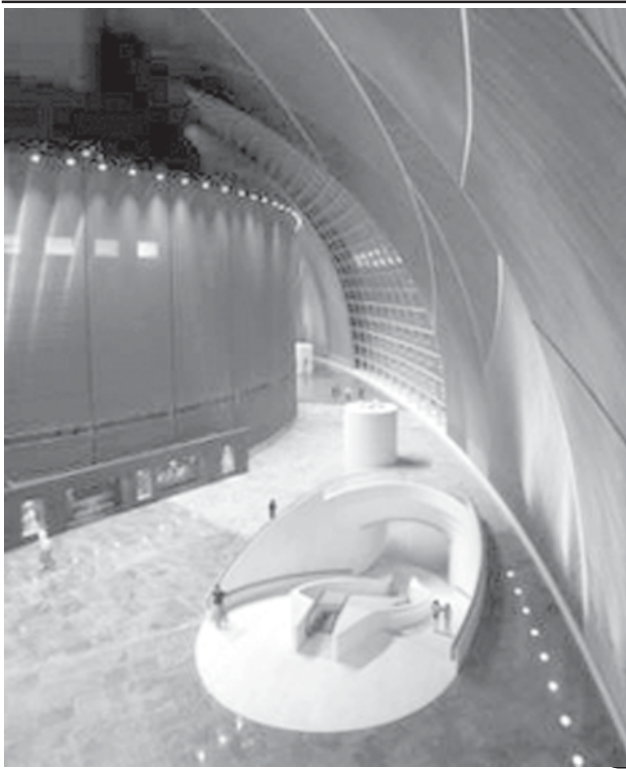
Large eruptions in 1995 and 1996 blanketed the surrounding area in ash.

The injured climber and three companions were in a hut near the summit when rocks came

crashing through the roof, The Dominion Post newspaper reported. The climber, who sustained leg injuries, was taken down the mountain by vehicle.

Ski lodges at the Whakapapa ski-field on the northern side of the mountain were evacuated as a precaution, and that area will remain closed.

Two lahars were recorded, which flowed down the northern and eastern sides of the mountain, Civil Defense authorities said. In 1953 a lahar swept away a railway bridge at Tangiwai and 151 people were killed when an Auckland to Wellington train plunged into a river. —Internet



A view shows the inside of the National Grand Theatre in Beijing on 25 Sept, 2007. The controversial National Theatre, a shiny half sphere that sits awkwardly next to the Soviet-style Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing, is due to open at the end of the year. —INTERNET

Greenland's melting ice covers US-size area twice

BEIJING, 26 Sept— An area twice as large as the United States could be covered with water from the amount of ice that has melted from Greenland's ice sheet this year, and more melting took place in 2007 than the average going back to 1988, a new study reveals.

NASA scientists used satellite data to compare the average snow that melted from Greenland annually between 1988 and 2006 with the snow that melted away this summer. They discovered an overall rising trend in

the amount of melt, especially at high altitudes where melt was 150 percent higher this year than the average.

The melting index — an indicator of where melting is occurring and its duration — for Greenland's high altitude areas (those over 1.2 miles above sea level) was significantly higher than usual so far this year. Melting in these areas lasted for 25 to 30 days longer this year than for the average during the last 19 years.

"When snow melts at

those high altitudes and then refreezes, it can absorb up to four times more energy than fresh, unthawed snow," said study leader Marco Tedesco of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. "This can affect Earth's energy budget by changing how much radiation from the sun is absorbed by the Earth versus that reflected back into the atmosphere. Refrozen snow can also alter the snow density, thickness and snow-water content." —Internet

Research shows lack of sleep may be deadly

LONDON, 26 Sept— People who do not get enough sleep are more than twice as likely to die of heart disease, according to a large British study released on Monday.

Although the reasons are unclear, researchers said lack of sleep appeared to be linked to increased blood pressure, which is

known to raise the risk of heart attacks and stroke.

A 17-year analysis of 10,000 government workers showed those who cut their sleep from seven hours a night to five or less faced a 1.7-fold increased risk of death from all causes and more than double the risk of cardiovascular death.

The findings highlight a danger in busy modern lifestyles, Francesco Cappuccio, professor of cardiovascular medicine at the University of Warwick's medical school, told the annual conference of the British Sleep Society in Cambridge.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Klose scores three as Bayern crush Cottbus 5-0

BERLIN, 27 Sept — Miroslav Klose scored a hat-trick in the final half hour to lead Bayern Munich to a 5-0 home win over bottom-of-the-table Energie Cottbus on Wednesday and raise his tally to eight goals in his six Bundesliga games.

Martin Demichelis and Luca Toni also scored in the last half hour for Bayern, who moved three points clear at the top of the table with 17 points from seven games. Bayer Leverkusen moved into second place after beating Nuremberg 2-1 away.

Averaging three goals per match, the new-look Bayern lead the way in the Bundesliga scoring stakes with 21 goals and at this pace could surpass their 2006/07 total of 55 goals by the mid-season Christ-

mas break.

Klose broke a tense stalemate in the 59th minute, pouncing on a blunder by Cottbus goalkeeper Tomislav Piplica. Martin Demichelis doubled the lead four minutes later before Toni got his fifth goal of the season in the 69th minute. — MNA/Reuters

Man United stunned by Coventry in League Cup

LONDON, 27 Sept — Premier League champions Manchester United suffered a shock League Cup exit for the second season running when they lost 2-0 at home to Second Division Coventry City on Wednesday.

Holders Chelsea had no such trouble, however, routing Hull City 4-0 away to record the club's first victory under new man-

ager Avram Grant following Jose Mourinho's exit a week ago.

"It could have been better, it could have been 5-0," Grant told the BBC. "I was happy with the performance of the players. These kind of games you make one mistake and you are out.

"All the goals came from combinations and that's what I want from the team....they all enjoyed it, including me."

Manchester United were not the only top flight casualty as Martin O'Neill's Aston Villa lost 1-0 at home to his old club Leicester City — Matthew Fryatt scoring the winner.

In other third-round ties, West Ham United scraped through 1-0 against Plymouth Argyle with a late strike by Dean Ashton and James McFadden scored twice as Everton won 3-0 at Second Division strugglers Sheffield Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters



Dong Fangzhuo (R) of Manchester United vies with players of Coventry City during the Carling Cup third round football match at Old Trafford, Manchester, northwest England. Coventry won 2-0. —INTERNET

Latvia's Scerbatihis lifts gold in Weightlifting Worlds

CHIANG MAI (Thailand), 27 Sept — Viktors Scerbatihis of Latvia claimed the gold medal in the men's over 105-kilo category at the World Weightlifting Championships here on Wednesday.

Scerbatihis, who finished fourth in the 2006 worlds, established a slice advantage in the snatch as he lifted 202 kilos, one kilo more than nearest rival Evgeny Chigishev of Russia.

Three Herculeases, including Scerbatihis and Chigishev, hoisted 240 kilos in the clean and jerk, and with his advantage in the snatch, the 33-year-old Scerbatihis grabbed the gold (442 kilos).

Chigishev, 28, had to settle for the silver (441 kilos) and Jaber Saeed Salem of Qatar had the bronze (435 kilos). — MNA/Xinhua

No decision yet on Owen's groin surgery

LONDON, 26 Sept — England striker Michael Owen could need groin surgery but no decision has yet been made, Newcastle United manager Sam Allardyce said on Tuesday.

Owen limped off in Newcastle's 3-1 win over West Ham United on Sunday and media reports said he needed a groin operation that would almost cer-

tainly rule him out of England's Euro 2008 qualifiers against Estonia and Russia next month.

"He may need one, he may not," Allardyce told Sky Sports News after his side lost 2-0 at Arsenal in the League Cup third round.

"He has a groin injury and will see a specialist again. He may need an operation eventually but he has not got a hernia. He has a tear in his abductor muscle."

Owen's career has been blighted by injury since joining Newcastle from Real Madrid in 2005.

He broke a metatarsal in December 2005 and then at the 2006 World Cup finals suffered a cruciate knee injury that sidelined him for virtually the whole of last season.

After missing the beginning of this season with a thigh problem, Owen returned to score three goals in England's back-to-back wins over Israel and Russia. —MNA/Reuters

Espanyol pile on Sevilla agony with away win

MADRID, 26 Sept — Sevilla suffered their third defeat in a week, falling 3-2 at home to Espanyol in the Primera Liga on Tuesday.

Juande Ramos's side lost 3-0 at Arsenal in the Champions League and 2-1 to Barcelona in the Primera Liga last week and looked out of it again when Angel Martinez and Luis Garcia put Espanyol 2-0 up early in the second half.

Sevilla stormed back with an own goal by Daniel Jarque and a header by Arouna Kone but Espanyol substitute Raul

Tamudo popped up to steal the winner two minutes from time.

Ramos's team slipped to sixth with six points from four games, four points behind leaders Real Madrid.

Espanyol, who gained a measure of revenge for their defeat in

the UEFA Cup final in May, climbed to fifth on seven points.

Champions Real Madrid are at home to Real Betis on Thursday while Barcelona host Real Zaragoza on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Messi double helps Barca thump Zaragoza 4-1

MADRID 27 Sept — Lionel Messi proved too hot to handle for Real Zaragoza as he inspired Barcelona to a 4-1 home victory with two goals in the Primera Liga on

Wednesday. The 20-year-old Argentina forward has stepped up to lead a side that started the season poorly and, in the absence of an out-of sorts Ronaldinho, has been the central figure in their three wins over the last seven days.

He scored twice in the first 11 minutes against Zaragoza, who had levelled through Alberto Zapater soon after his opener, and helped set up the third for Andres Iniesta.

Rafael Marquez added a fourth just before the break as they left Zaragoza chasing shadows.

MNA/Reuters



Germany's Kerstin Garefrekes (C) vies with players of Norway during a semifinal of the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup in Tianjin, a coastal city in North China, on 26 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Milan lose at Palermo, Inter go level at top

MILAN, 27 Sept — AC Milan's patchy form continued when they lost 2-1 at Palermo while Inter Milan went level at the top of Serie A with Zlatan Ibrahimovic scoring another brace in a 3-0 win over Sampdoria on Wednesday.

Roma, without the injured Francesco Totti, drew 2-2 at Fiorentina to stay in first place but conceded a goal with 10 min-

utes to go when Matteo Ferrari fouled Christian Vieri and Adrian Mutu converted the penalty with a cheeky chip.

Juventus crushed Reggina 4-0 while former AC Milan striker Marco Borriello scored a hat-trick in promoted Genoa's 3-2 win at home to Udinese.

Milan looked on track to end a run of three 1-1 league draws after Clarence Seedorf flicked

the ball home following Kaka's clever pass in the 10th minute.

The European champions continued to dominate but Aimo Diana equalized from close range after Amauri chested the ball down and squared for his teammate amid protests from Milan that he had used an arm and that Diana was off-side.

MNA/Reuters



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (C) kicks the ball against Zaragoza's goalkeeper Cesar Sanchez during their Spanish first division soccer match at Camp Nou Stadium in Barcelona on 26 Sept, 2007. INTERNET

Brazil's Lula defends Iran's nuclear rights

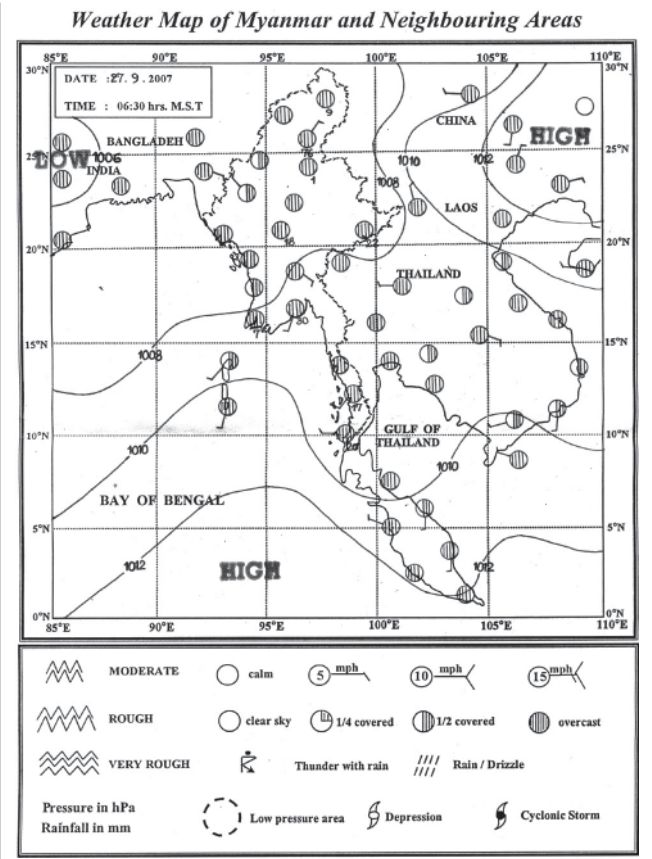
NEW YORK, 27 Sept — Iran has the right to proceed with peaceful nuclear research and should not be punished just because of Western suspicions it wants to make an atomic bomb, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said on Tuesday. “So far, Iran has committed no crime

regarding the UN guidelines on nuclear weapons,” Lula told reporters as he prepared to return to Brazil after delivering a speech at the United Nations General Assembly. “Nobody should be punished in advance,” said Lula, whose country started enriching uranium

for its nuclear power plants last year, causing only limited international attention. Meanwhile, concerns about Iran's nuclear ambitions are among the hottest topics on the agenda of the UN assembly. French President Nicolas Sarkozy said failure to stop Iran from acquiring nuclear

weapons could destabilize the world. Teheran insists it seeks to master technology to generate atomic power although Western nations believe it is running a covert bomb programme. The United Nations has demanded Iran halt its nuclear enrichment programme, and has slapped two rounds of sanctions on Teheran for refusing. The United States is pressing for a third round of sanctions. “If Iran wants to enrich uranium, if it wants to handle the nuclear issue in a peaceful way like Brazil does, that is Iran's right,” Lula said, adding however that all countries are subject to UN guidelines.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Thursday, 27 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine, Kayin and Kayah States, Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myitkyina (3.19) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.93) inches, Taunggyi (1.74) inches, Pinlaung (1.57) inches, Machanbaw (1.42) inches and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 26-9-2007 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 27-9-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-9-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 26-9-2007 was (3.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 27-9-2007 was (1.93) inches at Mingaladon, (1.18) inches at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (124.96) inches at Mingaladon, (129.13) inches at Kaba-Aye and (133.31) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (10:30) hours MST on 27-9-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea, South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of thundery conditions in the Southern Myanmar areas.

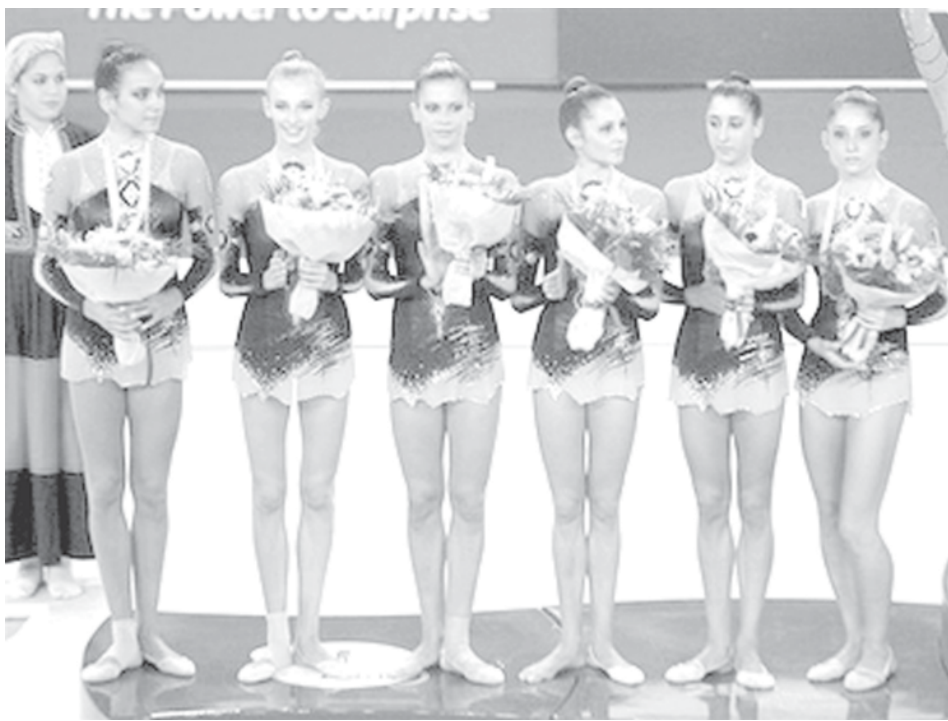
Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 28-9-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 28-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 28-9-2007: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 27-9-2007)
 According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada (1394) cm is exceeded (52) cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (1342) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.



The Italian team are seen 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 Sunday, 23 Sept, 2007. Italy won two silver medals at exercises of ropes and hoops/clubs. —INTERNET



Friday, 28 September
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- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -You'll be in my heart
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -There
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
- How do I live
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- 9:00 pm WOM
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- 9:25 pm Music at your request
- Don't make me wait
- Just to have you
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Friday, 28 September
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<p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am 5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:00 am 6. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p>8:15 am 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p>8:30 am 8. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 9. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. Song of national races</p> <p>5:00 pm 5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p>5:15 pm 6. Songs of yesteryears</p> <p>5:30 pm 7. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင်(ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်)(အမျိုးသမီး)</p>	<p>5:45 pm 8. (၂၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ဂူရှား)</p> <p>6:00 pm 9. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm 10. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 11. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်</p> <p>7:00 pm 12. ဆောင်းပါးရှင်ဦးဆွေ(ဗဟန်း) ၏ "ဆုနာမိရယ်၊ မတ်တလ်ရယ်၊ မိုးလုံးပြည့်မှသာဝါဒတွေရယ်"</p> <p>7:10 pm 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး တတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၆)</p> <p>8:00 pm 14. News</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>16. Weather report</p> <p>17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)</p> <p>18. The next day's programme</p>
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People's Desire

- ★ We favour stability.
- ★ We favour peace.
- ★ We oppose unrest and violence.

★ BBC and VOA airing skyful of lies

★ Beware of BBC and VOA saboteurs

Demonstrators stone security forces, use catapults

Security members fire warning shots as protesters turning blind eye to repeated requests

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept — Regional authorities and the people are patiently handling the situation of Myanmar in order to prevent the danger of those wanting to incite civil unrest in the peaceful and stable country. However, today, groups of demonstrators in Yangon mobbed the security forces throwing stones and sticks at them, using catapults and

swords and they also tried to grab the arms of the security forces.

The security forces had to fire warning shots as the protesters turned a blind to their repeated requests. In the clashes 31 security members were wounded, nine unidentified male protesters killed and 10 men and one woman wounded. The wounded are now being provided with medi-

cal treatment.

Among the dead was a Japanese named Mr Nagai Kengi, 52. He was killed while gathering news amidst the protests although he was here on a tourist visa. Together with him at the time were a Canon video camera and a mobile phone, it is learnt.

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