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Senior General Than Shwe felicitates President of the United Mexican States

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Felipe Calderon Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2010.—MNA

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attends formation of Yangon Region Branch of Myanmar Rice Industry Association

YANGON, 15 Sept—Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence this morning delivered an address at the formation ceremony of Yangon Region Branch of Myanmar Rice Industry Association at Mingala Hall of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Minye Kyawswa Road in

Lanmadaw Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than and officials, the President and

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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Plantations for greening Bago Yoma mountain range

Byline & Photos: Khin Maung Than (Sethmu)

Now, relevant departments and local people are on the same page to achieve the

goal of greening Bago Yoma mountain ranges in central Myanmar. They are expediting the

tasks year by year in establishing plantations of teak and other species and plantations for

firewood for villages.

The Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry is

undertaking the plans for greening Bago Yoma mountain ranges at the region, district and

township levels. Thayawady District in Bago Region has hurled itself into the long-term project since 2004-2005.

As part of the drive, a 10-acre teak plantation was set up at block No (127) in Thewah Forest Reserve, about nine miles from Thayawady, to get rid of the slash and burn farming. In Natchaung Forest Reserve, teak plantations with a total area of 150 acres were founded one and a half years ago.

In Thayawady Township watershed area, over 60,000 saplings of various species were planted in Thonze and Kanni forest reserves in 2004-2005; and 100,000 saplings in Thonze Forest Reserve in 2005-2006. In Kanni Forest Reserve, 150 acres were put under trees

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A 1000-acre teak plantation was established in Minhla Township, Bago Region, in 2005 for greening Bago Yoma mountain range.

PERSPECTIVES

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Beware of hypertension

Everybody wants to enjoy longevity and good health. The Ministry of Health constantly reminds the people about prevention of common diseases and ways to improve our health.

Hypertension is one of the common diseases the people should be well aware of. Today, it is estimated that over one billion people have hypertension worldwide. High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of such diseases as heart attack, paralytic stroke and kidney failure.

Those with hypertension may die without any signs and symptoms. So, everyone should ensure whether they have high blood pressure or not. Accelerated hypertension is associated with headache, drowsiness, vision disorders, nausea and easy tiredness. Therefore, we should regularly have our blood pressure checked, and if we have mild to moderate blood pressure, we must have our blood pressure taken regularly; we must be in diet and take medical treatment.

High salt intake is one of the major causes of hypertension. Accordingly, we should reduce salt content in the diet. According to the World Health Organization, the amount of salt a person needs a day is just a tea spoonful.

We should maintain a healthy diet and it is always advisable to avoid salted foods, rich foods and sweets. We should consume vegetables more. We can reduce the risk of hypertension by maintaining body weight, avoid drinking excessively and smoking, taking exercise regularly and avoiding stress levels.

The people are, therefore, reminded to stay away from the causes of high blood pressure in order for good health and longevity.

Mdy Mayor inspects Concrete Block Factory

MANDALAY, 15 Sept—Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han together with members U Myint Thein and U Kyaw Win, and officials visited Concrete Block Factory of MCDC at the corner of 62nd Street and Mingyi Yannaung Street in Pyigyidagun Township on 6 September.

The mayor heard reports on availability of raw materials and electricity, manufacturing capability and systematic storage.

He later looked round the factory and left necessary instructions.—NLM



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 felicitates Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Mrs Patricia Espinosa Cantellano, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2010.

MNA

Tarmacking of Pathein-Monywa road section (1) inspected

YANGON, 15 Sept — On his inspection tour of Pathein-Monywa road section (1) on 12 September, Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint heard reports on work progress and works to be done presented by an official at the briefing hall of Pathein District and fulfilled the requirements.

At the briefing hall of Shwe Than Lwin Company, the minister heard reports on work progress and follow-up tasks presented by responsible persons of companies and on quality control by an official.

The minister inspected construction of road and laying of gravel and gave necessary instructions.

The minister looked into work progress in a motorcade and heard reports on progress in

construction of road presented by officials of Pyay, Bago, Thayawady and Toungoo Districts Public Works and Road Construction Special Group-16 and left necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister oversaw road construction being

carried out by Road Construction Special Group-16 at mile post

Nos (166/3) and (172/3).

MNA



Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint oversees upgrading of Pathein-Monywa road section (1) to asphalt one.—MNA

Bio-Deodorant available in Myanmar market

YANGON, 15 Sept—Advanced Bio-Enviro Care distributes Bio-Deodorant which can get rid of bad smell coming out of toilets, drains and lakes.

It includes environmental

friendly micro-organisms which can make the environs clean and sanitize within 48 hours after being used. To get the deodorant in retail and in wholesale, one may contact Advanced Bio-Enviro Care No. 111, Sabei Street, Htanbington Ward, Sawbawgyigon, Insein (Ph: 01-640218, 09 5010328), Email: amyint@advancedbio.com.mm and Agricultural products sale centre in Myaypadaytha Island (Ph: 01-544767).—MNA

Mandalay Mayor U Phone Zaw Han views production of concrete block factory in Pyigyidagun Township.—NLM



Men inspect a destroyed car after a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, in recently. Two separate attacks killed a number of people and wounded scores in Baghdad, police said.

INTERNET

Iraqi soldiers killed by bomb; US-Iraq raid kills seven

MOSUL, 15 Sept—Nine Iraqi soldiers were killed on Wednesday when a roadside bomb destroyed a bus in the volatile north, while at least seven people were killed in a US-Iraqi raid in western Iraq, security sources said.

The US military said the overnight counter-

terrorism raid in the western city of Falluja, in which at least seven people died, was Iraqi-planned and -led. A local police commander said one of the dead was a former Iraqi army colonel.

A police major said the gunbattle lasted four hours. The two police

officials asked not to be identified.

At least four other people, including a 90-year-old woman, were wounded in the raid, which took place in the Hay Jubail District of Falluja in western Anbar Province, the sources said.

Reuters

A member of Afghanistan's army stops a car for an inspection at a checkpoint near the airport in Herat, western Afghanistan recently.

INTERNET



Australian troops to stay in Afghanistan until mission done

CANBERRA, 15 Sept—Australian Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd on Wednesday said Australian forces will remain in Afghanistan for as long as it takes them to complete their mission.

In a press conference in Canberra, Rudd said Australia's commitment would remain contingent on "the fulfillment of our mission statement".

Australia's mission in Afghanistan includes training the Afghan forces to the point they can take responsibility for security in Oruzgan and helping the provincial government to become self-reliant.

The United States has a plan to begin withdrawing by mid-2011.

"Those are the benchmarks which would then determine when we would withdraw our military effort," Rudd said, ahead of leaving to Pakistan as one of his first tasks as foreign minister.

"We've been clear about this in the past. That is the benchmark against which we'll measure our policy end-points in the future."

The comments came on the back of one of the bloodiest periods for Australian forces in Afghanistan, which is now in the midst of its fighting season. So far this year, 10 Australian soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan.—Xinhua

An Afghan is treated for his wounds at a hospital after being injured in a rocket attack in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 13 Sept, 2010.

INTERNET



US and allies kill, injure Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 15 Sept reached 703469 and the total number of seriously injured people reached 1272913, according to the news on the Internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	703469
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1272913

Internet

Casualties of Afghan people in invasion of NATO troops led by US

KABUL, 15 Sept—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 33140 Afghan people were killed and 39792 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 15 Sept.

No.	Subject	Number
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2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	39792

Internet

30 militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Sept—Up to 30 militants have been killed in fighting in Afghanistan ahead of this week's parliamentary elections, which the Taliban want to undermine, NATO and Afghan officials said.

The military alliance said that up to 23 militants were killed in action in southern Helmand Province on Monday and three in eastern Wardak Province on Tuesday. An Afghan official said four Taliban were killed on Tuesday in southeastern Zabul Province.

There were no reports of casualties among joint NATO-Afghan forces.

Attacks and clashes are rising amid an allied offensive aimed at suppressing the continuing Taliban militancy.

Meanwhile, tensions were rising ahead of

Saturday's parliamentary elections. The Taliban has vowed to target polling stations and warned Afghans not to participate in what it calls a sham vote.

NATO said the coalition forces killed three "known manufacturers" of improvised explosive devices in Wardak, just west of capital Kabul.

Internet



An Afghan doctor treats a bomb victim at a hospital after a concert in Herat, western Afghanistan on 14 September, 2010.

Around 15 people were injured in a bomb blast after a concert by Afghan singer Farhad Darya, according to witnesses.

INTERNET



An Afghan child lies on a hospital bed after being injured in a rocket attack as a boy looks on in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 13 Sept, 2010.

INTERNET

Science

Skeleton of 18th century whale found by archaeologists in London

LONDON, 15 Sept—The skeleton of a huge whale, thought to have been butchered for its meat, bone and oils 300 years ago, has been discovered by archaeologists on the banks of London's River Thames. The remains of the headless beast, the now rare North Atlantic Right whale, were found submerged in the thick foreshore mud at Greenwich, an historic maritime centre in the east of the city. "This is probably the largest single 'object' ever to have been found on an archaeological dig in London," said Francis Grew, a senior curator at the Museum of London.

"Whales occasionally swim into the Thames, and there are historical accounts of the enormous public excitement they engendered." Historians believe the creature, estimated to have been 16 metres (52 feet) long, may have foundered in the river in the 17th to 18th centuries, or could have been caught by one of the many whaling ships that operated from close by. The skeletal remains, which weigh half a ton and are up to four meters wide have been perfectly



Francis Grew, senior archaeology curator at the Museum of London, poses for a photo with the bones of a North Atlantic right whale which were found in the river Thames at Greenwich, at the Museum of London Docklands, on 9 September, 2010.—INTERNET

preserved by the anaerobic nature of the sediment. Experts say the whale's resting place is inconsistent with a natural beaching and that it was probably dragged tail-first up onto the river bank to be butchered.

Whale oil was used for domestic lighting, while whalebone (baleen) had multiple uses, including for the manufacture of fancy jeweler, combs, riding crops and even ladies' corsets. Most of the items would have been taken from the front of the carcass which has been hacked off. A piece of missing bone from one of the massive vertebrae suggests the animal may have been harpooned, or that gaff-hooks were used to secure the carcass after slaughter.

Reuters

Why women prefer "chill" men? Biology explains

BEIJING, 15 Sept—Calm, collected guys seem more attractive to women in real life, and now scientists think they have found out the biology behind it, said media reports Wednesday. The findings will be published online *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. The researchers recruited 39 healthy young male students from the same university and measured their cortisol and testosterone levels, and then had 42 straight female

students from a different university rate photos of these men for attractiveness, masculinity and health.

Men with low cortisol levels were often rated as more attractive than guys with high cortisol levels. Testosterone levels were not significantly linked with attractiveness, masculinity or health.

The researchers also had 43 heterosexual female university students look at the composite images at times both inside and

outside the fertile phases of their menstrual cycles. This enabled the scientists to see what effects female hormones and fertility might have on perceptions of male desirability. When women were in the fertile phase of their menstrual cycle—that is, when they were more likely to get pregnant—those men with low cortisol levels (so were likely more chill) were seen as more attractive than men with high cortisol levels.

"We speculate, then, that males with low cortisol possess something desirable that women seek to secure for their offspring," one of the researchers Fhionna Moore said. "This could be, for example, good health or a healthy response to stress."

Internet

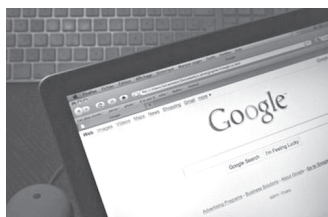


A 3,400-year-old leather shoe found in the mountains of south Norway after a record melt of ice. Climate change is exposing reindeer hunting gear used by the Vikings' ancestors faster than archaeologists can collect it from ice thawing in northern Europe's highest mountains.

INTERNET

Technology

Google fires engineer for violating privacy policies



Google says that it has dismissed an engineer for violating the Internet giant's privacy policies. Google did not provide any details about the engineer's offences but the website Gawker.com said he was fired in July for allegedly accessing the accounts of four teenagers without their consent.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Google said that it had dismissed an engineer for violating the Internet giant's privacy policies.

"We dismissed David Barksdale for breaking Google's strict internal privacy policies," Bill Coughran, Google senior vice president of engineering, said in a statement on Tuesday.

Google did not provide any

details about Barksdale's offences but the website Gawker.com said the 27-year-old engineer was fired in July for allegedly accessing the accounts of four teenagers without their consent.

Coughran said Google takes "seriously" any breach of its privacy rules.

"We carefully control the number of employees who have access to our systems and we regularly update our security controls," he said.

"For example, we are significantly increasing the amount of time we spend auditing our logs to ensure the controls are effective," Coughran said.

"That said, a limited number of people will always need to access these systems if we are to operate them properly, which is why we take any breach so seriously," he said.

The firing comes amid a continuing debate in the United States over the handling of private information collected by Google, the world's leading Web search engine, and Facebook, which has more than 500 million members.

Internet

Nikon's new D7000 DSLR to replace the D90

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Continuing the Fall barrage of camera announcements, Nikon announced its newest DSLR on Tuesday, the D7000. This camera will replace the popular D90 in the company's DSLR line-up. The D7000 has a 16.2 megapixel CMOS sensor, dual memory card slots, and a 39-point autofocus system.

Like the Nikon's D3100 and Sony's a55, the D7000 shoots 1080p HD video with full autofocus capabilities while it's recording. At the touch of the dedicated movie button, video

records as 1080p at 24 fps or as 720p at 24 or 30 fps. The camera can record up to 20 minutes of video at a time. While in video mode, it can autofocus on and track up to 35 faces. Clips can even be edited or trimmed in-camera.

The addition of dual card slots will allow shooters to split up video and still shots, split up raw and JPEG files, or record to two separate cards simultaneously for an instant back-up. The camera records to SD, SDHC, or SDXC cards.

Low light images get a boost in this model,

with an ISO range of 100 to 6400 that's expandable to 25,600 in Hi-2 mode. Sports shooters can capture up to 6 frames per second (fps) in burst mode.

The sturdy camera body has a 3-inch LCD screen that tilts 170-degrees, and an optical viewfinder with 100% coverage. Continuing the trend of increased in-camera image editing, the D7000 can process raw files in-camera and apply a host of retouching effects, including tilt-shift and colour filters.

Internet



Delegates are seen at a conference organized by Twitter in Los Angeles, California. The micro-messaging website has begun rolling out a new home page that lets people more easily sift through the growing mountain of tweets and creates more opportunity for advertising.

INTERNET

Health

Health Tip: Detecting indoor air pollutants

Odors and residues from household chemicals, cleaning products and pesticides can lead to indoor air pollution. Less obvious sources include activities such as cooking or heating your home, the US National Safety Council says.

The agency says these symptoms may be caused by poor indoor air:

- * Feeling tired or dizzy.
- * Nausea.
- * An itchy nose.
- * Scratchiness of the throat.
- * Frequent headaches.
- * Asthma and other respiratory problems.

Internet

Non-smoking spouse will help Asian women live longer

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept—A study believed to be the first to examine the multiplier effect of good habits on mortality in Asian women has found that husbands who smoke at home are shortening their wives' lives.

The study also found that Chinese women with lots of healthy habits tend to live longer

than their compatriot peers with less healthy lifestyles.

The women in the study were followed up for around nine years, during which 2,860 of them died, 1,351 of cancer and 775 of cardiovascular disease.

The women who died were more likely than survivors to be underweight, over-



Cigarettes butts in an ashtray at a smoking zone in Hong Kong. A study believed to be the first to examine the multiplier effect of good habits on mortality in Asian women has found that husbands who smoke at home are shortening their wives' lives.

INTERNET

Mass screening for prostate brings few benefits

PARIS, 15 Sept—Mass screening of men for prostate cancer has little impact on the toll from the disease and carries a risk of over-treatment, according to a review published by the *British Medical Journal (BMJ)* on Wednesday.

University of Florida professor Philipp Dahm looked at the outcome of six trials in which populations of men were

tested either using a digital rectal examination or a blood test for an antigen linked to prostate cancer, or were untested.

Prostate cancer is the commonest non-skin cancer among men worldwide and, after lung tumours, is the second biggest cause of death from cancer among men in the United States. Most cases occur among

men aged in their sixties.

Many countries have routine screening programmes for men in their middle age, but this policy is controversial.

One of the problems is that the so-called PSA antigen test, now 20 years old, cannot distinguish between low-risk tumours and aggressive lesions that are often fatal.

Antigen levels can

also fluctuate according to the individual and may be skewed by prostate inflammation.

As a result, experts looking at systematic screening have squabbled over whether the benefit of detecting men in danger outweighs the potential harm of over-diagnosing and over-treating men who are healthy.

Internet

weight or obese, had higher waist-to-hip ratios, self-reported that they did not regularly exercise, and ate less fruit and vegetables than survivors, the study published by the *Public Library of Science (PLOS)* found.

But the women who died were also more likely than survivors to have had a spouse who smoked, and that was a tougher nut to crack.

"Environmental to-

bacco smoke is a particularly important exposure for women living in China and other Asian countries, given the high smoking prevalence among Asian men," the study said.

"Change in exposure to spousal smoking may start with increased awareness by both women and their husbands about the detrimental health effects of smoking," it said.

Internet

Business

Toyota moves to toss sudden-acceleration suits

SANTA ANA, 15 Sept—Toyota Motor Corp has moved to dismiss hundreds of lawsuits over claims stemming from sudden acceleration in its vehicles.

The auto giant filed a motion Tuesday with a federal court in Santa Ana, saying attorneys for Toyota drivers had failed to identify any defects in the vehicles.

Hundreds of lawsuits were filed against Toyota after the automaker began recalling millions of vehicles because of acceleration problems in several models and brake glitches with the Prius hybrid.

All of the federal cases were consolidated and assigned to a federal judge in Santa Ana. Some plaintiffs claimed Toyota's electronic throttle control system has a defect. On Tuesday, lawyers for Toyota said there was no evidence of a flaw.—Internet

Boeing gets \$1.24B extension to space station deal



In this photo taken on 14 July, 2010, Bill Wiesner, a retired Boeing machinist, prepares rivets for an engine panel on the Boeing B-29 Superfortress at right that he is helping restore at Boeing Co's historic 'Plant 2' in Seattle.

INTERNET

HOUSTON, 15 Sept—Boeing Co said Tuesday that NASA has given the company a \$1.24 billion, 5-year extension to a contract covering engineering work on the *International Space Station*.

Boeing said it will provide engineering for hardware and software on the US part of the space station and for some hardware and software available to international partners. The extension begins with the new federal fiscal year on 1 Oct.

Boeing's work will include oversight of maintenance, monitoring system performance and other duties. It will cover buying spare parts and modifying current systems.

The work will be done at NASA facilities in Houston, Cape Canaveral, Fla, and Huntsville, Ala; and at Boeing sites in Houston, Huntsville, and Huntington Beach, Calif.

Boeing's programme manager for the space station, Joy Bryant, said the work will set the stage to keep the space station operating until 2020 and possibly through 2028.

Shares of Boeing fell \$1.43, or 2.2 percent, to close at \$62.76.

Internet

Consumers line-up outside the Best Buy store for the midnight release of Microsoft Game Studios' Xbox 360 'Halo: Reach' videogame on 13 Sept, 2010, in Glendale, Calif.

INTERNET

Best Buy will start selling apple's iPad tablet in all US retail stores

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Best Buy Co, the world's largest consumer-electronics retailer, plans to start selling Apple Inc's iPad in all of its US stores on 26 Sept to boost holiday sales, Chief Executive Officer Brian Dunn said.

Expanding iPad sales to 1,093 US stores from 673 outlets reflects Best Buy's efforts to capitalize on the growing popularity of tablet computers, Dunn said by telephone today from Richfield, Minnesota, where the company is based. "We see the iPad as the

magnificent shining light in what will become a whole new category, and that is tablets," Dunn said. "In many cases, it's an incremental device. In some cases, it's a substitute device for netbooks. We think that's going to stimulate a lot of customer interest."

Apple sold 3.27 million iPads last quarter, spurring rival personal-computer makers to release similar devices. Hewlett-Packard Co plans to make a tablet device with Microsoft Corp's Windows this year. Higher demand for mobile computers, including tablets, helped boost Best Buy's second-quarter profit by 61 percent to \$254 million, or 60 cents a share, topping the average analysts' estimate of 44 cents. Best Buy climbed \$2.08, or 6 percent, to \$36.73 at 4 pm in New York Stock Exchange composite trading, the most in four months. The shares have slumped 6.9 percent this year.

Internet



Gunmen shoot dead Pakistani journalist

ISLAMABAD, 15 Sept— Unidentified gunmen shot dead a journalist in north-western Pakistan on Tuesday, local media reported.

Misri Khan Orakzai was shot dead in Hangu, a main city in northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, outside the press club building.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack.

The gunmen fled after the incident and police said they are investigating motives behind the murder.

International media groups consider Pakistan as one of the world's dangerous places for journalists.

Xinhua



A Samsung Galaxy S Android smartphone. US cellphone owners are much more likely to use the devices to take pictures or send text messages than they are to run applications, according to a report released on Tuesday.
INTERNET

Three policemen injured in rocket attack in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 15 Sept— Three Turkish policemen were injured in a rocket attack in southeastern Turkey on Tuesday, the semi-official *Anatolia news agency* reported.

Members of the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) launched the rocket attack against a police post in Semdinli town of Hakkari Province, according to the report.

A wide-scale operation was launched in this region after the PKK rocket attack, said the report.

Established in 1978, PKK started its armed struggle in 1984 with the objective of setting up an independent Kurdistan within Turkey's borders.

Since 1984, PKK's murders and attacks resulted in the death of about 40,000 Turkish citizens, among whom were innocent civilians, teachers and other public servants.—Xinhua

Cholera Outbreak Leaves 417 Dead in Cameroon

YAOUNDE, 15 Sept—A total of 417 people had been killed by cholera in Cameroon according to the country's health authorities.

The outbreak was declared on 6 May in the Extreme-Northern parts of the country as 6,239 cases had been reported. Apart from spreading to the northern parts of the country, two suspected cholera cases have been reported in Yaounde, the country's capital three others in Douala, the country's economic capital. "These zones are prone to cholera due to heavy rains. Therefore we should expect to see cholera cases all the time. There are some carriers who will exhibit cholera

symptoms and others who may not," the country's Public Health Minister Andre Mama Fouda said after a meeting in his office.

He however noted that the Extreme Northern parts, the northern parts as well as the coastal regions and some sections of the western region were the most affected by the epidemic. He advised the population that whoever experienced any form of diarrhoea should find a quick solution in order to avoid any dehydration. "If this continues, one should go to a health centre so that antibiotics can be administered," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Internally displaced Pakistani woman Nurbano (R), from Jacobabad, cradles malnourished one-and-a-half-year-old Dostali at a temporary tent in Sukkur on 2 September. The number of undernourished people around the world has declined by nearly 10 percent in the past year, the first time a drop in famine has been recorded since 1995, the UN food agency has said.—INTERNET



Police find nothing after Paris bomb alerts

PARIS, 15 Sept— Not long after the Eiffel Tower and the square under it were evacuated after a bomb alert on Tuesday night, one Paris railway station near the tower also reported emergent evacuation, but police later confirmed they were false alerts.

Local reports said the first alert was triggered either by a threatening call or the discovery of a suspect package.

However, policemen searching the tower and nearby places told *Xinhua* reporters that they didn't find anything suspected at the site, adding that the site will open to the public soon. The evacuation began shortly before 9 pm local time as heavily armed policemen appeared ordering people, mostly tourists, to stay away from the Paris landmark, as well as from the square under the tower. A policeman confirmed that they had advised about 2,500 people to leave the tower and the zone nearby to either along banks of the Seine River or other safe places. Earlier report said about 25,000 people were forced to leave. The second bomb alert was reported before 11 pm at one station of the Regional Express Network called Saint-Michel, not far from the Eiffel Tower, local media cited information from the national



Police stand guard near the Eiffel Tower following a bomb alert in Paris, France, 14 Sept, 2010. The Eiffel Tower and the square under it were evacuated after a bomb alert on Tuesday night.
XINHUA

railway company and Paris transport operation company.

Paris police later confirmed to *Xinhua* the relevant evacuation at the railway station, but stressed that it should be another false alert. The clearance of the station didn't last long, as both connections of the station only closed less than one hour.

Xinhua



A Chinese labourer works at a toy factory in Jinjiang, southeast China. Foreign direct investment in China rose 18.06 percent in the first eight months of 2010, the government said on Wednesday, as confidence in the world's second-largest economy appeared to moderate.
INTERNET

Three coincident explosions rock south Yemen, separatists blamed

SANAA, 15 Sept — Three huge, simultaneous explosions rocked the capital of Yemen's troubled southern province al-Dhalee, the country's Interior Ministry said on Tuesday.

In a statement posted on its website, the ministry said the explosions took place late on Monday when some separatist gunmen blew up explosive devices in three remote places of al-Dhalee City.

The ministry said no casualty was reported, but the explosions shook up local residents and interrupted stability and security of the city. Also on Monday, a group of al-Qaeda gunmen blew up a pipeline transferring liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Yemeni Marib Province to the Belhaf Port Terminal for export in the southern Shabwa Province on Monday, police and

official of Yemen Gas Co told *Xinhua*.

The provincial police official in Belhaf said that the explosion, which took place in Shabwa Province, caused a huge fire and smoke as the pipeline was badly damaged and the LNG supply was cut off.

Besides worries of resurgent al-Qaeda regional wing, and fragile truce with northern Houthis-led Shiite rebels, Yemen is also facing growing troubles with armed separatist movement in the south since 2007. Northern and southern parts of Yemen were unified in 1990 according to a deal between the People's General Congress and the Yemeni Socialist Party. However, the deal fell apart, leading to a crisis between the two allies, which developed into a civil war in 1994.

Xinhua



Models display BlackBerry Pearl 3G smart phones at a press conference in Seoul, capital of South Korea, 15 Sept, 2010. The new BlackBerry 3G phones will go on sale in South Korea in October.

XINHUA

Drunk US pilot pulled from plane

AMSTERDAM, 15 Sept—Dutch police say they have arrested and fined an intoxicated American pilot who was preparing to take off with a passenger jet.

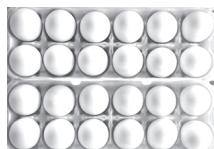
The National Police Corps has not identified the pilot or his airline, but says he is a 52-year-old captain from Woodbury, New Jersey. He does not fly for a Dutch airline, according to a police statement published Tuesday.

Police say they arrested the man in the cockpit of his plane after an anonymous tip. A breath test found he had a blood alcohol content of 0.023 percent — a hair above the legal limit in the Netherlands.

The pilot was fined euro700 (\$900) and released, the statement said. The flight was cancelled.

Internet

Big egg producer had history of contamination



Eggs sit in an egg carton. A major US egg producer tied to a recall of 500 million eggs over a salmonella outbreak.

INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept—A major US egg producer tied to a recall of 500 million eggs over a salmonella outbreak repeatedly tested positive for the disease-causing bacteria over the past two years, lawmakers said Tuesday.

The 426 positives over the 2008-2010 period included 73 samples that were potentially positive for Salmonella Enteritidis, the same strain that has sickened 1,519 people and prompted the recall, they said.

The disclosure came in a letter from top House Energy and Commerce Committee Democrats Henry Waxman and Bart Stupak to the owner of Iowa's Wright County Egg, Austin DeCoster, who was set to testify before the panel on 12 September.

"As you prepare for the hearing, we ask that you come ready to address questions about disturbing environmental sample results at Wright County Egg," the lawmakers wrote. US health officials have blamed contaminated chicken feed as the likely culprit in the outbreak of salmonella, which is spread most often by the consumption of food contaminated by animal fecal matter. The microbe usually flourishes within the intestinal tracts of fowl and mammals. Some 1,700 people have fallen ill in the United States from salmonella found in fresh eggs between 1 May and 25 August, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's food-borne diseases division.

Internet

Venezuela sends plane to Trinidad to fly home castaways

CARACAS, 15 Sept—The Venezuelan government said Tuesday that it has sent a chartered plane to Trinidad and Tobago to bring back home a group of 10 Venezuelans who were rescued after going missing at sea last Saturday.

"On Tuesday night, a plane went to bring back the compatriots rescued in Trinidad and Tobago," Venezuelan Interior and Justice Minister Tarek El Aissami said in a Twitter message.

El Aissami gave no further details. He said earlier in the day that the missing Venezuelans had been rescued by a Trinidad and Tobago fishing boat.

According to local media reports, three vessels sailing from Tesitgos Archipelago to Margarita Island off the northeast of Venezuela went missing on Saturday. People aboard were attending a traditional Venezuelan celebration for Del Valle Virgin, the patroness of eastern Venezuela.

On Monday, Venezuelan authorities rescued 22 people aboard two boats off Margarita Island. On Tuesday, a small fishing boat of Trinidad and Tobago found and rescued the 10 Venezuelans. According to Venezuela's embassy in Trinidad and Tobago, the 10 were all "safe and sound."—Xinhua



Rescuers and fishermen search on waters near a military base at Margarita Island of Venezuela, on 14 Sept, 2010.

INTERNET

Over 4,000 families flee flood in southern Philippines

MANILA, 15 Sept—Flash flood triggered by heavy rain have displaced over 4,000 households in the southern Philippines, authorities said on Wednesday.

Most of the homeless flood victims came from the nine low lying villages in Sultan Kudarat Province, regional disaster operation chief of Department of Social Welfare and Development said.

"Officials are still assessing the total damages brought by the

natural disaster. There were no reported fatalities," he said.

Meanwhile, at least 500 people fled their homes as flood water engulfed low lying villages in the southern city of Koronadal.

The local officials of Koronadal said five people were killed due to landslides in the past two days.

The heavy downpour has persisted since Monday and the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Service Administration

(PAGASA) on Wednesday has announced that the prevailing intertropical convergence zone will continue to bring heavy rain and frequent thunderstorm over the western and southern Philippines.

Meanwhile, PAGASA said the active low pressure area located east of the northern Philippines has already developed into a tropical depression and was named "Inday."

Internet

5.9-magnitude quake hits Mexico's Islas Marias, no casualties reported

MEXICO CITY, 15 Sept—An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale jolted the Islas Marias in Mexico's Pacific coast state of Nayarit on Tuesday, the US Geological Survey said. There is no immediate report of injuries or damage, said local authorities.

The quake, which occurred at 5:32 pm local time (1732 GMT), was centered some 100 km from the coast of Nayarit with a depth of 36 km, according to the USGS.—Internet



A new model of rescue medical helicopter is seen aboard hospital ship Peace Ark of the Navy of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) prior to its takeoff during an exercise in the sea area of Indian Ocean, on 14 Sept, 2010. The helicopter made its first debut on Monday after successfully accomplishing the landfall task on the board of Peace Ark.

XINHUA



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence addresses the ceremony of formation for Yangon Region Branch of Myanmar Rice Industry Association.

MNA



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attends formation...

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central executives of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the chairman and executives of Myanmar Rice Industry Association, representatives of Yangon Region, departmental officials and guests.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address on rice and paddy industries.

Next, the commander made a speech.

After that, the chairman of the association gave a speech. Later, the agenda of the ceremony followed.—MNA

World First-Aid Day observed in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin attended the ceremony to mark the World

First-Aid Day at the town hall in Monywa on 11 September.

Also present on the occasion were departmental officials, members of social organizations and guests.

The commander delivered an address.

Later, the commander and officials presented awards to outstanding persons in the first-aid demonstration contest.

MNA

International Literacy Day observed in Lashio

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw on 8 September attended the ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day at No. 7 Basic Education High School in Lashio and presented

prizes to the winners.

The commander and officials viewed the prize-winning works of the students.

At the hall of the local battalion in Mongkaung Village, the commander met servicemen and family members and gave gifts to them.—MNA

PBANRDA Minister on inspection tour of Maubin Tsp

YANGON, 15 Sept—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt attended opening of Maulebin Creek Bridge undertaken by Maubin Township Development Affairs committee in Maubin Township of Ayeyawady Region on 13 September.

The bridge located in Htane Village is 105 feet long, 14 feet wide and 15 feet high with concrete bore piles, steel girder and wooden floor. With the fund of Maubin Township DAC, the construction finished in 2010-2011 fiscal year. Due to the newly constructed bridge, people from 31 villages of Htane, Thauzga, Layainsu and Latkyagyi village-tracts will be able to travel each



Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt looks into construction of Maubin-Twantay road section.—PBANRDA

other and Yangon and Maubin through Maubin-Twantay Road.

The minister inspected roadwork on Maubin-Twantay Road between Hlaingtar sluice gate and mile post No. 5/1, which is being con-

structed by Ayeyawady Region DAC and between Twantay (Myago Village) and mile post No. 8/3 by Yangon Region DAC.

He later attended launching ceremony for Z-craft

built by Maubin DAC at Pantaput Jetty. The iron-framed Z-craft is 35 feet long and 12 feet wide and has four feet draught. It can withstand five tons of loads. With the appearance of the Z-craft, people from 12 village-tracts and 41 villages of Thonegwakyun, Maubin Township will easily go to Maubin.

MNA

F&R Ministry holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the meeting hall of the ministry here yesterday morning with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

In his speech, the minister stressed the need to discharge their duties abiding by rules and regulations and called for loyalty and honesty in carrying out financial matters

and taxation.

Next, managing directors and directors-general reported to the minister on their respective tasks. The deputy minister made a supplementary report.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the minister.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and officials.—MNA

Yangon Mayor views DHF prevention activities

YANGON, 15 Sept — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin heard reports on preventive measures against Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever and the drop of disease risk submitted by offi-

cials at Development Affairs Committee Office of Bahan Township this morning.

Collective preventive measures against DHF were carried out in Botahtaung, Sangyoung, Mingaladon and Dagon Myothit (South) townships simultaneously.

The mayor also inspected upgrading of roads in Pazundaung Township, and the maintenance site of underground pipeline along Konzedan street in No. (6) ward for supplying more potable water.

MNA

Receptionist & Flight Attendant Course in third week of September

YANGON, 15 Sept — Targeting to those who want to work in international airlines as a flight attendant and in international hotels and cruises as a receptionist, Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy will organize a new Receptionist & Flight Attendant Course during the third week of

September.

Well-experienced course instructors will give lectures at the course in line with internationally-recognized syllabus and course guidelines.

The course will last three months and enthusiasts may contact Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy at

No. (267), Room (302), Pyay Road, Myaynigon, Sangyoung Township, Yangon (Ph: 01 523623, 523200, 4412256 and 09 5020302).

Moreover, the academy will conduct IELTS Foundation Course and Intensive Course during the third week of September.—MNA

Book for bone disease

YANGON, 15 Sept — "Practices to prevent having bulbous on bone and remedies for the disease" by Dr Saya Myint (Sekkyar Min), 12th book of the author, now hits the stands of bookshops.

The book published

by Myint Myat Myanmar Publishing House is distributed by Yan Aung Publishing House.

The book covers ways to deal with the orthopaedic disease.

MNA



Commander looks into development of Kawthoung

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—Chairman of Taninthayi Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Maung Htay on 8 September viewed production process at South Dagon Crude Palm Oil Mill.

He looked into construction of Chaungchi and Taphat Bridges.

At the hall of Karathuri Station, the commander met servicemen and family members and presented exercise books for students through officials.

At Karathuri Station Hospital, the doctor in-

charge reported on tasks of the hospital.

The commander inspected construction of Chaungkabyar Bridge and Karathuri-Kawthoung Road.

He visited the crude palm oil mill of Yazana Palm Oil Cultivation Company in Palm oil plantation and Khamaukkyi Township. He met servicemen and family at the hall of Khamaukkyi Station.

On 9 September, he met servicemen and family members at Kawthoung Station Hall. Then, he viewed round Kawthoung and Kawthoung Township Hospital.—MNA

Forestry Minister visits Kayah State timber depot



Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung looks into stockpiling of logs at Loikaw timber depot.

FORESTRY

YANGON, 15 Sept — Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung visited Loikaw timber depot on 13 September.

Deputy General Manager U Thein Tun of Myanmar Timber Enterprise reported to the

minister on timber extraction plan for 2010-11 in Kayah State, arrangements for construction of roads and arrival of logs at sawmills and rafting station. Managing Director U Win Tun of

Myanmar Timber Enterprise made a supplementary report.

At Kayah State Forest Department in Loikaw, Director U Min Din reported on hardwood plantation and private-owned forest

plantation of the Forest Department.

The minister called for success of goals set by the department in meeting with staff of Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Forest Department.—MNA

“Lift Me Up, What a Great Idea” in circulation



YANGON, 15 Sept—The book “Lift Me Up, What a Great Idea” translated by Kyi Shwun and edited by Kyi Min came out today.

The original writer of the book is Ron Kaufman. The book is a collection of 265 sayings of world's famous persons in various fields. The bilingual book is intended to encourage ambitious persons to create a better life through a good idea.

The book is distributed by Wisdom House at 101, Building No. 1191/1192, Mindin Street (Left), Myitta Nyunt Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon (Ph: 09-5058533, 01-545036). The book is priced at 1500 kyats a copy.

MNA

International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer observed

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Sept—International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer organized by National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) of the Ministry of Forestry was observed at International Business Centre here today.

Secretary of NCEA

Director-General U Sann Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department, officials, members of the National Ozone Unit and representatives of UN agencies and NGOs related to environmental conservation.

Resident representative of FAO Dr Shin Imai read

the message sent by the UN Secretary-General.

The NCEA Secretary presented prize to U Ye Win, winner of the commemorative postage design competition. The paper reading session on Ozone layer protection followed.

MNA

Medical equipment for Yangon Children's Hospital

YANGON, 15 Sept — In commemoration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of U Han Sein and Daw Shu Yin of Ni Ni Lab and Special Clinic in Yangon, wellwishers presented

beds and lockers worth K 1 million for Yangon Children's Hospital through Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win.

Likewise, well-wishers presented K 1

million each to Yangon General Hospital, New Yangon General Hospital, Central Women's Hospital and Labutta Township People's Hospital.

MNA

Plantations for greening ...

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numbering 180,000 for firewood. In 2006-2007, about 70,000 saplings were grown in 350 acres of Thonze Forest Reserve for firewood. In block No (68) of Thonze Forest Reserve, 35 acres of lands were put under physic nut saplings totaling 42,000.

In like manner, plantations of various species such as teak, mahogany, yinma, mezali, Yamane, thitphyu and physic nut have been formed in Kansu, Kwinsit, bawbin, Taungnyo and Shwephalar forest reserves in Thayawady District.

Now, the plan to green Bago Yoma mountain range is in full swing as part of environmental preservation. Younger generations are therefore under a bounden duty to conserve the plantations in the forest reserves for their sustainable progress.

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A teak plantation at Thewah Forest Reserve in Thayawady Township.

Mexico ups security on bicentennial attack concern

MEXICO CITY, 15 Sept—Mexico's capital will stage its grand bicentennial celebration Wednesday with military helicopters buzzing overhead, heavily armed federal agents and metal detectors. In some cities, the traditional festivities highlighted by shouts of "Viva Mexico!" won't happen at all because of fears of what the drug cartels might do.

The 200th anniversary of Mexico's 1810 independence uprising comes at a time when drug gangs have adopted increasingly brutal and seemingly indiscriminate tactics, including the massacre of 72 migrants last month.

The possibility that they might target bicentennial events is taken seriously enough that a half-dozen cities and towns have canceled celebrations for security reasons, others have scaled them back

drastically, and most are taking extra security precautions or urging people to stay at home and watch the ceremonies on television.

"There is psychosis among people here because of what has happened, there is fear, the parents don't want to participate, the students don't want to participate," said Mayor Victor Luque Clemente, whose town of Guadalupe Distrito Bravos has canceled its "grito," the traditional celebration, in which a local leader shouts a series of "vivas!" to the country's founding fathers.

In areas with less drug violence where cities have decided to hold public events, the celebrations are expected to be bigger than usual because of the bicentennial. The turnout in Mexico City alone is expected to be well over 100,000.

Internet



The skyline of London's joint financial districts. A dissident republican terror group in Northern Ireland has threatened to target banks and bankers as it seeks to destabilize the peace process, it has said in comments to a newspaper.—INTERNET

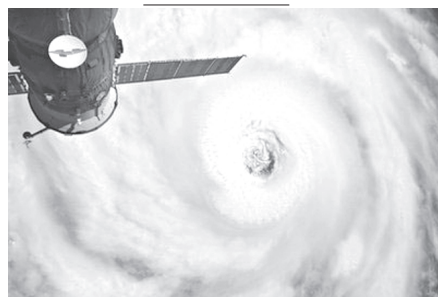
Julia major hurricane; TS Karl headed to Mexico

MIAMI, 15 Sept—Julia has intensified rapidly in the open Atlantic into a major hurricane but Tropical Storm Karl in the northwestern Caribbean could do more damage sooner along the Yucatan Peninsula.

Forecasters late Tuesday said Karl had maximum sustained winds of about 45 mph (75 kph) and is located about 185 miles (295 kph) east of Chetumal, Mexico. The US National Hurricane Centre in Miami says the strengthening storm's center could be over the Yucatan on Wednesday.

Mexico's government has issued a tropical storm warning for the peninsula from Chetumal northward to Cabo Catoche. Parts of Belize are under a tropical storm watch. Meanwhile, Julia had maximum winds near 125 mph (205 kph), making it a Category 3 storm. Also far from land over the Atlantic, Hurricane Igor's top winds increased to 155 mph (250 kph).

Internet



This image provided by NASA shows the eye of Hurricane Igor taken from the International Space Station on 14 Sept, 2010 by astronaut Douglas Wheelock. At midnight on 15 Sept, 2010 Igor was about 1140 miles southeast of Bermuda with maximum sustained winds of 155 mph moving to the west-northwest at 9 mph.—INTERNET



A Thai fireman sprays water at a container next to a member of the Port Authority of Thailand's hazardous materials team as they simulate a chemical leak scenario during a full-scale emergency exercise at the port in Bangkok on 15 September, 2010.

INTERNET

Many adults fear vaccine needles

DALLAS, 15 Sept—Many people—not just children—have a fear of needles but that shouldn't keep adults from getting vaccinated, a US health psychologist says.

"It's very common to have a fear of needles," Dr Deborah Wiebe, a health psychologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, says in a statement.

"For most people, these are manageable fears that can be addressed through a variety of simple pain-management strategies."

Some ways adults can help ease needle anxiety:

- Some people prefer to know what to expect. Ask the health care professional to explain each step. An accurate, gentle reply such as, "You'll get a shot in the arm. It will sting briefly, then it will be over," can be reassuring.
- Imagine being on a relaxing beach, feeling the warmth of the sun and hearing the waves come in and go out.

- Take slow, deep breaths while concentrating on relaxing muscles.

"Different strategies work for different people, so if one thing doesn't work, try another," Wiebe says.

Internet

Smokeless tobacco products not 'safer'

CHICAGO, 15 Sept—Smokeless tobacco—snuff and chewing tobacco—is not a safer alternative to smoking and should not be used to quit smoking, US researchers say.

Mariann Piano, lead writer of the smokeless tobacco policy statement of the American Heart Association, says smokeless tobacco should not be used as an alternative to cigarettes or for smoking cessation. "No tobacco product is safe to consume," Mariann Piano, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, says in a statement. "Smokeless tobacco products are harmful and addictive – that does not translate to a better alternative."

The idea that smokeless tobacco products may be a better alternative to cigarettes is based in part on the Swedish study that found men decreased smoking from 1976 to 2002, which corresponded to an increase in the use of smokeless tobacco.

However, a recent US study found no reduction in smoking rates among people using smokeless tobacco products. Nicotine gum or a nicotine-releasing patch placed on the skin are safer alternatives compared to using smokeless tobacco products, Piano says.

Long-term use of smokeless tobacco products increases the risk of heart attack or fatal stroke, several studies have found, Piano said.

The study is published online in *Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

Internet

People make their way through a street in a town in southwestern Sweden. A year ago the Swedish government forecast an unemployment rate of up to 12 percent but in the past year the country has witnessed an economic recovery.—INTERNET



Three embassies in Israel receive suspicious letters

JERUSALEM, 15 Sept—Israeli police say envelopes containing a suspicious white powder have been discovered at the American, Spanish and Swedish embassies in Tel Aviv.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said workers at the three embassies alerted police after opening the envelopes Tuesday.

Rosenfeld said it is still unclear what the substance is. But he said police have said the substance was not poisonous since no one was hurt.

Police are trying to find who sent the envelopes and determine whether the incidents were connected.

Internet

Grain rots in India as millions starve

NEW DELHI, 15 Sept—In India, thousands of tons of excess grain have been rotting away, officials said, as millions of people are starving.

Following news reports of the rotting grain, the government admitted that more than 67,000 tons—enough to feed 190,000 people for a month—had rotted outside overflowing granaries. Officials were ordered by the Supreme Court to distribute to the poor 17.8 million tons of grain that was in imminent danger of rotting. The government, however, has yet to work out how it will distribute the grain, *The Hindustan* newspaper reports.

With one-fifth of the country's population of more than 1 billion going hungry and nearly half of its children malnourished, the rotting grain issue calls attention to unresolved problems in India's grain storage and distribution infrastructure. The Indian government has enough storage for 15 million tons of grain and rented space to hold an

additional 10 million tons. But in 2008-09, 55 million tons were procured and ended up being stored in the open, with no protection from the weather and vermin, *Inter Press Service* reports.

Devinder Sharma, a New Delhi food and trade policy analyst said free distribution of rotting grain to the poor should only serve as a one-time solution for the current surplus and should be limited to the 150 districts considered desperately poor.

Instead, to guarantee food security and fair prices for farmers, he said the solution lies in a system of local production and storage starting at the village level and moving up to the state level.

"Free distribution will lead to political problems with every politician trying to corner stocks for distribution in his state, if not constituency," Sharma told *IPS*.

Internet



China's second group of aid workers get off the plane upon their arrival in Karachi of Pakistan, on 14 Sept, 2010. They are to be transferred to Thatta later on. The second Chinese aid team, consisting of 59 members, arrived in Thatta Region.

XINHUA

Cameroon says six foreign sailors kidnapped off coastline

YAOUNDE, 15 Sept—A total of six foreign sailors instead of two were taken by unknown gunmen off the coast of Cameroon in the latest kidnapping in the Central African country, according to a Customs official. Two sailors including one Filipino and Croat on board a ship were kidnapped on Sunday night off the port of Douala, Cameroon's economic capital, an army officer from Douala initially told *Xinhua*. The two men were reportedly sailing in a dredging ship *The Vespucci*, which was flying a Luxembourg flag and chartered by a Belgian company Jan De Nul.

"The six sailors were kidnapped from two different ships," a Customs official from Douala told *Xinhua* on Tuesday without giving details on the identity of the four other hostages.—*Xinhua*

Calif blast responders first thought jet crashed



Utility workers walk past a destroyed car in San Bruno, Calif on 14 Sept, 2010 where a pipeline exploded on Thursday.—INTERNET

SAN BRUNO, 15 Sept—It took almost a half-hour to determine that the massive fireball consuming a San Francisco suburb wasn't a plane crash.

First-responders rushing against the fleeing crowds initially believed a jetliner from nearby San Francisco International Airport had gone down in the San Bruno

neighbourhood or that terrorists had struck — or both. "I was concerned about a secondary explosion. I didn't know what we had," San Bruno Fire Capt Bill Forester recalled Tuesday. "I breathed a sigh of relief when I saw it was not an airplane — there would have been more victims."

What turned out to be a gas line rupture last Thursday fueled a roaring blaze so intense that it cracked windshields of the closest fire engines and sent four firefighters to the hospital for smoke inhalation. The blast also broke a water main, leaving all hydrants in the area dry.

"It was a sinking feeling," Forester said. "We needed massive water for this thing — and we discovered there was no water." While residents helped crews drag hoses from nearly 4,000 feet away to supply water, other first-responders, including South San Francisco police Lt Ron Carlino, pushed into smoke-filled homes to check for survivors. Searing heat prevented them from getting too close to the heart of the fire.

Internet



South Korea's unemployment rate fell in August from a year earlier as the economic recovery encouraged private employers to create more jobs, official figures showed on Wednesday.—INTERNET



A customer checks out e-readers on sale in Beijing on 10 September, 2010.

China-made e-readers using e-ink—a display technology that creates the appearance of ordinary ink on paper by reflecting ambient light—were first launched as early as 2006, according to media reports.

INTERNET

To save tigers, protect key breeding areas

JAKARTA, 15 Sept—Conservationists must protect tiger populations in a few concentrated breeding grounds in Asia instead of trying to safeguard vast, surrounding landscapes, if they want to save the big cats from extinction, scientists said.

Only about 3,500 tigers are left in the wild worldwide, less than one third of them breeding females, according to one of the authors of the study, John Robinson of the Wildlife Conservation Society. Much has been done to try to save the world's largest cat — threatened by over-hunting, habitat loss and the wildlife trade — but their numbers have continued to spiral downward for nearly two decades.

That's in part because conservation efforts are increasingly diverse and

often aimed at improving habitats outside protected areas, according to the study, published in on Tuesday's issue of the peer-reviewed *PLoS Biology* journal.—*Internet*



File photo shows, tigers recently confiscated from the residence of an Indonesian businessman sit inside a cage at Animal Rescue Centre run by Indonesian Forestry Ministry and Animal Sanctuary Trust Indonesia (ASTI) in Bogor, West Java, Indonesia.—INTERNET

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Japan moves to combat rising yen

LONDON, 15 Sept—Japan has intervened in the currency markets for the first time in more than six years to weaken the value of the yen against the dollar.

The central bank stepped in to sell yen and buy dollars, a day after the yen hit a 15-year high against the dollar.

Finance Minister Yoshihiko Noda said he was monitoring currency developments and could take further action.

Analysts say a strong yen hurts crucial Japanese exports, such as cars and home entertainment electronics. In early trading on Wednesday, the dollar rose to 85 yen, after being 83.09 yen on Tuesday.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV DELIGHT VOY NO (142)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DELIGHT VOY NO (142) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.9.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(1) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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Originally the parents had intended to call the baby girl Carolina.—INTERNET

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI PRIDE VOY NO (21011) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.9.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Trapped Chile miner's wife gives birth to daughter

LONDON, 15 Sept—The wife of one of the 33 miners trapped underground in Chile has given birth to a baby girl.

Ariel Ticona, who has been trapped underground for 40 days, has

asked his wife to name the girl Esperanza, Spanish for hope.

The couple already have two sons together.

Relatives recorded the delivery, and say they will send the video down through one of the shafts being used to ferry supplies to the trapped men.

Before the main access tunnel to the San Jose copper and gold mine collapsed on 5 August, Mr Ticona, 29, had promised to be in the delivery room for the birth.

When he was told that his rescue and that of the other 32 men trapped 700m below ground could take up to four months, he asked his wife Elizabeth Segovia to record the occasion.

Internet

Five arrested in Leicester over 'violent' gem raids

LONDON, 15 Sept—Five people have been arrested in Leicester over a series of high-value robberies on gem dealers across the UK.

Police said the crimes in London, the Midlands and Scotland had netted the gang responsible millions of pounds during the past year.

Four men and a woman, in their 30s and thought to be of South American origin, were arrested by Metropolitan Police officers in Leicester city centre.

The "violent" raids targeted overseas visitors in the UK on business.

Internet

World War II Dutch famine babies' brains 'aging faster'

LONDON, 15 Sept—People who were still developing in the womb at the time of severe World War II food shortages did worse than others of similar ages at mental tests almost 60 years later, researchers say.

Scientists, writing in the PNAS journal, said the 1944 Dutch "famine" may have accelerated brain ageing.

They studied nearly 300 adults who had been foetuses at the time.

UK experts said even severe morning sickness was unlikely to cause a similar level of malnutrition today. The so-called Hongerwinter was a six-month period during which food deliveries to the people of the northern Netherlands were restricted by German occupying forces.

Internet

Ageing populations and fewer workers strain pensions

LONDON, 15 Sept—The world is getting older. In most countries, the population is ageing.

That inevitably has dramatic consequences for pensions and other arrangements for supporting older people.

There are two factors behind the trend. The first is clearly, in itself, good news. People are living longer.

A child born in 1960 could expect to live for 52 years. Today, the figure is 69 years. By the middle of the century, it is likely to be higher still, well over 70.

At the same time, people are having fewer children. In 1960, there were 33 births for every 1,000 people. The number has fallen to 20, and it is expected to decline further as people in

the developing world have fewer children.

That, too, is arguably good news. It should lead to the global population stabilizing, although at a substantially higher level than it is now.

Internet



Governments around the world are faced with the task of funding more old people's retirement with less money.—INTERNET

Libya sorry for shooting at Italian fishing boat



The Ariete was peppered with bullet holes.—INTERNET

LONDON, 15 Sept—Libya has apologized to Italy after one of its patrol boats fired machine-gun shots at a Sicilian fishing trawler.

The trawler returned to Sicily on Sunday pock-marked with bullet holes. None of its 10 crew were injured.

The patrol boat was one of six supplied by Italy to Libya to help prevent migrants crossing the Mediterranean.

Italian ministers called the incident "serious", but said it was a mistake and would not affect relations between the two countries.

Several Italian military personnel were on board the patrol boat providing technical assistance to the Libyans, according to Italian Interior Minister Roberto Maroni.—Internet

Watchdog warns over fire service disruption

LONDON, 15 Sept—Fire services in England hit by strike action or a flu pandemic would struggle to cope with a major emergency, such as a natural disaster or a terror attack, a spending watchdog has warned.

An Audit Commission study of England's 46 fire authorities found the safety of the public would be at greater risk.

It looked at circumstances such as power failures and industrial action.

It found fewer than one third of services could guarantee specialist equipment in such situations.

Internet



The report was based on a study all 46 of England's local fire services.—INTERNET

Senators go two rounds to promote Thai boxing



Thai boxers and senators Direk Tungfang, 64, left, kicks at Payap Tongchuen, 59, during their fight at a temporary boxing ring in the compound of Parliament in Bangkok, Thailand, on 13 Sept, 2010. The senators fought in Muay Thai, or Thai kick boxing style for two rounds in a campaign to preserve the country's martial art.

Two Thai senators fought it out Monday in front of Parliament, but this was no political grudge match — they wanted to promote traditional Thai kickboxing.

"It's good that I can still stand," 59-year-old

Payap Tongchuen joked after donning gloves and trunks and going two rounds with Direk Tungfang in a boxing ring set up for the occasion in front of the parliament building in Bangkok. The referee declared the fighters — both former professional boxers — joint victors.

Spectators thought Direk, 64, from Nonthaburi Province just north of Bangkok, outclassed his opponent from the eastern province of Sa Kaeo, knocking him down once. Both men sit in the upper house where lawmakers have no party affiliation.



Creative advertisements!

Billionaire puts money where his true heart lies



Billionaire Chen Guangbiao, chairman of Jiangsu Huangpu Renewable Resources Utilization Co Ltd, volunteers as a traffic warden on 7 Sept at a road crossing in downtown Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu Province.

It was 1:30 in the morning and Chinese billionaire Chen Guangbiao wasn't able to fall asleep.

He had an important decision to make.

Rising from his bed, he sat and penned a letter, in which he promised to give his entire fortune to charity after he leaves the

world.

It was, effectively, an acceptance letter to an invitation from fellow billionaires Bill Gates and Warren Buffett to attend a charity dinner on 29 Sept in Beijing, as well as a response to earlier pledges they made in the United States - agreed to by 38 other billionaires - to give, at least, half of their wealth to charity after their deaths.

Restaurant puts \$85 bug plate on menu

A New York restaurant said it is holding an event for people who want to enjoy a four-course meal consisting entirely of insects.

The Brooklyn Kitchen said diners at the restaurant Saturday will be offered the chance to eat Mexican-style prepared caterpillars, mealworms and moth larvae for \$85, *the New York Daily News* reported on Tuesday. Taylor Erkinen, owner of the restaurant, said only 40 of the meals will be served and about half of the slots had been filled as of Tuesday.

"People are kind of interested, but also skeeved out," she said of public reaction to the offer. She said diners will be given mescal, a Mexican liquor, to wash down the bugs.

News Album

Jay-Z, Eminem and all their friends rock New York

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Jay-Z and Eminem kicked off the first concert at the new Yankee Stadium on Monday with a dizzying spectacle worthy of rap's two biggest stars.

A menacing burst of rain before the show yielded to clear skies, foreshadowing an evening of ups and downs, missteps and triumph and a relentless verbal assault during a once-in-a-lifetime showcase featuring some of the biggest names in pop music. Billed as the Home and Home tour, the show was part of a double-header featuring both headliners in their respective hometowns. Prior to Labour Day weekend, they appeared at a two-night stand at Comerica Park in Detroit, where Eminem headlined; Monday night it was Jay-Z's turn. That's the extent of the "tour," which made this such a hard ticket to come by.

Internet

Nicole Kidman sweats new producer role

TORONTO, 15 Sept—Nicole Kidman was feeling "very exposed and very nervous" as a first-time producer promoting her new film "Rabbit Hole" at a major film festival, she said on Tuesday.

The actress, who won an Academy Award in 2002 for her portrayal of early twentieth century English novelist Virginia Woolf in "The Hours," literally sweated through a news conference at the Toronto film festival.

"The reason I'm wearing this jacket is because I'm sweating under here and I can't take it off 'cause this shirt shows it," Kidman said.—*Internet*



Actress Nicole Kidman speaks at 'Rabbit Hole' press conference during the 2010 Toronto International Film Festival at the Hyatt Regency, on 14 September. Kidman said she was feeling "very exposed and very nervous" as a first-time producer promoting her new film.—INTERNET

CBS to use Bon Jovi song in campaign

LOS ANGELES, 15 Sept—CBS says it will feature Bon Jovi's never-before-broadcast stadium anthem, "This Is Our House," in its US promotional campaign for its fall schedule.

The commercials mix live footage of the band with a video montage of CBS' new and returning series. The network began running the on-air spots Tuesday and, as of this week, <http://www.bonjovi.com/> is making the single available for download online for the first time.—*Internet*



Jon Bon Jovi arrives on the red carpet before the annual Clive Davis Pre-Grammy Gala in Beverly Hills, California on 30 January, 2010.

INTERNET

George Michael jailed for drug-drive offence

LONDON, 15 Sept—British singer George Michael was sentenced to eight weeks in jail on Tuesday for driving under the influence of cannabis when he crashed his car into a north London shop in July.

Michael, wearing a grey suit and black tie, sighed as judge John Perkins sentenced him at a London court, while his long-term partner Kenny Goss threw his head into his hands.

The singer was told he would serve four weeks in prison and spend the remainder on license.

"It does not appear that you took proper steps to deal with what is clearly an addiction to cannabis," Perkins told Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court.

"That's a mistake which puts you and, on this occasion, the public at risk," he was quoted by the Press Association as saying.—*Reuters*



British singer George Michael arrives at Highbury Corner Magistrates Court in London, on 14 September, 2010.

INTERNET

Five-goal Barca turn on style against Panathinaikos

BARCELONA, 15 Sept—Barcelona put their weekend humiliation at the hands of Hercules behind them with two-goal Lionel Messi inspiring a 5-1 Champions League rout of Panathinaikos on Tuesday in their Group D opener.

Barcelona fell behind to a Sidney Govou goal on 20 minutes but responded with three goals in 24 minutes with Argentine Messi scoring twice, in the 21st and 45th minutes, and Spanish star David Villa netting his first Champions League goal for Barcelona.



Barcelona's forward David Villa (R) and Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (L) celebrate.—INTERNET

Pedro Rodriguez and Brazilian Dani Alves scored late goals to complete the rout while Messi came agonisingly close to a hat-trick missing a penalty and hitting both posts in the second half.

Internet

Mourinho begins quest for unique treble with Real

MADRID, 15 Sept—Jose Mourinho makes his European bow for Real Madrid on Wednesday leading his new charges out against Dutch side Ajax at the Santiago Bernabeu in the Champions League Group G opener.

Mourinho's last European game was at the Bernabeu in May when his Inter Milan side defeated Bayern Munich 2-0 in the Champions League final and his new employers hope he

can repeat the feat at Madrid and deliver a 10th European Cup.

Internet



Jose Mourinho (pictured) makes his European bow for Real Madrid on Wednesday leading his new charges.—INTERNET

Champions League results on 14 September

Champions League - Group A

Twente Enschede 2 - 2 Inter Milan
Werder Bremen 2 - 2 Tottenham H.

Champions League - Group B

Benfica 2 - 0 Hapoel Tel Aviv
Lyon 1 - 0 Schalke

Champions League - Group C

Bursaspor 0 - 4 Valencia
Manchester U. 0 - 0 Rangers

Champions League - Group D

Barcelona 5 - 1 Panathinaikos
FC Copenhagen 1 - 0 Rubin Kazan

Nadal completes career Slam sweep with US Open crown



Rafael Nadal is pictured with his trophy after defeating Novak Djokovic in their men's singles final.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—World number one Rafael Nadal completed a career Grand Slam title sweep by capturing his first US Open crown, defeating Serbian third seed Novak Djokovic 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

The 24-year-old Span-

ish left-hander overwhelmed Djokovic with uncanny shotmaking to win the 1.7 million-dollar top prize as well as his third consecutive Grand Slam crown and his ninth Grand Slam title overall.

Nadal became the seventh man to complete a career Grand Slam sweep, joining Roger Federer, Andre Agassi, Roy Emerson, Rod Laver, Don Budge and Fred Perry in having won Wimbledon and the US, French and Australian Open titles.

"It's a dream to have the career Grand Slam, but this is more dream to have the US Open," Nadal said.—Internet

Plucky Twente hold champions Inter to draw



Inter Milan's Dutch forward Wesley Sneijder, seen here on 11 September, scored one goal for his team.—INTERNET

ENSCHDE, 15 Sept—Theo Janssen starred for FC Twente on their Champions League debut

as they held holders Inter Milan to a 2-2 draw on Tuesday.

Wesley Sneijder gave the visitors the lead on his return to his homeland but Janssen smacked in a stunning free-kick before Diego Milito's own goal gave the hosts the lead, only for Samuel Eto'o to earn the Italians a point.

All four goals came in a pulsating first half before both teams seemed to settle for their first Group A point.

Inter coach Rafael Benitez was a satisfied man and defended his striker Milito, who has yet to find the net at the right end this season.—Internet

Wenger warns Arsenal not to underestimate Braga

LONDON, 15 Sept—Arsene Wenger insists Arsenal must not take victory for granted when they face unfashionable Portuguese club Braga in their opening Champions League group match on Wednesday.

Wenger's side have made an impressive un-

beaten start to their Premier League campaign and sit second in the table after thrashing Bolton 4-1 at the weekend.

The Gunners have been given a favourable draw for the opening stage of Europe's elite club competition, with Braga, Shakhtar Donetsk and Partizan Belgrade their opposition in Group H.

Internet



Arsenal's Russian midfielder Andrey Arshavin gestures after scoring a goal during a Premier League.—INTERNET

FedEx Cup all about big money, too many complaints

LEMONT, 15 Sept—This is the week the PGA Tour goes dark, which comes at a great time.

If nothing else, it might



Dustin Johnson waves to the crowd after winning the BMW Championship golf tournament in Lemont, Ill.—INTERNET

give players a chance to take a deep breath of reality instead of complaining about all the problems that come with driving German-built luxury cars to golf tournaments where they compete for \$35 million in bonus money.

Heck, it's just as easy to lose perspective driving rental cars and getting by on \$35 per diems.

Really, is it that bad?

The year before the FedEx Cup began, this was the week of the 84 Lumber Classic.

Winning the FedEx Cup is not as meaningful as winning a major, nor was it ever meant to be. The ma-

jors ended a month ago at the PGA Championship, about the time most people are supposed to lose interest in golf. What followed were three tournaments that showcased the best players of the year on the PGA Tour.—Internet



Auxerre's supporters are seen celebrating their team winning the UEFA Champions League play-off round.—INTERNET

Zilina host Chelsea in David vs Goliath clash

ZILINA, 15 Sept—Slovak champions MSK Zilina have relished qualifying for the Champions League and are hungry for more as they brace to face star-laden Chelsea in their debut at home on Wednesday.

"We won't sell ourselves short. We want to show our supporters quality football and we'd like to get some points from our meeting with Chelsea," Zilina's Czech coach Pavel Hapal told uefa.com.

Zilina are only the third Slovak team ever to reach the group stage after FC Kosice in 1997-98 and Artmedia Petralka in 2005-06.

On their way, the five-time Slovak

champions eased past Malta's Birkirkara, Bulgaria's Litex Lovech and Sparta Prague from the neighbouring Czech Republic.—Internet



Chelsea's Nascimento Ramires (right) warms up with teammates Yossi Benayoun (centre) and Patrick.—INTERNET

Allegri already eyeing Real clashes

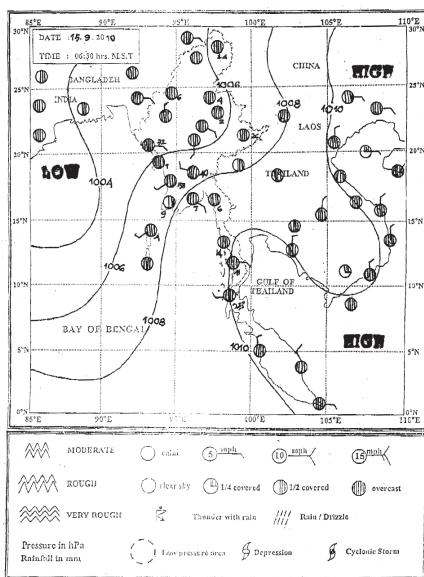
MILAN, 15 Sept—AC Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri could not help casting an eye to the future to his team's glamour ties against Real Madrid ahead of his personal Champions League bow on Wednesday.

Milan host Auxerre in their first Group G match at the San Siro but with Real and Ajax also to contend with, Allegri was struggling to keep his mind on matters at hand.

"Certainly, those are fascinating matches," Allegri, speaking to UEFA.com, said of the upcoming Real clashes on 19 October and 3 November.

"At the same time, games like that give you the right mindset to tackle the Champions League from the very start."—Internet

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 15th September, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay Region, fairly widespread in Shan State and Magway Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State, isolated heavy falls in Mon State and lower Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taungup and Manung (3.15) inches each, Kyaikkhami (3.07) inches, Chaungzon (2.87) inches, Maungtaw (2.83) inches, Machanbaw (2.76) inches, Thandwe and Bilin (2.44) inches each, Thandaunggyi (2.32) inches, Kanbalu (1.85) inches, Monywa and Magway (1.22) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 14-9-2010 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 15-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-9-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 15-9-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 14-9-2010 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 15-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 15-9-2010 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 14-9-2010 was (2.0) hours. Rainfall on 15-9-2010 was (0.16) inch at

Mingaladon and (0.27) inch at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (66.26) inches at Mingaladon, (76.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (82.71) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 14-9-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 16th September 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State and lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Shan, Chin, Kayin States and upper Sagaing Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 16-9-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-9-2010: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

China's hospital ship arrives in Gulf of Aden

ABOARD PEACE ARK, 15 Sept—The Chinese navy hospital ship Peace Ark reached the Gulf of Aden Wednesday and will provide medical services for Chinese sailors there.

In two days, the ship will join the sixth Chinese naval escort flotilla, which shelters Chinese merchant ships in the pirate-infested gulf.

The ship will send medics to the flotilla to provide medical services, and receive sailors for treatment onboard. The medics can carry out medical examination, disease treatment, psychological comfort, medicine supplies, and other services.

The ship set sail from Zhejiang Province in east China on 31 Aug. and reached the gulf after a 5,300-sea mile (9,816-km) voyage.—Xinhua



A villager shows his lithograph at A'xinzhai village in Maguan County of Zhuang-Miao Autonomous Prefecture of Wenshan, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 15 Sept, 2010. Villagers here promote local tourism by developing their folk arts and ceremonial performances to earn extra incomes.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (16-9-2010)(Thursday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (16-9-10 09:30 am ~ 17-9-10 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Jade & Gem)
- * Shopping with Torch-Light
- * News
- * Today's Efficient Youths (ILBC)
- * VCD Center
- * News
- * A Visit to A Laungdaw Kassapa in Modern Days
- * Oxen Brothers
- * Yangon Expo (2010)
- * News
- * More Income Through Value-Wood Products

Oversea Transmission

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- * News
- * More Income Through Value-Wood Products
- * News
- * Beikthano The Ancient Glory of Myanmar
- * News
- * Myanmar Handicrafts
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Shopping with Torch-Light
- * Traditional Dance of National Races (Kachin) United Union
- * News
- * Today's Electronic Market
- * Myanmar Movie "Create a Flower"

Myanmar

TV

Thursday,
16 September
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဝရံတရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အဝိဇ္ဇာမင်္ဂလ (ယဉ်ကျေးမှုနှင့် တေးဂီတ)

7:50 am

5. "ထူးခြားပါသည့်ကမ္ဘာ့ ဝိသုဒ္ဓါနာမတော်"

8:20 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:25 am

7. Dance Variety

8:30 am

8. International News

8:40 am

9. Inland Of Dhamma

8:50 am

10. ဘန္တုတေဇာသာရာဝိဝံသ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ)

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60. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

7:00 pm

61. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

7:10 pm

62. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

7:20 pm

63. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

7:30 pm

64. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

7:40 pm

65. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

7:50 pm

66. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

8:00 pm

67. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

8:10 pm

68. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

8:20 pm

69. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

8:30 pm

70. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

8:40 pm

71. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

8:50 pm

72. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

9:00 pm

73. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

9:10 pm

74. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

9:20 pm

75. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

9:30 pm

76. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

9:40 pm

77. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

9:50 pm

78. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယမဟာနာယက

10:00 pm

79. နိုင်ငံတော်သံယ

- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

- ★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
- ★ Riots beget riots, not democracy
- ★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

- ★ VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
- ★ RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
- ★ Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Kataik Dam bringing about development to Mon State

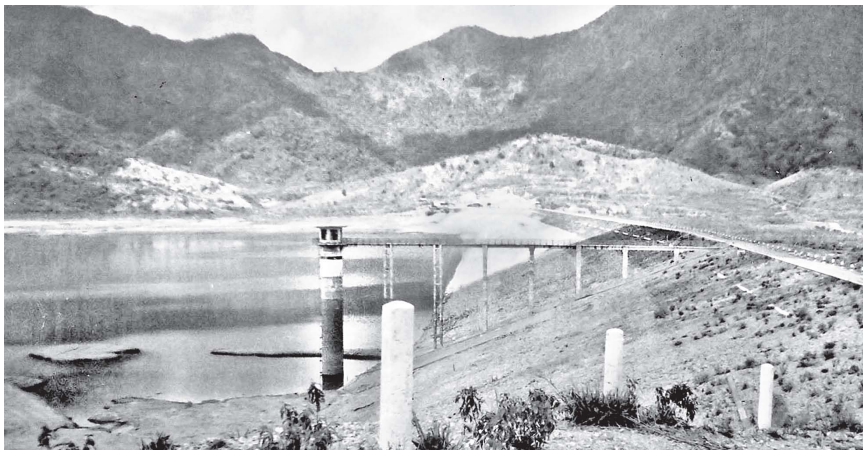
A cluster of dams — Azin Dam in 1990, Wapa Dam in 1994, Shwenattaung Dam in 1996 and Winphanon Dam in 2001— has been built in Mon State. The construction of Kataik Dam, another dam project in the state, has been completed so far.

Farmlands located downstream of Yinnyein Creek in Mon State are now safe from flood thanks to the completion of the Kataik Dam which will contribute irrigation water to 10,000 acres of farmland for multi-cropping. The Kataik Dam, put into service on 30 April 2007, is helping local farmers grow green gram, corn and oil crops

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as well as summer and monsoon paddy. The 5200-foot long and 134-foot high dam has the storage capacity of 56,000 acre-feet, still water storage capacity of 1200 acre-feet, water surface area of 950 acre-feet, average annual water inflow of 59,000 acres-feet and catchment area of eight square miles.

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Kataik Dam supplying irrigation water to farmlands in Mon State.

Maw Cherry library to emerge in Manywat village, Bhamo Township

BHAMO, 15 Sept — A stake driving and cornerstone laying ceremony for construction of Maw Cherry Library which will be built with the contribution of the State and wellwishers was held in conjunction with cash donation ceremony at the chosen site in Manywat village in Bhamo Township on 16 August.

Chairman of Bhamo District Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung Nyunt, Staff Officer U Maung Maung Nyunt of district Information and Public Relations Department, Head of township IPRD Daw Thida Aye and Chairman of village PDC U Nyi Nyi drove stakes and laid cornerstones at designated places.

Next, cash donation ceremony followed. On behalf of the villagers, the village chairman presented K 240,000 to Head of township IPRD Daw Thida Aye.—District IPRD

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (15-9-2010)

Taungup and Manaung	(3.15) inches
Kyaikkhami	(3.07) inches
Chaungzon	(2.87) inches
Maunglaw	(2.83) inches
Machanbaw	(2.76) inches
Thandwe and Bilin	(2.44) inches
Thandaunggyi	(2.32) inches
Kanbalu	(1.85) inches
Monywa and Magway	(1.22) inches