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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

Better transport enables national brethren to have easy access to various regions

Minhla-Minbu railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project inaugurated

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept—A ceremony to inaugurate Minhla-Minbu railroad section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad Project, implemented by Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, was held at the pandal near Minbu Station in Minbu, Magway Region, yesterday morning, with an address by Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein, Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Soe Naing, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw, Minister for Rail



Prime Minister U Thein Sein unveils stone inscription to mark inauguration of Minhla-Minbu railroad section.—MNA

Transportation U Aung Min, Chairman of Magway Region Peace and Development Council U Phone Maw Shwe, deputy minis-

ters, departmental heads and local people.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister U Thein Sein said that to-

day's ceremony is the inauguration of Minhla-Minbu railroad section which is part of Kalay-Pakokku-Kyangin-

Hinthada-Nyaungdon-Yangon (Hlinethaya) railroad passing through the western bank of Ayeyawady River.

The railroad section, 25.40 miles long, was built for all-round development of the people (See page 8)

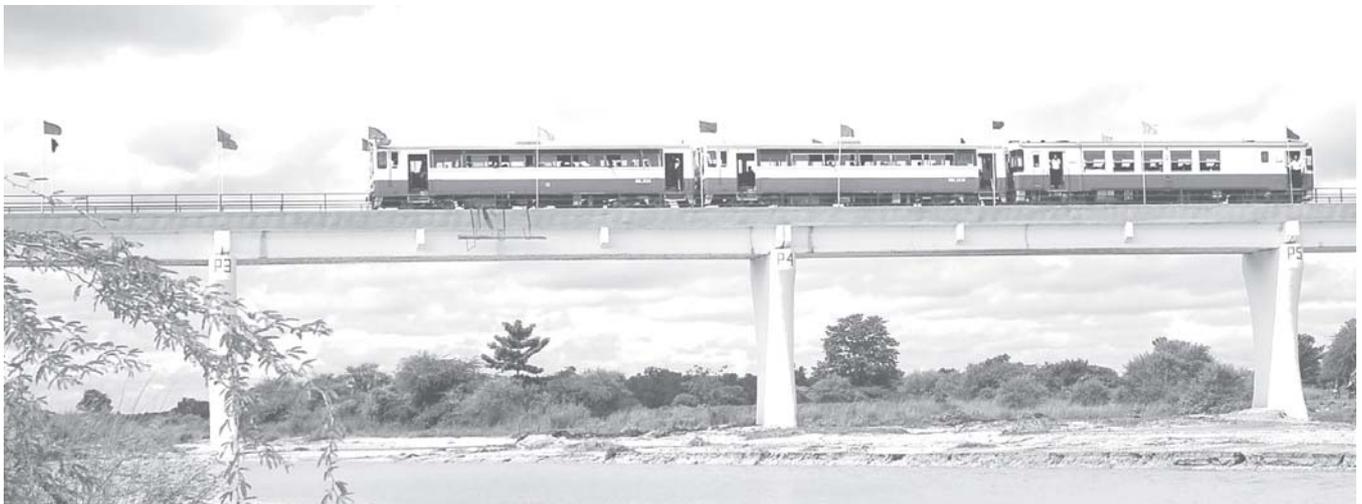


Photo shows a maiden train service on Minhla-Minbu railroad section.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Keep balanced diet

Needless to say, everyone wants to lead a healthy life and enjoy longevity. We should have to keep a balanced diet for our good health and long lifespan.

Human beings and animals need protein and vitamins for growth, normal functions of cells. We obtain energy when oxygen reacts with glucose in our bodies.

Vitamins and minerals from fruit and vegetables provide sufficient antioxidants without side effects. Lemon, orange, grapefruit and eastern gooseberry are rich in vitamin C. Peas, corn, wheat and unpolished rice have plenty of Vitamin B.

Milk, eggs, meat, fish, vegetables, groundnut oil, sunflower oil and vegetable oil are rich in Vitamin E. We can get much Vitamin D by taking sunbath for about 15 minutes in the morning. Vitamin D reduces risk of heart diseases, arthritis, osteoporosis and diabetes, and Vitamin C prevents pyorrhoea.

In addition, we should not overeat and we should not eat excessive sweets. We should not eat foods infected with bacteria or fungus, and expired foods, either. Eating such foods causes food poisoning, diarrhoea, hepatitis C, stomachache and allergy.

So, the people are urged to stay away from unwholesome foods and eat plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables to lead a healthy life and have youthful appearance.

People's Position

- * 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

Outstanding students of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon honoured

YANGON, 19 Sept — Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon held a ceremony to honour the outstanding students, who passed the 2009-2010 matriculation examination with distinctions, at the office of MPPA on Wingabar Street, Bahan Township, here this morning. Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan attended the ceremony and awarded the outstanding students.

First, MPPA Chairman U Myint Thein Pe extended greetings and executive U Win Naing explained matters related to outstanding awards.

Next, the minister



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan presents prize to six-distinction winner Ma Ngwe Pyi Soe.—MNA

presented awards to six-distinction winner Ma Ngwe Pyi Soe and five-

distinction winner Ma The Ei Phyu. Managing Director of Myanma

Chairman U Myint Thein Pe to three one-distinction winner.



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan addresses ceremony to award outstanding students in 2009-2010 matriculation examination.—MNA

Best showroom awarded at Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair



YANGON, 19 Sept— A ceremony to award the best showrooms at Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair 2010, organized by Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association today took place held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, here, from 16 to 19 September.

Chairman of the association U Sein Lwin

explained the purpose of prize presentation.

Chairman U Sein Lwin, General Secretary U Nay Tun Min and executives presented consolation prize to Thousand Islands Business Group, the first prize to Lin Win Co Ltd, the second to Myanmar May Kaung Wood Based Industry Co Ltd and the third to Cupid Furniture.

Managing Director

Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association Chairman U Sein Lwin awards Thousand Islands Business Group at Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair 2010.—MNA

Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint presented prizes to four four-distinction winners.

Deputy Director-General of Myanma Radio and Television U Thein Aung presented prizes to two three-distinction winners and one two-distinction winner and MPPA

of Thousand Islands Business Group gave the best design and display award to Htoo International Industry Group Co Ltd.

MNA

Afterwards, on behalf of the students, four-distinction winner Ma Phyu The Cho spoke words of thanks. MPPA Secretary Malikha U Soe Htaik Aung read out the list of donors.

The minister honoured the outstanding students. Then, the minister had a documentary photo taken together with the students. Later, he greeted the guests, outstanding students and trainees of MMPE film and video acting course (1/2010).

MNA

Child deaths test Fla's beach driving tradition



In this on 19 Aug, 2010 photo, a car drives amongst beachgoers in Daytona Beach, Fla. Safety concerns over cars driving on the beach have risen this year with the deaths of two 4-year-old children.—INTERNET

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, 19 Sept—Four-year-old Aiden Patrick was playing on the beach just yards away from his father when he yelled “Daddy” and ran toward him, into the path of an oncoming truck driving legally on the sand.

The July death has tested this area’s tradition of beach driving. Along with

a 4-year-old British girl who was struck and killed on Daytona Beach a few months earlier, residents are now torn between outlawing cars on the beach and persevering a deep-rooted ritual that helped form the Daytona 500 stock car race.

“It’s an extremely divisive issue that people get very emotional about,” said Volusia County Councilman Josh Wagner.

Like most local elected officials, Wagner wants to keep the custom that has long been part of the area’s identity.

Black-and-white photographs of early Ford models racing on the shore decorate bars and restaurant walls around town, some dating back to the first automobiles. NASCAR even held portions of its races on the sand until 1959, when Daytona International Speedway opened and the Daytona 500 now known as “The Great American Race” began to take shape.

Internet

Five hostages rescued, one killed in southeast Iran

TEHERAN, 19 Sept—The deputy governor of the southeastern Iranian Province of Sistan-Balouchestan said Saturday that Iranian forces have rescued five of six people taken hostage by militants. But the sixth one was killed.

The deputy governor for the security affairs, Jalal Sayyah, told the official news agency IRNA that the forces of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) rescued the above five people in a successful operation.

The six people were held hostage after they were ambushed in the province on Thursday.

During the IRGC operation, three of the

militants were killed, Sayyah said, adding that the head of that group is seemingly among the dead.

Sistan-Balouchestan province is home to the Jundallah militancy, which is a Sunni group

that has claimed responsibility for explosions that have killed dozens in recent years, including several senior commanders of Iran’s Revolutionary Guard last year.

Xinhua



People remove debris from the blast site in northwest Pakistan’s Peshawar on 18 Sept, 2010. A school was blown up by militants Saturday morning in the suburbs of Peshawar. No casualties were reported.—XINHUA

13 Sudan bus crash mourners drown as ferry sinks

KHARTOUM, 19 Sept—Thirteen people travelling to mourn victims of a bus crash drowned when their boat capsized in Sudan’s White Nile state, a state government spokesman said on Saturday.

The boat carrying 22 people across the White Nile river “turned over and sank” on Friday, spokesman Abdelmagied Abdelhamied said, adding “13 people drowned and nine were rescued.”

Abdelhamied said the passengers were family members and friends who were crossing the river in order to pay their respects to 37 people killed on Thursday when two buses collided.

The boat went down near the settlement of Alrader, some 60 kilometres (37 miles) south of the capital Khartoum, close to the site of bus crash.

Internet



Sudanese men inspect the debris of two burnt buses after 37 people were killed and 26 injured when the vehicles collided south of Khartoum on Thursday. Thirteen people travelling to mourn victims of the crash drowned when their boat capsized in Sudan’s White Nile state.

INTERNET

Three NATO troops killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 Sept—Three foreign troops have been killed in Afghanistan — two in a bombing in the south, and another soldier in an militant attack in the country’s north, NATO said on Sunday.

NATO’s International Security Assistance Force said in separate statements that all three died on Saturday, but gave no further details of the incidents. Improvised bombs are the Taliban’s main weapon against around 150,000 NATO and US troops in the country, fighting to quell the nine-year militancy.

The latest deaths raise Saturday’s toll of foreign soldiers killed to five as Afghanistan held parliamentary elections throughout the war-racked country.

Internet

Bomb deactivated at Mexican mall

LEON, 19 Sept—Mexican soldiers deactivated a bomb at a mall in central Mexico Saturday, but it was not clear if the incident was tied to the country’s drug war, Mexican newspaper Milenio reported.

A message from a criminal group was left with the bomb in Leon, Milenio said. There was no information on the nature of the group. Authorities in Leon, a city of about a million people, were not immediately available for comment.

The newspaper said workers found an “explosive device” in the mall’s parking lot and alerted authorities. Army troops deactivated it. Nobody was reported injured.

Mexican drug gangs started using car bombs this year to target police, but have so far not used bombs against the general population.

Four people were killed in July in Ciudad Juarez by a bomb planted in a car, the first such attack since President Felipe Calderon took office in December 2006.

Reuters



A nurse treats a man (L), injured by a bomb blast at a hospital in Herat, western Afghanistan on 17 September, 2010. The blast occurred in the city of Herat, injuring three people, two of whom suffered minor injuries and were sent home after treatment. This patient was hospitalized.

INTERNET

Iraqi soldier killed in twin bombing in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 19 Sept—An Iraqi soldier was killed and 11 people were wounded in an overnight double bomb explosions which struck the Iraqi army in a Sunni neighbourhood in western Baghdad, an Interior Ministry source and a witness said on Saturday.

The attack took place at about 11:00 pm on Friday (2000 GMT) when a bomb exploded in Baghdad’s western neighbourhood of al-Khadraa near a crowd of Iraqi soldiers and civilians who gathered near a previous explosion at the scene, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Six soldiers were among the wounded people, the source said.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the neighbourhood, which is already surrounded with concrete walls, and blocked its sole entrance, preventing vehicles and pedestrians from entering or leaving, the source added.—Xinhua

Science

NASA testing new rovers in Arizona



A space suit is mounted to a "suit port" on the outside of NASA's newest rover prototype Space Exploration Vehicle (SEV), on the last day of a two-week field testing of new aerospace technology at Black Point Lava Flow in the north Arizona desert.—INTERNET

TUCSON, 19 Sept—Every year NASA heads to northern Arizona to test the next generation of space rovers.

The Black Point Lava Flow, 40 miles north of Flagstaff, provides a landscape full of challenges that may be encountered on other planets.

As NASA wraps up its two weeks of training, I had a chance to chat with one astronaut involved in the mission.

Click on the video to see my entire interview with NASA Astronaut Mike Gernhardt.—Internet

Whale fossil discovered at California zoo

SAN DIEGO, 19 Sept—The San Diego Zoo has gained one more specimen for its catalog of 4,000 although this one has been dead for 3 million years, zoo officials say.

The large fossilized skeleton of a whale was uncovered Thursday on the zoo's grounds by an excavating machine digging a hole for a storm-water runoff tank, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

The excavation work was stopped in

accordance with state law as paleontologists from a nearby museum quickly assembled.

By Friday, museum personnel were carefully chipping, dusting and digging in preparation for the skeleton to be encased in plaster and taken back to the museum for additional study.

Paleontologists had expected digging at the site just inside the zoo fence would uncover some shells, and maybe some shark teeth.

But finding a 20-foot, largely intact whale fossil was unexpected, they said.

The whale fossil is proof that despite the civic self-image of San Diego as a place where everything is new, the truth is somewhat different.

"The people are new," Sarah Siren, the museum's paleontology field manager on site, said. "The whales have been here the whole time."

Internet

Citizens view a machine made of waste materials picking up balls during a campaign to popularize knowledge of science and technology in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, 18 Sept, 2010, on the occasion of China's National Science Popularization Day.

XINHUA



US scientist charged with peddling nuclear secrets

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—A former Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist and his wife were charged with trying to sell nuclear weapons secrets to a person they believed was a Venezuelan government official, the Justice Department said on Friday.

They were also charged with conspiring to participate in the development of an atomic weapon for Venezuela, the Justice Department said.

A federal grand jury returned a 22-count indictment on Thursday in New Mexico and the FBI arrested US citizens Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni, 75, and Marjorie Roxby Mascheroni, 67, on Friday, the Justice Department said. If convicted on all charges, they face a possible sentence of life in prison.

"The indictment does not allege that the government of Venezuela or anyone acting on its behalf sought or was passed any classified information," the Justice Department said.—Reuters

Technology

International hacker conference opens in Budapest

BUDAPEST, 19 Sept—Hacktivity 2010, central Europe's largest conference on internet security opened in Budapest on Saturday with close to 700 hackers and programmers attending the two-day event including over 100 from outside Hungary.

Bruce Schneier, world famous internet security guru opened the conference with a questions and answers session focusing on security, privacy and the generation gap. Other well known presenters included Oracle security expert Alexander Kornbrust.

Approximately 30 presentations and lectures on subjects are being held over the two days. Subjects include security comparisons of leading databases, legal rights in the digital age, security-related



US computer security specialist Bruce Schneier gives a lecture during the largest computer hackers' conference in eastern Europe, the 'Hacktivity' in Budapest. Hacktivity 2010, the largest computer hackers' conference in eastern Europe, kicked off Saturday, with some 1,000 participants expected to attend the two-day event, according to organisers.—INTERNET

lawsuits, and the history and future of internet security.

The conference, which was first held in 2002, also features workshops, and hacker games such as Hack the Vendor, and Capture the Flag, in which the winners are those hackers

who circumvent defence systems quickest.

Main organizer Attila Bartfai said Hungary can become a centre for internet security expertise in eastern Europe. "It is our dream that Hungary becomes a location where the smartest people around in information security are working."

Xinhua

Google is the undisputed king of search in the United States. But who's number two? Yahoo! has long held that position but Microsoft has been creeping up and may even have leaptfrogged the Sunnyvale, California, company in a competition whose goal is to turn more Internet searches into more advertising dollars.—INTERNET



'Stop-start' system coming to US cars

DETROIT, 19 Sept—A relatively simple and inexpensive fuel-saving technology from Europe will soon be introduced on vehicles in North America, engineers say.

So-called start-stop systems that turn off a car when it is idling and reignite the engine when the driver releases the brake will be coming to the United States and Canada in the next five years, *The Detroit News* reported.

The technology is widespread in Europe and will be embraced in North America as a tool to meet increasingly stringent fuel-economy and emissions requirements, auto experts say.



"Engineers kill for one-tenth of a mile per gallon," Joe Phillippi of AutoTrends Consulting Inc said. "In city driving, it would make a huge impact."

Estimates vary, but the consensus is shutting off the engine at a stop can improve fuel economy as much as 15 percent. Consumer acceptance could be a challenge.

"It is a strange sensation because the engine suddenly turns off," said analyst Stephanie Brinley of EMC Strategic Communications in Troy, Mich. "It is quick and seamless, but you can tell it happens."

Half of the new cars in Europe will have start-stop technology in 2012, and North America will reach that figure in 2016, said Frank Frister, product manager with Bosch North America, one of the companies developing stop-start systems.

Internet

Health

Whooping cough hits California



Pharmacist Kristy Hennessee administers a vaccination against whooping cough (pertussis), at a Walgreen's Pharmacy in Pasadena, California. Australia on Thursday warned travellers to the United States to watch out for a whooping cough epidemic which has claimed of nine babies in California.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept— Californians are rushing to get themselves inoculated against a whooping cough epidemic which has claimed the lives of several babies.

The number of people with the infection - named after the strained coughing sound sufferers make - has reached a 55-year high, including nine infants who have died, eight of them Hispanics.

'In addition to children, who are the most vulnerable, those who care for or are in contact with children should also be immunized,' said pharmacist Walgreens, which is offering inoculation at 150 of its stores.

Up to mid-September there were just over 4,000 confirmed, probable

or suspected cases of the illness also known as pertussis - the most reported since 1955 when 4,949 cases were recorded in the whole year. Whooping cough is a highly contagious bacterial infection affecting the lungs which is usually relatively mild in adults but has a high mortality rate among children. 'In addition to children, who are the most vulnerable, those who care for or are in contact with children should also be immunized,' added Bill Hose, California market vice-president for Walgreens. Australia's foreign affairs department on Thursday warned travellers to the United States to watch out for the outbreak, which has also been reported in a number of other US states.

Internet

Tampering of baby formula prompts warning

OTTAWA, 19 Sept — An infant became ill after consuming some powdered infant formula from a can that was tampered with, prompting a warning from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency late Friday. A powder that appears to be flour was

found in three cans of Nestle Good Start Iron Fortified Infant Formula, the CFIA said.

"The child had a reaction and of course children are very sensitive to the food source so there was a reaction," said Garfield Balsom, a spokesman for the



Nestle Good Start Iron Fortified Infant Formula (Canadian Food Inspection Agency). INTERNET

Canadian Food Inspection Agency. "There's no hospitalization and the child is fine at this point."

The matter has been referred to police as there is little doubt the cans were tampered with, said Balsom. "The top seal was removed and the plastic (cap) put back on so there's an obvious tampering issue," he said in a phone interview. The tampered cans were found in the Ottawa suburb of Nepean and it appears localized to that area, Balsom said.

Internet

Health Tip: are you prone to metabolic syndrome?

Metabolic syndrome is a group of risk factors that are related to being overweight or obese. It increases the risk of serious health problems such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute says having three or more of the following conditions indicates metabolic syndrome:

- * Having extra belly fat and a large waist.
- * Having high amounts of triglycerides in the blood.
- * Having low levels of HDL ("good") cholesterol.
- * Having high blood pressure.
- * Having high fasting blood sugar, which may indicate diabetes.—*Internet*

Business

SAIC approached GM about IPO stake

NEW YORK, 19 Sept— China's top automaker SAIC Motor Corp has reached out to General Motors Co to explore the prospect of taking a stake in the automaker when it goes public this fall, four people with knowledge of the matter said.

The contact between state-backed SAIC which has a 13-year relationship with GM and GM has been informal and the expression of interest by the Chinese automaker could hit a quick dead-end if the US government objects to the move, several of the sources said.

In its informal contact with GM, SAIC has expressed an interest in acquiring a "single digit" share in GM, one person with knowledge of the discussion said. Because the SAIC contact with GM remains private and preparations for GM's IPO are covered by strict US securities regulations regarding disclosure, none of the sources agreed to be named. A spokesman for the US Treasury declined to comment on discussions about who might buy shares in the IPO, but the Treasury late on Friday clarified for the first time the rules that will be applied to the GM IPO.

Internet



A GM sign is seen outside the Medved General Motors car dealership in Arvada, Colorado on 12 August, 2010.—INTERNET

Toyota 'settles suit' over fatal San Diego crash



A picture from Toyota website of a Lexus ES sedan. The embattled Japanese automaker has settled a lawsuit over a fatal crash near San Diego last year that led to massive recalls of Toyota vehicles. INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept—Embattled Japanese automaker Toyota has settled a lawsuit over a fatal crash near San Diego last year that led to massive recalls of Toyota vehicles, *The Los Angeles Times* reported Saturday.

Toyota has seen its reputation badly damaged after it recalled about 10 million vehicles worldwide because of dangerous defects, many involving "sticky" gas pedal problems that could cause vehicles to speed out of control.

The Japanese automaker paid a record 16.4-million-dollar fine earlier this year to settle claims it hid gas pedal defects blamed for more than 50 US deaths and faces a host of civil lawsuits over issues with "unintended acceleration."

"Toyota has sought to protect only its own interests. They decided to cut out their own dealer," the paper quoted Larry Willis, attorney for Bob Baker Lexus, as saying.

Investigators said the crash may have been caused by an improperly installed floor mat, but Willis argues that the floor mat was not the problem, *The Times* reported. He said the accident could have been caused by an inherent defect in the car's electronics.

Internet

Indian conglomerate in talks about MGM bid

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Sept— Indian conglomerate Sahara India Pariwar is in discussions about buying the debt of struggling film studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion, according to two people familiar with the matter.

The sources did not elaborate on Sahara India Pariwar's plans for MGM, which has about \$4 billion in debt, and stressed that the talks were still at a preliminary stage. "On mutual interest discussions are on but it's too early to

comment on the issue," said Abhijit Sarkar, corporate communications chief of Sahara India Pariwar, which owns businesses in media, entertainment, real estate and insurance.

The studio is saddled with debt from a \$2.85 billion buyout in 2005 by a group that included private equity firms Providence Equity Partners, TPG, Quadrangle Group and DLJ Merchant Banking Partners, and media companies Sony Corp and Comcast Corp.

Reuters

30 die in fatal motor accident in northern Ghana

ACCRA, 19 Sept—A fatal road accident killed at least 30 passengers and injured 80 others Saturday evening, when a passenger truck fell in a gutter at Zagyuri, a town about 700 kilometres north of here, local radio reported.

Eyewitnesses said that the accident occurred as a result of wrongful overtaking by the driver of the passenger truck Saturday evening.

The bodies of the 30 deceased passengers had been deposited for autopsy at a hospital in Tamale, capital of the North Region 658 kilometres north of here, while the injured were reportedly receiving treatment at the same hospital.

According to media reports, the death toll could increase as a result of the unavailability of doctors at the hospital. The injured and the deceased were brought to the hospital by residents of the area.

Xinhua



Customers queue to buy the iPad at an Apple flagship store on a rainy day in Beijing on 17 September, 2010.—INTERNET

18 hurt in Texas bus crash

SANGER, 19 Sept—A charter bus crashed in Texas Saturday, leaving 18 people with injuries, authorities said.

The Dallas Morning News said the El Conejo bus, carrying 30 people on a trip from Dallas to Oklahoma City, crashed when it swerved to miss a motorist who had cut it off and hit a concrete highway divider. The crash occurred shortly after midnight on Interstate 35 near Sanger, the newspaper said.

Despite three people being thrown through passenger windows when the bus hit the barrier at 60 mph, none of the injuries were believed to be life-threatening, authorities said. The injuries ranged from bruises to broken bones.—Internet

Two killed in Shiite rebels clashes in north Yemen

SANAA, 19 Sept—A Yemeni border security guard and a pro-government tribesman were killed on Saturday in clashes with northern Houthis-led Shiite rebels in the country's northeast province of al-Jouf, a security official of the Interior Ministry said.

"The clashes erupted when the rebels, running a checkpoint at Ras al-Aqaba Area of Barat District of al-Jouf, opened fire on another checkpoint run by pro-government armed tribesmen backed by border security forces," the official told Xinhua by phone.

The rebel's bullets killed a border security guard and a pro-government tribesman on the spot, he said on condition of anonymity, identifying the killed pro-government tribesman as 27-year-old Faisal al-Ateeb.

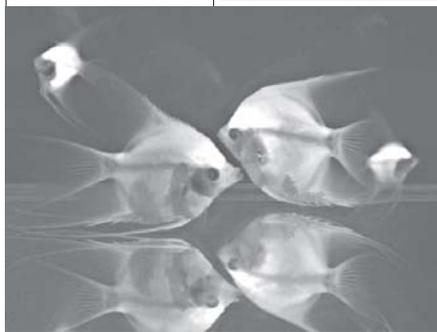
"The situation is getting very tense as Houthis (rebels) were gathering, forming lines of defence," he added.

Early Saturday, the Interior Ministry accused the rebels of establishing another more checkpoint in Barat District.

Xinhua

Genetically engineered angelfish (*Pterophyllum*) glow in a tank under a blacklight, at a fish farm in Pingtung, southern Taipei, on 16 September, 2010.

INTERNET



Visitors look at electronic and heavy metal products wastes process circuit at garbage festival held by MA48, or Vienna urban waste disposal center, in Vienna, capital of Austria, on 19 Sept, 2010. The two-day festival aims at demonstrating waste classification and popularizing environmental protection conception.—XINHUA

Unknown gunmen kidnap five female students in Nigeria's restive south

PORT HARCOURT, 19 Sept—Unidentified gunmen have kidnapped five female students in Omuma Council Area in southeast Nigeria's River State.

State police spokesperson Rita Abbey disclosed this to reporters in Port Harcourt, the state capital, on Friday.

She said the students are members of the National Youths Service Corps (NYSC), adding that they were abducted at their lodge in Umuogba Community Secondary School, Omuma Local Government Area.

The victims are Monsurat Odemosu, Barbara Obioha, Chinwendu, Obianuju and Hussani Ali, all females.

According to police image maker, at about 8 am on Friday, the kidnapers called and directed one of the victims to speak.

The spokesman added that the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), the Special Armed Robbery Squad (SARS), Anti Kidnapping detectives and patrols had been deployed for search and rescue operation.

Abduction is common in Nigeria. Over 300 foreigners have been seized in the Niger Delta since 2006. Almost all have been released unharmed after paying a ransom.

Xinhua

Four Ghanaians, other nationals kidnapped by Somali pirates

ACCRA, 19 Sept—Four Ghanaians and some other nationals have reportedly been kidnapped by Somali pirates, sources at the ministry of foreign affairs told Xinhua on Saturday.

The crew on board an Arabian vessel was reportedly to have been detained by the pirates for the past six months. Their location and reasons for the kidnapping remained unknown.

Acting director at the ministry Lawrence Sotah said the ministry, in response to a petition by a relative of one of the hostages, had commenced investigations.

"We do not have any information as to what the pirates are demanding because the owners of the ship or the pirates themselves

have not put out any information which will be helpful for us to know exactly what they want," he said.

"Ghana's mission in Saudi Arabia has been contacted to assist," Sotah said.

He said the ministry was working with other international security organization to get to the bottom of the alleged kidnapping.

Xinhua

Singer Zhang Liangying speaks to the media during the opening ceremony of the 1st New York Chinese Film Festival at the Lincoln Centre in New York, the United States, on 18 Sept, 2010.—XINHUA





Massive storm hits New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 19 Sept—A massive wind and rain storm battered northern New Zealand late Friday, flooding roads and knocking out power to some 30,000 homes, officials said.

Two cold-weather fronts from the northwest spawned the storm system that washed over the region, the country's MetService weather agency told Radio New Zealand.

At the storm's peak, electric utility Powerco Network operations manager Phil Marsh said around 52,000

customers lost power, Sky News Australia reported.

The coast guard told Radio New Zealand hurricane-force winds of more than 87 mph were recorded in one northern location.

Flooding closed many highways in the area and heavy rain warnings were issued Saturday for the central northern region, the reports said.

There were no immediate reports of death or injuries associated with the huge storm.—Internet



Fishing boats rest at a port in Yilan, southeast China's Taipei, to escape from the onslaught of Fanapi, an upcoming typhoon on 18 Sept, 2010. Counties and cities in Taipei are bracing for the approaching typhoon Fanapi, as the local meteorological department forecasts it will make landfall over the eastern part of Taipei early Sunday morning.—XINHUA

Julia stays far out to sea

MIAMI, 19 Sept—Tropical Storm Julia spun her way across the Atlantic Ocean Saturday, posing no threat to land, US forecasters said.

Julia was producing sustained winds of 50 miles per hour while zipping to the north-northwest at 20 mph, forecasters at the National Hurricane Centre in Miami said in their 5 pm EDT advisory.

No coastal watches or warnings were in effect for Julia, which was 1,500 miles west-southwest of the Azores. The storm was expected to turn to the north and slow down some during the night, then turn to the northeast and weaken Sunday.

Julia, which still had tropical force winds extending outward up to 175 miles from her centre, was forecast to become a remnant low by early Monday.

Internet

Hurricane Igor to hit Bermuda

BEIJING, 19 Sept—Hurricane Igor is churning across the Atlantic Ocean toward Bermuda, packing powerful winds and heavy rains, forcing island residents to board up their homes and businesses.

The US National Hurricane Centre says Igor is on a path to reach Bermuda late Sunday. The Bermudan government is warning locals to be well prepared for Igor.

Most Bermudan residents stocked up on gas, batteries, food and candles. Many stores and restaurants in the capital of Hamilton have been boarded up.

The hurricane centre also says the dangerous storm will likely produce significant coastal flooding and destructive waves, particularly along the southern coast of Bermuda.

Xinhua



Waves crash ashore at Watch Hill Park in Smith's Parish, Bermuda on 18 September, 2010 as Hurricane Igor approaches in the Atlantic Ocean.—INTERNET

China Eastern plane catches fire after Singapore take-off



A China Eastern Airlines plane caught fire shortly after it took off from Singapore's Changi Airport on Friday and was forced to turn back, a report said Sunday.—INTERNET

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All 229 passengers on flight MU568 which

was bound for Shanghai were unhurt, the Sunday Times said. An employee from Changi Airport confirmed the incident when contacted by AFP and said the problem was caused by a technical fault but gave no other details. One of the

passengers identified as Mrs Huang was quoted by the newspaper as saying she saw fire on the plane's left wing and the pilot made an announcement that they would return to the airport. "I saw that the left wing of the plane was on fire and was spewing smoke," she told the Sunday Times' sister publication, Lianhe Wanbao.

"The pilot then told us the plane had run into trouble and needed to return to Changi Airport," she said. The report said alternative arrangements had been made to put the passengers on another flight to Shanghai.

Internet

Six dead in church-van accident on New York Thruway

ALBANY, 19 Sept—A church van crashed on Saturday killing six people and injuring another eight persons on the New York State Thruway in the Town of Woodbury, in upstate Orange County, New York, police said.

A New York State Thruway Police spokesman in Albany told Xinhua the single vehicle accident occurred northbound at the 50 mile marker on Interstate 87 about an hour's drive north of New York City at 3 pm EDT. Early reports said the van was struck by a tractor-trailer. Six people in the church van were killed, he said. "Three helicopters were used to



Traffic is backed up on the New York State Thruway in Harriman, N Y, on 18 Sept, 2010, due to a fatal crash on the northbound side of Interstate 87 in Woodbury between exits 16 and 17.—INTERNET

medevac the injured," State Trooper Jeffrey Salatel in Albany told Xinhua. He said the van rolled over.

Entrance/exits 16 and 17 were closed and traffic

rerouted around the heavily traveled section of the New York State Thruway in the region of the popular Woodbury Commons shopping mall.—Xinhua

17 killed by landslides in northern India

NEW DELHI, 19 Sept—At least 17 people were killed and 10 others trapped in debris as landslides triggered by heavy rains hit several districts of Uttarakhand state in northern India Saturday, reported the Press Trust of India.

The worst affected was Almora District, where an alert has been sounded by the local administration, said the report.

The Sitarganj, Haldwani Pantnagar and Nainital Districts were also hit by rains and landslides.

The torrential rains also disrupted the annual Chardham pilgrimage with national highways and roads being hit by landslides at a number of places, said the report.

The same northern Indian state, which stands at the foot of the Himalayas, was hit by a large landslide last year which killed 80 schoolchildren.

Xinhua



Better transport enables national...

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residing in western areas of Ayeyawady River. Thanks to genuine goodwill of the Head of State, the completed railroad section and motor roads have been opened one after another. Due to opening the railroad section between Minhla and Minbu, the local people in the two townships can enjoy fruits of better transport and speedy flow of commodities saving money. In the near future, local people can directly travel from Patheingyi to Minbu by train.

The better transport



Prime Minister U Thein Sein waving to local people of villages and Hsinlangyi Station along Minhla-Minbu railroad section.—MNA

such, the motor road networks and the railroad networks are being constructed across the nation for enabling the people to travel from one place to another.

Travelling by train can

railroads. So far, the government has constructed over 1500 more miles long railroads. Therefore, the country has stretched over 3000 miles long railroads. Although there were 487 railway stations in the past,

Kengtung, Dawei-Myeik, Patheingyi-Begarat-Hlinethaya, Hinthada-Nyaungdon, Pyay-Toungoo, Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon-Pinlaung, Myitkyina-Bhamo-Hsipaw-Namhsan, Kalay-

networks are under construction from Putao in the far north of Myanmar to Kawthoung in the far south of the nation as well as from Muse, Lashio and Kengtung to Sittway.

transport creates infrastructures for national brethren to be able to gain easy access among the regions.

Upholding Our Three Main National Courses, the government gave priority to ensuring peace and stability and national consolidation. At the same time, the government has adopted 12 political, economic and social objectives for ensuring equitable development of all the regions of the Union and striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed new nation as a national goal.

Due to prevailing peace and stability, development tasks including transport have been undertaken in all the regions of the nation including hilly and plain areas. As such, the nation is now on the track of development. The Prime Minister urged all to work hard for uplifting their socio-economic status utilizing the sound foundations.

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Prime Minister U Thein Sein cordially converses with local people at the ceremony to open Minhla-Minbu railroad section.—MNA

plays an important role in undertaking not only development of a region but also improvement of the nation. The better transport helps develop the regions rapidly and a region can lag behind other regions in development due to poor transport. As

save money and transport a large number of passengers and commodities. Therefore, the government is accelerating construction of the railroads covering various regions throughout the nation. Before 1988, the country had over 1900 miles of

the government has so far constructed 893 railroad stations by extending 406 more stations. The railroads being built in the nation are: Pakokku-Kyangin, Minbu-An-Sittway, Katha-Bhamo, Pyawbwe-Natmauk-Magway, Mongnai-

Kalewa-Yargyi-Monywa and Toungoo-Yado-Loikaw railroads.

On completion, all the railroads will be created as national railroad network for enabling the people to have easy access to various regions of the nation.

In addition, motor road

Therefore, the people can travel to various regions the length and breadth of the nation.

Better transport can contribute not only to trade promotion but also to improvement of education, health and social sectors. Indeed, better



Local people waving to a special train on Minhla-Minbu railroad section.—MNA

Better transport enables national brethren...

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The Prime Minister stressed the need for all the citizens to safeguard the sound foundation for new generations. If future generations continue the construction of infrastructures with momentum similar to

establishment of the industrialized nation. As the better transport is essential for setting up the industrialized nation, a large sum of money has been spent on construction of motor road and railroad networks across the nation.

What the people desire most is the development. Only then, will the prevailing peace and stability effectively support national development. Hence, all the citizens

elections and to choose the good and able persons, those with patriotic spirit and those with a sense of safeguarding the Union.

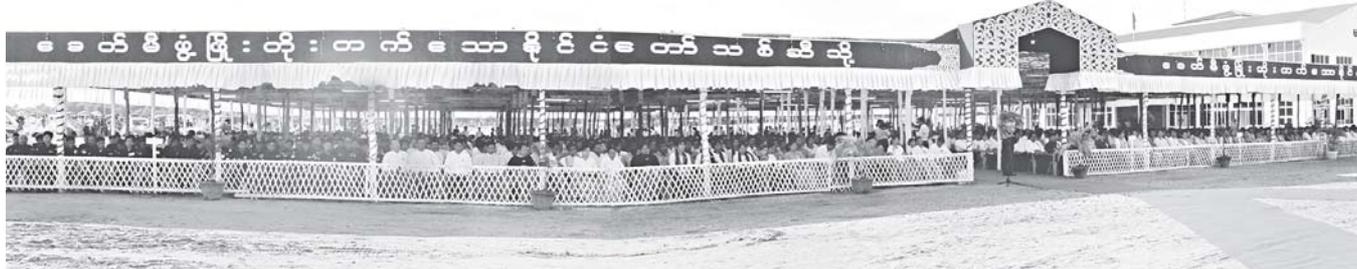
Afterwards, Chairman of Magway Region PDC U Phone Maw Shwe praised staff from Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation for the successful opening of 25.4 miles long Minhla-Minbu railroad section saying local residents on their part

are to maintain the facility for its durability.

After that, Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min explained matters related to Minhla-Minbu rail road section construction project. The construction of Minhla-Minbu rail road section started on 1 April 2007. Work is well under way to open Kyangin-Pakokku rail road section by section. Up to now, trains can run from Pathein-Kyangin to



Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivers an address at inauguration of Minhla-Minbu railroad section.—MNA



endeavours of the present government, Myanmar which is rich in natural resources will have the capability not only for keeping abreast of other countries but also for overtaking some countries in development.

Enhancement of industrial sector applying natural resources and human resources will build a modern and developed nation. As such, it is necessary to carry out agricultural task with momentum for achieving food sufficiency while striving for

are to join hands with the government in respective sectors for ensuring peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order.

In conclusion, the multi-party democracy general elections to be held on 7 November in line with the Constitution unanimously approved by the people is the most important process for all citizens. The Prime Minister urged all to ward off the destruction acts for successfully holding the free and fair



Prime Minister U Thein Sein presents gifts to local people on board the special train on maiden trip.—MNA

Minbu. Arrangements are being made to open the remaining rail roads in order to link Pakokku. Ministry of Rail Transportation is making efforts for the emergence of National Railway Network based on harmonious development strategy and for passenger convenient.

Local resident U Maung Maung Aye from Minbu spoke words of thanks.

The Prime Minister and party cordially greeted those present and took the position at the archway of Minbu station.

Afterwards, the ministers and the Magway Region PDC Chairman opened the Minhla-Minbu rail road section.

The Prime Minister and party together with those present had a documentary photo taken. The Prime Minister unveiled the stone plaque and sprinkled it with scented water.

The ministers and the Magway Region PDC Chairman sprinkled it with scented water.

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A maiden trip on Minhla-Minbu railroad section.—MNA

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The Prime Minister and party sprinkled the special train with scented water and presented gifts to passengers.

While inspecting construction of rail road section from the special train, the Prime Minister was welcomed by residents along the rail road and Hsinlangyi station.

The 25.40 miles long rail road section of Kyangin-Pakokku rail road is being built by the government for the development of west bank of Ayeyawady river.

There are five stations along Minhla-Minbu rail road section and 53 bridges including two over-180-feet long bridges. The train will run three days free of charge to mark its opening.

Myanma Railways is implementing 257 miles long Minbu-An-Sittway rail road project in Minbu and concrete sleeper factory (Minbu) project.

MNA

National development, better future of film professionals interrelated to each other

Information Minister meets MMPA officials

YANGON, 19 Sept—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan had a meeting with the chairman, vice-chairmen and executives of the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiyon at the assembly hall of the MMPA on Wingabar Street in Bahan Township, here, this morning.

Chairman of MMPA U Myint Thein reported on progress in implementing the five objectives for development of the film and video world and improving the social-economic status of film professionals.

Executives reported on requirements to



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan speaking in meeting with chairman, vice-chairmen and executives of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiyon.—MNA

be fulfilled in the interest of directors, film stars and producers in film and video industries. Managing Director of the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Aung Myo Myint and the

MMPA chairman gave supplementary reports.

The minister assessed the reports and attended to the needs, saying that the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiyon laid down

the five objectives and 12 fundamental principles to achieve the objectives; and that the objectives are designed to improve the living conditions of Myanmar's film and video

professionals and to stimulate their sense of national cause.

National development and better future of film professionals are interrelated to each other, he

noted, urging them to work hand in hand with the government, adhering to national interest, for ensuring State's stability, peace and development.

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University of Computer...

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Now, the government is constructing a three-storey reinforced concrete building to improve the academic standard of the university.

When we got to the construction site, Project Manager U Tint Zaw greeted us with open arms. With a scale model of the project, he explained facts

about the project. He said, "This project was launched on 5 June 2008. It is scheduled to be completed by December this year."

The project is being implemented in a plot with an area of 76.09 acres. The building under construction is 513 feet long and 357 feet wide, with a promising sign of adding good reputation of the region.



Principal Dr Khin May Win

The whole project site was found lively with construction activities. The project



A bulldozer in action making the ground even in the project site.



Students in a lecture room in University of Computer Studies (Loikaw).

manager said, "On completion, this building will have a convocation hall, 38 lecture rooms, three administrative office rooms, principal's office, and 72 rest rooms."

The top floor of the university overlooked scenes of natural beauty as the institution is located in a plateau amongst mountain ranges with

dense forests.

He said that the whole project had been completed by 85 per cent; and that officials concerned would inspect the building for quality control. Upon completion, the university will hold room spacious enough for about 3000 students pursuing education at the same time.

Kayah State has already had Loikaw University and Technological University (Loikaw). So, Kayah State has potential for better and easier learning opportunities for the youth in it and from nearby regions.

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Modern infrastructures said 'vulnerable'

LONDON, 19 Sept—Britain's electrical system, financial networks and transport infrastructure could be paralyzed by a solar flare or a nuclear attack, a UK official says.

UK Defence Secretary Liam Fox is expected to deliver that warning next week at a summit of scientists and security advisors who believe the infrastructure that underpins modern life in Western economies is potentially vulnerable to electromagnetic disruption, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on Saturday.

Such disruptions can be caused by man-made nuclear blasts or natural events on the surface of the sun.

Fox will tell the conference he believes there is a growing threat, and he wants to address the "vulnerabilities" in

Britain's high-tech infrastructure, the newspaper said.

"As the nature of our technology becomes more complex, so the threat becomes more widespread," he will say.

The electrical grid, computers, telephones, transportation, water supply and food production are all vulnerable to a major solar flare or an electromagnetic pulse from a nuclear detonation, another expert says.

"Our electrical infrastructures are so ubiquitous that an EMP or geomagnetic storm could shatter nations all over the Earth, and we cannot wait for disaster to spur us to action," Avi Schnurr, a former US government advisor who works for the Israel Missile Defence Association, said.

Internet



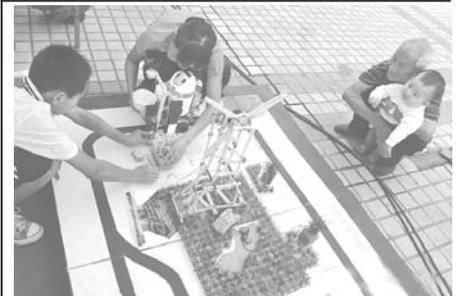
A reaper harvests paddies in a field of Farm 856 in northeast China's major rice producing province of Heilongjiang, on 17 Sept, 2010.—XINHUA

Honduran pilot dies in helicopter show crash

TEGUCIGALPA, 19 Sept—Honduras' military says one of its helicopter has crashed during an exhibition for children and the pilot has died.

A military communique says Saturday's accident occurred when the *Bell 206* helicopter descended suddenly and hit a tree bordering the La Mesa Airport in San Pedro Sula. Thirty-eight-year-old pilot Rommel Ortega died and a 6-year-old boy suffered a broken arm when a tree limb fell on him.

The military says 1,500 children of police, firefighters and street cleaners were watching the exhibition.—Internet



A little child escorted by her grandfather looks at two science fans setting up a DIY electric toy during a campaign to popularize knowledge of science and technology in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 18 Sept, 2010, on the occasion of China's National Science Popularization Day.

XINHUA

James Bacon, columnist to the stars, dies at 96



This undated image provided by the Bacon family shows James Bacon, who died Saturday 18 Sept, 2010 in Los Angeles.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept—James Bacon, who began his career at *The Associated Press* in the 1940s and spent six decades chronicling Hollywood's biggest stars as a reporter, author and syndicated columnist, died Saturday. He was 96. Bacon died in his sleep of congestive heart failure at his Northridge home,

according to family friend Stan Rosenfield.

As a reporter for the *AP* for 23 years and later as columnist for the now-defunct *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, Bacon had a knack for befriending A-list celebrities. He palled around with John Wayne, shared whisky with Frank Sinatra, was a confidant of Marilyn Monroe and met eight US presidents.

"They just trusted him," Rosenfield said. "If you look at the people he was friendly with — Sinatra, Elizabeth Taylor — these were people who didn't always have friendly relationships with the press."

Bacon accompanied Taylor's physician to her home to break the news of the death of her third husband, Mike Todd, in a plane crash.

Internet

Canadian convicted of lying in Air India bomb case

VANCOUVER, 19 Sept—A Canadian man who admitted helping make the bomb that destroyed Air India Flight 182 was found guilty of perjury on Saturday during the trial of two other men accused of history's deadliest airline bombing.

Inderjit Singh Reyat sat passively in the prisoner's box as the jury in Vancouver delivered its verdict after more than two days of deliberations. He later gave a short wave to family members as he was escorted from the courtroom into custody.

Reyat was convicted of lying in the trial of two other Canadian men charged with murder for bombing Air India Flight 182, which exploded over the Atlantic Ocean in 1985, killing 329 people.

Prosecutors subpoenaed Reyat as a witness in 2003 after he had pleaded guilty to reduced charges of helping make the bomb at his home in Duncan, British Columbia on Canada's Pacific coast.

On the witness stand, Reyat, 58, denied knowing what the bomb was to be used for, who organized the plot, or ever asking the name of a man who spent a week at his home completing construction of the explosive device.

Reuters

Nine police officers kidnapped in southern Mexico, two feared dead

MEXICO CITY, 19 Sept—A group of unknown gunmen have kidnapped nine police officers in the southern Mexican state of Guerrero, authorities said on Saturday.

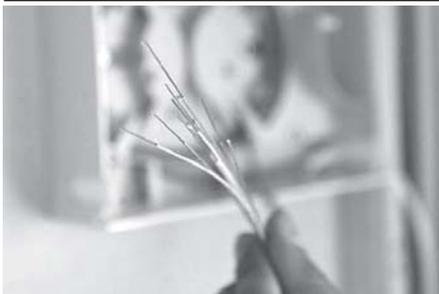
Unconfirmed reports said the bodies of two officers were found later in a northern part of the state.

The police officers were investigating a murder case in the state.

Fernando Monreal Leyva, director of the State Investigative Police, was quoted as saying that contact with the police officers was lost Saturday afternoon.

Police officers were investigating the case and the national army were helping search for the missing.

Mexico has been sparing no efforts to crack down on violence related to drug trafficking.—Internet



Japan's Sumitomo Electric Industries will begin fully integrated production of fibre-optic cables in China this month to capitalise on booming demand in the country, according to a press report.—INTERNET

Volunteers collect waste material floating on the water during a coastal clean-up drive in Manila Bay 19 September, 2010. Dozens of volunteers joined in the International Coastal Clean-up drive to remove debris and rubbish from shorelines, waterways and oceans for a cleaner marine environment.—INTERNET



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DeGeneres signs teenage UK singer

LONDON, 19 Sept — US chat show host Ellen DeGeneres has given a British teenager his big break by signing him to her new record label. Tom Andrews, 16, received a call from the presenter after she saw a video of him online. She

has now given the chart hopeful, from Exeter in Devon, a foot on the ladder to stardom by featuring him on her show — and making him the second signing to her label eleven.

Former American Idol judge DeGeneres launched the label this year with 12-year-old YouTube sensation Greyson Chance. His album is due out this year. Andrews has previously supported indie outfit The Noisettes on tour when he was only 15. He made his debut on The Ellen DeGeneres Show with a rendition of James Brown's World.

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China seeks to play green with black energy

TAIYUAN, 19 Sept — For China, coal has been both an economic driver and a source of pollution. However, the world's fastest growing economy will continue to rely upon coal

in upcoming decades to fuel its economic growth; the difference is that it is also striving to do so in a greener fashion to keep its promise on emission cuts.

China's economy has

leaped forward in the past three decades and so has its energy consumption, with an annual growth rate at more than 8 percent in the past 10 years, according to data from the Ministry of Science and Technology. Currently, coal supplies about 70 percent of China's energy use, mostly for the power sector and steel industry.

Demand for coal has been rising in absolute terms as the world's largest coal producer and consumer needs more energy for economic development. However, the massive burning of coal in an inefficient way has caused serious pollution, subjecting China to frequent criticism from western countries, labeling China the "biggest polluter". — Xinhua



Contestants of the 2010 International Miss Tourism Queen of the Year pose for a group photo in front of the ancient city wall of Xiangfan City, central China's Hubei Province, on 16 Sept, 2010. The contestants of the 2010 International Miss Tourism Queen of the Year from 40 countries and regions toured the ancient city of Xiangfan on Thursday. — XINHUA

A student of tourism major performs tea arts for visitors during the 1st Jiangsu education exposition in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 17 Sept, 2010. The exposition, with a total of 12 exhibition zones, attracted 288 educational units from home and abroad. — XINHUA

The bongo antelope is threatened due to the destruction of the African rain forests. African environment ministers have gathered in the Gabonese capital to hammer out a common position ahead of a UN biodiversity conference in Japan next month.

INTERNET

Two minor quakes reported in southwest China

GUIYANG, 19 Sept — Two quakes have been reported in southwest China's Guizhou and Yunnan Saturday.

A magnitude-4.4 quake hit the border between Luodian County of southwest China's Guizhou Province and Tian'e County of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region with a depth of 10 km at 6:07 pm, according to a statement from Guizhou's seismic network.

A magnitude-3.1 quake hit Dongchuan District of Kunming City, capital of Yunnan with a depth of 13 km at 9:46 pm, according to the China National Seismic Network.

Xinhua



Greeks find human skulls in luggage of US tourists

Greek police charged two US tourists with desecrating the dead on Thursday after they found six human skulls in their hand luggage at Athens International Airport, a police official said.

"The skulls were found in a scanner check during a stop-over in Athens on their way back to the United States," said a police official who requested anonymity. "The coroner confirmed they were human skulls."

The two young tourists said they had bought the skulls in a souvenir shop on the island of Mykonos and believed they were fake, the official said, adding they had been released pending trial.



A handout photo shows a warrior's bronze helmet with gold mouth protector dated to the 6th century BC, found at the west cemetery in Archontiko Pellas, northern Greece. Greek archaeologists on Thursday announced the discovery of 37 ancient tombs dating back to the iron age in a cemetery near the ancient Macedonian capital of Pellas.

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Limbless Frenchman bids to swim Channel



Frenchman Philippe Croizon, seen here in May 2010. Croizon lost all his limbs in an electrical accident but will attempt to swim the English Channel on Saturday, a challenge he has been preparing for two years.

A Frenchman who lost all his limbs in an electrical accident will attempt to swim the English Channel on Saturday, a challenge he has been preparing for two years.

Philippe Croizon, 42, will set off from Folkestone in southern England at

around 6:00am (0500 GMT) and expects to take around 24 hours to swim back to France propelled by his specially designed prosthetic legs.

Steadying himself with the stumps of his arms, he hopes to swim at around three kilometres per hour (two miles per hour), slightly slower than the four or five kilometres per hour that an able-bodied athlete might achieve.

Some seek vacation of tornado thrills

Instead of finding a beach or a mountain cabin for vacation, some people are travelling Tornado Alley to experience a tornado, US researchers say. Sonja Wilhelm Stanis and Carla Barbieri, associate professors at the University of Missouri, find most of these "tornado tourists" aren't just looking for risk; they are seeking a unique and unconventional opportunity to enjoy nature's power and beauty.

"With the help of movies like 'Twister,' storm-chasing has become an international phenomenon," Barbieri says in a statement. "While more than half of the surveyed travellers lived in North America, 11 percent came from Australia and nearly one-third travelled from Europe to get a close encounter with a tornado."

103-year-old judge still serving

A 103-year-old federal judge in Kansas says he has no plans to retire, but he no longer takes on cases bound for extended court battles. Judge Wesley Brown of the United States District Court in Wichita, one of only four President John F Kennedy appointees still serving on the bench, said he has charged his colleagues with telling him when it appears that he can no longer perform his job, *The New York Times* reported Friday.

"I hope when that day comes I go out feet first," Brown said.

The judge, who is only one year shy of matching the record set by Judge Joseph Woodrough, who died at the age of 104 while serving on the Eighth Circuit in 1977, said he still takes on a full load of criminal cases, but he no longer accepts cases that seem likely to stretch for long periods of time.

Public audience makes TIFF different

TORONTO, 19 Sept—For Cameron Bailey, co-director of the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), even though nearly 20 Chinese language films for this year's TIFF is not enough, he thinks the number could still be increased in future.

"I think that we would like more Chinese films every year," he told *Xinhua* in an interview during the festival, which is held from 9 Sept to 19 Sept this year.

"It's only very hard to choose, we are very happy to have all the film makers from China been here," said Bailey, explaining that he came to Chinese mainland in July, and saw many really good Chinese language films. Some of the films such as "Aftershock" have made their north America premiers at TIFF, according to Bailey.

Xinhua

Facebook fervour feeds "The Social Network" fascination

SAN FRANCISCO, 19 Sept—Promises of elitism, geekdom, betrayal and greed are fueling anticipation for the 1 October release of "The Social Network," Hollywood's take on the birth of social networking king Facebook.

Facebook and its founder Mark Zuckerberg have not sanctioned the film, which is based on the book "The Accidental Billionaires" and is directed by David Fincher, who won an Oscar nomination for "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

The screenplay, written by Aaron Sorkin, creator of hit television series *The West Wing*, opens with Zuckerberg as a 19-year-old Harvard student who has trouble making eye contact, according to a draft circulating on the Internet. In the film, a clearly brilliant but socially off-key Zuckerberg is dumped by his girlfriend and takes refuge in his computer, setting in motion the disputed events leading to the



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INTERNET

creation of Facebook. Josh Bernoff, a Forrester analyst and co-author of the books "Groundswell" and "Empowered" about social networking, said he can understand the reasons for Hollywood making the movie.

Internet

SKorea shocker screens at San Sebastian festival



South Korean director Kim Jee-woon poses during a photocall after the screening of his film "I Saw the Devil", during the 58th San Sebastian International Film Festival.—INTERNET

SAN SEBASTIAN, 19 Sept—Graphic scenes in the ultra-violent South Korean thriller "I Saw the Devil" had some viewers heading for the exits at the San Sebastian Film Festival Saturday.

Director Kim Jee-woon's latest film, built around a secret agent's pursuit of the serial killer who murdered his wife, contains a string of scenes so shocking that there was a special warning in the festival programme.

The film, which clocks in at nearly two and a half hours, was also targeted by the censors in the director's home country.—*Internet*

Nicole Kidman returns to Broadway in 2011



NEW YORK, 19 Sept—Kidman will play Alexandra Del Lago, "an aging, drunken and sexually voracious movie star," the *New York Post* reported on Friday.

The play will be produced by Scott Rudin and directed by David Cromer. No actor has yet been named to play the male lead, gigolo Chance Wayne, a role originated on Broadway by Paul Newman in 1959. Kidman last appeared on Broadway in David Hare's "The Blue Room," which ran from 1998 to 1999 at the Cort Theatre.—*Internet*

Nicole Kidman attends the Toronto International Film Festival press conference for 'Rabbit Hole' at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Toronto, Canada on 14 September, 2010.—INTERNET

Fortune shines on Ronaldo as Real go top of Spanish league

MADRID, 19 Sept — Cristiano Ronaldo scored a fortunate first goal of the season with his deflected 75th minute free-kick proving the winner in a 2-1 win at promoted Real Sociedad as Real Madrid moved to the top of La Liga for the first time under Jose Mourinho.

Ronaldo saw his free-kick take a huge deflection off team-mate Pepe and loop in 15 minutes from time and the world's most expensive player seemed embarrassed to celebrate the winning goal which handed Mourinho his first away win.

Argentine international winger Angel di

Maria — a 25-million-euro summer signing from Benfica — scored a memorable first Real goal on 51 minutes only for veteran Raul Tamudo to equalise as Real conceded their first goal under Mourinho.—INTERNET



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (L) vies for the ball with Real Sociedad's player.—INTERNET

Mainz stun Bremen to lead Bundesliga, Bayern held

BERLIN, 19 Sept — Dark horses Mainz went top of the Bundesliga on Saturday after they shocked Champions League side Werder Bremen 2-0, while champions Bayern Munich



Bayern Munich's Dutch defender Mark van Bommel (L) clashes with Cologne midfielder Sebastian Freis.—INTERNET

were held to a goalless draw by Cologne.

Fresh from their 2-2 mid-week draw with Tottenham in the Champions League, Bremen were stunned at home as midfielder Marcel Risse netted and teenage striker Andre Schuerle scored his third goal in three games.

The win leaves Mainz as the only team in the German league with four wins from their first four games.

"That was nothing like what you expect from Werder Bremen," fumed coach Thomas Schaaf, whose side face Hanover on Tuesday in their next match.

Internet

Results of EPL, Laliga, Serie A and Bundesliga on 18 September

EPL		
Stoke C.	1 - 1	West Ham U.
Aston Villa	1 - 1	Bolton W.
Blackburn R.	1 - 1	Fulham
Everton	0 - 1	Newcastle U.
Tottenham H.	3 - 1	Wolverhampton W
West Bromwich A.	3 - 1	Birmingham C.
Sunderland	1 - 1	Arsenal
Italy - Serie A		
Fiorentina	1 - 2	Lazio
AC Milan	1 - 1	Catania
Spain - Laliga		
Espanyol	1 - 0	Almeria
Mallorca	2 - 0	Osasuna
Sporting Gijon	2 - 2	Athletic Bilbao
Real Sociedad	1 - 2	Real Madrid
Germany - Bundesliga I.		
Bayern Munich	0 - 0	1. FC Cologne
Kaiserslautern	2 - 2	Hoffenheim
Stuttgart	7 - 0	Monchengladbach
Werder Bremen	0 - 2	Mainz
Wolfsburg	2 - 0	Hannover

St Etienne on top of French football after 29 years



Saint-Etienne's French forward Dimitri Payet (C) is congratulated by his teammates after scoring.—INTERNET

PARIS, 19 Sept — St Etienne went top of the French first division for the first time in 29 years on Saturday after a 3-0 win over Montpellier.

The win maintained

their unbeaten start to the season and allowed them to nip ahead of previous leaders Toulouse, who drew 0-0 at Monaco, on goal difference.

Dimitri Payet grabbed two of the goals to take his season's tally to six.

He opened the scoring in the 21st minute after taking the ball around defender Abdelhamid El Kaoutari and goalkeeper Geoffrey Jourden.

He added the third in the 65th minute after reacting quickest to a free-kick which had come back off a post.—INTERNET

Manchester United beat Liverpool 3-2 at Old Trafford



Barbatov's brilliant overhead kick put United 2-0 up.—INTERNET

LONDON, 19 Sept— United appeared in danger of throwing away a winning position for the third time this season when Steven Gerrard's brace had cancelled out Berbatov's double either side of half-time.

However, with six minutes to go, the Bulgarian striker became the first United player to net a hat-trick against Liverpool in 64 years as he headed home John O'Shea's cross.

A first half shy on chances was livened up three minutes before the break when Berbatov easily held off his marker Fernando Torres to head Ryan Giggs' corner inside the post.

Berbatov's second

just before the hour mark was a majestic overhead kick and it appeared as though it would then be plain sailing for the Red Devils.

But Jonny Evans' mis-timed challenge on Torres allowed Gerrard to score from the penalty spot on 64 minutes and six minutes later the visiting captain equalised for Liverpool by curling home a free-kick from the edge of the area.

United, though, found one last hurrah as O'Shea drifted a cross to the far post on 84 minutes and Berbatov rose well to beat Jamie Carragher in the air and guide his header inside the upright.—INTERNET

SPORTS

France reach Davis Cup tennis final, Djokovic flops on Serb return

PARIS, 19 Sept — Nine-time champions France eased into the Davis Cup final on Saturday, but Serbia's decision to throw unfit world number two Novak Djokovic into doubles ac-



Arnaud Clement (R) and Michael Llodra (L) of France celebrate after defeating Argentina's Eduardo.—INTERNET

tion backfired against the Czech Republic.

France opened up an unassailable 3-0 lead in their semi-final against Argentina in Lyon when Michael Llodra and Arnaud Clement defeated US Open semi-finalists Horacio Zeballos and Eduardo Schwank 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

In December's final, they will tackle either last year's runners-up Czech Republic or Serbia, who have never reached a Davis Cup final.

Internet

Busch wins Trucks at New Hampshire

LOUDON, 19 Sept — Kyle Busch fears he'll have to fold his team next season if he can't find sponsorship.

At least he never has to worry about driving his way to Victory Lane.

Busch raced to his fifth Trucks victory of the season and 80th overall NASCAR win, passing James Buescher on the final restart Saturday at New Hampshire Motorspeedway.

If Kyle Busch Motorsports is a one-and-done deal, it'll exit full of trophies and checkered flags.

"I can't thank the guys

on this team enough. All they want to do is come out and win races," Busch said. "That's what we're doing."

Internet



Driver Kyle Busch celebrates winning NASCAR Truck Series 175 auto race at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 19th September, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Yangon Region, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Magway and Bago Regions, fairly widespread in Mandalay and Ayeyawady Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Mandalay Region, isolated heavy falls in Kachin State and lower Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pinyinna) and Sagaing (1.41) inches each, Nay Pyi Taw (Laeway) (1.06) inches, Putao (5.00) inches, Tharsi (2.77) inches, Shwebo (2.09) inches, Kyeikkhame (1.73) inches, Nahtoeygi (1.71) inches, Heho and Kawkareik (1.69) inches each, Taunggu (Aviation) (1.50) inches and Patheingyi (1.45) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 18-9-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 19-9-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-9-2010 was (85%). Rainfall on 19-9-2010 was (0.24) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 18-9-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 19-9-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 19-9-2010 was (75%).

Total sunshine hours on 18-9-2010 was (3.7) hours.

Rainfall on 19-9-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (68.19) inches at Mingaladon, (79.17) inches at Kaba-Aye and (85.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 18-9-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 20th September 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Shan State, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of thunder conditions in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

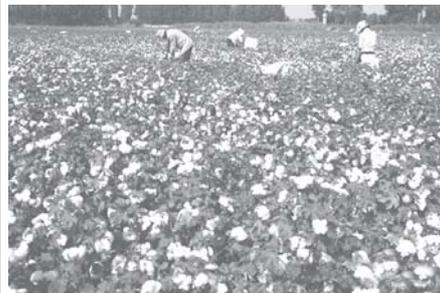
New rules to force German banks to raise 50 bln

BERLIN, 19 Sept— Germany's top 10 banks will need to raise 50 billion euros in new capital to meet proposed new global banking rules due to go into effect in 2019, the weekly *Der Spiegel* reports in its Monday issue.

Citing a confidential document from the Bundesbank, Germany's central bank, the weekly said the banks should be able to raise 40 billion euros by setting aside a portion of future profits and by raising funds on the markets.

For the remaining 10 billion euros, the financial institutions will have to find "new sources of revenue, which will pose greater problems for less profitable regional banks" or Landesbanken, said *Der Spiegel*.

Xinhua



People pick cotton in a field in Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture of Bortala, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 16 Sept, 2010. The total output of cotton planted by Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps is expected to exceed 1 million tons this year.

XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (20-9-2010)(Monday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission	(20-9-10 09:30 am ~ 21-9-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Serenely Pleasant Pindaya
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * The Colossal Marble Buddha Images from the Sacred Sagyin Hill
- * Bagan; The Land of Pagoda
- * News
- * The Ahka National Traditional Communal New Year Festival
- * News
- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles (Monywa)

Oversea Transmission

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- * News
- * Smogless Sky, Enchanting Smiles (Monywa)
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * (Being Young) Youth and Music
- * News
- * The historical sites of Taung Tha Man
- * The glory of Maha-Muni Buddha Image, at dawn
- * Record Album
- * News
- * Today's Youths and Dancer Training courses
- * News
- * Topic on Journal "One Stop Visit in Myanmar"
- * Myanmar Movie "My Teacher"



Monday, 20 September View on today

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| 7:00 am | တင့်အောင် |
| 1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ဝိသိတ် တရားတော် | 7:50 am |
| 7:25 am | 5. Nice & Sweet song |
| 2. To Be Healthy Exercise | 8:05 am |
| 7:30 am | 6. Culture Little Dancers |
| 3. Morning News | 8:15 am |
| 7:40 am | 7. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ |
| 4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဦးလတ်လေး) | 8:25 am |
| | 8. Musical Programme |
| | 8:40 am |
| | 9. International News |
| | 8:45 am |
| | 10. နေပြည်တော်ရေပန်း |
| | 8:50 am |
| | 11. Dance Of National Races |
| | 4:00 pm |
| | 1. Martial Song |
| | 4:10 pm |
| | 2. Dance Variety |

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| 4:25 pm | 3. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe) | 6:00 pm |
| 4:35 pm | 4. အထေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (သမိုင်းအင်္ဂလိပ်စာ၊ ပထဝီဝင်၊စိတ်ပညာ၊ဒဿနိကဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (သမိုင်း) | 6:15 pm |
| 4:50 pm | 5. Songs To Uphold National Spirit | 6:20 pm |
| 5:00 pm | 6. "စက်မှုနှင့်မှာကျွန်ုပ်တို့ လာတည်တော်မူမယ်" | 6:20 pm |
| 5:10 pm | 7. Musical Programme | 7:00 pm |
| 5:20 pm | 8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာတေး | 7:00 pm |
| 5:30 pm | 9. မြန်မာတေးသံရှင်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ | 10. Evening News |
| | | 6:15 pm |
| | | 11. Weather Report |
| | | 6:20 pm |
| | | 12. ဆိုကြမယ်ဖျော်ကြမယ် |
| | | 7:00 pm |
| | | 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မဟာဆန်သူ... တိုက်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈) |
| | | 8:00 pm |
| | | 14. News |
| | | 15. International News |
| | | 16. Weather Report |
| | | 17. "အရက်ဦးမှာဖူးသည့်ကြာ" (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း) (ဂါရိုက်တာ-စာရေးဆရာတင်သန်းဦး) |



- ★ 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

University of Computer Studies (Loikaw)

On our trip to Loikaw to write bylines reflecting progress of Kayah State, we dropped in University of Computer Studies (Loikaw) Construction Project. By good fortune, we had an opportunity to interview Principal Dr Khin May Win.

She said that University of Computer Studies (Loikaw) used to be Government Computer College, commencing 27 March 2003; and that it was upgraded

to a university on 20 January 2007.

Now, the educational institution is a one-storey building with one computer hall, four lecture halls, a library, an administration and students' affairs hall, and three hostels for faculty members. As to academic matters, the principal said that the university conducted basic applied computer course, Module I and II undergraduate courses, B.C Sc course, B.C Tech course, B.C

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Sc Hons course, B.C Tech Hons course, M.C Sc course, M.C Tech course, M.I Sc course, and D.C Sc (Diploma in Computer Science) course.

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University of Computer Studies (Loikaw) under construction for local youngsters to have easy access to higher education.

