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Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits Nyaunghnapin Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Special Zone, Kalihtaw Dam

YANGON, 31 Aug — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, visited Myanma Paddy Research Department in Hmawby Township, Yangon North District, this morning. (See page 7)

Magway Division; inexhaustible source of edible oil

Byline: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine);
Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

Just as we set foot in Magway—Magway Division, we enjoyed a fantastic scenery of rural life featuring crop plantations stretching to the horizon, piles of reaped groundnuts and workers winnowing sesame amidst sesame fields, which were like a serene natural painting.

In order to get detailed facts about regional development, (See page 7)
**PERSPECTIVES**

**Tuesday, 1 September, 2009**

**Strive for further development of border trade**

Every nation in the world is working hard for their economic development by trying to produce and export agricultural, marine and forest products more and more to the international market.

A trade is the driving force for economic development. Myanmar is trying to export its products and measures are being taken for boosting trade. In the past, the only trade route was by sea from the Yangon port. But now, inland trade routes have been introduced.

There are regular trade zones in Muse, Myawady and Tamu at Myanmar-China, Myanmar-Thailand and Myanmar-India borders respectively. Out of them, Muse 105-mile trade zone has the largest trade volume. Through this trade zone, Myanmar exports agricultural produce, marine and forest products and minerals - most of them rice, beans and pulses, mango, watermelon, pepper, rubber, fish and prawn and jade.

Construction materials, machines and equipment, computers and accessories, farm implements and consumer goods and home appliances are imported through these trade zones.

Muse 105-mile trade zone has been expanding regular trade since 2006. Now, steps are being taken to speedily transport goods from Mandalay to Muse 105-mile trade zone by container trucks.

We believe that if Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, entrepreneurs and regional authorities work in concert, border trade will further develop.

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**Workshop on TB care commences**

**NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug** — The opening of Dissemination Workshop on Adopting the International Standard for Tuberculosis Care (ISTC) in Myanmar. — MNA

**Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo gives a speech at Dissemination Workshop on Adopting the International Standard for Tuberculosis Care (ISTC) in Myanmar.** — MNA

**Coordination meeting for boosting marine product of Taninthayi Division held**

**YANGON, 31 Aug** — Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein addressed the coordination meeting for boosting marine product of Taninthayi Division held at the Division Fisheries Department in Myeik on 29 August.

The commander and the minister heard the reports presented by the Chairman of Division Fisheries Department, the Head of Division Fisheries Department and entrepreneurs and fulfilled the needs. — MNA

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**FM felicitates Secretary of General People’s Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation of GSPLAJ**

**NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept** — On the occasion of the Revolution Day of the Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya which falls on 1 September 2009, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Musa M. Abdussalam Kousa, Secretary of the General People’s Committee for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation of the Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. — MNA

**Peoples’ Desire**

- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
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**Township Education Officer U Tun Win Than delivers an address at the educative talk on traffic rules at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay Division on 18 August.** — NLM
UK considered oil deal in Lockerbie case

LONDON, 31 Aug—The British government allowed the Lockerbie bomber to be covered by a prisoner transfer agreement with Libya because that was in the “overwhelming interests of the United Kingdom” as a major oil deal was being negotiated, a newspaper reported on Sunday.

The Sunday Times, citing leaked correspondence between Justice Secretary Jack Straw and his Scottish counterpart Kenny MacAskill, said the decision was made as “wider negotiations” with the government of Libya continued.

On Sunday, Straw dismissed as “simply untrue” any suggestion that economic considerations had an effect on the decision to release Abdel Baset al-Megrahi.

“The suggestion that at any stage there was some kind of backdoor deal done over (al-Megrahi’s) transfer because of trade is simply untrue,” Straw said in an interview with the BBC. Al-Megrahi’s request to serve out his life sentence in Libya was later denied by MacAskill, but he released the Libyan on compassionate grounds because the 57-year-old is terminally ill. Al-Megrahi returned to Libya earlier this month.

The Sunday Times reported that Straw had originally tried to keep al-Megrahi, the only person convicted of the attack on Pan Am Flight 103, from being included in the agreement.—INTERNET

Two dozen NATO supply tankers burnt in Pakistan border

ISLAMABAD, 31 Aug—At least two dozen oil tankers and trailers carrying supplies for NATO forces in Afghanistan were destroyed by fire after a rocket attack in the Pakistani border, local media reports said on Monday.

According to officials, unidentified men fired rockets at the containers and NATO oil tankers in Chaman area of Pak-Afghan border on Sunday evening, setting vehicles on blaze.

Reports said over 25 containers, oil tankers, trailers and the vehicles mounted on trailers were all destroyed with three people injured.—Xinhua

Johannesburg launches new buses in World Cup build up

JOHANNESBURG, 31 Aug—South Africa rolled out a new rapid bus network on Sunday in its largest city Johannesburg ahead of next year’s Football World Cup, seeking to shore up its image as a safe destination.

The gleaming red and blue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) stations finished in steel and glass already dot the city and the red and blue buses are a far cry from the dilapidated mini-buses that are known for deadly accidents.

“I am looking forward to the system at least it is safe. When you take a taxi (mini-bus) you never know if you will reach your destination alive,” said Teresa Chalatsi from Johannesburg’s famed Soweto township after her first ride.

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Civilian killed, 14 wounded in Iraq’s violence

BAGHDAD, 31 Aug—A civilian was killed and 14 people were wounded in bomb attacks in Baghdad and Diyala Province on Sunday, a well-informed police source said.

A civilian was killed and five others injured in a roadside bomb explosion at a main road in Baghdad’s eastern district of Kamaliyah, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

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In the volatile province of Diyala, in northeast of Baghdad, five policemen and a civilian were wounded when a roadside bomb struck a police patrol in the provincial capital of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of the Iraqi capital, the source added.—Xinhua

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The Guardian newspaper said 470 children, many from countries suffering poverty and conflict such as Zimbabwe, Sudan, Sri Lanka and Democratic Republic of Congo, were locked up after arriving in Britain.

The figures from the Home Office were provided for a single day, on 30 June this year. Most of the children were aged under five, and almost one third were held for longer than 28 days, the newspaper said. Out of 225 children released from detention in the second quarter of this year, only 100 were then removed from Britain.—Internet

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CULIACAN, 31 Aug—A shooting that killed eight people partying on a seaside boulevard in northwestern Mexico may have been the work of vigilantes targeting car thieves, a prosecutor said.

The gunmen drove up in a white SUV and fired on the festive crowd without saying a word, Sinaloa state deputy Attorney General Jose Luis Leyva said on Sunday.

A 15-year-old boy and a 17-year-old girl were among the youngest killed on Saturday night in the Pacific coast town of Navolato. Four people were wounded.

Also among the dead were two brothers in their 30s who had a record of car theft, Leyva told The Associated Press. He said investigators were considering the possibility that the gunmen belonged to a criminal gang known as the “Death Squad,” which has been killing car thieves in the region.

“It’s one line of the investigation, and of course we are going to follow it,” Leyva said.

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Kadhafi and Berlusconi launch Libya highway project

TOUSHA, 31 Aug—Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi and Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi laid the foundation stone on Sunday for an ambitious highway stretching along the entire Libyan coast, an AFP correspondent said.

The 1,200 kilometre (750 mile) highway has long been demanded by Libya as compensation for Rome’s occupation and colonial rule over the north African country from 1911 until World War II.

The foundation stone for the road, which will stretch from the Tunisian border in the west to the Egyptian frontier in the east, was laid at Tousha, about 50 kilometres (31 miles) east of Tripoli.

Berlusconi arrived in Libya in early afternoon and was to share an iftar meal breaking the Muslim dawn-to-dusk Ramadan fast with Kadhafi before returning to Rome later on Sunday, an Italian official said.

His visit and the launch of the highway project formed part of celebrations marking the first anniversary of a friendship treaty signed between Libya and Italy a year ago.

Under the treaty, Rome will pay five billion dollars (3.5 billion euros) in compensation in the form of investments over the next 25 years.

In return, Libya is to crack down on illegal migration from its shores.

Since May, Italy has returned around 1,000 illegal immigrants to Libya, according to estimates by Italian news agency ANSA. —Internet

India posts 6.1 pct quarterly growth

NEW DELHI, 31 Aug—India’s economy expanded by 6.1 percent in the three months to June, picking up pace from the previous quarter, official data showed on Monday, helped by government stimulus.

The quarterly growth was up from the 5.8 percent posted in the January-March quarter and broadly in line with forecasts, but analysts say the economy may face a struggle in the coming months because of a widespread drought. —Internet

Japan's July industrial output up 1.9%

TOKYO, 31 Aug—Japanese industrial production in July rose a seasonally adjusted 1.9 percent from the previous month, marking a fifth straight monthly gain, as the world’s number two economy slowly pulls out of recession, official data showed on Monday. —Internet

Cuba endeavours to raise farm output amid economic downturn

HAVANA, 31 Aug—Pressured by a global economic crisis and a stern US economic blockade that has lasted nearly a century, Cuba is actively seeking ways to boost its agricultural production.

The measures include turning over land close to cities to residents to plow, replacing fuel-burning tractors with oxen, redistributing fallow land and raising the prices of state-regulated farm products. Without rich natural resources, Cuba has to spend at least 1.6 billion US dollars a year importing food.

Food production, therefore, is a matter of national survival.

The Auckland skyline. New Zealand’s economy is recovering from the impact of the global crisis but the progress of the upturn is uncertain, central bank governor Alan Bollard said on Monday. —Internet

Australian Treasurer says economic stimulus vital for recovery

CANBERRA, 31 Aug—Australian Treasurer Wayne Swan said on Monday that to withdraw the economic stimulus now would threaten the nation’s recovery.

“Economic stimulus is the only reason why Australia is one of two of the advanced economies that grew in the March quarter,” Swan told reporters.

“To withdraw the stimulus now would simply knee-cap the recovery and lead to much higher unemployment,” he said.

“That is the advice the government has received from the Treasury.”

“The economic stimulus at the moment is vital to supporting business to keep customers coming through the door,” Swan said.

“Of course the stimulus is temporary and is targeted and it is designed to be withdrawn from year’s end as the economy recovers.” Meanwhile, Opposition Treasurer Joe Hockey rejected Swan’s assessment and reiterated his call for the spending to be cut back.

“There will always be some rent seekers around the place who are keen to get more handouts from the government, but ultimately this is borrowed money,” Hockey said. —Xinhua
Colombia isolated in S American countries

CARACAS, 31 Aug—Colombia has found itself isolated at Friday’s South American summit due to its intention to allow more US military presence in the region.

The extraordinary summit of South American Union of Nations (Unasur) is called to discuss the decision made by Colombian President Alvaro Uribe to allow the installation of US military bases on the Colombian territory.

The move has come under strong criticism as many countries warned of US military expansion in the region.

“We don’t want yankee bases in South America,” the out-spoken Chavez told foreign media at Miraflores Palace, the president’s official residence in Caracas.

The 12-nation meeting showed that South America had backed self-determination in an unprecedented way and rejected US hegemony, Chavez said. On Sunday, Chavez slammed Uribe for failing to understand the concerns of regional leaders who asked him for a copy of the final US-Colombia military agreement.

Chavez also said that trade relations with Colombia have remained frozen since a 28 July decision to freeze fuel exports and trade agreements worth around 7 billion dollars with the country.

Chavez had threatened to cut ties with Colombia if the agreement was signed.

Xinhua

Graduates make consultation during a job fair sponsored by the local government for graduates in Haining, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 29 Aug, 2009. —Xinhua

Two firefighters killed while battling wildfire in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 31 Aug—Two firefighters were killed on Sunday while battling a massive fire on the northern outskirts of Los Angeles, authorities said.

The two firefighters were killed when the vehicle they were in went over the side of a road in the Angeles National Forest, according to the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD).

LACFD spokesman Mike Bryant said the deaths occurred during “intense fire activity” near Mount Gleason.

Their names were not immediately released, although their families have been notified, Bryant said.

“We ask for your understanding, for your patience as we move through this difficult time, and please, prayers for the families of our two brothers that we lost,” Bryant told a press conference.

The blaze was only about 5 percent contained and had scoured 66 square miles (about 106 square kilometres) in the Angeles National Forest. Mandatory evacuations were in effect for neighbouring Glendale, Pasadena and other cities and towns north of Los Angeles.

Xinhua

Sugar shortage arises in Malaysia during festive seasons

KUALA LUMPUR, 31 Aug—It has been the norm for Malaysia to face sugar shortage during festive seasons and this year is no exception, with the first shortage reported early this month.

Whenever a shortage of the item arises, stakeholders involving the Malaysian government, consumers and sugar traders will start pointing fingers at each other, making the root cause behind the shortage vague.

While the Malaysian government said there was enough supply of sugar in the market, there were isolated cases reporting a lack of sugar supply.

From the Malaysian government’s perspective, sugar shortage is caused by illegal hoarding of sugar. Irresponsible sellers are said to have hoarded the stock in order to assert pressure on the Malaysian government to raise the sugar’s price.

In August alone, at least 60 metric tons of sugar worth about 84,000 ringgit (24,000 US dollars) was seized from various parties illegally hoarding the sugar.

To halt the illegal act, the Malaysian government has offered to reward 10,000 ringgit (2,857.14 US dollars) to those who successfully inform the authorities of sugar hoarding.

Xinhua

Indian village asks AIDS community centre to move out

NEW DELHI, 31 Aug—A village administration in Nalgonda district of Andhra Pradesh, south-central India, has passed a resolution asking a community care center for people living with HIV or AIDS to be shifted out of the village, said a source quoting a local villager on Monday.

The villagers want the centre to be shifted out because they fear they will get those diseases, said the source. The centre has 10 beds and is funded by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO). It is now run by a corporate hospital after moving in the village in June.

The authorities say though the resolution is passed by a democratic body, it has no legal validity and must be annulled. Villagers have written a letter to the local administration, saying: “Let them locate the centre one kilometre away from the village or shift it back into the main hospital premises.”—Xinhua

34 feared dead as boat sinks in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 31 Aug—Thirty-four people might have been dead as an overloaded cargo vessel sank on a river off Borneo island, rescuers said on Monday.

Rudi Ansyah, head of the rescue team in Banjarmasin town where the boat departed, said that 21 bodies have been found and search is still under way for the missing 13 others in the tragedy that occurred three days ago.

“The missing persons could be dead as they have gone under water for 3 days,” he told Xinhua from the scene of the accident. The boat, Sari Mulia, sank late Friday after hitting strong currents on the Bataras, 100 km from Banjarmasin town, in southern Kalimantan Province.

Ansyah said that 116 people have survived.

Boats are favourable and chief transport mean in Indonesia, home of over 230 million people. But lack of safety standard has been frequently blamed for the accident in waters in the archipelago country with 17,500 islands.—Xinhua

Xinhua

People pour into a flea market kicked off on Saturday in the downtown of Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 29 Aug, 2009. The flea market, the first one of its kind in the city, was organized to save and recycle various resources. —Xinhua

Xinhua
Captured Ukrainian crew plead for help

NAROBOL, 31 Aug—The Ukrainian crew of a cargo ship held for more than three months by Somali pirates pleaded on Sunday for authorities to speed up efforts to gain their release and urgently evacuate a female hostage. “We are exhausted and desparate,” the Ukrainian skipper of the MV Ariana, who gave his name only as Captain Voronov, told AFP by phone from the ship anchored off northern Somalia.

One of two female members of the 24-strong crew “racks death” without proper medical treatment, according to a Ukrainian doctor who spoke to her by phone from the Kenyan capital Nairobi.

The tearful young woman pleaded for help in the phone call, said the doctor, who said she ran the risk of generalised infection due to a gynaecological condition.

Indian scientists hail aborted lunar mission

PANAJI, 31 Aug—The head of India’s state-run space agency on Sunday hailed the country’s first moon mission a success, despite losing contact with the spacecraft.

“The mission was a great success,” G Madhavan Nair, chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), told reporters in the state capital of Goa, Panaji, where a conference on low-budget space missions opens this week.

Nair, who said 95 percent of the Chandrayaan-I project’s objectives had been completed, admitted scientists were disappointed with the development, but said a “large volume” of data was collected, including 70,000 images of the moon.

India launched the unmanned satellite and put a probe on the moon’s surface to great fanfare and national pride late last year, propelling the country into the league of space-faring nations.

ISRO announced on Saturday that the 80-milion-dollar project was over after losing radio contact with the satellite early on Friday, blaming a computer malfunction for cutting communications.

Kenya’s hippos hard hit by drought

TAVO WEST NATIONAL PARK, 31 Aug—Kenya’s persistent and bruising drought is having a serious impact on the country’s wildlife, one of its main tourist attractions, obliging the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) to feed hippos to keep them alive.

In Tavo West national park, a vast expanse of shrubby savannah and majestic rocky outcrops in the south east of the country, hippos are dying in large numbers and other species have been forced to change their diet. Some 15 hippos have been found dead in the park in the past few weeks for lack of any grass to graze on around the pools where they spend their days submerged to keep out of the sun.

“For the past one month, the research team has recommended that in order to have the hippos in (good) condition... we give them four bales of hay every two days,” KWS ranger Edwarg Njugu told AFP.

Woman awarded $2m after dentist pulls 16 teeth

A South Carolina woman has won a $2 million jury verdict against a dental clinic that mistakenly pulled 13 teeth.

The State reported that 28-year-old Elizabeth Smith wanted three teeth pulled when she went to the Sexton Dental Clinic in Florence in 2006. Her lawsuit said a dentist at the clinic pulled all 16 of her upper teeth.

State court records in Florence indicate the jury returned the award late last week.

One of Smith’s lawyers, Robert Randall, said the woman plans to have restorative surgery as soon as possible.

That’s estimated to cost about $80,000.

Clinic attorney Saunders Bridges said he is considering an appeal.

Man allegedly bites off love rival’s ear lobe

A southeast Missouri man was arrested on Monday for biting off the ear lobe of a love rival.

The Southeast Missourian reported that a 23-year-old man was charged with felony assault and burglary and was jailed on $50,000 bond.

Police said the suspect and the victim were arguing over a woman just before midnight on Tuesday. The suspect allegedly displayed a butcher knife, but the victim and the woman pushed him out the door.

A fight allegedly began after the suspect knocked loudly at a window. Police said the two men fell to the ground and the suspect bit off the victim’s ear lobe.

Police recovered the severed lobe, but doctors were unable to reattach it.

News Album

A group of hippos bathe in a shallow pool of water in the Tavo West National Park, in southern Kenya. Kenya’s persistent and bruising drought is having a serious impact on the country’s wildlife, one of its main tourist attractions, obliging the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) to feed hippos to keep them alive.

Mom, 80, shoots at deputies as son hides in closet

An 80-year-old West Tennessee woman and her son are being held in jail after deputies said she shot at them when they came to arrest the man. Sheriff Melvin Bond said the elderly woman fired several shots at officers in a standoff that began when deputies tried to capture her 60-year-old son.

The Jackson Sun quoted Bond who said four deputies went to the woman’s mobile home on a tip that her son was there. Bond said officers heard the man talking inside the trailer and — when they knocked on the door — the woman opened it, slammed it shut and fired a shot through it.

The deputies took cover and, during the hour-long standoff, two more shots were fired through the door.

There were no injuries. The man was found hiding in a closet.
Lt-Gen Myint Swe visits Nyaunghnapin Agri-culture and Livestock Breeding Special Zone and inspected the plantation of U Tin Tun in Zone (1) and the plantation of Dr Daw Hla Hla Thein in Zone (2). Then, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party visited Kalhtaw Dam near Pyinnmadaw Village, Hlegu Township, inspected flow of water into the dam, the control tower and the dam and left necessary instructions.— MNA

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Magway Division Chambers of Commerce and Industry President U Tun Hsai (L) and Vice-President U Kyon Sein.

(from page 1) we interviewed President U Tun Hsai of Magway Division Chambers of Commerce and Industry. He told the Kyemon, “Here, major products are edible oil crops, chilli, onion, potato, jaggery and tamarind. We distribute our products and get some products such as rice from other regions in coordination with the association.”

Vice-President of the association U Kyon Sein said, “We fix prices for crops at rates acceptable to both farmers and customers.”

While we were absorbed in conversation, an executive was busy, exchanging information on commodity prices on phone with partners from the four corners of the nation.

President U Tun Hsai said that merchants from other regions should coordinate with the association first whenever they had to purchase local goods to be able to stabilize prices.

The association puts the interest of local farmers in the fore and gets deeply involved in public welfare service such as donating fire stations worth millions of kyats and local products and relief supplies worth over 1.2 million kyats to victims to the storm “Nargis”.

We proceeded to wholesale centres in Myothit Ward. Thakhta Street was found bustling with trade activities.

Under the arrangements made by President U Tun Hsai, we visited U Kyaw Than (Thamadi Wholesale Centre). Our visit coincided with the harvest of sesame in the region. According to the proprietor of the centre, sesame and groundnut were mostly from Migyaungye, Thityakauk, Saingkya, Kokkowa, Nyaunggon and O-gon villages.

In an interview, a farmer said that he was U Aung San from Htanbinsan Village in Thityakauk Station; that he was there to sell sesame to the centre; that the major source of income of the whole village was agricultural farming; and that they were getting on with their businesses.

We also visited Amay Htwar and Sons Edible Oil Refinery and Mill on Taunggyi Street in Aung Saydana (B) Ward. Owner U Htay Aung said that they started to run their business in 2000; that in order to get quality groundnut oil, the groundnut had to be of quality species and the produce had to be free from unnecessary things in it; and that he exposed groundnut to the sun several times before milling it.

I was impressed by the 600" x 600" compound of the mill with huge boilers produced locally.

U Htay Aung said that they had their edible oil mill examined by the Food and Drugs Administration.

Near the workers sorting beans was a huge pile of butter beans of marketable quality. They exported butter beans to the Republic of Korea and Japan.

We also visited several other edible oil factories in the region. On our way from the region, we saw stockpiles of bags of groundnut and sesame, and piles of red sesame and white sesame.

According to our first-hand experiences, Magway Division, the edible oil bowl of Myanmar, is an inexhaustible source of edible oil.

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Groundnut is exposed to the sun before milling it.

Wholesale centres in Magway are lively with trade activities.
Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min views locomotives, coaches and freight carriages presented by People’s Republic of China.—MNA

Yangon, 31 Aug—The People’s Republic of China handed locomotives, passenger and freight coaches over to the Union of Myanmar at Yangon Railway Station this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, Director-General of International Cooperation Thaung Lwin and U Pe Pe Min, Director of Yangon Department of Ministry of Transportation and Deputy Ministers Thura U Htwe and Maj-Gen Aung Min, for Rail Transportation.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min addressed the concluding ceremony of Advanced Course for Assistant Engineers (Civil) and opening ceremony of Advanced Course for Road Workers.—CONSTRUCTION

Nay Pyi Taw, 31 Aug—Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Swar Swe. Having sprinkled scented water on new locomotives, the minister and deputy ministers as well as officials viewed them.

The PRC had been sending five locomotives, 20 passenger coaches and 200 freight coaches since 2009 May for the second-time friendship gifts. It was learnt that 130 passenger coaches had been sent to Myanmar for the first-time friendship gifts in 2006. The present new passenger coaches the PRC sent will be used for Yangon-Mandalay Express railways section, freight coaches (open) for upgrading railways and new railways projects and freight coaches for Yangon-Mandalay, Yangon-Mawlamyine, Mandalay-Myitkyina and Mandalay-Lashio railways sections for ensuring the swift flow of commodities.—MNA

Educative talks on revenue held in Mawlamyine

Yangon, 31 Aug—Organized by Mon State Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, educative talks on revenue for foodstuff entrepreneurs in Mawlamyine Township were held at the hall of Mon State Internal Revenue Department. It was attended by Chairman of Mawlamyine Township Peace and Development Council U San Myint and party, township departmental personnel, Chairman of Ward PDCs and 200 entrepreneurs.

Head of Mawlamyine District Internal Revenue Department U Hla Myint extended greetings and head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Aye Kyu gave talks relating to revenue of foodstuff and answered the queries raised by the entrepreneurs.—MNA
Commander attends monsoon trees planting ceremony and sowing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—Mandalay City Development Committee organized monsoon tree planting ceremony and sowing ceremony at Yaydagun Mountain in Pathein Township on 25 August. Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe planted trees and viewed the participation of those present in the activity. Next, the commander and personnel attended sowing ceremony and sowed seeds. The commander inspected cultivation of paddy at the farm of Mandalay City Development Committee and stressed the needs.

State and Division Women’s Football (open) Tournament 2009 kicks off

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—The 14th State/Division Women’s Football (open) Tournament 2009 kicked off at Yamanya Stadium in Mawlamyine of Mon State yesterday evening, attended by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, departmental personnel and guests.

The commander and the minister welcomed the football teams at the Hall of Mon State in the morning. In the evening, the minister formally opened the tournament. In the opening match, Mon State hammered Bago 6-1 in Group-A.

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On arrival at the briefing hall of Public Works Road Group (8) in Mya Yar Village in Taungup Township, Lt-Gen Ko Ko heard reports by officials concerned on work progress, and gave instructions on construction tasks.

He also inspected expansion of Padaung-Taungup Road, and teak plantations along the road. He held a meeting with service personnel, representatives of social organizations and townselders at the town hall of Taungup Township. The chairman of Township PDC gave an account of work progress for regional development. Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave instructions on regional development tasks, and presented sports equipment, exercise books, uniforms and corrugated iron sheets.

Next, he inspected the pontoon at Taungup port and cargo vessels and trawlers and instructed officials to keep the port clean.

He visited the Plywood Factory Project of the Myanmar Timber Enterprise of the Ministry of Forestry in Taungup, and heard reports on work progress.

He inspected the progress of Taungup in a motorcade.—MNA

Yesagyo Township with self-reliant libraries

Byline: Pe Htun Zaw (Yesagyo); Photos: Township IPRD

IPRD said that opening the self-reliant library will contribute to disseminating knowledge, being able to decide right and knowing people’s desires and implementing administrative matters effectively and swiftly.

Under the supervision of Township PDC and under the arrangement of the Department, plans are laid down to open rural self-reliant libraries starting from 2004-2005 year, she added. Self-reliant libraries were opened at 245 villages in the township on 25 May 2005.

For the perpetual existence of the already-opened libraries, five tasks have been undertaken with four added strengths. As a result, 98 libraries that meet five standards emerged till July 2009 and the rest 147 libraries are under way to be like above ones. I am pleased to see neat libraries donated by wellwishers of Yesagyo Township.

Opening rural libraries contribute to reading without discrimination against people, age and education. In particular, reading leads to positive attitude toward anyone. I am pleased to read news about donation of books, magazines, journals and libraries and organizing educative talks.

People on their part are to work for perpetual existence of rural libraries with national duties and awareness.

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Translation: MT


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Beijing sees better air quality in August

BEIJING, 31 Aug—Beijing has seen better air quality in August, according to data released by the municipal environmental protection bureau on Monday.

The Chinese capital had 28 “blue sky” days this month, three days more than the average level since 2000 and also that in July.

Beijing, however, reported 30 such days in August last year when a massive anti-drunk driving equipment that would lock the ignition of a vehicle was developing the anti-drunk driving equipment that would lock the ignition of a vehicle was developing.

Toyota said on Monday that in July.

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Beijing uses a five-grade classification of air quality on the basis of pollution indices, with Grade I being the best and Grade V the worst. Days with Grade I and II air quality are regarded as “blue sky” days. There was 0.106 mg of inhaled particle matter per cubic meter of air in August.

China’s air quality index uses different measures to that used by the World Health Organization.

Beijing had 199 “blue sky” days in the year to August, 20 days more than the same period last year. It needs further 61 such days to meet the government target.

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Rare butterfly species sighted in Assam

KOKRAJHAR (Assam), 31 Aug—A rare species of butterfly, believed to be extinct, has been sighted and documented in Assam’s Kokrajhar district.

Researcher Kushal Choudhury who spotted the Yellow-Crested Spangle (Papilio elephenor), last sighted hundred years ago, photographed and documented it at Phipsu in Ripu-Chirang reserve forest in the district.

This is the first-ever photograph of the live species to be taken in the world after it was first recorded by naturalist C T Bingham in 1907, Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife Division) Ghosh said.

Choudhury said he had documented the butterfly on 22 May in the Ripu-Chirang reserve forest.

The species is included in the red data book (list of species whose continued existence is threatened) of the International Union for Conservation of Natural Resources. Choudhury has been studying swallow-tail butterflies on the north bank of river Brahmaputra from Sonkosh to Dhansiri river since 2002.

Hospital foundation collapse kills four workers in N China

SHIJIAZHUANG, 31 Aug—The collapse of the foundation of a building at a hospital construction site in north China’s Hebei Province killed four workers, the hospital said on Monday.

The four were buried in the foundation at the Hebei People’s Hospital Monday noon. They were rescued but died in hospital because they had stopped breathing too long, doctors said.

The emergency rescue stopped at 4:20 pm. The construction team started the building about two weeks ago, a worker said.

Continuous rains made the soil soft, which may have caused the collapse, he said. Local authorities were investigating its cause.

5.9-magnitude earthquake jolts NW China

XINING, 31 Aug—An earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale struck remote Qinghai Province in northwest China at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, the China Earthquake Administration said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or property losses, local government said. The epicenter was located at 37.7 degrees north and 95.9 degrees east, said the administration.

The quake, which occurred three days after a 6.4-magnitude quake hit the region, was felt in Golmud, a city 160 km away from the epicenter.

Ministry: China’s trade surplus with EU to ease from last year

BEIJING, 31 Aug—China’s trade surplus with the European Union (EU) for 2009 will be less than last year, a senior official of the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) said on Monday.

Trade surplus with the EU has already eased so far this year, said Sun Yongfu, the MOC’s deputy minister, who is in charge of European affairs.

Customs figures show China’s surplus with EU was about 55.7 billion U.S. dollars in the first seven months of the year, less than half of last year’s total of 160 billion U.S. dollars. He said the decline in China’s export to the EU has accelerated while the fall in the country’s imports to the EU has eased. China’s exports to EU were worth 103.5 billion U.S. dollars in the first half, down 24.5 percent from a year earlier.

China’s imports to EU stood at 56.5 billion U.S. dollars in the first six months, down 13.1 percent from a year ago and easing from 15.1 percent in the first quarter.

“There has already been a sharp fall in China’s trade surplus with the EU so far, and the figure for the whole year will not be as large as that of last year,” he said. “Trade between the two sides will become more balanced.” Sun said he hoped the EU would check potential protectionism arising in the EU, as with increasing trade there had been friction between the two partners.
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KMA III VOY NO (904)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KMA III VOY NO (904) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 1.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of B.S.W.(3) 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
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS KMA SHIPPING CO., LTD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (183)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (183) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 1.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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3. Please contact 534886 for further information.
4. Tender documents can be obtained at the below-mentioned address.

Procurement Committee
Ministry of Information
Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise
No.28, Kokkine Yeiktha Street, Bahan Township, Yangon

COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT COMES DOWN WITH THE SWINE FLU
BOGOTA, 31 Aug—Colombian President Alvaro Uribe has the swine flu and officials have advised other South American leaders who met with him at a summit of the infection, authorities said Sunday. The 57-year-old Uribe began feeling symptoms on Friday, as a day as a meeting of South American presidents in Bariloche, Argentina, and he was confirmed to have swine flu after returning home, Social Protection Minister Diego Palacio said.
"This isn’t something that has us scared," Palacio said at a news conference. Uribe, a key US ally in Latin America, is not considered a high-risk patient and will continue working from his computer, officials said.
Public health director Gilberto Alvarez said in a telephone interview that there was no need to put the president in isolation and that his condition would monitored for three days to a week.
During a Union of South American Nations summit of the region’s presidents on Friday, Uribe spent hours defending his plan to give US troops more access to Colombian bases as part of his government’s fight against drug traffickers and leftist rebels. Many of his colleagues have voiced concerns about the idea.—INTERNET

MODERATE EARTHQUAKE JOLTS NORTHEAST INDIA
NEW DELHI, 31 Aug—An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter Scale hit India’s northeastern state on Monday, the region in the region this month, reported Indo-Asian News Service. The news service quoted officials the regional seismological center in Shillong, capital of Meghalaya state, as saying the tremor was felt at 00:58 am (19:28 GMT Sunday) and had its epicenter at the tri-junction of the borders of the Indian states of Manipur, Nagaland and neighbouring Myanmar.
The quake lasted 12 to 15 seconds, shaking houses and other structures in Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura, causing panic among local people who run out of their houses, said the report.
There has been no immediate report of damage caused by the quake, said the report. This is the third tremor which jolted the region this month.
An earthquake measuring 4.9 on the Richter scale took place on 19 Aug, followed by another measuring 5.6 on 11 Aug.

First Australian-built hybrid car launched
CANBERRA, 31 Aug—Toyota officially launched the first Australian-built hybrid car on Monday as production began at its Altona assembly plant in Melbourne. Last year the Australian Federal Government contributed 35 million Australian dollars (29.4 million US dollars) to help support Toyota’s plans to build 10,000 Camry hybrids each year at the plant from 2010. “The Hybrid Camry is a significant step towards a greener, more sustainable automotive industry,” Federal Industry Minister Kim Carr said in a statement. The car will give Australians a choice if they prefer a hybrid, he said. “This is a major achievement for Toyota Australia—this plant is one of only five Toyota plants in the world making hybrid vehicles.”—Xinhua

China’s A/H1N1 vaccine set for final experts approval
BEIJING, 31 Aug—China’s State Food and Drug Administration will hold an experts certification meeting at 2 pm on Monday, to test the reliability of its A/H1N1 vaccine, according to a news report from China Central Television (CCTV) on Monday morning. The vaccine has already finished clinical trials, and the test result will be released at 5 pm. If safe, the vaccine will be formally released for use on people, the report said.—Xinhua
Gold nanotech breath test may show lung cancer early

LONDON, 31 Aug—A sensor made with gold nanoparticles can detect lung cancer in a patient’s breath and may offer a diagnostic before tumors show up on an X-ray, Israeli scientists said on Sunday.

The device, which the developers say would be cheap enough for everyday use by family doctors, detected lung cancer with 86 percent accuracy and may offer a way to screen for a disease not usually diagnosed until it is spread and is no longer curable.

It uses sensors based on gold nanoparticles to detect specific compounds that volatile organic compounds (VOCs)—that lung cancer patients have in high levels in exhaled breath. Breath testing is already recognized as a way of linking specific VOCs in exhaled breath to a certain medical condition.

In 2006, researchers found dogs could be trained to smell cancer on the breath of patients with 99 percent accuracy, Hossam Haick, one of the scientists working on the sensor, said he hoped it could soon allow doctors to have a simple test at hand to screen people during routine appointments.

“Conventional diagnostic methods for lung cancer are unsuitable for widespread screening because they are expensive and occasionally miss tumors,” Haick and colleagues wrote in Nature Nanotechnology.

“This device is not at all expensive. The whole idea in this development was to devise something very sensitive, and very cheap and very portable,” Haick, of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, told Reuters. Internet

Exercise beats angioplasty for some heart patients

BARCELONA, 31 Aug—Working up a sweat may be even better than angioplasty for some heart patients, experts say.

Studies have shown heart patients benefit from exercise, and some have even shown it works better than surgical procedures. At a meeting of the European Society of Cardiology on Sunday, several experts said doctors should focus more on persuading their patients to exercise rather than simply doing angioplasties.

Angioplasty is the top treatment for people having a heart attack or hospitalized with worsening symptoms. It involves using a tiny balloon to flatten a blockage and propping the heart artery open with a mesh tube called a stent. Most angioplasties are done on a nonemergency basis, to relieve chest pain caused by clogged arteries cutting off the heart’s blood supply.

“It’s difficult to convince people to exercise instead of having an angioplasty, but it works,” said Rainer Hambrecht of Klinikum Links der Weser in Bremen, Germany.

Astra drug beats Plavix without major bleed risk

BARCELONA, 31 Aug—AstraZeneca’s new pill Britilina for preventing heart attacks works better than Plavix, the world’s second biggest selling drug, without increasing the amount of life-threatening bleeding, researchers said on Sunday.

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Hong Kong reports A/H1N1 flu death case

HONG KONG, 31 Aug—Hong Kong’s Tuen Mun Hospital announced on Sunday that a female patient who had been infected with Influenza A/H1N1 virus died in the hospital on the same day.

The 43-year-old patient, who was a chronic smoker, developed flu symptoms on 23 Aug and attended the Designated Flu Clinic on 24 Aug. The patient attended the Accident and Emergency Department of the hospital on 26 Aug and was admitted to the Isolation Ward, according to a statement from the hospital.

On 26 Aug, the patient was tested positive for Influenza A/H1N1 virus. She received Tamiflu, Relenza and antibiotics treatment. With her condition deteriorating, she was transferred to Intensive Care Unit on the same day. —Xinhua

Bangladesh announces first A/H1N1 flu death case

DHAKA, 31 Aug —Bangladesh’s Lab Aid hospital announced on Sunday that a female patient who had been infected with the A/H1N1 flu virus died in the hospital. It was the first H1N1 flu death case in Bangladesh.

The patient, Mitu Chakrabortee, 37, came from Savar area, some 30 km northwest of capital Dhaka, died at 10:30 pm local time, said Mejba Azad, media coordinator of the Lab Aid hospital. Xinhua
Capello keeps Owen in World Cup exile

29-year-old Manchester United player, who scored his first competitive goal for the English champions in last week’s Premier League defeat of Wigan, is his country’s highest goalscorer.

But Capello was not convinced enough by the striker’s form to include him in the squad which faces Senegal in a friendly on Saturday and the Group Six qualifier with Croatia on 9 September where victory would guarantee England’s place in the finals in South Africa.

Heath Slocum becomes surprise winner at Barclays

JERSEY CITY, 31 Aug—The little guy from the sticks beat Tiger Woods and a cast of big stars in perhaps the most urban setting in PGA Tour history.

Heath Slocum, the 5-foot-7, 150-pound grinder who went to high school with country-as-they-come Boo Weekley in the Florida Panhandle town of Milton, won the Barclays on Sunday at lengthy Liberty National—a couple of par 5s from the Statue of Liberty.

With the Manhattan skyline looming in the background on a clear, breezy day, Slocum made a 20-foot par putt on the 18th hole to win The Barclays golf tournament at Liberty National Golf Club on 30 Aug, 2009, in Jersey City, N.J.—Internet

Hughes impressed by revitalised Adebayor

PORTSMOUTH, 31 Aug—Manchester City manager Mark Hughes believes Togo striker Emmanuel Adebayor is flourishing again because he is happy to have found a club that appreciates him. Adebayor wasn’t missed by many at Arsenal when City paid 25 million pounds to sign him during the January transfer window.

Adebayor scored twice against Hamburg on Sunday to put the north German team ahead of Bayer Leverkusen.

Guardiola talks of Robinho swoop

MADE, 31 Aug—Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola insisted on Sunday that Manchester City’s Brazilian winger Robinho was not on the European champions’ shopping list.

There had been reports in Spain that treble winners Barcelona were preparing a 40-million-euro move for Robinho, but Guardiola said that it was highly unlikely that either the Brazilian or any other player would be recruited for the new season. “He (Robinho) will not come. He was Manchester City’s star signing last season and it would not make sense for them to part with him now,” Guardiola was quoted by Spanish news agency EFE.—Internet

Kanoute off as Valencia defeat Sevilla

MADRID, 31 Aug—Cash-strapped Valencia started the new season on the right note with a 2-0 home win over rivals Sevilla which were reduced to 10 men following the dismissal of Frederic Kanoute.

The international midfielder Kanoute was sent off close to half-time for two dangerous aerial challenges and Valencia took full advantage with second-half goals from Juan Mata and Pablo Hernandez.

Kanoute was poor at home last season so this was the perfect start against one of their direct rivals for a Champions League spot. “We have passed one test and will continue studying for the next one,” said Valencia coach Unai Emery.

S P O R T S

Bordeaux top despite end of record winning

PARIS, 31 Aug—French champions Bordeaux saw their record of 14 consecu-utive league victories come to an end in a tight 0-0 draw with title rivals Marseille on Sunday. But the point was enough to put them back on top of the table on goal difference from Paris St Germain and Lyon, who also have 10 points.

In a game of few opportunities at the Stade Velodrome, Marseille’s Brazilian striker Brandao saw a fierce drive come back off the post while Benoit Cheyrou hit the crossbar.

With Bayern Munich’s new signing Arjen Robben scoring twice in the 3-0 win over champions Wolfsburg on Saturday, Bordeaux took their chance to keep their unbeaten record and go top.—Internet

Dazzling Diego downs rusty Roma

ROME, 31 Aug—Brazilian magician Diego teasingly toyed and toyed with AS Roma as he inspired Juventus to a crucial 3-1 victory over the Serie A rivals in the Italian capital on Sunday. The Turin giants went top of the table after the former Werder Bremen star’s brace at the Stadio Olimpico secured a second consecutive win and condemned Roma to a second defeat in two games.

Juventus coach Ciro Ferrara paid tribute to his star player. “He already showed last week the quality he has. Technically he is very good but he’s also very useful in the defensive phase,” said Ferrara.

“Of course we had some difficulties during the game, but overall we played as we should and deserved to win.” This win gives us confidence and confirms that we have great players here but I’m not reading anything into the six points at this time, even if we are doing well.—Internet

Guardiola cools talk of Robinho swoop

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Andy Roddick has bounced back from the heartbreak of an epic five-set loss to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon final eight weeks ago to serve notice he will be a contender again at the US Open. “You play the hand you are dealt,” Roddick said. “I don’t think at any point that I sit around and feel sorry for myself. I feel pretty fortunate... there have been great champions that you have to go through every era in tennis.”

Roddick’s 27th birthday came Sunday on the eve of the year’s last Grand Slam tournament on the Flushing Meadows hardcourts where the American won his only Slam crown in 2003. Roddick hopes to add another magic memory in two weeks. “There was never a point where I was going to just lay down and play hard,” Roddick said.

L-R Andy Roddick of the US, Roger Federer of Switzerland, Victor Kanigel and Maria Sharapova of Russia are seen during the Arthur Ashe Kids Day in Flushing, New York.—Internet

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INTERNET

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Marseille’s forward Mathieu Valbuena (R) vies with Bordeaux’s defender Yoann Gourcuff (L) during their French L1 football match Marseille vs. Bordeaux, at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, southern France.—Internet

Trochowski penalty puts Hamburg top

BERLIN, 31 Aug—Alate penalty from Hamburg winger Piotr Trochowski put Hamburg top of the Bundesliga on Sunday and sealed a 3-1 win over Cologne.

Goals either side of half-time by Peru striker Jose Paulo Guerrero had put Hamburg 2-0 ahead, but Germany winger Trochowski’s late spot kick made sure of the win to put the northern German team ahead of Bayer Leverkusen.

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Renewable energy market to grow 25 pc annually

DUBAI, 31 Aug—The alternative energy sector is expected to grow 25 per cent annually and would account for almost 70 per cent of the global energy market by 2030, organizers of an alternative energy convention has said.

The sector’s current USD 15 billion share of the estimated USD 800 billion worldwide energy infrastructure will rise by then to around USD 600 billion, they said.

Key issues related to this growth and the Middle East’s push towards alternative energy will be examined during the 2009 Alter Energy Convention here from 27-29 October.

Gulf countries are expected to collectively spend around USD 70 billion in energy projects in 2009 to accommodate massive energy consumption.

WEATHER

Monday, 31st August, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hrs MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Bago, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Thapyaygon) (1.53) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (0.24) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (0.12) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Taikon) (0.09) inch, Tataroo (4.61) inches, Putao (3.03) inches, PyinOo Lwin (2.52) inches, Sagaing (2.35) inches, Kengtung (2.04) inches, Myek (1.89) inches, Mandalay (1.77) inches, Kawtareik (1.57) inches and Aunglan (1.54) inches.

Maximum temperature on 30-8-2009 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 31-8-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 31-8-2009 was 96%. Total sun shine hours on 30-8-2009 was (0.9) hour approx.

Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (85.59) inches at Mandalay, (0.74) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.91) inch Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (85.59) inches at Mandalay, (97.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.71) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from East at (12-40) hours MST on 30-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1st September 2009:

Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State, Taninthayi, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin States and upper Sagaing Division and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-9-2009: Rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-9-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence makes tour around Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint, inspected Nyaungkyo Camp in Padaung Township on 25 August. Officials concerned reported on work progress.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko called for regular maintenance of roads for their durability. Together with Chairman of Rakhine State PDC Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected Taungup valley road. (See page 10)

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High tide warning

YANGON, 31 Aug — The Myanmar Port Authority issued a warning today that exceptionally high of spring of from 20.0 feet to 20.6 feet above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 4th to 10th September 2009. It is not serious because the high tides have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the years 2007 and 2008.

Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug — A moderate earthquake of intensity 5.3 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (near Myanmar-India border) about 580 miles north-northwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 01 h 57 min 15 sec MST today.

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 broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Yesagyo Township with self-reliant libraries

Byline: Pe Htun Zaw (Yesagyo); Photos: Township IPRD

In building a modern developed nation, it is important for a country to have people having a vast amount of knowledge. Thus, emergence of well-educated human resources plays an important role. With a view to disseminating knowledge among the national races, plans have been laid down by Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information starting from 2004-2005. As a result, rural self-reliant libraries have been opened in 55,755 villages out of 60,000 the length and breadth of the nation.

Yesagyo Township in Magway Division is one of them. Information and Public Relations Department of Yesagyo Township is actively participating in implementing ten tasks under the leadership of Township Peace and Development Council. Head Daw San Yu Maw of Township (See page 10)