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Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence inspects repairs to Taungup-Maei-Kyaukpyu Road

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and officials, arrived at the rubber plantation of U Soe Tint in Ngalonemaw Village-tract, Taungup Township, on 26 August morning. After inspecting the rubber plantation, Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave instructions on choosing and growing quality rubber strains. Next, he looked into the paddy fields on both sides of Taungup-Maep Road by car. (See page 8)

Hlaingbwe: A developing township of Kayin State

Byline: Win Shwe; Photos: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung)

Hlaingbwe is situated in Hpa-an District of Kayin State. Over 0.3 million population are residing in the township which covers an area of 1671.74 square miles. The township is 85 miles from south to north and 46 miles east to west. Shwegun feeder road lies at the front of Hlaingbwe creek-crossing bridge at the entrance to Hlaingbwe. Hlaingbwe is 13 miles far from Shwegun. One can see trees lush and green along the three-season road and can travel with pleasure. (See page 7)
Grow more crops on irrigated farmlands

The availability of water plays an important part in boosting production of the agricultural sector. A large number of dams, reservoirs and sluice gates have been built wherever possible across the nation.

There are also dam projects being implemented, especially in such regions as Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway divisions where water is scarce. Moreover, tube-wells and artesian wells are being sunk and small dams and irrigation canals constructed for farmers to be able to grow more paddy, cotton, sugarcane, edible oil crops and beans and pulses.

Myogyi weir constructed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was inaugurated in Kyaukse Township on 29 August. The facility will be able to irrigate over 30,000 acres of farmland in Kyaukse, Myittha, Wundwin and Thazi townships.

Upstream from Myogyi weir are Myogyi and Kenghkam dams that are under construction and Zawgyi dam that has been completed. Myogyi weir was constructed in order to irrigate farmlands while the other two are being built. Myogyi weir will also help the greening of the Mektila plains.

For the purpose of irrigating farmlands and greening the environment, more and more dams and sluice gates are being built all over the nation and the total number of completed dams has reached up to 225. As a result, acres of irrigated farmland have increased and agricultural production level has risen.

We would like to call on farmers and local people to extend the cultivation of paddy and other crops by systematically using dam water and help maintain irrigation canals and green watershed areas.

Construction Minister inspects Pyinnmana-Pinlaung road

NAV PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected road works from mile post (0/0) to (9/2) on Pyinnmana-Pinlaung Road (Kintha-Yawataung road section) and extension and leveling of road from mile post (9/2) to (20/4) on Yawataung-Koegwe road section being carried by road construction project special group (13), and gave necessary instruction yesterday.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint views the construction site of Leinli suspension bridge.—MNA

Next the minister looked into maintenance of road along Pyinnmana-Pinlaung Road.

At the briefing hall of construction of Leinli suspension bridge at mile post (47/3), the minister heard reports and called for timely completion of construction work.

The upper structure of the bridge is of steel frame and the lower structure, broad crest type. The main bridge is 1000 feet long and each approach road is 760 feet long. The two-lane motorway is 28 feet wide and the bridge can withstand 75 tons of loads.—MNA

Forestry Minister inspects construction of new school building

NAV PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, on 30 August, viewed the students learning at Aungthabyaw Post-primary School in Bogale and construction of new school building, and donated construction materials.

After that, the minister inspected the construction site of Town Hall. In the afternoon, the minister inspected No.1 Basic Education Middle School in Bogale and donated construction materials. On 31 August, the minister inspected the finished wood factories of Kanbawza Thitsa Hlaing Co Ltd in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon and United Wood in No.5 Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township.

MRDA Chairman and party leave for Cambodia

YANGON, 1 Sept—The 13-member Myanmar delegation led by Central Executive Committee member the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Chairman of Rice Dealers’ Association U Aung Than Oo this morning left here for Cambodia by air to attend a meeting on cooperation in agricultural sector from 1 to 4 September.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-President U Aung Lwin of UMFCCI and officials.—MNA
Pentagon worried about Obama’s commitment to Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept — The prospect that US Army Gen Stanley McChrystal may ask for as many as 45,000 additional American troops in Afghanistan is fueling growing tension within President Barack Obama’s administration over the US commitment to the war there.

On Monday, McChrystal sent his assessment of the situation in Afghanistan to the Pentagon, the US Central Command, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and NATO. Although the assessment didn’t include any request for more troops, senior military officials said they expect McChrystal later in September to seek between 21,000 and 45,000 more troops. There are currently 62,000 American troops in Afghanistan.

However, administration officials said that amid rising violence and casualties, polls that show a majority of Americans now think the war in Afghanistan isn’t worth fighting. With tough battles ahead on health care, the budget and other issues, Vice President Joe Biden and other officials are increasingly anxious about how the American public would respond to sending additional troops.—Internet

Two American, two British troops killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Sep — Bombs killed four NATO troops on Monday — two Americans and two Britons — ending the deadliest month of the war for US forces as the top NATO commander called for a new strategy to confront the Taliban.

The US military said the two Americans were killed in separate explosions in southern Afghanistan but gave no further details. Their deaths brought to 47 the number of US troops who have died in the Afghan war in August — three more than in July which had been the deadliest month.

In London, the British Ministry of Defence said the two British soldiers were killed by a bomb on a foot patrol north of Lashkar Gah, a southern Afghan city where Prime Minister Gordon Brown paid a surprise visit last weekend and promised help for his embattled force.—Internet

A child walks outside his home near Polokwane, South Africa, on 20 Aug. 2009. In a report, released on 31 Aug. 2009 in Johannesburg, the UN Children’s agency says more African babies will die and more of the continent’s children will drop out of school because of the global recession. Experts based their bleak predictions on previous crises.—Internet

Global recession will kill African kids

JOHANNESBURG, 1 Sept — The global recession will increase infant and child deaths and cause more students to drop out of school in Africa, the UN children’s agency predicted on Monday, as the financial crisis delivers a delayed blow to the continent and is expected to linger longer.

Droughts in Africa and the 1990s Asian financial crisis have showed that the poor cope with drops in income by cutting back on food and medical treatment and withdrawing their children from school to avoid spending money on tuition and supplies, said Anthony Hodges, UNICEF’s social policy adviser for west and central Africa.—Internet

Nine Iraqis wounded in Baghdad bomb attacks

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept — Nine people were wounded in two bomb attacks in Baghdad on Monday, a well-informed police source said.

Five people were wounded when a roadside bomb went off near a US military patrol in the Rustamiyah area in southeastern Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The source could not tell whether the US patrol sustained any casualties as the US troops sealed off the area. In addition, four people were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near the convoy of a senior official of Baghdad’s municipality near the Nahda Square in the centre of the capital, the source added.

Xinhua

Deadly wildfire surges closer to Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 1 Sept — A deadly wildfire destroyed more than four dozen homes as it blackened a wide swath of tinder-dry Southern California forest, forced thousands of residents to flee and burned dangerously close on Monday to a vital mountaintop broadcasting complex.

Fire crews battling the blaze in the Angeles National Forest tried desperately to beat back the flames and prayed for weather conditions to ease. The fire was the largest of at least eight burning across California after days of triple-digit temperatures and low humidity.

The fire scorched 164 square miles of brush, destroyed 53 homes and forest cabins and threatened more than 12,000 others, but a lack of wind kept flames from overwhelming firefighters who protected suburbs northeast of Los Angeles.

Internet
Brazil to boost state control of offshore oil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Sept—Brazil unveiled plans Monday to boost state control of recently discovered offshore oil fields by giving its oil company Petrobras a minimum 30 percent stake in areas open to foreign company exploitation.—INTERNET

Brazil believes the oil finds could turn it into one of the world’s top 10 oil exporting nations.

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said in his weekly radio broadcast that the reform “represents a new Independence Day for Brazil.”

Formally presenting the changes in a televised ceremony in Brasilia on Monday, he called the fossil fuel reserves “a passport to the future”.

The offshore reserves are estimated to contain between 14 billion and 50 billion barrels of oil. Petrobras announced the discovery of the first big field, Tupi, in late 2007.

If confirmed, that could mean more than double the country’s proven reserves and propel Brazil into the same oil production ranks as OPEC countries within a decade.

Unemployment in NZ to rise to 8%

WELLINGTON, 1 Sept—Economic forecaster NZIER predicted that unemployment will peak at 8 percent late next year, while the economy will return to growth, but remain fragile.

In its quarterly predictions released on Tuesday, the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research anticipates the economy will have shrunk by 1.8 percent in the year to March 2010. Towards the end of this period, growth is expected to resume, before hitting 3 percent in 2011.

The institute’s principal economist, Shamina Singh, said things will remain tough for households, as unemployment could rise to 8 percent or more, and businesses, which are still “doing it tough” are restricting hiring.—Xinhua

Economist says Mexico’s economy three or four years away from pre-crisis growth level

MEXICO CITY, 1 Sept—It would take three or four years for Mexico and the rest of Latin America to match pre-financial crisis growth rates, an economist told Xinhua in an interview Monday. Yet all were expected to grow next year.

In the region, Mexico may prove to be the most seriously affected by the crisis, with a decline of around 8 percent this year, said Luis Felipe Lopez-Calva from Mexico’s University of the Americas.

Official statistics reported a year-on-year decline of 10.3 percent in the second quarter. Mexico’s GDP enjoyed a 3.2 percent growth in 2007.

Xinhua

Canada’s economy shrinks 3.4 pct in 2Q

TORONTO, 1 Sept—The Canadian economy contracted at a 3.4 percent annual pace in the second quarter, an improvement from the first three months of the year, the government said on Monday.

Statistics Canada said the economy actually grew in June by 0.1 percent, the first monthly increase in almost a year. Canada’s central bank and many analysts think the economy is starting to grow again in the current quarter.

The 3.4 percent drop in gross domestic product for the April-to-June period follows the biggest drop on record in the first three months of this year. The economy plunged at a revised annual rate of 6.1 percent in the first quarter. The drop was previously reported as 5.4 percent. Statistics Canada data dates back to 1961.—INTERNET

Exxon resumes production at Cepu block in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 1 Sept—Exxon Mobil has restarted production of crude oil from Cepu giant block in Central Java, Indonesia after having problem on pipeline in March which halted production, a media reported here on Tuesday.

Vice president at the firm Maman Budiman quoted by the Jakarta Post as saying that the block’s Banyu Urip field had begun delivering oil for facilities’ start up and commissioning on Monday afternoon.

“The start-up and commissioning were done to make facilities able to produce more than 5,000 barrels of oil per day,” he said.

The production is over 5,000 barrels per day and expected to reach up to 15,000 barrels per day by the end of this month.

Cepu block in Central Java is being jointly developed by Exxon Mobil and Indonesian state oil firm Pertamina.

The block started production in last December with a volume of around 800 barrels per day.

The government relies heavily on the block to help jack-up its dwindling oil output, and had expected Cepu to begin contributing 20,000 barrels per day as of September last year.

Xinhua

China to boost new generation LCD production with $4 bln investment

BEIJING, 1 Sept—China will promote the production of liquid crystal display (LCD) based on a new generation Thin Film Transistor (TFT) technology with a total investment of 28 billion yuan (4 billion US dollars), at Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area.

BOE Technology Group Co, an LCD-making company with patent technology on G8 TFT-LCD production, will complete a production factory by 2011 which is able to assemble 40-inch LCD TV screens.

Xinhua

Partial view of the Petrobras P-51 semi-submersible off-shore oil platform under construction at the Brasfelf shipyard in Angra dos Reis, 180 km south of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2008. Brazil is to boost state control of vast, recently discovered offshore oil fields by giving its oil company Petrobras a minimum 30 percent stake in areas open to foreign company exploitation.—INTERNET

Cars are lined up for export in the southeastern port city of Ulsan, South Korea. The east Asian nation recorded a trade surplus of 1.67 billion dollars in August, the seventh straight month of surpluses, the Ministry of Knowledge Economy said Tuesday.—INTERNET

In this photo taken on 18 Aug, 2009, a woman works in a textile factory in Jinjiang city, in southeast China’s Fujian province. China’s manufacturing growth picked up in August, rising to its highest rate this year amid massive stimulus spending, a business group reported on 1 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

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Students and their parents buy new school books in a bookstore in downtown Nanjing, east China’s Jiangsu Province, recently. All kinds of school books are on hot sale at every corners of the city as the new school term began on Monday.—XINHUA

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Sugar cane to return to Angola in biofuel move

LUANDA, 1 Sept—Angola will begin planting sugar cane for the first time in more than 30 years this month as the oil-rich country takes its first step toward biofuels.

A 30,000 hectare (74,000-acre) site in Malanje Province, hundreds of kilometres (miles) east of Luanda, is the first biofuel project to get off the ground in Angola where the government is trying to revive farming after decades of war.

The scheme is also part of efforts to diversify the economy away from its dependence on oil and diamonds, which have powered a post-war boom since Angola’s civil conflict ended in 2002.—Internet

Typhoon slams into Japan’s east coast injuring three

TOYKO, 1 Sept—Japan’s Meteorological Agency says Typhoon Krovanh has slammed into the country’s east coast bringing heavy rain and strong winds.

The agency says the typhoon dumped heavy rain in Tokyo and its environs on Monday and is moving north. The typhoon disrupted train and flight schedules. Aviation officials say it grounded at least 59 flights at Tokyo’s main international airport at Narita as well as the largely domestic Haneda airport.

Japan’s national broadcaster NHK television reports three minor injuries. No deaths have been reported. Krovanh is a Cambodian word for a kind of tree.—Internet

Tribal violence kills 46 people in south Sudan

KHARTOUM, 1 Sept—Tribesmen trying to steal cattle attacked a village in southern Sudan, sparking a conflict that killed 46 people, including seven soldiers, the UN said on Monday.

The incident was the latest in a rising wave of tribal violence in the south that has killed more than 2,000 people, including many women and children, and displaced another 250,000, according to the UN.

UN and local officials have expressed concerns that the violence could hamper preparations for national elections scheduled for next year, which are a key component of a deal that ended more than two decades of civil war between the north and south.—Internet

Scientists unlock secret to youthful skin

SINGAPORE, 1 Sept—Scientists from Singapore and Germany have made a novel discovery that might lead to ways of reversing the effects of ageing and wrinkled skin.

A statement by Singapore’s Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) on Tuesday said that an international team of scientists led by Bruno Reversade from A*STAR’s Institute of Medical Biology (IMB) discovered that mutations in a certain gene caused a rare genetic condition that results in premature skin ageing.

The gene is known as PYCR1. Using bioinformatics tools, the research team analyzed rare DNA samples collected from affected patients across the world who, at a young age, displayed signs of premature ageing.

They identified the PYCR1 gene on chromosome 17 of these patients to be defective and found specific mutations in the gene that led to conditions often seen in elderly people, such as loose skin, loss of bone density, hip dislocation and cataract.

Furthermore, they determined that skin and bone were the two tissues most severely affected in patients.

As skin and bone contain high levels of the PYCR1 protein, developing therapies could increase the activity of this protein, the process of ageing could possibly be reversed.

This research project involved collaborations with over 15 hospitals and research centers in 13 countries. —Xinhua

Man with Spears tattoo steals earring-wearing dog

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Dortort said he let a man hold the Chihuahua for a moment during a friend’s birthday party, then both of them disappeared.

Police said a suspect has been identified, but it’s up to the Broward State Attorney’s Office to decide whether to issue an arrest warrant.

Pa man stabbed in dispute over feeding dog

A central Pennsylvania woman has been charged with fatally stabbing her live-in boyfriend of five years during a dispute that reportedly began as an argument over her feeding the dog before serving him dinner.

Fifty-five-year-old Pamela Poorman is charged with killing 51-year-old Larry Coletti on Thursday night in Annville Township. Police say the couple had come home with takeout food and began arguing, then physically fighting. Poorman told police she picked up a knife to scare Coletti and then stabbed him. She later said she was being beaten and “had to stop it.”

Poorman was taken to Lebanon County Prison without bail. She indicated at her arraignment that she planned to seek a public defender.

Man wearing Speedo tried to steal vehicles

A burglary suspect wearing only a Speedo-style swimsuit has been arrested in Connecticut after a police dog tracked him down and bit him on the leg. Police say they spotted the suspect in East Hartford on Thursday wearing the bathing suit and holding a toolbox that had been stolen from a truck. They say he tried to steal several vehicles and also took items from them.

Police say he tried to run from them, but a police dog found him hiding behind a car.

The Journal Inquirer of Manchester reported that he was being held after his arrest on $50,000 bail. He was scheduled for arraignment Friday, but the result of that hearing was not immediately available.
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declined owing to field health educational talks of health staff.

The State is making strenuous efforts for emergence of Continuous Learning Education System in order to face the challenges of Knowledge Age as high education standard can ensure enhanced dignity of the State and nation.

Five Basic Education High Schools, four BEHS (branch), one affiliated BEHS, seven Basic Education Middle Schools, five BEMSs (branch), three affiliated BEMSS, 33 Basic Education Post Primary Schools and 146 Basic Education Primary Schools have been opened in the township with a view to turning out able and bright educated persons.

When interviewed about the teaching methods of the school, headmistress Daw Myint in development. With respect to communication sector of the township, one telegraph office 370 Auto Telephones, one microwave station and one post office have been equipped for better communication. Htilong, Shwegun and Myainggyingu have also got their own post offices.

In order to supply sufficient irrigation water for increased production of the agricultural sector, dam and sluice gate construction projects have been implemented nationwide and Sein Pan Myaing Dam in Myainggyingu is one of the fruits of the efforts of the State. The dam was constructed with the aim of providing drinking water and irrigation water for 100 acres of farmland, and as a consequence various kinds of crops including summer paddy can be grown in the region now.

The mainstay of Hlaingbwe Township’s business is agriculture. It was targeted to grow 1,429,545 acres of monsoon paddy this year, and 135,867 acres have been brought under monsoon paddy till the end of July. Groundnut is grown in rainy and cold seasons, sesame in all three seasons and various crops including edible oil crops in open season on large scale after having the farms silted up in rainy season. Paddy is the major crop of the township and rubber comes after it.

A total of 13,348 acres have been put under rubber plantations in the whole township this year including rubber plantation acreage of the region and

Yeboke Dam, the biggest dam in Kayin State.

Yeboke Dam Construction Project near Htilong village of the township which is being implemented after blocking Yeboke creek and Kasi creek. Construction-6 of Irrigation Department is building the dam with a view to boosting the output of crops and greening the region.

Yeboke Dam, which can benefit over 6,000 acres of farmlands upon completion, would become an impetus for development of the region for double cropping within irrigated area.

Yeboke Dam is the biggest one with largest irrigation capacity in Kayin State. Local farmers who once had to rely on rainwater can now be well off cultivating various kinds of crops with irrigation water.

The major transport of Hlaingbwe Township is the road between Nay Pyi Taw-Hlaingbwe, Yangon-Hlaingbwe-Mawlamyine, Hlaingbwe-Hpa-an, there has been access to other States and Divisions. Furthermore, powered schooners are plying between Shwegun, Myainggyingu, and Hlaingbwe. Gravel roads and earth roads have been built for further development of the region.

We have seen that the State has been making relentless efforts for construction of such infrastructures as transportation, economic, education and health sectors throughout the country with emphasis on national consolidation and harmonious cooperation of the national races with a spirit of mutual admiration.

Thus, local people of Hlaingbwe Township now can enjoy better socio-economic life since the township is making progress in transport, economic, education and health sectors day by day thanks to the endeavour of the State for equitable development of the regions the length and breadth of the nation.

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Some thriving paddy fields in Hlaingbwe Township.
Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence inspects…

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At the collective ploughing and fertilizer-broad casting ceremony, Lt-Gen Ko Ko cordially greeted local farmers. Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party then went to Pyinwin Camp of Maei-Kyaukphyu road project special group (2). Officials concerned reported on project tasks and the commander gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Ko Ko left necessary instructions.

On arrival at the briefing hall of Wunphan forest reserve and Minkyaung protective forest area, Lt-Gen Ko Ko heard a report by officials on facts about the forest reserve. He gave necessary instructions and inspected the trees grown in the mangrove plantation. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party inspected durability of Minkyaung Bridge and construction of Myanma TV retransmition station on Peinhne mountain. They then visited the rubber plantation (Peinhne mountain) of Yanbye Station. He urged responsible persons to grow quality rubber strains and inspected growing of pigeon peas among the rubber plants. Later, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party met military officers and other ranks and their families of Kyaukphyu Station and presented food items, sports gear and exercise books.

Chanayethazan Township No. 2 BEHS gets books, stationery

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Exercise books and stationery were donated to the No.2 Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township on 30 August. Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Minister for Health Dr. Kyaw Myint and Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han presented exercise books and stationery to responsible personnel of the school. The commander, the minister and the mayor viewed the free medical treatment being provided by the special medical team of the Ministry of Health at the school and presented eyeglasses to patients. A total of 2791 patients received treatment from the team and 216 patients were transferred to hospitals. A total of 870 eye glasses were donated to the patients.

On 29 August, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint visited in Chanayethazan Township where medical teams of the township health department and Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association are providing treatment to the people. A total of 600 patients received treatment by means of traditional medicines. During the visit to the township, the minister donated cash to the No. 5 Basic Education High School and the office of the Kangkauk Ward Peace and Development Council.—MNA

Htoo Foundation presents prizes to outstanding students

YANGON, 1 Sept—Htoo Foundation presented prizes to outstanding students of families of Air Bagan Ltd who had passed the 2008-2009 matriculation examination at Air Bagan Ltd Head Office yesterday.

Managing Director U Kyaw Thida of Htoo Group of Companies explained the purpose of presenting prizes.

Six-distinction winners Maung Wai Phyo Maung (Hsakaya-300), son of Capt Thein Zaw, Ma Khine Lei Yi (Kamaya-323), daughter of Capt Soe Moe, Ma May The Zar (Thagaka-81), daughter of U Kyaw Thet Win, Ma May Mon Moe Kyaw (Hsathawa-14), daughter of Daw New Ni Lwin, and five distinctions winner Maung Akar Sithu (Hsakaya-364), son of U Si Thu were given cash prize K 500,000 each. If necessary, cash assistance for education will be provided to the winners until their graduation.

On behalf of prize winners, Maung Wai Phyo Maung ranking third position in the whole country spoke words of thanks.

Htoo Foundation is now providing necessities for education, building schools in remote areas, sending outstanding students to institutes and universities at home and abroad, providing requirements for hospitals and clinics, making records on preservation of cultures and traditions of national races in the region and implementing regional development tasks.—MNA
Emergency traditional medicine kits donated at Bhavana Centre of Mandalay Taungsalin Taikthit

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept — The Ministry of Health held a ceremony to donate emergency traditional medicine kits to hill missionary monks at Bhavana Centre of Mandalay Taungsalin Taikthit on 29 August.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Mandalay Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Maniyanadanayama Myauntaungtaik, Presiding Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sasana Bhivamsa, Salin Taikthit, officials at division level and guests.

The commander, the minister and the mayor as well as officials donated emergency traditional medicine kits to hill missionary monks.

Next, the minister supplicated on the purpose of the donation. Wellwishers then donated cash for emergency traditional medicine kits.

After accepting the cash donations, the commander, the minister and the mayor presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

At the ceremony, a total of 200 medicine kits were donated and the cash donations towards the funds of traditional medicine kits amounted to K 16.85 million in total.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presents traditional medicine kits to a Sayadaw. — MNA

SWRR Minister visits pre-primary schools

YANGON, 1 Sept — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe visited Kyuntaw Primary School in Sangyoung Township and Ahlon Pre-primary School in Ahlon Township yesterday.

The minister viewed the learning of pre-primary students with all round development teaching aids and collective poem reciting of the children. He inspected extended building of classrooms, playgrounds and dining rooms.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe visits Kyuntaw pre-primary school. — swrr

Minister presents sports gear to universities in Mawlamyine

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept — Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented sports gear to Mawlamyine University, University of Computer Science, University of Technology and education colleges at Mawlamyine University on 30 August. The minister attended a ceremony to honour outstanding students of the matriculation examination for the 2008-2009 academic year held at the townhall in Waw township and presented cash, exercise books and sports gear to schools in the township.

At the ceremony, the minister awarded the outstanding students.—MNA

Mawlamyine Township Thabin Asiyon holds respects paying ceremony

YANGON, 1 Sept — Mawlamyine Township Thabin Asiyon of Mon State held the 31st anniversary respects paying ceremony in conjunction with prizes presenting ceremony at the Asiyon on 29 August.

Chairman of Mawlamyine Township Thabin Asiyone U Taing Kyaw, Vice-Chairman U Sein Hla Myaing Win Kyi and Secretary U Aung Tin Win made speeches on the occasion.

A total of 27 aged persons were presented cash assistance and gifts by the chairman and vice-chairman. U Ye Khine presented cash prizes for staff through U Sein Tun Kyi.

Next, the annual meeting of Mawlamyine Township Thabin Asiyon followed and member of the Asiyon U Sein Hla Wai, Shwe Myaing Win Kyi and Secretary U Kyaw Shwe read out the report of executive committee. After seeking approvals, the meeting laid down future tasks.

Mawlamyine Township Thabin Asiyon holds respects paying ceremony. — swrr

Myanmar Geosciences Society to hold 11th research paper reading session and special talk

YANGON, 1 Sept — Myanmar Geosciences Society will organize 11th research paper reading session and special talk at the building of the Myanmar Engineers’ Association in Hline Township here from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on 5 and 6 September.

Trainees and those interested may participate in the session in which eight research papers will be read. International experts Dr D Karvin and Dr AHG Mitchell will give talks on Unidirectional Solidification Textures (USTS), The Field Evidence for Magmatic to Hydrothermal Transition; The Discovery History of The Giant Oyu-Tolgoi Copper-Gold Porphyry Deposits, Mongolia; Diatreme Breccias, Textures, Processes and Mineralization; The Mt. Elliot IOCG System Cloncurry, Australia; Tectonics of The Indo-Myanmar Ranges and Mineral Exploration in the Western Margin of Eastern Highland.

Local people return to Leukkai through Yanlonkyating and Chinswehaw border check-points. (News on Page 16) — MNA

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Commander attends final match of Commander’s Shield Boxing Competition

YANGON, 1 Sept—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and senior military officers of the command attended the final match of Yangon Command Commander’s Shield Boxing Competition and prize-awarding ceremony at the gymnasium in Hline Township yesterday.

The commander and guests enjoyed the final match. The officials concerned presented prizes to winners.

Afterwards, the commander presented championship shield to the winning team.—MNA

Outstanding students honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Ministry of Health organized a ceremony to present prizes to children of staff of the ministry who passed 2008-2009 academic year matriculation exam.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented prizes to six-distinction winners and Deputy Minister Dr Myo Oo to five-distinction winners.

Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Traditional Medicine Department, Director-General Dr Tun Naing Oo of Medical Research Department (Central Myanmar), Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department awarded the distinction-winners and Six-distinction-winner Ma Mi Mi Oo spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Manuscripts of new writers invited for Ngwetayi Short Story Competition

YANGON, 1 Sept—Manuscripts are invited for Ngwetayi short story competition about “Adventure”. But adventure here does not mean horror or ghost stories or something like that. The title of the competition “Adventure” here means adventure surmounting the everyday problems which is likely to be encountered in real life with martial prowess and mental faculty based on valour and courage.

The rules of the competition are:
1. Manuscript must be portrayed about adventure.
2. Manuscript must be written about 10 to 15 foolscap size paper
3. Manuscript must be written in ink or by typewriter or computer on only one side of the paper
4. Manuscripts are to be sent not later than 15 September
5. Selection of manuscripts is subject to the decision of editorial board of Myawady Publishing House writing vividly “Short Story Competition” on the envelope addressed Myawady Publishing House, Editorial Board, Ngwetayi Magazine at No. 15 Moe Kaung Pagoda Road in No. 15 Ward of Bauktwe, Yankin Township Yangon, Ph: 371244.

The prizes of the competition are:
K 10000 for first prize winning manuscript,
K 7000 for second and K 5000 for third.

Talks on risk management to be held

YANGON, 1 Sept—Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will organize a monthly subject talks (September, 2009) with the sponsorship of Teak Farm Co Ltd at 2 pm on 5 September at UMFCCI Office Tower on Minyekyawswa Road in Lammadaw Township here.

Writer U Wint Kyaw will give talks on “Dynamic Approach to Risk Management”. Presidents, executives and members of UMFCCI and related associations and those interested may attend the talks.—MNA

Transport Minister meets Korean Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Park Key-Chong and party at the ministry here this morning. Also present at the call were departmental heads of the ministry.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe receives Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr. Park Key-Chong. — MNA

Talks on revenue held

YANGON, 1 Sept—Mudon Township Internal Revenue Department held talks on revenue to local tax payers and authorities at the assembly hall of Mudon Township, Mon State on 28 August.

Head of Mawlamyine District IRD U Hla Myint, Head of Township IRD U Htet Nay Hein, Joint Head Daw Kyi Kyi Theint and deputy heads gave talks on tax knowledge and work, laws, procedures and directives. Officials concerned replied to the queries raised by the attendees.—MNA
US fares poorly in child welfare survey

America is among the industrialized world’s worst victims of infant mortality, teenage pregnancy and child poverty, even though it spends more per child than better-performing countries such as Switzerland, Japan and the Netherlands, a new survey indicates.

The OECD, a Paris-based watchdog of industrialized nations, urged the United States to shift more of its public spending to its youngest children, under the age of six, to improve their health and educational performance.

The report released on Tuesday, “Doing Better for Children,” marks the first time the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development has reported on child well-being within its 30 member countries.

Indonesia’s police to be deployed to secure ‘go upcountry’ tradition

According to Indonesian tradition, before the festivity, millions of people will go back to their origin place to celebrate the occasion with their families.

“The ministry has asked police to increase security for the tradition,” Transportation Minister Jusman Syafii Djamal told reporters here.

However, Jusman declined to mention the number of police personnel to be deployed, saying that it would be discussed in the next meeting.

“We’ll discuss it later. Now, we are in the synchronization phase. One thing clear is that we will have an increasing security so the tradition runs smoothly,” said Jusman.

The ministry claimed that the facilities and infrastructures for the tradition are ready. It also has anticipated problems related to the tradition, like sharply increase of train passengers and traffic jam.

Train from Prague carries kids who escaped Nazis

A vintage train carrying people who escaped the Holocaust as children is steaming from Prague to London to mark the 70th anniversary of mass evacuations of children from Czechoslovakia.

Sir Nicholas Winton, a Briton, arranged eight trains to carry 669 mostly Jewish children through Germany to Britain at the outbreak of World War II to prevent them from being sent to Nazi concentration camps.

Now 100 years old, Winton will be in London on Friday to greet the train’s 170 passengers, including 22 he saved.

Economy uncovers two tons of explosives near Gaza

Egyptian police discovered two tons of explosives hidden near the border with Gaza, security sources said on Tuesday.

The discovery was the second in the last three days in Rafah, a town which straddles the Egypt-Gaza border.

One source, who declined to be named, said police had found the entrances to four tunnels on Monday and thwarted an attempt on Sunday to smuggle 500 kg (1,100 lb) of explosives into Gaza.

“Egyptian police received information about some smugglers storing these explosives in the area of Sarsuriyah near to the border between Egypt and Gaza,” another source said.

Some 400 tunnel entrances have been discovered by Egyptian police this year. They are usually blocked off or blown up. It is not clear whether the Egyptian actions make the tunnels unusable.

China’s drug watchdog exposes 15 websites dealing fake medicines

China’s State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) on Tuesday exposed more illegal websites selling or disseminating information about fake medicines.

The newly exposed websites include pk09.com, bqegy.com.cn/yyjs.asp, and 09tntb.com. They claimed to be offering medicines or links to medicines on skin diseases, respiration and diabetes.

The SFDA said they have turned in these cases to prosecutors for investigation and punishment.

This is part of a crackdown on illegal online medicine dealing launched by the SFDA at the beginning of 2008. Figures released on the SFDA website showed that they had exposed 171 illegal websites before today’s announcement.

In 2009, the number of exposed websites has fallen by more than 50 percent over the same period of 2008, according to figures on the SFDA website.

Report: 4,000 tropical fish die in Russian airport

Thousands of tropical fish reportedly have died at a Russian airport after being held in customs for 15 hours in the summer heat.

The state RIA Novosti news agency says more that 4,000 fish worth $480,000 died in the Black Sea resort of Sochi after customs officials spent 15 hours clearing the cargo on Saturday.

The fish had been shipped from China and made a brief stop in India. The fish were intended for Sochi Discovery World, Russia’s largest oceanarium, which is slated to open this month.

RIA Novosti’s report Tuesday quotes Oceanarium director Azzam Azzam as saying the loss of the fish is an “atrocity unseen anywhere else in the world.” The $25 million oceanarium is part of the development before the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi.
**Tender Notice**

Save the Children is an international aid agency responding to Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar. Save the Children wish to invite competent, reliable and legally registered companies for purchase of the shelter and latrine construction materials for the two locations in Lapputa and Mawlamyainggyun Townships;

- Middle Island (Deedugone)
- Hlaing Bone

Type of Material: Timber, bamboo, thatch/nipa and other shelter construction accessories such as ropes, naps, mats, doors and windows materials etc.

The interested bidders can obtain the complete set of bidding documents at the office in:

No.224 A, Solomon Tower, 2nd Floor, U Wisara Road, Bahan Township, Yangon

Hlaing Bone and Deedugone

The bidding documents can be collected not later than 11th September 2009 at 17.00 h.

The SEALED BIDS should be received by Logistics Manager, Save the Children Office in Yangon, not later than 18th September 2009 at 17.00 h; clearly specifying Ref: SHE/HB/MI-0001 on the envelope.

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2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 3.9.2009 during office hours and for further detail please contact Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291904, 95-1-291985.

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**China Mobile launches 3G operating system**

BEIJING, 1 Sept—China Mobile, the world’s biggest wireless carrier, launched Monday its own mobile phone operating system that can support its homegrown 3G standard, reported on Tuesday’s China Daily.

The release of the long-anticipated Ophone platform, the world’s first mobile phone operating system developed by a telecom carrier, and the Ophone handsets is seen by analysts as a move that could help China Mobile stabilize its slowing profit growth, the newspaper said.

The move comes less than one week after the country’s second biggest wireless carrier China Unicom clinched a deal with Apple to sell iPhones in China. It was expected to intensify competition in the country’s 3G market.

The Ophone platform also fills the blanks in China’s smart phone operating system, the newspaper said, citing Lou Qinjian, vice-minister of industry and information technology.

The Ophone handsets that can support China Mobile’s TD-SCDMA 3G standard will come out within this year, the company said, without specifying when.

The release of Ophone may give a boost to China Mobile, analysts said.

According to a survey on www.sina.com.cn, the largest Internet portal in China, 51 percent of the 2,161 respondents said they might buy an Ophone, attracted by its “powerful” mobile Internet connection and application functions, said the newspaper.

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**Canada’s Athabasca to sell oilsand stake to PetroChina**

VANCOUVER, 1 Sept—Canada’s Athabasca Oil Sands Corp announced on Monday that it plans to sell a 60-percent working interest in two oilsands projects to PetroChina, a Chinese energy giant.

PetroChina will pay 1.9 billion Canadian dollars (1.7 billion US dollars) for the MacKay River and Dover oilsand projects. The agreements also provide for certain financing arrangements for Athabasca.

The projects are located in the centre of Athabasca region in northeastern Alberta, an oil-rich province in western Canada. The company says they contain approximately five billion barrels of bitumen, which can be refined into conventional oil. “Oilsands projects are very capital-intensive long-term investments and difficult to finance. It is a challenge for Athabasca to focus on the sustainable development of oilsand resources in northern Alberta with net working interest in over 1.3 million acres,” Athabasca Chairman Bill Gallacher said in a press release.

“These strategic joint venture arrangements with PetroChina, one of the world’s largest energy companies, can ensure that the MacKay River and Dover projects will be developed in a timely manner, which is excellent news for Alberta and the rest of Canada,” Gallacher added. Athabasca is focused on the sustainable development of oilsand resources in northern Alberta with net working interest in over 1.3 million acres. —Xinhua
Lessons from Mexico for next wave of swine flu

MEXICO CITY, 1 Sept— Mexico is preparing for a second wave of swine flu, looking at what worked and what didn’t last spring when it banned everything from dining out to attending school in an effort to control the virus. As the Northern Hemisphere flu season begins, the rest of the world is also studying Mexico’s experience, looking for measures to replicate and costly mistakes to avoid.

So what worked? Public awareness; rapid diagnosis, treatment and quarantine; and a near- compulsive outbreak of hand-washing.

What didn’t? Travel bans, school closures, overuse of antibiotics and those flimsy paper face masks that tangled hair, slid down necks and hid the beautiful smiles of this gargantuan city.

When swine flu first flared up in Mexico in April, the government erred on the side of caution, closing schools and museums, banning public gatherings, playing soccer games to empty stadiums and telling people not to shake hands or kiss one another on the cheek. This bustling city of 18 million became eerily hollow.

Mexican health officials say they made the right call.—Internet

For heart health: avoid tobacco smoke, pollution

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—If you want to dramatically lower the odds that you’ll die of heart disease, go live someplace where public smoking is banned.

In a study of more than a million people, researchers found that even low levels of smoke from co-workers’ cigarettes can substantially raise your risk of death from heart disease.

While you’re packing to move, look for a place without much pollution, because a second study involving more than 9 million people in 126 counties across the US has shown a direct correlation between the amount of carbon monoxide in the air and daily admissions to emergency rooms for heart problems.

Both studies are reported Monday in the American Heart Association’s medical journal, Circulation.

In the first study, Dr C Arden Pope III from Brigham Young University in Arden, Utah and colleagues analyzed data on roughly 1.2 million adults that had been collected over 25 years as part of a study by the American Cancer Society.

“We’ve known for a long time that smoking exposes your lungs to massive amounts” of fine particulates and increases your risk of dying from heart disease, Pope told Reuters Health. Compared to active smoking, the dose of particulates to the lungs with passive smoking is “much, much smaller,” he added.—Internet

Race not a factor in liver transplantation

NEW YORK, 1 Sept— Racial disparities exist in many areas of healthcare, from heart disease treatment to rates of surviving cancer. And studies have suggested that white patients do better than African Americans following liver transplants. But race may not play a role in survival after liver transplants for hepatitis B infection, nor while waiting for one, according to a new study.

But an expert in the field who was not involved in the study cautions that the number of African-Americans included in the study — just 23, 17 of whom underwent transplantation — is too small to conclude that there are no racial disparities in survival on the “wait list” or after transplant.

Up to 2 million Americans are infected with the hepatitis B virus (HBV), and liver disease due to HBV infection accounts for up to 10 percent of liver transplants.

Several studies found that Asians who underwent transplantation for HBV infection fared worse than whites, but there is little information available on how African-Americans do after transplant for HBV, or on wait list outcomes for Asians or African-Americans, Dr Natalie Bzowej of California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco and her colleagues note.

Healthy habits prevent breast cancer

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept— Nearly 40 percent of all breast cancer cases in the United States could be prevented if women kept a healthy weight, drank less alcohol, exercised more and breastfed their babies, according to a report published on Tuesday.

The report, which reviewed 81 new studies on the links between lifestyle and cancer, showed that 70,000 breast cancer cases could be prevented in the United States alone every year.

“We are now more certain than ever that by maintaining a healthy weight, being physically active and limiting the amount of alcohol they drink, women can dramatically reduce their risk,” Dr Martin Wiseman of the American Institute for Cancer Research/World Cancer Research Fund, who led the study, said in a statement.

“We estimate that almost 40 percent of all breast cancer cases in the United States, or about 70,000 cases every year, could be prevented by making these straightforward everyday changes,” added the AICR’s Susan Higginbotham.

The report, posted at http://www.dietandcancerreport.org/recommends that people exercise for at least 30 minutes every day. Men should limit alcohol to two drinks a day and women should have just one.

Vietnam’s A/H1N1 flu cases rise to 2,793

HANOI, 1 Sept— Vietnam confirmed 69 more cases of A/H1N1 influenza, raising the total number of the flu patients in the country to 2,793, said a report of the website of Vietnam’s Ministry of Health on Tuesday.

Among the newly-reported cases, 48 were in the south, four in the north and 17 in the central highland provinces of Vietnam, said the report.

So far, A/H1N1 flu patients have been detected in 51 out of 63 municipalities and provinces in the country, said Nguyen Huy Nga, head of the Preventive Health and Environment Department.—Xinhua

Singapore reports two more A/H1N1 related death cases

SINGAPORE, 1 Sept — Singapore’s Health Ministry reported on Monday two more flu A/H1N1 related death cases, bringing the number of total flu A/H1N1 related fatalities to 15.

According to a statement by the ministry, the 14th death case is a 53-year-old male Chinese Singaporean with a medical history of diabetes and hypertension.

The patient passed away on Saturday. The cause of death was certified in acute myocardial infarction (heart failure) and pneumonia, contributed by flu A/H1N1 infection.

The 15th death case is a 70-year-old female Indian Singaporean with a medical history of ischaemic heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, asthma and stroke. The patient passed away on Sunday.—Xinhua
For the 2nd tournament, another flinch by Tiger

JERSEY CITY, 1 Sept—Much to his chagrin, Tiger Woods has put some suspense back into golf.

Give him the lead going into the final round of the major, and victory is no longer as certain as death, taxes and Woods wearing a red shirt on Sunday. Watch him hit a clutch shot to the 18th green, and there is no guarantee he’ll make the putt.

Y.E. Yang delivered a shocker two weeks ago at the PGA Championship when he became the first player to crack 50 million dollars in career prize money with the victory on Monday.

For the 2nd tournament, another flinch by Tiger

Tiger Woods looks on as Zach Johnson (not pictured) puts on the 14th hole during the final round of The Barclays golf tournament, on 30 Aug, 2009, at Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, N.J.—INTERNET

Barcelona’s Swedish Zlatan Ibrahimovic celebrates his first goal with Barcelona during their Spanish League football match Barcelona versus Sporting Gijon at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona.—INTERNET

Federer Express cruises into round two of US Open

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—World number one Roger Federer began his quest for a sixth consecutive US Open title and 16th Grand Slam singles crown by overpowering US teen wildcard Devin Britton 6-1, 6-3, 7-5.

The Swiss star, who completed a career Grand Slam by winning the French Open and set a career record with his 15th Slam title at Wimbledon, became the first player to crack 50 million dollars in career prize money with the victory on Monday.

Federer, seeking his 62nd career title, advanced to a second-round match with 65th-rated German Simon Greul, who ousted 182nd-ranked Ecuadoran qualifier Giovanni Lapentti 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-0, 7-6 (11/9).

It was a good start,” Federer said. “Tricky match for me, playing a guy who’s got absolutely nothing to lose.”—INTERNET

Fabiola Grosso

Vieira ‘disappointed’ at France snub, hints at US exile

PARIS, 1 Sept—Veteran midfielder Patrick Vieira said Monday that he had been massively disappointed when France coach Raymond Domenech snubbed him for upcoming crucial World Cup qualifiers against Romania and Serbia.

The Inter Milan star, who was part of France’s World Cup-winning squad in 1998, has not played in the French national side since a poor showing in a June friendly with Nigeria which brought the 33-year-old a 107th cap. He missed the 1-0 away win over the Faroe Islands on August 12.

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Debut goal for Ibrahimovic as Barca cruise to opening win

Barcelona’s Swedish Zlatan Ibrahimovic celebrates his first goal with Barcelona during their Spanish League football match Barcelona versus Sporting Gijon at Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona.—INTERNET

City life suits Togo’s Adebayor

MANCHESTER, 1 Sept—Emmanuel Adebayor has tantalised Arsenal fans by revealing how Manchester City supporters have inspired his impressive start to the season.

Adebayor wasn’t missed by many at Arsenal when City paid 25 million pounds (28.3 million euros) to sign the Togo star during the close-season after an acrimonious final 12 months in north London.

Arsenal fans were angered by Adebayor’s constant flirtations with the likes of AC Milan, Barcelona and Chelsea, while several Gunners players hinted that the dressing room was a happier place without the forward.—INTERNET

FIORENTINA AND WEST HAM SWAP DA COSTA AND NSERKO

ROME, 1 Sept—Fiorentina have signed West Ham winger Savio Nserko with Portuguese defender Manuel Da Costa heading in the other direction, the Italian team said Monday.

Fiorentina, who have also sold Serbian midfielder Zdravko Kuzmanovic to Stuttgart for seven million euros, have added teenage Boca Juniors defender Ezequiel Munoz for 10 million euros.

The 19-year-old will be up for two months due to injury, though.

No financial details were given for the swap deal with the Hammers. —INTERNET

Ashley Cole

Cole targets last shot at World Cup glory

LONDON, 1 Sept—Ashley Cole believes the 2010 World Cup in South Africa represents the last chance for his generation of England stars to win a major international tournament.

Fabio Capello’s side can book their place in next year’s finals with a victory over Croatia at Wembury on September 5 and Chelsea left-back Cole is well aware that for players of his age there might not be another chance to shine in the World Cup.

Cole, 28, and the likes of John Terry, Frank Lampard, David Beckham and Rio Ferdinand are all in the latter stages of their careers, leaving South Africa as their final shot at ending England’s wait to win the tournament for the first time since 1966.—INTERNET

Real Madrid sells defender Torres to Getafe

MADRID, 1 Sept—Real Madrid sold utility defender Miguel Torres to fellow Primera Liga outfit Getafe this Monday. The 23-year-old product of the Real Madrid youth system has agreed a five-year-deal with Getafe, a club based just to the South of Madrid, while Getafe has paid two million euros for his services.

Real Madrid has reserved an option to buy Torres back during his first two seasons at his new club.

Torres is the sixth product of the Real youth system to leave the club this summer, following the likes of Javi Garcia and Alvaro Negredo out of the door, casting further doubt onto club President Florentino Perez’s treatment of players who come up through the ranks.—INTERNET

Venus survives big scare at US Open

NEW YORK, 1 Sept—Venus Williams came within points of a straight-sets defeat at the US Open on Monday before clawing her way back to edge Russia’s Vera Dusheva 6-7 (5/7), 7-5, 6-3.

The American was a set and 4-5 down when she dropped the first point while serving to stay in the match.

But in a stunning turnaround she won the next four points and then took the next two games to force a deciding set that she eventually won to set up a second round encounter with fellow American Bethanie Mattek-Sands.—INTERNET

Grosso Juve deal agreed, say press

Rome, 1 Sept—Juventus have come to agreement over the three-million-euro transfer of Italy full-back Fabio Grosso from Lyon, according to Italian press reports on Monday.

The 32-year-old, a World Cup winner with Italy in 2006, will sign a two-year deal with the Turin club.

The news contradicted and earlier claim from Grosso’s agent Beppe Bozzo that a miracle would be needed to complete the switch before the end of Monday’s transfer deadline.—INTERNET

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Benitez charged after Tottenham ref rant

LONDON, 1 Sept —
Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez has been charged with improper conduct by the English Football Association after his rant at the officials after his side’s defeat against Tottenham last month.

Benitez was furious with referee Phil Dowd for failing to award two late penalties in Liverpool’s 2-1 opening weekend loss at White Hart Lane. Tottenham defender Bonoit Assou-Ekotto charged Andriy Voronin and then handled Fernando Torres’s cross.

“The decisions were very poor. Everyone could see the first one was a penalty. The second one was handball but we knew it would not be a penalty,” Benitez said at the time.

The Spanish coach also claimed fourth official Stuart Attwell was too young to be involved in a top Premier League match after he sent off Benitez’s side’s fixture at Tottenham Hotspur on 16 August,” following comments made to the media after his charged with improper conduct by The FA, Benitez has until 15 September 2009 to respond to the FA charges.

“Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez has been charged with improper conduct by The FA, following comments made to the media after his side’s fixture at Tottenham Hotspur on 16 August,” an FA statement on Tuesday confirmed.—Internet

WEATHER

Tuesday, 1st September, 2009

Summary of Observations recorded at 09:00 hrs MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Kayah and Kayin States, Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.78) inch, Thaton (2.60) inches, Pyay (2.36) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.24) inches, Ye (2.00) inches, Gwa (1.85) inches, Mawlamyine (1.81) inches, Aunglan (1.06) inches, Shwebo (0.40) inch and Minbu (0.36) inch.

Total maximum temperature on 31-8-2009 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 1-9-2009 was 66°F. Relative humidity at (09:00) hours MST on 1-9-2009 was 100%. Total sun shine hours on 31-8-2009 was (2.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 1-9-2009 was (0.79) inch at Mingladon, (0.71) inch at Kaba-Aye and (2.24) inches Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (86.38) inches at Mingladon, (97.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (102.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (17:00) hours MST on 31-8-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 2nd September 2009:
Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundy conditions in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-9-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy

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

People’s Desire
We favour peace and stability
We favour development
We oppose unrest and violence
Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Peace and stability returned to normal in Kokang region of Shan State (North)

Local people return to Laukkai through Yanlonkyaing and Chinshwehaw border check-points.

One more A (H1N1) case confirmed

Figure of flu patients hits 31

Flood Warning

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Local people who ran away to other country returning to Kokang region

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—A 33-year-old female returnee from Singapore who fell sick with flu-like symptoms was transferred by the township Department of Health to Waibagi Specialist Hospital yesterday. Her serum was then sent to the National Health Laboratory to test for New Influenza A (H1N1), and the medical institution confirmed that the woman had been infected with the virus.

Accordingly, her 10 family members are now kept in home quarantine.

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NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—Kokang region of Shan State (North) has already become stable and peaceful as of 29 August.

Until at 6 pm on 1 September, a total of 5,811 local people who had run away to the other country returned to Laukkai through Yanlonkyaing and Chinshwehaw border gates. The region is now in a stable condition and administrative machinery has become normal.

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NAY PYI TAW, 1 Sept—According to the 06:30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady river at Hinthada is 1380 cm. It may reach its danger level 1342 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

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