Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence continues inspection tour of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and officials, on 27 August inspected sanitation and beautifying tasks at the jetties along Strand Road in Kyaukpyu and docking of trawlers.

At the station hall, he met with servicemen and family members and presented gifts to them. At Zediya Village, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party visited the cold storage of Asia Shwe Pazun Ltd and maintenance of Kyaukpyu-Minbyin-Yanbye Road.

At the hall of the township, he met with departmental officials, social organization members and local people. Lt-Gen Ko Ko heard reports on development of the township presented by an official and explained regional development matters.

Next, Lt-Gen Ko Ko presented exercise books, uniforms for social organizations and books and the commander, cash assistance to officials. They looked into development of the urban area by car.

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Aloes wood trees grown on a vast scale in Kachin State

Kachin State is rich in gems and forest resources. So, it is a land of aloes wood as well as herbal plants, Machit tubers, Khantauk roots and ginseng roots of which are very potent. In addition, Kachin State’s aloes wood oil is the best and the most effective of its kind at the global level.

Our news crew from the Myanma Alin, under the leadership of Dr Kalya Lu of the Botanical Department of Myitkyina University, recently paid a visit to Ngwe Pyaw Aloes Wood Trees Farm in Kachin State that is working hard to revive aloes wood tree that is on the verge of extinction.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for regional and national development based on peace and stability

The Union of Myanmar is a country where a variety of national races reside through thick and thin. Being a country that is mainly based on essence of a society there prevail unity, loving-kindness and understanding in the country.

The entire national races are well aware of the fact that national solidarity is indispensable for perpetuation of the Union. Lessons from the past history have stood witness to that. Based on the past experiences, the government is taking all necessary measures in all seriousness assessing the past, present and future conditions of the nation.

In an effort to build the nation into a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing one the government has been building a large number of roads and bridges throughout the nation. As a result, all the regions including border areas are now enjoying the fruits of better transport. Meanwhile, major bridges, Union highways, new airports and jetties, which were just a dream in the past, have emerged across the nation.

With the prevalence of peace and stability, the national brethren can travel from one place to another and trade in the region is in full swing.

Peace and stability plays a pivotal role in the development of a region. Only when there is peace and stability along with prevalence of law and order in the region, will the socio-economic status of local people improve.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon the entire national races to do their bit in the drive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation with Union Spirit and nationalist spirit.

Technology of CHIGO Air-Conditioner explained

YANGON, 2 Sept—M.C.G Co Ltd, sole agent of CHIGO brand air-conditioners in Myanmar, organized a ceremony at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here yesterday.

The event was attended by the company officials including Mr Lin Xiaomemgwen of South-East Asia Area Oversea Commercial Marketing Department, Chief Engineer Mr Hezhenbing of Gaungdong Chigo Airconditioning Co Ltd and Mr Park Key-Chong, Managing Director of Gaungdong Chigo Airconditioning Co Ltd.

The engineers explained the technologies of Japan made residential and commercial air-conditioners produced by CHIGO.

The company also replied to the queries of those present.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspects Central Depot in Mayangon Township.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, who is also the SWRR Minister, whilst inspecting Central Depot in Mayangon Township in the presence of Vice Regional General Manager Mr. Thaung, Central Committee Chairman of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Subcomittee, and Regional Deputy Commander, on 28 August, the commander attended the seed sowing ceremony at Pathein Township.

Commander attends monsoon paddy cultivation coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—The coordination meeting on cultivation of monsoon paddy in Mandalay Division was held at the meeting hall of Mandalay Division PDC Office in Aungmyaythazan Township on 27 August with an address by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe.

On 28 August, the commander attended the seed sowing ceremony at Pathein Township.

H & T Minister receives Ambassador of ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr. Park Key-Chong and party at the ministry here today.

At the meeting, they discussed bilateral cooperation on boosting tourism sector between the two countries.

Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing receives Ambassador of ROK to Myanmar Mr Park Key-Chong.—MNA

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Wellwishers for Nargis Cyclone victims at the Central Depot in Mayangon Township.

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CHIGO air conditioners of M.C. G Company market are quality ones with latest designing and technology of Japan. The company also provides after sale service—three year warranty with free accessories and repair service in first one year and free repair service in last two years. CHIGO air conditioners are available at wholesale centres in townships and Head Office at No.216, Ground Floor, 31st Street (Upper), Kyauk-tada Township, Yangon. Ph:373472, 705060, 09-506939, 09-5176789. —MNA
Next phase in Afghanistan may require more troops

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—More troops and a new strategy for using them are emerging as critical components to the 8-year-old effort by US and NATO forces to defeat the Taliban and secure Afghanistan.

Defence Secretary Robert Gates, acknowledging bright spots but also “gloom and doom” in a new assessment of the war, said on Monday the Obama administration would look closely at requests for resources.

Asking for more troops is not part of the classified assessment delivered by Gen Stanley McChrystal, the top commander in Afghanistan, according to officials. However, he is expected to ask for more troops in a separate request in a few weeks, two NATO officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. They were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.—Internet

NATO Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 2 Sept—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country. The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 2 September reached 698,481 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,258,854, according to the news on the internet.

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

KABUL, 2 Sept—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time. According to the internet news, a total of 31,694 Afghan people were killed and 37,320 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 2 September.

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Most Americans oppose more troops for Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—A majority of Americans think the country isn’t winning the war in Afghanistan, and an even larger majority opposes sending more troops in an effort to turn things around, according to a new McClatchy / Ipos poll. The survey found that 54 percent of Americans think the US isn’t winning the war, while 29 percent think it is winning. Another 17 percent weren’t sure or had no opinion.

At the same time, 36 percent opposed sending any more combat troops to Afghanistan, while 35 percent support sending more troops. Another 9 percent had no opinion or weren’t sure.

The skepticism about the war and the opposition to sending more troops underscores the political dilemma that President Barack Obama faces as he heads to a Camp David retreat on Wednesday with a copy of a new report on Afghanistan that urges a new strategy for the war there. Senior Pentagon officials are expected to request as many as 45,000 additional American troops in a separate report later this month.

Bomb kills US service member in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Sept—An American service member died on Tuesday of wounds suffered in a bombing the day before in southern Afghanistan, the US command said. The death was the first for the US in September and comes after the deadliest month of the eight-year Afghan war for American troops. At least 49 US troops died in Afghanistan in August, according to a count by The Associated Press based on official announcements.—Internet

Iraq death toll hits 13-month high in August

BAGHDAD, 2 Sept—Violent deaths in Iraq hit a 13-month high in August, official figures showed on Tuesday, raising fresh concerns about the country’s stability after a government admission that security is worsening.

Statistics compiled by the defence, interior and health ministries showed that 456 people — 393 civilians, 48 police and 15 Iraqi soldiers — were killed, the highest toll since July last year when 465 died in unrest.

There were also 1,592 civilians, 129 police and 20 soldiers wounded in August, according to Tuesday’s figures. August also saw 52 militants killed and 540 arrested.

The toll in August jumped markedly from the 275 Iraqis who lost their lives in July, in the wake of a major pullout of US combat troops from urban centres the previous month.

The weeks leading up to the 30 June withdrawal of American forces from Iraq’s cities, towns and villages also saw a spike in violence, with 437 people dying that month.—Internet

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Nuclear negotiator: Iran ready for talks with West

TEHERAN, 2 Sept— Iran’s top nuclear negotiator offered an opening on Tuesday for possible compromise with the West, saying the Islamic regime is ready to hold talks with world powers over its nuclear programme. But Iranian lawmakers also sent a message of defiance to the world community — displaying strong support for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s nominee for defence minister even though he is wanted by Argentina for the bombing of a Jewish community centre in 1994 that killed 85 people. Some parliament members cried “Death to Israel” as the prospective defence minister, Gen Ahmad Vahidi, addressed the chamber on the eve of a vote for all of Ahmadinejad’s selections for his 21-seat cabinet.

The embattled president faces another key test in Wednesday’s expected vote. Many lawmakers — including some former conservative allies — have questioned the caliber of his picks for the government posts, which include the first women named for possible Cabinet seats since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The rejection of several prominent nominees by the parliament would be another setback for Ahmadinejad, who has faced increasingly political isolation for his unwavering support of the hard-line crackdown on protesters after his disputed on 12 June election.—INTERNET

EU presses US on climate change

BRUSSELS, 2 Sept— The European Union urged US lawmakers on Tuesday to ensure the United States makes deep cuts in carbon emissions as part of negotiations to reach a new global climate change accord.

Sweden’s Environment Minister Andreas Carlgren said the 27-nation bloc, as well as the United States and other developed countries, “should deliver” on promises to cut emissions by 80 percent by 2050, from 1990 levels.

“It’s the real substance of credibility that will be judged,” Carlgren told reporters after talks with lawmakers at the European Parliament.—INTERNET

2nd South America-Africa Summit to be held in Venezuela

CARACAS, 2 Sept— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced the second South America-Africa Summit (SAAS) would be held on 26 and 27 Sept on Venezuela’s Margarita Island, the Presidency reported on Tuesday.

He made the announcement at the African Union (AU) Special Summit (SAAS) which would be held on 26 and 27 Sept on Venezuela’s Margarita Island, the Presidency reported on Tuesday.

He made the announcement at the African Union (AU) Special Summit, according to information reaching here from Tripoli, Libya, where Chavez is visiting.

During the SAAS summit, Chavez will present several proposals to strengthen coordination between the member states of the Union of South American Nations and African countries.—Xinhua

Dengue patients take a rest inside San Lazaro hospital in Manila

MANILA, 2 Sept— The rapid growth of crowded cities has helped spread and increase the transmission of dengue around the world, health experts said on Tuesday, warning up to 3 billion people were already at risk.—INTERNET

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Singapore gears up to host APEC leaders week meetings

SINGAPORE, 2 Sept— Preparations are well underway as Singapore gears up to host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders Week Meetings from 8 to 15 Nov, the meetings’ organizing committee said on Tuesday. Members of the 11 government agencies of the 2009 APEC Organizing Committee are putting their plans into place, in the areas of meeting venues, accommodation, transportation, security, medical, media coverage and hospitality arrangements.

“APEC 2009 is a collective effort by the public, private and people sectors of Singapore,” said Koh Lin-Net, Deputy Secretary/Trade, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Chair of the APEC Singapore 2009 Organizing Committee.—Xinhua

Philippines offers training for Somali coast guard

MANILA, 2 Sept— The Philippine president offered her country’s help in training the Somali coast guard, saying on Tuesday she fears another surge in pirate attacks off Somalia that have targeted ships with hundreds of Filipino crew.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who was attending the African Union summit in Libya, expressed fear that pirate attacks will pick up as the East African monsoon was about to end.

“This is one issue where it is crucial for Africa to work together to bring peace and order in the affected areas off the coast of Somalia,” she said in a speech to Filipino workers in Libya, a copy of which was released in Manila.

The Philippines supplies about 30 percent of the world’s 1.2 million merchant sailors, and 42 Filipino seafarers remain in the hands of Somali pirates. Another 347 have been freed by pirates since 2006, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

In her meeting with Somali President Sheikh Sharif Ahmed on the sidelines of the summit, Arroyo said the Philippines has expertise in human resources development and offered to help train Somalia’s coast guard and government officials. She said the building of strong institutions was one way to help Somalia fight piracy.—INTERNET

Huge wildfire portends bad Calif fire season

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept— Firefighters reported progress on Tuesday against a gigantic blaze on the edge of Los Angeles that might be just a preview of even greater dangers ahead. The peak Southern California fire season hasn’t even started yet.

The worst fires typically flare up in the fall, when ferocious Santa Ana winds can drive fires out of wilderness areas and into suburbs. As a result, Southern California could be in for a long wildfire season.

“When you see a fire burning like this, with no Santa Ana winds, we know that with the winds, it would be so much worse, so much more intense,” said Los Angeles County fire Capt Mark Whaling.—INTERNET

A wildfire burns near homes during the Station Fire in La Crescenta, Calif, on 1 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET
Economists expect better economy data for Singapore

**SINGAPORE, 2 Sept—**Private sector economists in Singapore said that the country’s economy is likely to do better than the initial estimate, local media reported on Wednesday. According to a survey by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), economists project that the country’s gross domestic product (GDP) will shrink 3.6 percent this year, local TV broadcaster Channel News Asia reported.

The government had estimated that the economic growth forecast for 2009 will be at minus 6.0 to minus 4.0 percent. The improvement in sentiment comes on the back of more positive figures from the manufacturing sector, which is expected to see a full year contraction of 7.1 percent, compared to a 14 percent contraction projected in the previous survey.

Economists also said they expect Singapore’s GDP to contract by 3 percent in the third quarter, compared to the earlier projection of a 6.6 percent decline.—**Xinhua**

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**WEC calls for global rules on energy trade**

**LONDON, 2 Sept—**Clearer international rules governing energy trade and investment are needed, the World Energy Council said in London on Monday.

The World Energy Council (WEC) published a new report, named Trade and Investment Rules for Energy, offering a critical analysis of rules of energy trade.

In the 42-page report, the WEC expressed concern over trade in energy and energy services, which were critical to economic development and international security.

But the restrictions and border tariffs were a growing problem as governments tried to cut the production of greenhouse gases and cope with the effects of slower economic growth, according to the report.

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**Foreign companies can still invest in Brazil’s pre-salt reserves**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Sept—**The new regulations for exploring Brazil’s pre-salt layer oil and gas reserves will not exclude foreign companies’ participation, the head of the country’s oil and gas giant said on Tuesday.

The new exploration model presented on Monday makes Petrobras, Brazil’s state-controlled oil and gas giant, the operator of all pre-salt blocks.

According to Jose Sergio Gabrielli, the company’s CEO, the future bidding processes will be as transparent as they are now, and foreign companies will be free to participate in the exploration of Brazil’s extensive pre-salt reserves.

Due to the scariness of future oil reserves, increasing governmental control of the sector can now be seen as a worldwide trend, said Gabrielli.—**Xinhua**

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**Putnin, Tymoshenko agree on gas, aircraft making amid diplomatic spat**

**MOSCOW, 2 Sept—**Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Yulia Tymoshenko held talks on Tuesday amid a new diplomatic row over a Russian Black Sea Fleet lighthouse.

During the meeting, the two leaders agreed that Ukraine will only pay for gas it actually consumes, rather than what it has ordered from Russia.—**Xinhua**

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**Chinese oil company inks deal with Qatar to explore offshore block**

**KUWAIT CITY, 2 Sept—**A subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) inked an agreement with Qatar Petroleum to explore an offshore block of the Gulf country, the Qatar News Agency reported on Tuesday.

The report said the total term of the agreement is for 25 years with an initial five-year exploration period when three wells are to be dug up at Block BC with an estimated cost of 100 million US dollars.

The subsidiary, the CNOOC Middle East, is committed to conduct seismic data acquisition, processing and drilling of exploration wells under the terms of the agreement, a press release from the oil giant said. Block BC (pre-Khuff) is located on an oil-rich area east of the country which is estimated to have huge exploration potential. “The Block BC exploration accord is one of a series of Exploration and Production Sharing Agreements (EPSA) that Qatar Petroleum has signed with international oil companies to explore and develop Qatar’s oil and gas resources,” said Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiya, Qatari deputy prime minister and minister of energy and industry, after signing of the deal.—**Xinhua**

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Five types of missiles to debut on National Day

BEIJING, 2 Sept— China will showcase five new types of domestically designed missiles at the 1 Oct National Day parade, a leading missile expert from the Second Artillery Force, revealed on Tuesday.

A number of advanced weapons of air and sea forces will also be on display, other sources said.

Five types of missiles, including nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles, conventional cruise missiles and medium-range and short-range conventional missiles, will be displayed for the first time at the highly anticipated military parade, said the expert, who asked to remain anonymous and has been closely following the preparations of the strategic force of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA).

“These missiles are domestically designed and manufactured and have never been officially reported before,” he said, adding that they belong to a second generation of missiles that have already been distributed to the military and are ready for operation.

He declined to disclose the model numbers of the missiles, citing state-secrecy reasons.

Xinhua

Deforestation in Brazil’s Amazon
Rainforest up 157% in July

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Sept—The deforestation rate in Brazil’s Amazon rainforest region in July went up by 44 percent from June and 157 percent compared with June 2008, a Brazilian institute announced on Tuesday.

According to the National Institute of Space Research, the deforested area, which is 836.5 square km, equals half the size of Sao Paulo, the largest city in South America.

Para state in the north of the country registered the highest deforestation in July with 577 square km, almost 70 percent of the total deforested area.

During the January-July period of this year, the accumulated deforestation area reached 1,958 square km, down 60 percent from the same period in 2008.

Xinhua

Ancient burial site discovered in northern Greece

Remains of two large ancient silver vessels found in Aigai, northern Greece, are seen in this undated handout image provided by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Archaeologists said Friday they have unearthed a lavish burial site at the seat of the ancient Macedonian kings in northern Greece, heightening a 2,300-year-old mystery of murder and political intrigue.

The find in the ruins of Aigai came a few metres (yards) from last year’s remarkable discovery of what could be the bones of Alexander the Great’s murdered teenage son, according to one expert.

Archaeologists are puzzled because both sets of remains were buried under very unusual circumstances: Although cemeteries existed near the site, the bones were taken from an unknown first resting place and re-interred, against all ancient conventions, in the heart of the city.

Excavator Chrysoula Saatsoglou-Paladeli said in an interview that the bones found this week were inside one of two large silver vessels unearthed in the ancient city’s marketplace, close to the theater where Alexander’s father, King Philip II, was murdered in 336 BC.

Xinhua

Air travel

Plane forced to make emergency landing in Wellington

WELLINGTON, 2 Sept— An Air New Zealand passenger plane flying from Auckland to Christchurch made an emergency landing in Wellington on Wednesday afternoon following reports of smoke in the cabin.

Flight NZ175, carrying 95 passengers, landed safely about 4:00 pm local time after the pilot called for emergency services to be on hand at the airport, Radio New Zealand reported on Wednesday.

The Fire Service said fire fighters were put on stand-by at 3:25 pm and the plane landed 10 minutes later without incident.

An Air New Zealand spokeswoman said smoke was smell in the cabin, so the plane was diverted. Passengers disembarked and have been told other arrangements are being made to get them to Christchurch, and engineers are inspecting the Boeing 737.

The Wellington Airport said the pilot stood the emergency down after landing safely.

Xinhua

Ancient beads discovered in Morocco

Twenty-five shell beads excavated in Morocco suggest people were wearing and possibly trading jewelry 80,000 years ago, archaeologists said.

The beads found at four sites in Morocco are similar to beads found previously in Algeria, Israel and South Africa, the European Science Foundation reported on Friday.

The Moroccan shells have holes drilled through the center and some have signs of pigmentation and prolonged wear, said Francesco Enrico, a director at the National Center for Scientific Research.

“Either people went to sea and collected these grains of rice, in a mile-long underwater cave in Lanzarote, the university said in a release on Friday.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

A second bomb exploded outside a mini-stall in Thessaloniki, causing minor damage and no injury, police said.

Internet

New marine life found in mile-long cave

A crustacean with poisonous fangs and no eyes has been discovered in an underwater cave in the Canary Islands, researchers in Texas said.

Tom Iliff, a marine biologist at Texas A&M, Galveston, discovered the crustacean, and worms smaller than a grain of rice, in a mile-long underwater cave in Lanzarote, the university said in a release on Friday.

News Album

This high-speed train is about to make the trip by sea from the German island of Ruegen to Russia on board the ferry “Vilinius”. It’s the fifth of a total of eight Velaro RUS trains being supplied by the German company Siemens under a contract worth 276 million euros ($397 million).
**Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence continues inspection…**

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On 28 August, Lt-Gen Ko Ko met with departmental officials and members of social organizations at the hall in Yanbye. He explained regional development and presented uniforms for social organizations, exercise books and books to them.

Next, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party visited Yanbye Township People’s Hospital and presented gifts to patients.

Later, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected sanitation and beautifying tasks at the jetty of Dawrahta Port.

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**Aloes wood trees grown on a vast scale in Kachin State**

Byline: Myint Maung Soe; Photos: Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

The farm is located by Myitkyina-Sumprabum Road, eight miles from Myitkyina. We interviewed responsible persons U Lun Zaung and U Laha Khaung Lwan and in-charge U Lun Zei of the farm. The farm runs as a community forest under the Ministry of Forestry.

Chairman U Lun Zaung of the community forest said, “We run Ngwe Pyaw Aloes Wood Farm as a community forest in Kachin State to revive aloes wood tree that is classed as an endangered species. We collected seeds from a few houses in the village that grow aloes wood trees and sowed them in April 2008. We began to grow the saplings in June 2009. Now, we have grown over 12 acres of saplings. We are gearing up to extend the farm to a 500-acre one.”

As to nurturing the saplings, Vice-Chairman of the community forest U Laha Khaung Lwan said, “We collected aloes wood seeds from the houses with aloes wood trees that are very scarce around Myitkyina in Kachin State. We soaked the seeds and sowed them in rows.

When the seedlings are at the age of 15 days, we plant them in plastic bags with soil. And when the saplings are eight months to one year old, we grow them in the ground. Last year, we nurtured 100,000 saplings and we distributed young plants at the price of 500 kyats each. We plan to nurture 100,000 saplings next year.”

Dr Kalya Lu said, “We can plant 500 saplings in an acre of land with a 10 feet space between two saplings and between two rows. We can grow 800 saplings in an acre if the space between two saplings and two rows is six feet. They grow well in laterite soil. We can extract aloes wood when they are five years old. We put microbes into young plants when they are three years old. Aloes wood is priced at up to 20,000 US dollars for one kilo in the international market.”

Aloes wood oil is used in curing hypertension, heart attack and AIDS and compounding many types of medicines. The produced aloes wood oil goes to Arab and Western countries.

We observed old aloes wood trees in Shweset Village in Myitkyina. An aloes wood tree has a straight trunk and it can be as tall as more than 50 feet. The older an aloes wood tree, the darker its trunk and the higher rate it produces oil.

In a mature aloes wood tree, parts rich in oil are taken with the use of a chisel. Then, they are grinded and the pastes are soaked in water to produce oil. Aloes wood oil is very expensive. A small bottle of aloes wood oil fetches over 600,000 kyats. Mankhein Ward in Myitkyina runs an aloes wood oil refinery. Local farmers will be able to make substantial profits and enjoy economic growth if they grow aloes wood trees on a commercial scale around Kachin State.

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Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence inspects cold storage of Asia Shwe Pazun Ltd in Zediya Village in Kyaukpyu Township.—MNA
A & I Minister inspects dam project tasks

**NAY Pyi Taw, 2 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected progress in implementing Myogyi multi-purpose dam project near Myogyi village in Ywangan township in Shan State (South) being built by Irrigation Department and Kengkham dam project near Kengkham village in Yakaw township on 29 August. Myogyi dam is 258 feet in height and 2461 feet in length and 57.42 percent of construction tasks has been covered so far. Next, the minister looked into progress in supplying water from Myogyi dam and weeding at Lonkyaw Ngwechi-6 Cons staple cotton farm and met with students and teachers at University of Agriculture. Next, he oversaw lecture halls and hostels.

The minister later looked into coffee plantations of Agriculture and General Economic Enterprise Cooperative Society Ltd near Nyaungkoni village in PymOoLwin township in the evening.**

**Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Myogyi dam project.**

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Health Minister inspects health care tasks in Mandalay Division

**NAY Pyi Taw, 2 Sept—Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint inspected construction of 25-bed Phyuakseikpin Station Hospital in Kyaukse District in Mandalay Division on 28 August and gave necessary instructions. The minister visited outpatient ward of trachoma and avoidable blindness prevention special region (5) of the training school for eye care in Singaing Township and met with the regional in-charge doctor and staff at the hall of the school. Next, the minister comforted patients who had undergone eye surgeries. On 29 August, the minister and Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Major Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Hsan inspected sanitation work being carried out by the Ministry of Health in cooperation with MCDC to mark Sanitation Week at Yanmyolon ward in Chanayethazan Township and selling of food-stuff at Mingala Market.**

**Minister Dr Kyaw Myint inspects sanitation tasks at Yanmyolon ward in Chanayethazan Township.**

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Energy Minister receives ROK Ambassador

**NAY Pyi Taw, 2 Sept—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Park Key-Chong and party at the Ministry of Energy, here, this morning. They cordially discussed matters related to the energy sector between the two countries. Also present at the call were managing directors, deputy director-general and officials of enterprises and departments under the ministry.**

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25 men in Chinshwehaw get two-year jail sentence with labour

**NAY Pyi Taw, 2 Sept—Twenty-five culprits in Chinshwehaw got two years in jail with hard labour for theft yesterday. Chinshwehaw Township Court heard the lawsuit against them for theft filed by Chinshwehaw Police Station and sentenced them yesterday. The police from Chinshwehaw Police Station arrested the 25 culprits with seizures in their hands in the ward-2 in Chinshwehaw on 30 August and filed against them under the Section 380. The police seized 12 China-made motorcycles, 27 packages of goods, two sacks of rice, one bicycle and 21-inch TV. The culprits are Than Kyaw Lin, son of U Gyapan, Hein Soe Oo, son of U Soe and Ko Latt, son of U Win Myint in Chinshwehaw, San Tint, son of U Kyaw Shin, Sein Win, son of U San Twan, Naw Tun, son of U Hla Shwe and Aung Nyo, son of U Aik Nyin in Chinshwehaw, Kyar Myint, son of U Khin Chein, Lauk Swe, son of U Laik Az, Aik Hpa, son of U Aey Maung, Nyi Kaw, son of U Paw Yu San, Yaung Chaung Yon, son of U Chaung Laik Tar, Lon Hpa, son of U Lon Chone, Aik Yu, son of U Aik Maung and Ar Le, son of U Paw Lu in Model Village in Kunlon, Haung Man, son of U San Hpu, Myo Win, son of U Maung Soe, and Ohn Kyaw, son of U Aung Khant in Namhu Village in Kunlon, Toke Paw, son of U Tin Htwe, Yi Laik Ym, son of U Yi Laik Yl, Aung Lwin Soe, son of U Ohn Maung, Aik Kham, son of U San Haung, Thein Than Oo, son of U Bo Sein and Nyi Kat, son of U Si Hson in Phaungseik Village in Kunlon and Maung Thant, son of U Tar in Gwagyun Village in Yesagyo.**

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Myintha MyoU YDC holds prize-giving ceremony

**Yangon, 2 Sept—The prize presentation ceremony for 2008-09 of Myintha MyoU Youth Development Centre was held at the centre in South Okkalapa Township here on 30 August with an address by Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khang of Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. First, an official of the centre explained purpose of holding the ceremony. Then the deputy director-general and officials presented prizes to outstanding students.**

**Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives ROK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Park Key-Chong.**

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Commander and minister supervise regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint on 29 August met personnel in Mawlamyine of Mon State and gave instructions on regional development tasks. Next, the Minister attended the blood donation ceremony organized by social organizations at Mawlamyine People’s Hospital and attended to the needs. The Minister then attended the ceremony to present prizes to distinction-winners of 2008-2009 academic year matriculation examination in Kyauktan village. The Minister also met responsible persons and community elders of the village and inspected the village’s Basic Education Post Primary School.

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents championship shield and duplicate shield to Sports Ministry which emerges champion in 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men’s Football Tournament.—MNA

Sports Ministry emerges champion in 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men’s Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—The final match of the 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men’s Football Tournament took place at No.1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, here, this afternoon. Among the spectators were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, deputy ministers, departmental officials, staff and family members.

In the final match, Sports Ministry emerged champion with a 1-0 win over Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Ministry. Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo presented the third prize to Ministry of Industry-1 team, CSSTB member U Kyaw Aung, the second prize to CPT Ministry team and Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, the first prize to Sports Ministry team.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe gave the best player awards in respective places and the best player for the tournament to the winner, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, K 200,000 to the fairplay award winning Sports Ministry team and K 400,000 to fourth prize winning Construction Ministry.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented cash to third, second and first prize winning teams. Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented championship shield and duplicate shield to Sports Ministry. MNA

Action taken against 26 persons under theft case in Laukkai

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept
A total of 26 persons were arrested and action was taken against them for theft from 27 August to 1 September in Laukkai Township, Shan State (North).

While discharging patrol duty, officials of Paukkai Police Station arrested Li Kyn Shan, son of U Ki Kyn Kyon and Li Lauk Fa, son of U Li Law Fa of Mankyu Village, Yan Lauk Se, son of U Yan Lauk Kyon of Nati Village, Law Lauk Chein, son of U Law Lauk Kyan of Tapemain Village and Aung Khant, son of U Aung Hsan of Holi Village bringing along with 60 assorted clothes at Laukkai Market at 8 pm on 27 August.

The authority team arrested Aik Yi, son of U Aik Lin of Hopan, Kyu Lauk Haik, son of Kyu Tar Sein and Li Ek (a) Li Lauk Ei, son of U Li Sit Hu of Mankyu Village bringing along with burgling equipment at the market in Laukkai at 11 pm on the same day.

At 11.55 pm on 29 August, the authorities arrested Law Lauk Wu, son of U Law Tar Lon of Mankyu Village, Hsin Shuang, son of U Li Sit and Maw Si, son of U Maw Kyen Kwam Lon of Konhsan Village together with three bags of rice and three bottles of edible oil at the market in Laukkai.

Fu Fan, son of U Li Kyar Mu of Kyinsan Village, Kaik Chan, son of U Fa Yin of Hawsitawhaw Village, Ar Li, son of U Lauk Ann, Aik Khan, son of U Ar Mann, Aik Aye, son of U Yan Sa, Wen Nway, son of U Tar Nway, Aik Sein, son of U Aik Tar, Gwi Ru, son of U Lar San Kyu, Aik Yein, son of U Tar Shan, Aik Lwin, son of U Kwi Sein, Ar Lan, son of U Kwi Kaw and Twin Saunt, son of U Lar Shan of Mankyu Village were arrested at sugarcane plantation together with 32 household items near Cement Plant in Toncheni Ward of Laukkai at 12.15 pm on 31 August.

In other incident, the authorities arrested Li Yang Su (a) Li Laung San, Kyan Chi Fu (a) Kyan Shaung Fu and Lauk Chan of Manlisu Village with one refrigerator and one TV on a vehicle at the junction of the market in Laukkai at 12.30 pm on 1 September.

Arrangements are being made to take deterrent action against the 26 persons.—MNA

Tobacco Kills
Traditional Regatta Festival of Tawthalin

Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

Tawthalin, the sixth month of Myanmar Lunar Calendar falls in September. Kanya (Virgo) is its astrological name and its zodiacal sign is maiden, Yamna (Chukrasia Tubularis) is the designated flower of this month. Puba Badarabite, an asterism of two stars resembling the front legs of a couch shining astride with the moon in this month.

Given a normal climatic condition, the storm subsides and the wind calms down, leaving all aquatic bodies in the country smooth like a spread-out mat. Hence Myanmar saying about this month “In Tawthalin, water in the river is just a smooth spread-out mat”. Because the monsoon has given heavy rain, all rivers and lakes are brimful inviting water sports and activities. Land and water assets of the country has blessed its peoples with a thriving amphibious environment and thus hydric civilizations grew up along the coasts and rivers and lakes inland.

Boat, the earliest and most convenient water conveyance till today has been used by Myanmar peoples for traveling, transportation, trading, fishing and fighting war as well as for sports. No wonder that regatta (boat races) has become one of twelve Myanmar traditional monthly festivals. The origin of this festival is shrouded with legends and historical events. Myanmar kings claimed that they were descendants of Adicca Vamsa (the Solar Race) and so they were entitled to perform royal ploughing ceremony in June when the monsoon begins to recede. 

Legend has it that Sakka Deva, the Thunder god was retained and defended by strong armadas, war ships and war canoes and performance of sea battles and attacks of enemy ships was a part of royal regatta. In ancient Myanmar, until the end of 16th century, there were many naval confrontations and battles occurred between Myanmar kings and Mon and Bama kings. And so many sea battles were also held as regatta festivals. The purpose of these regatta was to show the power and grandeur of the royal fleet and the ability to win many golds and silvers.

On the inauguration day of the regatta festival at the astrologically auspicious time, Pyi Gyi Mon royal barge bearing the king came out on the river, preceded by three boats: Thakadan, Thone Lu Taukpa and Thone Lu Puzaw carrying Buddha statues from the palace shrine. A retinue of ceremonial barges and boats carrying royal families, courtiers, vassal kings and high ranking officers followed behind them were flotillas of war boats and racing boats with boat songs and music being sung and played cheering crowds on both banks watched with awe and marvel the proceedings of royal regatta inauguration ceremony “Yey Khin Taw (Display of Royal Floatillas on Water)” a magnificent and spectacular event not to miss.

Myanmar chronicles record that there are four main forces in Myanmar army—infantry, cavalry, elephantry and chariotry in true tradition of Buddha’s jataka stories. But they also mention that when Myanmar kings marched whether for war, or inspection tour or for pilgrimage they marched with “Yey-ar” (water strength) and kyi-ar (land strength) which means land forces and water forces (flotillas of war boats). River and sea battles of Bama, Mon and Rakhine kings had been recorded in chronicles and literatures. In foreign accounts especially Portuguese and Dutch armadotes of Rakhine kings and flotillas of war canoes of Mon and Bama kings were mentioned.

King Alaung Sithu of Bagan, a traveller king, who during his sojourn in Dawei, a seaport town on the Taninthayi Coast, recruited and formed two regatta regiments “Myauk Dawei and Taung Dawei” because he found Dawethas good seafarers and fighters. King Rajaraj (1385-1423 AD) Queen Shin Saw Pu (1453-1478 AD) and King Banya Dala (1747-1757 AD) retained strong flotillas of water crafts for peaceful and military purposes. King Bayint Naung (1551-1581 AD) enlarged his armed forces by building war boats equipped with modern weapons he bought from Portuguese freebooters. In 1576 he sent military assistance to King Dhammapala of Lankadipa (Sri Lanka) at the latter’s request. Five warships with armaments, ammunition and food ration and 2500 select sea men under the commander Sanda Suriya and Second Commander Raja Bamya were sent to Sri Lanka. Later in that year with his magnificent fleets King Bayint Naung marched to the seaport Pathein to welcome and receive the sacred Tooth Relic and royal gifts presented to him by Sri Lanka King. In 1566 King Bayint Naung held grand ceremonies with the display of his fleets of war ships and war canoes and performance of royal regatta.

Rakhine Kingdoms on the West coast were retained and defended by strong armadas built in the reigns of King Min ben (1531-1553 AD), King Min Yazagyi (1593-1612 AD), King Min Rhamung (1612-1622 AD) and King and Thudhamma (1652-1684 AD). The period 1550-1666 AD was the peak of Rakhine naval power.

In Nyaungyan Period, King Anaukpetlun (1605-1628 AD) built land and water forces for defence. In 1613 AD, he marched with these forces to the then seaport town Than Hlwin to break up the Portuguese strongholds under the command of a Portuguese adventurer Philip de Brito. Later Myanmar kings who built naval strength for defence and display were King Alaung Paya (1752-1760 AD), King Bodawpaya (1782-1819 AD), King Bagyidaw (1819-1837 AD) and his brother King Thayawaddy (1837-1846 AD). Bagyidaw held a special royal regatta in honour of the Chinese embassy that arrived in 1823 AD. This event was recorded in Tawkye Than Yauk Mawgun (Chronicle of that historic event in verses) composed by a court poet Laureate Nawade II. King Thayawaddy displayed the grand pageant of his war fleets when he marched to Dagon (Yangon) in 1841 AD via the Ayeyawaddy River. So regatta festival was the display of king’s naval strength and exercise as well as the occasion for recruiting new blood for war flotillas.

Even the last two Myanmar kings Mindon (1853-1879 AD) and Thibaw (1878-1885 AD) did their best to defend their kingdoms against the imminent naval attack by the British invaders by modernizing the war fleets and building along the Ayeyawaddy River fortresses such as Min Hla, Asikhan, and Thabyetan which can still be seen. The last regatta festival and boat races held in the region of King Thibaw were recorded in the Konbaung set Maha Yazawin Taw Gyi (The Great Royal Chronicle of the Konbaung Dynasty).

When Myanmar became British colony, royal regatta festival of Tawthalin was held no more, though boat races were held at local levels. From 1990 to 1996, regatta festival was held annually in Tawthalin in Kendawgyi Lake, Yangon, to revive Myanmar traditional cultural festival and to preserve national cultural heritage. The historic event of King Thayawaddy’s naval expedition from his capital Amarapura to Dagon (Yangon) in Tawthalin 1841 was re-enacted magnificently on the inauguration day and two to three days of boat races followed it. The happy results of these events were Myanmar people especially young generations became aware of and learnt knowledge of traditional monthly festivals; history, literature, music, songs and dances pertaining to regatta festival and boat races were collected and compiled, and Myanmar water sports were revived. Nowadays, in the regional water sports competitions especially boat races, Myanmar teams win many golds and silvers.
Chinese mainland A/H1N1 flu cases rise to nearly 4,000

BEIJING, 2 Sept(Xinhua) — The Chinese mainland confirmed 224 new cases of the A/H1N1 influenza in the 48 hours ending 3 p.m. Wednesday, bringing total infections to 3,981, the Ministry of Health said.

Among the newly confirmed case, 199 were “imported cases” and the remaining 25 were infected on the Chinese mainland, said the ministry.

Nearly 3,400 of the infected have recovered, the ministry said, adding that no fatal case has so far been reported.

Recent cases of group infection have also highlighted the rising risk of an A/H1N1 flu pandemic in China. On Sunday, a senior high school in central China’s Henan Province reported 30 confirmed flu cases, and reported 29

new confirmed cases Tuesday, while a junior high school in northwestern Gansu Province reported 26 cases.

So far, vaccines for the A/H1N1 flu virus produced by two Chinese pharmaceutical companies, Sinovac and Hualan Biological Engineering Inc., have passed expert evaluation organized by the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA).

Both companies are hopeful of getting production licenses for their drugs this week, if given the green lights by the SFDA.

Health Minister Chen Zhu said in August that China would be able to produce enough A/H1N1 flu vaccine for 65 million people by the end of the year.—Internet

China to promote wages for merit system in public sector

BEIJING, 2 Sept—China’s State Council, the Cabinet, announced Wednesday a plan to push forward a pay for merit system in health units and other public-sector organizations to stimulate workers’ enthusiasm.

Attendees at a State Council executive meeting, chaired by Premier Wen Jiabao, agreed the performance-based salary, a major part of the reform on income distribution system in public-sector organizations, would be of great significance in increasing staff initiative and improving public service levels.

The pay for merit system was first begun in primary and high schools from Jan. 1, 2009. —Xinhua

Weight-Loss Surgery Breaks Families’ ‘Obesity Cycle’

NEW YORK, 2 sept — Obese mothers have children who are likely to be obese, but a new study concludes that weight-loss surgery can break the cycle.

Researchers found that women who had weight-loss surgery before becoming pregnant had children who were less likely to be heavy when compared with siblings who were born before the weight-loss surgery.

The study findings show the importance of the intrauterine environment, which seems to trump even genes and the environment in which the child is raised.

Results of the study will be published in the November issue of the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism.

Obesity is on the rise and can lead to insulin resistance, cardiovascular disease and pregnancy complications. It’s a major contributor to causes of death in industrialized nations.—Internet

Zimbabwe pulls out of SADC Tribunal

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BP unveils ‘giant’ oil discovery in Gulf of Mexico

LONDON, 2 Sept—British energy giant BP has made a "giant" oil discovery in the Gulf of Mexico after drilling one of the industry’s deepest-ever wells, it said Wednesday, in a further boost for crude supplies.

“BP announced today a giant oil discovery at its Tiber Prospect (well) in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico,” the company said in a statement. “The Tiber well was drilled to a total depth of approximately 35,055 feet (10,685 metres) making it one of the deepest wells ever drilled BP’s discovery comes as the industry this week marks 150 years since crude was first drilled, and days after Scottish group Cairn Energy began pumping out oil in India as exploration in the North Sea, and Australia (well) in the Gulf of Mexico,” the company said in a statement. “The Tiber well was drilled to a total depth of approximately 35,055 feet (10,685 metres) making it one of the deepest wells ever drilled BP’s discovery comes as the industry this week marks 150 years since crude was first drilled, and days after Scottish group Cairn Energy began pumping out oil in India as exploration in the North Sea, and Australia (well) in the Gulf of Mexico.”

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French-made submarine arrives in Malaysia on Thursday

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 Sept—A submarine made in France would arrive at Port Klang of Malaysia on Thursday, a local newspaper reported on Wednesday. The submarine was built by the French military shipyard, Direction des Constructions Navales Services in partnership with the Spanish shipyard Navantia, said The New Straits Times. The submarine would dock at the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) basein Port Klang and the Malaysian King, together with some top officials of the Malaysian government, would be present to welcome the submarine at the port. The diesel-powered submarine would then leave Port Klang on Friday and it would dock again at the RMN Lumut base in Perak State on Saturday.—Internet

Astronauts remove ammonia tank from space station

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—Two astronauts conducted a space walk on Tuesday and removed an old liquid ammonia tank from the International Space Station (ISS), NASA said. According to NASA TV, the ISS’s Expedition 20 Flight Engineer Nicole Stott and US shuttle Discovery’s Mission Specialist Danny Olivas removed the ammonia tank from space station’s ammonia tank module on Tuesday. The ammonia tank contained 30,000 gallons of ammonia liquid that was used to provide cooling for various systems on the International Space Station. The astronauts completed the space walk at 17:49 EDT (2149 GMT). The space walk lasted for about six hours and was conducted without any major problems. The ammonia tank had been removed from the International Space Station in October 2004 when the space shuttle Atlantis (STS-119) was also visiting the ISS. The ammonia tank was replaced by a new one with a updated design that was installed on the ISS in March 2005. According to NASA, the new ammonia tank is designed to provide cooling for the International Space Station’s external cooling systems at a lower cost and with a greater efficiency. The old ammonia tank was designed to provide cooling for the International Space Station’s internal cooling systems. The removal of the old ammonia tank was necessary to make room for the new one. The new ammonia tank is expected to provide cooling for the International Space Station’s external cooling systems for the next five years. The old ammonia tank was designed to provide cooling for the International Space Station’s internal cooling systems for the next five years. The new ammonia tank is expected to provide cooling for the International Space Station’s external cooling systems for the next five years. The old ammonia tank was designed to provide cooling for the International Space Station’s internal cooling systems for the next five years. 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Schwarzenegger warns against possible outbreak of H1N1 flu virus

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said on Tuesday that the H1N1 flu virus has the potential to sicken millions of Californians in the months ahead, with as many as one in four Californians getting ill with the H1N1 flu.

Since it was first detected last spring, the virus has continued to spread through the summer, taking the lives of more than 100 Californians, the governor said in a statement.

Schwarzenegger called on Californians to do their part by taking steps to slow the spread of the virus and prepare for the upcoming flu season.

“Each of us should be taking action now to prevent and prepare for the spread of H1N1,” said Schwarzenegger. “Businesses need to be prepared that employees will not be in the office and parents need to plan for kids to be home from school. Everyone must do their part to limit the spread of the H1N1 virus.”

According to Schwarzenegger, state public health and emergency response officials have been planning for the further escalation of the disease and the rollout of a vaccination program.

Pollution linked to elderly heart problems

NEWHAVEN, 2 Sept— Exposure to carbon monoxide is associated with an increased risk of hospitalization for the elderly with heart problems, US researchers found.

The nationwide study of 126 urban communities, published in Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association, found that an increase in carbon monoxide of 1 part per million in the maximum daily one-hour exposure is associated with a 0.96 percent increase in the risk of hospitalization from cardiovascular disease among people age 65 and older.

However, this link holds true even when carbon monoxide levels are less than 1 part per million — well below the Environmental Protection Agency’s National Ambient Air Quality Standard of 35 parts per million.—Internet

Alcohol affects circadian rhythms

KENT, OHIO, 2 Sept — Chronic alcohol consumption blunts the ability of the body’s biological clock to synchronize daily activities to light, US researchers said.

Christina L. Ruby, Allison J. Brager, Marc A. DePaul and David Glass, all of Kent State University, and Rebecca A. Prosser of the University of Tennessee, said disruption of the circadian rhythms dramatically increases the risks of developing cancer, heart disease and depression.

The researchers divided hamsters into three groups, differing only in what they drank. The control group received water only, a second group received water containing 10 percent alcohol and the last third received water containing 20 percent alcohol.

If given a choice, hamsters prefer alcohol, the researchers said.

Breast cancer chemotherapy disrupts sleep

SAN DIEGO, 2 Sept — Repeated chemotherapy treatments can result in progressively worse and more enduring sleep-wake activity rhythms impairments, US researchers said.

Principal investigator Sonia Ancoli-Israel of the University of California San Diego said the findings were not surprising because sleep disturbances are common in cancer patients and 30 percent to 50 percent report insomnia symptoms.

Although most variables returned to baseline levels in the second and third weeks of the first cycle of chemotherapy, circadian — 24-hour cycles — impairments were maintained.

“Results of this study suggest that our biological clocks are affected by chemotherapy,” Ancoli-Israel said in a statement.

“Our biological clock, or circadian rhythm help keep our bodies in sync with the environment.”

During chemotherapy, the biological clock gets out of sync, especially after the first cycle of treatment, but the clock seems to regulate itself after only one cycle. However, with repeated administration of chemotherapy, it becomes more difficult for the biological clock to readjust,” the study said.—Internet

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**Sports**

**Ballack relishes Liverpool’s spluttering start**

**London, 2 Sept**—Chelseamidfielder Michael Ballack admits Liverpool’s spluttering start has given his side added belief they can win the Premier League this season. 

The Reds are expected to be major challengers for Manchester United’s title but Rafa Benitez’s team have already lost two of their opening four games.

While Liverpool have struggled, Chelsea surged four wins out of four under new coach Carlo Ancelotti.

“It was a surprise that Liverpool lost twice in the first three games and it gives us extra motivation,” Ballack said.

“All we can do is win games. We have to focus on ourselves and if we play the best we can we can win the league.”

**China captain Zheng close to joining Celtic**

**Glasgow, 2 Sept**—China captain Zheng Zhi is close to joining Celtic, according to the Scottish club’s manager Tony Mowbray. Zheng is a free agent after his contract at League One Charlton expired at the end of last season and has reportedly been offered a two-year contract at Parkhead.

The move can be completed outside the transfer window, which closed at 1600GMT on Tuesday, as long as Celtic can secure a work permit for the 29-year-old. Hoops boss Tony Mowbray, who tried to sign Zheng while he was West Brom boss, said: “Zheng is a highly-regarded player and was a thorn in our side when he played against us at West Bromwich Albion.”

“I am delighted that he may join us. He will significantly add to the squad with his quality and the fact that he can play in a number of positions.”

**Easton land Heitinga, Spurs sign Kranjar on deadline day**

**London, 2 Sept**—Everton signed Dutch defender Johnny Heitinga from Atletico Madrid for six million pounds (6.8 million euros) just before the transfer window shut on Tuesday.

Heitinga agreed a five-year contract with the Premier League club and the move was announced in the final hour before the 1600GMT deadline.

The 25-year-old follows French defender Sylvain Distin to Goodison Park as Toffees boss David Moyes strengthened his back-four.

**Milner rejects Croat kicking allegations**

**Watford, 2 Sept**—England winger James Milner has ruled out conspiracy theories that Croatia midfielder Luka Modric was deliberately injured ahead of a crucial World Cup qualifier at Wembley next week.

Croatia FA chiefs are frustrated that key midfielder Modric broke a leg in a tackle with Birmingham’s Lee Bowyer just 10 days before a match against England that could decide the World Cup fate of both teams. They already have bitter memories of how key striker Eduardo also suffered a broken leg playing against the same opposition for Arsenal in February 2008 and Croatia FA supremo Vlatko Markovic on Tuesday said: “First Eduardo, now Luka Modric. This is horrible. I can only ask myself if it was really an accident.

“I’m close to thinking it was done to us deliberately before the England match. I couldn’t believe my eyes when I saw what happened to Luka. He is irreplaceable.”

**Sharapova returns to US Open with easy victory**

**New York, 2 Sept**—Maria Sharapova simply couldn’t bear the thought of a US Open taking place without her.

So while sidelined with a torn shoulder a year ago, she refused to follow the tournament on TV. Basically pretended it wasn’t even happening.

On Tuesday night, Sharapova was right where she likes to be: on the Grand Slam stage and in the spotlight. The 2006 US Open champion returned to the tournament with an impressive 6-3, 6-0 victory over Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria.

**Villa sign West Ham defender Collins**

**Birmingham, 2 Sept**—Aston Villa signed Wales defender James Collins from West Ham on Tuesday.

“Villa have signed James Collins from West Ham United on a four-year contract,” a statement on the club’s website confirmed.

It is reported that Villa paid around five million pounds for Collins, who had also attracted interest from Stoke.

Collins, 26, has been named in Villa’s squad for Tuesday’s home reserve game against his former club West Ham.

**Murray, Djokovic off to winning starts at US Open**

**New York, 2 Sept**—The men’s singles formbook continued to be largely respected at the US Open with second seed Andy Murray and fourth seed Novak Djokovic both cruising into the second round.

There were straight-sets wins too for seventh seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 10th seed Fernando Verdasco, 11th seed Fernando Gonzalez and 17th seed Thomas Berdych, as, for once, most of the day’s drama was being played out in the women’s tournament.

Murray, losing finalist here last year to Roger Federer, was below his best, especially on serve, but still was a class above Latvia’s Ernests Gulbis, winning 7-5, 6-3, 7-5 in the featured night match on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court.

But he was left knowing that he will have to move up a gear or two if he is to win six more games and become the first Briton since Fred Perry in 1936 to win a Grand Slam tournament.

**Shanghai 2nd-seed Andy Murray returns a shot to Latvia’s Ernests Gulbis during the first round of the US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York, on 1 September.** Internet
Togo, Japan sign $6.5 mln agreement on economic promotion

Lomé, 2 Sept—Togo and Japan have signed an agreement of a grant worth 630 million Japanese yen (6.5 million U.S. dollars) for economic structural adjustment and debt relief, according to the Togolese government. The deal was signed by Togolese Finance Minister Adjı Oezh Ayassor and the Japanese ambassador to Togo, Okamura Yoshifumi on Tuesday. The Japanese diplomat said the grant will allow the Togolese government to buy products such as petroleum, construction materials and agricultural imports in order to stimulate economic activities in the country. Okamura said this agreement will have a double economic effect since the government of Togo, at the time of selling products and other materials, will have the money to compensate the sellers. This money will be used to buy products such as petroleum, construction materials and agricultural imports in order to stimulate economic activities in the country. The cooperation between Togo and Japan has always been peaceful and fruitful,” Ayassor said.

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST:

**WEATHER**

**Wednesday, 2nd September, 2009**

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in upper Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, Magway and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.71) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (1.02) inches, Dawei (2.17) inches, Mawlamyine and Ye (2.12) inches each, Kyaukpyaung (1.95) inches, Pyapon (1.22) inches and Aunglan (0.35) inch.

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Maximum temperature on 1-9-2009 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 2-9-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 2-9-2009 was 88%. Total sun shine hours on 1-9-2009 was (0.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 2-9-2009 was Tr at Mingaladon, (0.28) inch at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (86.38) inches at Mingaladon, (98.15) inches at Kaba-Aye and (102.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from West at (23:30) hours MST on 1-9-2009.

**Bay influence:** Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

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Stability, peace bounce back in Kokang Region, Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Stability and peace have been back to normal in Kokang Region, Shan State (North), since 29 August. Up to 6 pm today, 7848 of the inhabitants, who had fled to the neighbouring country, had returned to Laukkai via Yanlonkyaing and Chinshwehaw border checkpoints.

Now, the administrative machinery has returned to normal in Kokang Region in Shan State (North).—MNA

One more found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1)
Number of patients with the virus reaches 32

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—An eight-year-old child was transferred to the Yangon Children’s Hospital through Township Health Department yesterday. National Health Laboratory confirmed that the child had been infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) after the serum of the child was sent to the medical institution to test for the virus.

Four family members who came into contact with the patient are being kept under home quarantine. Authorities concerned are taking active surveillance against 39 students of the same class in their respective places. Upto 1 September, Myanmar has seen 32 persons infected with the virus, 25 of them have been discharged from the hospitals, and the remaining seven are being given special treatment by specialists.

The National Health Laboratory detected 219 flu-suspected persons and 32 were found to have been infected with the virus.

Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—A strong earthquake of intensity 7.4 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Indonesia) about 1900 miles southeast of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 14 hr 27 min 49 sec M.S.T today.

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