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

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

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

The Buddhas’ Teaching in Brief
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Kusalassa upasampada,  
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Sacittapariyodapam,  
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(i.e., Control one’s mind not to do evil whatsoever.)  

Etam Buddhana sasanam,  
This is the teaching of all the Buddhas.  

(Dhammapada 41)

Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence looks into development tasks in Maei, An of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and officials, Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and town elders at the hall of General Administration Department in Maei on 28 August.

He explained matters on regional development and presented exercise books and various kinds of books to officials.

The commander gave foodstuffs to them. After the meeting, Lt-Gen Ko Ko inspected Maei People’s Hospital, presented gifts to the patients and viewed the site for construction of the staff quarters.

At Talaingtaung Camp, the commander and officials reported on upgrading of the road. Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave instructions on completion of construction tasks on schedule.

Afterwards, they inspected the axis for Nyaungchaung-Tattaung Road near Nyaungchaung Village, progress of An Airport, the site for construction of An People’s Sports Ground, development undertakings in An and supply of water from Hinywet Dam to An.

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Technological University (Myitkyina)

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Technological University (Myitkyina). (Byline on page 7)
Central Command Commander inspects construction projects in Kyaukse

NAI PYI TAW, 3 Sept — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe inspected construction project for a school building and a hospital in Kyaukse Township on 29 August.

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Doekhwin Farm in PyinOoLwin, Irrigation Development School in Patheingyi inspected

NAI PYI TAW, 3 Sept — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Huay Oo on 30 August inspected cultivation of herbal orchids and vegetables at Doekhwin Farm in PyinOoLwin.

The minister viewed greenhouse plantations and production of quality herbal plants and vegetables in cooperation with KOICA.

At the irrigation development training division (upper Myanmar) in Chaungwun Camp of Patheingyi Township, the minister heard reports on quality control of construction materials to be used in 113 completed dam projects and construction of 17 dams. He also presented Assistant Director Daw Aye Aye Hsing. Later, the minister looked into construction of the laboratory with the assistance of KOICA.

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Acer Notebooks on show at Electronic and Living’ 09 exhibition

YANGON, 3 Sept—Acer Notebook, Netbook, LCD monitor and projector are put on display by Shwelamin NagarCo at Electronic and Living’ 09 exhibition being held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara road here up to 6 September. Acer products sole agent ShwelaminNagarCo will sell high capacity Aspire 4736G notebook with 2.1 GHz CPU and Intel Pentium Dual Core Mobile Processor T 4300 at special price.

The memory of notebook is dual channel DDR-3 (1066 MHz) 1 GB. The portable notebook has 256 MB memory on Board Graphic. The latest Aspire 4937G Note-book has 2.0 GHz CPU speed, Intel core 2 Duo processor T 6500 and FSB 800 MHz, nVIDIA Ge Force G 105 M with 512 MB.

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Myanmar-Thai entrepreneurs to hold meetings in Yangon, Mandalay

YANGON, 2 Sept — General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met Economic Attaché Mr. Prajuab Supinee of the Thai Embassy in Myanmar at the office of UMFCCI on 31 August.

They held discussions on promoting investment and bilateral trade and holding meetings between Myanmar businessmen and 30-member Thai delegation from 16 companies at Mandalay Hill Resort on 9 September and UMFCCI Tower on 10 September.

Thai entrepreneurs are those who are engaged in manufacturing and selling cosmetics, foodstuff and soft drinks, stationery, Thai silk ware, women and children’s wear, electrical appliances and electronics, personal and household goods.

Myanmar entrepreneurs who want to attend the meeting should contact the UMFCCI office for further information, dial 214344 and 214349. Those wishing to attend the meeting in Mandalay may enlist Mandalay Division CCI.
Afghan spy boss killed in Taleban suicide attack

KABUL, 3 Sept — A Taleban suicide bomber attacked officials leaving a mosque east of the capital on Wednesday, killing the country’s deputy intelligence chief and 22 other people in a major blow to Afghanistan’s security forces.

The brazen assault occurred as tensions are running high after last month’s divisive presidential election and a sharp rise in US casualties — events that have already raised alarm in Washington over the future of President Barack Obama’s strategy to turn the tide of the war. A Taleban spokesman, Zabullah Mujahid, claimed responsibility for the bombing, which happened as Afghan dignitaries were leaving the main mosque in Mehterlam, 60 miles (100 kilometres) east of Kabul, after ceremonies marking the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

The bomber approached the crowd on foot and detonated an explosive belt, killing 23 people, including Abdullah Laghmani, deputy chief of Afghanistan’s National Directorate for Security and the target of the attack, according to provincial spokesman Sayed Ahmad Safi. The chairman of the local provincial council and the executive director of the local governor’s office also died in the blast, Safi said. — Internet

Indonesian quake leaves 46 dead, dozens missing

Cianjur, Indonesia, 3 Sept — Rescuers dug through rocks and debris with their bare hands on Thursday in search of dozens of villagers believed buried in a landslide triggered by a strong Indonesian earthquake that killed at least 46 people and damaged thousands of buildings.

At least 110 people were hospitalized with injuries from the 7.0 magnitude quake just off the coast of densely populated Java island, Disaster Management Agency spokesman Priyadi Kardono said, adding that 10 were in critical condition.

The earthquake Wednesday afternoon caused destruction across West Java province, where more than 18,300 homes and offices were listed as damaged, around 9,000 of them seriously, Kardono said. At least 5,300 people were forced into temporary shelters, he said.

Some rural areas could not be reached by telephone and there may be more victims and damage, officials said. Many of the deaths and injuries were caused by falling debris or collapsed walls and roofs. — Internet

Bid to identify Iraq hostage body

LONDON, 3 Sept — Forensic experts in Iraq are working intensively to identify a body thought to belong to one of five British men seized in Baghdad in May 2007. The bodies of two were returned in June this year and on Wednesday a third body was passed to Iraqi authorities. — Internet

Israeli frees nine Hamas lawmakers in West Bank

RAMALLAH, 3 Sept — Israel on Wednesday freed nine Hamas lawmakers who were arrested after the capture of an Israeli soldier in 2006, a local prisoner rights group said. The nine members of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) have completed their 40-month detention sentence, according to the group.

Israel arrested more than 40 members of the Hamas-dominated PLC in the West Bank in 2006 in response to the kidnapping of Gilad Shalit, an Israeli corporal, by Hamas in a cross-border raid in southeast Gaza Strip. Nasser Abdel Jawad, one of the freed lawmakers, told Xinhua that he and his colleagues have been released because they have served their sentence term, who stressed their release was “not linked to any other issue, especially the prisoner exchange talks” between Hamas and Israel. — Xinhua

Helmand attack kills UK soldier

LONDON, 3 Sept — A British soldier has been killed in an explosion in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence has said. Next of kin have been informed of the death, which happened on Wednesday during an attack in the Babaji District of Helmand Province.

The soldier was from the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers operating with the Light Dragons Battlegroup. It takes the number of British service personnel killed in Afghanistan since operations began in 2001. The spokesman for Task Force Helmand, Lt Col Nick Richardson, said: “Everyone in Task Force Helmand is deeply saddened by the death of this brave soldier who died working to make Afghanistan a better place.”

“Our thoughts are with his family and we offer them our deepest and heartfelt condolences at this tragic time.” — Internet

Gunmen kill Mexico police deputy

MORELIA, 3 Sept — Gunmen have shot dead the police chief, Jose Manuel Revuelta, in the western Mexican state of Michoacan. He was killed by heavily armed men in two cars who intercepted the vehicle he was driving. His two bodyguards and a bystander were also killed.

Mr Revuelta, 38, was killed blocks away from police headquarters in the state capital Morelia. He was appointed to the post just two weeks ago. Michoacan is the base of Mexico’s feared La Familia drugs cartel.

The government has deployed some 5,000 troops and federal police there to quell a recent escalation in drugs-related violence. — Internet

Villagers search a destroyed house after an earthquake in Puncak, West Java on 2 Sept, 2009. — Internet

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Canadian study says global economy recovering

OTTAWA, 3 Sept — The global economy is starting to recover, with China and the United States leading the emerging countries and the developed world respectively down the road to recovery, Canada’s Scotiabank said on Wednesday in a study.

Both countries are benefiting from the huge stimulus efforts by their government, which also helped to drive the economies of other countries, the study in “Scotia Economics” said. In the United States, massive monetary and fiscal stimulus is beginning to gain traction and will account for the majority of growth during the next year. Inventory restocking in the automotive industry will also give an added boost to recovery.

But US growth through 2010 will do little more than backfill the hole created by the recent steep decline, it pointed out, adding it will take more time to revitalize housing and to restructure the financial services and motor vehicle industries.

The European and Japanese economies also are showing tentative signs of turning the corner, but these countries’ recent GDP losses will not be made up until well beyond 2010.

Pfizer to pay record $2.3b penalty for drug promos

WASHINGTON, 3 Sept — Federal prosecutors hit Pfizer Inc with a record-breaking $2.3 billion in fines on Wednesday and called the world’s largest drugmaker a repeating corporate cheat for illegal drug promotions that placated doctors with free golf, massages, and resort junkets.

Announcing the penalty as a warning to all drug manufacturers, Justice Department officials said the overall settlement is the largest ever paid by a drug company for alleged violations of federal drug rules, and the $1.2 billion criminal fine is the largest ever in any US criminal case. The total includes $1 billion in civil penalties and a $100 million criminal forfeiture.

Brazil’s Petrobras confirms oil discovery in Mexico

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Sept — Brazil’s state-controlled oil and gas giant Petrobras on Wednesday confirmed the discovery of oil in a deep water reserve in the central region of the Gulf of Mexico.

According to Petrobras, the oil was found in the Tiber-1 well, located 400 km southeast of Houston, in the US state of Texas. The well was drilled in Keathley Canyon block 102, and preliminary exploratory assessment points to a big reserve. According to the company, the Tiber-1 well was drilled to a total depth of 10,685 metres, and is the deepest well ever drilled by the oil industry.

Latvia, China hold forum to promote trade, investment

RIGA, 3 Sept — A bilateral economic and trade forum was held here during a Chinese delegation’s visit to Latvia from Monday to Wednesday.

The delegation, organized and led by the Chinese Commerce Ministry, comprised about 60 entrepreneurs from 34 enterprises.

It has been the largest ever Chinese economic and trade delegation since the establishment of the China-Latvia diplomatic ties.

At the forum, which was attended by more than 170 entrepreneurs from 114 Latvian companies, visiting Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu urged further economic and commercial cooperation between the two sides.

Chinese Vice Minister of Commerce Gao Hucheng pledged that the Chinese government would work more closely with the Latvian side to serve and facilitate the exchanges between the two countries’ enterprises.

According to China’s official statistics, trade volume between the two countries rose steadily in recent years, reaching $65 million US dollars in 2008, a jump of 22.4 percent from a year earlier.

Latvia’s acting Prime Minister Einars Repse (2nd R) and visiting Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu (2nd L) attend the Latvia-China Economic Forum held in Riga, Latvia, on 3 Sept, 2009. More than 220 entrepreneurs from China and Latvia participated in the forum. — XINHUA

Wall Street zigzags as energy gains offset downbeat economic data

NEW YORK, 3 Sept — Wall Street fluctuated on Wednesday, as gains in energy shares offset bigger-than-estimated job losses and sluggish growth in factory orders.

The ADP Employer Services reported that US private employers cut 298,000 jobs in August, fewer than a revised 360,000 jobs lost in July but more than 250,000 fewer than a revised 298,000 jobs in August, private employers cut.

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Venezuelan President to visit Iran on Saturday

TEHRAN, 3 Sept—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is scheduled to visit Tehran on Saturday, the semi-official Fars news agency reported on Wednesday. Chavez is to confer with Iranian officials on bilateral ties and other issues of mutual interest, the report said.

Iran and Venezuela will also ink a number of agreements during Chavez’s two-day trip to Tehran, Fars added. The Venezuelan president has developed strong ties with the government of Iran, in particular in energy production, economic, and industrial cooperation. He has visited Iran several times since Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad took office in 2005.—Xinhua

Venezuela reports 41 deaths, 970 infections of flu

CARACAS, 3 Sept—Venezuela has registered a total of 970 A/H1N1 influenza infections, including 41 deaths, Venezuelan Health Minister Carlos Rotondaro said on Wednesday. Rotondaro said that the deaths were caused by associating chronic diseases like respiratory disease, heart diseases, obesity and cancer.

The Venezuelan government would spend 25 million US dollars buying 5 million doses of vaccines against the flu, Rotondaro said. The country would also build its first A/H1N1 flu vaccines factory in 2010. Venezuela reported its first death of a 11-month-old girl killed by the A/H1N1 flu on 19 July.

According to the last report published on 28 Aug by the World Health Organization, there were a total of 209,438 infections, including 2,185 deaths in the world. The American countries continue to have the most cases, with 52.6 percent of the total.—Xinhua

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Rio to build largest aquarium in Latin America

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Sept—Rio de Janeiro will build the largest marine aquarium in Latin America, municipal authorities announced on Wednesday. To be named Aqua Rio, the aquarium is part of a plan to revitalize the city. Its construction will require an estimated investment of 110 million reais (58.5 million US dollars), which will come possibly from private donors.

The aquarium, to be located in the port area of the city, near the Guanabara Bay, will have a total floor area of 27,000 square metres and will house 12,000 animals from 400 different fresh water and saltwater species, including sharks and rays. It will also have 42 tanks containing a total of five million liters of water. Specialized tanks for animals such as penguins and sea wolves would also be built.—Xinhua

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BEIJING, 3 Sept—The Venice film festival opened on Wednesday with Italian movie “Baaria,” an epic Sicilian drama taking in fascism, World War II and communism and billed as one of the country’s biggest movies ever. Organizers hope director Giuseppe Tornatore’s entry wins over audiences after a series of Italian disappointments in recent years, although it is Hollywood which looks set to grab most of the headlines during the 11-day cinema showcase. The world’s oldest film festival, which runs from yesterday to 12 Sept, has succeeded in luring a string of big names to the sun-drenched Lido waterfront this year as it fights to compete with rival competitions around the world.

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Israeli archaeologists find ancient fortification

Jerusalem, 3 Sept—Archaeologists digging in Jerusalem have uncovered a 3,700-year-old wall that is the oldest example of massive fortifications ever found in the city, Israel Antiquities Authority said on Wednesday. The 26-foot-high wall is believed to have been part of a protected passage built by ancient Canaanites from a hilltop fortress to a nearby spring that was the city’s only water source and vulnerable to marauders.

The discovery marks the first time archaeologists have found such massive construction from before the time of Herod, the ruler behind numerous monumental projects in the city 2,000 years ago, and shows that Jerusalem of the Middle Bronze Age had a powerful population capable of complex building projects, said Ronny Reich, director of the excavation and an archaeology professor at the University of Haifa.

1.2 tons of cocaine seized in Caribbean Sea

Bogota, 3 Sept.—The coast guards of Colombia, Panama and the United States seized at least 1.2 tons of cocaine in a speedboat in the Caribbean Sea, the Colombian navy said in a statement on Wednesday.

The Colombian coast guards pursued a suspect speedboat from Colombia’s Gulf of Uraba to international waters in the Caribbean Sea, where US and Panamanian naval forces took part in the operation in keeping with a joint maritime agreement, the statement said.

As much as 1.2 tons of cocaine of high purity in 51 bags were found in the boat. The drugs were worth 36 million US dollars on the black market, the statement added. — Xinhua

‘Spiderman’ scales Malaysia tower

Kuala Lumpur, 3 Sept.—A French climber known as Spiderman for his amazing feats has climbed one of the world’s tallest buildings, in Malaysia, on his third attempt.

Witnesses said it took Alain Robert, 47, just over two hours to complete his ascent of the 88-storey Tower Two of the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur.

He has scaled many of the tallest buildings, using no safety equipment. Mr Robert was reported to have been arrested for trespassing on completing the feat.

Mr Robert began his climb of the 452m (1,483ft) tower before dawn, after apparently eluding security, and reached the top by 0730 local time.

Once there, he unfurled a Malaysian flag and waved his arms in celebration.”

India says carbon emissions to soar by 2030

New Delhi, 3 Sept—India’s greenhouse gas emissions are expected to jump to between 4 billion tonnes and 7.3 billion tonnes in 2031 but the Asian power’s rapid economic growth will be sustainable, a government-backed report said on Wednesday.

Per-capita emissions are estimated to rise to 2.1 tonnes by 2020 and 3.3 tonnes by 2030, according to a government-funded study by five different organizations, including environmental groups and the management consultancy firm, McKinsey.

The report did not give a figure for present emission levels but Indian climate negotiators say per-capita emissions are 1.2 tonnes at present.

India’s population is 1.1 billion but is expected to grow to more than 1.5 billion in coming decades. ‘It’s not a do-nothing strategy,” Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh told reporters.

Hundreds of animals found in filth

Authorities say they’ve taken more than 400 animals, including sheep, goats, ducks and even four endangered turtles, from a filthy central Florida home.

Forget about all those fancy LA hair salons where Hollywood stars try to regain their sense of self in front of a mirror. The final round of the 11th annual sheep shearing competition took place on 23 Aug, in Salem on Lake Constance in southern Germany. 58 competitors wowed the audience by removing between four and five kilos (nine and 11 pounds) of wool from each sheep. Talk about trimming down for the summer.

Marion County Sheriff’s officials investigated Friday and removed dead and living animals from the home of Ileana Verguizas and Andrew Gonzalez Perez.

The animals, many covered in fleas and matted with feces, were kept in crates and pens.

Cats, dogs, rabbits and parrots were also among the animals found.

Authorities said Verguizas and Perez were trying to raise quail and kept their eggs for months, hoping they would hatch. Some rotted and exploded.

No arrests have been made but authorities say an animal cruelty investigation is ongoing.

Officials hope to rehabilitate all the animals for adoption.

Brazen Fla burglar grabs TV in double-steal

Police in Florida say a burglar who made off with a man’s valuables returned to the home later and snatched what he couldn’t carry on his first trip: a 100-pound plasma-screen TV.

A Pensacola Police investigator was on the scene when the robber came back hours after the first burglary.

The man who lived at the house, Steve Fluegge, said he was shocked the burglar came back and stole the television. The suspect had already stolen Fluegge’s wallet, watch and video game system.

Police and K-9 units canvassed the neighbourhood, but couldn’t find the burglar or the TV.

Investigators had left the TV in the backyard, where the burglar put it, so they could dust for fingerprints.

Police have offered to pay for the TV.
Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence looks into...

On 29 August, Lt-Gen Ko Ko met servicemen and family members of regiments and units at the station hall and presented gifts to them.

On arrival at Tattaung Village of Laungdonkwin Village-tract, they met with departmental personnel, social organization members and local people and viewed maintenance of the jetty in Tattaung Village.

At Tattaung Station Hospital, they gave gifts to the patients. Next, they looked into progress in construction of a two-storey building at Tattaung Village Basic Education High School. At the development office of An, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders.

On 30 August morning, they inspected construction of Thayu (Pepadon) suspension bridge and maintenance of An-Minbu road section. At Kyetisyen Camp, Lt-Gen Ko Ko heard reports on construction of the bridge and left instructions on the commander and officials.

Technological University (Myitkyina)

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

Today is IT Age, and it is also called Information Age. The government is opening technological universities in the states and divisions to bring about a growing number of national engineers with the aim of building a modern, developed country capable of keeping abreast of other global family members in terms of technology.

The Myanma Alin news crew recently made a tour of Kachin State to collect facts about regional progress, and one of the itineraries took us to Technological University (Myitkyina) in Shwe Aik Village near Myitkyina-Mogaung Road. Along the road, we noticed urbanization projects, which reflected local people’s economic growth and better living conditions as a result of restoration of peace and stability.

Just as we entered the campus of the university, we were greeted by a grand three-storey building. The whole surrounding area was found green with trees.

When asked about the historical background and academic matters, Principal Dr Cho Min Han told the Myanma Alin, “Now, the government has opened technological universities around the nation for the youth to have easy access to engineering studies. One of the universities is Technological University (Myitkyina). Our university was just a technological college till 20 January 2007. We held fifth convocations this June, and we conferred B.Tech Degree on 327 students and B.E Degree on 208 students. At present, 460 students are studying, and there are round about 100 faculty members here.”

He added, “Any student who has passed his matriculation exam may join our university. Last academic year, we received applicants whose total matriculation mark is at least 322. The courses we prescribe are two-year A.G.T.I course, four-year B.Tech Engineering Course, and seven-year M.E Course.”

Under technological universities are government technical high schools, where under-18 youths who have completed middle school education. There, students have to attend classes for two academic years and six months for practical fields. If a student is qualified in Government Technical High School, he can join A.G.T.I Course.

Due to Technological University (Myitkyina), the youth of the region can enjoy better opportunities to study engineering subjects. So, there will be a growing number of engineers necessary for nation-building projects.

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Honours bestowed upon outstanding students, footballers

NAI PYI TAW, 3 Sept—The Ministry of Sports held a ceremony to honour outstanding schoolchildren of staff and victorious soccer team at its assembly hall here this morning.

Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered a speech and presented cash awards to the students who had passed matriculation exam (2008-2009 academic year) with flying colours.

That was followed by a formal occasion to give credit to the soccer team that secured the trophy in the third Nay Pyi Taw In- ner-Ministry Soccer Tournament (2009). The minister gave an address.

Officials handed over the trophy, the duplicate trophy and fair play cup to the minister, who then presented cash awards to the chief coach and assistant coaches. The skipper of the soccer team spoke words of thanks.—MNA

MWEA Vice-Chairperson and party leave for ROK

YANGON, 3 Sept—A Myanmar delegation led by Vice-Chairperson Daw Nu Nu Yi of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs’ Association left here for the Republic of Korea on 1 September to take part in “Dongdaemun Fashion Export Conference & Preview In Seoul International Textile Fair 2009” to be held in Seoul, the ROK from 2 to 4 September. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by MWEA Vice-Chairperson Daw Thet Kyi (Jacob), Excellent Performance in Social Field (Second Class) winner, and executives.—MNA

Electronic & Living ’09 Exhibition held

YANGON, 3 Sept—The opening ceremony of Electronic & Living ’09 Exhibition was held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on Uwicara road, here, today.

Nibban Electric & Electronic mainly sponsored the exhibition. A total of 133 booths from seventy companies are on display. New Mobile will sell GSM and CDMA 4.5 MHz handsets and accessories along with soft wares at special discount. Than Lwin Homemark will sell international decoration items for living at special discount. Anyone may visit the exhibition with free of charge.—MNA

Flood Bulletin

NAI PYI TAW, 3 Sept—According to the 12:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady river at Hinthada is 1342 cm. It may remain above its danger level 1342 cm during the next 24 hours commencing noon today.—MNA

Hole in one

YANGON, 3 Sept—U Kyaw Nyunt while playing together with Dr Zaw Winh, U Mya Maung and U Hlaing Bwa scored an ace at the Myanmar Golf Club here on 28 August.

Similarly, U Ye Phone Myint scored an ace while playing together with playmates U Aung Khaing, U Mya Maung and U Hlaing Bwa at the Myanmar Golf Club on 30 August.—MNA
Boxers for SEA Games provided with cash, refreshments

YANGON, 3 Sept — Myanmar traditional boxers who are under training for the 25th South East Asian Games at Thawunna Youth Training Centre here were provided with cash and refreshment today.

Chairperson of the Central Committee of the Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and Patron In-charge of Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation Daw Ni Ni Win present cash and foodstuff for the selected boxers. — MNA

Outstanding students of Mawlamyine No. 6 BEHS honoured

YANGON, 3 Sept — Mawlamyine Township Teacher-Parent Association of No. 6 Basic Education High School held its annual general meeting and awarding ceremony at the school in Mawlamyine Township, Mon State on 30 August.

Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Khin Shwe, State Education Officer U Tun Yee, Headmistress Daw Khin Khin Wai made speeches on the occasion and member U Zay Htut explained facts about progress of the school.

The chairman, the headmistress, donors and students’ parents presented awards to three six-distinction, six five-distinction, ten four-distinction, seven three-distinction, fifteen two-distinction and thirty one-distinction winners and outstanding students.

After that, the headmistress and responsible persons presented certificates of honors to the donors.

MNA

Symposium on publishing periodicals on 11 September

YANGON, 3 Sept — The symposium on publishing periodicals to be conducted by Myanmar Printing and Publishing Entrepreneurs Association will be held at the hall of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association on 3rd floor of Sarpay Beikman, Merchant Road, here, at 1 p.m. on 11 September.

At the symposium, publisher of Thuta Sones Magazine Dr Tin Tun Oo, publisher of Pyae Sone Publishing House U Myo Aung and publisher of Today Publishing House Dr Tha Tun Oo will present three papers about publishing matters. Any publishers who wish to attend the symposium may get invitation cards at Myanmar Printing and Publishing Entrepreneurs Association at 196 on 39th Street (middle), Kyauktada Township, here. — MNA

Photo shows chemical precursors seized by a combined team comprising members of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee, MPF, Anti-drug Squad and Kokang troops in Kokang region. (News on page 16) — MNA

A stimulant tablet making machine seized by a combined team comprising members of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee, MPF, Anti-drug Squad and Kokang troops in Kokang region. (News on page 16) — MNA
Kungyangon was a township at the end of a trip by car from Yangon in the past. There was lack of peace and tranquility in Twantay timber forest region connected with Kungyangon and it made the town undeveloped.

Nowadays, the local people are enjoying the fruits of development in education, heath, economics, security, and transportation sectors, thanks to the assistance of the Ministry for Energy and energy companies, and stability of the region.

Kungyangon is now a focal point of Improved sights and scenes of Kungyangon

Article and Photos: Naing Win (Kungyangon)

Improved sights and scenes of Kungyangon

Basic Education Primary School of Thayetthonpin village in Kungyangon Township.

Basic Education Primary School of Nyaung-ngu village in Kungyangon.

Housing at Kungyangon Township.

Thayetthonpin-Kungyangon motor road in use.

Yangon-Ayeyawady commodity flow as Hlinethaya riverspanning bridge. Kungyangon Tawpale bridge and Dedaye river spanning bridge were opened. The National School of historic importance has been upgraded to Basic Education High School adding an extended new school building namely Swan-in Metta by the hands of residents, the Ministry of Energy and energy companies. Heath services were fully provided for the health of the locals and patients with eye complaints in the region had been cured. The development of Kungyangon region is gaining development momentum. All round development task had been carried out. Through the harmonious cooperation between the State, the public, Tatmadaw and wellwishers, a total of 2,043 houses including 1,404 in rural areas and 639 in urban area are being built.

Thayetthonpin hamlet was a playground when I was young. It was isolated. In post-Nargis period, it has changed to become a developed village under the leadership of Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Energy and due to the assistance of energy companies.

A basic education primary school has emerged in Thayetthonpin village that was an isolated place before. Water purifying machines were installed and artesian wells were sunk for the healthy life of dwellers. Wooden houses with CI sheet roof of 18 ft width, 18 ft height and 9 ft length were built for them. The livelihood of local people is breeding and agriculture. Thayetthonpin has switched to a model village with libraries, television sets and health care centers.

The motor road enables Thayetthonpin to have access to town and it is serviceable for ambulances, fire engines, trucks and buses.

The sights and scenes of Kungyangon have improved much in spite of being one of the cyclone hit regions, thanks to cooperation between the Tatmadaw and the public.

Translation: HKA Kyemon: (1-9-2009)
UK Teen Accused of Trying to Buy Bomb in Alleged School Massacre Plot

London, 3 Sept — A British jury has been told that a teenager accused of plotting a Columbine-inspired school massacre tried to buy an ingredient for a homemade bomb.

A witness told jurors at Manchester Crown Court on Thursday that 18-year-old Matthew Swift had asked her to buy him hydrogen peroxide, a common household chemical. Classmate Philippa Knowles says Swift said he wanted it to make explosives.

Prosecutors say Swift and 16-year-old Ross McKnight planned to bomb a shopping center before killing teachers and students at their school on the 10th anniversary of the April 1999 massacre in Colorado. They say the pair dubbed the plot “Project Rainbow” and boasted it would be “the greatest massacre ever.” The defense denies the charges but has not yet argued its case.

Body handed over in Iraq may be British hostage

London, 3 Sept — A body was handed over to Iraqi authorities on Wednesday that Iraq believes is one of the British hostages seized in Baghdad in 2007, British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said.

“We cannot yet definitively confirm either that this is the remains of one of the hostages, or which one,” Miliband said in a statement. He said the government still believed that computer engineer Peter Moore, who was seized with his four bodyguards, was alive.

Iraqi authorities had transferred the body to British officials, and British specialists in Baghdad would carry out forensic examinations to identify the body, Miliband said. The British Government had informed the families of all five hostages of the latest development, he said.

“We remain in close contact with those in Iraq who may be able to help secure the release of the hostages,” he said.

MILA/Reuters

Why Women Are Really Afraid Of Spiders

London, 3 Sept — Women who run for cover when coming face-to-face with a spider have been offered a new explanation for their phobia: it is in their genes.

Research at a US university found females associate the eight-legged critters with fear more than males, most of whom react with indifference. Psychologist Dr. David Rakison from Pittsburgh’s Carnegie Mellon University tested 10 girls and 10 boys, all aged 11-months, with pictures of spiders to see how they reacted.

He showed them images of a spider next to a fearful cartoon face and a spider next to a happy face. Dr. Rakison’s report, published in the New Scientist, states that the girls looked at the picture containing a happy face for longer than the scared one.

Internet

Spacewalk still on despite approaching space junk

CAPE CANAVERAL, 3 Sept — A spacewalk by two astronauts is still on for Thursday evening even though a large piece of space junk is headed their way.

Part of an old European rocket is expected to pass within two miles of space shuttle Discovery and the international space station late Friday morning. NASA officials say that should be a safe distance and they do not expect the linked spacecraft to change course. But if the projections change, the astronauts would complete the spacewalk before steering out of the way.

The debris is believed to have an area surface of 200 square feet.

Internet

Turkey, Iraq and Syria in water crisis summit

ISTANBUL (Turkey), 3 Sept — Turkish, Iraqi and Syrian ministers met in Ankara on Thursday to discuss water shortages in the major Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which run through all three countries.

Iraqi fishermen ride their motor boat in the waters of the Tigris River in Baghdad. Iraqi fishermen ride their motor boat in the waters of the Tigris River in Baghdad. The meeting comes amid a diplomatic spat over Iraqi accusations that Syria is harboring terrorists.

The Tigris River has plunged to record low levels, Iraqi farmers told CNN. Iraq is suffering a drought that its officials are calling a “catastrophe.” Baghdad and Damascus want Turkey, where the source of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers is located, to increase the flow of water passing through its network of dams.

“Syria and Iraq are badly in need of water but our Iraqi brothers feel the need much more ... it is why this meeting is so important,” Turkey’s official Anatolian Agency quoted Syrian Irrigation Minister Nader al-Bouani as saying at the start of Thursday’s tri-partite meeting to address water resources. “Our dams are empty and we have human needs.”

Also attending the meeting was Iraq’s Water and Natural Resources and Turkey’s Environment and Forestry minister, as well as its Energy minister.

Internet

Extra 85,000 jobs given to British young people

London, 3 Sept — An extra 85,000 jobs and training opportunities have been announced as part of the drive to help youngsters into employment. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said on Wednesday. Speaking at a job summit in Birmingham, Brown said more than 150 employers including the Royal Mail, Microsoft, Pfizer, Phones4U, Centrica and Morrisons will provide apprenticeships, work or training for young people.

He said: “I am delighted that 150 employers recognize the value of backing young Britain and have joined the campaign. Together we can create thousands of opportunities for young people and ensure that the next generation gets its foot on the career ladder.” The Prime Minister said that British people with ideas, desire and creativity will be key contributors to Britain’s future and therefore need more support during difficult times.

MNA/Xinhua

A shipwrecked boat hit by Jimena in Puerto San Carlos in Mexico’s Baja California state, on 2 September. Tropical Storm Jimena battered Mexico’s Baja California peninsula with torrential rain and powerful winds, cutting off villages, destroying homes and leaving one person missing. — Internet

The Spectacular Spider-Mouse is just one of the Disney Marvel mashups that has appeared on the internet after Disney announced plans to buy comic book creator Marvel.— Internet

INTERNET
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (339)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIRI BHUM VOY NO (339) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 4.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV SEA-CORAL VOY NO (8)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA-CORAL VOY NO (8) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 4.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.5 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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NASA analyzing junk that could threaten astronauts
CAPE CANAVERAL, 3 Sept—A massive piece of space junk drifted toward the shuttle-station complex and its 13 astronauts Wednesday, though NASA officials said the threat would not delay an upcoming spacewalk.

Mission Control kept close tabs on the piece of European rocket because there was a chance, however unlikely, it could come too close or even hit the linked space shuttle Discovery and international space station if their path is not altered. As of Wednesday night, the debris was expected to pass within two miles of the outpost Friday, said John McCullough, chief of NASA’s flight director office.

That’s five miles closer than earlier projections, but it’s still “looking very positive” that the shuttle and station will not have to dodge the junk. That’s because with every passing hour, there’s more accuracy on the precise location of the spacecraft and debris, McCullough said.

LG to unveil new Windows smartphones
SEOUL, 3 Sept — LG Electronics Inc, the world’s third-largest mobile phone maker, said on Thursday it would launch three new smartphones in the next few weeks that run on Windows software.

They will be the first LG phones to feature the new Windows Mobile 6.5 operating system from Microsoft Corp, which LG said should make it easier for users to navigate the Web LG signed a deal with Microsoft in February under which Windows Mobile will become the South Korean company’s primary smartphone platform. Including the latest additions, LG plans to launch a total of 13 new Windows phones globally by end-2010.

Microsoft is hoping its Windows Mobile operating system can continue to challenge Symbian, a platform backed by the world’s top mobile phone maker Nokia and used in two-thirds of smartphones — mobile handsets with computer-like capabilities. LG is also a member of the Symbian Foundation and is developing models based on Google’s Android software.
**Timing is key in orthopedic trauma surgery**

AACHEN, 3 Sept—Timing of prolonged orthopedic surgery may be key in treating trauma patients, German researchers suggest.

In an article published in the Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, researchers suggest trauma patients who have several orthopedic injuries and are considered to be in unstable condition should only have a few hours of surgery when first arriving at a hospital.

“If you limit the amount of time in the operating room to less than three hours, patients appear to do better,” study lead author Dr Hans-Christoph Pape of the University of Aachen in Germany said in a statement. “If a patient has life-threatening injuries for example, more than three fractures and perhaps a lacerated liver, it is often too dangerous to do all the surgery right away.”

Pape and his colleagues analyzed data from several trauma registries in Germany and compared patient outcomes in about 21,000 trauma patients with the amount of hours each patient had spent in the operating room.

**China approves single-dose swine flu vaccine**

BEIJING, 3 Sept—The answer may be at hand to a crucial question about vaccination for the advancing swine flu — one shot or two? Chinese officials approved a vaccine on Thursday that they say prevents the new flu in a single dose. If they’re right, it would be good news. Many health researchers fear it will take two shots to protect people, vastly complicating efforts to stem the spread of the illness.

The World Health Organization says it is encouraged after reviewing the test results from the vaccine by Beijing-based drug maker Sinovac Biotech Ltd. — one of several being developed in China. However, experts said more results are needed from other vaccine makers to determine if one dose would be potent enough. — Internet

**Teen swept away by wave at Jersey Shore**

SAYVILLE, HEIGHTS, 3 Sept—A teenager on a Jersey Shore outing was swept away by a wave on Wednesday afternoon, officials said Sal Roberts, 16, was caught by a rip current off the beach in Seaside Heights, the Coast Guard said. Another teen with him was pulled to safety. The Star-Ledger of Newark reported. The Coast Guard suspended the search when darkness fell. Seaside Heights Police Chief Thomas Boyd said he learned from the teenager’s parents that he was not a strong swimmer. The couple came to the resort from their home in Voorhees near Philadelphia and planned to stay until he is found. — Internet

**Bullying at work linked to disturbed sleep**

DUBLIN, 3 Sept—Current or past exposure to bullying in the workplace is associated with increased sleep disturbances, a researcher in Ireland said.

Isabelle Niedhammer of the University College Dublin found 11 percent of women and 9 percent of men experienced “hostile behavior” in the work environment at least weekly and for at least six months during the previous 12 months. After adjusting for variables such as age, occupation, weekly work hours and depressive symptoms, exposure to bullying was significantly associated with self-reported sleep disturbances.

The study, published in the journal Sleep, found the adjusted odds ratio of having disturbed sleep was more than two times higher in men who currently were experiencing workplace bullying, or had been exposed to daily or almost daily bullying. Women were nearly two times more likely to report having sleep disturbances if they had experienced daily or almost daily bullying, or had been exposed to bullying for more than five years. — Internet

**Baby with protruding heart set for surgery**

NEW DELHI, 3 Sept—Doctors at an Indian government hospital were ready on Thursday morning for a critical surgery to save a baby boy born with a heart protruding from his chest.

Specialists treating him at New Delhi’s All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have already considered his survival since birth on 25 August as a record.

Cardiothoracic surgeon AK Bisoi didn’t want to delay the procedure, given fears the nine-day-old boy —referred to in records as “baby of Vitha,” his mother—might catch a hospital infection. “All roadmaps are ready,” Bisoi remarked, insisting the hospital had all life-support systems in place.

Doctors replaced the baby’s infected blood after he arrived at the hospital, having covered a rough 1,100 kilometre (685 mile) journey in a rickety train compartment. The baby was suffering from acute dehydration when he was taken in, Bisoi told CNN.

Bisoi would not say how long he and his 13-member team would conduct the surgery, adding that a one-stage operation could last between an hour and a half and three-and-a-half hours. However, a multiple-stage procedure to put the heart into the chest could take weeks, Bisoi said. — Internet
Yelena Isinbayeva awarded Spanish prize

MADRID, 3 Sept — Russian pole vaulter Yelena Isinbayeva has been awarded one of Spain’s prestigious Prince of Asturias prizes in recognition of her success in the sport. Isinbayeva, who broke her own world record of 5.06 meters in Zurich, Switzerland on Friday in Zurich, Switzerland, said “it is a honor for me to have been awarded this prize (Prince of Asturias) and I feel very happy and excited.”

Isinbayeva earned 20 votes of the jury to defeat the likes of Marta Dominguez, Haile Gebrselassie, Roger Federer, the Prize’s jury said. She is the first sportswoman in 10 years since Steffi Graf to win the prize.

Last year, Spaniard tennis player Rafael Nadal won the prize. The award announced Wednesday is one of eight Asturias prizes bestowed each year in areas such as the arts, the sciences, international cooperation and communication. Isinbayeva, 27, is the current Olympic and European champion. She has broken the world mark 27 times, 15 times in open air (5.06 meters) and 12 times in indoors courts (5.00 meters). — Xinhua

Maradona tries with Messi and Tevez

BUENOS AIRES, 3 Sept — Argentina’s national soccer team coach Diego Maradona put Lionel Messi and Carlos Tevez in the attacking line during a training session ahead of their World Cup qualifier in the South American qualifier with Brazil on Saturday.

Maradona opted the Manchester City striker instead of Sergio Aguero, the other candidate to accompany Messi. The 11 players Maradona summoned for the training session were Mariano Andujar; Javier Zanetti, Sebastián Domínguez, Nicolás Otamendi, Gabriel Heinze, Maximiliano Rodríguez, Javier Mascherano, Juan Sebastián Verón, Jesus Datolo, Messi and Tevez.

With four rounds remaining to play, Brazil leads the South American qualifying with 27 points, followed by Chile with 26, Paraguay 24 and Argentina 22.

Top four ranked teams in the South American qualifying tournament will automatically advance to the 2010 World Cup finals in South Africa.

USOC lauds IOC report on Chicago’s bid for 2016 Olympics

LOS ANGELES, 3 Sept — The US Olympic Committee (USOC) on Wednesday joined the Chicago 2016 bid committee in extending its gratitude and congratulations to the International Olympic Committee Evaluation Commission (IOCEC) for its assessment report.

“USOC is pleased to note the Evaluation Commission has confirmed Chicago’s readiness to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as the thorough planning and understanding of what is required to deliver a spectacular experience for the world’s top athletes,” the USOC said in a statement.

“The USOC applauds Chicago 2016 and the City of Chicago for creating one of the strongest bids the United States has ever put forward,” the statement added.

With a long-term vision that creates a sporting and cultural legacy in the heart of the city, Chicago truly puts the athletes first and leaves a sustainable legacy for Chicago, for America and for the worldwide Olympic Movement, said the statement.

Brazil tops FIFA rankings, US moves up to No11

ZURICH, 3 Sept — Confederations Cup champion Brazil remained at the top of the FIFA rankings for a third straight month, while the United States moved up to No 11.

European champion Spain stayed second, followed by The Netherlands in world rankings announced Wednesday. World champion Italy gained points to pull even with Germany in fourth place. The United States, the Confederations Cup runner-up in June, rose one place to No 11, its best placing since the 2006 World Cup.

Russia, England and Argentina were unchanged from Nos. 6-8, and No 9 Croatia traded places with France, which rounds out the top 10. Mexico used its victory in a World Cup qualifying match over the Americans last month to improve six places to No 24.

China’s Zheng signs for Celtic

BEIJING, 3 Sept — China captain Zheng Zhi has signed a two-year contract with Scottish giants Celtic, state media said on Thursday. The 29-year-old midfielder signed with the Glasgow club for 10,000 pounds (16,250 dollars) a week, soccer news reported. Zheng was a free agent after his contract at English League One club Charlton expired at the end of last season.

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The anti-psychotic drug controls aggression in humans and is not licensed for use on horses.

The FEI says Werth is suspended through 22 Dec, but will not be barred from the 2012 London Olympics.

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US number two seed Serena Williams returns a shot during the second round match during day three of the 2009 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, in New York, on September 2. — Internet

Nadal returns, beats Gasquet, at US Open

NEW YORK, 3 Sept — Everyone’s been curious about the condition of Rafael Nadal’s knees, so it made sense that his first Grand Slam opponent in three months would wonder as well. Which might explain why Richard Gasquet tried a drop shot deep in the third set of his US Open match against Nadal on Wednesday. Nadal made the long run necessary to get to the ball, and flipped it back over the net, winning the point.

A moment later, as if conspiring with Nadal to show everyone how fit the six-time major champion truly is these days, Gasquet offered up another drop shot. Nadal got to that one, too. Starting a bid to win the only Grand Slam title missing from his resume, Nadal encountered no apparent trouble from his much scrutinized legs in a 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Gasquet at Flushing Meadows. — Internet

Defoe reveals heartache behind his new lease of life

WATFORD, 3 Sept — England striker Jermain Defoe has revealed the secret torment he went through watching his half-brother die at the age of just 26 and says it has inspired him to produce the best form of his life.

Defoe, who has scored six goals already for Tottenham and England this season, is rapidly becoming a key player for his country and is a seri- ous contender to partner Wayne Rooney as Fabio Capello’s side prepare for the World Cup.

The 26-year-old hopes to play a part in England’s friendly against Slovenia on Saturday and the crucial qualifier against Croatia at Wembley four days later when victory would be enough to ensure the team reaches South Africa. But Defoe admitted his impressive form has been fired by personal tragedy.

US number two seed Serena Williams returns a shot to Hungary’s Melinda Czink during their second round match during day three of the 2009 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, in New York, on September 2. — Internet

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Ex-governor arrested in Philippines for murder charge

MANILA, 3 Sept—Philippine police operatives arrested on Tuesday night a former governor of Abra Province for involvement in the killing of a congressman nearly three years ago, police said on Wednesday.

Former Abra Governor Vicente Valera was nabbed by police operatives at the Hidalgo Tower in Makati City around 10 p.m. by virtue of an arrest warrant issued by a Quezon City local court.

Valera had been charged with murder for allegedly masterminding the killing of former Abra Representative Luis Bersamin.

Bersamin was shot dead on December 16, 2006 after attending his daughter’s wedding at the Mt. Carmel Church in Quezon City. His bodyguard, Adelfo Ortega, was also killed. Wounded in the shooting were Bersamin’s driver, Allan Sawadan, and a 15-year-old boy.

Valera’s lawyer, Rolando Quimbo, said his client had not been hiding from authorities. The warrant was issued by a Quezon City court last month. —MNA/Xinhua

WEATHER

Thursday, 3rd September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Kayah States, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Tanintharyi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.35) inch, Ye (3.24) inches, Gwa (2.80) inches, Coco Island (2.32) inches, Watlatt (2.08) inches, Dawei (1.97) inches, Sittway and Thaton (1.85) inches each. Maximum temperature on 2-9-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 3-9-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours on 3-9-2009 was 92%.

Total sun shine hours on 2-9-2009 was (1.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 3-9-2009 was (0.35) inch at Mingaladon, (0.24) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.24) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (86.73) inches at Mingaladon, (98.39) inches at Kaba-Aye and (103.19) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 2-9-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 4th September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Kayin States, Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

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

Kokang Region, Shan State (North), restores its stability, peace

NAV PYI TAW, 3 Sept—Acting on tip-off, a combined team comprising members of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee, Myanmar Police Force, Anti-Drug Squad, and Kokang troops combed Kokang Region in Shan State (North).

The team seized one M-21, six M-22s and 154,400 WY Brand stimulant tablets in a building between Mukwakeng Village and BP 127; a stimulant tablet-making machine, six glass funnels, six bell-glasses, 20 kilos of Ephedrine, 45 kilos of sodium hydroxide, three barrels of acetic anhydride, an iron tray, two kilos of chemical liquid and 14 gallons of chloroform in a 20’ x 20’ room yesterday; 3000 WY Brand stimulant tablets, six glass steamers, and precursor chemicals in the house of U Phon Kya Phu in Si-aw Village; and 88 five-gallon plastic containers with acid-like liquid, three bottles of hydrochloric acid, and 2300 soft plastic boxes in a corn plantation near Pin St-aw village today.—MNA

One more A (H1N1)-infected patient found bringing total number to 33

Two more patients discharged from hospital

NAV PYI TAW, 3 Sept—A 15-year-old French boy was transferred to North Okkalapa Hospital through township Health Department as he had a fever with flu symptoms on 2 September. National Health Laboratory confirmed that the patient was found to have been infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) after the medical institution tested the serum of the patient.

Six family members who came into contact with the patient are being kept under home quarantine. Two children aged 15 and 16 were discharged from the hospital as they had fully recovered from their illness yesterday, and home quarantine measures against family members who came into contact with the patients were halted.

Up to 2 September, the number of patients with the virus in Myanmar has so far reached 33 and 27 out of them have been discharged from the hospital after recovering from their illness. The specialists are giving intensive health care to the remaining six. National Health Laboratory detected 223 flu-suspected persons and only 33 were found A (H1N1) positive.—MNA