**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

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**Potency of Metta**
(No. 1)

Dissemination of *metta* (loving-kindness) can benefit anyone who welcomes it or not.
Therefore everybody should disseminate metta, which is possessed of great potency.

*(Milindapañha, Mettabhavananisamsa-197)*

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**Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of Ministry of Defence looks into regional development undertakings in Kongyan of Laukkai Township, Shan State (North)**

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, deputy ministers, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force and departmental officials, met with servicemen and family members of the local station and departmental personnel at the hall of the local battalion on Kongyan of Laukkai Township, Shan State (North), on 3 September. (See page 7)

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**Kyonmange, a township with smooth transport**

*Byline: Maung Tin Hlaing (H&T)*

The Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport is transforming cargo barges into pontoons for ensuring swift commodity flow and increased production.

In that regard, IWT is working hard to complete the building of a pontoon in Kyonmange, as a task of improving the living conditions of the rural and urban inhabitants.

IWT is building pontoons wherever necessary in order that watercraft can dock at jetties. In addition, (See page 7)

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**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall**

- Launglon 10.75 inches
- Ye 7.60 inches
- Dawei 4.10 inches
- Machanbaw 3.54 inches
- Hpa-an 3.03 inches
- Thaton 3.03 inches
- Kayan 2.95 inches
- Kyaukpyu 2.91 inches
- Bilin 2.87 inches
- Yangon 2.63 inches
- Kyeikkhame 2.44 inches
- Pakokku 0.47 inch

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The inhabitants, who fled due to the armed conflicts and regional instability, are now returning to the native places. The returnees are being received in a systematic way through coordination of the authorities of the two countries and they are being rendered necessary aid. It is heartening to learn that now Kokang Region has regained peace and stability, and resumed regional development tasks.
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Play an active role in serving the interest of national people

A ceremony to open workshop on cooperation between agriculturists, trainees who attended agricultural courses abroad and entrepreneurs, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, was held at meeting hall of the ministry on 4 September with an address by Prime Minister General Thein Sein.

The agricultural sector of Myanmar has good prospects but there are weaknesses in the use of high technology in accordance with international standards, investment, skilled labour, crop quality control, crop storage and packaging and exploration of markets. The aim of the workshop was to weather these challenges, for agriculture produce to fetch good prices in the international markets and to modernize the agricultural sector.

In serving the interest of the State and the people, efforts are being made to transform the nation into an industrialized one in line with the already-laid down economic policies—the development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

In an effort to ensure the improvement of the industrial sector, it is required to strengthen the agricultural sector which plays an important role in national economy and to use modern agricultural methods which will help export more agricultural produce.

The government sent scholars from the field of agriculture abroad for further studies spending a large amount of funds. Now, it is incumbent upon the scholars to make all-out efforts for the development of the agricultural sector applying knowledge and skills they have gained in practice.

At such a time, all the agriculturists are to play an active role in serving the national interest combining qualified human resources and modern agricultural methods.

Myawadi, Ngwetaryi magazines in circulation

YANGON, 5 Sept—Myawadi and Ngwetaryi magazines came out yesterday for September (2009), published by Myawadi book store at No 15 on Moekaung pagoda road in Bawkhtaw, Yankin Township, Yangon (Tel: 01-559273).—MNA

A&I Minister inspects Pwekauk Dam

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Huay Oo inspected Pwekauk Dam project near Yethayaukgon Village in PwinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division on 30 August morning.

On arrival at the briefing hall, the minister heard the reports on the progress of work presented by the officials and gave necessary instructions. Then, the minister viewed the tasks carried out by the machines.

Pwekauk Dam is situated on Gelaung Creek near Yethayaukgon Village in PwinOoLwin Township. It is 107 ft high, 1450 ft long and has 1230 acres of storage area. Spillway of the dam is 100 ft wide and 1100 ft long.—MNA

Myanmar delegation led by Dy Foreign Minister arrives back from ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Sept—Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back by air on 3 September evening after attending the Seventh East Asia Forum held on 1 to 2 September 2009 in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea.

The East Asia Forum was established in 2003 as a forum to provide unique opportunity to exchange views among government officials, business circle and academia from ASEAN, China, Japan and Republic of Korea, with the different themes for every year. The theme of this 7th Forum is ‘Acceleration of the Integration for the East Asian Community Building’. During the meeting, the participants from ASEAN member countries, China, Japan and Republic of Korea discussed and exchanged views on the issue of the role of EAF for the integration of East Asia, strengthening of social and cultural cooperation in East Asia, global financial crisis and depending of the economic cooperation in East Asia.

This forum was held with the Plenary Session and the Concurrent Sessions separately. The Plenary Session was attended by U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and all delegation members. The Deputy Minister delivered the keynote speech on “Accelerating the Integration for the East Asian Community Building” at the Plenary Session. The concurrent working group meeting of business circle was attended by U Nay Aye, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Working Group Meeting of Government Circle was attended by U Tint Swai, Deputy Director-General, ASEAN Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Working Group Meeting of Academic Circle was attended by Daw Mie Mie Khine, Deputy Director, Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library under the Ministry of Culture separately.
Iran says US nuke documents ‘forged’

VIENNA, 5 Sept — Iran accused the US on Friday of using “forged documents” and relying on “shoddy evidence” to make its case that Teheran is trying to build a nuclear weapon, according to a confidential letter obtained by The Associated Press.

The eight-page letter — written by Iran’s chief envoy to the UN nuclear agency in Vienna — denounces Washington’s allegations against the Islamic Republic as “fabricated, baseless and false.” The letter does not specify what documents Iran is alleging were forged.

It also lashes out at Britain and France for “ill will and political motivation” in their dealings on Iran.

Peres says Palestinian state first, full peace later

CERNOBVOO, 5 Sept — Israeli President Shimon Peres, a longtime advocate of peace with the Palestinians, said on Friday that a comprehensive settlement resolving the century-old dispute was not currently achievable. He called instead for a Palestinian state under a provisional arrangement even without a formal peace deal.

“Israel has decided to make peace on the basis of two states — an Israeli state and a Palestinian state,” he told the Ambrosetti Forum, a gathering of political and business leaders on the shores of Italy’s Lake Como. “I would like that we do it in one step. Apparently we cannot do it in one step.”

Arab League Secretary-General Amre Moussa, who squared off against Peres at the meeting, expressed skepticism at the gradual approach and said the time for a deal was “now or never.”

Bomb targets German troops in north Afghanistan

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NATO initially said it believed the casualties were all Taleban fighters, but later acknowledged that large numbers of wounded civilians were being treated in hospitals in the area.

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Floods hit 350,000 in West Africa

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“Just like in 2007 when serious flooding had affected almost 800,000 people in this region, we have the impression that this year again, torrential rain has affected an enormous number of people,” she said.

Burkina Faso, Niger, Ghana, Guinea, Senegal and Benin have all been hit by the floods.

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US unemployment rate rises to 9.7% in August

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—The US unemployment rate rose to 9.7 percent in August, the highest since June 1983 and worse than economists had expected, the Labour Department reported on Friday.

Nonfarm payroll employment declined a net total of 216,000 jobs in August, less than July’s upwardly revised total of 276,000, and was the lowest in a year. Analysts expected the unemployment rate to rise to 9.5 percent from July’s 9.4 percent.

In August, the number of unemployed persons increased by 466,000 to 15.9 million. Since the recession began in December 2007, the number of unemployed persons has risen by 7.4 million, and the unemployment rate has grown by 4.8 percentage points.

If laid-off workers who have settled for part-time work or have given up looking for new jobs are included, the so-called underemployment rate reached 16.8 percent, the highest on records dating from 1994.

Lenovo sees potential in Malaysian PC market

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Sept—Lenovo, one of the world’s leading personal computer manufacturers, said here on Friday that it saw a significant potential in the personal computer (PC) market in Malaysia.

Malaysia is one of Lenovo’s targeted emerging markets, where more PC penetration could be expected, said Qi Yong, transactional business manager on Friday that it saw a significant potential in the personal computer (PC) market in Malaysia.

He said that Lenovo believes that Malaysia is one of the fast-growing countries in the world and Lenovo’s business partners in the country are also growing fast.

Earlier this year, Lenovo introduced a new strategy to target at what it regards as emerging markets, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Russia and India.

Five banks closed by US regulators

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—Bank regulators closed four Midwestern banks and one in Arizona on Friday, bringing to 89 the number of US banks to fail this year as deteriorating loan continue to take toll on financial institutions.

The total deposits of the five institutions, which have died for lack of pasture that breeders weren’t able to plant in time, with more than three months of the dry season still to go.

WTO says Airbus loans illegal

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept—The World Trade Organization ruled on Friday that European loans for Airbus were illegal, said US lawmakers, said, but European sources said Washington did not win a sweeping victory. The findings, which came in a confidential 1,000-plus-page ruling, are the latest chapter in decades-old battle between US manufacturer Boeing and European rival Airbus for dominance of the global aircraft market, a major source of jobs on both sides of the Atlantic.

The decision, which will not be made public for months, was handed out to the United States and the European Union at WTO headquarters in Geneva.

Lawmakers from Washington state, where much of Boeing’s production work is done, said the WTO agreed with the United States that European “launch aid loans” to help Airbus develop the A380 and other top-selling planes violated global rules.

Vietnam produces first batch of ethanol

HANOI, 5 Sept—Vietnam successfully produced the country’s first batch of 2,000 tons of ethanol, a bio-fuel for motor vehicles, local newspaper the People reported on Friday.

The fuel is made from sugar cane and cassava. It could be added into petrol and produce ethanol fuel.

The mixture would have lower retail price than commonly-used 92-octane petrol in the country and help protect the environment, said the newspaper.

The Dong Xanh Joint-Stock Company of Vietnam began building the ethanol plant in the central province of Quang Nam in 2007 as part of the government project to develop bio-fuel by 2015.
Weak passwords put people at risk, study says

BEIJING, 5 Sept—Internet users are leaving themselves open to security risks by adopting weak passwords, a new study reveals.

British insurer CPP said that too many people are using things like memorable dates, names of their children and are even sharing them with friends and colleagues. The survey also found that some 46 percent of children and are even sharing them with friends and colleagues. With phishing and smishing attacks, as well as malicious software attacks, on the rise, consumers and Internet users need to be more careful with their passwords.

Residents flee homes after drug-related carnage in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 5 Sept—Residents were fleeing their homes after 18 people were killed at a drug rehabilitation centre in the north Mexican city of Cd. Juarez on Wednesday, local newspapers reported on Friday.

“We are looking for another home,” said a former resident of Cd. Juarez.

The city of 1.3 million people saw the worst of the nation’s drug violence that has claimed more than 1,600 lives so far this year.

“My son arrived from the US to see us that day, but in the afternoon when all this happened he said ‘let’s go’ and we went to a hotel. We are still there now,” he said.

Gunmen attacked the rehabilitation centre on Wednesday night, killing 18 and injuring five. It was the third attack on the same centre. Police guarding the crime scene said that many families were packing their luggage. Local newspapers reported 75 people had been killed in several incidents across Juarez, a favored spot for smuggling cocaine into the United States.

Colombian authorities seize 1.9 tons of cocaine

BOGOTA, 5 Sept—The Colombian Coastguard seized some 1.9 tons of cocaine buried underground near the northern Morrosquillo Gulf on Friday, authorities said.

The Coastguard found the cocaine packaged in 86 bags, with each containing 23 kg, after receiving a tip from the Administrative Department of Security.

The Coastguard also confiscated some weapons on the spot.

The drug, which reportedly belonged to a local drug-trafficking band, had a value of 60 million U.S. dollars on the black market.

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In the world.—

Xinhua

Wildfire causes serious pollution around Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 5 Sept—The Station Fire still raging in Northern Los Angeles has caused serious pollution in the city, prompting health officials to call for caution.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), the region’s pollution-monitoring agency, urged area residents on Friday to take steps to protect themselves from the potentially cancer-causing smoke and fine particles generated by the wildfire.

In a statement, the AQMD urged everyone “to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. This includes areas where residents can see or smell smoke.”

The agency said air quality would reach unhealthy levels, including Friday, in the San Gabriel Mountains and San Gabriel Valley and areas affected by the Station Fire and other smaller fires in Southern California.

Meanwhile, Dr. Zab Mosenifar, medical director of the Women’s Guild Lung Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, said the foul air creates particularly hazardous conditions for pets, children, the elderly and people with chronic respiratory problems resulting from such conditions as emphysema, asthma, congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

UN says $500b required for global energy generation

LAGOS, 5 Sept—The United Nations says about 500 billion US dollars is required in new investments to improve global energy generation in the wake of challenges posed by climate change, the News Agency of Nigeria reported on Friday.

The figure, an equivalent of 1 percent of World Gross Product (WGP), was contained in the 2009 World Economic and Social Survey report.

A statement by the UN Information Center (UNIC), Lagos, on Thursday, said the report rejected projections that big spending on world energy needs was not required until 2030. The report said failure to tackle the problem soon would portend danger for the entire world.

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Dominica further braces for storm Erika

HAVANA, 5 Sept—The Dominican Republic’s Emergency Operations Centre (COE) on Friday deployed its contingency plan across nine provinces due to bad weather caused by weakened tropical depression Erika.

The provinces of Duarte, Maria Trinidad Sanchez, Samana, Hato Mayor, El Seibo, La Altagracia, San Pedro de Macoris, La Romana and Monte Planta remained at risk of being flooded, although storm Erika had faded, COE director Gen. Juan Manuel Mendez told media in Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic.

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People dressed like “witch” walk on a street of Veliko Gradiste City, east Serbia, on 4 Sept, 2009. An international “witch” gathering was held in the city, attracting a lot of “witches” from different places of the world. —Xinhua

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A Northwest / Delta Airbus A330-200 is pushed by France’s Thales SA on some of their Airbus planes, amid fears the instruments contributed to the crash of an Air France jet in June. —Xinhua

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Colombia is believed to be the largest producer and second exporter of cocaine in the world. —Xinhua
Ex-soldier gets five life sentences Iraqi deaths

PADUCAH, 5 Sept — A former soldier received five consecutive life sentences on Friday for his role in the rape and murder of an Iraqi teenager and the slaying of three of her family members. “What the defendant did was horrifying and inexcusable,” US District Judge Thomas Russell said in sentencing to Steven Dale Green, 24, of Midland, Texas. “The court believes any lesser sentence would be insufficient.” A civilian jury in western Kentucky convicted Green in May of raping Abeer Qassim al-Janabi, conspiracy and multiple counts of murder. Green shot and killed the teen’s mother, father and sister, then became the third soldier to rape her before shooting her in the face. Her body was set on fire on 12 March, 2006, at their rural home outside Mahmoudiya, Iraq, about 20 miles south of Baghdad. Internet

France seen leading race to equip Brazil Air Force

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Sept — France’s modern combat jet, the Rafale, is seen as the leading contender in a four-billion-dollar race to supply the Brazilian Air Force ahead of a visit by French President Nicolas Sarkozy. Analysts say France’s offer to give Brazil the technology behind the multi-role combat aircraft as part of the sale of 36 planes could give it the edge over rival bids from the United States and Sweden. If France’s Dassault does sell its Rafales to Brazil, it would be the first time the jets have been sold abroad. Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva told AFP in an exclusive interview ahead of Sarkozy’s two-day visit that the technology transfer offer gave the Rafale “an exceptional comparative advantage” over Boeing’s F/A-18 Super Hornet and Saab’s Gripen NG fighters. While cautioning that Brazil’s decision process still had to be approved by air force commanders and lawmakers, he praised France as “the only important country ready to discuss transfer of technology in all areas with us.” — Internet

Missile blasts during Bulgarian military drills

SOFIA, 5 Sept — An anti-aircraft missile exploded on Friday shortly after its launch during military drills of the Bulgarian Army near the northeastern town of Shabla, local media reported. The rocket exploded 50 meters up in the air a second after the launch in front of the eyes of Defence Minister Nikolay Mladenov and President Georgi Parvanov, who is also the Bulgarian Commander-in-Chief. No one was killed or injured by the explosion but the drills had to be terminated for some time. The explosion originated in the engine of the anti-aircraft missile, whereas its head fell into the sea and will be recovered by divers. “Unfortunately, this incident shows that we are working with outdated equipment. The conclusion is that we need to restore the priorities of our armed forces,” Defence Minister Mladenov commented after the explosion. Xinhua

Detroit man stole woman’s car on first date

Police in Michigan say a first date went from bad to worse when a Detroit man skipped out on the restaurant bill, then stole his date’s car. Police say 23-year-old Terrance Dejuan McCoy had dinner with a woman 24 April at Buffalo Wild Wings in the Detroit suburb of Ferndale. The woman says the two met a week earlier at a Detroit casino and she knew McCoy only as “Chris.” The woman told police that McCoy said he left his wallet in her car and asked for keys. He then sped away in the 2000 Chevrolet Impala. The Daily Tribune of Royal Oak reports that police identified McCoy by a photo he’d sent to the woman’s cell phone, and his phone number. McCoy is charged with unlawfully taking the car, a five-year felony. He waived a preliminary exam and was bound over for trial.

Health Tip: Help prevent yeast infections

While yeast infections usually can be treated easily with medication, there are steps you can take to prevent them altogether. The American Academy of Family Physicians offers these suggestions to reduce your risk of a yeast infection:

- Avoid tight-fitting pants and underwear in favor of loose-fitting clothes. Always choose natural materials, instead of synthetic.
- Use cotton underwear. And avoid wearing pantyhose or leotards every single day.
- After you shower, make sure the genitals are completely dry. Consider using a hair dryer on a low, cool setting.
- After using the toilet, always wipe from front to back.
- If you’re wearing wet clothing, change as soon as possible.
- Avoid douching, feminine hygiene sprays, fragranced and colored toilet paper, or deodorant tampons and pads.

Four adults stretch out their arms to enfold a colossal crock of black and white porcelain, which stands at 1.36 meters in height, measures 6.8 meters in perimeter, with a caliber of 2 meters and a weight of over 1,500 kg, in Jingdechen, east China’s Jiangxi Province.

Amsterdam lets “beer bike” ride on, with limits

The outsized bikes, seating groups of people around a central bar, are something of a fixture in the city’s center. But two accidents within two months prompted the city councillor responsible for transport to launch an investigation in June. Following that review the city has decided to allow the bikes to carry on riding, a city spokesman said. They will, however, need permits from the various city boroughs, and those permits are likely to come with restrictions on hours of operation and requirements for a sober driver.

While non-drinkers already typically steer the bikes, their size has also been an issue in some cases on the city center’s narrow streets. One of the better-known operators, PartyFietslaar, offers two-hour tours on bikes that seat up to 22 people and carry 30 litres (7.9 gallons) of beer.

Lightning injures four workers at Mexico City airport

MEXICO CITY, 5 Sept — A lightning strike that hit a parked plane at Mexico City’s airport has sent four employees working nearby to the hospital. Officials say the workers were apparently injured by the concussion from the afternoon strike, rather than by the electrical charge of the bolt itself. No passengers were on the plane. The airport press office says the workers were conscious when they were taken by ambulance to a hospital on Friday. There was no immediate information on their condition.

The airport continued to operate normally.—Internet

Some 200 martial arts practitioners dressed in black and white act as the chess stones and move across the board in sync with the ongoing game.

Malaysia’s first submarine, “KD Tunku Abdul Rahman”, decks in Port Klang outside Kuala Lumpur on 3 Sept, 2009. The French-made “KD Tunku Abdul Rahman”, the first of the two Scorpene-class diesel-electric submarines ordered by the Malaysian Navy, made a port call on Thursday in Port Klang for a welcoming ceremony on its maiden voyage from Toulon in France to Sepanggar in east Malaysia. — Internet

MELBOURNE, 5 Sept — A cyber attack on the website of the Australian Taxation Office sent the site into a “shutdown” on Friday.

The attack, which was launched from a website that called itself “Lightning’s Revenge” according to reports, caused some of the site’s services to be inaccessible for hours.

The website’s home page still features a message which reads “We’re experiencing technical difficulties.”

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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented foodstuffs and gifts to the families of the station and departmental personnel.

At the Police Station in Kongyan, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing gave necessary instructions to officials and gave foodstuffs to them.

After visiting Kongyan by car, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing cordially greeted the local people.

While in Kongyan, he met with departmental officials, instructed them to strive for undertaking the regional development and attended to the needs.

At Kongyan People’s Hospital, he visited the patients and presented medicines to officials.

On arrival at TV Re-transmission station of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in Kongyan, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected installation of TV re-transmission machines and left necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party visited Kongyan Basic Education High School and gave exercise books and stationery to officials.

Kyonmange, a township with smooth transport

Byline: Maung Tin Hlaing (H&T)

Chairman U Kyi Khin of Kyonmange Ward PDC telling the news crew of Kyemon.

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extension of trips and repairing of jetties are also under way.

Pontoon has been built in order that ships can be moored at villages that should have jetties. The town has got a new pontoon recently due to unity of local residents and the hard work of IWT. It is heartening to see the view of people extending a warm welcome to the passengers including us. Kyonmange is situated on the west bank of Kyunpyathet River, a tributary of Ayeyawady River, in Myaungmya District. It shares the borders with WakHEMA in the east, Labutta in the west, Myaungmya in the north and Mawlamyine Township in the south.

In Kyonmange area, paddy is mainly grown and fishing is the major source of income. Local people always take part in development tasks of Kyonmange. They have striven to scale up the development in social, education, health and agriculture sectors and get new roads, bridges, markets and jetties. IWT starts running new Yangon-Labutta, Yangon-Bogale and Yangon-Bammaw cargo watercraft runs. Building pontoons in Kanbet village, Labutta Township of Ayeyawady Division last year and in Kyonmange on 29.8.2009 benefits local people much . On arrival at Kyonmange jetty, we met responsible persons and local people from Kyonmange. Chairman U Kyi Khin of Kyonmange ward said, “I feel very encouraged that IWT has somewhat fulfilled the need of local residents in coordination with local authorities, chairman of Myaung-mya District and WakHEMA Township Peace and Development Councils.

Secretary of Kyonmange Township Association U Sein Lyan said, “The pontoon contributes to the progress of our township and the commodity flow”. A townselder U Myint Kyi said, “I am very grateful to IWT for the jetty because it is very convenient and safe for us to use it.”

So, it is fair to say that Kyonmange jetty built by the IWT is a testament to smooth transport, swift flow of commodities and a boom in trade of local people.
Prosperous future of Laukkai (2)

Mahn Tha Sein (Papun)

(Continued from yesterday)
Then, the clashes of the two sides grew into full-scale battles. Only in the afternoon of 29 August did the fire exchange cease. In the mission to save the 39 policemen held hostage, 25 hostages including 11 injured victims could be rescued, and 14 others were found dead. Troops of U Phon Kya Shin group shot them dead at close range in the custody and in some other sites; that was an atrocious slaughter. Obviously, the incident proved U Phon Kya Shin group bloodthirsty, disguising themselves as peace group members. So, they do not deserve peace at all.

The troops led by U Phon Kya Shin was cruel enough to shoot the hostages dead at close range, but the barbarians were too cowardly to face the combined group led by the Tatmadaw. In the face of the Tatmadaw column, they tried to flee, abandoning all their weaponry small and heavy. So, the battle lasted only a short time, the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Kokang militia took Kokang Region under control. According to the foreign media, over 700 troops loyal to U Phon Kya Shin fled to the other country and surrendered their arms.

The armed engagements left 11 Tatmadaw members dead and 34, wounded, and 15 policemen dead and 13, wounded. The combined force captured dead bodies of eight Kokang troops and seized more than 400 heavy and small arms in the battles, more than 200 assorted arms in the arsenals of their camp, more than 40 brand-new small arms and rounds of ammunition around the illegal arm factory. After all, the good triumphed over the evil, and security, stability and peace returned to normal in Kokang Region.

Now, peace and stability have been restored and the administrative machinery has been functioning in the region. The inhabitants, who fled due to the armed conflicts and regional instability, are now returning to the native places. The returnees are being received in a systematic way through coordination the authorities of the two countries and they are being rendered necessary aid. It is heartening to learn that now Kokang Region has regained peace and stability, and resumed regional development tasks.

In fact, governmental departments have been set up in Kokang Region for long. So, arrangements will be made to restore the executive power and judicial power in Kokang Region because it will be a Self-Administered Zone in the near future according to the State constitution. Only then will it be possible to avert needless incidents in the border of the two countries.

As regards Kokang Region, the government will soon form Special Group for Development of Laukkai Region comprising departments of various fields for ensuring the rule of law and improving the administrative machinery. In addition, the government will take all possible measures for restoration of the regional conditions and trade, expediting regional development undertakings and raising the education standard.
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whereas “Phon” clan is producing narcotic drugs on a commercial scale, which is completely unacceptable. The case is an unforgivable sin not only for Myanmar people but for the international community. And the law will not favour the offenders.

It is stated in the announcement of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee that U Phon Kya Shin, U Phon Kya Phu, U Phon Ta Shwin and U Phon Ta Shin are urged to seize the opportunity to address the issue in accord with the law in their individual interests and in the interests of their region or people. No one can escape from legal charges if he commits a crime. So it will be better for them to face the law instead of going into hiding for good. This is why the committee might have urged its brethren ex-leaders to face the law in their own interests. The four responsible persons should deeply consider cooperation.

Regarding the incidents in Kokang region, outside media have made accusations that the government launched attacks on the Kokang group of U Phon Kya Shin on charges of arms smuggling as it turned down the proposal to form a frontier force. In reality, acting on the information of the neighbouring country, Myanmar Police Force exposed and seized the arms factory in Yanlonkyaing. Twenty-one items of machine parts used in producing arms were seized. Moreover, according to the sources, 40 new small weapons and various kinds of ammunition were confiscated. It is irresponsi-ble to air one-sided fabricated news although there has been material as well as human evidence. But as usual, they will continue airing slanderous news about our country with the ill intention of harming the State and the people. Our only duty is to continue doing our own work for peace and stability and development of our nation without being swayed by their slanderous news realizing their ulterior motive.

Again, there has been a piece of fabricated news in order to cause misunderstanding between the government and the remaining peace groups by saying that the government was likely to continue to carry out attacks with the use of military power until the national race armed groups that had made peace with the State bow to the pressure to transform themselves into frontier forces. In practice, the government in favour of peace endeavoured for all national race armed groups to return to the legal fold after holding negotiations with them. After achieving peace, the government strived for all parts of the country to develop in all aspects with peace and stability. As a result, all can witness that border regions have enjoyed fruits of peace and development more than ever. It is the fact that no one can deny.

In making peace with the government, some national race groups unconditionally surrendered their arms while some are still holding their arms. It has been known to all that the general election will be held in 2010 and a new democratic government will emerge in accord with the constitution. Then, the State will have a Tatmadaw and it is not possible for national race armed groups to continue to hold their arms. This is why the State is seeking ways to negotiate with the national race groups in order to promote temporary peace into eternal peace in accordance with the constitution. Coordination and discussion are essential if a future nation is to be considered based on the point of maintaining peace. Nonetheless, internal and external anti-government elements are attempting to make coordination and discussion unsuccessful and cause misunderstanding. As I have said, they are doing their work and we have to continue our own way to achieve success. We, all the people, believe coordination and discussion with the national race groups will be successful.

The incidents in Kokang region are not the problem between the government and Kokang nationals nor between the government and other national races. It is not the political or racial problem either. It is not the problem that happened due to one-sided pressure. It is just an incident in which action was taken against U Phon Kya Shin’s group in accord with the law for rapacious acts to smuggle narcotic drugs and arms although they had been given the special rights to do business in their special region the government had established.

The cases of establishing arms factory to trade arms and ammunition illegally and smuggling narcot-ics might cause terrorism, threats and rampant crimes not only in Kokang region but also in the border region of two countries. And peace and stability of both countries could be threatened as a consequence. Be-sides, regional peace and development could be harmed as arms and narcotic drugs were being smuggled to neighbouring nations and other countries. Therefore, the government in cooperation with the neighbouring country took measures to maintain regional peace and stability and development. In other words, the government got rid of the dark area in Kokang region.

Now, Kokang region has returned to normalcy with the dark clouds disappeared. As from 29 August, the local people who fled to the other country have reentered Laukkai en masse as regional peace and stability has prevailed.

The whole Kokang region has been able to put its administrative machinery in place. Moreover, under the leadership of the special group for development of Laukkai region, more progress will be seen in all sectors such as social, economic, education, health and transport sectors. All in all, the moon is full bright in Laukkai.

The whole Laukkai region has restored peace and stability, fruits of happiness, delight and confidence.

Translation: MS+ST

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The-ein village in Paung Township gaining development momentum as a result of better transport

Byline: Win Shwe (Myanma Alin) | Photos: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung)

The-ein village in Paung Township is gaining development momentum as a result of better transport. The socio-economic life of the village has seen progress in economic, education and health sectors due to better transport and the price of land and rubber farms have risen dramatically, “The village has seen progress in economic, education and health sectors due to better transport,” U Maung Chaw, Chairman of The-ein village PDC.

The-ein village once lagged behind in the socio-economic status of the village. With respect to education sector, The-ein Basic Education High School, Mebaung, Basic Education Primary School, Ywalay, BEPS and Ingyingon BEPS are nurturing students, with a view to turning out proficient and reliable human resources for further development of the State.

When interviewed about health care service for rural folks, Doctor in-charge of Station Hospital Dr Myint Htwe said that as the construction of Station Hospital funded by government grant and cash donated by wellwishers is nearly completed in addition to already existing rural healthcare centre, more and better health care service could be provided for rural folks; that one doctor, two senior nurses and two nurses were assigned to the hospital and are now discharging their duties.

Emergence of The-ein Station Hospital would take care of health of some 15,000 locals from five village-tracts plus those of nearby village-tracts and Nyaungchaung village-tract of Thaton Township.

Shwe Alin library is opened in accordance with the five norms with a view to enabling rural folks broaden their horizons. Villagers could borrow books from the library with book-borrowing card after paying membership fees. The library is staffed with one librarian, and equipped with publications, periodicals, magazines and works of literature. The library opens daily from 8 to 9 in the morning and 5 to 9 in the evening and is said to be always packed with those who have a thirst for knowledge.

With regard to transportation sector, district-to-district road built through The-ein, Sakhangyi, Nyaungchaung, Ingwe, Mebaung, Thitkhaung, Ywalay, Sinywa, Shongon villages and so on is being upgraded section by section. So locals are enjoying smooth and swift transport.

Today’s The-ein village is gaining development momentum like other townships and villages across the nation. The socio-economic life of The-ein villagers has much improved thanks to emergence of district-to-district roads and urban-to-country road.

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Chinese economy may keep 8% growth for two years: economist

BEIJING, 5 Sept.—The Chinese economy is experiencing a “V” shape recovery and the growth rate may reach 8 percent both this year and next year, said Chinese economist Fan Gang said here Saturday.

Fan, a monetary policy adviser to China’s central bank, said at the 2009 annual conference of CEO in Beijing, that the economy will see a sustainable recovery and will be back to normal in 2011, according to a report of the China News Service. He predicted that the real estate investment will increase by around 30 percentage points to economic growth. Corporate investment is expected to grow prominently next year and as the global trade is warming up, Chinese export, which still enjoys the cost advantage, will recover.

“As the economy is back to normal in 2010, the government will adjust the macro-economic policy. But before that happens, the current stimulus policy should stay to sustain the recovery,” he said.

Fan said people should adjust their expectation of economic growth and not regard recovery simply as a double-digit growth. A growth rate of 8 percent to 9 percent is sustainable growth.—Internet

Thousands suspected of having A/H1N1 flu in US university

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 Sept.—At least 2,000 students are suspected of being hit by the A/H1N1 influenza in Washington State University (WSU) in the northwest of the United States, the university said on Friday.

“We estimate that we have been in contact with about 2,000 students with influenza-like illness in the first ten days of our fall semester. At this time of year, we would typically only see a handful of patients with influenza-like illness,” WSU Health and Wellness Services said in a latest posting on the university’s A/H1N1 information blog.

The university noted that this way of estimating the additional numbers of sick students who are handling by healthcare providers in the local community or are self-caring at home. The overwhelming majority of sick students have had mild symptoms and are usually better in three to five days, and none of the students has yet required hospitalization. The university has distributed about 200 flu self-care kits for students and is planning to hand out 1,000 more.—MNA/Xinhua

An exhibitor introduces his jet-ski to the visitors at the 2009 Sino-South Korea Shipping Industry Fair in Jinan, north China’s Shandong Province, on 4 Sept, 2009. Nearly 100 international shipping companies around the world showed their new products and technologies.—Internet

An exhibitor (L) demonstrates an outdated local loom machine at the 2009 Sino-South Korea Shipping Industry Fair in Jinan, north China’s Shandong Province, on 4 Sept, 2009.—Internet

Report: Indian young people want age limit on drinking lowered

NEW DELHI, 5 Sept.—A majority of young people in the Indian capital want the legal age of 25 for drinking to be lowered, reported the Indo-Asian News Service on Saturday.

The report quoted voluntary organization Campaign against Drunken Driven (CADD) as saying in a survey that around 12 percent of young people under the age of 25 drink frequently, while 16 percent of those from 16 to 18 years old admit drinking.

About 1,000 people in the city, including 761 from the age group of 16-24, joined the survey, said the report.

The survey found that there is a demand for bringing down the current drinking age from 25 years to 21 years, said the report.

Only one percent of the respondents felt that the current age limit is a deterrent to the drinking pattern and 70 percent felt the limit was unreasonable.—Xinhua

At least 15 people drown after ship capsizes in Macedonian lake

TIRANA, 5 Sept.—At least 15 people drowned on Saturday when a boat carrying more than 60 tourists sank in a Macedonian lake, according to media reports.

The Ilidzen, which was carrying many Bulgarian tourists, capsized about 11 a.m. local time (0900 GMT) in Lake Ohrid, Macedonia’s best known tourist resort, about 190 km south of the capital Skopje.

Macedonian President Gjorge Ivanov and Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski went to the site overseeing the rescue efforts. Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov was also flying to Ohrid.

Macedonian Defence Minister Zoran Konjanovski said the ship was overloaded with people when it sank.

But the exact cause for the accident was still unknown. The death toll could rise as rescuers continued a search for survivors. Police said the ship sank about 200 meters off shore. People at a nearby camp managed to rescue some of the passengers. Macedonia has decided to declare Sunday a mourning day for the victims. Macedonia’s official MIA news agency said.

Xinhua

Drive with care
INVITATION TO TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Department of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply of Medical Goods and Medical Equipment.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, No-57, Sakawa Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, commencing from (8.9.2009).

Sealed bids to be submitted to the office of the Deputy Director (Medical Stores), Central Medical Stores Depot, not later than (29.9.2009) 14:00 hour, after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraphic/telex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information please contact the Deputy Director (Medical Stores) phone No.371909, 372362,

Central Medical Stores Depot
Department of Health

New oil production not to affect ethanol industry in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Sept—The imminent production from Brazil’s newly found off-shore oil field will not have a negative impact on the country’s booming ethanol industry, a top energy expert assured on Friday.

Mauricio Tomalsquim, president of the Brazilian Power Research Company (EPE), said that the huge pre-salt layer oil reserves will not alter Brazil’s energy sector, which will continue to depend heavily on renewable sources.

He explained that the new reserves will lead to an increase in the export of oil byproducts, thus not affecting the bio fuel sector in the country.

Brazil boasts one of the highest rates of ethanol-fuelled motor vehicles in the world —85 percent to 90 percent of the cars manufactured in the country are flexibly fuelled.

The EPE chief added that ethanol-fuelled cars would remain competitive compared to oil-fuelled ones, as the prices of petrochemical products in Brazil tend to follow the moves on the international market. Tomalsquim did not see either an increase of use of oil in the electric generation section in the country since oil-fuelled thermal power plants are not only less competitive but also more polluting.

Most US airlines report traffic declines in August

NEW YORK, 5 Sept—Most major US airlines reported another month of declining traffic in August as rising unemployment hurt leisure demand and corporate cost cuts continued to hamper business travel.

Seven of the nine largest US carriers reported a drop in traffic in August, except Southwest Airlines.

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Canada villages face isolation without Greyhound

WINNIPEG/OTTAWA, 5 Sept—Each day a single Greyhound bus pulls into Ethelbert, Manitoba, population 312, and stops for just five minutes before moving on—a critical lifeline for the village’s fragile economy.

But in a potentially painful blow to hundreds of small towns like Ethelbert, Greyhound now plans to pull out of Manitoba and northern Ontario next month.

If the company, a unit of Britain’s FirstGroup, makes good on its plan, a huge swath of rural Canada will lose a crucial link with the rest of the world.

“It brings lots of people into the store and the town,” said Robert Rewnak, 46, who owns a grocery store that also functions as Greyhound’s bus stop.

“First we lost our railway, now we’re going to lose all our bus service. These towns are really shrinking and nothing’s helping at all.”

Nearly 400 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 5 Sept—A European health agency said on Friday that 395 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the news cases, 251 were confirmed in Germany, 97 in Britain, 22 in Sweden and 11 in the Czech Republic, while the remaining 14 cases were reported in five other European countries, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The cumulative number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries increased to 48,223, with 16,835 cases in Germany, 13,192 in Britain, 2,624 in Portugal, 2,058 in Italy and 1,839 in Greece, the ECDC said.

Lebanon’s first ‘artificial heart’ implant success

BEIRUT, 5 Sept—A medical team in Lebanon has successfully performed the first “artificial heart” implant in Lebanon on a 37-year-old man suffering from terminal heart failure.

A team of doctors at the American University of Beirut Medical Centre (AUBMC) oversaw the six-hour operation last Friday and deemed it successful after the patient survived the first critical 72 hours, an AUBMC press release said.

“The operation was a huge success as it was this patient’s last chance at life,” said surgeon Pierre Sterf, who conducted the operation.

“His vital organs are functioning normally and the new device implant is pumping blood properly,” said the patient’s cardiologist Hadi Skouri.

Recovering in the special care unit, the patient, a father of four, was all smiles the third day after the surgery.

“I was facing death when I arrived here,” he said. “Merely lifting an arm would knock the wind out of me. I could barely breathe. Now, I have a new lease on life.”
**Vitamin C may be key to newborn brain**

**COPENHAGEN, 5 Sept —** Danish researchers say animal studies suggest vitamin C deficiency may impair mental development. The study, published in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition,* shows new-born guinea pigs subjected to moderate vitamin C deficiency had 30 percent fewer nervous system cells in the hippocampal part of the brain and markedly worse spatial memory than guinea pigs eating a normal diet.

“Studying seismic waves from separate earthquakes, scientists at the University of Edinburgh were able to measure tremors deeper in the Earth than they could with a seismometer, which measures motion on the Earth’s surface,” Edinburgh geoscientist Andrew Curtis said.

“By using earthquakes themselves as virtual microphones that record the sound of the Earth’s internal movements, we can listen to the Earth’s stretching and cracking from directly within its most interesting, dynamic places,” Curtis said.

**How broccoli can protect your arteries**

**LONDON, 5 Sept —** It’s long been thought that broccoli is good for your heart, and now British scientists think they know why. Researchers at Imperial College London have found evidence a chemical in broccoli and other green leafy vegetables could boost a natural defense mechanism that protects arteries from the clogging that can cause heart attacks.

In a study funded by the British Heart Foundation charity and conducted on mice, the researchers found that sulforaphane — a compound occurring naturally in broccoli and other brassicas — could “switch on” a protective protein which is inactive in parts of the arteries vulnerable to clogging.

“We know that vegetables are clearly good for you, but surprisingly the molecular mechanisms by which they are good for you have remained unknown for many years,” said Paul Evans of the National Heart and Lung Institute at Imperial College.

“This study provides a possible explanation for how green vegetable consumption can promote a healthy heart.”

Scientists already know that arteries don’t clog up in a uniform way, but that there are bands and branches of blood vessels — where blood flow is disrupted or slower — which are much more prone to the build-up of fatty plaques that cause heart disease.

**Astronauts relish space’s international food court**

**WASHINGTON, 5 Sept —** When it comes to grabbing a bite to eat, the international space station is living up to its first name.

It’s a veritable food court of international cuisine, observed new resident Nicole Stott, an American astronaut who will stay aboard the space station until November.

Stott said she found that for different meals she could sample foods from various parts of the world: US, Canada, Japan, Europe and Russia.

“I think you can find something for anyone,” Stott said in a Friday night news conference by the 13 members of the joint crews of the space shuttle Discovery and space station. Stott is moving into the space station, after getting a ride on the shuttle.

Stott and her fellow astronauts addressed reporters through a video link hours after a piece of space junk sped safely by the two spacecraft. NASA had been monitoring the situation but decided it was unlikely to be a problem, and the old rocket part passed Friday morning as the astronauts slept.

In past years, astronauts have complained about the poor taste and variety of food in space. Astronaut Norm Thagard, the first American to fly on the Russian space station Mir, bemoaned jellied perch and borscht in his diet and lost a considerable amount of weight.

**Study finds potential way to make an AIDS vaccine**

**WASHINGTON, 5 Sept —** The discovery of immune system particles that attack the AIDS virus may finally open a way to make a vaccine that could protect people against the deadly and incurable infection, US researchers said on Thursday.

They used new technology to track through the blood of 1,800 people infected with the AIDS virus and identified two immune system compounds called antibodies that could neutralize the virus.

And they found a new part of the virus that the antibodies attack, offering a new way to design a vaccine, they reported in the journal Science.

“So now we may have a better chance of designing a vaccine that will elicit such broadly neutralizing antibodies, which we think are key to successful vaccine development,” said Dennis Burton of The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, California, who led the study.

“The findings themselves are an exciting advance toward the goal of making an AIDS vaccine because now we’ve got a new, potentially better target on HIV to focus our efforts for vaccine design,” added Wayne Koff of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, or IAVI, which sponsored the study.

**Study suggests type 2 diabetes eat poorly**

**WASHINGTON, 5 Sept —** A study of people with type 2 diabetes suggests many of them would benefit from dietary counseling, researchers in North Carolina said.

“The most important thing about controlling diabetes, especially type 2 diabetes, is being able to manage energy in and energy out, and the best way to do that is through diet,” said Mara Vitolins, lead author of the study at Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

In a study of 2,735 type 2 diabetics though out the United States, Vitolins and her team found 93 percent exceeded the recommended percentage of daily calories from fat, 85 percent exceeded the saturated fat recommendation and 92 percent consumed too much sodium.

Less than half of those in the study met the minimum recommended daily servings of fruits, vegetables, dairy products and grains based on the year 2000 US Food Guide Pyramid recommendations, Vitolins said.

“It’s important that people with type 2 diabetes follow the recommendations,” she said. “They can’t afford to let their pyramids fall.”

**Chinese health authority staff board a plane in Shanghai to take temperatures. Airlines are stowing pillows and blankets, and rolling out the disinfectant wipes to discourage transmission of the swine flu virus, all the while stressing planes are as “safe” as trains or schools.” —INTERNET**

**Scientists find new way to study quakes**

**EDINBURGH, 5 Sept—** A new method of monitoring earthquakes allows scientists to better understand the behavior of deep tremors, Scottish researchers said.

By studying seismic waves from separate earthquakes, scientists at the University of Edinburgh were able to measure tremors deeper in the Earth than they could...
S Africa launches ‘Football Fridays’ in World Cup build up

JOHANNESBURG, 5 Sept—South Africa wants to change the nation’s wardrobe in the run-up to the 2010 World Cup, urging people to wear football jerseys every Friday until the kick-off in June.

“We are encouraging everyone to adopt Football Friday and to wear the shirt of their favourite team. Obviously, we’d prefer if their favourite team were the national team,” said Paul Bannister, head of the International Marketing Council of South Africa (IMC).

The IMC is heading the government’s efforts to promote the games, having already launched TV commercials to promote the “diski” — a dance that mimics footballers’ moves. Organisers also hope to encourage South Africans to learn their national anthem, which is sung in five of the country’s most spoken languages, leaving many people stumbling over some of the verses.

South African football fans cheering for their team in June 2009. South Africa wants to change the nation’s wardrobe in the run-up to the 2010 World Cup, urging people to wear football jerseys every Friday until the kick-off in June.—INTERNET

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China’s Li Na reaches fourth round at US Open

NEW YORK, 5 Sept—China’s Li Na reached the fourth round of the US Open on Friday after sweeping past Maria Kirilenko of Russia 6-4, 6-2. The 18th seed will play Italy’s Francesca Schiavone for a place in the quarterfinals, which would be Li’s best performance at Flushing Meadows, having exited in the fourth round in both 2006 and 2008.

Li, 27, missed much of 2008 with an injury to her right knee. She is currently ranked 19th in the world.

Terry wants England to be more streetwise

LONDON, 5 Sept—England captain John Terry believes his team must become more streetwise if they want to end the country’s long wait for World Cup glory.

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Li, 27, missed much of 2008 with an injury to her right knee. She is currently ranked 19th in the world.

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Fabiocapello wants to
remain as England
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2012, the Italian said on
Friday.

The 63-year-old told
a news conference he has
no intention of quitting
after next year’s World
Cup finals in South Africa
and hoped to be around
for the 2012 European
championships in
Ukraine and Poland.

“My contract ends in 2012 and I want to respect
it,” he told reporters at England’s training
headquarters at London Colney, north of London,
before Saturday’s friendly with Slovenia. “It is not
only a matter for me but also the FA, but in my
mind the target is to respect my contract.”

Capello has transformed England’s fortunes since
taking charge of the team for the first time in
February last year. His 16 matches have resulted in
12 wins, two draws and two defeats — a record that
includes seven successive World Cup qualifiers.
England will ensure their place in next year’s finals
if they beat Croatia at Wembley on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Don’t smoke

WEATHER
Saturday, 5th September, 2009
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have
been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Kayin and Shan States,
lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in
upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States
and Divisions with Locally heavyfalls in Mon State
and Taninthayi Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kayin and
Kayin States. The noteworthy amounts of rain recorded
were Launglon (10.75) inches, Ye (7.60) inches, Dweei
(4.10) inches, Muchanbaw (3.54) inches, Hpa-an and Thaton
(3.05) inches each, Khayan (2.95) inches, Kayankpyu (2.91)
inches, Bilin (2.87) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.63) inches,
Kyeikkhame (2.44) inches and Pakokku (0.47) inch.

Maximum temperature on 4-9-2009 was 85°F.
Minimum temperature on 5-9-2009 was 68°F. Relative
humidity on (09:30) hrs MST on 5-9-2009 was 84%.
Total sun shine hours on 4-9-2009 was Nil.
Rainfall on 5-9-2009 was (1.85) inches at Mingaladon,
(1.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (2.63) inches at Central
Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (88.17) inches
at Mingaladon, (101.30) inches at Kaba-Aye and (107.20)
inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon
(ykah-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (17:30) hours MST on
4-9-2009.

Bay inference: According to the observations at
(10:30) hrs MST today, yesterday’s the low pressure area
over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay has
moved Northwest Bay and further intensified into a
depression. It is centered at about (150) miles South of
Kolkata (India) and is forecast to move Northwest Bay.

Forecast valid until evening of 6th September 2009:
Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan and
Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway
Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State and upper Sagaing
Division and widespread in the remaining States and
Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine,
Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is
(80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas are likely at
times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed
in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.
Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for
6-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of
certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for
6-9-2009: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is
(80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for
6-9-2009: 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
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Stability, peace restored
in Kokang Region, Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Stability and peace have been back to normal in Kokang Region, Shan State (North), since 29 August. Up to 6 pm today, 12,096 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

Warning on low pressure in Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—According to the observation at 10.30 am MST today, the low pressure, which occurred over the central west and its related area north-west of the Bay of Bengal yesterday, moved to the north-west of the Bay of Bengal today. It became a small storm centring at the sea, 150 miles south of Kolkata, India and 330 miles west-northwest of Sittway of Myanmar and it is forecast to northwest direction.

The storm was degraded as the yellow level, and it was forecast that the storm is not in the position moving to the coastal region of Myanmar.

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