Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Andorran Head of Government

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jaume Bartomeu, Head of Government of the Principality of Andorra, on the occasion of the National Day of the Principality of Andorra which falls on 8 September 2009.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence on inspection tour of Mandalay, Sagaing Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept – Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Han and officials, inspected production of iron, steel and car parts at the foundry in Mandalay Industrial Zone and production of farm machinery at the factory of Good Brothers Co Ltd.

Next, they looked into the ring road of Mandalay Kandawgyi Lake and arrangements for beautifying the environs and roadworks on Strand Road in Mahaungmye Township. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected paving of Strand Road in Sagaing and visited the home for the aged in Ywathaung diesel locomotive shed zone.

They then made cash donations for the elderly people. After inspecting repairing of locomotives and railway carriages, Lt-Gen Tha Aye left necessary instructions.

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Growing media role in Shan State (South)

Byline: Naing Tun (Taunggyi); Photos: Maung Maung Than (IPRD)

In an attempt to expand the media coverage all over the nation, Ministry of Information is striving to reach print media such as dailies, libraries and electronic media such as radio/television systems to all parts of the nation.


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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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Reflected glory to the government

The government’s intention in that regard was to make peace by putting an end to armed clashes between national races that had persisted for about 60 years, and to mobilize all the national brethren in national development undertakings.

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Raise momentum of literacy activities as part of national education promotion plan

The 1996 UNESCO General Assembly designated 8 September as the International Literacy Day and Myanmar has observed the day every year for 43 years today.

Literacy is power and activates a thirst for knowledge and wisdom. Moreover, it can influence behaviours of an individual or a family or their environment. Therefore, it can broaden our horizons and improve social relationship. Not only that, it can build up qualities such as self-respect and self-confidence necessary in making decisions.

In Myanmar, three R’s classes were launched in Meiktila District in 1964 and extended in other regions year after year. Because of its success in literacy campaigns, UNESCO awarded Myanmar Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Noma prizes in 1971 and 1983 respectively.

At various stages of its national education promotion plan, Myanmar has been taking systematic measures to ensure that all school-age children are enrolled at basic education primary schools and they successfully complete their primary education. At the same time, it is implementing informal education that can contribute to vocational training for children past school age. Moreover, it is also raising the momentum of self-study education activities.

Now, steps are being taken for improving the basic literacy skills of the people across the Union, including rural and border areas. Community education centres are being stabilised. The purpose of these centres is to ensure sustainable development of literacy and for newly-literate people to be able to cultivate reading habit, generate higher income and improve their socio-economic status.

As Myanmar, being a member of the world family, has always cooperated with international organizations in the international literacy campaign, so the entire national people will keep on working together with the government in the national literacy campaign.

Talks on “Leading At The Edge”

YANGON, 7 Sept— Talks on “Leading At The Edge” organized by CEO business and management magazine was held at Summit Parkview Hotel on 5 September.

On the occasion, U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing, Managing Director of SMART Technical Services, gave talks. It was attended by CEO magazine readers, officials concerned from various companies, guests and enthusiasts.

It was sponsored by CONCORDIA INTERNATIONAL and Enervon-C and the books printed by Today Publishing House were sold at reasonable price. MNA

Industry-1 Minister inspects industries (Myingyan)

NAV Pyi Taw, 7 Sept— Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met with town elders and rural people from Myothar, Shwetaung, Junegan, Tayaykan, Pyinhlataw, Paukseinn, Kywesein, Phyu wink ong, Minmyaykong, Kaungzin, Taunglaetaw and Joe village tracts. The minister fulfilled the needs on the reports.

Afterwards, the minister inspected Cotton Mill (Myingyan) under Myanma Textile Industries and dyeing and printing works (Myingyan) and then instructed responsible persons.

The minister met with members of Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee and businessmen at the Industrial hall (Myingyan). He called for innovation for producing high quality products and export products. Then, he looked into motor cars produced by Industrial Zone (Myingyan).—MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Andorran counterpart

NAV Pyi Taw, 8 Sept—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Xavier Espot, Minister for External Affairs and Institutional Relations of the Principality of Andorra, on the occasion of the National Day of the Principality of Andorra which falls on 8 September 2009.—MNA

Deputy Construction Minister inspects tar imported from Iran

Yangon, 7 Sept—Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein inspected unloading of tar from KOTA TEGAP by Industrial Section (Myingyan).—MNA

Special criminal appeal cases heard

NAV Pyi Taw, 7 Sept—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khun Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Sein Hlaing and U Thet Tun sitting at Court room No 1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered judgment in 7 special criminal appeal cases. And then heard 5 special civil appeal cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, today.—MNA
Suicide bomber in west Iraq kills nine

Local residents look at destroyed vehicles after a car bomb attack in Ramadi, about 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, on 7 September, 2009.—INTERNET

RAMADI, (Iraq), 7 Sept—A suicide bomber drove a car packed with explosives into a police checkpoint just outside Iraq's western city of Ramadi on Monday, killing nine people and wounding at least 13, police said.

Policeman Hatim Abid, who was at the scene, said four police were among the dead, and the rest were civilians. Police Major Fawzi Hamad said the wounded included three children and two women.

The blast set half a dozen cars ablaze in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, capital of the vast desert region that was once the heartland of Iraq's Sunni Arab militants.

Police checkpoints have been a favourite target of insurgents seeking to show that Iraqi security forces are still unable to keep Iraqis safe as U.S. troops gradually withdraw.

Persistent drought causes rationing

MEXICO CITY, 7 Sept—Water is rationed in Mexico City as a result of drought that affects much of Mexico from the US border to the Yucatan, water commission officials said. During what is supposed to be the wet season, rainfall has been sporadic and light for months. Officials say an El Nino is a cause. El Nino is a disruption of the ocean atmosphere in the tropical Pacific Ocean in which trade winds blowing toward the west across the tropical Pacific warm the surface water. This has contributed to a mild hurricane season.

There have been no major hits this summer, but Hurricane Jimena dropped rain on some of Baja California and Sonora. Overall, however, 2009 is the driest year in 69 years of record-keeping, CNN reported.—INTERNET

US troops stormed through Afghan hospital

KABUL, 7 Sept—A Swedish charity accused American troops on Monday of storming through a hospital in central Afghanistan, breaking down doors and tying up staff in a search for militants. The US military said it was investigating the allegation. The Swedish Committee for Afghanistan accused the US Army's 10th Mountain Division of entering the hospital without permission to look for militants in Wardak Province, southwest of Kabul, according to the charity's country director, Anders Fange. Fange said on Monday that the troops' actions were a violation of the sanctity of medical facilities in combat zones. “This is simply not acceptable,” he said. The US troops entered the hospital looking for Taliban militants late at night last Wednesday, Fange said. He said they kicked in doors, tied up four hospital employees and two family members of patients, and forced patients out of beds during their search.—INTERNET

Commercial fishermen and other mariners form the word “SOS” during an event held to spread the message of saving the oceans from acidification caused by fossil fuel emissions, in Homer, Alaska, on 6 Sept, 2009. Over a hundred boats and hundreds of members of the fishing community participated in the event.—INTERNET

11 people wounded in Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, 7 Sept—Eleven people were wounded in a car bomb and a roadside bomb in Baghdad on Sunday, a well-informed police source said.

A car bomb detonated near a road intersection in Bagdhad’s eastern district of Baladiyat around midday and wounded six people, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast also damaged several nearby civilian cars, shops and buildings, the source said. In a separate incident, a roadside bomb went off at the crowded road intersection in Karradah neighbourhood in central Baghdad, wounding five people and damaging several shops and civilian cars, the source added.—Xinhua

Iran develops cruise detecting and destroying system

TEHERAN, 7 Sept—An Iranian Air Force commander announced on Sunday that Iran has developed a new system that can detect and destroy cruise missiles, the local satellite Press TV reported.

“Despite 30 years of military sanctions imposed by the enemy, the Iranian armed forces have taken great steps towards self-sufficiency,” Brigadier General Ahmad Miqani was quoted as saying.

“The Iranian Air Force has managed to build tens of anti-aircraft batteries and missile systems in addition to sophisticated radar systems,” said Miqani.

“Today, the military is able to detect the anti-radar cruise missiles and destroy them,” he added.

In May, Iran said that it launched the warship cannon production line to be used as anti-cruise missile.—Xinhua

UN Secretary General’s Message on International Literacy Day

8 September, 2009

Following is UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon’s message for International Literacy Day, observed on 8 September:

In a world of enormous wealth, in a world in which education and knowledge are the necessary passports to a better life, the scale of illiteracy is truly staggering.

Approximately 776 million adults—most of them women — have no secure command of the fundamentals of literacy and numeracy.

Seventy-five million children are not in school. And even for those who get a start on their education, drop-out rates are very high.

Yet it wouldn’t take much to change the appalling status quo. As pointed out by Dr Lalage Brown, who will give this year’s International Literacy Day Lecture, “even the simplest acquisition of literacy can have a profoundly empowering effect personally, socially and politically”.

With that in mind, this year’s observance focuses on the empowering role of literacy. Literacy gives people tools with which to improve their livelihoods, participate in community decision-making, gain access to information about health care, and much else besides. Above all, it enables individuals to realize their rights as citizens and human beings.

Literacy is not just about reading and writing; it is about respect, opportunity and development. On this International Literacy Day, I urge all partners to strengthen their commitment to promoting global literacy and to back this support with the resources needed to achieve real progress.—UNIC
China auto sales to jump 28%  

BEIJING, 7 Sept — Automobile sales in China may accelerate 28 percent from a year ago to reach 12 million vehicles this year and overtake the number of autos sold in the United States, according to a regulatory official.

The remark was made by Chen Bin, chief director of the industry coordination department of the National Development and Reform Commission, at a conference in Tianjin on Saturday.

In contrast, General Motors Co and Ford Motor Co forecast sales in US will be about 10.5 million units this year, Bloomberg News said. Auto sales in China in the first half reached 6.09 million units, a rise of 17.7 percent from a year ago, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

OPEC not likely to cut output at Vienna meeting  

VIENNA, 7 Sept — With oil prices about where OPEC wants them and a modest economic upturn in the offing, the oil cartel isn’t likely to tighten the taps when its leaders meet this week in Vienna. Prices have been hovering near $70 a barrel, and with returning growth expected to support demand, analysts don’t expect the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will feel any need to cut output targets.

“As absolutely nothing,” said John Hall, of John Hall Associates in London. OPEC President Jose Botelho de Vasconcelos, who is also Angola’s oil minister, said last week that signs of recovery suggest the 12-member group won’t need to intervene. “Everything shows they will keep output unchanged,” he said. Kuwait also says it thinks oil prices are stable and there’s no need to cut production, even though stockpiles are rising.

And Algeria, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates have signaled they’re happy with the current output quota of just under 25 million barrels a day.

Recovery of Asian economies takes shape, uncertainties remain  

HONG KONG, 7 Sept — One year after the financial crisis began to hit the United States and ravage the world economy, Asia’s emerging economies start to rebound faster than expected, and show signs of leading the way out of the slump.

Recent indicators showed the region’s recession-hit economies outpaced the United States and Europe in the rebound — several emerging economies which have reported GDP figures for the second quarter grew by an average annualized rate of more than 10 percent.

The newspaper cited a letter sent to 16 European Union publishers’ representatives at the weekend. According to the letter, Google also promises to consult European publishers before cataloguing some European works in its digital library.

Message from Mr Koichiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO on the occasion of International Literacy Day 8 September 2009

This year, International Literacy Day puts the spotlight on the empowering role of literacy and its importance for participation, citizenship and development. ‘Literacy and Empowerment’ is also the theme for the 2009-2010 biennium of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012).

While the empowering role of literacy and its significance for development have been recognized worldwide, there are still 776 million illiterate adults in the world and 75 million children out of school whose rights and needs remain unfulfilled. Literacy, in fact, is by far the most neglected goal on the Education for All (EFA) agenda.

Who are the 776 million illiterate adults? In most countries, these are the most disadvantaged and marginalized populations, with a high percentage of women and girls, indigenous people, linguistic and cultural minorities, nomads, rural dwellers, and the disabled. There is a high correlation between poverty and illiteracy. In this perspective, empowerment is the key. For all those women and men who live without access to basic reading and writing skills, literacy opens up new horizons of opportunity, improves standards of life and contributes to processes of social change and poverty eradication.

However, despite clear evidence of the power of literacy to transform individual lives and patterns of social development, in many parts of the world there is neither the political will nor the resources to make youth and adult literacy an area of priority action. In consequence, those whose lack of basic literacy and numeracy skills is not being addressed - almost one in six adults - are being told that their rights, their needs and their hopes do not count. This is an unconscionable situation whose blatant injustice must not be allowed to continue.

Fortunately, there are many governments, civil society organizations, enterprises, community groups and individuals who understand the benefits of literacy and are conscientious in their support of literacy programmes. Many persons work anonymously, quietly and steadily to help others to acquire literacy and numeracy skills and the chance to embark on the adventure of learning. International Literacy Day is an occasion to salute and applaud their efforts and to encourage them to sustain their commitment. By tutoring and mentoring others, literacy workers -whether professional or voluntary - are important catalysts of change who are making a real difference to the lives of others.

Literacy produces these human benefits with and through the learners themselves. As many studies have found, literacy is an empowering force that serves to increase self-esteem, confidence and assertiveness and helps to build a sense of personal competence and independence together with better awareness of one’s rights. Literacy gives enhanced autonomy to individuals in both the family and community context.

These human benefits of literacy give rise to consequences of significance for society as a whole. Thus, the self-esteem generated by literacy skills facilitates social and political participation and is, in fact, associated with greater interest in national and community activities, influencing attitudes and practices in the political sphere. In many and varied contexts, literacy has demonstrated its extraordinary power to equip individuals to participate more actively and more effectively.

In this era of widening disparities, literacy brings not only greater self-esteem but also opportunities to those who have been disenchanted, marginalized and neglected: neo-literates acquire greater capacity and skills to raise their income levels, build sustainable livelihoods, gain access to health and educational services, and engage in the public arena. Indeed, literacy is vital for securing access to political, economic and cultural opportunities, and this is particularly the case for women thanks to the enabling and transformative impact of literacy on their lives.

Each year, International Literacy Day is an occasion for worldwide mobilization for literacy. Today, I call upon governments, intergovernmental organizations, development partners, employers, trade unions and civil society organizations everywhere to stop the neglect of youth and adult literacy and to strengthen their commitment to literacy. Literacy is not just about reading and writing, it is about self-respect and human dignity and about opportunities that give hope to individuals, families, communities and entire societies. Literacy, an integral part of the right to education, has shown itself time and time again to be a vital tool of empowerment. It is time for those responsible for the right to education of all persons, of whatever age, to be realized in practice.
Vietnam to launch 2nd satellite in 2012

HANOI, 7 Sept—Vietnam’s Ministry of Information and Communication said that Vietnam expects to launch the second satellite in 2012, the local newspaper Vietnam Investment Review reported on Monday.

The state-owned Vietnam Post and Telecommunication (VNPT) is the investor of the project of the second satellite, named Vinasat-2, with a total investment of about 350 million US dollars.

VNPT is considering whether it will launch the satellite by itself or hire other company to do it, said the newspaper.

The second satellite project is to develop satellite facility of Vietnam to meet the growing demand of satellite-based information. The first satellite of Vietnam, named Vinasat-1, was launched last year, with a total investment of 300 million US dollars.

The Vinasat-1 is currently working at 70 percent of its capacity. It is expected to work at 100 percent of capacity in 2010 and regain investment within nine years.—Xinhua

Malaysia to buy 8-10 EC-725 Cougar helicopters

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Sept—Malaysia plans to purchase EC-725 Cougar helicopters from the Eurocopter by the end of 2009, according to Malaysia’s Defence Ministry source.

The Malaysian government is expected to sign a contract with the Eurocopter for eight or ten helicopters at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace show in December, New Straits Times quoted the ministry’s source as saying.

The purchase price has failed to be disclosed. As planned, these helicopters will be delivered starting from 2010. The current fleet of helicopters, Sikorsky Sea King, has been in operation since 1969 and the government thinks it is urgent to replace them.—Xinhua

Iran, Venezuela sign several accords

TEHERAN, 7 Sept—Iran and Venezuela signed several accords in Teheran, the state TV reported on Sunday.

Iran and Venezuela signed several accords in Teheran before the farewell ceremony for Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, the report said without elaborating on the details of the accords.

During the talks, Presidents of Iran and Venezuela stressed boosting of bilateral ties between Teheran and Caracas.

“The time of dominance of arrogant powers (implying the West) on the revolutionary nations has ended,” Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying.

Iran and Venezuela have the important missions of helping the poor and revolutionary nations and also expanding the anti-Imperialism front, state TV quoted him as saying.

According to Iran’s official IRNA news agency, Chavez, who is accompanied by a high-ranking delegation, was received at airport by Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Motaki and Industry and Mines Minister Ali-Akbar Mehrabian on Saturday.

Chavez is on his seventh official visit to Iran and will meet Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad later Saturday.—Xinhua

Tanzanian President hails good relationship among East African states

ARUSHA, 7 Sept—Tanzanian president Jakaya Kikwete on Sunday hailed the good relationship among the East African Community (EAC) partner states, appealing to the defence forces of the five member states to maintain the spirit for the sake of peace, security and stability in the region. Kikwete made the remarks while delivering a speech at the opening ceremony of the first-ever Field Training Exercise to be conducted by the EAC Armed Forces from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi in Monduli District in the northeastern Tanzanian region of Arusha.

The Tanzanian President highlighted the exercise codenamed Ex-Mlima (Mountain) Kilimanjaro 2009 as “a landmark event” in the EAC, which speaks volumes about the depth and breath of the cooperation as well as the state of relations among the five EAC member states of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi.—Xinhua

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**Water main break causes flooding in Los Angeles**

**Los Angeles, 7 Sept—**Crews were cleaning up mud and broken asphalt on Sunday after a deluge from a burst water main swept cars down streets, forced people out of their homes and flooded a section of a major Los Angeles boulevard.

The water flow from the broken pipe was stopped after about four hours, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power spokeswoman June Gulberth said. The burst main is part of the city’s original water system, dating to 1914, and was slated for repair, she said.

A section of Ventura Boulevard in Studio City would be closed for at least two days, officials said.

No injuries were reported after the 64-inch main broke late Saturday night, but firefighters rescued a person who was in a car that had been swept away in the flooding, Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Erik Scott said.

It was not immediately clear how many cars were damaged.

More than 125 firefighters responded and redirected water toward a storm drain, Scott said.

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**Quake in Albania causes damage no injuries**

**Tirana, 7 Sept—**Albanian authorities say an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.4 in the north-east of the country caused some damage but no injuries.

The Albanian Institute of Seismology says the quake struck at 11:49 pm (2149 GMT) on Sunday in a village in the Dibra area close to the Macedonian border, some 62 miles (100 kilometres) northeast of the capital, Tirana.

Local authorities said on Monday that two houses collapsed and others suffered minor damage.

The quake was felt in central and northern Albania. It was followed by dozens of small tremors.

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**Record holder cried over broken nails**

**Lake City, 7 Sept—**A Salt Lake City woman who held the Guinness World Record for longest fingernails on a female hand said she cried when they were broken off in a car crash.

Lee Redmond, 68, said her nails, which she hadn’t cut since 1979, measured a total 28 feet, 4 inches before they broke off when she was thrown from her car during a February crash, KSL Radio, Salt Lake City, reported on Wednesday.

“The first thing I spotted was a fingernail, and I thought, ‘Ohh.’ Then I started to cry and said, ‘There’s one of my fingernails.’ A sweet lady picked them up and told me they were a Guinness world record, so she went around and gathered fragments of fingernails,” Redmond said.

She said the crash was a blessing in disguise because she never would have been able to bring herself to cut the nails on purpose.

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**Lebanese women cut the biggest kebbe dish, a middle eastern specialty made of bulgur and spiced minced meat, after entering the Guinness World Records in the town of Ehden in northern Lebanon.**

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**Mexico catches suspect in border incursion, deaths**

**Ciudad Juarez, 7 Sept—**Mexican soldiers arrested a suspected drug gang leader linked to a 2006 border incursion by armed traffickers into Texas and the killing of an anti-crime activist in July, the army said late Saturday.

The army said in a statement that soldiers acting on a tip about armed men detained Jose Rodolfo Escajeda in Nuevo Casas Grandes, in northern Chihuahua state. Escajeda and three other suspects detained with him on Friday allegedly worked for the Juarez cartel, named after the border city of Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas. The suspects were riding in bullet-resistant vehicles.

The army said Escajeda, who is wanted by the US Drug Enforcement Administration, and the other suspects were turned over to Mexican prosecutors. It did not say whether he would be extradited to face charges in the United States.

A US federal grand jury indictment names Escajeda as “allegedly responsible for an incursion into the United States” as well as drug charges, according to the DEA.

On 24 Jan, 2006 at least 10 men in Mexican military-style uniforms crossed the Rio Grande into the United States on a marijuana-smuggling foray, leading to an armed confrontation with Texas law officers near Neely’s Crossing, Texas, about 50 miles (80 kilometres) east of El Paso.

State police tried to stop the three sport utility vehicles, which made a quick U-turn and headed south toward the border, a few miles away.

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**Nicaragua’s San Cristobal volcano spews ashes, gas**

**Managua, 7 Sept—**Nicaragua’s San Cristobal volcano has let off a series of explosions, spewing gases and showering ash on nearby towns.

There are no reports of injuries or damage.

The 5,725-foot (1,745-metre) volcano is located about 70 miles (110 kilometres) northwest of Managua, near the Honduran border.

San Cristobal’s last such activity occurred three years ago.

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**Philippines ‘Stone-Age’ men stick to the story**

When he was young Lobo swung on vines and hung around a cave, the long-haired, loin-clothed poster child of a sensational Stone Age tribe supposedly lost in the time warp of a remote Philippine rainforest.

Now with the western scholars, journalists and celebrities a distant memory, Lobo Bilangan wears faded tracksuits, chainsmokes, and eats canned sardines — one of hundreds of poor farmers slashing and burning their way through the forest.

“We were denounced as a hoax,” said Lobo, a thin man with a receding hairline who grows maize on the cleared land to feed his three wives and 10 children.

“But as far as I am concerned, I am a real Tasaday,” said Lobo, a ‘Tasaday’ tribesman and a former street vendor who claimed to be the descendant of a Stone Age tribe.

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**Baby with ‘external heart’ recovers after surgery**

**New Delhi, 7 Sept—**A 10-day-old baby born with a heart on the outside of his body is recovering in an Indian hospital after undergoing surgery to create space for the organ, reports said Friday.

The unnamed boy from the eastern Indian state of Bihar had a complete thoracic ectopia cordis, a rare condition when a child is born with the heart in an abnormal position, the reports said.

“We gently placed the heart partly in the heart cavity and partly in the stomach cavity without twisting, kinking or rotating anything,” cardiac surgeon A K Bishoi who operated on the boy told the Hindustan Times newspaper.

Born to labourers parents, the infant was also suffering from a blood infection after his parents wrapped him in a thin towel to cover the heart and paper said.

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**Bricklayers in Tirana, the Albanian capital, on Sunday.”**

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The army said in a statement that soldiers acting on a tip about armed men detained Jose Rodolfo Escajeda in Nuevo Casas Grandes, in northern Chihuahua state. Escajeda and three other suspects detained with him on Friday allegedly worked for the Juarez cartel, named after the border city of Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas. The suspects were riding in bullet-resistant vehicles.

The army said Escajeda, who is wanted by the US Drug Enforcement Administration, and the other suspects were turned over to Mexican prosecutors. It did not say whether he would be extradited to face charges in the United States.

A US federal grand jury indictment names Escajeda as “allegedly responsible for an incursion into the United States” as well as drug charges, according to the DEA.

On 24 Jan, 2006 at least 10 men in Mexican military-style uniforms crossed the Rio Grande into the United States on a marijuana-smuggling foray, leading to an armed confrontation with Texas law officers near Neely’s Crossing, Texas, about 50 miles (80 kilometres) east of El Paso.

State police tried to stop the three sport utility vehicles, which made a quick U-turn and headed south toward the border, a few miles away.

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**Nicaragua’s San Cristobal volcano spews ashes, gas**

**Managua, 7 Sept—**Nicaragua’s San Cristobal volcano has let off a series of explosions, spewing gases and showering ash on nearby towns.

There are no reports of injuries or damage.

The 5,725-foot (1,745-metre) volcano is located about 70 miles (110 kilometres) northwest of Managua, near the Honduran border.

San Cristobal’s last such activity occurred three years ago.

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Local authorities said on Monday that two houses collapsed and others suffered minor damage.

The quake was felt in central and northern Albania. It was followed by dozens of small tremors.

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**A handout photograph from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences shows an unnamed baby boy from Bihar with a complete thoracic ectopia cordis prior to surgery in New Delhi.**

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**Baby with ‘external heart’ recovers after surgery**

**New Delhi, 7 Sept—**A 10-day-old baby born with a heart on the outside of his body is recovering in an Indian hospital after undergoing surgery to create space for the organ, reports said Friday.

The unnamed boy from the eastern Indian state of Bihar had a complete thoracic ectopia cordis, a rare condition when a child is born with the heart in an abnormal position, the reports said.

“We gently placed the heart partly in the heart cavity and partly in the stomach cavity without twisting, kinking or rotating anything,” cardiac surgeon A K Bishoi who operated on the boy told the Hindustan Times newspaper.

Born to labourers parents, the infant was also suffering from a blood infection after his parents wrapped him in a thin towel to cover the “jutting out” heart, the paper said.

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**Lebanese women cut the biggest kebbe dish, a middle eastern specialty made of bulgur and spiced minced meat, after entering the Guinness World Records in the town of Ehden in northern Lebanon.**

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The literacy Programme in Myanmar was first initiated as a pilot project in 1964-65. From the year 1965 to 1968 was a period of experiment on the implementation of the literacy Programme through voluntary mass movement. During the period of 1969 to 1983, the momentum of the literacy movement grew so rapidly through mass campaigns that people from all townships in some selected states and divisions became literate.

As a result, Myanmar was awarded two UNESCO prizes; the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi prize in September 8, 1971 and the Noma Prize in September 8, 1983. The World Conference of Education was held in Jomtien in 1990. Since then, Myanmar has been carrying out the objectives of Education For All in her own way in line with her own national education plan.

In accordance with “Education For All Plan of Action”, formal education programmes and non-formal education programmes are being carried out harmoniously.

In formal education sector, to ensure that all school-going-aged children are in schools, last week of every May of the year is specified as ‘School Enrolment Week’. Under the supervision of local authorities, educational and departmental personnel, well-wishers, members of school Boards of Trustees, members of non-governmental and social organizations and parents participate in the implementation of “All School-aged children in School” activities throughout the country. This paved the way for increasing enrolment rate from 91% to 98.13% for the academic year 1999-2000 to 2008-2009; 98.25% in 2009-2010 academic year.

In the basic education sector, (33747) number of schools in the 1987-1988 academic year has risen to (40601) in the 2008-2009 academic year. The increase in number (6854) shows that greater access to education is being provided throughout the country.

Before the 2001-2002 academic year, there was no post-primary school where students can continue their secondary education after the completion of their primary education. In the 2006-2009 academic year, (6392) post-primary schools have been opened for the graduates of the primary education to continue their secondary education in the same school. The transition rate from primary level to secondary level also improved from 45.60% in 1988 to 77.32% in 2007-2008 academic year.

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In conclusion, Myanmar is actively implementing the formal and non-formal education activities so as to gain more momentum in literacy movement leading to “Education for All” in this country.
I could breathe a sigh of relief after feeling uneasy about the recent Kokang Region issue which went away without much negative impact. In every country, the law is less effective in far-flung areas and such incidents are found sometimes. The root causes of the issue are historic events that date back to the colonial rule, and the lawlessness behaviour a regional powerhouse showed when overwhelmed by selfishness along with a sense of internal armed insurgency. The issue also resulted from the divide-and-rule policy and poppy farming that came into existence in the colonial period. According to the colonial administration, the major armed force in the Shan State was formed with the help of Federated Shan States under the reign of chieftains at that time. Moreover, they were vested the rights to cultivate Chinese and were residing in Thai border. Then, “Haw” Chinese group that had derived from nationalistic feelings and the narcotic drugs trade. They came to deal with the insurgents, production of narcotic drugs and illegal war, in the black markets in Thailand. So, armed forces purchased arms and ammunition left in the Vietnam war and such incidents are found sometimes. The root causes of the issue are historic events that date back to the colonial rule, and the lawlessness behaviour a regional powerhouse showed when overwhelmed by selfishness along with a sense of internal armed insurgency. The issue also resulted from the divide-and-rule policy and poppy farming. The government sent arms and ammunition of course, the area was designated as Special Region (1).

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The government of Myanmar, showing goodwill attitude towards the national people, has achieved peace that had never prevailed in the previous eras and is working very hard for development of the border regions and national races. Such goodwill and care can hardly be seen in the international community.
A ceremony to open Special Refresher Course No. 69 for Basic Education Teachers was held at the Central Institute for Civil Services (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township today.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thita Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered an opening address.

The ceremony was also attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and deputy ministers, departmental officials and teachers.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Thaung said refresher courses are conducted to improve skills of basic education teachers, who play a major role in the education sector, while nurturing youths, the new generation of the country, to become good citizens with the aim of achieving the human resource development.

A human resource well-versed in advanced science and technology plays an important role in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, he added.

Meanwhile, teachers are to nurture the new generation to become good citizens equipped with the Union Spirit and Nationalistic Spirit and preserve the traditional culture, he aid.

Only then, will the future generation become the sustainable learning society. It is the duty of the parents and teachers to nurture the students, who will shape the country in the future, to be equipped with the national characters, he added.

He continued to say that the teachers in the basic education sector are also shaping the future of the country as they are teaching and nurturing the basic education students, he said.

The national races have been living in unity in the country since time immemorial. The country enjoyed the prevalence of peace and stability and development when it was a powerful country with the unity of the national races. When there was disunity among the national races, the country lost its independence and sovereignty. Therefore, leaders of national races sacrificed their lives to regain unity among the national races and struggled to regain the independence, he said.

After gaining the independence, the country had experienced insurgenicies due to the evil legacy of the divide-and-rule administration of the colonial government. Due to the weak constitution created by the colonial government, the country reached on the edge of the collapse.

The minister said the country lagged behind in development as the governments had to give priority to perpetuation of the independence and sovereignty. Prevalence of peace and stability is essential for national development, and national unity is a basic for the prevalence of peace and stability.

In conclusion, the minister called on the trainees of the course to make efforts for preserving the national unity with the Union Spirit.

Over 1,500 teachers are attending the five-week course. — MNA

Dy minister inspects Uru bridge in Homalin

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspected Uru bridge in Homalin Township of Sagaing Division on 4 September. At the briefing hall, Chief Engineer U Sein Maung of Public Works reported on condition of embankments, director of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, on condition of water course to the deputy minister.

The deputy minister also looked into the villages alongside the river bank and condition of water course of Uru bridge. — MNA

US and British diplomats visited NLD HQ 28 times in August

YANGON, 7 Sept — As National League for Democracy (NLD) has kept in contact with embassies of the United States of America and Britain and has carried out their instructions, people have criticized the party for its actions and have kept a watchful eye on it.

Diplomats of the embassies of the US and Britain in Yangon visited the headquarters of the party on West Shwegondaing Road in Yangon for 28 times in August. They met with CEC members of the NLD and presented small and big envelops to them. — MNA

Myanmar Economic Banks in Yangon exchanging ragged banknotes.

(News on page 16)— r&rt

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.
Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence…

Lt-Gen Tha Aye also inspected Ohndaw Dam near Ohndaw Village, condition of inter-village roads, Kyaukphaya Dam and the monsoon paddy plantation of farmer U Aye Kyaw, met with the local farmers and fulfilled the needs. At Chantha Home for the Aged in Aungzeya ward, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented gifts to the elderly people.

Later, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited Myinmu Township People’s Hospital (25-bed) and he presented gifts to the patients and looked into the medical store. Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected maintenance of Sagaing-Myinmu-ChaungU-Monywa road by car. — MNA

Growing media role in Shan State (South)

As a result of getting dailies timely, the public in all regions can keep themselves abreast of the development tasks of the nation and local international news. And Myanmar Radio and Television also shifted the radio frequencies from SW (Short Wave) system to FM (Frequency Modulation) system enabling listeners from all states and divisions to receive radio programme clearly.

Towns which can receive FM programmes transmitted by the central station of MRTV are Muse, Lashio, Kengtung, Taunggyi, Myawady, Myeik and Kawthoung. MRTV also established City FMs in Yangon and Mandalay which were organized by the entrepreneurs, Yangon City Development Committee and Mandalay City Development Committee. Those City FM stations are Yangon City FM, Mandalay City FM, Rupawady FM in Rakkhine State and Cherry FM in Shan and Kayah States.

MRTV transmits its programmes compatible with DTH satellite receivers for townships and villages far from the station. Staff members of Information and Public Relations Department are also helping to increase the number of self-reliant libraries in each state and division cooperating with the regional authorities. Shan State Peace and Development Council is donating 336 copies of Myanma Alin Daily to 336 villages in Shan State (South) starting from 1 August. So, Myanma Alin and Kyemon Dailies are widely available in Shan State (South).

A total of 52 sets of DTH Satellite receivers donated by the Ministry of Information were installed for receiving MRTV, MRTV-4 and related channels in rural areas far from the re-transmission stations. Altogether 3322 libraries have been opened in 4694 villages of Shan State for enhancing knowledge of the dwellers. Cherry FM is broadcasting local news, international news and knowledgeable programmes daily at 89.8 MHz from 6 am to 9 pm starting on 1 September this year.

So, Shan State (South) will soon be able to implement the objective of the Ministry of Information to make the most effective use of media for the people.

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Byline: Naing Tun (Taunggyi); Photos: Maung Maung Than (IPRD)
Twitter makes people twits, scientist claims

Beijing, 7 Sept—An expert in memory has said that some social networking sites can make people less intelligent, while others can enhance people’s ability to remember things, reports said on Monday.

Dr Tracy Alloway, a psychologist at Stirling University, said some sites, such as Facebook, may actually improve working memory because they require people to hold a lot of information in their heads. But she says phenomena like Twitter may reduce people’s ability to remember things. “Twitter can cause harm because it produces a stream of information every second with no opportunity to process or manipulate that information,” Alloway says.

She also blames the “tyranny of technology,” which has reduced people’s need to remember things. Speed dial on mobile phones means fewer people ever need to commit numbers to memory. And she says the watching of television also increases the risk of attention deficit syndromes.

However, she said there were ways to improve one’s ability to recall information. “It doesn’t matter if your mother left school at 15 or got a PhD, it’s a level playing field. Not only does working memory have a profound impact on every aspect of our working lives but now there is exciting evidence that we can train it and improve it,” says Dr Alloway, who has devised an on-line game that can improve working memory. Dr Alloway claims it may help the young develop working memory skills as well as helping to combat memory loss in the elderly.

Scientists discover giant rats, fanged frogs, grunting fish

BEIJING, 7 Sept—Scientists and filmmakers have discovered a new species of giant rat deep in the jungle of Papua New Guinea along with other other animals not hitherto unseen. The woolly rat, an over-sized vegetation rodent, measures 82 cm long and weighs in at 1.5 Kg. Its size makes it amongst the largest species hitherto unseen.

The creature was discovered by an expedition team filming for BBC program Lost Land of the Volcano, said. The fanged frog is only one of some 16 new frogs discovered.

A visitortakes snapshot of the giant bronze sculpture of the Dacheng Hall (Hall of Great Affairs) of the Shenyang-located Imperial Palace of Qing Dynasty, on its public show in Shenyang City, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 6 Sept, 2009. It took 10years for Shi Hongxiang, a local sculptor to finish this elaborate sculpture, which consists of over 40000 bronze-engraving ornaments and accessories, in a proportion of 1:10 and a total weight of 3.8 tons.—Xinhua

Chinese opens special outpatient services for flu suspects

TAIPEI, 7 Sept—Outpatient services devoted to flu diagnosis started operation in large hospitals and medical centers in Taiwan as more and more people flooded to hospitals with flu-related symptoms.

According to the island’s health authorities, more than 17 percent of patients went to hospital with symptoms likely to have been caused by flu, and the test paper used for distinguishing A/H1N1 flu ran out.

Such outpatient services will be set up in succession by next week to meet the demand of patients. Latest figures from the local disease control authorities show that the island has reported a total of 145 critical A/H1N1 influenza cases, among which seven were dead and 49 are still in hospital. The rest were discharged. By the end of August, nearly 40,000 people on the island, about 0.17 percent of its population, had been infected with A/H1N1 influenza, but were mostly showing minor symptoms.—Xinhua

CNOOC gas field starts production in South China Sea

BEIJING, 7 Sept—China National Offshore Oil Company Limited (CNOOC Ltd.) said on Monday that a gas field of the company in the South China Sea has commenced production with a current daily output of 30,000 cubic feet. The gas field, dubbed as Ledong (LD) 22-1, is solely owned by CNOOC Ltd. peak production of LD 22-1 and LD 15-1 is expected to reach around 150 million cubic feet a day. Incorporated in Hong Kong, CNOOC Ltd. is a listed subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corporation, China’s largest offshore oil producer.—Xinhua

In this 2009 photo released by the Wildlife Conservation Society, juvenile Rakhine Forest turtles are observed in the wild in Myanmar by a team of scientists led by the Wildlife Conservation Society. Researchers say they have found a rare turtle thought to be extinct in the wild during a trip to a remote forest in Myanmar, boosting the chances of saving the brown-and-tan spotted reptile. Texas researcher Steven Platt and members of the Wildlife Conservation Society discovered the first of five Rakhine Forest turtles in May during a survey of the Rakhine Yoma Elephant Sanctuary wildlife.—INTERNET

Singapore increases contribution to IMF

SINGAPORE, 7 Sept—The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) announced on Monday that Singapore will “significantly expand” its contribution to resources of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The MAS said in a statement that Singapore’s contribution will take the form of a contingent loan of 2 billion U.S. dollars to the IMF under its New Arrangements to Borrow (NAB). This represents an increase of 1.5 billion U.S. dollars from the existing contribution under the NAB.

Heng Swee Keat, managing director of MAS noted that Singapore’s decision demonstrates the country’s long-standing commitment to a well-resourced and effective IMF, adding that the IMF plays a key role in helping countries respond to unanticipated stresses in their external payments, and in maintaining global financial stability.

Singapore has been a contributor to the NAB since its inception in 1998.
Tender Closing Date is (30-9-2009 at 16:00 hr). Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm. Claims Day shall be declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**
**MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY**
**AGENT FOR: M/S KMA SHIPPING CO., LTD**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**
**MV ISLAMABAD VOY NO (001)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ISLAMABAD VOY NO (001) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 9.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.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.

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**
**MV SIRIN BIMA VOY NO (039)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SIRIN BIMA VOY NO (039) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 8.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T. where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**
**MYANNA PORT AUTHORITY**
**AGENT FOR: BRIGHT OCEAN CO., LTD**

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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**
**MV KMA II VOY NO (909N)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KMA II VOY NO (909N) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 7.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T (3) 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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**INVITATION TO TENDER**
**TENDER NO. 4 (C) PASA/PP/2009-2010**

1. Sealed Tender is invited by the Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Ministry of Construction for the supply of STRAIGHT ASPHALT 80/100 Grade Matériau Ton (10000) in Drum.

2. Tender Closing Date is (30-9-2009 at 16:00 hr).

3. Tender Documents and detail specification are available at the Public Works, Procurement section Stores Division, No (40) Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw (8.9.2009) on Payment of (FEC-1000).

4. For more inquiries please contact Phone No: 067 407577, 067-407581

5. Only bid tender from which has purchased tender documents officially from Public Works will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Public Works
Ministry of Construction
Ph:067 407577, 407581

**Huntsman eyes China chemical plant purchases**

**LONDON, 7 Sept—Huntsman (HUN.N), an American chemicals group, is looking to buy chemical plants in China with part of a $2.7 billion compensation package, said senior executive Paul Hulme in a Financial Times interview on Monday.**

“We are looking for potential acquisitions. The obvious place to look was China,” said Hulme, Huntsman Textile Effects division global president.

Their cooperation would focus on infrastructure and equipment purchase, mobile service platforms, research and development, and service provision to multinational clients, according to the deal.—Xinhua
MYANMAR IVANHOE COPPER COMPANY LIMITED (TENDER NOTICE)
TENDER No. IFB No. CCE-01-09
Sale of an estimated (1,200 metric tones) of copper cathode from MICCL S & K Mine site in Monywa, Myanmar.

CLOSING DATE & TIME: 21st September 2009 at 12:00 noon

Tender documents are available at the following addresses:
70(1) Bo Chein Street, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township, Yangon, Myanmar
Tel: (95) 1 514194 to 7; Fax: (95) 1 514208; email: supply@miccl.com.mm

Bids are to be reached the above offices on or before the tender closing date.

Tender documents are available at the following address or can be accessed at www.miccl.com.mm. Any queries can be done between 10 am and 4pm at MICCL Yangon office before the tender closing date.

MYANMAR IVANHOE COPPER COMPANY LIMITED (TENDER NOTICE)
TENDER NO. (IFB NO. CCE-01-09)

People harvest water caltrop in wooden tubs in Jiaxing, a city in east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 6 Sept, 2009. It’s the season to harvest water caltrop with the coming of autumn in east China. —Xinhua

Toshiba may outsource some top-line chip production

Tokyo, 7 Sept—Toshiba Corp (6502.T) is in talks with Singapore’s Chartered Semiconductor (CSMF.SI) and Globalfoundries Inc about outsourcing production of some of its next-generation system chips to help cut costs, two company sources said.

Toshiba, which sources have said plans to bid for French nuclear group Areva’s (CEFI.PA) power transmission and distribution unit, is looking to save costs at its loss-making chip division as it seeks stabler revenues from the power business.

The world’s No 2 maker of NAND flash memory chips plans to make 28-nanometre chips at its plant in Oita, southern Japan, but is considering contracting out production of chips exceeding its capacity, said company spokeswoman Hiroko Mochida.

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The earthquake claimed more than 70 lives, with more than half of the victims in the village.

“...we hope that we could fix the power network in 3-4 days. In the meantime, we provide generator sets to supply power,” said Murtadi Syamoudin, the company’s director for Java, Madura and Bali Islands in parliamentary building here.

According to Murtadi, apart of in Cianjur regency, his company has provided tens of generator sets to other refugee base camps in Tasikmalaya and Banjaran regencies.

The three regencies were the hardest hit by the earthquake. Last week, the company’s president Mr. Muchtar said that his office suffered losses of over 4 billion rupiah (400 million US dollars) due to the earthquake. —Xinhua

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Power network at Indonesia earthquake area expected to be fixed in 3-4 days

Jakarta, 7 Sept—PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara, Indonesia’s state-run electricity company, expected to fix power network at earthquake-triggered landslide area in three to four days, an official told the Press on Monday.

The landslide caused by an earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale in West Java Province last Wednesday, buried tens of houses in Cianjur regency.

The earthquake claimed more than 70 lives, with more than half of the victims in the village.

“We hope that we could fix the power network in 3-4 days. In the meantime, we provide generator sets to supply power,” said Murtadi Syamoudin, the company’s director for Java, Madura and Bali Islands in parliamentary building here.

According to Murtadi, apart of in Cianjur regency, his company has provided tens of generator sets to other refugee base camps in Tasikmalaya and Banjaran regencies.

The three regencies were the hardest hit by the earthquake. Last week, the company’s president Mr. Muchtar said that his office suffered losses of over 4 billion rupiah (400 million US dollars) due to the earthquake. —Xinhua

This photo taken on 3 Sept, 2009 shows a section of a expressway connecting Sayram Lake and Guozigou being constructed above Tianshan Mountains in northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. —Xinhua

Egypt reports second A/H1N1 flu death

CAIRO, 7 Sept—Egypt on Sunday confirmed the second A/H1N1 flu death in the country, a statement issued by Ministry of Health said.

According to the statement, the death is a 25-year-old Egyptian woman in Dakahlia governorate, 150km north of Cairo. She may have contracted the virus from her husband who recently came back from Saudi Arabia.

On 20 July, Egypt reported the first A/H1N1 flu death of a 28-year-old Egyptian woman, who returned from Saudi Arabia after performing Umrah (Hajj) to Mecca any time of the year.

In early June, Egypt reported its first A/H1N1 flu case — a 12-year-old Egyptian-American girl coming from the United States via the Netherlands.

Since then, the country has reported 783 cases of the A/H1N1 flu, and 716 of them have recovered.

—Xinhua
South Africa face Ireland on World Cup learning curve

DUBLIN, 7 Sept—Aaron Mokoena believes South Africa will continue their learning process when they play Ireland in Limerick on Tuesday. Following their 2-0 defeat to Germany in Leverkusen on Saturday, Bafana—now tackle Ireland at Munster’s famous Thomond Park, a stadium renowned more for its rugby pedigree than soccer.

Mokoena believes the pace and intensity of Ireland’s game against Germany, they are a very experienced team and of course, they’ve been playing at the top level a long, long time,” said Mokoena, who will hope to keep the confidence on Sunday, but did not make a place in the semi-finals.

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The 27-year-old Williams broke serve in the sixth and eighth games

New mother Clijsters beats V Williams at US Open

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—A half-hour after getting past Venus Williams in a three-set tussle at the US Open, Kim Clijsters had her hands full again. Juggling an energy drink, a bottle of water and a snack, Clijsters was trying to keep an eye on her 18-month-old daughter, Jada, as the tyke scammed around the players’ lounge. Better keep the nanny on call: Mommy’s got more work to do at Flushing Meadows.

Playing by far her biggest match since coming back after 2 1/2 years away from tennis, Clijsters knocked off the No. 3-seeded Williams 6-0, 6-4 Sunday in a match of wild momentum swings to reach the US Open quarterfinals. “It’s still kind of hard to believe. But then again, I’m not trying to get carried away with it all,” the 26-year-old Belgian said. “Just trying to focus on what I have to do, because the tournament’s still going, I just want to keep focusing on my tennis.” —Internet

Ghana qualify for 2010 World Cup finals

JOHANNESBURG, 7 Sept—Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien scored as Ghana defeated Sudan 2-0 in Accra Sunday to become the first African qualifiers for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. Inter Milan midfielder Sulley Muntari gave the ‘Black Stars’ an early lead and Essien added a second soon after half-time, unleashing a drive that flew into the net at the near post.

The result coupled with closest challengers Benin and Mali drawing 1-1 in Cotonou a few hours earlier left a Ghana side boasting a 100 percent record with an unsaltable seven-point Group D advantage. “It was so important to win, regardless of how we achieved the result. It is still special for us professionals to return home and bring joy to the people of Ghana,” Essien told reporters.—Internet

Serena sweeps into last eight at US Open

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Little-known hot-shots put Ronaldo in World Cup shade

PARIS, 7 Sept—The weekend’s World Cup qualifying matches were graced by some of the top strikers in world football, but a glimpse at the list of top scorers from each confederation reveals a striking lack of big names.

Fernando Torres, Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Didier Drogba and Cristiano Ronaldo were all in action on Saturday, but none have come anywhere close to the 12 goals scored by Osea Vakatalesa of Fiji. Vakatalesa has not even featured in a qualifying match since Fiji’s 2-0 win over Oceania section winners New Zealand in November 2008, but he is not the only confederation top scorer who won’t be appearing in South Africa next summer.—Internet

Spain’s forward Fernando Torres jumps for the ball during a World Cup qualifying match in March. Torres was in action on Saturday, but did not come anywhere close to the 12 goals scored by Osea Vakatalesa of Fiji.—Internet

Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal hits a return to compatriot Nicolas Almagro during a US Open third round match at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in New York.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—Rafael Nadal advanced to the quarterfinals of the US Open on Sunday in his quest to complete a career Grand Slam but a right abdominal muscle injury brought new health con-cerns for the Spanish third seed. Nadal received abdominal treatment from a trainer in the third set of a 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 victory over 32nd-ranked countryman Nicolas Almagro and his reluctance to speak about it after the match added more fitness worries.

“I don’t want to talk about injuries,” Nadal said. “I try my best every day. I won the match in three sets.” Pressed on whether or not the treatment helped him in the third set, the six-time Grand Slam winner replied. “I won 6-4. You can see I didn’t serve very fast but I think I played better from the baseline than before.”—Internet
China to continue anti-dumping measures on SBR from Russia, Japan, Republic of Korea

BEIJING, 7 Sept—China will continue to impose anti-dumping measures on styrene butadiene rubber (SBR) imported from Russia, Japan and Republic of Korea, the Ministry of Commerce said in a statement on its website on Monday.

The anti-dumping measures will be effective for five years, starting from 8 September, the statement said. The statement said China decided to take the anti-dumping measures after a one-year review, as dumping of SBR could continue otherwise, and could damage the domestic industry.

The ministry launched a review of anti-dumping measures for SBR from Russia, Japan and the Republic of Korea on 8 September of 2003. Styrene butadiene rubber is a raw chemical material used in tyres and other rubber products.—Xinhua

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

Monday, 7th September, 2009

Summarized observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah States, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Magway and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Tanintharyi Division, isolated heavy falls in Rakhine, Mon States and Ayeyawady Division.

The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Muangtung (21.28) inches, Launglamun (11.61) inches, Dawei (7.48) inches, Myeik (5.94) inches, Pathein (3.82) inches, Thandwe (3.31) inches, Ye (2.98) inches, Gwa (2.68) inches, Phayapun (2.48) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.01) inches and Aunglan (0.24) inch.

Minimum temperature on 6-9-2009 was 84°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-9-2009 was 92 %.

Total sun shine hours on 6-9-2009 was (3.0) hour approx. Rainfall on 7-9-2009 was (2.01) inches at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.59) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (92.64) inches at Mingaladon, (103.82) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.88) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (08:30) hours MST on 7-9-2009.

Forecast valid until evening of 8th September 2009:

Forecast for Mandalay and neighboring area for 8-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighboring area for 8-9-2009: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighboring area for 8-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Tuesday, 8 September

View on today

7:00 am
2. Dance of National Races
3. Anti-dumping measures for SBR from Russia, Japan and the Republic of Korea
4. Signature Tune
5. Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
6. Golden Mandalay Hill
7. Let’s Sing Together! “Let’s fly against the wind”
8. Enjoy our Shan Food
9. Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
10. Signature Tune
11. Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
12. Golden Mandalay Hill
13. Myanmar Toddly Palm: A Source of Rural Income
14. Myanmar Martial Arts (Part-2)
15. Culture Stage “The Solo Dance”
16. Work hard for the success of the Agricultural Sector
17. Let’s Sing Together! “Let’s fly against the wind”
18. Enjoy our Shan Food
19. Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
20. Signature Tune
21. Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
22. Golden Mandalay Hill
23. Myanmar Toddly Palm: A Source of Rural Income
24. Myanmar Martial Arts (Part-2)
25. Culture Stage “The Solo Dance”
26. The Reh lake (The Greatest attraction in Chin State)
27. Let’s Sing Together! “Let’s fly against the wind”
28. Enjoy our Shan Food
29. Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
30. Signature Tune
31. Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
32. Golden Mandalay Hill
33. Myanmar Toddly Palm: A Source of Rural Income
34. Myanmar Martial Arts (Part-2)
35. Culture Stage “The Solo Dance”
36. A Journey to the Zalon Mountain
37. Myanmar Modern Song “Wonderful Country”
38. Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-I)
39. Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

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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

Ragged banknotes exchangeable at banks

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Myanma Economic Banks in Yangon have been exchanging ragged banknotes in circulation for new similar ones since 3 August 2009. Notes exchangeable range from 5-kyat note to 500-kyat note, totaling seven kinds of notes. A person can exchange 20 to 30 notes one time depending on the amount permitted. A person wishing to exchange 50 notes has to apply to the bank manager concerned in order to avert possible unscrupulous acts. The banks that see highest number of people exchanging their notes are Myanma Economic Bank (Branch-3) in downtown Yangon and the Central Bank of Myanmar on Bo Sun Pet Street, each dealing with about 100 clients, whereas each of the branches in suburban areas is dealing with 20 to 30 persons a day.

Local people return to Kokang as stability prevails in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — The number of people who returned to Kokang has reached 14,253, according to data on 7th September at 6 pm. Local people who left Kokang region have returned to Kokang through Yanlonkyaing and Chinshwehaw border check-points as from 29th August as the stability has prevailed there. The administrative machinery in the region has returned to normal.

Three patients infected with A (H1N1) discharged, remaining three on the mend

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Three patients infected with A (H1N1) were discharged from the hospitals yesterday. A girl aged 15 and two men aged 16 and 44 were discharged from respective hospitals as they recovered from the flu and quarantine measures for family members who came into contact with the patients were stopped.

Out of 33 patients infected with A (H1N1), 30 had also been discharged from respective hospitals as they recovered from the flu and the remaining three patients are under intensive care taken by specialists. The National Health Laboratory found the flu virus in 33 patients out of 227 suspect.

Early warning signals of change: ‘Tipping points’ identified where Sudden shifts to new conditions occur

SCIENCE DAILY, 7 Sept — What do abrupt changes in ocean circulation and Earth’s climate, shifts in wildlife populations and ecosystems, the global finance market and its system-wide crashes, and asthma attacks and epileptic seizures have in common?

According to a paper published this week in the journal Nature, all share generic early-warning signals that indicate a critical threshold of change dead ahead.

In the paper, Martin Scheffer of Wageningen University in The Netherlands and co-authors, including William Brock and Stephen Carpenter of the University of Wisconsin at Madison and George Sugihara of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, Calif., found that similar symptoms occur in many systems as they approach a critical state of transition.

“It’s increasingly clear that many complex systems have critical thresholds — “tipping points” — at which these systems shift abruptly from one state to another,” write the scientists in their paper.

Especially relevant, they discovered, is that “catastrophic bifurcations,” a diverging of the ways, propel a system toward a new state once a certain threshold is exceeded.