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Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife attend reception to mark 61st Anniversary Founding of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

YANGON, 9 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn attended the reception to mark the 61st Anniversary Founding of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon.—MNA

They were welcomed by Ambassador of the DPRK to Myanmar Mr. Kim Sok Chol and wife.

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Myanmar Farm Machinery Factory

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

Myanmar Farm Machinery Factory on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Ingone Village in Kyaukse Township.

Being an agricultural country, Myanmar annually grows summer paddy in addition to monsoon paddy on an extensive scale, thereby ensuring a boom in the paddy farming and exporting rice surplus.

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**Strive for further development of the agriculture sector**

The government of Myanmar has laid down national plans and is implementing them. One of them is to meet the nation’s need of food and it has been so successfully implemented that food is not only sufficient but also in surplus.

With a steady increase in food surpluses, we will be able to export more and have to try to establish an industrialized nation by investing export earnings in the other economic sectors.

In fulfilling the entire people’s need for food, clothing and shelter, it is necessary to follow the guidance of the Head of State and make effective use of natural and human resources to raise the productivity of all the economic sectors.

A study of the nation’s export situation of agricultural produce has shown that the value of export stood at $1.4 billion US dollars in the 2008-2009 fiscal year and it reached $2.87 billion US dollars up to the month of July of the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Increases in export of agricultural produce and export earnings are the signs of success for the agriculture sector. The nation has still vast tracts of land that can be reclaimed for agricultural use and this offers excellent potential for quantitative and qualitative improvement in agricultural production.

If we strive for further development of the agriculture sector by making better use of human resources, investments and modern technologies coupled with the support of the government and active participation of the private sector, the economy of the nation will develop with greater momentum and the entire people will be able to enjoy high returns.

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Four Americans killed in attack in Afghanistan

KABUL, 9 Sept—Four US troops died on Tuesday in a militant attack in eastern Afghanistan, and NATO forces acknowledged for the first time that civilians were among the dozens killed in an airstrike on two hijacked fuel trucks.

Top NATO and US commander Gen Stanley McChrystal appointed a Canadian major general to lead an investigation into Friday’s strike on the fuel tankers in northern Kunduz Province. An Afghan official appointed by President Hamid Karzai to examine the attack said his best estimate of the death toll was 82, including at least 45 armed militants.

Also Tuesday, McChrystal banned the sale of alcohol at the military alliance’s Kabul headquarters after becoming frustrated when he had trouble getting in touch with some of his staff after the attack in Kunduz, said Capt Elizabeth Mathias, a US military spokeswoman.

Mathias said four American troops were killed in “a complex attack” in eastern Afghanistan’s Kunar Province but did not give details.—Internet

Iran condemns “massacre of civilians” in Afghanistan by NATO forces

TEHERAN, 9 Sept—Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hassan Qashqavi on Tuesday strongly condemned “massacre of civilians” in Afghanistan by NATO forces, the local Fars news agency reported.

“Targeting civilians and massacre of defenceless people of Afghanistan is an inhumane behavior and is completely against moral values and international criteria,” Qashqavi was quoted as saying.

“Unfortunately, these self-centered actions against innocents have repeatedly happened. We strongly condemn this approach,” he said.

NATO’s deadly air strike against suspected Taliban insurgents in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan early Friday, according to local officials, left over 100 people dead and injured.

The US and NATO commander in Afghanistan General Stanley McChrystal on the assumption of charge in June promised to avoid harming none-combatants.—Xinhua

Bomb misses Iraq health ministry official, kills one

BAGHDAD, 9 Sept—Iraqi police and health officials say a Health Ministry official escaped an assassination attempt when a roadside bomb hit his convoy in eastern Baghdad, but one ministry employee died in the blast.

Three people in the four-vehicle convoy and four bystanders were also wounded in the attack on Tuesday that appeared directed at Dr Ali Bustan al-Fartosi, who is in charge of eastern Baghdad’s medical facilities.

The officials said the doctor escaped unharmed.

The police official said it was not known why the doctor was targeted.—Internet

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

KABUL, 9 Sept—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

A number of Afghan people are killed and injured due to invasion of the NATO troops led by the US.

According to the Internet news, a total of 31,819 Afghan people were killed and 37,470 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 9 September.

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NATO invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 9 Sept—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 9 September reached 698,576 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,259,141, according to the news on the internet.

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Afghan girls head for school hands in hands as black smoke billows from the site of a car bomb blast outside the entrance to the military airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 8 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

A wounded man is rushed to the hospital in Kirkuk, 290 kilometres (180 miles) north of Baghdad, on 9 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

An Afghan youth, injured during an airstrike carried out by NATO forces, lies in a hospital in the northern city of Kunduz, Britain, France and Germany have unveiled proposals for an international conference on Afghanistan later this year in order to press Afghans to take more responsibility for their own country.—INTERNET

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China, First Solar, sign agreement

TEMPLE, 9 Sept—A US solar power company and Chinese officials signed agreements to build a 2-gigawatt solar power plant in Ordos City, China. First Solar Inc and Chinese officials signed a memorandum of understanding that outlines the project in the company offices in Temple, Ariz, the Phoenix Business Journal reported on Tuesday.

Plans call for a First Solar to design and construct the 2-gigawatt facility, starting with a 30-megawatt demonstration project. First Solar will also be contracted to supply the solar panels for the project. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2010 with additional capacity added in 2014 and 2019, the newspaper said.—Internet

Military reports false alarm at UK air base

LONDON, 9 Sept—A busy British air base was briefly subject to a bomb scare on Tuesday, but the Ministry of Defence said it turned out to be a false alarm.

The military had reported earlier that it was investigating a suspected improvised explosive device at Royal Air Force Lyneham, about 90 miles (145 kilometres) west of London. Later the ministry said the incident was a false alarm.

Lyneham is one of Britain’s largest and busiest Royal Air Force hubs, and is home to Hercules transport aircraft widely used in Afghanistan.—Internet

Egyptian guards kill migrants crossing to Israel

EL-Arish, 9 Sept—Egyptian border guards shot dead four sub-Saharan migrants as they tried to illegally enter Israel, a security official said. The men were caught by border guards as they tried to slip past a barbed wire fence marking the border with Israel south of the town of Rafah, he said.

“They tried to flee and were shot,” the official said, adding that two other migrants, both Ethiopians, were wounded, one of them seriously. Another migrant in the same group was arrested, said the official, who requested anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to media.—Internet

Mexico City limits love affair with plastic bag

MEXICO CITY, 9 Sept—Teenagers use them to sneak beer into concerts. Morning commuters sip juice from them. Vendors save on containers by slopping every thing from sodas to bulk shampoo into them.

This smog-choked metropolis of 20 million has a red hot love affair with the plastic bag, and it’s about to take on a shade of green.

The government is banning stores from packing up goods in free, non-biodegradable bags as its latest environmental endeavor after adding bike lanes, low-emissions buses and an ambitious recycling programme.

Major retailers already are responding, though the law passed in March and signed in August gives them a year to comply. Wal-Mart is trying to recycle plastics and sell cloth totes at checkout counters. Supermarket chains Soriana and Comercial Mexicana have switched to o xo-biodegradable plastic bags, which they say take less than two years to break down.—Internet

Tornado, mudslides kill 15 in Argentina, Brazil

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Sept—A violent storm that spawned a tornado and mudslides killed at least 15 people across northern Argentina and southern Brazil, authorities said on Tuesday. Dozens were injured in the winds and hail as their homes were destroyed.

At least 10 died in Argentina, said Ricardo Veselka, civil defence director for the town of San Pedro, where the twister hit.

Four people were killed in the Brazilian city of Guaraciaba, and one person died in a Sao Paulo slum after a mudslide swept into ramshackle homes, civil defence officials said in a statement on their Web site. Civil defence earlier reported two victims there, but later lowered the death toll without explanation.

Rescue workers in Sao Paulo searched the rubble on Tuesday evening for three people still missing and were also trying to find two children believed buried after part of a school collapsed, according to civil defence officials.

The worst damage was in the small Argentine towns of Santa Rosa and El Progreso, where officials said houses and even a city health centre were blown away early on Tuesday. Trees fell on cars, blown down by winds of more than 60 mph (100 kph).

Medvedev, Obama to hear report on START talks on 23 Sept

MOSCOW, 9 Sept—President Dmitry Medvedev and US President Barack Obama will meet soon to receive a report on their countries’ negotiations for a new nuclear arms reduction treaty, officials said on Tuesday.

“At a meeting that will take place in New York on 23 Sept, (Dmitry) Medvedev and (Barack) Obama will hear a report on the progress of the talks,” the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov as saying.

Lavrov said there will be four or five rounds of consultations before the current Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START 1) expires in December.

The two countries concluded a fifth round of talks on 2 Sept in Geneva, and will open another round there on 21 Sept. Medvedev and Obama, who will meet on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, agreed in July in Moscow on the outlines of a deal to replace the START I treaty.

The current agreement places a limit of 6,000 strategic or long-range nuclear warheads on both countries and allows the inspection of weapons.—Xinhua

National Library of China (NLC), celebrating its 100th birthday today, is on a fast-track progress toward modernization with a series of ambitious projects.—Xinhua
Investing in high education helps economic recovery, says OECD

PARIS, 9 Sept—The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said on Tuesday in a report that investing in high education will contribute to economic recovery, suggesting governments to consider this in planning education policies.

“As we emerge from the global economic crisis, demand for university education will be higher than ever,” the OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría said. “To the extent that institutions are able to respond, investments in human capital will contribute to recovery.”

In the annual Education at a Glance report, the Paris-based organization said growing advantages for the better educated and likely continuing high unemployment will bring more and more young people to stay on in education.

According to the report, in the United States, a male graduate can expect to earn more than $367,000 US dollars extra in his lifetime, nearly doubled the other OECD countries.

A female US student with a university degree can earn more than $229,000 US dollars, despite of the disparity in most countries between male and female.

Airbus leads Boeing on new aircraft orders

PARIS, 9 Sept—European aircraft manufacturer Airbus said on Wednesday that it has won 125 net orders up to August this year, stretching a lead over its US rival Boeing.

Airbus has received 147 orders for new aircraft by August with only 22 being cancelled. It has delivered 320 planes, including five A380 jets and 262 A320 jets, in the past eight months, according to the Airbus statistics.

For Boeing, it has taken orders for 161 planes, but with 91 cancellations including 73 A380 Dreamliners, currently under development, and the net order intake is 70 jets. And it has delivered 307 jets.—Xinhua

Saudia Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi has said the current state of oil market is “stable and in good condition,” while Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah said on Monday that OPEC does not need to reduce output as the current oil prices are satisfactory.

Iran’s new oil minister arrived in Vienna on Tuesday to attend OPEC Ministerial Monitoring Committee on Wednesday to discuss future oil production quotas, the report said.

OPEC’s weekly average oil prices dropped last week to 67.56 US dollars per barrel, down 3.86 dollars compared to the previous week, the Vienna-based cartel said on Monday.—Xinhua

Foreign teachers learn making Chinese kites at Weifang Painting and Calligraphy Institute in Weifang, the well-known city of kite, east China’s Shandong Province, on 8 Sept, 2009.—Xinhua

US company faces fines for illegally exporting used CRTs to Hong Kong

LOS ANGELES, 9 Sept—A US trading company faces fines of up to 37,500 dollars a day if it could not submit a disposal plan for nearly 16 tons of used cathode ray tubes returned from Hong Kong, a federal official said on Tuesday.

The Los Angeles-based ZKW Trading allegedly shipped the items illegally to Hong Kong, where authorities refused to accept them and then sent them back to the United States, according to Jeff Scott of the US Environmental Protection Agency.

“The EPA is ordering ZKW Trading to submit a plan detailing how it will ensure that thousands of pounds of CRTs are managed in an environmentally sound manner,” Scott said.

He said that the company was accused of violating the US Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, which requires exporters shipping CRTs to another country for recycling to notify the EPA, and to receive written consent from the receiving country before shipments are made.—Xinhua

Iran says no need to further cut OPEC output

TEHRAN, 9 Sept—Iran’s new Oil Minister Masoud Mir-Kazemi on Tuesday said there is no need to further cut OPEC output to boost the oil market.

The international oil market was “getting better” and no further cut in the OPEC output is required, Mirkazemi was quoted as saying.

Brazil’s grain production to fall 8.6% in 2009

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Sept—Brazil’s grain production will total 133.5 million tons in 2009, down 8.6 percent from the 146 million produced last year, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) predicted on Tuesday.

The IBGE’s forecast in August was 134.4 million tons. According to the institute, the projected fall was mostly due to a reduction in corn crops in Minas Gerais state and Goias state, and to a reduction in some winter crops.—Xinhua

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Oil hovers near $71 amid weakening US dollar

SINGAPORE, 9 Sept—Oil prices hovered near $71 a barrel on Wednesday in Asia after a weakening US dollar sent crude trading lower.

Benchmarks for October delivery were up 2 cents at $71.12 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

On Tuesday, the contract gained $3.08 to settle at $71.10 as the dollar fell to a low for the year against the euro, yen and pound.

Some investors buy oil, gold and other commodities as a hedge against a weakening dollar and inflation.

The euro was steady at $1.4488 in Asian trading as a US Federal Reserve meeting ended, while the dollar edged up to 92.32 yen.

Turkey to launch 1st domestic earth observation satellite

ANKARA, 9 Sept—Turkey plans to launch its first domestically-built earth observation satellite next year, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Tuesday.

The satellite, which is called Rasat with a high-resolution optical imaging system and new modules developed by Turkish engineers, will be the first earth observation satellite to be designed and manufactured in Turkey, said the report.

Images from Rasat are expected to be used for such purposes as mapping, disaster monitoring and urban planning, according to the report. The satellite will be launched from an airlift base in southeast Russia, the report said.

Officials of the Space Technologies Research Institute of Turkey’s Scientific and Technological Research Council and Russia’s International Space Company Kosmotras inked a deal last month for the launch of the Turkish satellite, it said. —Xinhua

British doctors call for ban on all alcohol ads

LONDON, 9 Sept—British doctors called for a ban on alcohol advertisements on Tuesday, saying the move was necessary to challenge Britain’s dangerous drinking culture.

The British Medical Association argued in a report that a rapid increase in alcohol consumption among young Britons in recent years was being underpinned by “clever alcohol advertising” and that a prohibition on alcohol-related publicity was needed to help turn the situation around.

“Our society is awash with pro-alcohol messaging and marketing,” Dr Vivienne Nathanson, the association’s head of science and ethics, said in a statement.

“We need to look beyond young people and at society as a whole.”

Oils increase student satisfaction

Plants in classrooms affect how students rate their teacher, US horticulturists have found.

Members of the American Society for Horticultural Sciences say students in a classroom with plants were more satisfied with “learning,” “instructor enthusiasm” and “instructor organization” than students in the control classroom. However, student performance did not seem to be affected.

The study, published in HortScience, included 385 students divided into three sets of two classes taking the same coursework taught by the same professor during one semester. The experimental group’s classroom had an assortment of tropical plants. The control group of students’ classroom had no plants.

Drunk chess player carried from tournament

A champion French chess player allegedly showed up drunk and passed out on his board at a grandmaster tournament in Kolkata, India, officials said.

Vladislav Tkachiev had to be carried out of the Kolkata Open Grandmaster Tournament after he passed out during a game against Tamil Nadu’s Praveen Kumar, who was awarded the game point, the Indian Express reported.

The match lasted more than an hour.

A Los Angeles fireman looks under a fire truck stuck in a sinkhole in the Valley Village neighbourhood of Los Angeles on 8 Sept, 2009. Four firefighters escaped injury early Tuesday after their fire engine sunk into a large hole caused by a burst water main in the San Fernando Valley, authorities said.—Internet
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**EP No. 1 Minister meets Vice-President of SDIC**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min met Vice-President Mr Shi Hongxing of State Development & Investment Cooperation (SDIC) and party at the ministry here yesterday evening. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, departmental heads and officials. The guests were accompanied by Director Mr Li Bing of SDIC and officials.—MNA

**Eye specialists’ team gives free medical treatment in NyaungU**

YANGON, 9 Sept—With the supervision of the Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, the Ministry of Industry-1, the Ministry of Health and social organizations from NyaungU township of Mandalay Division collectively provided free eye treatment to local patients with eye complaints at NyaungU District People’s Hospital from 5 September to 8 September.

The medical team led by Prof Dr U Tin Win, comprised Dr U Nyunt Aung and Dr Nila Thein and eye specialists Dr Nu Nu Yin, Dr Sandar Myint, Dr Nan Ei Shwe Sin, Dr Yi Lin, Dr Aung Moe Tun, Dr Aung Nay Oo, Dr Hnin Ya Chee Hsan, Dr Myo Aung Kyaw, Dr Ko Ko Lin, Dr May Ko Ko Thet, Dr Shwe Wah Aye, Dr Ohnmar Zin, Dr Malar Kyaw, Dr Zay Zi Kyaw, Dr Myo Min Win, Dr Ei Kay Thwe Han, Dr Zin May Tun, Dr Theingi Win, Dr Aung Ko Ko Htet and Dr Hsaw Moe Moh Win, 12 nurses and expert U Than Htak of ALCON company.

The medical team together with Head of NyaungU District Health Department Dr Tin Tin Moe, doctors of district hospital, nurses and health staff, officials of the Ministry of Industry-1 and members of social organizations carried out free medical treatment to eye patients in and around NyaungU township starting from 5 September.

Prof Dr U Tin Win explained the purpose of providing medical treatment at the ceremony to mark the successful completion of providing free medical care to the patients with eye complaints and honour the eye specialists and wellwishers at a ceremony held in the compound of NyaungU District People’s Hospital. Next, Managing Director of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries U Maung Maung Toe, a representative of social organizations and an eye patient spoke words of thanks. Afterwards, Chairman of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council U Nyan Lin and Managing Director U Maung Maung Toe presented certificates of honour to wellwishers and eye specialists.

The medical team gave treatment to 4196 patients with eye complaints from 74 wards and village tracts, did 585 operations for cataract patients and performed 15 minor operations on totaling 600 patients.

The free medical treatment programme was funded by U Aung Myat (Managing Director of Mother Trading Co Ltd), U Win Aung (Ayeyar Hotel) and U Kyaw Moe Naing (Myanmar Moe Naing Company).—MNA

**Specialists provide free treatment to patients with eye complaints at NyaungU District People’s Hospital with supervision of Ministry of Industry-1, Ministry of Health and social organizations from NyaungU Township of Mandalay Division.**—MNA

**Eye specialist Dr Nilar Thein and members explain dos and don’ts.**—MNA

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Commander awards winners in shooting contest

**NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept**—The concluding ceremony of the Central Command Commander’s Shield/Shooting Contest was held at the shooting range in Pyin Oo Lwin on 3 September.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended the ceremony and presented prizes to the winners.

**Industry-2 Minister visits Thagara Industrial Region**

**NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept**—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein on 8 September inspected a hydroelectric turbine and generator factory project in Thagara Industrial Region. The minister urged the staff of the factory to try to be familiar with machines installed and to install remaining machines as soon as possible.

The minister also inspected machines installed at a multi-purpose diesel engine factory project, construction site of Thagara Industrial Region hospital and visited Industrial Training Centre (Tharaga).

**Energy Minister inspects CNG filling station**

**NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept**—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected CNG filling station No. 032 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in Shwepyitha Township here on 5 September. The minister then gave instructions on safety measures and cordially greeted drivers.

The minister inspected the chosen site for construction of an offshore natural gas distribution station at Ywama gas station and gave instructions.

On 6 September, the minister visited fuel station No. (0171) of Myanma Petroleum Product Enterprise in Pyapon of Ayeyawady Division and called for good conduct, fire safety, and urged the staff to give good impression in dealing with customers.

**Member of State Peace and ...**

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The ceremony was also attended by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife Dr. Dawa Khin Hsan Nwe, Director-General of the Protocol Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Kyaw and wife, Director-General of the Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department U Paw Lwin Sein and wife, ambassadors, chargé d'affaires and military attaches from embassies in Yangon and their wives and officials from the embassy of the DPRK.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn and Ambassador of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea held at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon.—**MNA**

**CPT Minister, L&F Minister go on inspection tour of Kachin State**

Minister views training of selected athletes

**YANGON, 9 Sept**—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint viewed the training of selected Judo athletes who will take part in the XXV SEA Games at the National Swimming Pool, here, yesterday afternoon.

Next, the minister presented the uniforms worth U$ 4540 to the athletes.

After that, the minister looked into the training of Table Tennis selected players from the Myanmar Table Tennis Federation, selected swimmers from the Myanmar Swimming Federation and athletes from Myanmar Track and Field Federation.

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**NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept**—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on 6 September went on inspection tour of Tanai of Kachin State.

The ministers inspected conditions of Myikyina-Tanai road being built by Yuzana Lido Highway Company and Naungmyi bridge. The ministers also inspected cassava plantations, sugarcane plantations and land reclamation with the use of machinery at Yuzana Integrated Farming Project. Yuzana Company has reclaimed a total of 44,200 acres of vacant land so far and is carrying on with further land reclamation.

Next, the ministers met responsible persons, community elders and locals at Dunban village.

On 5 September, the ministers met officials, town elders, entrepreneurs and local people and attended to the needs.—**MNA**
He said that the region had returned to normal, so the inhabitants who had fled to China were being scrutinized and accepted; that the government would defend Kokang nationals from dangers in cooperation with the Leading Committee for Progress of Kokang Region; and that necessary assistance would be rendered to Kokang nationals in order that they would be able to resume their businesses.

The team members together with the deputy minister and officials proceeded to the arsenal of Kokang group near China-Myanmar border in Yanlonkyang, Laukkai.

They observed the documentary photos, seized weaponry and ammunition and accessories, and the arm workshops. Officials concerned replied to the queries raised by the guests.

They visited Kokang Gate No (2) Lock-up, where some Myanmar Police Force members were held hostage and killed brutally, and observed the documentary photos on the dead bodies and the lock-ups.

Next, they visited the building used to produce narcotic drugs at Tashinkyaing Village in Laukkai, and viewed seized precursor chemicals, ammunition and stimulant tablets.

At Kokang group headquarters (the house of U Phon Kya Phu), they viewed exposed arms and ammunition, poppy seeds and equipment used in producing narcotic drugs. The officials conducted them round the headquarters.

They left Laukkai by car together with Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw and arrived at Lashio in the evening.

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NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Thirty out of thirty-four A (H1N1) patients were discharged from the hospital as they had fully recovered from their illness. One out of remaining four has been at Webagi Specialist Hospital, one at Yangon Children’s Hospital, one at Insein General Hospital and one at North Okkalapa Hospital.

A female thirty-first H1N1 patient, aged 33, had fully recovered from her illness and therefore she was discharged from the hospital. Home surveillance measures against family members of the patient have been halted.

Now, there remains three patients—one at Yangon Children’s Hospital, one at North Okkalapa Hospital and one at Insein General Hospital—and they are being provided medical treatment and they all are on the mend.

The National Health Laboratory gave lab tests to 233 flu-suspected patients and 34 out of whom were infected with the virus.—MNA

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Remaining three on the mend
NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe met locals from Myanmar Boke Chaung and Kokantan villages of Ponnawa village-tract in An Township on 4 September.

The commander and the minister provided the locals with clothing, exercise books, stationery and presented periodicals and publications to libraries of the villages. They visited Basic Education Schools in Kokantan and Sinkhontaing villages and presented exercise books and stationery to students.

The commander and the minister met with locals who are preparing to raise goats at Patkway village and provided exercise books and stationery to BEPS of the village.

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Commander, Minister supervise development tasks in An Township

A & I Minister calls for higher output of agricultural produce

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 6 September visited No. 20 Basic Education Primary School on 34 Uyin Street in Kin Ward of Hinthada Township and gave instructions in meeting with teachers.

Afterwards, the minister visited No. 12 Basic Education Primary School and met local people of Lathama, Uyin (South), Uyin (North), Nyaungbin, Tarngarse (South), Tarngarse (North) and Kanaungsu wards.

The minister gave instructions on boosting output of agricultural produce in meeting with farmers in Ywathitaung village.

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H&T Minister undertakes regional development tasks in Pyapon

Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, on 5 September, met with townswelders, teachers, health staff and members of social organizations from Hmawby village and Htainpin village at Hmawby village in Pyapon Township. After that, the minister presented blankets, clothes, foodstuff and traditional medicines.

Afterwards, the minister met with townswelders, local residents and members of social organizations from Chaungdwin, Kechaung and Kyarsu villages at Chaungtwin village and presented blankets, clothes and traditional medicines.

The minister inspected progress in construction of Apyaung Bridge linked to Pyapon and Apyaung village and of new school building of village primary school.

MNA

Refresher courses opened

YANGON, 9 Sept—The opening of Refresher Course for Financial Supervisory (Grade III) and Store Keeping Course (Grade IV) took place at central training school (Thuwunna) yesterday morning.

Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the 5-week course, which is being attended by 50 trainees.

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Peace and stability prevails in Kokang region of Shan State (North)

Kokang region sees home-coming of locals

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—Kokang region of Shan State (North) has restored peace and stability since 29 August.

The number of local people who returned to Kokang has reached 17,114 according to the data at 6 pm today.

Local people who had left Kokang region have returned to the region through Yanlonkyay and Chinshwehaw border check-points as from 29 August as the stability has prevailed.

The administrative machinery in the region has returned to normal. —MNA
In order to boost production of rice year by year, the government is using high-yield quality paddy strains and reclaiming more and more vacant and virgin lands. The major requirement of expediting the agricultural work is tractor.

With the aim of attending to that need, the government built a farm machinery factory at Ingone Village in Kyaukse Township.

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He added, "Apart from power-tillers, our factory has produced 400 combine harvesters in 2009-2010 fiscal year."

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Afterwards, the commander also met local people at Hsinkhontaing village and Pathway village, and presented foodstuff and sports gear to them. The commander inspected teak plantation near Pathway village and Pepadon checkpoint.

After that, the commander attended the ceremony to put fingerlings into Hinywat dam. And the commander presented fingerlings to members of social organizations and put fingerlings into the dam.

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—The second round match of 14th inter-state/division women’s (open) football tournament continued today.

Mon State won over Shan State (North) 5-nil in Mawlamyine zone and Mandalay Division, over Bago Division 7-nil in Mudon zone.—MNA

INTER-SHTE/ DIVISION WOMEN’S (OPEN) FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT CONTINUES TODAY

YANGON, 9 Sept—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa inspected sanitation tasks in the departmental and private buildings in the townships, here, this morning.

Next, the commander fulfilled the requirements of the work and left necessary instructions.—MNA

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

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On our recent tour around Mandalay Division to gather regional news for some bylines, we visited the farm machinery factory.

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S Korea business environment stands as world’s 19th

SEOUL, 9 Sept—South Korea’s business environment ranked 19th in the world, improving four notches on year, mainly due to progress in business opening and cross-the-board trading environment, a report showed on Wednesday.

According to an annual report compiled by the World Bank, South Korea stood at the 19th place out of 183 countries in business environment, up four steps from a year ago.

The latest ranking is the highest for South Korea since 2003 when the World Bank started to publish related data.—Xinhua

China’s Geely eyes bid for Ford’s Volvo cars

SHANGHAI/HONG KONG, 9 Sept—China’s Geely Automotive (0175.HK) said on Wednesday its parent wants to bid for Ford’s (F.N) Volvo Car Corp, becoming the latest Chinese automaker to chase a foreign brand in a global industry overhaul.

The move could boost the profile of Geely, a small, home-grown car maker and, more importantly, give it access to Volvo technology it needs to upgrade its cars, analysts said, though some doubted it could manage an international brand.

Geely’s privately held parent, Geely Holding Group Co, would make any bid in conjunction with a government-backed investor, CEO Gui Shengyue told Reuters by telephone.

“If we believe in Volvo’s sale and Ford has a global announcement, then our parent company will participate,” Gui said. “It is interested in Volvo’s sedan business and not trucks.”

Gui added that Geely’s parent is waiting for Ford to decide whether to sell the Swedish car maker, but that Hong Kong-listed Geely would not participate in any bid.

Rather than merely taking a stake in Volvo, Geely’s parent would seek full ownership, Gui said, adding Ford will make a decision on whether to sell Volvo within a month.

Honda’s Japan plant was hit by a virus

TOKYO, 9 Sept—Japanese automaker Honda Motor Co said on Wednesday a computer virus attack had hit its plant in central Japan for the second time this month, causing temporary production stoppage.

Honda said it had been hit by a virus as it was preparing to boost output at its Kariya plant in central Japan, the latest in a series of production disruptions that hit Japan’s auto makers.

In August, Honda said it had suffered a virus attack at its Kariya plant, which produces the Civic and Prelude sports cars.

The Kariya plant, which is Honda’s only domestic plant and produces the CR-V sport utility vehicle, was hit again this week and had closed for around a week, the company said.

Honda said it was working to stabilize its operations at the Kariya plant, which was making a system recovery following the virus attack.

The company said there was no risk of car delivery delays.

It is the third outbreak of a virus attack at Honda overseas plants in recent months, the company said.

The first was a virus attack on a factory in China in mid-August. The latest hit a plant in Argentina.

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Protein found as link to heart evolution

SAN FRANCISCO, 9 Sept—US scientists say they’ve found a specific protein helped the 3-chambered heart of amphibians evolve into the 4-chambered heart of birds and mammals.

Scientists from the Gladstone Institute of Cardiovascular Disease in San Francisco, Swarthmore College and Michigan State University analyzed tissues from animal embryos. They explained the heart of amphibians has three chambers—one atrium receives deoxygenated blood from the body, while the other atrium receives oxygenated blood from the lungs. Those two streams mix in a single ventricle that pumps incompletely oxygenated blood to the rest of the body.

The researchers noted birds and mammals have two separate ventricles—one pumping deoxygenated blood from the body to the lungs at low pressure, the other pumping highly oxygenated blood from the lungs to the body at high pressure.

The study found the evolution to a four-chambered heart was governed by the distribution of a protein called T-box transcription factor that regulates the expression of specific genes in the embryonic heart. Professor Benoit Bruneau of the Gladstone Institute says the study’s findings will help researchers “understand how a protein like T-box is involved in forming the heart and how in the case of congenital heart disease, its function is impaired.”—internet

It pays to quit smoking before surgery

COLOGNE, 9 Sept—People who can quit smoking before surgery can halve their risk of poor wound healing, researchers in Germany found.

Peter Sawicki of the German Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care analyzed current research showing that nicotine replacement therapy can help people quit smoking and avoid complications after surgery.

Nicotine replacement therapy helps reduce withdrawal symptoms when people stop smoking by giving them nicotine through a patch or chewing gum.

The study, published on informedhealthonline.org, said trials showed 14 percent of the patients who smoked had problems with wound healing if they had nicotine replacement therapy at least four weeks before surgery, compared to 28 percent of the patients who did not have nicotine replacement therapy. Internet

Tornado kills ten in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Sept—A tornado spawned the north of Argentina early on Tuesday morning, killing at least 10 people and injuring 51 more, 18 of them in grave conditions.

The tornado spawned the localities of Tobuna and San Javier in Mizones province in the north of the country and the locality of San Pedro near the border with Brazil, province health director Jose Guccione said.

“Tornado kills.”—Xinhua

Thailand’s death toll from flu A/H1N1 rises to 142

BANGKOK, 9 Sept—Thailand’s Public Health Ministry on Wednesday announced 12 more deaths related to A/H1N1 influenza, bringing the country’s death toll to 142.

Of the 12 new cases, three were males, said Doctor Pajit Warachit, the Health Ministry’s deputy permanent secretary. Thai language news agency Krungthep Turakji Online reported.

The A/H1N1 influenza infection cases have been continuously reported across the country, said

Nearsly 450 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 9 Sept—A European health agency said on Tuesday that 444 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 196 were confirmed in Portugal, 157 in Greece and 72 in Germany while other 19 cases were reported in other four European countries, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.—Xinhua

A/H1N1 flu claims 31 lives in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 9 Sept—A total of 31 people have died of the A/H1N1 flu while more than 7,000 laboratory confirmed swine flu cases have been recorded in South Africa, the country’s National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) said on Tuesday. In a statement, NICD said the latest figures were as of Monday, September 7, and that Gauteng remained the province with the highest number of the A/H1N1 laboratory confirmed cases. An increase was also noted in the Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal. “The underlying associations related to mortality in the four new additional deaths, include pregnancy (two), obesity (one), HIV positive (one) and a 5-year-old who was apparently healthy,” the institute said.—Xinhua

Bronchoscopy hikes lung cancer detection

HEIDELBERG, 9 Sept—German medical scientists say they have determined narrow-band imaging bronchoscopes increase the specificity of bronchoscopic early lung cancer detection.

Bronchoscopy is a technique of visualizing the inside of the trachea using a bronchoscope for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes, Wikipedia said.

The bronchoscope inserted into the airway can be either a rigid metal tube with attached lighting devices or a flexible fiberoptic tube with real-time video equipment.

The researchers at the University of Heidelberg in Germany said bronchoscopic technologies utilizing white light, auto-fluorescence or narrow-band imaging have been developed to enhance the ability to diagnoses such lung cancer cells. Narrow-band imaging is the newest of the technologies.

Dr Felix Herth and colleagues conducted a 10-month review of patients instead of airway screening and surveillance. Of 57 patients, researchers found those observed with narrow band imaging and auto-fluorescence imaging experienced significantly superior sensitivities compared to white light imaging alone. Narrow-band imaging also proved to provide high levels of specificity compared to auto-fluorescence imaging.—internet

Ruins are remanined after a tornado swept Argentina’s northern province of Mizones, on 8 Sept, 2009.—Xinhua

Guests look at a sandbox during the 13th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) in Xiamen, southeast China’s Fujian Province, on 8 Sept, 2009. With the theme of boosting cross-border investment and pushing forward economic recovery, this year’s fair has attracted 13,000 overseas businessmen, a record number, the CIFIT organizing committee said.—Xinhua
S P O R T S

Lawrence sends Bafana Bafana for six

LIMERICK, 9 Sept—Liam Lawrence’s stunning free kick handed Republic of Ireland victory and consigned World Cup hosts South Africa to their sixth consecutive defeat. The Stoke City midfielder’s wonderfully struck first-half effort was the difference between the sides in a competitive friendly at Thomond Park.

While South Africa dominated possession and played some of the more attractive football, they were toothless in front of goal, and couldn’t avoid another defeat in their preparations for next summer’s World Cup.

Coach Joel Santana made only one change from the team that lost 2-0 to Germany on Saturday night with Elrino van Heerden replacing Bevan Fransmann.

For the hosts, however, it was all change, with Giovanni Trapattoni making an untypical eight changes to the side that defeated Cyprus in their Group 8 World Cup qualifier on Saturday night.

Press reports are lies, says tetchy Domenech

BELGRADE, 9 Sept—Embattled French coach Raymond Domenech insisted on Tuesday that stories published in the French press about a row between himself and national captain Thierry Henry were ‘lies’.

Domenech was speaking on the eve of the crucial 2010 World Cup qualifier here against Group Seven leaders Serbia, who lead the French by four points after France drew 1-1 at home to Romania last Saturday.

Defeat on Wednesday would leave France—who Domenech guided to the 2006 World Cup final—restricted to at best a play-off between the best eight runners-up if they are to make it to South Africa next year.

Domenech, who was jeered by the French fans when his name was announced at the Stade de France last Saturday, was adamant, though, that Monday’s report in Le

European clubs want FIFA decision on Olympic U-21s

GENEVA, 9 Sept—European clubs on Tuesday urged FIFA to accept that only players aged under 21 years can take part in the Olympic Games football tournament instead of 23 years as presently allowed.

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“All 100 ECA member clubs present in Geneva support the under 21 with no over age players solution,” Barcelona president and ECA vice-chairman Joan Laporta said.

“I think it’s important to have a clear-cut rule,” he told journalists. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has indicated that it wants FIFA to stick to the 23-year-old age limit.

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Nadal advances at US Open

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Spanish third seed Nadal, trying to complete a career Grand Slam with a seventh major title, defeated French 13th seed Gael Monfils 6-7 (3/7), 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 to book a spot in the last eight against Chilean Fernando Gonzalez.

“He’s a very good player,” Nadal said. “If I don’t play my best it’s going to be impossible.”

Nadal showed no sign of pain after a two-setth half layoff with knee tendinitis, calling his knees “very good”, or from a right abdominal muscle injury that was treated during his third-round victory Sunday over countryman Nicolas Almagro.

Sixth seed Del Potro advances at US Open tennis

NEW YORK, 9 Sept—Sixth seed Juan Martin Del Potro fired 22 aces and 44 winners Tuesday to defeat Spanish 24th seed Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 and advance to the quarter-finals of the US Open.

The 20-year-old from Argentina will play for a semi-final berth against either Croatian 16th seed Marin Cilic or British second seed Andy Murray.

Murray beat Del Potro in last year’s US Open, the South American’s first Grand Slam quarter-final appearance, and owns a 4-1 record against Del Potro, who reached his first Slam semi-final at this year’s French Open. “I’m happy to be in the quarter-finals. It’s a return for me,” Del Potro said. “It’s like magic.”

Del Potro won his only match against Cilic in the fourth round of this year’s Australian Open.

Second seed Murray ousted from US Open tennis

NEW YORK, 9 Sept—British second seed Andy Murray was dumped from the US Open on Tuesday by Croatian 16th seed Marin Cilic, who reached his first Grand Slam quarter-final with a 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 victory.

The 22-year-old Scotsman, last year’s US Open runner-up, was foiled in his bid to become the first British man to win a Grand Slam title since Fred Perry in 1936.

Cilic will play for a semi-final berth against Argentine sixth seed Juan Martin Del Potro, who ousted Spanish 24th seed Juan Carlos Ferrero. Cilic lost their only prior meeting in this year’s fourth round at the Australian Open.

Pele to introduce Marta at Santos for female Libertadores Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Sept—The Santos soccer club announced on Tuesday that the team’s former star and world renown player, Pelé, will officially announce Marta as the club’s star player in their attempt to win the first ever female edition of the Libertadores Cup.

Marta, the three-time winner of the world’s best female soccer player from FIFA, will personally receive jersey No. 10, the important number worn by Pelé. Marta will receive her red carpet ceremony on Thursday.

Santos will be the headquarters of the inaugural women’s Libertadores Cup. The continental competition will begin on Oct. 4 and end on 18 Oct.

Kevin Doyle (right) of the Republic of Ireland vies for the ball with Kagisho Dikgacoi of South Africa during a friendly International match at Thomond Park in Limerick, Ireland. Ireland won 1-0.—INTERNET

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Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina returns a forehand to Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain in their quarter-final round US Open match at Flushing Meadows. Del Potro won 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. —INTERNET

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Nadal showed no sign of pain after a two-setth half layoff with knee tendinitis, calling his knees “very good”, or from a right abdominal muscle injury that was treated during his third-round victory Sunday over countryman Nicolas Almagro.

Sixth seed Del Potro advances at US Open tennis

NEW YORK, 9 Sept—Sixth seed Juan Martin Del Potro fired 22 aces and 44 winners Tuesday to defeat Spanish 24th seed Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 and advance to the quarter-finals of the US Open.

The 20-year-old from Argentina will play for a semi-final berth against either Croatian 16th seed Marin Cilic or British second seed Andy Murray.

Murray beat Del Potro in last year’s US Open, the South American’s first Grand Slam quarter-final appearance, and owns a 4-1 record against Del Potro, who reached his first Slam semi-final at this year’s French Open. “I’m happy to be in the quarter-finals. It’s a return for me,” Del Potro said. “It’s like magic.”

Del Potro won his only match against Cilic in the fourth round of this year’s Australian Open.

Second seed Murray ousted from US Open tennis

NEW YORK, 9 Sept—British second seed Andy Murray was dumped from the US Open on Tuesday by Croatian 16th seed Marin Cilic, who reached his first Grand Slam quarter-final with a 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 victory.

The 22-year-old Scotsman, last year’s US Open runner-up, was foiled in his bid to become the first British man to win a Grand Slam title since Fred Perry in 1936.

Cilic will play for a semi-final berth against Argentine sixth seed Juan Martin Del Potro, who ousted Spanish 24th seed Juan Carlos Ferrero. Cilic lost their only prior meeting in this year’s fourth round at the Australian Open.

Pele to introduce Marta at Santos for female Libertadores Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Sept—The Santos soccer club announced on Tuesday that the team’s former star and world renown player, Pelé, will officially announce Marta as the club’s star player in their attempt to win the first ever female edition of the Libertadores Cup.

Marta, the three-time winner of the world’s best female soccer player from FIFA, will personally receive jersey No. 10, the important number worn by Pelé. Marta will receive her red carpet ceremony on Thursday.

Santos will be the headquarters of the inaugural women’s Libertadores Cup. The continental competition will begin on Oct. 4 and end on 18 Oct.

Xinhua
Boeing faces lawsuit over Turkish Airlines crash

AMSTERDAM, 9 Sept.—Survivors of a Turkish Airlines crash at Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport in February plan to sue Boeing in the United States for up to 20 million US dollars each, a Dutch law office said on Monday.

Nine people were killed when flight TK 1951 from Istanbul crashed on approach to Schiphol Monday. Dutch investigators will be cremated on 10-9-2009 (Thursday) at Ye Way Cemetery at 01:00 pm. 

Boeing spokesman Jim Proulx said.—MNA/Reuters

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Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain and thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin State and Magway Division, scattered in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, Bago and Ayeayawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kayin, Mon States and Upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyakkyaw (5.20) inches, Hpa-an (3.35) inches, Tamu (3.11) inches, Loikaw (2.90) inches, Thandwe (2.87) inchesMaungtaung, Kyaukpyu and Ann (2.32) inches, Khyan (2.09) inches, Shwebo (0.63) inch and Taunggyi (0.32) inch.

Maximum temperature on 8-9-2009 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 9-9-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 9-9-2009 was 84 %. Total sun shine hours on 8-9-2009 was (Nil) hour approx. Rainfall on 9-9-2009 was (0.07) inch at Mingaladon, (0.39) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.70) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (93.42) inches at Mingaladon, (104.68) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from West at (17.20) hours MST on 9-9-2009.

Bay influence: Monsoon is strong moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 10th September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in Kayin, Chin States and Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of thundery conditions in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 10-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-9-2009: One or two thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

Foreign diplomats make tour around Laukkai in Kokang Region

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—A team made up of diplomats, military attaches and representatives of foreign embassies in Yangon led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps to the Union of Myanmar Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Robert Chua Hian Kong, members of the Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, and chief editors and reporters of local journals, accompanied by Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials, left Lashio in a convoy and arrived at Kokang Region in Shan State (North) at noon yesterday.

Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe and officials extended a warm welcome to the guests at the Paei Sein Hotel in Laukkai.

A press conference on recent incidents in Kokang Region, Shan State (North), was held at the assembly hall of the hotel.

In his address, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe said that he would clarify the conditions of the region and the incidents before the field trip to the region; and that he would make just a brief account of the story as the attendees had been given a copy on his clarification compiled bilingually; in Myanmar and in English.

He said that the issue was merely a legal affair that concerned the four offenders including U Phon Kyaw Shin, but not a political issue or a dispute between national races; that the issue could be addressed in no time due to the fact that the People’s Republic of China with good neighbourliness informed the case, which might harm the bilateral interests; and that the Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee and officials concerned tried from 8 to 26 August to persuade U Phon Kyaw Shin to work out the problems in the framework of the law.

Nevertheless, he said that the troops loyal to U Phon Kyaw Shin opened fire on the security force trying to rescue the members of the Myanmar Police Force who were discharging their duties at Yanlonkyang border checkpoint, and the attacks cost some members of the security force; that the security force had no choice but to make a counter offensive attack to the troops; and that the numbers of casualties of both sides had been stated in the news programme of the MRTV and newspapers, so he would not explain that.

He disclosed that after forming the Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee security measures were being taken with its contribution and that preparatory measures were being taken to establish regular administrative machinery, ensure regional development and for Kokang Self-Administered Zone Leading Body which will come to existence in accordance with the constitution in 2010.

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