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Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thara Tin Aung Myint Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.—MNA

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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

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For sustainable progress and durability of rural libraries

Libraries form an important part of the drive to expedite literacy campaigns to help develop human resources necessary for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Rural inhabitants make up 70 per cent of the nation’s population, so the five Rural Development Programmes are now in progress to enable rural areas to keep abreast of urban ones in terms of development. In order to achieve this lofty goal, self-reliant village libraries are being set up to help expand the horizons and enhance the reasoning power of rural residents.

The handing over of Aung Khin Yee Library building in Kankaung Village, Meiktila Township, Mandalay Division, took place at the village on 29 August. The publications, furniture, TV, radio, cassette recorder and funds donated by well-wishers and social organizations were handed over and the trust fund was established.

Recently, Tetlu self-reliant library was opened at Zawhsanmein Village, Mongyu, Mongphyat District, Shan State (East), and Pyinnya Pandaing self-reliant rural library, at Thabyaegon Village in Dalla Township, Yangon Division.

With the cash and kind donated by social organizations and well-wishers, more and more community learning centres are being erected throughout the nation to improve the socio-economic life of wards and villages. So far, the number of rural libraries and community learning centres in 64,817 villages and 2891 wards across the nation stands at 58,329.

Local people are, therefore, under a duty to maintain the libraries concerned for their sustainable progress and long-term existence.

Forestry Minister carries out regional development tasks in Ingapu Township

On 8 September, the minister attended the opening of new school building donated by him and his family for Konzaung village BEPS.

A special teak plantation of Phyo Sithu Co. Ltd in Kyang in forest reserve in Kyangin Township, the minister looked into 500-acre teak plantation in 2009—2010, 1500-acre teak plantation in 2008 and 1500-acre teak plantation in 2007.

First, Director Mr. Aung Khin Yee BEPS in Tawnaysan village. It was built with the contributions of the minister and local people.

Commander enjoys fifth art and sculpture show and concert

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended fifth art and sculpture show and concert at National Theater in Aungmyaythazan Township on 4 September. The commander viewed sculpture, papers, and paintings put on display. Afterwards, the commander encouraged the students and enjoyed concert.

In the evening, the commander enjoyed final match of Mandalay Mayor’s Cup Men’s Futsal at Shwemantaung sports ground in Aungmyaythazan Township and presented awards to winning teams.

On 5 September, the commander inspected sanitation tasks being carried out by respective departments concerned and social organizations in the compound of Kyauktawgyi pagoda in Aungmyaythazan Township.

A&I Minister receives IDE director and party

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Director Mr James Taylar and party of International Development Enterprises at the hall of Irrigation Department in Yangon on 7 September.

First, Director Mr James Taylar and Daw Devi Aung Din Taylar explained small-scale supplying of water to farms of local farmers in Myanmar, using of foot-pumps and development tasks aided by International Development Enterprises, with documentary photos.

Next, the minister explained boosting agricultural production, supplying irrigation water and rural development tasks undertaken by the ministry—MNA

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Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung speaking at opening of new building at Tawnaysan BEPS in Ingapu Township.

C-in-C (Navy)’s Shield swimming contest held

YANGON, 11 Sept—The opening and prize awarding ceremony of Commander-in-Chief (Navy)’s Champion Shield swimming contest took place at the swimming pool of Ayawaddy Naval Regional Command Headquarters on 7 September.

The Acting Commander of Ayawaddy Naval Regional Command Headquarters, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Senior Naval Officers, Tatmadawmen, officials, families, guests and athletes of Yangon and Thanlyin Stations.

It was followed by the prize awarding ceremony. Aafter presenting prizes to winners in each competition, the acting commander, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), presented the Championship Shield to the winning team.—MNA
British diplomat found murdered in West Indies

Edinburgh, 11 Sept—A British diplomat has been murdered in Jamaica, John Terry was the honorary Brit ish consul in Montego Bay, A spokesman for the Foreign Office said: “We can confirm the death of the British honorary consul on Montego Bay in Jamaica. Our sympathy is with the family at this difficult time.”

A Jamaican police is investigating the circumstances of his death and we’re in close touch with them.” M Terry, 65, originally from New Zealand, was reportedly found murdered outside his house in Moun Carey St James on Wednesday afternoon. M Terry had driven home on Tuesday night and his body was discovered at about 1:30pm local time. He was found with a cord tied around his neck, along with a piece of clothing, and it appeared he had been beaten, as bloodstains were found at the premises, police said. M Michael Garrick, deputy superintendent in charge of crime for St James, said early investigations suggest that there was no forced entry. A note was reportedly left on the victim’s bed, but police would not divulge the details.—Internet

NATO soldier killed in E Afghanistan

Kabul, 11 Sept—One soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed on Thursday in a hostile fire incident in eastern Afghanistan, said a statement of the alliance issued here on Friday.

“ISAF’s efforts are dangerous and challenging but we are committed to helping build a safer and better Afghanistan and we will succeed in this endeavor,” said an ISAF spokesman Brigadier-General Eric Tremblay. However, it did not disclose any further information adding “it is ISAF policy not to release the nationality of any casualties before the relevant national authority doing so.”

International troops, mostly from America, have been deployed in eastern Afghanistan where has been used by Taleban militants as their safe heaven. Conflicts and violence in Afghanistan have left at least 330 foreign soldiers, including some 192 US troops, dead so far this year.—Internet

Spate of explosions in Iraq chills worsened stability

Baghdad, 11 Sept—At least 25 people were killed and some 75 others injured in a series of bombings across Iraq on Thursday, shaping a setback to the efforts of the Iraqi government to restore normalcy in the country ahead of the next January national polls.

The most deadliest blast in the day was in northern Iraq when a suicide bomber drove an explosives-packed truck bomb and blew it up among clay and stone houses after midnight in the village of Wardak, some 390 km north of Baghdad. The powerful blast killed 20 people, including ten from one family, and wounded some 30 others, the source said. The blast, which took place while families were sleeping, flattened several nearby houses and caused severe damages to more than 40 others, the source added.

Residents and rescue teams retrieved many bodies and removed wounded people who were buried under the debris of demolished houses, he said. A another truck bomber was killed by local Kurd ish Peshmerga forces before he could detonate the second blast. The bomb seems to be well-designed to foment up already existing tensions between Kurds and Arabs, who are vying for land and resources.—Xinhua

US signing anti-piracy agreement at UN for Somalia

United Nations, 11 Sept—The United States and four other nations signed onto an international ship role in protecting one of the world’s busiest shipping routes.

The so-called “New York Declaration” signed by US Deputy Ambassa dor Rosemary DiCarlo and her counterparts from Britain, Cyprus, Japan and Singapore is an attempt to pool resources and agree on the best ways of deterring the Somal i pirates who prey on vessels passing between Europe and Asia. “We realize that the fight against piracy in the Horn of Africa region cannot be solved entirely at sea,” DiCarlo said.

Other needed measures, she said, involve nations adopting legal mechanisms to prosecute suspected pirates and Somalia improving its capacity to police its own territory. Though it is a nonbinding political document, proponents say it will commit ship registry nations to adopt “best management practices” for ship security such as increased lookout, raised ladders and emergency fire pumps readied to repel boarders. It was first proposed in May by Panama, the Bahamas, Liberia and the Marshall Islands, four of the world’s biggest ship registries. Those nations signed the declaration previously.

Arctic exploration finds large underwater mountain

Washington, 11 Sept—Joint US-Canada exploration of the Arctic sea floor discovered an unusual underwater mountain and evidence that could boost the two countries’ claims that their boundaries extend farther north. For the past two months ships from the countries have ventured north in icy areas of the Arctic where almost no surface ships have been, in an effort to find out how far the continental shelf extends.

The farther out the shelf, the more ocean floor—thought to be rich with oil and gas—that the two countries could claim. The ships haven’t had time to thoroughly examine their data. Early indications show more sediment buildup on the northern edges, hinting that the shelf—and thus the countries’ borders—extend farther, said Jacob Verhoef, program director for Natural Resources Canada.

During the research Christine Hedge, a Carmel, Ind, middle school teacher aboard the US Coast Guard cutter Healy, found the first indications of something unusual jutting up from the flat surface 8,700 feet deep. Further examination showed that it was a mountain almost 3,800 feet high, 12 miles long and 24 miles wide. It’s about 700 miles north of Alaska.—Internet

The ship is taking part in a multi-year, multi-agency Arctic survey that will help define the Arctic continental shelf. —Internet

Iraqi boys gather at the site of a bomb attack near Mosul, 390 km (240 miles) north of Baghdad, on 11 Sept, 2009. A suicide bomber drove a truck packed with explosives into a Kurdish village in north Iraq before dawn on Thursday.—Xinhua

Internet

Somali new navy forces drill on the seas during operation related how to deal with the pirates on 8 Sept, 2009.—Internet

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China’s August industrial output, investment rise

SHANGHAI, 11 Sept — China’s recovery gained momentum in August as stimulus spending helped boost industrial output, investment and retail sales in the world’s third-largest economy, offsetting a slump in exports.

The National Statistics Bureau reported that industrial production rose 12.3 percent from a year earlier, accelerating from July’s 10.8 percent increase, while retail sales surged 15.4 percent. Consumer prices fell 1.2 percent from a year earlier, alleviating worries that massive stimulus spending might fuel a resurgence of inflation.

“Industrial activity should continue to grow in the coming months, underpinned by resilient domestic demand and a rebound in exports,” Jing Ulrich, JPMorgan’s chairman for China equities, said in a report.

Economic growth accelerated to 7.9 percent over a year earlier in the latest quarter, up from 6.1 percent the previous quarter, though it is still far short of the 10 percent-plus growth rates of recent years.

The government aims for 8 percent economic growth this year.

Dollar continues falling against major currencies

NEW YORK, 11 Sept — The dollar continued falling against major currencies on Thursday amid better-than-expected employment data and rising US stocks. US Initial Jobless claims fell to 550,000 last week from 576,000 in the previous week, the Labor Department reported on Thursday. Analysts have expected the claims would fall to 560,000. Total continuing claims fell to 6,988 million, their lowest level since April.

Overall, the latest claims statistics suggests that the worst of this year’s job cuts may be over but that the turn to outright employment growth is proceeding slowly, said analysts of Nomura Global Economics. US trade deficit jumped 16.3 percent in July, according to the Commerce Department. Imports surged 4.7 percent, mainly due to sharp increases in crude oil and automotive products. Exports rose by 2.2 percent, the third consecutive month of solid gains in exports, corroborating other evidence that the global economy is picking up steam.

The increase in the trade deficit should be viewed as a positive development, said analysts of Global Insight. It is a sign that the US economy is accelerating out of recession early in the third quarter. The report added to worries over US deficit, helped pushing the greenback lower. — Xinhua

Workers at a steel mill in a village of Jiangxin city, Jiangsu Province, China. China’s industrial output, investment and retail sales have improved in August, as stimulus spending and nascent recoveries in overseas markets boosted demand. — Internet

Brazil may become world’s 7th largest oil producer

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Sept — Brazil’s oil output may rise to become the seventh largest oil producer globally from its current status as the world’s 13th if the estimated oil reserve in its deepwater offshore fields is confirmed, a minister said on Thursday.

The estimated oil reserve in the four fields of the pre-salt region, located beneath a layer of salt with thickness of around 2,000 metres and some 7,000 metres under the seabed, could reach 16 billion barrels, twice Brazil’s current production, Minister of Mines and Energy Edison Lobao said.

“That (the four fields) represents 30 percent of the pre-salt. There is no way to estimate what can come from the remaining 70 percent,” Lobao said. The minister said the exploration of the fields will follow new regulations aimed at assuring the largest share of the oil and gas extracted for Brazil. — Xinhua

Greek unemployment rises to 8.6% in June

ATHENS, 11 Sept — Greek unemployment rose to 8.6 percent of the workforce in June, from 7.3 percent in June 2008, the National Statistical Service announced on Thursday. The statistics service said the number of unemployed people totaled 427,707 in June 2009 while the unemployed people were 359,978 in June 2008 and 403,365 in June 2007.

Epirus, eastern Macedonia and Thrace, western Greece and western Macedonia recorded the highest unemployment percentages in the country, while northern Aegean, southern Aegean and Crete remain the lowest unemployment rates. — Xinhua

Layoff fears as GM picks Canadian buyer for Opel

BERLIN, 11 Sept — General Motors’ decision to sell its European unit Opel to a Canadian firm backed by Russian finance raised questions on Friday on the thorny issue of fallout on Thursday’s deal, struck some two months after the US auto giant emerged from bankruptcy, ensures the temporary survival of Opel, which includes Vauxhall in Britain and employs 50,000 people in Europe.

But Canadian auto parts maker Magna and its partner, state-owned Russian bank Sberbank, have said they would likely cut 10,000 jobs as part of the purchase. The deal covers all of GM’s European operations except Swedish sports car maker Koenigsegg and Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Co Ltd (BAIC). — Internet

Int’l experts to discuss nature tourism in Cuba

Havana, 11 Sept — More than 100 experts from 16 countries will attend the 7th International Meeting of Nature Tourism (TURNAT 2009) in Cuba from 14 to 18 Sept, organizers said on Thursday.

TURNAT 2009, to be held in Zapata Swamp, 160 kilometers southeast of Havana, is an opportunity to discuss nature tourism and to know the new destination-products that Cuba has for the next season, sources from the organization committee said.

Tour operators, travel agencies and experts on nature will also visit the famous wetland of Zapata Swamp to learn about the flora and fauna of marsh ecosystem in Cuba.

Zapata Swamp has more than 2,000 endemic kinds of animals and more than 1,000 kinds of plants. With a surface of some 4,500 square kilometres, Zapata Swamp is considered as the biggest and best conserved wetland in the Caribbean area and part of the international treaty of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance created in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971.

Xinhua

With the introduction of the new iPod line from Apple, Belkin launches new cases that offer stylish and functional protection for the iPod nano, iPod touch, and iPod classic. — Internet

People’s Liberation Army (PLA) soldiers perform during a rehearsal of a musical drama entitled “The Road of Revival” at a gymnasium in Beijing on 19 Aug, 2009. The musical drama is part of celebrations for October’s 60th anniversary of the founding of Communist China, with the highlight being a massive parade by the PLA through the centre of Beijing. — Internet
Number of deaths of children under 5 continues to drop

United Nations, 11 Sept—The number of children dying before their fifth birthday has decreased steadily over the past few years and fell to under 9 million in 2008, thanks in part to greater use of health interventions such as vaccinations and insecticide-treated bednets to prevent malaria, the U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF) said on Thursday.

Newly released data compiled by demographers and health experts from UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank and the UN Population Division show a 28 percent decline in the under-five mortality rate, from 90 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1990 to 65 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2008.

The absolute number of child deaths in 2008 declined to an estimated 8.8 million from 12.5 million in 1990, the base line year for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) — the eight anti-poverty targets with a 2015 deadline that includes reducing under-five mortality by two-thirds by that time.

UNICEF Executive Director Ann M. Veneman noted that compared to 1990, some 10,000 fewer children are dying every day. “While progress is being made, it is unacceptable that each year 8.8 million children die before their fifth birthday,” she added.

S Korea’s Samsung Total completes Chinese plant construction

SEOUL, 11 Sept — South Korea’s Samsung Total Petrochemical Co said Friday it has completed construction of its polypropylene plant in southern China. The company built its first overseas plant in Dongguan, in South China’s Guangdong Province, in a bid to produce auto parts and electronic components, according to the company.

The newly launched plant is capable of producing 28,000 tonnes of semi-finished products a month, the company added. Samsung Total, a 50-50 joint venture between South Korea’s Samsung Group and French chemical group Total.

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Speedy: Sarah the cheetah is officially the fastest mammal on land after running 100m in just 6.13 seconds.—Xinhua

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The cheetah had three attempts at breaking the record of 6.19 for the 100 metres, set by another cheetah in 2001. On her first try she smashed it, running 6.16 seconds. Then she did even better, setting her new record and hitting a top speed of 60mph. On her third attempt, despite a 15-minute break to rest her paws, she dawdled along in 6.33.

Though explosive, Sarah’s run failed to reach the top cheetah speed of 70mph. The cats can accelerate to that speed in three seconds thanks to their enlarged heart and lungs. They also use their tails as rudders, allowing them to make faster turns. While cheetahs may be the fastest land mammals, they have some way to go to beat the speediest birds. Peregrine falcons can hit 200mph in their dives.—Xinhua

Trains stopped at Auckland’s Newmarket after bomb threat

WELLINGTON, 11 Sept — A train station in New Zealand’s largest city of Auckland has been evacuated after a bomb scare on Friday morning. KiwiRail has stopped trains at Newmarket while the Britomart Train Station was searched. KiwiRail spokesman Kevin Ramshaw said trains have been stopped “to wait for the all clear.”

Britomart Train Station has reopened following a bomb scare late Friday morning. Auckland Regional Transport Authority spokeswoman Sharon Hunter said Britomart reopened after police thoroughly searched the train station.—Xinhua

Brazil storms kill 12, damage 156 towns

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Sept — Twelve people have been killed and 156 towns damaged as storms continue to ravage Brazil’s southern and southeastern region this week, local media reported on Thursday.

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In the small town of Guaraciaba, one of the most affected area, the tornado caused four deaths. About 90 percent of the town’s 10,000 inhabitants were affected by the winds, forcing the local authorities to declare a state of calamity. The state’s government declared a state of emergency in other 64 storm-hit municipalities.

Tropical storm Mujigae lands in S China island province

HAIKOU, 11 Sept—Tropical storm Mujigae landed on Hainan early Friday morning, bringing downpours to the Wenchang and Haikou areas of the island. The province’s meteorological bureau said the storm landed about 2:20 am Friday at Longlou Town in Wenchang city, packing winds of 72 km an hour in its eye.

Mujigae, the 13th tropical storm this year, reached the sea area of the eastern area of the Beibu Gulf late Friday morning. The storm has caused economic losses of 6.65 million yuan (973,600 US dollars), with more than 1,800 people evacuated and some farmland, fish ponds, roads and water conservation systems submerged.

Flights resumed on Friday morning at the Meilan Airport in province’s capital of Haikou, after 18 were suspended on Thursday afternoon because of strong winds and heavy rain, airport sources said.

All inbound and outbound train services in Hainan are still suspended, and the Qionghai Strait link between the island and the mainland remains closed, said the Yuehai Railway Co, Ltd.—Xinhua

A visitor watches exhibits during the ongoing 13th Shanghai Art Fair, which opens at the Shanghai Mart, in Shanghai, east China, on 9 Sept, 2009.—Xinhua

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Apple unveils new iPod nano with video camera

SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Sept—Apple on Wednesday unveiled the new iPod nano, adding a video camera, mic and speaker to the popular music player.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduced the new product at the “Rock and Roll” event held in Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in San Francisco.

It is Jobs’ first appearance at such product launch event since he had a liver transplant in spring.

Users can instantly watch the video they shoot with the iPod nano’s display and speaker, and they can also sync the music player with computers and share photos on the internet, Jobs introduced.

Indonesia’s Batik selected for UNESCO cultural heritage list

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) would add Indonesia’s traditional dyeing technique to its intangible Cultural Heritage list, the Jakarta Post reported on Tuesday.

The listing, which will give the age-old batik tradition some degree of protection under the UNESCO charter, will be made official at an event in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates (UA E) between 28 September and 2 October.

“Batik is regarded as a cultural icon with its own uniqueness. It contains symbols and deep philosophy of the human life cycle — and it was submitted to UNESCO as a non-material element of cultural heritage,” coordinating minister for the People’s Welfare A burzil Bakrie told a press conference on Monday.

Giant statues reveal red hat secrets: study

British archaeologists said they believe they have solved the ancient mystery of how the giant stone statues on Easter Island acquired distinctive red hats. The researchers said the key to the mystery lies in their discovery of a road on the tiny Pacific island.

The hats were built in a quarry hidden inside the crater of an ancient volcano, and then rolled by hand or on tree trunks to the sites of the statues, said the team from the University of Manchester and University College, London.

The archaeologists examined the way the hats, each weighing several tons and made of red scoria, a pumice-like volcanic rock, were moved by Polynesians between 500 and 750 years ago.

They were placed on the heads of carved stone human figures known as moai standing on ceremonial platforms which encircled the island’s coastline.

Japanese town in ‘The Cove’ setting dolphins free

In this photo taken, a fishing boat sails to catch whales off Taiji, Wakayama Prefecture, western Japan.

TOKYO, 11 Sept—The Japanese town chronicled in the award-winning film “The Cove” for its annual dolphin hunt that turns coastal waters red with blood has suspended killing the animals — at least for this week’s catch — following an international outcry.

The western Japanese town of Taiji will set some of the animals to aquaria if it as do every year, but the remainder of the 100 bottlenose dolphins that were caught early Wednesday in the first catch of the season are to be released. In the past, they were killed and sold for meat.

An official at the Taiji fisheries association, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the town abhors the publicity its dolphin-killing has drawn, said Thursday that the decision was made partly in response to the international outcry created by “The Cove.”

“He said about 50 of the dolphins will be hand-picked for aquaria and the rest will be set free, although a time for that has not been set. In Wednesday’s hunt, the fishermen also caught 50 pilot whales, which were slain and sold as meat, he said.

S America storm kills at least 17

BRASILIA, 11 Sept—A violent storm has left at least 17 people dead in northern Argentina and southern Brazil.

Dozens more were injured as rain, hail and winds of over 100 km/h (60 mph) destroyed their homes.

At least 10 people were killed and more than 50 hurt in Argentina, according to local officials. In Brazil, four people died in the town of Guaraciaba, while three people were reported to have died in mudslides due to heavy rains in the state of Sao Paulo.

The storm also damaged homes in Paraguay.

Several local media reports described the storm as a tornado, but meteorologists called it a severe depression, where tropical warm air and frigid air collide to create instability.

The worst affected places in Argentina were in the north-eastern province of Misiones, including the small towns of San Pedro, Santa Rosa and Tobuna, where trees and power lines were brought down.

Indoor plants may give off VOCs

Popular houseplants, known for reducing volatile organic compounds, also release them into the air, US horticulturalists say.

Members of the American Society for Horticultural Sciences say it is already known plants remove VOCs — gases or vapors emitted by solids and liquids that may have adverse short- and long-term health effects on humans and animals — from indoor air.

However, the findings about houseplants also emitting VOCs need further study to determine any environmental health impacts, the researchers say.

The study, published in HortScience, found a total of 23 volatile compounds in Peace Lily, 16 in A r e ca Palm, 13 in Weeping Fig and 12 in Snake Plant.

The researchers noted some of the VOCs were from pesticides applied to several species during the production phase and noted VOCs were being released not from the plants, but the micro-organisms living in the soil or media in which the plants grew.

A worker sits as he makes a “blangkon”, a Javanese headgear, at a house in Yogyakarta. At one time, most men in the Javanese cultural capital wore traditional batik headgear.

“We’ve been told that Batik has been recognized as an element of global cultural heritage produced by Indonesia,” the president has called on all Indonesians to wear Batik on 2 October to celebrate Batik, the minister added.

In this photo taken, a fishing boat sails to catch whales off Taiji, Wakayama Prefecture, western Japan.

A satellite image shows the storm forming over the region.—Internet

Huge statues, in the hillside of the Rano Raraku volcano in Easter Island, 3700 km off the coast of Chile, seen here in 2005. British archaeologists said Monday they believe they have solved the ancient mystery of how the giant stone statues on Easter Island acquired distinctive red hats.

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“I Cub robot, a hybrid embodied cognitive system for a humanoid robot” about 1 metre (3.2 feet) high, makes a phone call during a demonstration at the INSERM institute in Bron, near Lyon, southeastern France. Six versions of ICub exist in laboratories across Europe, where scientists are painstakingly tweaking its electronic brain to make it capable of learning, just like a human child and hoping it will learn how to adapt its behaviour to changing circumstances, offering new insights into the development of human consciousness, no less.

Jinnah House's, the residence of Pakistan’s President, is seen in Islamabad. A Pakistani court on Monday sentenced five men to death on charges of killing a Christian woman, which brought an end to the country’s first death sentence in a blasphemy case.
Media men are to be equipped with efficiency, initiative, dynamism plus active mind and body to be able to discharge fundamental duties and additional responsibilities.

**Information Minister addresses Special Refresher Course for Officials (1/2009)**

**NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—** Special Refresher Course for Officials of Ministry of Information was opened at the ministry here this morning, with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were managing-directors, directors-general, deputy directors-general, general managers, officials concerned, instructors, trainees and staff of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

In his speech, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the course opened today was a milestone of the ministry; that it was the special refresher course organized by the ministry for officials of departments and enterprises under the ministry; that it was also intended to conduct similar courses based on experiences of the course.

It can be said that the Ministry of Information had been able to realize the three fundamental objectives, namely—
1. to inform, educate and entertain the public, 2. to promote Myanmar Literature, development of Literary World and those from Literary World and, 3. to uplift standard of Myanmar film, movie and music industry along with the development of those engaged in the industry, the minister added.

The minister continued that in addition to fundamental responsibilities, media undertakings and counter-media undertakings have to be carried out extensively, due to tough challenges of developing ICT technologies and great impact of media in the globalization process.

It is necessary that media men are to be equipped with efficiency, initiative, dynamism plus active mind and body to be able to discharge fundamental duties and additional responsibilities.

The minister went on that the course was opened with the aim of awakening latent talent and capacity of trainee officials; that the trainees are to try hard to fulfill qualities that are essential for media men.

In conclusion, the minister urged the trainees and staff to make efforts to become qualified media men and proficient staff, putting national interests in the fore.

After the ceremony, the minister cordially greeted the trainees. The 2-week Special Refresher Course for Officials (1/2009) is attended by 25 officials of the ministry.

**Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addressing the opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course for Officials of Ministry of Information.—MNA**

**Hotel Room Keeping (Basic) Course concludes**

**NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—** Under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the Hotel Room Keeping (Basic) Course of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone concluded at the ministry, here, this morning.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered an address and awarded prizes to three outstanding trainees. The director-general and the managing director presented completion certificates to 51 trainees who attended the four-week course. Also present were the Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism, hotel managers of Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, principals of the Tourism Training Course (Yangon/Mandalay) and staff.—MNA

**Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addressing the opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course for Officials of Ministry of Information.—MNA**

**Professional Golf Qualify on 22-23 Sept**

**YANGON, 11 Sept—** PGA Myanmar will organize the Professional Golf Qualify at Yangon Golf Club (Danyingon), here, on 22 and 23 September.

Those wishing to take part in the qualify may enlist at PGA Myanmar, (Tel: 651374 and 09-2037871), not later than 20 September.

**Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing presenting prize to an outstanding trainee.—MNA**

**Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan greeting the trainees.—MNA**
In conformity with transitory provisions

Tin Min Kyaw

It is a principle that an individual, a human society or a country has to comply with the objective conditions and thus changes or reforms are inevitable. Otherwise, they will meet their tragic end. Myanmar has encountered such tragic events several times in successive periods.

In the course of the Myanmar history, the Burma Communist Party (BCP) was the politically and militarily strongest of its kind and it confronted with the successive governments far harder than any other political party. Since 1948, the BCP had gone underground. It never planned to make any policy reforms. It existed till 1989, accounting for nearly 50 years. It shifted to the Ayeyawady Delta, then to Bago Yoma mountain range, and then to the northeastern part of the nation. It deceived many local national races such as Kokang, Wa, Kachin and Shan about its policies. It was constantly active, relying on external elements. It trafficked in opium and got involved in narcotic drugs trade. It did so to cover its political and military expenditures discarding national cause.

In the early 1980s, the country on which it relied under went political and economic reforms. It was one of its transitional processes, but however BCP stuck to its old trend in practising its policies. So, there were cuts of the foreign aid it received in 1989, accounting for nearly 50 years. It shifted to the Ayeyawady Delta, then to Bago Yoma mountain range, and then to the northeastern part of the nation. It deceived many local national races such as Kokang, Wa, Kachin and Shan about its policies. It was constantly active, relying on external elements. It trafficked in opium and got involved in narcotic drugs trade. It did so to cover its political and military expenditures discarding national cause.

The Tatmadaw government recognized the national race armed groups’ returning to the legal fold, but did not take any advantage of the BCP’s collapse and launched attacks on it. Instead, the Tatmadaw government regarded the conditions as a unique situation to make peace and tried to regenerate national reconsolidation. In order to put its benevolent attitude into deeds, the government made prompt contacts with national race armed groups, invited them to make peace and extended a warm welcome to them.

The Tatmadaw understood the conditions of the armed groups and recognized and accepted their group-wise existences and their rights to take security measures on their own. It encouraged and enabled them to lead a peaceful life and serve the interest of their native regions and their own races. It fulfilled their basic needs. It set up alternative businesses in place of poppy farming. It formed the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs apart from the Central Committee and the Work Committee for progress of border areas in its bid to constantly make giant strides spending huge funds and strong workforces in enhancing development of border areas and national races. The Tatmadaw’s stance in that regard was to persuade the armed groups to quit the armed struggle line and do their bit in the democratic processes, by generating peace and development.

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In conformity with transitory provisions

Leaders of the Tatmadaw regarded all those groups as national brethren who have been active in politics. They also raised the role of national races in the democratic process, to which the entire people have been looking forward. They invited representatives from the national race armed groups to the National Convention held to formulate a new constitution. There, they held discussions about matters for requirements of their regions and races, and ensured the rights for their races through the approval of the majority of the delegates.

All national race armed groups now have to bring the provisions of the new constitution to the fore in dealing with their affairs. And they will have to transform themselves from old into new policies in accord with the constitution. National race peace groups are to be well convinced of the fact that each of them is not the only organization to uphold that principle. The whole nation and the entire people have to adhere to that principle unanimously.

Translation: MS
Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and officials met with the principal and teachers at Technological University (Kalay) on 8 September and looked into learning of students and classroom.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected monsoon paddy plantations of Farmer U Win Aung at Natmyaung Village in Kalay Township and broadcasting of fertilizer at the farmlands. Then he visited Natchaung Plantation of Farmer U Win Myint Soe and officials met with local people at Natchaung High School.

He then oversaw construction of new water intake canal and embankments, and met with local people. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into construction of main dam and spillway tunnel for Manipur Multi-purpose Dam Construction Project near Hsedaw Village on 8 September and looked into monsoon paddy plantation and spillway tunnel for local station and concrete culvert of Yang creek at Hanthawady Village.

He also looked into monsoon paddy plantation of MylaTa Basin Reclamation Project at Taung Khinyan Village in Gangaw Township, monsoon paddy and broadcasting of fertilizer at Hnamkhar Village in the township.

**Maintenance of roads, bridges inspected in Shan State (North)**

On 8 September, the second round matches of 14th Inter-State/Division Women’s Open Football Tournament continued at the designated places today.

M on State won over Sagaing Division 7-nil in Mawlamyine zone and Bago Division beat Kayin State 5-3 in Mudon zone.— MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects Manipur Multi-purpose Dam Construction Project.

**NLD members from states and divisions resign en masse**

Likewise, NLD members from other states and divisions quit the party of their own volition. U Van Ton, information in charge of Maung workouts Township NLD in Sagaing Division, on 11 June. U Kyaw Kyaw Nyo and U Zaw Zaw Aung, youth members of South-West Division NLD of Maung workouts Township Division 25 June 2011. U Tin Ohn, members of Singu Township NLD on 13 July. U Kan Tun from Chanayethazan Township, Secretary of Mandalay Division 19 August; and U Kyaw Kyaw Nyo and U Zaw Zaw Aung, youth members of North-west Division NLD of Maung workouts Township NLD and Mandalay Division 25 June 2011. U Tin Ohn, chairman of Singu Township NLD on 13 July.

**ISD women’s football tournament goes on**

M on State won over Sagaing Division 7-nil in Mawlamyine zone and Bago Division beat Kayin State 5-3 in Mudon zone.— MNA

**Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint viewing maintenance of Thanlwin Suspension Bridge (Tarpa).—CONSTRUCTION**

**Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects Kalay-Gangaw road section, regional development tasks**
Ministers meet departmental personnel in Mogauung, Hopin

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met with departmental personnel, townswomen and members of social organizations at Mogauung Hall in Mogauung on 7 September and presented prizes to outstanding students and teachers.

The ministers left for Hopin and inspected thriving monsoon paddy plantations along the road, met with officials in Hopin.

Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon) inspected

YANGON, 11 Sept—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon) under the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries this morning. General Manager U Tin Maung Win and Factory Manager U Win Ko Ko explained facts about the factory to the minister.

Next, the minister inspected stage-by-stage production of tablets and capsules under the quality GMP and instructed them to meet the production target.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects production process of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon).—MNA

Three more infected patients found, bringing total number to 38

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—A 32-year-old woman was transferred to Insein General Hospital through township Health Department as she had a fever on 9 September. After testing the serum of the patient at the National Health Laboratory, the patient was found with New Influenza A (H1N1). She was the 36th with the virus. Nine family members of the patient are being kept under home quarantine.

Similarly, two men aged 22 and 29 who arrived back from Malaysia by Flight No. W9-9702 on 10 September were transferred to Thingangyun Hospital as they were found ill with flu symptoms. Serums of the patients were examined at the National Health Laboratory. Those patients were examined at the National Health Laboratory, the patient was found with New Influenza A (H1N1). She was the 36th with the virus. Nine family members of the patient are being kept under home quarantine.

F&R Minister meets staff of Nay Pyi Taw MEB

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met staff from Myanmar Economic Bank at the meeting hall of MEB (Head Office) in Nay Pyi Taw Banks Zone this morning. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Managing Director U Myat Myaw of MEB, Managing Directors and Directors-General from Departments and Enterprises and General Managers and staff from MEB.

Afterwards, the minister inspected demonstration of e-banking system in MEB (Head Office), banking services of Nay Pyi Taw Bank and MEB (Head Office).

HPV positive or negative able to be tested

YANGON, 11 Sept—Cancer Cervix is a kind of cancer from which adult female are likely to suffer and medical experts strongly believed that 70% of Cancer Cervix stems from infection of HPV (Human Papilloma Virus). PAP Smear used to be a method for diagnosis of Cancer Cervix and now with the use of advanced molecular techniques the virus can be detected directly.

HPV—DNA PCR with Genotyping test can be conducted at SML Advanced Medical Laboratory. Those interested may dial 544463, 544464, 544465 for more information and SML is cooperating with hospitals and specialist clinics in respective townships for women from various townships to be able to test Cancer Cervix. —MNA

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun giving instructions to staff of Myanmar Economic Bank.—MNA

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw views progress in construction of Soft Base Factory in Yatanarpon Myothit, PyinUoLwin Township.—MNA

Minister with officials in Mogauung, Hopin.
Sharks sighted near Mass surfers

Chatham, 11 Sept—Shark sightings within 50 feet of surfers off Cape Cod, Mass., prompted beach closings, including in Chatham Harbour, state officials said on Thursday. The Boston Herald reported the great white sharks were in the area to hunt large gray seal populations that have come to live year-round near Chatham Harbour, and generally in waters near Cape Cod, Mass. “I’m amazed at this whole turn of events. It’s pretty extraordinary,” said Chatham Harbormaster Stuart Smith.

“The shark was right in there for a little bit, under the cliff by the lighthouse, and then it turned around and swam back out of the harbour,” Bill Chaprales, a fisherman from Marion Mills, Mass., said. Chaprales worked with Greg Skomal, a shark expert with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, in tagging five great white sharks from his boat in Sandwich.—Internet

Colo cyclist hit by lightning bolt

Englewood, 11 Sept—A freak bolt of lightning struck a 56-year-old cyclist in Englewood, Colo., even though no electrical storms were reported in the area, authorities say.

Perry Schelpfieffer, an Englewood police spokesman, told The Denver Post the unidentified victim was hit by the lightning on Wednesday afternoon. His injuries were not considered life-threatening. “There were some clouds and it was thundering a little, but there wasn’t any kind of lightning storm,” Schelpfieffer said.—Internet

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MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (9046)
Consignee of cargo carried on MV XIANG XIU VOY NO (9046) are hereby notified that the vessels will be arriving on 12.9.2009 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 to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS GATI COAST TO COAST
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Ah! Influenza influenza cases rise to 4,265 in Vietnam

Hanoi, 11 Sept — The Vietnamese Ministry of Health confirmed 205 more cases of A H1N1 influenza, bringing the total number of flu patients in the country to 4,265, said a report of the website of Vietnam’s Ministry of Health on Friday.

Of the new cases, 164 patients are in the south, nine in the north and 32 in central highland provinces, said the report. So far, 3,296 patients have recovered and been discharged from hospitals. The rest are being quarantined and treated. Vietnam has reported five deaths of A H1N1 flu in the country since its outbreak.

Nepal launches women-only bus service

Kathmandu, 11 Sept — The women-only bus service operated by Nepali minibus Entrepreneurs Association, has become effective and popular in the capital KATHMANDU, said the National News Agency. RSS reported on Friday:

A council to the RSS, the association had brought the bus service only catering to women into operation since 6 Sept. Women-only bus service was started with the request of women and taking into consideration the inconveniences faced by women commuters especially during and after office hours.

In the beginning only three buses were used for operating this service but the number of buses has been increased to eight now, president of the association, Siddhiman Maharjan said. He said the women-only bus service will be operated on trial basis until 16 Sept and it is likely to be continued after that.

Ah! Influenza
One dose of swine flu vaccine works

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept.— Good news in the world’s flu fight: One dose of the new swine flu vaccine looks strong enough to protect adults — and can spark protection within 10 days of the shot, a Canadian and US researchers said on Thursday.

A Canadian shot maker CSL Ltd published results of a study that found between 75 percent and 96 percent of vaccinated people should be protected with one dose — the same degree of effectiveness as the regular winter flu shot.

That’s remarkable considering scientists thought it would take two doses. US data showed on Friday confirm those findings, and show the protection starts rapidly, Dr Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health told The Associated Press.

“This is quite good news,” Fauci said. “The dose question has an important ramification: It means people will have to line up for influenza vaccinations twice this year instead of three times — once for the regular winter flu shot and a second time to be inoculated against swine flu, what doctors call he 2009 H1N1 strain.

Thursday’s swine flu vaccine reports center on adults; studies in children aren’t finished yet. But scientists had feared that people of all ages would need two shots about a month apart because the new H1N1 strain is so genetically different from normally circulating flu strains that most of the population has little if any immunity.

### Asthma management reduces swine flu risk

PHILADELPHIA, 11 Sept. — US Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius highlighted the importance of managing childhood asthma and reducing H1N1 risk. Sebelius met with students and their parents at Thurgood Marshall Elementary, one of 16 schools in Philadelphia that partners with the March of Dimes Asthma Network Inc to help students better manage their asthma.

Begun in 2005, the Philadelphia project has improved asthma outcomes for children and reduced school absenteeism by using a community-based approach that integrates families, community agencies, schools and healthcare providers to implement scientifically proven asthma interventions. One out of four students in the West, integrates families, community agencies, schools and absent from school by using a community-based approach that reduces absenteeism by using a community-based approach that integrates families, community agencies, schools and healthcare providers to implement scientifically proven asthma interventions. One out of four students in the West.

### Climate change hits Arctic wildlife

EDINBURGH, 11 Sept. — Polar bears, seals and walruses are among a host of animals being hit by the “devastating changes” brought on by warming temperatures in the Arctic, scientists warned yesterday.

Rising temperatures, retreating ice and less snow cover as a result of climate change mean the Arctic is warming faster than the rest of the planet, the international team of researchers said.

Loss of habitat is leading to declining populations of polar bears, Pacific walruses, ringed and hooded seals, narwhals and ivory gulls, which all depend on the ice for hunting, breeding or avoiding predators.

### Depression, chronic kidney disease linked

DALLAS, 11 Sept. — US researchers say one in five patients with chronic kidney disease may be depressed. The study, published in the American Journal of Kidney Diseases, also found kidney patients with diabetes are twice as likely to be depressed as those without diabetes.

When structured clinical interviews were conducted for 272 chronic kidney disease patients — all veterans and all voluntary study participants — the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas researchers found 57 patients currently undergoing a major depressive episode. Study lead author Dr Susan Hedayati suggests the high 21 percent depression rate among chronic kidney disease patients may be linked to other occurring conditions — that resulted in progressive kidney disease — such as diabetes and atherosclerotic vascular disease.

“Alternatively, patients such as diabetics, who are depressed, may develop progressive kidney disease because of non-adherence to medications and physicians’ advice,” Hedayati said in a statement.

### Astronomers say nearby galaxies colliding

Astronomers say nearby galaxies colliding near Earth’s Milky Way galaxy began to collide 2 billion to 3 billion years ago.

The international scientific team, led by Alan McConnachie of the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Victoria, British Columbia, predicts the collision will eventually result in the destruction of the smaller Triangulum galaxy by the Andromeda galaxy. The astronomers said their observations and computer modeling indicate the strong gravitational field of the Andromeda galaxy is rippling stars from the disk of the Triangulum galaxy.

### Greenland’s melt mystery unfolds, at glacial pace

Helheim Glacier, 11 Sept. — Suddenly and without warning, the gigantic river of ice sped up, causing it to split icebergs ever faster into the ocean off southeastern Greenland.

Helheim Glacier nearly doubled its speed in just a few years, flowing through arctic in the barren coastal mountains at a stunning 100 feet (30 meters) per day. Alarm bells rang as the pattern was repeated by glaciers across Greenland: Wasthagen Island’s vast ice sheet, a frozen water reservoir that could raise the sea level 20 feet if disgorged, in danger of collapse.

Half a decade later, there’s a little bit of good news — and a lot of uncertainty.” It does seem that the very rapid speeds were only sustained for a short period of time although none of these glaciers have returned to the “normal” flow speeds yet,” says Gordon Hamilton, a glaciologist from the University of Maine, who’s clocked Helheim’s rapid advance using GPS receivers on sites since 2005.
Injury forces Arshavin to sit out three Arsenal matches

LONDON, 11 Sept — A driled Arshavin will miss next three matches of Arsenal after the Russian midfielder came back from his World Cup duty this week with a aggravated groin injury.

“We are upset because he should not have played. He was not in a condition where he could afford to play 90 minutes,” the Premiership club’s manager Arsene Wenger told Arsene TV Online on Thursday.

The Russian captain played the whole of his country’s 3-1 Group Four win over Wales in Cardiff on Wednesday having missed Saturday’s game against Liechtenstein.

“We took him off against Manchester United (on Aug. 29) because he was injured already at halftime. He will be out for Saturday, Wednesday and certainly next Saturday,” said Wenger.

The three matches are Arsenal’s league game at Manchester City on Saturday, next week’s Champions League opener away to Standard Liege and the following weekend’s league match at home to Wigan Athletic. — Xinhua

Ramos to replace Zico as CSKA Moscow coach

MOSCOW, 11 Sept — Former Real Madrid manager Juande Ramos has agreed to replace Brazilian Zico as coach of CSKA Moscow, the Spaniard said Thursday.

“I love new challenges. We are looking forward to helping the team realise their potential in Europe, and working really hard over the next three months,” Ramos said on his website, www.juanderamos.com.

Ramos agreed the deal with CSKA until the end of the country’s football season in November, according to reports.

No financial details of the contract were disclosed.

Reports also said that Ramos’ main task would be reaching the play-off stage of the Champions League with Russia’s three-time champions, CSKA, in the Group B

Don’t believe the hype: Capello tells Rooney and co

LONDON, 11 Sept — Fabio Capello on Thursday warned his England stars not to get carried away by the rapidly-escalating hype over their chances of lifting the World Cup in South Africa next year. A flaw- less qualifying campaign, culminating in Wednesday’s 5-1 demolition of Croatia, has seen England installed behind Brazil and Spain as third favourites to win Af- rica’s first World Cup.

Capello believes he has the players to match the world’s best but he recognises that further improvement — and good fortune with injuries — will be required if England are to finally end what will be, by next year, a 44-year wait to lift a major trophy. — Internet

England manager Fabio Capello.

Marta officially arrives at Santos female soccer team

RIO DE JANEIRO, 11 Sept — The reigning world’s best female soccer player, Marta, received a star’s welcome on Thursday in her official presentation to the media and fans at Santos. The player’s acquisition came just weeks before the first-ever women’s tour- nament of the Libertadores Cup.

The “Queen” was supposed to be introduced by the “King,” Pele, however his appearance was com- promised by a commercial shooting. Marta was wel- comed with fireworks, a red carpet and some 300 fans.

Del Potro into US Open semis, Nadal, Gonzalez rained off

NEW YORK, 11 Sept— Juan Martin del Potro reached the US Open semi-finals and then sat back and watched as Rafael Nadal-Fernando Gonzalez match was sus- pended in the third set due to rain. The sixth-seeded Argentinian converted eight out of eight break points to reach the last four with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 win over Marin Cilic of Croatia.

In a battle between two giant 20-year-olds, sixth- seeded Del Potro started slowly before wresting control of the match away from Cilic midway through the second set.

He finished with a flourish to reach his sec- ond Grand Slam semi-fini- nal of the year after his five-set loss to Roger Federer in the French Open in June.

Del Potro has enjoyed a meteoric rise through the ranks over since he emerged in 2006 from the tennis centre of Tandil, which also produced the “King,” Pele.

French forward Thierry Henry.

Henry heartened by French ‘soul’

BELGRADE, 11 Sept— France captain Thierry Henry on Thursday praised his side’s “soul” after they kept their hopes of automatic World Cup qualification alive with a battling 1-1 draw against Serbia. The visitors fell behind to a 13th-minute penalty after goalkeeper Hugo Lloris had been sent off for a foul on Serbia forward Nikola Zigic, but Henry’s 50th international goal enabled them to draw level before half-time.

“Considering the circumstances and the things that were being said about us, we proved that we have quality and we reacted together in the face of adversity,” said the Barcelo forward. Henry made the news earlier in the week after it was reported that he had openly questioned coach Raymond Domenech’s meth- ods ahead of the 1-1 draw with Romania at the weekend, but the former Arsenal man reiterated his rebut- tal of the claims made in Le Parisien newspaper.

Germany smash England to clinch Euro crown

HELSINKI, 11 Sept — Germany saw off a valiant challenge from England to secure their fifth consecu- tive European Women’s Championship crown with a resounding 6-2 victory in an entertaining match here on Thursday.

Germany took an early lead at the Olympi- c Stadium through all-time leading scorer Birgit Prinz, who slotted home adroitly from Inka Grings’s clever reverse pass, before Melanie Behringer made it 2-0 with a stunning 40-yard drive into the top-left corner. — Internet

Germany’s national soccer team players celebrate with the trophy after winning their UEFA women’s Euro 2009 final soccer match against England in Helsinki on 10 Sept, 2009.— Internet

Chilean forward vows to get World Cup berth

SANTIAGO, 13 Sept — Chilean forward Arturo Vidal said Thursday that the team was upset after losing 4-2 to Brazil on Wednesday in the 2010 World Cup South American qualifying tour. “We are a bit sad because we thought we will get the ticket in these two dates,” Vidal, player of Bayer Leverkusen, said. Vidal was the only one giving comments to the local press.

Brazil scored the first two goals but Chile man- aged to equalize the score when a 28-year Brazilian player was red carded. However Brazil showed all its power again and young talented striker Nilmar scored twice to seal the victory. Nilmar also played a hat-trick in the game. Brazil is leading the general board with 33 points, fol- lowed by Paraguay with 30 points. They have already got tickets for the World Cup South Africa 2010. Chile is standing third with 27 points. — Xinhua

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S P O R T S
Half Singapore children suffer from allergies: study

SINGAPORE, 11 Sept.—Studies by Singapore’s National University Hospital showed that one in two children here suffers from allergies, local media reported on Friday.

TV broadcaster Channel News Asia said that the ratio is much higher than most European countries, adding that doctors here attributed this to some sanitation habits, the tropical climate and the Asian genetic makeup.

“Asian children will develop eczema and this is mainly due because their skin barrier is less protective against the environment and this has something to do with certain proteins that are not expressed in the skin,” said Hugo Van Bever, senior consultant, Children’s Medical Institute, National University Hospital.

And doctors said children should get treatment for their allergies sooner rather than waiting till they are adults. This is to avoid further complications later on.—Xinhua

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**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Saturday, 12 September, 2009**

**WEATHER**

**Friday, 11th September, 2009**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kakhin and Kayahl States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin and Kayin States, Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (0.08) inch, Kawthoung (1.81) inches, Myingyan (1.22) inches, Taunggyi (0.90) inch, Yangon (Mingaladon) (0.87) inch and Thaton (0.67) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-9-2009 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 11-9-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 11-9-2009 was 78%.

Total sun shine hours on 10-9-2009 was (6.9) hours approx. Rainfall on 11-9-2009 was (0.87) inch at Mingaladon, (24.52) inches at Kaba-Aye and (104.68) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 10-9-2009.

Bay influence: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Special feather: According to the observations at (06:30hrs M.S.T) today, the tropical strong “Mujej” over the South China Sea has moved in the Gulf of Tonkin and centered at about (260) miles Southeast of Hanoi (Vietnam). It is forecast to move West northwest wards.

Forecast valid until evening of 12th September 2009:

Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan, Kayin and Rakhine States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining States and Divisions.

Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of withdrawal of Southwest monsoon from the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 12-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-9-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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**MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (11-9-2009) (Saturday)**

**Transmissions**

Local: - (09:00am-10:00am) MST

Europe: - (15:30pm-23:00pm) MST

North America: - (23:30pm-07:30am) MST

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**Local Transmission**

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Going Together
* Laukkai Today
* Utmost help of MRCS.....Committed to quench all distress
* Grow Nori: Become a Millionaire!
* Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights

**Europe/ North America Transmission**

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* Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Going Together
* Laukkai Today
* Grow Nori: Become a Millionaire!
* Utmost help of MRCS.....Committed to quench all distress
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Preservation and Reproduction of Sea Turtle
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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

- 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

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There have been reasonable transitional proceedings of respective regions and national races that are in consistence with the democratic process and objective conditions of the nation. It has come to the knowledge of the entire people that those regions are enjoying the fruitful results of the urbanization processes resulting from the effective encouragement of the government and the Tatmadaw.