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Constant measures to be taken to ensure rule of law to thwart any disturbances

Prime Minister inspects regional development tasks, thriving paddy plantations in Bago Division

Nay Pyi Taw, 14 Sept
—Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min, ministers, deputy ministers, Vice-Chairman of Bago Division PDC Brig-Gen Sein Myint, the director-general of the Government Office and departmental heads, met with chairmen of district and township PDCs from Pyay, Paukkhaung, Padaung, Thegon, Shwetaung and Paungde townships in Pyay District at the guesthouse of the local battalion yesterday morning. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said administrative bodies at various levels need to constantly know about the State policies and objectives. It is necessary to strive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation by upholding Our Three Main National Causes as it is a national policy forever so long as the State exists. To do so, the rule of law is important. At a time when the State is in its important state, constant measures are to be taken to ensure the rule of law in order to thwart any disturbances. In this regard, high civil administrative capability is the main factor and that will contribute much towards community peace and stability.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein views spreading fertilizer on rain-fed rice field by farmers.— MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Mini Hydroturbine Generator Plant.— MNA

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 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 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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Extend forest plantations and maintain them for long-term benefit

Prime Minister General Thein Sein visited Toungoo on 11 September and inspected the thriving forest plantations on the Bago mountain range and progress of work in building the Pyay-Paukkaung-Ottwin-Toungoo road across the mountain range.

Cultivation of perennial trees will help enrich forest resources, improve the ecological system, prevent soil erosion and keep the climatic balance.

The government has taken systematic measures for private entrepreneurs to become more engaged in forest plantation work in accordance with rules and regulations. As a result, the work on greening the Bago mountain range and cultivation of teak and other perennial trees can now be carried out on a wider scale all over the country.

The Ministry of Forestry has been implementing the project for greening the Bago mountain range in 31 townships in eight districts in Yangon, Bago, Mandalay and Magway Divisions since 2004. Out of the teak saplings cultivated on 1,000 acres of land in Ottwin Township in the year 2007-2008, 90.16 per cent of them are growing well.

A total of 9,700 acres of land has been allocated for private teak plantations in the Taungnawin forest reserve in Paukkaung Township in Pyay District in Bago Division (West), the Kyangin forest reserve in Kyangin Township in Ayeyawady Division and the Yenwe forest reserve in Kyauktada Township in Bago Division (East). So far, about 4,100 acres have been put under teak.

The government is extending the forest plantations in the natural forests every year. Therefore, the people are required to conscientiously maintain the forest plantations in order that forest products can be extracted in the long run.

Commander attends prize-presenting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe together with officials attended the prize presenting ceremony of 17th Ayeyawady Division Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held at city hall of Pathein on 30 August and awarded the winners. The commander also attended the opening of championship boxing competition at station gymnasium.

Mettā, the cool clear water

The place where mettā prevails is usually a home in excellent bliss. Therefore the moral virtue is compared with flowery fragrance, and loving-kindness, mettā, with the cool clear water in the holy abodes.

UMFCCI receives foreign delegation

YANGON, 14 Sept—General Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce Industry together with Joint-Secretary Dr Pwint San of UMFCCI, Chairman U Paw Hein of Myanmar Industrialists’ Association, Joint-Secretary U Aung Cho Min of Myanmar Printing and Publishers Association and officials received a delegation headed by Resident Director Ms Loretta Wan of HKTDC of the People’s Republic of China, Indochina Affairs Director Ms Tina Phan and Mr Nguyen Quoc Uy of EA, Vietnam at the UMFCCI office on 9 September. They mainly discussed matters on trade fair to be held in Hong Kong, attending and displaying in the trade fair for Myanmar businessmen, cooperation for further trade fairs.

Minister visits Magway Industrial Region

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein inspected Magway Industrial Region yesterday.

The officials reported on progress in building factories in the region. The minister instructed them to make arrangements for improving workers’ skills on operating machines and spontaneous start of the production line following the launch of the heavy truck factory (Magway).

He inspected the construction of transmission workshop, parts manufacturing factory and a staff quarter.

Sarpay Beikman Book Association distributes prize winning book

YANGON, 14 Sept—Sarpay Beikman Book Association under Printing and Publishing Enterprise of Ministry of Information had distributed the book entitled “Post Harvest” written by Aung Soe (Sikepyo-107), first prize winner in the novel genre and the full of knowledge (Science and Apply Science) for 2007, to the members in Yangon and other towns.

There are many ways to keep fruits and vegetables systematically and not to waste after harvest in this book with the theory and practical photos.

Those wishing to join the association may contact the sales centres of the association, No Ta 55, Thabyegon market, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 067-414681), No 529/531, Merchant Street, Yangon (Ph: 01-249031) and agents of the association in other towns.
**China military spotlighted in national day parade**

**BEIJING, 14 Sept—**China’s biggest military parade in a decade will show off an army bristling with formidable new capabilities and deliver a potent message to the US and others not to underestimate Beijing’s determination to defend its interests at home and abroad.

The military display is expected to be the centerpiece of a grandiose parade through Beijing on 1 Oct to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China. A preview rumbled through the Chinese capital a week ago, giving an excited citizenry and foreign military analysts a first-time glimpse at some cutting-edge weaponry.

Upgraded intercontinental DF-31 nuclear missiles capable of striking Washington rolled on long-bed trucks along with advanced short-range DF-11 and DF-15 missiles, sea-skimming YJ-83 anti-ship missiles and DH-10 long-range cruise missiles — intended to strike targets from coming to the island’s defence. Not seen in the preview but expected to appear in a fly-over above Tiananmen Square are domestically produced J-10 jet fighters. The advanced equipment is the fruit of a 20-year military buildup fueled by annual double-digit percentage increases in defence spending and buoyed by rapid economic growth that has enabled the government to spend lavishly.

**US water polluters rarely punished**

**WASHINGTON, 14 Sept—**Polluters are admitting dumping more toxic substances into US drinking water supplies but they are rarely punished by regulators, records indicate.

Even though chemical factories, manufacturing plants and other workplaces have self-reported more than 500,000 instances of violating the Clean Water Act in the last five years, state agencies and the US Environmental Protection Agency have often failed to act, The New York Times reported on Sunday.

Regulators admitted to the newspaper that enforcement actions are unacceptably rare. New EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said state regulators struggle with insufficient resources and vowed to make clean tap water her agency’s top priority.

The Times, after obtaining hundreds of thousands of water pollution records through the Freedom of Information Act, found that an estimated one in 10 Americans have been exposed to drinking water that holds hazardous chemicals or that doesn’t meet safety standards in other ways.

**Singapore’s native species in danger due to acid rain**

**SINGAPORE, 14 Sept—**Acid rain may be wiping Singapore’s native species to extinction, local media reported on Monday.

A National University of Singapore (NUS) study showed that the 20 species of animals plentiful in the Singapore’s Bukit Timah Nature Reserve in the 1980s, including frogs, crabs and fish, are slowly being wiped out, local newspaper the Straits Times reported.

The NUS findings showed that the acidity of a stream in the 80 hectare nature reserve, which offers great biodiversity in plant and animal life.

The four-year study found that the stream, which covers 5 hectare of land, is more acidic after torrential rain. The researchers have found that the water in the stream on the nature reserve have a pH value of 4.4 to 4.7, which is said to be more acidic now than 20 years ago.

**In this photo taken on 6 Sept, 2009, Chinese made Self-propelled 155mm Howitzers at left and trucks with a DF21 medium range ballistic missile, in front and a DF31 Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, at right making their way to a military parade rehearsal for the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China held in Beijing, China.—INTERNET**

**At least 3 killed in car bombing in northeast Baghdad**

**BAQUBA, 14 Sept—**At least three people were killed and 29 others injured in a car bomb explosion at a popular market in a town in the volatile Diyala province on Sunday, a provincial police source said.

The incident took place in the afternoon in a busy marketplace in the town of Maqadiyah, some 100 km northeast of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast damaged several nearby shops, stalls and buildings, the source said.

Iraqi security forces sealed off the scene as ambulances and civilian cars rushed the victims to the town hospital, he said.

**Wreckage of a vehicle following a car bomb in al-Sharqat, 100 kms north of the city of Tikrit.**

**INTERNET**

**Plan skids off runway at Indonesia’s Papua airport**

**JAKARTA, 14 Sept—**A Twin Otter airplane operated by Aviastar Airline skidded off runway while landing at the Serui airport in Papua province, at 10.00 am on Monday, the private news portal Kompas.com quoted an official as saying on Monday.

The ill-fated airplane piloted by Suryan Daru and co-piloted by M Sofyan, carried five passengers and one mechanic.

The airport is still closed as the investigation into the incident is underway.

**School workers clean tables and chairs in a school classroom in Bangkok where over 400 schools were closed in July due to swine flu. —INTERNET**
Russia pays $1 b for oil exploration in Venezuela

CARACAS, 14 Sept—A Russian consortium has paid one billion dollars to Venezuela to assure participation in exploiting the Orinoco oil fields, among the world’s largest, officials said on Sunday.

said on President Hugo Chavez’s radio show. On Saturday Venezuela’s state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) said production on the massive Junin 6 heavy crude oil block would begin by 2012, and that the Orinoco-based operation would produce “between 400,000 and 450,000 barrels of crude a day.”

Junin 6 is estimated to hold 53 billion barrels of heavy crude, making it one of the world’s largest reserves.

Chavez, leader of the largest oil exporter in South America and a founding member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), said that during his visit to Moscow last week he signed the joint venture that would give PDVSA a 60-percent stake, with the remaining 40 percent to the consortium.

Vietnam unveils strategy on green industry development by 2020

HANOI, 14 Sept—Vietnamese Deputy Minister Hoang Trung Hai approved a national strategy on development of green industry by 2020 to ensure sustainable development, said a report of the Vietnamese government website on Monday.

According to the strategy, 50 percent of local companies will apply green technologies to production by 2020. This will help to save around eight to 13 percent of energy consumption and minimize harmful emissions and pollution.

Five major projects will be carried out from now to 2020. These projects focus on establishment of databases on clean production, providing technical assistance, and forming a network of organizations facilitating green technology applications.

S Korea’s trade surplus plunges in August

SEOUL, 14 Sept—South Korea saw a sharp decline in its trade surplus in August, despite of logging a trade surplus for a seventh consecutive month, a government report showed on Monday.

According to the report by the Korea Customs Service (KCS), South Korea’s trade surplus stood at 1.7 billion US dollars in August, dipping from 4.4 billion US dollars marked the previous month.

China, US trade disputes widen

BEIJING, 14 Sept—China pushed back against US tariffs on its products on Sunday, with anti-dumping and anti-subsidy inquiries into American automotive and chicken products.

Announcing the measures, the Chinese Commerce Ministry did not call them retaliation but responses to domestic concerns, adding they are in line with World Trade Organization rules, the

China日报 reported.

The ministry, while stressing its stand against protectionism, said Chinese businesses had complained that US-made products entered the nation’s markets with “unfair competition” and harmed domestic industries.

The New York Times said the Chinese retaliatory steps come in response to US President Barack Obama’s decision on Friday to impose up to 35 percent tariffs on Chinese tire imports.

Chinese tire exports totaled about $1.3 billion in the first seven months of this year. During the same period, the United States exported about $800 million worth of automotive products and $376 million worth of chicken meat to China, the Times reported, citing figures from the Global Trade Information Services in Columbia, SC.

Photo illustration of a nurse preparing a patient for chemotherapy at a hospital in Lille. People with cancer who are depressed are more likely to die than are patients with good mental health, psychologists reported on Monday in the science journal Cancer.
China begins space centre construction in southern island of Hainan

WENCHANG, 14 Sept—China on Monday began construction of its new space launch centre in Wenchang City, on the northeast coast of the tropical island province of Hainan, which is scheduled to be completed by 2013.

The Hainan Space Satellite Launch Centre, the fourth and the lowest latitude one in China, only 19 degrees north of the equator, would allow China to take part in more international commercial space launches, said Wang Weichang, director of the Hainan Space Center Project Headquar-
ters.

He said at the cornerstone laying ceremony of the centre that the new launch site will be mainly used for launching synchronous satellites, heavy satellites, large space stations, and deep space probe satellites.

Xinhua

Guatemala faces worst drought in three decades

MEXICO CITY, 14 Sept—Guatemala is facing the worst drought for the past three decades, which has triggered a food crisis in the country, the National Institute of Seismology, Vulcanology, Meteorology and Hydrology said on Sunday.

The amount of rainfall in June this year was 30 percent lower than the average level in the past 30 years, the institute said. The lack of rainfall in the country’s 22 departments has caused a loss of 90 percent of the harvests of more than 120,000 families. Low rainfall in July and August has reportedly destroyed corn in at least four provinces, triggering a severe food shortage for thousands of families. Authorities have estimated that around 400,000 families would suffer severe food shortage, and the government has declared a state of emergency over food supply in the country.—Xinhua

Eight PKK rebels killed in southeastern Turkey

ANKARA, 14 Sept—Eight rebels of the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK) have been killed by the Turkish security forces in southeastern Turkey, in the last four days, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Sunday.

The security forces clashed with a group of the PKK militants in an operation on Sunday in Kazan Valley in Cukurca town of the southeastern province of Hakkari and killed three PKK militants, said the report.

This result had brought the death toll of the PKK members in Hakkari Province to eight in the last four days.

The security forces also captured some weapons from the PKK militants during the operation, said the report.—Xinhua

Cuba supports developing countries’ position on climate change

HAVANA, 14 Sept—Cuba supports the position of the poor nations on demanding a “shared but differentiated responsibility” in taking collective measures to combat climate change, an official said on Sunday.

Orlando Rey Santos, an official of the Science, Technology and Environment Ministry, was quoted by local media as saying that developed countries are responsible for most of the emissions whittling down the ozone layer and must start making a compromise to reduce them.

The poor countries “are the one to suffer more the effects of climate change and Cuba supports the efforts to reduce the emissions,” Santos said.

Cuba has suggested a 40-percent reduction in emissions, which is considered necessary by experts, he said.—Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Israeli fighter-jet crash kills late astronaut’s son

JERUSALEM, 14 Sept—An Israeli F-16A fighter jet crashed in the West Bank on Sunday afternoon, killing a son of late Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon who died in the 2003 Columbia space shuttle tragedy, said the Israeli army.

“The aircraft crashed during a routine flight as part of the advanced pilot training course,” said the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) in a statement, adding that search and rescue teams found debris of the fighter in the hills near the West Bank city of Hebron. A witness told local TV Channel 10 that a parachute was found in the wreck, indicating that the pilot, identified as Assaf Ramon, had tried to eject from the aircraft.

As the protocol for training flights stipulates, the jet was not armed, according to local media.

It is still unclear what caused the crash. The army said that an investigative committee has been set up to examine the causes and that all F-16 training flights have been suspended until further notice.

Assaf Ramon, 21, was the eldest son of Colonel Ilan Ramon, the only Israeli astronaut thus far, who was killed with six other crew members when their space shuttle Columbia disintegrated during re-entry on 1 Feb, 2003.—Xinhua

S, Korea, Italy vow to promote bilateral cooperation

SEOUL, 14 Sept—South Korea and Italy vowed to make joint efforts to strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

While meeting with his Italian counterpart Giorgio Napolitano, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak called for beefing up bilateral cooperation to combat the global financial crisis, according to a press release issued by Seoul’s presidential office Cheong Wa Dae on Monday.

Lee said that bilateral exchanges and cooperation between the two countries in various fields such as political, economic and cultural sectors “have been improved steadily” in recent years.

He thanked the Italian president for his country’s recent support to Seoul on the South Korea-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations, and hoped that the trade deal can be signed as early as possible.

The Italian president said that it is necessary for the two nations to work closely to boost bilateral ties.

Xinhua

Israel soldiers search for the debris of the crashed F-16A plane of Israeli Air Forces in the southern Hebron hills, the West Bank, on 13 Sept, 2009. An Israeli fighter pilot was killed in the crash during a routine flight as part of the advanced pilot training course on Sunday afternoon, said the Israeli army.—Xinhua

A flowery float in the shape of “Haibao”, mascot of the 2010 Shanghai World Expo, shows up during the opening pageant of the 2009 Shanghai Tourism Festival on Huaihai road in Shanghai, east China, on 12 Sept, 2009. —Xinhua
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So, to ensure high administrative capability and the rule of law, the strength of ward and village peace and development councils is needed, said the Prime Minister.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected Nawaday Bridge across the Ayeyawady River and construction of the tower of 230 KV Shwetaung-Oakshiptpin power grid over the Ayeyawady River being undertaken by the Ministry of Electric Power No (2). Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials reported on construction of the river-crossing towers (Pyay) and power grid. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the needs.

The Prime Minister attended a ploughing and fertilizer-scattering ceremony held at a monsoon paddy plantation near Nyaungzin village, Paungde Township, Pyay District. Bago Division (West) Myanmar Agriculture Service Manager U Tint Lwin reported on use of fertilizers in paddy fields, common paddy strains growing in Paungde Township and weeds growing in the paddy fields.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted the farmers from nearby villages and viewed the scattering of fertilizers. Along Yangon-Pyay road, the Prime Minister and party viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantations on both sides by car. At the ploughing and fertilizer-scattering ceremony in the Sinthwelat monsoon paddy field of U Then Win in Kantali Village-tract in Zigon Township, Thayawady District, the Prime Minister met with the local farmers from nearby villages and enquired about regional development. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo discussed with the farmers on use of quality strains for ensuring per-acre high yield of paddy. The Prime Minister viewed the spreading of fertilizers and paddy strains and fertilizers used in the region.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister attended a ploughing and fertilizer-scattering ceremony held at a monsoon paddy plantation near Kalani village-tract near Nyaungzin village, Paungde Township, Pyay District. Bago Division (West) Myanmar Agriculture Service Manager U Tint Lwin reported on use of fertilizers and paddy strains grown in Paungde Township and weeds growing in the paddy fields.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted the farmers from nearby villages and viewed the scattering of fertilizers. After viewing the scattering of fertilizers, he left necessary instructions. On arrival at Thonze dam project in Thayawady, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and officials.

At the briefing hall, Director U Kyaw Myint Hlaing of Construction-9 of Irrigation Department reported on progress in construction of canals for irrigation system of Thonze Dam and tasks being carried out for development of irrigation system in Khabaung and Thonze with the loans of OFID-OPEC Fund for International Development. Director U Kyaw Soe of Bago Division Irrigation Department reported on construction of irrigation systems in the division and Bago Division PDC Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Hla Min and Lt-Gen Ko Ko gave supplementary reports.

After hearing reports, the Prime Minister called for timely completion of the irrigation facilities meeting the set standard while irrigating rice fields to meet the target of the paddy cultivation. Loan borrowed from OPEC has been injected on construction of the irrigation system of right tributary of Thonze Dam project. Now, 87.10 percent of earthwork and 19.64 percent of building of the facility have completed. Upon completion of the whole irrigation system, the dam would supply water to 28,500 acres. Thonze Dam project can supply water to 50,000 acres of rice fields. The completed left canals (See page 7)
and the right canal which is under construction have irrigated 21,978 acres of summer paddy this year. Plans are underway to irrigate water to 32,878 acres of summer paddy in 2009-2010.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister met with chairmen of district and township peace and development councils in Thayawady District. Speaking at the meeting, the Prime Minister stressed the importance of achieving the five rural area development tasks and providing assistance by administrative bodies to school-age children for ensuring uplift of education standard of rural people.

During the tour, the Prime Minister also visited the Mini Hydroturbine General Plant near Bogyigon Village in Thayawady Township to produce electricity. At the factory, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo briefed on operation of the plant constructed on the canal of Thonze Dam and generation of electricity at the plant.

Thonze Dam project can supply water to 50,000 acres of rice fields. The completed left canal and the right canal which is under construction have irrigated 21,978 acres of summer paddy this year. Plans are under way to supply water to 32,878 acres of summer paddy in 2009-2010.

Despite the fact that farmers in Myanmar are in the habit of doing agriculture-cum-livestock farming to increase the income, they are to take care to minimize the wastages in their work, the Prime Minister said. He also urged the farmers not to be content with their current income and to focus on integrated farming in suitable areas in an attempt to improve their living standard.

He also stressed the need for use of agricultural machinery to boost the per-acre yield. The government will render necessary assistance to farmers while constructing more irrigation facilities to irrigate rice fields in summer season to boost production of rice, he added.

The Prime Minister urged the farmers to make more efforts for boosting agricultural production and increasing their income. The government made efforts to increase opportunities for access to education in urban and rural areas across the country and farmers are to take the opportunities for their children, he said. He continued to say that children of the farmers should complete a university degree because they will take a leading role in the agricultural sector in rural areas. In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged farmers not to waste their income because they have to work up as weat for their income, up a sweat and to spend on improving their living standard.
Everlasting peace for all national races

Ye Kyaw

Myanmar had been coping with internal armed insurgency since the pre-independence period. Many groups were locked deeply in serious clashes against each other due to difference in ideology and racism. The armed groups, each with own specific policy, collapsed into many factions, stemming from personal attachments. Moreover, the armed groups formed with racial ground split into factions, following their disharmony based on policy. They were fighting not only the government but also each other.

Apart from internal armed strife, the nation encountered alien intrusions by Mujahid and KMT nationalist Chinese troops. The newly-independent Myanmar had to pay all its attention to tackling the conflict and security, rather than to national development tasks. In consequence, the nation was behind other regional countries in development.

Only in 1989, could the nation hope cessation of internal armed insurgency. The Tatmadaw government reached ceasefire agreements with national race armed groups. Peace could be made in border areas and national race armed groups returned to the legal fold. As a result, local national races in the former insurgency-prone areas were in a position to enjoy better socio-economic life and peace dividend.

In their times, the Anti-Fascist People’s Freedom League (AFPFL) government, the Revolutionary Council government and the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party government held talks with the national race armed groups several times for truce and returning to the legal fold, but they achieved scanty success in the peace-making process. In contrast, the Tatmadaw government managed to make peace with 17 major and many small national race armed groups. What was the key to success in that regard?

It was because the Tatmadaw government made a different approach to the issue of the internal armed insurgency. Previously, the successive governments in the peace talks made a major demand: for national race armed groups to surrender their arms after returning to the legal fold. And they said that they would continue to discuss matters for accommodation and rehabilitation of the members of the armed groups only after the groups had done so.

In reality, it was very hard for the armed groups that had been engaged in armed insurgency for many years to hand over their arms overnight, because they were also to be self-confident about their security and that of their regions. Furthermore, according to the past events, when an armed group gave up its arms, its area was then dominated by other armed groups. In addition, there were many responsibilities to be dealt with such as enabling the peace groups to resettle down in the society and attending to their basic needs. Once their security was not guaranteed and they did not have their basic needs fulfilled, they defected to other armed groups and relapsed into armed struggle line. That was the root cause of why successive governments did not achieve any success in holding peace talks.

After assuming State duties in 1988, the Tatmadaw government initiated a new approach to make peace with national race armed groups. According to the approach, peace groups did not need to give up their arms, but they were not to strengthen their forces or make recruitment, and they had to live in the regions as agreed by both sides and throw themselves to tasks for development of their regions concerned. The Tatmadaw government rendered assistance to improve the economic, education, health and transport sectors of their regions. In return, the national race peace groups had to pledge to honour the laws. The new approach is win-win solution common today in the international community.

As to the politics, the Tatmadaw government said to the peace groups that it was laying foundations for democratic process; that so if they wanted to discuss political matters, they should do so at the National Convention; that after the approval of the State constitution, all had to adhere to the provisions of the constitution; and that currently it was reconstructing the nation, so the peace groups should carry out regional development tasks in line with the law. The national race peace groups accepted those points, so they attended the National Convention, and they enjoyed the rights to submit their desires there. Some of their desires were satisfied with the support of other delegates to the National Convention and for some, suitable alternative ways were used, taking into consideration the requirements of other national races and social classes, and national interests.

Anyhow, the State constitution was drafted at the National Convention and now, it has been approved with the overwhelming majority of the votes. According to the new constitution, there will be state hluttaws (parliaments) and governing bodies. And the national races that meet requirements will all have self-administered zones. These are the rights that were not prescribed in the previous two constitutions.

In order to form legislative, executive and judicial bodies at various levels in accord with the constitution, general elections will be held in 2010. The national race armed groups will have to consider formation of their political parties if they wish to work for their regional development within the framework of the constitution. To do so, those groups that existed as armed organizations for many years will have to seek ways to transform themselves into political parties.

Some anti-government groups have instigated to continue to keep their own forces as national race armed organizations that have made peace with the State. Again, there has been instigation that this is the federal principle. In practice, federal principle means the Union system in Myanmar. Among the world nations practising the Union system, there were only two unions — Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union — that allowed their self-administration regions and states to keep their own armed forces not under control of federal forces. Looking at the collapse of those two unions, we can see that how dangerous it is to keep private armed forces for the union. Even the US does not allow its states to form their own forces and practises the National Guard system under the joint responsibility of the union and states.

The assumption that the Union will be genuine only if it has separate forces in its states is not in conformity with the objective conditions of Myanmar nor global nations. This is an act of instigation to cause disintegration of the Union.

Before the elections are held in 2010, the national race armed groups that have made peace with the State are to act in accord with the constitution

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Everlasting peace for all national races

Ye Kyaw

If peace groups compare the situation of their region and their socio-economic status before 1988 with the present situation and the situation of those who have continued armed struggle and their own, they will realize that eternal peace is only the best way for them.

Regarding their armed forces if they want to stand for elections. Studying international incidents, it has been a common practice that armed forces rising against their governments were decommissioned and demobilized in post-conflict democratization process. After ceasefire agreement had been reached between the government and rebels in Aceh state of Indonesia, the rebel troops surrendered their arms and their settlements and rehabilitations were arranged before the regional elections took place.

Similarly, after the government and Maoist guerrillas in Nepal had reached ceasefire agreement, the guerrillas’ settlements were arranged in designated places and their weapons were kept under the care of international supervisory bodies. In the incidents of South Africa, it was found that qualified ones out of the original guerrillas were individually selected to join the military and police forces.

However, in taking measures for the future of the national race armed groups, the government of Myanmar acted according to the nation’s objective conditions based on historical events without copying the above international incidents. Therefore, the government made arrangements for the national race armed groups wishing to form political parties to retire for engaging in politics and to reconstitute their existing armed groups as frontier forces. Apart from a few Tatmadaw officers and other ranks for carrying out administrative matters, those frontier forces are to be formed only with members of national race armed forces concerned.

These are more opportunities given to the national race armed groups in comparison with decommissioning and demobilizing practices in the international community.

Anti-government groups are making critical remarks that the national race armed groups that have made peace with the government have to take time to undergo transformation; the time has not come yet and more time is needed for them. Actually, they have made peace with the government for a couple of decades. During that period, they can work for their regional development and socio-economic improvement of the local people and their forces. In other words, duration of the time is more than enough.

Unlike the previous governments, the present government’s sole intention in holding talks on truce was only to stop all the fighting, instead of arguing about politics and giving up arms. Only when the fighting ended would local people be able to escape the cycle of violence they had experienced for years and work together with respective peace groups for the development of their regions. Moreover, they would be able to trade with other developed regions of the nation with peace of mind. The government was convinced that the best way to build peace was only by tasting the fruits of peace.

Thanks to the good intentions of the government, local people and members of peace groups have been able to work for the development of their respective regions in accordance with the law. They are now in a position to travel to other parts of the nation that were unvisited for more than a hundred years due to the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists and have firsthand experience of the development situation of the national races. They can do businesses not only in their regions but also in the entire nation in accordance with the law. At the same time, their children can pursue primary education in their hometowns and higher education in their states. The leaders and members of the respective peace groups can learn the skills of administration and management by engaging in regional development work, instead of fighting. Moreover, they have been able to rebuild their family life neglected amidst armed struggles.

All those situations reflect the government’s good intentions of helping the local people rebuild their socio-economic life that stagnated owing to internal insurgescencies, integrating members of peace groups that were isolated due to armed conflicts and taking steps for stagnant regions to be able to catch up with other developing regions of the nation. Forced integration through surrender of arms and disbursement of funds for livelihood is the common practice of the international organizations in solving international disputes and conflicts. Unlike the international organizations, the government practices the policy of gradual integration by allowing local people and peace groups to participate in development work.

On account of the government’s correct policy and good intentions, the regions of peace groups have had excellent potential for social and economic development. Educated youths and entrepreneurs have also emerged. Peace groups have had some experience in administration and management. Therefore, with the emergence of the new constitution, they will have the right to form political parties if they wish to continue taking part in political and administrative affairs of their respective regions. Those who want to defend their regions and nation will be able to join frontier forces. And those who think that they have done their bit and want to build a peaceful family lives will be able to live with their families in peace. There will also be more business prospects for those who want to work for the development of their regions as well as the socio-economic development of their families.

Of course, it would not be wrong to say that the last twenty years has been a period of temporary peace. During that period, people have fully enjoyed the fruits of peace. Therefore, when they have the right to carry out their duties for the development and security of their respective regions, eternal peace will prevail in those regions. Then, they will be able to practise democratic rights and do more for peace and development of their regions in the next twenty years than in the past twenty years.

At such a time of good opportunities, there emerge instigators who want to drag the nation back into nightmare of the past. There were incidents in which action had to be taken against those who believed the instigators and committed acts that are against the law. Some have chosen the right path. Some are undecided, standing at the crossroads. There are also those who accepted the peace overtures made by the government for the sake of national unity since 1988. Some have still embraced the policy of armed struggle and refused to accept the government’s peace overtures, believing the words of the instigators. If peace groups compare the situation of their region and their socio-economic status before 1988 with the present situation and the situation of those who have continued armed struggle and their own, they will realize that eternal peace is only the best way for them. Therefore, we want all the national brethren to take the path to eternal peace.
Commander watches Sepak Tekraw final match

NAV PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman’s Cup Inter-Township Men/Women’s Sepak Tekraw Tournament at Koethein Gymnasium in Pathein on 28 Aug. He also presented prizes to the winners. —MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint inspects Taungphila limestones deposit in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw. —MNA

Mines Minister inspects Taungphila limestones deposit

NAV PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint on 13 September inspected Taungphila mountain limestones deposit in Taungphila region in Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw and heard reports on production of limestones for cement factory.

The minister stressed the needs and looked round mining of limestones with machinery, surveying of lime layer, piling of lime stones, and construction site of cement factory in Taungphila region. The minister then coordinated essentials for supplying raw materials. —MNA

F & R Minister attends ceremony to hand over new school building

NAV PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the ceremony to hand over the new school building of Songo village Post Basic Primary School in Songo village tract, Kayuakpadaung Township, Mandalay Division on 12 September morning. Chairman of Kayuakpadaung Township Peace and Development Council U Zaw Myint Thein, Chairman of Tun Foundation Bank Donor U Thein Tun and Head of Township Education Department Daw Ah Kyu cut the ribbon to open the new school building. The Minister sprinkled scented water on stone plaque. He inspected the new building and made a speech. Afterwards, the donor handed over the documents related to the new school building to the head of Township Education Department, and gave school uniforms to teachers and students. Villageelder U Tun Tun spoke words of thanks.

After that, the Minister called for active participation of the people in regional development tasks under the leadership of the State and greeted the local people, teachers and students. —MNA

Minister receives guests of PRC

YANGON, 14 Sept — Minister of Forestry and Immigration Maj-Gen Hay Oo received Chief Executive Officer Mr. Wang Xu of Sichuan Donlin Officer Mr. Wang Xu of Sichuan Donlin in Yangon on 13 September. Over and 73-year-old doctors (born in December, 1936) who live in Yangon may enroll at Dr Lwin (ph: 09 5137570) and at No. 249 Women’s Chapter of MMA (Yangon), Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township here in Yangon may enroll at Dr Lwin (ph: 09 5137570) and at No. 249 Women’s Chapter of MMA (Yangon), Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township here in Yangon.

MMA to organize respects paying ceremony

YANGON, 14 Sept — Women’s Chapter of Myanmar Medical Association (Yangon) will conduct 27th respects paying ceremony for the aged at the hall of the association, Theinbyu Road, here in December. Over and 73-year-old doctors (born in December, 1936) who live in Yangon may enroll at Dr Daw Khin Mar Aye (ph: 09 5137823), Dr Daw Yu Yu Lwin (ph: 09 5137570) and at No. 249 Women’s Chapter of MMA (Yangon), Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township here in Yangon.

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Minister of Health, Nay Pyi Taw

Myanmar Red Cross Society

64th Central Council Meeting
23rd September 2009
Meeting Hall of Ministry of Health, Nay Pyi Taw

MRCS invited the executive members of MRCS, members of State/Division Red Cross Central Council, members of State/Division Red Cross Supervisory Committee heads of State/Division Health Department, members of State/Division Red Cross Society State/Division police officers. —MNA

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun makes a speech at a ceremony to hand over new school building of Songo village BEPPS in Kayuakpadaung Township, Mandalay. —MNA
54 US-bound migrants detained at Costa Rican coast

SAN JOSE, 14 Sept—Costa Rican authorities detained 54 US-bound migrants from Africa and Nepal after their boat arrived on the Central American country’s coast, officials said on Sunday.

Authorities were treating some of the migrants for dehydration after several days at sea and took into custody three suspected Colombian smugglers who were traveling with them, said Sergio Lopez, a spokesman for Costa Rica’s security ministry.

Officials originally said all 54 migrants were from Africa. But after interviewing them, authorities reported 15 were from Nepal and 39 from Africa.

One migrant asked a Costa Rican policeman upon arrival: “How close is this country to the United States?” according to the newspaper Al Dia.

The security ministry released a statement quoting one migrant as saying he left Nepal for India, where he stayed a month, before heading to South Africa. From there he caught the boat promising to take him to the United States.— Internet

Polio makes a return to destitute Afghanistan

CHAGHCHARAN, 14 Sept—Gulbadan Halifazada lives in a house in mud-brick compound without electricity or running water in the poorest region of one of the world’s most destitute countries.

In the compound she, her husband and their half-dozen children share with two other families, four goats and a calf are tied up in a corner, turkeys scratch around them and sunflowers planted in the parched earth wilt in the searing late-summer heat.

Not much has changed in Chaghcharan, capital of central Afghanistan’s Ghori Province, in recent years, 42-year-old Halifaza told AFP, but perhaps things are about to get better for the next generation.

All her five daughters go to school, she said, while she didn’t get the chance. And the arrival on her doorsteps of a team of UN volunteers administering polio vaccinations to the under-fives could be only a good thing.

“We have no land or cattle, only two people are working among us and they can only do day-labour that brings in 200 afghans (four US dollars) a day,” she said, standing among a crowd of about a dozen children aged under 10.

“I don’t think the girls are getting an education and I am expecting them to do better than I did,” she said, looking older than her 37 years and the small blue tattoo between her eyes fading into the deep lines of her bronzed forehead.

Found body is likely missing Yale student

NEW HAVEN, 14 Sept—Police on Sunday said they found what they believe is the body of a Yale University graduate student and bride-to-be hidden inside the wall of a university building where she was last seen five days before.

New Haven Assistant Police Chief Peter Reichard said officials are presuming the body was that of doctoral student Annie Le, who has been the focus of a massive police search since on Tuesday.

“It hasn’t been positively identified as of this time,” Reichard told reporters on Sunday night. “However, we are assuming it is her ... so we are treating it as a homicide.”

State police found the body at around 5 pm on Sunday in an area of the building that houses utility cables that run between floors. The building is in the Ivy League school’s medical complex, about a mile from the main campus.

Undocumented African migrants listen to instructions from a Costa Rican immigration official upon their arrival at a detention centre in San Jose, on 13 Sept., 2009. Internet

Extinct New Zealand eagle may have eaten humans

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Arizona driver dons monkey masks to elude tickets

A driver has racked up dozens of speeding tickets in photo-radar zones on Phoenix-area freeways while sporting monkey and giraffe masks, and is fighting every one by claiming the costumes make it impossible for authorities to prove he was behind the wheel.

“You’ve got to identify the driver, and if you can’t it’s not a valid ticket,” said Dave VonTesmar, a 47-year-old flight attendant.

It took Arizona state police months to realize the same driver was involved and

Briton completes 2nd leg of cross-Pacific solo row

A British environmentalist attempting to become the first woman to row alone across the Pacific Ocean has completed the second leg of her journey, arriving safely in the tiny South Pacific nation of Kiribati.

Roz Savage reached the main island of Tarawa, setting foot on dry land for the first time in more than three months. Two locals carried the laughing 41-year-old toward an applauding crowd, which adored her with a floral lei and headpiece and gave her a drink of cold coconut water.

“There were quite a lot of challenges,” Savage said. “Crossing the equator was very difficult — there were some tricky winds and currents there. There’s also just the psychological challenge of spending that much time on your own in a tiny little row boat, so it’s nice to be around people again. I’m very happy to have my feet back on dry land.”

Savage set off from San Francisco on 25 May, 2008, and rowed 2,900 miles (4,670 kilometres) over 99 days to Hawaii. On 22 May this year, she left Hawaii and rowed 3,158 miles (5,082 kilometres) — or an estimated one million oar strokes — before reaching Kiribati, according to her Web site.

AU soldiers mistake camels for Somali rebel attack

MOGADISHU, 14 Sept—African Union soldiers shot dead 11 camels in the Somali capital on Saturday night, mistaking the galloping animals for an militants attack, residents said.

Al Shabaab rebels sometimes use passing civilians and vehicles to give them cover before attacks, police said, and the peacekeepers from AMISOM mistook them for the camels which ran past the entrance to Mogadishu’s airport.

“We thought Islamists and AMISOM were fighting last night, but this morning we just saw 11 dead camels,” resident Farah Aden told Reuters. “Each camel had at least 10 bullet wounds — the whole area was covered with blood.”

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A tailor-made piano worth of about 1.17 million US dollars is displayed at a cultural soiree held at Xinghai Square during the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2009 in Dalian, northeast China’s Liaoning Province.

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A newly-wed couple celebrates during a photo session at a mass wedding ceremony in front of Thean Hou temple in Kuala Lumpur. Some 200 couples tied the knot on the auspicious date on 09.09.09 in the morning session out of ceremony in front of Thean Hou temple in Kuala Lumpur. Some 200 couples tied the knot on the auspicious date on 09.09.09 in the morning session out of ceremony in front of Thean Hou temple in Kuala Lumpur. Some 200 couples.

For the Chinese, the number 999 means longevity and everlasting love which they believe will ensure long-lasting marriage and happiness—INTERNET

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SINGAPORE, 14 Sept—Singapore’s Agency for Science, Technology & Research (A*STAR) has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Carl Zeiss MicroImaging, a statement by A*STAR said on Monday.

The Biopolis Shared Facilities (BSF) of the Biomedical Sciences Institutes (BMSI), Agency for Science, Technology & Research (A*STAR) has collaborated with Carl Zeiss MicroImaging, a global market leader in microscopy solutions and systems for research, laboratories, routine and industrial applications on Monday.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TAMAN VO NO (271)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMAN VO NO (271) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 15.9.2009 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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Layoffs lead to fewer corporate blood donors in US

JACKSONVILLE, 14 Sept—Before the recession hit, Jacksonville’s blood bank would pull its buses up to the Anheuser-Busch brewery and pump 300 units of blood from employees. Then came buyouts, retirements and layoffs. During the company’s last blood drive, the Blood Alliance only collected about 45 units.

Which is why, on a recent day, the organization’s bloodmobile was parked in a driving rainstorm outside a small law firm. With the smell of latex gloves in the air, donors read the paper and listened to soft rock on the radio as workers pricked their arms with needles.—INTERNET

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Apollo moon rocks lost in space?

No, lost on Earth

AMSTERDAM, 14 Sept — Attention, countries of the world: Do you know where your moon rocks are?

The discovery of a fake moon rock in the Netherlands’ national museum should be a wake-up call for more than 130 countries that received gifts of lunar rubble from both the Apollo 11 flight in 1969 and Apollo 17 three years later.

Nearly 270 rocks scooped up by US astronauts were given to foreign countries by the Nixon administration. But according to experts and research by The Associated Press, the whereabouts of some of the small rocks are unknown. “There is no doubt in my mind that many moon rocks are lost or stolen and now sitting in private collections,” said Joseph Gutheinz, a University of Arizona instructor and former US government investigator who has made a project of tracking down the lunar treasures.

The Rijksmuseum, more noted as a repository for 17th century Dutch paintings, announced last month it had had its plum-sized “moon” rock tested, only to discover it was a piece of petrified wood, possibly from Arizona. The museum said it inherited the rock from the estate of a former prime minister.

The real Dutch moon rocks are in a natural history museum. But the misidentification raised questions about how well countries have safeguarded their presents from Washington.

Genuine moon rocks, while worthless in mineral terms, can fetch six-figure sums from black-market collectors.

Traffic noise linked with blood pressure

LOS ANGELES, 14 Sept — A method has been discovered to measure brain waves to predict which drugs can be successfully used on individuals diagnosed with depression, it was announced on Sunday.

The test will reportedly eliminate a major problem for clinically-depressed persons and their doctors, who often must play a guessing game to find an effective anti-depressant from the dozens of drugs available, the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) said in the announcement. Medical workers will be able to use brain patterns that can be measured outside the body to predict within a week how effective a drug will be, the researchers announced.

The method, called the Biomarkers for Rapid Identification of Treatment Effectiveness in Major Depression (BRITE), was described in the journal Psychiatry Research by a team of four UCLA doctors.

It measures changes in brain-wave patterns using quantitative electroencephalography—a non-invasive, computerized measurement that recognizes specific alterations in brain-wave activity.

Researchers said these changes precede improvement in mood by many weeks and appear to serve as a biomarker that accurately predicts how effective a given medication will be. —Xinhua

Japan’s Waseda University opens bioscience institute in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 14 Sept — Japan’s Waseda University opened the Waseda Bioscience Research Institute in Singapore (WABIOS) on Monday.

The WABIOS marks the first time that Waseda University is setting up research operations overseas independently.

WABIOS will focus its research in the areas of bio-imaging, bioengineering, biophysics and nano-biotechnology.

It will also further develop the neuroscience, focused research findings derived from the Waseda-Olympus Bioscience Research Institute, a joint initiative between Waseda University and Olympus Corporation from 2004 to 2009, according to a statement by Singapore’s Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR).

WABIOS has committed 2 million Singapore dollars (1.4 million US dollars) for its research activities here and will start with a few researchers from both Japan and Singapore. President of Waseda University Katsuhiko Shirai and Chairman of A*STAR Lim Chuan Poh also signed on Monday a Memorandum of Intent (MOI) here at the opening of WABIOS.

The agreement aims to facilitate research collaborations between scientists from the two organizations through joint symposia and workshops as well as enable graduate students from Waseda University to spend up to 2 years at A*STAR research institutes during the course of their PhD studies under A*STAR’s Research Attachment Programme. —Xinhua

7th A/H1N1 flu death reported in S Korea

SEOUL, 14 Sept — South Korea’s health authorities on late Sunday reported a new death case related to A/H1N1 influenza virus, which is the second case in the day, bringing the country’s death toll from the new flu to seven.

According to the Ministry of Health and Welfare, a 78-year-old man, who has long suffered from liver cirrhosis, high blood pressure and other diseases, died in the day due to septicaemia caused by the A/H1N1 virus. The exact cause of the death was still under investigation, the ministry said.

The patient, a resident of southeastern country, was admitted to hospital on 8 Aug after showing high fever, abdominal pain and spasms. He was diagnosed as hepatocirrhosis and septicaemia caused by alcoholism, and received antibiotic treatment. —Xinhua

Vietnam confirms sixth death of A/H1N1 influenza

HANOI, 14 Sept — Vietnam reported that a 19-year-old girl died of A/H1N1 influenza, bringing the number of deaths of the flu to six in the country, said a report of the Vietnamese Ministry of Health on Monday.

The girl was admitted to a general hospital of Mekong Delta Province of Ben Tre on 5 Sept for having fever, difficulty in breathing and coughing.

The girl was tested positive with A/H1N1 virus last Friday. She died one day later, said the report.

Vietnam confirmed 399 more cases of A/H1N1 influenza over the past weekend, bringing the total number of flu patients in the country to 4,664. —Xinhua

Italy performs in the ropes and ribbons portion during the group apparatus final at the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in Ise, Mie prefecture, central Japan on 13 Sept. 2009. —INTERNET
Liverpool seals deal with Standard Chartered

LONDON, 14 Sept—Liverpool football club announced late Sunday a sponsorship deal with British bank Standard Chartered, reportedly worth 80 million pounds over four years. The deal starting in 2010 was the “largest commercial agreement in Liverpool’s history,” a statement on the club’s website said. Media reports said the deal was worth some 20 million pounds (22 million euros, 33.2 million dollars) per season, which would equal the most lucrative ever in English football, but this could not be confirmed.

The figure would match the deal struck by Manchester United with Aon in 2006, which would equal the maximum on-site penalty that can be issued for unsportsmanlike conduct at a Grand Slam tournament.

“The average individual would look at that and say, ‘A $10,000 fine for what she did? What are you guys, crazy?’ The answer is: the process isn’t over,” tournament director Jim Curley said in an interview with The Associated Press. Bill Babcock, the top administrator for Grand Slam tournaments, will review what happened Saturday night, when Williams yelled at a linesperson who called a foot fault with the defending champion two points away from losing to Kim Clijsters in the semifinals.—INTERNET

Clijsters wins US Open in return from retirement

NEW YORK, 14 Sept—Kim Clijsters cradled the baby in one arm, the trophy in the other. The joy of motherhood. The joy of winning the US Open. Clijsters made history Sunday night, capping a comeback from two years out of tennis to become the first unseeded woman to win the Open — and the first mom to win a major since 1980 — with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over No. 9 Caroline Wozniacki.

When it was over, Clijsters collapsed to the ground and started crying — tears of joy, probably mixed in with a little bit of shock, too. Her 18-month-old daughter, Jada, watched from a suite with a pacifier in her mouth, but later came down to the court to take part in the celebration. Guess what mommy got for you, sweetie! A Grand Slam title. It still seems unreal. We’re talking about the greatest of her life: the US Open trophy. It’s the start of a new era for the club. —INTERNET

Park the hero for Monaco as PSG see red

PARIS, 14 Sept—Guy Lacombe’s resurgent Monaco side threw a spanner into Paris Saint Germain’s drive for league honours this season with a dramatic 2-0 win in the Principality on Sunday. South Korean Chu Young Park opened the scoring with a fine solo effort in the 85th minute and Brazilian midfielder Nene added a second barely three minutes later as PSG went into meltdown and finished the match a man down...

The result means PSG remain fifth on 10 points from five games with Mo- naco two places further adrift on nine points. Leaders Bordeaux, on 13 points, lead former seven-times winners Lyon on goal difference after their 1-0 win over Grenoble on Saturday. Earlier Sunday

Monaco’s forward Chu Young Park (R) is congratulated by teammate Nene after scoring a goal during the French Ligue 1 football match Monaco vs Paris Saint-Germain at the Louis II stadium in Monaco, south of France.—INTERNET

Valencia’s Spanish connection come up trumps again

MADRID, 14 Sept—After playing a pivotal role in Spain’s qualification for the World Cup, David Villa, David Silva and Juan Mata scored all on target in a 4-2 win at Valladolid on Sunday as Valencia joined Bar- celona and Real Madrid on a maximum six points. Cash-strapped Valencia managed to hold onto the trio in the summer and they tore Valladolid apart with four goals in less than an hour.

Silva opened the scoring with a 10th minute header from Mata cross before a mistake from Valen- cia goalkeeper Miguel Moya helped Valladolid equalise. However, Span- ish international Villa bagged a brace (34min, 55min) with Mata also on target. Valencia should have scored more with Villa hitting the bar and substitute Jordi Alba miss- ing a sitter to score his first ever goal for the club. —INTERNET

Williams fined $10,000; new investigation opened

NEW YORK, 14 Sept — Serena Williams’ profanity- laced, finger-pointing tirade at a US Open linesperson drew a $10,000 fine Sunday, and more punishment could follow from a broader investigation into what the head of the tournament called her “threatening manner.” The fine — not quite 3 percent of the $350,000 in prize money Williams earned by reaching the semifinals — is the maximum on-site penalty that can be issued for unsportsmanlike conduct at a Grand Slam tournament.

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Villa wins Birmingham derby

LONDON, 14 Sept—Gabriel Agbonlahor headed home a late winner to give Aston Villa a 1-0 win in Birmingham derby on Sunday. Fulham came from behind to beat Everton 2-1 at Premier League. Tim Cahill’s header put Everton ahead after half hour, but Paul Konchesky and Damien Duff both scored after the restart, assisting the hosts to grab three points at last.

Fulham was ranked 10th while Everton only managed to be better than the struggling Portsmouth, which suffered a five-game losing streak. The England striker Agbonlahor nodded in the only goal in the game after 85 minutes, helping Villa claiming their third victory out of four Premier League matches. Both sides strug- gled to gain control in the midfield and the home side showed as revenge of the 5-1 defeat when the two met last time.

Best shot of his life moves Federer to final

NEW YORK, 14 Sept—And for his next act ...Roger Federer punctu- ated his latest US Open victory on Sunday with a shot he called, quite sim- ply, the greatest of his life: a between-the-legs, back- to-the-net, cross-court winner from the baseline.

A point later, with the crowd in hysterics and opponent Novak Djokovic still in shock, the world’s top-ranked player closed out the victory, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 7-5, to move one win from his sixth straight US Open title.OK, who’s got next?—INTERNET

Villa’s forward David Villa

Moya helped Valladolid equalise. However, Span- ish international Villa bagged a brace (34min, 55min) with Mata also on target. Valencia should have scored more with Villa hitting the bar and substitute Jordi Alba miss- ing a sitter to score his first ever goal for the club. —INTERNET

Eto’o, Milito fire Inter up to fourth

ROME, 14 Sept—New Inter Milan strike pairing Samuel Eto’o and Diego Milito scored the goals as the Italian champions beat Parma 2-0 at the San Siro on Sunday to move up to fourth in Serie A. Eto’o and Milito were bought by coach Jose Mourinho to replace Zlatan Ibrahimovic and they re- paid the Portuguese’s faith by scoring their second goals in three matches.

It leaves Inter in ex- cellent shape ahead of Wednesday’s Champions League visit of Barcelona and ...Ibrahimovic. Mourinho was satisfied with what he saw. “That was a normal match. We didn’t have enough inten- sity in the first half but we could have scored four or five goals,” he said. —INTERNET
An all-terrain vehicle is on display during an auto show highlighting the development of China’s automobile industry in Xi’an, capital of northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, on 14 Sept, 2009. The show started up in Beijing last month and is scheduled to tour 116 Chinese cities.—INTERENT

Fujian braces for tropical storm Koppu

FUZHOU, 14 Sept—More than 26,000 boats have been told to return to harbor as offshore oilfield workers were evacuated on Monday as China’s southern and southeastern provinces braced for tropical storm Koppu, the 15th to hit the country’s coastal regions this year.

Koppu, which is expected to strengthen into a typhoon in the next six hours, will land in southeast China’s Fujian Province between on Monday evening and Tuesday morning. More than 26,000 fishing boats had returned to harbor in southern Hainan Province by 8 pm and more were en route.

Shipping services across the southern Qiongzhou Strait have been suspended since Monday afternoon because of the threat of the storm. The Hainan Maritime Affairs Bureau said the suspension of shipping was for the safety of passengers.

A total of 111 workers have been evacuated from a gas and oil field in the strait.

Xinhua

WEATHER

Monday, 14th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershower have been isolated in Kayah State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State and Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Shan States and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Paung (6.69) inches, Kyaukse (4.68) inches, Belin (4.13) inches, Lashio (3.27) inches, Bhamo (3.04) inches, Chaungda (2.40) inches, Moekok (2.21) inches, Theinzayat (2.20) inches and Pakokku (0.51) inch.

Maximum temperature on 13-9-2009 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 14-9-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity on 09:30 hours MST on 14-9-2009 was 79 %.

Total sun shine hours on 13-9-2009 was (6.40) hours approx.

Rainfall on 14-9-2009 was Tr at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (94.33) inches at Mingaladon, (104.80) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.94) inches at Central Yangon.

Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 13-9-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15th September 2009:

Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Shan, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Chin, Rakhine, Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery conditions in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
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Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
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- We favour peace and stability
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- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing meets officials in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence called for regional development tasks in meeting with Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Hut, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Deputy Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, officials of the command and departmental officials at the meeting hall of Laukkai yesterday.

The officials reported work progress to Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing. The commander gave supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing later left necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected the development programmes of Laukkai, and met with officers and other ranks, and their families at the hall of Laukkai station.

At the hall of Nyankhom station, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with officers and other ranks, and their families, and provided them with foodstuff.

Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing also looked into the condition of Laukkai-Tarshwehtan-18 miles-Nyankhom-Tapar Road and durability of Thanlwin (Tapar) bridge.

A (H1N1) flu control measures gaining momentum

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—The Ministry of Health has been steadfastly taking preventive measures against New Influenza A (H1N1) flu since 28 April. Up to now, 39 cases has been confirmed, and there have not been any flu death cases.

Of the flu patients, 33 have been released from hospitals, following their full recovery from the disease. The remaining six are getting better now.

The ministry today urged the people to follow strictly the public notices about New Influenza A (H1N1) flu and have a hand in the disease control measures.—MNA

Flash recovery of ammonoids

ZURICH, 14 Sept — After the End-Permian extinction 252.6 million years ago, ammonoids diversified and recovered 10 to 30 times faster than previous estimates. The surprising discovery raises questions about paleontologists’ understanding of the dynamics of evolution of species and the functioning of the biosphere after a mass extinction.

The study, conducted by a Franco-Swiss collaboration involving the laboratories Biogéosciences (Université de Bourgogne / CNRS), Paléoenvironnements & Paléobiosphère (Université Claude Bernard / CNRS) and the Universities of Zurich and Lausanne (Switzerland), appears in the August 28 issue of Science.—Internet

Scientists trace evolution of butterflies

LIVERPOOL, 14 Sept—In a perfect world, for every boy there would of course be a girl, but a new study shows that actual sex ratios can sometimes sway very far from that ideal. In fact, the male-to-female ratio of one tropical butterfly has shifted rapidly over time and space, driven by a parasite that specifically kills males of the species, reveals a report published online on September 10th in Current Biology, a Cell Press publication.

“We were surprised at the speed with which change in sex ratio could occur,” said Emily Hornett of the University of Liverpool. “Between 1886 and 1894 in Fiji, the male-killing bacterium rose from 50 percent to over 90 percent frequency, changing the sex ratio from 2.1 to 10.1.—Internet