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Admonition
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You might yet hear remarks ironic.
Still without care but for your
destination,
Should you travel on with good
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Matric exam forms, fee stamps to be in circulation on 1 October

Yangon, 21 Sept—The Myanmar Examination Board today announced that examination application forms and fee stamps for 2009-2010 academic year will be on sale at fixed prices at its office (Zwegabin Hostel) in Hline University Campus here from 1 October onwards.

Those students to sit for subject combination Nos 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are to fill in green forms and cards, and those students for subject combination Nos 2, 3 and 4, in pink forms and cards.

Each external student is to buy and stick a fee stamp onto the left-top part of the application form and submit it to the township education officer concerned from 1 to 30 October 2009.

The principals of basic education high schools, affiliated BEHSs, and BEHS branches concerned are to buy and stick fee stamps onto every application form, and submit them to the Myanmar Examination Board from 1 to 13 October 2009.

Late application forms will not be legitimate, and either subject combination is not changeable. So, students are to fill in and submit the correct forms, reminded the board.—MNA

Hill station PyinOoLwin in blooming flowers

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Tha Nyan (MNA)

Zaylay (Nyandaw) Roundabout seen with flower beds on Mandalay-Lashio Road in PyinOoLwin.

On our arrival at 21-mile camp of PyinOoLwin called the hill station at an altitude of 3358 feet, we felt cold and breathed fresh air.

At the archway of the town, we saw flowery plants and beautiful landscaping works as an evidence of its being the town of flowers.

Various kinds of flowers along the roads were in bloom.

“We are carrying out three tasks for PyinOoLwin to become a flower city, to be garbage free and ensure better roads,” said Deputy Director U Tin Win of Township Development Affairs Committee.

“To be garbage free town, sanitation task is being undertaken with the use of five vehicles, while workers of the sanitation section are collecting of garbage. The committee designates the places for garbage,” he added.

The news team of Kyemon Daily had an opportunity to visit PyinOoLwin and witnessed favourable weather and fertile soil of the town.

Moreover, we saw the concerted efforts of the workers to grow various species of flowery plants.

As part of attracting local and foreign tourists, the red colour of December flower or Christmas flower (Poinsettia) covers the whole town in December when PyinOoLwin is most beautiful town.

To decorate PyinOoLwin in coming cold season, the committee is nurturing 331,000 saplings of flowery plants at the nurseries. By the end of rainy season, the plan is under way to grow over 300,000 flowery plants at the designated areas.

The news team observed season-wise nurturing of flowery plants at the nurseries.

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The clock tower built as a symbol of PyinOoLwin in 1936 decorated with multi-coloured lights at night.

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Uphold Our Three Main National Causes in pursuing national goal

In the course of its history, Myanmar has been standing tall as a sovereign, independent country in the international community. One of the fine traditions is that national brethren remain cohesive in safeguarding the Union, sharing joys and sorrows.

Union Spirit is essential for perpetuation of sovereignty. It is, therefore, required of every citizen, wherever they live across the Union, to equip themselves with a strong sense of Union Spirit.

Moreover, the entire people have to oppose those disrupting State stability and community peace and nation-building programmes as well as certain foreign countries interfering in the internal affairs of the motherland.

In its drive for transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic one, the government has devoted itself to a variety of tasks covering the whole nation for stability of the State and community peace, improving economic infrastructural buildings and development of human resources.

Only with State stability and community peace, will it be possible for the nation to enjoy development and realize the democratic goal, which can be achieved only with the constitution, not with anarchy and riots.

Therefore, the entire people are duty-bound to adhere to the national policy “non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty in order to achieve the national goal of building a democratic nation.”

All this needs to be known

- Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- Do not be bolstered whenever flat-tered
- Do not be softened whenever appeared

Press conference on holding ICT Exhibition 2009

YANGON, 21 Sept — Under the supervision of Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar ICT Exhibition (2009) organized by Myanmar Computer Professionals Association and Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association will be held at the Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road here from 15 to 18 October. A press conference on holding the exhibition took place at Sky Bristo hall of Sakura Tower this afternoon.

MCPA Chairman U Khun Oo explained that the ICT Exhibition was to be held so that those who are interested in IT development and IT sector, businessmen, people, managers, students and the people could study modern electrical appliances, communication devices and computer software at one place.

Moreover, IT entrepreneurs, electronics companies, communication devices shops, CD shops, bookshops and other IT enthusiasts are invited to open their booths at the exhibition. They can contact MCIA office, RoomNot(204), Myanmar Info Tech, Hlaing Campus (Ph: 652238, 095067170).

Press Conference of ICT 2009 in progress.—MNA

Earthquake report

YANGON, 21 Sept — A strong earthquake of intensity 6.3 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Bhutan) about 800 miles northwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 15 hrs 25 min 57 sec MST on 21 September, 2009.—MNA

“Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Remote Sensing (RS) Certificate Course No (3/09)” to be opened

YANGON, 21 Sept — For using GPS, Satellite Images and Aerial Photographs, the course of “Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Remote Sensing (RS) Certificate Course No (3/09)” for the development of Information and Communication Technology, organized by Myanmar Computer Association and Myanmar Credent Technology, will be opened at the e-learning Centre, Hlaing Township, here.

It can be attended on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday weekly from 5pm to 6:30 pm. This course will admit trainees and last from 29 September to 3 December.

The interested persons may enroll at Building No 4, Room No 4, the office of Myanmar Computer Association (Ph 652276) before 28 September.
Iran’s leader says US nuke accusations wrong

TEHRAN, 21 Sept—

Iran’s supreme leader said on Sunday that US officials know they are wrongly accusing Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons. In Iran’s first official reaction to the US decision to scrap a European missile intercept system to defend against threats from Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei claimed President Barack Obama’s administration is following the same policies as its predecessor.

“The US officials who talk about Iranian missiles and their danger while saying Iran intends to build a nuclear bomb, they know these words are wrong,” Khamenei said in remarks broadcast on state-run radio. “Despite its apparent friendly messages and words” the Obama administration is pursuing the same policy of Iran-phobia, he said. The US administration has invited Iran to start a dialogue on its nuclear programme and gave a vague September deadline for Teheran to take up the offer. The US and five other world powers accepted an offer from Iran earlier this month to hold “comprehensive, all-encompassing and constructive” talks on a range of security issues, including global nuclear disarmament.—Internet

Jets soar over Beijing as China prepares for 1 October

BEIJING, 21 Sept—

Dozens of fighter jets and other warplanes soared over Beijing on Monday as China stepped up preparations for National Day, tightening security around the city with restrictions on knife sales and plans to ground flights on 1 October.

The planes and helicopters flew in formation over Chang An Avenue, the major boulevard that runs east-west through the city and across the top of Tiananmen Square. Some of the planes released streams of red, blue and yellow smoke as they flew low over the city in a rehearsal for the country’s upcoming 60th National Day celebration, in China, on 21 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Three US soldiers die in Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 Sept—

One soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed during a hostile incident on Saturday in eastern Afghanistan while two ISAF servicemen were killed in a non-combat-related incident in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, said a statement of the alliance.

Col Wayne Shanks, an ISAF spokesman, also confirmed three US soldiers died in the past week after an ISAF helicopter crashed into a mountain range near Baghlan province and an ISAF soldier was killed during a hostile incident on Saturday in eastern Afghanistan.

Three US soldiers are dead so far this year, said Shanks, who added that ISAF troops have killed 100,000 foreign soldiers, including 68,000 US troops, have been deployed in war-torn Afghanistan combating insurgency and helping with reconstruction.—Xinhua

Israeli troops kill two Palestinians on Gaza border

JERUSALEM, 21 Sept—

A Palestinian Health Ministry official says Israeli forces have killed two Palestinian militants and wounded three in an incident along the Gaza border. Dr Moaiya Hassanain said the men were hit by tank fire. The Israeli military said a border patrol fired at a group of Palestinians seen planting a bomb at the Gaza border fence on Sunday. It did not elaborate.

The militant Islamic Hamas said one of its fighters was among the dead, identifying him as Abed Hafiz al-Silawi, 21, while the smaller left wing Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine identified the other as 21-year-old Mahmoud Ahmed Naseer in a separate statement. Joint operations by the two groups are rare, but not unheard of.—INTERNET

Retuning Afghan refugees face destitute future

TAQI NAQI, 21 Sept—

Taqi Naqi township emerges bleak and barren from the dust of western Afghanistan, an apparent ghost town of derelict mud houses melding into a dun landscape.

The government built it for homeless refugees returning to Herat Province from Iran after US-led troops ousted the Taliban regime in late 2001, but no one wants to live here, away from arable farmland and big cities. Behind some of the doors, however, there is life—albeit one eked out with the help of foreign aid and dreams of a better future.

Inside 38-year-old Mina Youssfi’s house, the family of tailors prepares clothing for a wedding. Tapestries of Afghanistan’s legendary anti-Soviet and anti-Taliban fighter Ahmad Shah Massoud bring colour to the dirt walls. “We did not want to come back to Afghanistan because here there are no facilities, there is no power,” Youssfi said, adding they felt pressured to return in 2004 by Iranian authorities after nearly 20 years as refugees.—INTERNET

Iraqi soldiers kill US soldier

BAGHDAD, 21 Sept—

A US soldier was killed and twelve others wounded when their helicopter crashed in the US military’s main airbase in Iraq, the military said in a statement on Sunday. The helicopter went down over joint base Balad, about 80 km (50 miles) north of Baghdad, at 8 pm (1700 GMT) Saturday, the statement said. US officials were not immediately available to comment on the suspected cause of the crash.

Air crashes have become less common in Iraq now that the United States has fewer aircraft crossing the country’s skies. The last reported incident was on 17 July, when a US State Department helicopter crashed near Baghdad, killing two crew members. In January, two US military aircraft came under enemy fire and crashed into each other, killing four soldiers.—INTERNET

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US jobs picture may worsen in coming months

WASHINGTON, 21 Sept — The jobs situation could worsen slightly over the coming few months, US President Barack Obama warned on Sunday as he declined to spell out whether the world’s largest economy was out of recession. “I want to be clear, that probably the jobs picture is not going to improve considerably and it could even get a little bit worse over the next couple of months,” Obama said in an interview with CNN. “We’re probably not going to start seeing enough job creation to deal with the, you know, a rising population until some time next year.” As the nation battles its worst downturn since the Great Depression in the 1930s, the unemployment rate rose to 9.7 percent in August. And Obama has already warned that it may well tip up over 10 percent before it begins to fall. The US labour market has moved closer to recovery as month-on-month job losses in August narrowed to 216,000, compared to 276,000 jobs lost in July well down from a peak of 741,000 losses in January. Obama said on Sunday he believed the embattled US economy would begin slowly adding jobs, saying: “What we’ve done, I think, in the first eight months is to stop the bleeding.”

People visit the 2009 China (Dalian) International Garment & textile Fair (CIGF) held in Dalian City, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 20 Sept, 2009. The CIGF kicked off in Dalian on Sunday, attracting 225 enterprises from home and abroad to participate. — Xinhua

An employee at a job centre helps a jobseeker look through vacancies in San Francisco, California in August 2009. The jobs situation could worsen slightly over the coming few months, US President Barack Obama warned as he declined to spell out whether the world’s largest economy was out of recession. — Internet

S Korea to cut customs duties on eco-friendly energy products

SEOUL, 21 Sept — South Korea will take new steps to promote the use of clean resources by cutting customs duties on eco-friendly energy products, the Ministry of Strategy and Finance said on Monday.

The government decided that the customs duties on 31 new products and components will be reduced by 50 percent from on Wednesday, the ministry said. Thus, importers of eco-friendly products will pay 10.8 billion won (about 0.91 million US dollars) less on customs duties.

Xinhua

G-20 security driving away Pittsburgh’s bustle

PITTSBURGH, 21 Sept — Nick Mancini Hartner is like a lot of downtown business operators: He doesn’t know what to expect if thousands of protestors show up for the Group of 20 economic summit or, for that matter, how many customers will show up either.

That’s why he’ll try something new during this week’s summit at his Mancini’s Hearth Baked Bread shop. He’ll lock the doors and instead sell a limited menu of fresh breads on the sidewalk out front. “That way, we can react to whatever’s happening,” said Hartner, whose mother’s family owns the business. “If it’s a regular lunch crowd, we can open up the store. If it’s slow, we can pull back and come inside and lock up.”— Internet

China’s aviation market to expand 7.9% annually in 20 years

BEIJING, 21 Sept — Airbus SAS, the world’s largest maker of commercial aircraft, said in a report that China’s aviation market will see an annual increase of 7.9 percent in the next 20 years, following India to become the world’s second fastest growing market.

India’s aviation market is forecast to have a 10 percent growth annually over the next two decades, according to the report. A total of 25,000 new planes worth 3.1 trillion US dollars will be delivered between 2009 and 2028 in the global airline market, said the report. The report also stated economic recoveries, airline expansion, fleet replacement will drive demand for energy-effective and environment-friendly airplanes. The Asia Pacific, including China and India, is forecast to account for 31 percent of demand, followed by Europe at 25 percent and North America at 10 percent over the next two decades.

The company predicted the world’s aviation market will decline 2 percent in 2009 and increase 4.6 over the next year amid a gradual economic recovery.

China’s civil air transportation continued recovering in August, with three major production indicators keeping a rapid growth in the month, according to statistics with Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC). In August, China’s total air traffic turnover registered growth of 7.6 percent on month and 41.6 percent on year. The cargo traffic turnover posted month-on-month growth of 8.6 percent and year-on-year growth of 18.1 percent.

Xinhua

PepsiCo on China’s blacklist of bad foods

BEIJING, 21 Sept — Many foreign companies, including PepsiCo and Mead Johnson, from 25 countries have been blacklisted from monthly report by a State Council watchdog in charge of product quality.

Among the companies blacklisted, the most prominent name was PepsiCo, which has its international branch based in New York.

Nearly 38 tons of frozen concentrated orange juice that the firm allegedly imported from Louis Dreyfus Citrus Trading LDA in Brazil in July were found with excessive yeast, according to the website of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. Excessive yeast causes foods to spoil faster.

The watchdog issues its report monthly and names unqualified imported goods.

Though the blacklisting has no economic impact on the companies listed, the banned products are either returned or destroyed. — Internet

Policemen stand in front of the Taj Mahal hotel, fully lit-up for the first time after the Mumbai attacks, in Mumbai in this 21 Dec, 2008 file photo. Armed paramilitary forces in combat fatigues are fast becoming a fixture at India’s luxury hotels, software companies and office blocks, as security concerns push private firms to seek federal protection. — Internet
Sino-Russian ties rise to unprecedented high level

MOSCOW, 21 Sept—This year marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of China-Russia diplomatic relations, and the last six decades have witnessed abundant accomplishment of practical cooperation between the two countries and enhanced cooperation on international issues.

As friendly neighbours sharing common borders, China and Russia have unsurprisingly given emphasis to reinforcing political trust and coordination while developing bilateral ties.

After the establishment of the Sino-Russian strategic partnership of cooperation in 1996, the two countries upgraded bilateral relations and set up a mechanism for regular high-level visits, through which leaders from both countries can effectively communicate and understand each other through frequent meetings and talks.

Chinese President Hu Jintao paid a visit to Russia in June, when he and his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev attended a celebration to commemorate the 60th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic ties.

The China-Russia relationship has gone through an extraordinary course of development during the past 60 years, which also saw increasingly mature bilateral political relations, Hu said in his speech.

China and Russia, which are permanent members of the UN Security Council, are facing the top task of domestic development and also shoulder the historic mission of promoting world peace and development, Hu added.

Xinhua

Road accident injures 15 Chilean soldiers

SANTIAGO, 21 Sept—A military vehicle turned over Sunday morning in southern Chile, injuring 15 soldiers on board.

The vehicle, with 40 Chilean soldiers aboard, crashed into a wall and turned over on the Y-290 road linking the Torres del Paine National Park to Magallanes after the brake failed, the police said.

The vehicle, belonging to No 5 Reinforced Lancers Regiment, was part of a caravan that carried soldiers for a visit to the national park.—Xinhua

Two killed, nine injured in minibus collision in Syria

DAMASCUS, 21 Sept—Two people were killed and nine others injured during minibus collision on the road between the cities of Aleppo and Afrin on Saturday night, the independent Syria-news website reported.

A police source said the incident took place between a minibus heading to Aleppo, the second largest Syrian city, and another bus heading to Afrin.—Xinhua

Bus collision kills at least five in Vietnam

HANOI, 21 Sept—At least five were killed and 61 injured in a head-on bus collision between two passenger buses in Vietnamese northern Phi Tho Province on Sunday afternoon, Vietnam News Agency reported.

A passenger bus carrying 48 students and teachers collided with another bus in the accident.

Xinhua


Malaysia elected to chair IAEA

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Sept—Malaysia has been elected as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the term 2009-2010, according to the Malaysian Foreign Ministry on Monday. The ministry said this is the second time in the history for Malaysia to have been elected to chair the IAEA Board.

The Special Session of the Board of Governors of the Agency to be held on 22 Sept will formally endorse the chairmanship of Malaysia, the ministry said in a press release. Arshad M Hussain, the current Malaysian Ambassador to Austria as well as the Governor of Resident Representative of Malaysia to IAEA, will serve as the chairman of the Board, by assuming the post from the outgoing Chairman from Algeria.

Malaysia served as the Chairman of the Board in the term 1977-1978. Established in 1957, IAEA is an independent inter-governmental organization aiming at promoting peaceful use of nuclear technology. The IAEA Board of Governors consists of 35 members. As one of the two highest policy-making bodies of the IAEA, the Board is dedicated to making most of the policy decisions of the IAEA and it meets five times a year. —Xinhua

Sea piracy in waters near Singapore sets five-year high

SINGAPORE, 21 Sept—The waters in and around Singapore reported more piracy cases for ships this year, local media reported on Monday.

Piracy hit a five-year high in the South China Sea, with 10 sea attacks reported so far this year, exceeding 2005's record of nine, local newspaper the Straits Times reported on Monday.

Sea robbers have also been active in the Strait of Malacca and Strait of Singapore. Pirates have boarded ships on five occasions so far this year and made attempted boarding once. The two waterways saw one attack and three attempts over the same period last year.—Xinhua

Israeli jets strike smuggling tunnels in southern Gaza Strip

GAZA, 21 Sept—Israeli warplanes on Sunday night struck by air-to-ground missiles the tunnels used for smuggling under the border-line between southern Gaza Strip and Egypt, witnesses and security sources said.

The witnesses said that F-16 jets hovered over Rafah town and struck by missiles the borderline zone between the town and Egypt, where hundreds of tunnels had been dug and used for smuggling stuffs from Egypt to Gaza. The Israeli aerial attack came after militants fired earlier on Sunday two homemade rockets from northern Gaza Strip to Israel. Israeli radio reported the two shells landed on an empty area, causing no injuries or damages.—Xinhua

A huge hot-air balloon is raised in Shanghai, east China, on 19 Sept, 2009, during a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. XINHUA
US man sought after wife, five kids found dead

BEIJING, 21 Sept — US police in Florida is searching for a 33-year-old man whose wife and five children were found dead in their Naples home, media reports said on Monday.

Six bodies of Guerline Damas, 32; Michzach, 9; M arven, 6; M aven, 5; M egan, 3; and M organ, 11 were discovered on Saturday, Collier County Sheriff Kev in Rambosk said at an earlier news conference. A uthori ties failed to locate M escas Damas, the man who poss ibly left the country on Friday morning and may be in Haiti, Capt Chris Roberts of the Collier County sheriff’s depa rtment said on Sunday.

“We don’t see at this point any indication of an individual out in the neighbourhoods commit ting additional crimes or homicides, but certainly we will look at every op portunity,” Rambosk said.

Police said that there had been a “handful” of domestic disturbance calls to police since 2000 involving the Damas cou ple.

— Xinhua

Mexico completes construction of 30 highways by end of August

M EXICO CIT Y, 21 Sept

— The Mexican government has invested in 125 civil engineering projects to improve the nation’s highway this year, and 36 of them had been com pleted by the end of August, the Transportation and Communication M inistry said in a statement on Sunday.

The government has invested 2.1 billion pesos (1.6 billion US dollars) to improve the country’s transportation infrastruct ure, the statement said.

Mexico has built 157 km of new highways, nine junctions and one bridge so far this year, it said, adding that a total of 819.2 km of highways were being modernized.

It said the improved highway will boost the country’s trade.

— Xinhua

This year’s El Nino expected to be mild

L OS ANGELES, 21 Sept — This year’s El Nino would be mild, resembling the pattern of 2006 and 2007, weather experts said in remarks published on Sunday.

The oscillation of hot water in the eastern Pacific Ocean is going to be a let-down, in terms of precipitation over a parched California, Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) researcher Bill Patzert told the San Diego Union-Tribune.

“This El Nino is definitely puny,” Patzert said, add ing that this year’s pattern resembles the mild El Nino of 2006-2007, which left California’s snowpack and reservoirs short of what water experts had coveted: an end to five years of drought.

Although the jet stream pattern still shows that Cali fornia might get a wet winter, the likelihood of floods and massive rains is diminishing, the paper quoted climatologists as saying.

— Xinhua

Venezuela says ready for S America-Africa Summit

C ARACAS, 21 Sept — Venezuela is ready to hold the second South America-Africa Summit on 26-27 Sept, local authorities said on Sunday.

Key topics for the summit are education, health, energy, communication and the world economic cri sis. A Sunday multicultural parade featuring peoples from both continents marked the start of a cultural fes tival dedicated to the summit that will take place on Margarita Island, a tourist resort in northeastern Ven ezuela.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said during the show that the summit embodied multi-polarity seek ing to rescue the identity and history of the world’s poor.

— Xinhua

NJ police say pot plants growing on High Street

M aby this is why they call it High Street. Police confirmed the odd-looking plants they pulled last week from a flower basket in Millville’s business district were indeed marijuana. The plants were discovered by a passer-by. Police responded to the scene with a ladder and confiscated the 3-foot-tall plants, which were growing in a basket hanging from a lamp post.

The city’s parks and recreation department, which tends to the baskets, says it has no idea how the pot plants got there.

No arrests have been made yet.

Train misses drunken teen napping on track

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The 19-year-old, whose name was not released, remained fast asleep face down on the tracks meters further on.

The driver saw the body lying on the tracks and slammed on the brakes, but was only able to stop a few hundred meters further on.

“It was his unconscious state that saved him really, as he lay there completely still like a dead body,” said a spokesman for the local police force, adding that the clearance under the train is only around 20 centimeters.

— Xinhua

A general view from Everest Base Camp towards the summit of Mount Everest in Nepal, May 2009. Nepal’s prime minister will present a piece of rock and green chile — each weighing about a quarter of a pound.

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ounce burritos, filled with beef, beans

the competition. Competitors ate 4-
sponsored contest.

Federation of Competitive Eating-

Hunt of Jacksonville, Fla, who put

State Fair.

an excited crowd at the New Mexico

Burrito eating championship before

minutes, winning the 2009 World

Shoudt ate 33 1/2 burritos in 10

Professional eater “Humble Bob” Shoudt from Royersford, Pa, finished

Professional competitive eater “Humble Bob” Shoudt from Royersford, Pa, competes in the 2009 World Burrito Eating Competition hosted by the International Federation of Competitive Eating at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque, NM. Shoudt won the contest, eating 33 and a half beef, bean and green chile burritos in 10

minutes.

This handout image obtained from Wellcome Images(WI) in London shows a glass sculpture of the swine flu (H1N1) virus by artist Lake Jerram. The Wellcome Collection will display the sculpture from September 25 until on 18 October, 2009.

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The 19-year-old, whose name was not released, remained fast asleep face down on a stretch of track near Saint N oiff in southern Brittany, as the Quimper to Paris train passed, leaving only a few grease stains on the back of his jacket.

The driver saw the body lying on the tracks and slammed on the brakes, but was only able to stop a few hundred meters further on.

“It was his unconscious state that saved him really, as he lay there completely still like a dead body,” said a spokesman for the local police force, adding that the clearance under the train is only around 20 centimeters.

— Xinhua
Hill station PyinOoLwin in blooming flowers

Article: Maung Maung Htwe (MNA); Photos: Tha Nyan (MNA)

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It is not easy to grow a landscape or a block of flowery plants. There are many different steps for cultivation of plants by using fertilizers. Moreover, it is necessary to weed the flower beds. We saw upgrading of landscapes at the corner of Lanthaya Road near Gandamamyang Roundabout, at the corner of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Ziwaka Road, at the corner of Ziwaka Road and the town ring road, at the entrance to the town and at the corner of Nanda Road near Gandamamyang Roundabout.

With regard to water supply task, Senior Engineer U Naing Lin Maung of Township DAC explained, “A total of 25.92 million gallons of water is daily supplied from Hsinlan Dam, Naungkhamyi Lake, Thittabin (Upper) and Thittabin (Lower) lakes, Thetkan spring, People’s Park spring and Cherry Tube-well to the local people of PyinOoLwin Township. There are 4872 artisan and deep wells in the township. At present, arrangements are being made to supply drinking water to 11 wards.”

In the evening, we left PyinOoLwin. Junctions and corners of the roads and roundabout landscapes were illuminated. The clock tower built in 1936 as a symbol of PyinOoLwin was decorated with multi-coloured lights at the centre of the town.

We remembered the talks of Deputy Director U Tin Win. He said that the committee will try to repair the clock of the tower to give clear sound. PyinOoLwin was named as PyinOo by King Badon. At present, PyinOoLwin has prestigious and significant places such as Yatanarpon Myothit and National Kandawgyi Gardens and Defence Services Academy.

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“We are carrying out three tasks for PyinOoLwin to become flower city, to be garbage free and ensure better roads,” said Deputy Director U Tin Win, Township DAC.

Drug producing chemicals, paraphernalia seized in Laukkai Township, Shan State (North)

NAV Pvi Taw, 21 Sept—Acting on information, combined team comprising Kunlon special anti-drug squad of Shan State (North) and security force members at 2.30 pm on 19 September seized one horse brand stamping rod, three rods without brand, 14 WY brand stamping rods and 20 rods without brand, one tablet stirring machine, two small slender tubes, 24 litres of chloroform, 20 litres of phosphorous acid, 50 bottles with 500 millilitres of thycnychloride each, 58 litres of acetone, 16 litres of ether and 172 litres of hydrochloric acid in the garage at a house of a person named Phun Kya Kyein and a house adjacent to his house in Ward 3 in Laukkai. The seized items are related to fugitives.—MNA
Free eye treatment, operation in Taungtha

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Sept—Under the patronage of U Aung Thaung, Minister for Industry-1, the ministry, the Ministry of Health and social organizations from Taungtha Township, Myingyan District, Mandalay Division, provided free medical treatment for the eye patients from Myingyan, Natogyi and Taungtha townships for the second time from 16 to 20 September at Taungtha Township Hospital.

The medical team led by eye specialist Prof Dr Tin Win and Medical Superintendent Dr Than Lwin of Yangon Eye Specialist Hospital included Dr Nyunt Aung, Dr Nilar Thein and specialists Dr Khin Ohn Myint, Dr Nu Nu Yin, Dr Thein Zaw, Dr Thein Htut, Dr Chaw Wai Lwin, Dr Aung Nay Oo, Dr Hnin Yu Chit Hsai, Dr Ko Ko Lin, Dr Malan Kyaw, Dr Yu Yu Thein, Dr Hlaing Hlaing, Dr Shwe Wah Aye, Dr Ohnmar Zin, Dr May Ko Ko Thet, Dr Theingi Win (1), Dr Zin Mar Myint, Dr Ei Kay Thwe Han, Dr Theingi Win (2), Dr Zin May Tun, Dr Thein Than Htai, Dr Aung Kyaw Htoo, Dr Myo Min Win, Dr Aye Chan, Dr Aung Ko Ko Htet and 14 nurses and expert U Than Htai of Alcon Co.

With the help of Head of Taungtha Township Health Department Dr Tin Maung Oo and doctors, nurses, health staff, officials of the Ministry of Industry-1 and members of social organizations, the eye specialist team carried out eye tests, performed eye care services and provided power glasses for the eye patients of 83 village-tracts of the three townships and gave talks on dos and don'ts after eye operation and eye health care.

On 20 September, a ceremony to mark the successful eye operations took place in conjunction with a ceremony to honor the eye specialists at Taungtha Township Basic Education Middle School. Minister U Aung Thaung attended the ceremonies and gave an honorary speech.

Next, team leader Prof Dr Tin Win explained eye operations. A representative of social organizations and an eye patient expressed their thanks. The minister, specialists and donors presented sun-glasses to the patients who had received eye treatment.

The eye specialists team provided eye treatments for 5140 eye patients from 83 village-tracts in Myingyan, Natogyi and Taungtha townships, successfully performed eye operations on 861 patients and presented 1298 sets of power glasses free.

Managing Director U Aung Myat of Mother Trading Co was the main sponsor and U Win Lwin and Daw Myat Myat Maw (Kyaw Thar Co), U Kyaw Moe Naing (Myanmar Moe Naing Co) and Sandar Myaing Pharmaceutical Co also shared the medical equipment and expenses for eye treatments and operations.

Manuscripts invited for Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary award

YANGON, 21 Sept—Manuscripts for Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary award such as novel, collected short stories, collected poems, reference and research genres are being invited.

Manuscripts will be accepted in designated form and one can buy the forms and rules at Serpaybeikman with K 100. For those ordered through the post office can be available with K 200.

All the contestants may send their manuscripts to Secretary, Pakokku U Ohn Pe literary award selection committee, 529-531, Merchant Street, Serpaybeikman office, here before the last date 31-10-2009.—MNA
combined with Tractor Head and Semi-Trailer, with Brake (Dual Circuit System) for 0.75-ton to 10-ton trailer and Brake (Dual Circuit System, Automatic Retarder for a 10-ton trailer), with parking Brake, with fifth Wheel Coupling, Draw Bar and Safety Lock)

Regulations for Vehicles
Following are the rules and regulations for vehicles enacted in 1989.

(a) Vehicles are not allowed to drive faster than the limit speed at public places or are not allowed to drive. (Vehicle Act of 1964, Chapter-5, Section-17)

(b) An act can be enacted for weight of a vehicle and loading. (Vehicle Act of 1964, Chapter-7, Section-17 (2) Nya)

(c) Weight of a vehicle (or) trailer with or without loads shall be equal as it is manufactured. Gross Vehicle Weight is not over 18,000 Kg (18 tons). (Vehicle Act of 1989, Chapter-3, Section-31 (A))

(d) Vehicles are not allowed to drive at the speed of over 48 km (30 miles) per hour in municipal area of a town or over 80 km (50 miles) per hour outside municipal area of a town. (Vehicle Act of 1989, Chapter-7, Section-143 (A))

(e) Vehicle with trailer or vehicles carrying fuels are not allowed to drive 32 km (20 miles) per hour in municipal area of a town. (Vehicle Act of 1989, Chapter-7, Section-143 (B))

(f) State/Division level committees constituted by Ministry of Rail Transportation by law can do amendment to the Sub-section (A) and (B) to change the speed for vehicles in accordance with condition of roads in respective states and divisions. (Vehicle Act of 1989, Chapter-7, Section-143 (C))

(g) If there is a three-lane road in a municipal area of a town, vehicles on the left outermost lane of the road are allowed to drive at speed of 64 km (40 miles) per hour. (Vehicle Act of 1989, Chapter-7, Section-143 (d))

(h) Drivers are not allowed to drive at the speed higher than the limit speed. (Vehicle Act of 1989, Chapter-7, Section-143 (C))

Road Signs and Signals
Traffic signals and traffic warnings are erected at strategic places in accordance with the agreements at the conference on traffic of the United Nations held in Vienna, Austria, in 1968, and the traffic rules and signs of 1989.

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Live birth depends on evolution of chromosomal sex determination

READING, 21 Sept — A new analysis of extinct sea creatures suggests that the transition from egg-laying to live-born young opened up evolutionary pathways that allowed these ancient species to adapt to and thrive in open oceans.

The evolutionary sleuthing is described this week in the journal Nature by scientists at Harvard University and the University of Reading who also report that the evolution of live-born young depended crucially on the advent of genes — rather than incubation temperature — as the primary determinant of offspring sex.

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The Harvard Museum of Natural History’s famous 42-foot Kronosaurus queenslandicus skeleton.

Early life on earth

BERLIN, 21 Sept — German scientists investigating the complex chemical mixture thought to be present in the early Earth’s oceans have found that amino acids can be ‘cooked’ into many other important chemical building blocks of life when embedded in salt crusts.

Results of the laboratory experiments will be presented by Dr Stefan Fox at the European Planetary Science Congress in Potsdam, Germany, on Thursday 17 September.

Approximately 4.5 - 3.8 billion years ago, the Earth was probably covered by a salty ocean, rich in organic compounds, dotted with active volcanic islands and short-lived continents. The team from the University of Hohenheim in Stuttgart has simulated some of the chemical processes that might have taken place along hot volcanic coasts during this Hadean era by evaporating solutions of artificial primordial seawater and then baking the salty residue in an atmosphere of nitrogen and carbon dioxide to volcanic temperatures of 350 degrees Celsius.

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A synthetic salt crust obtained from artificial sea salt and an alpha-amino acid.
FCC chairman says ‘open Internet’ rules are vital

NEW YORK, 21 Sept—Wireless carriers shouldn’t be allowed to block certain types of Internet traffic flowing over their networks, the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission chairman said Monday in a speech that figures to provoke a fight with the industry.

FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski said wireless carriers should be subject to the same “open Internet” rules that the agency has begun to apply to home broadband providers.

It’s unclear how the rules would apply in practice to wireless data. For instance, carriers officially restrict how Internet-access cards for laptops are used, but rarely enforce the rules. The government also has been investigating Apple Inc.’s approval process for iPhone applications, but Genachowski isn’t directly addressing investigating Apple Inc.’s approval process for iPhone applications, but Genachowski isn’t directly addressing.

“Surgical Olympics” to be held in Beijing: Greek professor

ATHENS, 21 Sept—The theme of the 2008 Olympics is the driving force behind medical specialists from more than 70 countries gathering in Beijing from 23 to 26 Sept, a senior organizer told Xinhua in an interview here before leaving for the event.

The theme of the Beijing Olympic Games — “One world, one dream” — became the main idea of the 19th International Congress of the International Association of Surgeons, Gastroenterologists and Oncologists (IASGO), its Secretary General, Nicolaos J. Lygidakis said.

German teen who attacked school awakes from coma

ANSBACH, Germany, 21 Sept—A German teenager who wounded nine students and a teacher in a terrifying ax and arson attack on his school was motivated by “hated for humanity” and had been planning the rampage since April, officials said on Monday.

The new details came as the 18-year-old was awakened on Monday from a medically induced coma. Prosecutor Gudrun Lehnberger said the suspect was responsive but has not yet been questioned about Thursday’s attack.

However, the roughly 80 pages of evidence recovered from the teenager’s laptop included extensive information on his plans, much of it addressed to a female whose name was not released, said Juergen Krach, another prosecutor.

Krach said investigators believe the addresssee may be fictional and the material was apparently not sent to anyone.

The teenager, who has not been named, wrote that his “goal was to kill as many students and teachers as possible and burn down the school building,” Lehnberger said.

“As a motive, he named his hatred for humanity and, above all, school,” she added at a news conference.

The assailant wrote that he was treated unfairly in and out of school and feared that he wouldn’t meet the requirements for graduation, Lehnberger said.

Tanzania to host 2010 World Economic Forum on Africa

DAR ES SALAAM, 21 Sept—Tanzania will host the 2010 World Economic Forum on Africa which President Jakaya Kikwete says is an honor for the East African country, the local Daily News reported on Monday. “It is an honor for Tanzania to host the 2010 World Economic Forum on Africa. We are looking forward to welcoming the community, which I am confident will continue to make important contributions in our collective quest for a better world,” Kikwete was quoted saying.

He noted that it is heartening to see the positive impact that the World Economic Forum has on key issues of global concern as the unique gathering regularly convenes a very diverse group of friends of the continent, who are united in their optimism of what Africa can, must and will achieve. The gathering is scheduled to be held in Dar es Salaam from 5 to 7 May, 2010, which makes Tanzania the first East African country to play its host, according to a statement released by the Swiss-based forum.

Sinking River Deltas Threaten Millions

COLORADO, 21 Sept—Most of the world’s low-lying river deltas are sinking due to human activity, making them increasingly vulnerable to flooding from rivers and ocean storms and putting tens of millions of people at risk, a new study finds.

Researchers have long warned that the mass human migration to coastal areas in recent decades puts more and more people at risk of death from major storms.

About 500 million people in the world live on river deltas. A 2007 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, which concluded that many river deltas are at risk from sea level rise. The new study indicates other human factors are causing deltas to sink significantly.

Why? The sinking of deltas from Asia and India to the Americas is made worse by the upstream trapping of sediments by reservoirs and dams, man-made channels and levees that whisk sediment into the oceans beyond coastal floodplains, and the accelerated compacting of floodplain sediment caused by the extraction of groundwater and natural gas, the scientists say.

New Orleans is one example of a city that sits in a sinking delta, a problem known long before the city was ravaged by hurricane Katrina.

This handout image obtained August 2009 shows the new Sony Reader. The US Justice Department has advised a court to reject a legal settlement between Google and authors and publishers that would allow the Internet giant to scan and sell millions of books online.
Xinjiang builds sound social security, medical service: white paper

The 2008 figures show that Xinjiang had 799 community services facilities in urban areas. About 9,645,700 people had taken part in the five major insurance programs, of basic pension insurance, unemployment insurance, medical insurance, industrial injury insurance, and maternity insurance. A total of 638,000 urban residents are receiving the minimum living allowance from the government. Social welfare institutions of various types had 19,000 beds by the end of 2008, taking in 14,000 residents under their care.

From July 2007, the rural minimum living allowance system was introduced, providing subsidies for farmers and herdiers with annual average per-capita income lower than 700 yuan. In 2008, 1,310,000 farmers and herdiers in extreme poverty received the subsidies.

Development of A/H1N1 vaccine on track: WHO head

HONG KONG, 21 Sept—Director General of World Heath Organization (WHO) Margaret Chan said here Monday that the production of influenza A/H1N1 vaccine is on track and it will be ideal to produce three billion of them annually.

Speaking after the opening ceremony of the Regional Committee Meeting of the Western Pacific Regional Office, Chan said that many countries and regions are producing vaccines for the new flu and it would be ideal to have three billion produced in one year. “The development of vaccine is on track, it will take five to six months after the emergence of the new virus before we can start producing vaccines,” she said, adding that China is the first country to report to the WHO about vaccine production and get their people inoculated.

According to data collected from laboratories worldwide, Chan said, from April to now, the new virus is still very similar and no mutation was found so far. Therefore, new vaccines produced should be effective in preventing the virus.

Chan said as the peak flu season comes in winter, a second wave of the A/H1N1 flu outbreak is expected to arise with more reports of new cases. She suggested that medical resources should be focused more on saving patients contracted the new virus so as to reduce the number of severe cases and deaths.

Noting that a total of 190 countries and regions have reported cases of influenza A/H1N1, Chan said that the majority of them are mild and most patients recovered on their own. However, people belong to the risk group such as those suffering from asthma, heart disease, obesity and pregnant women should pay more attention to the disease.

Cambodia, Vietnam cooperate to fight against drug trafficking

PHNOM PENH, 21 Sept—Cambodia and Vietnam will strengthen bilateral cooperation to fight against drug trafficking crossing the two countries, an official said on Monday.

“Prime Minister Hun Sen held talks on Monday with visiting Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Truong Vinh Trong at Cambodian National Assembly,” the premier’s spokesman Ieng Sophalet told reporters after the meeting.

During the meeting, Ieng Sophalet said, “Hun Sen requested Vietnamese side to help building a drug rehabilitation center for Cambodian victims because Vietnamese side have more experience and abilities in dealing with the drug cases.”

“The center also will play a key role for helping to provide the vocational training for those victims. Their families also have suffered from the drug cases,” Ieng Sophalet said, adding that after they left the center, they will have appropriate jobs and skills in the future.

“Vietnamese thanked the bilateral cooperation and the cooperation between the police authorities from both sides to fight against and crack down on the drug matters crossing border of the two countries in the past years,” Ieng said.

Both sides have considered drug users as not criminals but they all are victims from drug problems, he said, adding that Vietnamese side also expressed a strong commitment to help reduce the drug cases in Cambodia.

Senior Chinese legislator meets Canadian guests

BEIJING, 21 Sept—Jiang Shusheng, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (NPC) of China, met on Monday with a delegation from the Canada-China Legislative Association (CCLA).

The delegation, led by co-chairman senator Joseph Day and congressman Daryl Kramp, is here for the 12th meeting of bilateral regular parliamentary exchange mechanism. The Chinese NPC and the Canadian Federal Parliament launched their regular exchange scheme in 1998.

Strong quake jolts Bangladesh, no reports of casualty or damage

DHAKA, 21 Sept—A strong earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter scale jolted Bangladesh at 3:53 pm local time on Monday afternoon.

The epicenter of the quake was 462 kilometers northeast from the capital Dhaka.

Fire service men said they did not receive any report of damage or casualty yet, but the weather offices said many people ran out of their homes to safer places.

Bangladeshi experts predict that a major tremor will hit the country with heavy casualty soon as the country is sitting on the earthquake zone. Bangladesh is very often hit by mild or moderate earthquakes.
Buenos Aires is world’s fourth noisiest city

BUENOS AIRES, 21 Sept—Buenos Aires was ranked the fourth noisiest city in the world, with heavy traffic as one of the major factors to blame, a report by the municipal government said on Sunday.

“Traffic is one of the factors that most affect Buenos Aires,” said the report issued by the Environment Protection Agency under the municipal government, which named Tokyo, Nagasaki and New York as the top three noisiest cities.

The three-year study, commissioned as part of the city’s 2008-2012 Strategic Plan, first built a noise map of the city centre and identified the boroughs of Barracas, Monserrat and Constitucion, and the Santa Fe and Pueryrredon Avenue as the noisiest areas.

These areas regularly suffer between 65 and 80 decibels of noise. The World Health Organization regards 70 as uncomfortable and 90 as harmful. Some 507,000 people live in the area surveyed.

According to the department of electro acoustic of the University of Buenos Aires, areas which now regularly experience 70 decibels of noise had suffered only 50 or 60 decibels in the 1970s. As sound is measured logarithmically, a 3-decibel increase is a doubling of noise levels.

New Zealanders lack knowledge about eye health

WELLINGTON, 21 Sept—A shocking number of people in New Zealand are neglecting the health of their eyes, according to a survey released on Sunday.

The survey, released to coincide with Save our Sight month, revealed that approximately 68,000 New Zealanders over 40 percent have glaucoma.

Half of them don’t even know they have the disease which undetected can lead to blindness, but can be treated if diagnosed early.

Similarly, the survey found 41 percent of people were unaware that macular degeneration, a condition which affects people as they age, can lead to blindness.

Forty-seven percent of participants in the survey felt uninform or very uninformed about eye health in New Zealand, and 62 percent of people who don’t wear glasses or contact lenses had never had an eye examination, the survey said.

Save our Sight month throughout September is an annual initiative promoted by the New Zealand Association of Optometrists.

The survey, Eye Health in New Zealand: A study of public knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to eye health and disease, is the first of its kind in New Zealand.

Mexico subway shooter charged with double homicide

MEXICO CITY, 21 Sept—A gunman who opened fire in a crowded Mexico City subway station faces double homicide charges.

Police say Luis Felipe Hernandez was jailed on Sunday on the charges after psychological exams determined he is fit to stand trial. After Friday evening’s shooting, officials had said Hernandez, 38, appeared to be mentally unstable.

Hernandez was writing an anti-government statement on a wall at the packed Balderas station when a police officer confronted him. He fatally shot the officer and then continued firing as people got on and off a train during rush hour. One commuter was killed and eight others were injured.—Internet

One in four women in Japan elderly

TOKYO, 21 Sept—A record one in four women in Japan is aged 65 or over, latest official figures showed on Monday, highlighting fears of a looming demographic crisis in the world’s number two economy.

Of Japan’s female population as of 15 September, 25.4 percent were aged 65 or over, topping 25 percent for the first time since comparable data began in 1950, according to the internal affairs ministry.

Men and women combined, Japan had a record 28.98 million elderly people, up by 800,000 from a year earlier. The latest figures demonstrating Japan’s rapidly ageing population come with authorities struggling to find ways to boost the low birthrate.

Japan has one of the world’s oldest populations, with many young people putting off starting a family because of the burden on their lifestyles and careers. The new government has promised to start allowances for families with small children. Japan’s fertility rate was 1.37 children per woman in 2008, well below more than two percent needed to maintain the population of 127 million.—Internet

A police officer stands guard in front of packages containing cocaine at the port of Colon, some 80 km north of Panama City, on 20 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Man suspected in killing run over by car

SAN JUAN, 21 Sept—Authorities in Puerto Rico say a man suspected of stabbing a 19-year-old to death was run over while trying to escape.

In a statement on Sunday, police say 57-year-old Pedro Quinones Nunez was hit by a car on Saturday as he crossed the highway in front of a public housing complex in San Juan.

Police say that minutes earlier, Jose Alberto Cadi was fatally stabbed outside the Lorens Torres complex, where the suspect lived.

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Brazilian scientists develop technology to rejuvenate barren soils

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Sept— Scientists at Brazil’s National Amazon Research Institute (INPA) have developed a technology for rejuvenating barren soils, local media reported on Sunday.

The technology, using leguminous plants from the family to re-inject nutrient materials into soils, is cheap and can be an important solution to the Amazon region, where soils are poor in nitrogen,” said Luiz Augusto Gomes de Souza, an expert from INPA.

Legume roots can create a structure called a nodule which draws in bacteria to fix nitrogen in soils, providing nutrients for future plants at the same spot, Gomez said.

The plants feed the bacteria through synthesis products and consume the nitrogen the bacteria excrete, making legumes rich in nitrogen, he said.

The expert studied at least 45 kinds of native legumes in the Amazon region, including sucupira, angelim, jacaranda, macacuaba, copaiba, cumaru and jatoba, to see which one had the greatest nitrogen-fixing capacity.

“The study included collecting fruit, germinating seeds, producing sprouts and then saplings. It allowed us to identify the best species that could contribute to soil re-juvenation,” he said. The technology can also be used to boost agricultural output, he said.— Xinhua

Rocket light spooks some on East Coast

WALLOPS ISLAND, 21 Sept— A NASA rocket launched to study clouds spooked dozens of people along the US East Coast, some worried about aliens landing, officials said.

Exhaust particles from the rocket launched on Saturday night at Wallops Flight Center in Virginia illuminated the sky with a cone-shaped light that could be seen as far north as Massachusetts, NASA spokesman Keith Koehler said.

The rocket’s exhaust particles formed an artificial noctilucent cloud. Natural noctilucent clouds, also called “polar mesospheric clouds,” form spectacular displays most easily seen just after sunset when illuminated by sunlight just below the horizon, NASA said.

Bariatric laparoscopic surgery an option

DALLAS, 21 Sept— Single-incision laparoscopic surgery is an option for people considering bariatric procedures for weight loss, a US researcher said.

Dr Edward Livingston, professor and chief of gastrointestinal and endocrine surgery at the University of Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, said having just a single entry point means less scarring than in traditional laparoscopic surgery, in which five or more incisions are required.

“The promise of fewer scars really appeals to patients, evidenced by the growing demand,” Livingston said in a statement. “Not everyone has heard about it, but the enthusiasm is striking once they find it’s a possibility.”

Single-incision surgery can help reduce post-operative pain, speed healing and reduce risk of infection, studies in the emerging field indicate.

Bariatric surgery, or weight loss surgery, is performed for the purpose of losing weight on the stomach and intestine of people who are dangerously obese.

Lung cancer in non-smokers different

Baltimore, 21 Sept— A new biology, diagnosis and treatment guide issued by US researchers finds that lung cancer in those who have never smoked is different from that of smokers.

Dr Charles M Rudin of The Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center in Baltimore said exposures to second-hand smoke and radon gas are thought to play important roles in causing the disease in

Virginia confirms 7th death of A/H1N1 influenza

HANOI, 21 Sept— Vietnam confirmed that a 40-year-old man died of A/H1N1 influenza, the 7th death of the flu in the country, said a daily report on the website of the Ministry of Health on Monday.

The man, living in the central province of Danang, was admitted to the Military Hospital 7 No on 16 Sept with fever and difficulty in breathing, said the ministry. The patient was then transferred to the Danang Hospital as his conditions deteriorated. He died on the same day due to respiratory failure. His sample was tested positive with A/H1N1 virus.

Vietnamese Ministry of Health on Sunday confirmed 282 more cases of A/H1N1 influenza, raising the total number of flu patients in the country to 6,883, said the report.— Xinhua

Colombian state governor hospitalized due to A/H1N1 flu

BOGOTA, 21 Sept— Andres Gonzalez, governor of the central Colombian state of Cundinamarca, has been hospitalized due to the infection with the A/H1N1 flu, said the state’s National Health Service on Sunday.

Gonzalez, who began showing flu-like symptoms last week, is now quarantined at hospital and treated with drugs.

Those who contacted the governor were warned of a possible flu risk. Gonzalez’s infection came after Colombian President Alvaro Uribe and four top officials tested positive for the flu in late August.

The epidemic has killed 65 out of a total of 1,090 infected in the nation.
**S P O R T S**

**Hamburg on top, Hertha humiliated in German Bundesliga**

**BERLIN, 21 Sept—** German Bundesliga leaders Hamburg saw a 3-1 lead in a draw against their bitter rivals, Manchester City after a sensational 4-3 victory over their side on Sunday that took them top of the Bundesliga table, while powerhouse Hertha Berlin were humiliated 4-0 at home by newly-formed Freiburg. Hamburg maintained their unbeaten start to the season with a valuable 3-1 draw at home to early pacesetters Hamburg at the Commerzbank-Arena.

Hamburg’s Brazilian midfielder Ze Roberto looked to have sealed the victory early in the match but Michael Ballack equalised in the 38th minute after an off the ball clash with defender Juanter. But the former Manchester United player took out his frustrations on Hamburg’s Brazilian international Ze Robert to secure a draw in Frankfurt, staying at the top of the Bundesliga.

**Record-breakers Sampdoria go top, Mourinho sent off**

**ROME, 21 Sept—** Sampdoria set a club record for four straight victories at the start of a Serie A season with a 4-1 success over lowly Siena on Sunday that took them top of the league. Sampdoria led Juventus, who won 2-0 against Livorno on Saturday, on goals scored to be the unlikely pace-setters at this early stage of the season.

It wasn’t such good news for the city rival Genoa, though, who could also have gone top but lost their 100-per-cent record with a 3-1 defeat at Chievo. Meanwhile, Inter Milan coach Jose Mourinho, who on Saturday launched a broadside at his Italian critics, was sent off for arguing with the referee as the champions came back from a first-half deficit to beat Cagliari 2-1 in Sardinia.

**Man United determined to silence City**

**MANCHESTER, 21 Sept—** Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson insists his side will silence “noisy neighbours” Manchester City after a sensational 4-3 victory over their bitter rivals. Michael Owen scored a dramatic 96th minute goal to secure a derby triumph which had featured three City equalisers. The victory that had been building all week helped create a superb contest at Old Trafford, which showed that City are worthy of being considered serious contenders for silverware after their close-season of extraordinary spending.

But United had the final word thanks to substitute Owen’s stoppage time strike. “Sometimes you’ve got a noisy neighbour and you have to live with it,” Ferguson said. “You can’t do anything about them and they keep on making noise.”

**Saha’s double gets Everton back on track**

**LIVERPOOL, 21 Sept—** Everton forward Louis Saha made up for his Europa League red card as the French star doubled his tally in the final quarter when he netted in quick succession to give the defending champions a 3-0 win over Blackburn on Sunday in their Premier League match. Saha was harshly sent off in the final moments of his side’s 4-3 Europa League win over AEK Athens on Thursday after an off the ball clash with defender Jwantran. But the former Manchester United player took out his frustrations on Blackburn to continue his prolific start to the campaign and lift Everton out of the relegation zone. Nigerian defender Joseph Yobo was also on the scoresheet at Goodison Park as Everton won for just the second time in the Premier League this season.—Internet

**Ronaldo at double as Real Madrid make it three out of three**

**MADRID, 21 Sept—** Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice as Real Madrid made it three wins in three games with a 5-0 thrashing of bottom side Xerez in Spanish league action on Sunday.

**Spain face Davis Cup final selection headache**

**PARIS, 21 Sept—** Spain captain Albert Costa faces an agonising selection headache for the Davis Cup final against the Czech Republic when superstar Rafael Nadal, who missed the semi-final win over Israel, will be banging on his door for inclusion.

**Choi loses 7-stroke lead, rallies to win Samsung**

**SAN DIEGO, 21 Sept—** Na Yeon Choi blew her best chance for the first LPGA Tour win of her career. Her second chance worked out just fine. After losing a seven-stroke lead Sunday, the South Korean rallied to shoot 1-under 71 Sunday to win the Samsung World Championship on the 18th hole.—Internet

**Chelsea face nervous wait over Drogba injury**

**LONDON, 21 Sept—** Chelsea manager Carlo Ancelotti faces a nervous wait to discover how long Didier Drogba will be sidelined after the Ivory Coast striker was stretchered off with a calf injury in his side’s 3-0 win over Tottenham. Ancellotti’s side maintained their 100 percent record under the Italian, who replaced interim manager Guus Hiddink in the close-season, and regained top position in the Premier League with a convincing display at Stamford Bridge on Sunday.

**Jeon Pyung-but to convoy a reply to goals from Ashley Cole, Michael Ballack and Drogba and Chelsea have now set a club record sequence of 11 successive victories in league action, including fixtures from last season.—Internet**

**Leonardo praises AC Milan in victory over Bologna**

**ROSE, 21 Sept—** AC Milan coach Leonardo praised his players’ pride following their 1-0 home win against Bologna but said he wouldn’t get carried away with the result. Milan sit five points behind leaders Sampdoria and Juventux and three behind champions Inter Milan in the Serie A table after their second win in four matches. Both of those have been narrow successes against lowly opposition with this win added to their 2-1 victory at Siena on the opening day of the season.

**Between those two matches, though, came a pair of disappointments: a 4-0 defeat to Inter and 0-0 draw at Livorno so Leonardo believes that these three points have helped put the club on the right track. “I’m not using triumphant tones for this victory, there’s still many things to do,” he said. “My triumph was the commitment the team showed against Bologna. The players did a lot, they showed their pride from the beginning to the end.**
FAO says poor harvest to increase food insecurity in Africa

LAGOS, 21 Sept—The Food Agricultural Organization (FAO) has said poor harvest in 2009 will increase food insecurity in Africa, following the below average rains on the continent, the News Agency of Nigeria reported on Monday.

A statement issued on Monday by FAO said poor harvest is linked to the below average rains on the continent, FAO, a United Nations agency, said in a statement.

The statement said the prices of maize, a major staple, had shown a declining trend since the beginning of the year, but remained higher than they were two years ago.

Xinhua

WEATHER

Monday, 21st September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin State, lower Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yesin) (0.31) inch, Naungcho (2.01) inches, Taungoo (Aviation) (1.81) inches, Thantawaddy (1.69) inches, Meiktila (1.66) inches, Hkamti and Kawkareik (1.61) inches each, Hkha (1.38) inches, Patuha (1.11) inches, Bago (1.02) inches and Magway (0.36) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-9-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 21-9-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-9-2009 was 79%.

Total sunshine hours on 20-9-2009 was 2.8 hours approx. Rainfall on 21-9-2009 was (0.55) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye (0.11) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (96.22) inches at Mingaladon, (105.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (112.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (17:40) hours MST on 20-9-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22nd September 2009:

Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Bago Divisions, scattered in Shan and Mon States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi 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.

Forecast for subsequent two days: Likelihood of Southwest monsoon withdrawal from the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 22-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and Yangon Divisions area for 22-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-9-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
**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

### Today’s vehicles and motorways in Myanmar (3)

Article: Kayan Soe Myint; Photos: Ministry of Construction

While today’s road network is bigger than that of the past, the number of vehicles has increased in the country. The number of vehicles which are registered in the country has reached 2,015,531 in August, 2009. Out of them, 79,246 are trucks and light trucks. The following table shows the detailed number of vehicles.

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Not only vehicles imported but also vehicles manufactured at home are running on roads. For road safety, Directorate of Road Transport under the Ministry of Rail Transportation enacted the standards of vehicles and traffic rules, and general standards of vehicles are as follow.

(a) **Truck (Drop Side Body)**
- (with fixed floor, front bumper, drop side body, open roof)

(b) **Dump Truck**
- (with fixed floor, front bumper, drop side body, open roof, a hydraulic system to unload goods)

(c) **Truck with Crane**
- (with fixed floor, front bumper, drop side body, crane)

(d) **Van**
- (with fixed or drop side body or roof, with doors)

(e) **Bowser**
- (with tank to carry petrol, diesel, acid, alcohol, oil, water, with value at an emergency room of a bowser)

(f) **Logging Truck**
- (with beams on floor, with side pillars, front bumper)

(g) **Container Carrier**
- (to carry container, with body without side and back covers, locking device, timber flooring with 6”x1.5” timbers or iron sheet with 3.175 mm thickness on beams)

(h) **Transporter**
- (with lifter to bring machinery, ladder, strong body with beams, with hooks to be used for fastening machinery)

(i) **Tractor Head and Semi-Trailer**
- (A vehicle which is seen on the road (See page 9))