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Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspects regional development undertakings in Muse District of Shan State (North)


Next, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party visited village post primary school where he called for academic affairs and provided foodstuff for teachers and students.

At the General Administration Department office in Monkoe, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing called on departmental heads to make efforts on education, health care and development tasks for local inhabitants in cooperation with officials concerned and presented foodstuff to them.

On arrival at Monkoe People’s Hospital, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing encouraged the patients receiving treatments there and donated cash and foodstuff.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing viewed monsoon paddy fields on both sides of the road by car. Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing later looked into durability of Kyu-up-Wantane Bridge and left necessary instructions.—MNA

Four political objectives
* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
* National reconsolidation
* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
* Building of a new modern developed nation in accordance with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives
* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives
* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Road-rollers for effective roadworks

Article : Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos : Myint Soe (Myanma Alin)

It is necessary to turn out qualified technicians and to manufacture machinery during the period of State’s transition to an industrial country. The Ministry of Industry-2 has been fulfilling the requirements of the country.

During the visit to the No.2 Farm Machinery Factory located near the village of Malun in Minha Township, Magway Division, we saw labourers working actively at workshops of the factory.

The factory produces farm machinery and machine tools which meet the set-standard and can help to overcome demands and challenges at work sites, said Factory Manager of the No. 2 Farm Machinery Factory U Than Htike. Especially, the factory has been manufacturing roadrollers, 4-ton trailers and winnowing machinery in line with the directives of the Ministry of Industry-2, he said.

During the visit to the assembling workshop, we saw that workers are making big rollers to assemble in road-rollers. Road-rollers have got into production at the factory since September, 2004. So far, the factory has produced 30 road-rollers in the 2008-09 fiscal year. The factory sets its target of producing 150 road-rollers in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

A road-roller is equipped with a 80-horsepower engine, a gearbox, two controllers, two rollers and other parts. Engines for the road-rollers are manufactured by No.2 Farm Machinery Factory.

The 10-ton road-roller is equipped with three rollers — one is in front and two are at back of the roller. When water filled in the rollers is boiling, the total weight of the road-roller reaches 11 tons. When the three rollers are filled with sand instead of water, the road-roller weighs 12 tons. The road-rollers can speed from 1.75 mph to 6 mph and can work 16 hrs without stopping. A road-roller has a capacity of 55,440 sq-ft per hour.

The road-roller has six gears and its efficiency is 7 miles per gallon of diesel. The factory has received an order for 30 road-rollers in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

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Take an active part in building a new nation

With stability and peace, political, economic and social infrastructures can be improved effectively in a nation or region. In such a situation, all forms of requirements can be fulfilled to improve the living standard of the people.

Today, the government is having a good go at the process of transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one, mobilizing the participation of the people and taking full advantage of consolidated national unity. Now, peace and stability have been back to normal throughout the Union as a result of the drive for national reconsolidation.

Varieties of projects are ongoing for equitable development of all regions of the Union. The Special Development Project, the Border Areas and National Races Development Project and the Rural Development Project, for example, have begun to yield significant results in the political, economic, education, health and social sectors.

Now, the government is implementing the State’s seven-step Road Map to build a democratic nation in compliance with the wishes of the public. When the goal is achieved, aspired by the people, the nation can enjoy greater fruits of peace, stability and progress that call for collaboration of national races.

In a couple of decades, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have harmoniously built a large number of infrastructural buildings in various sectors including in economic, transport, education, health and social fields.

The development of the Union is gaining momentum, and thus now is the most opportune time for the entire national people to do their bit with enthusiasm, team spirit and tenacity in the democratic process.

Commander inspects Mongnai-Kengtung railroad


Next, the commander went to the project of construction of Mongnai-Kengtung railroad. He gave necessary instructions after hearing the reports presented by the Project engineer at the briefing hall and looked into the construction site. Afterwards, the commander inspected progresses in building the roof and earth road through the railroad and the construction of new staff quarter of Kengtung University.—MNA

Yagon Command Commander honours victorious athletes

Y A N G O N, 27 Sept—Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint attended the ceremony to honour victorious athletes in the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Championship Shields Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Sports Competitions 2009 of Yangon Command at the hall of the command headquarters yesterday evening.

Also present on the occasion were Senior Officers of the command, Secretary of Division Peace and Development Council and party, Chairmen of District PDC, coaches and athletes. The commander received the shields handed over by the winning teams. Next, the commander delivered an address and hosted the dinner for the attendees.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint accepts shield handed over by victorious team.—MNA

Minister inspects regional development tasks

NA Y P T A W, 27 Sept—Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met with rural people from Hlataw, Shwekyin and Yehtwat village tracts at Shwekyin Village in Wetlet Township and presented cash assistance for Basic Education Primary School, and sports gear, exercise books and other different books for the village tracts on 25 September. And then, Dr U Bogyi of Yokepyo Traditional Medicine also donated cash assistance for the development of Shwekyin and Hlataw village-tracts.

The minister attended the opening ceremony of Basic Education Middle School (branch) in Chipa village, Shwebo Township on 26 September and presented equipments, exercise books and learning aids materials.

Afterwards, the minister attended the opening ceremony of new BEPS building of Ngwetwin village, Ayataw Township. U Khin Maung Swe and Daw Cho Cho, the donors for the building, opened the ceremony by cutting the ribbon.

The minister met with rural people from Ngwetwin, Sayit and Myaynet village-tracts and presented sports gear, exercise books, other different books, and cash assistance to build a road at Ngwetwin village during the flood season.

The minister encouraged rural people carrying out the domestic earn works in Ngwetwin village.
A suicide attack against NATO forces in Kunduz, Province in August. Ethnic tensions, land disputes and a new US supply line have plunged Afghanistan's bread basket and northern Province Kunduz into violence, putting German troops on the frontline.—Internet

Kenyan leader protests US over letters

Nairobi, 27 Sept — Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki on Saturday wrote a protest letter to US President Barack Obama expressing displeasure and concerns about letters written to 15 prominent Kenyans. In a statement issued in Nairobi, Kibaki said letters written to some ministers, lawmakers and permanent secretaries was out of step with the international protocol in the conduct of relations between friendly nations. "His Excellency President Mwai Kibaki has written to President Barack Obama of the United States expressing displeasure and concern about letters written by a US Government official to some Ministers, some Members of Parliament and some civil servants in their personal capacity on matters of Kenya's public policy," read the statement.—Xinhua

Suicide bombing targeting minister kills four in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 Sept — A suicide bombing targeting the vehicle of Afghan Minister of Energy and Water Ismael Khan on Sunday morning in Herat City, capital of Herat Province in western Afghanistan, killed at least four civilians and wounded 17 others, but the official escaped unhurt, sources said.

Abdul Rafaq Ahmadi, the spokesman for police forces in west Afghanistan, told Xinhua that a suicide bomber driving explosive laden car blew himself up when the minister’s vehicle passed by the road. Witnesses said the explosion occurred near a school. "At least four civilians around were killed and 17 more, some of them students, were wounded," Ahmadi added. He said the minister, who escaped unhurt, was on his way to the airport when the blast took place. Taliban militants, who have intensified their assaults against Afghan government and international troops, have yet to claim responsibility for the attack.—Xinhua

Antananarivo-Guangzhou flight makes stop over after false bomb report

ANTANANARIVO, 27 Sept — A flight from Antananarivo to Guangzhou in southern China had to stop over on the French-ruled La Reunion island after receiving a false bomb report. Midi, a French-language newspaper, reported on Saturday that authorities at the Antananarivo international airport received an anonymous telephone call shortly after the flight took off at 15.00 pm local time (12.00 on GMT) Friday, saying that an explosive device was in luggage on the aircraft. The flight stopped at the La Reunion airport to check each piece of luggage on the plane. However, after nearly five hours of searching, the report said, nothing was found. Madagascan Airline opened the Antananarivo-Guangzhou flight last July, with two flights to and from the two cities every Monday and Friday via La Reunion and Bangkok.—Xinhua

Iran test fires short-range missiles

TEHERAN, 27 Sept — State television says Iran test-fired short-range missiles during drills by the elite Revolutionary Guard. English-language Press TV reported that the missiles tested were the Fateh-110 and Tondar-69, but did not give specifics on the range or other details.

Iran has had the solid-fuel Fateh missile, with a range of 120 miles (193 kilometres), for several years. Press TV quoted a Revolutionary Guard spokesman saying on Saturday that the exercises would involve simultaneous and consecutive launches of missiles fired at mock targets.—Internet

Gadhafi, Chavez promote Africa-South America ties

PORLAMAR, 27 Sept — Moammar Gadhafi and Hugo Chavez urged nearly 30 leaders from throughout Africa and South America on Saturday to form a strong intercontinental alliance to make the two regions a new global power. The Libyan leader, on his first visit to the Americas, called for the two regions to become a political and economic force, saying that together "we can transform the world." Gadhafi proposed a defence alliance of South American and African nations, calling it "a NATO of the South" — an idea Chavez has raised with other allies in the past. Seven South American leaders signed an agreement to create a regional development bank with $20 billion in startup capital, and Chavez offered to help create a "South-South bank" with African countries in the future. The two-day meeting that began Saturday on Venezuela’s Margarita Island addressed a wide range of concerns, from hunger in Africa to the economic crisis and demands for reforming the United Nations. Chavez called it a "summit of great importance for the struggles of the South." Presidents discussed plans for joint projects in energy, mining, agriculture and other areas. "Only united will we be free," Chavez said as he opened the summit.—Internet

US drone crashes in northern Iraq

MOSUL, 27 Sept — A US unmanned drone crashed on Saturday in the Iraqi city of Mosul, the capital of Nineveh Province, without causing any casualties, the US military and Iraqi provincial police said. The reconnaissance drone struck the office of the Iraqi Islamic Party, the major Sunni Arab political party, a US military spokesman said.

There was no report about injuries and there was no indication that the aircraft was shot down, he said, adding that the incident is under investigation. An Iraqi police source in Mosul told Xinhua that a US drone crashed on the building of the Iraqi Islamic Party office at the Ghazlany area, just south of Mosul without causing casualties. There was no report about ground fire before the crash, he said, referring to that technical reasons apparently were behind the incident. He said US troops rushed to the scene and cordoned off the building.—Xinhua

File picture shows Iranian Revolutionary Guard firing a missile during an exercise. Iran fired two short-range missiles as it began war games on Sunday, the state-owned Arabic language Al-Alam television channel reported.—Internet

Scale models of a Venezuelan satellite and its Chinese launcher on display at Venezuela’s satellite control centre at El Sombrero, Venezuela in 2008. China will build and launch a communications satellite for Laos, Chinese media reported on Saturday, following similar ventures for Nigeria and Venezuela.—Internet
Philippine storm leaves 75 dead and missing

MANILA, 27 Sept—Rescuers plucked bodies from muddy floodwaters and scrambled to save drenched survivors on rooftops on Sunday after a tropical storm tore through the northern Philippines and left 75 people dead or missing in the region’s worst flooding in more than four decades. The government declared a “state of calamity” in metropolitan Manila and 25 storm-hit provinces, allowing officials to utilize emergency funds for relief and rescue, Defence Secretary Gilbert Teodoro said. Army troops, police and civilian volunteers have rescued more than 5,100 people.

Tropical Storm Ketsana roared across the northern Philippines near Manila on Saturday, dumping more than a month’s worth of rain in just 12 hours. The resulting landslides and flooding have left at least 52 people dead and 23 others missing, Teodoro said. "We think Chrysler made a mistake closing our plant," Bill Parker, president of United Auto Workers Local 1700, told The Detroit News. Parker, who now makes the midsize sedans, reported our plant," Bill Parker, president of United Auto Workers Local 1700, told The Detroit News. Parker, who now makes the midsize sedans, reported.

Residents swim towards high ground during flooding caused by Typhoon Ondoy in Cainta Rical, east of Manila on 27 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

China issues alert on approaching tropical storm Kestana

BEIJING, 27 Sept—China issued an alert on Sunday for approaching tropical storm Kestana, which left at least 51 people dead and 21 others missing in the Philippines on Saturday.

Kestana, the 16th tropical storm this year, was located at 910 km southeast of Sanya City in southern China’s Hainan Province at 5 am on Sunday. It contains winds of up to 90 km per hour at its centre and is moving northwestward at 20 km an hour, the central observatory said. The observatory forecasts the tropical storm will continue strengthening and would hit southern coastal areas of Hainan or pass through the southern coast of Hainan to lash coastal regions in Vietnam on Tuesday or Wednesday. It ordered boats in Kestana’s path to return to harbor.

The tropical storm made landfall on the northeastern Philippines coast on Saturday noon and triggered heavy rainfall in metropolitan Manila for six hours ending 2 pm Saturday. —Xinhua

Chrysler eyes Fiat tech for midsize sedans

DETROIT, 27 Sept—Officials of US automaker Chrysler Group LLC are discussing how to use Fiat expertise to build future products such as midsize sedans, sources say.

Quoting an unnamed “person familiar with the board’s agenda,” The Detroit News reported Chrysler’s nine-member board of directors on Friday discussed the flagging sales of Chrysler’s key midsize sedan segment and how to apply the engineering and technical expertise of Fiat, which now manages the automaker — to such underperforming models as the Chrysler Sebring and Dodge Avenger.

Also reportedly discussed at the board meeting was where to build the brands. The News said hundreds of Chrysler workers who now make the midsize sedans in Sterling Heights, Mich., staged a protest Friday to denounce plans to close their assembly plant at the end of next year.

“One thing Chrysler looked at… was how to use Fiat’s technical expertise,” said Haruhiro Tsujimoto, CEO of game-maker Capcom. “Cellphones have become a recognized gaming device.”

Toyota is concerned not only because Apple represents a major new player in the market, but because its iPhone applications sell for a fraction of the cost of conventional games. The new landscape has many analysts and executives convinced that the video game industry will become more focused in the near term on software and their own evolving business models and less on splashy hardware such as the Wii and PlayStation, the Times said.

FIFA warns of fake tickets

LONDON, 27 Sept—FIFA is warning football fans to beware of fake tickets for next year’s World Cup in South Africa as it cracks down on fraudulent Internet sales. In order to prevent forgery, official match tickets will only be printed a few weeks before the tournament kicks off next year.

FIFA has revealed that it is working with international authorities to address the problem. It praises in particular British efforts to shut down websites selling fake tickets. FIFA has reiterated that fans who buy fake tickets will not be able to access the stadium on the day of the match.
**FAO calls on ASA region to fight against poverty**

PORLAMAR, 27 Sept—Jacques Diouf, director-general of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), called on African and South American nations to fight together against poverty on Saturday.

“African and South American peoples are brothers and we have to fight together to improve life conditions in the world, and particularly to fight against poverty”, said Jacques Diouf, who is taking part in the Second Africa - South America (ASA) summit (ASA)in Porlamar, Venezuela.

He also called countries of the region to try to duplicate the world food production since the number of hungry people in the world has increased and that projections indicate that by the year 2050 the world population is going to rise from 6.5 billion to 9.2 billion. To achieve that goal, “we need to work together”, said the director-general of the FAO. According to Diouf, the second meeting of ASA heads of state and government will discuss new initiatives, actions or strategies to increase the productivity in ASA countries.”

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**Cuba, Palestine sign three cooperation agreements**

HAVANA, 27 Sept—The Cuban and Palestinian authorities signed on Saturday three bilateral agreements on boosting their cooperation in the development of higher education, culture and sports. The agreement on higher education included how to boost the two countries’ collaboration in developing science and education in favour of both peoples’ welfare.

The cultural agreement was aimed to strengthen their cooperation in such fields as the recovery and conservation of manuscripts, evaluation of historical events and restoration of paper documents. The Cuban Youth and Sports Ministry also signed a deal with the Palestinian side on promoting and strengthening ties in sports and physical education.

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**Egypt urges Israeli to freeze settlement activity**

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Sept—Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit on Saturday stressed the necessity to ensure Israel’s “commitment to complete freeze of settlement activities in occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem. “Such Israeli commitment would pave the way to reconstitute lost credibility in the efforts to achieve peace” in the Middle East, Abul Gheit said, addressing the general debate of the 64th session of the United Nations General Debate. He called for “intensive work” to press Israel and the Palestinians to “resume the negotiating process as soon as possible.”

“The international community should put forward the formula for the final settlement to the conflict, cognizant of the need not to waste more time in examining details that everyone knows will not help realizing the aspired settlement,” the minister said. He accuses Israel of lacking the political will to “engage in serious and credible negotiations that aim at reaching a final settlement to the conflict.”

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**Xinhua, China Mobile to provide handset live show on National Day**

BEIJING, 27 Sept — The Mobile TV of Xinhua News Agency and China Mobile Corporation will jointly offer cell phone users a live and all-round coverage of “National Day” celebrations on Oct. 1.

China Mobile’s handset TV users can log on Xinhua’s Mobile TV system to watch the live broadcast, studio interviews and TV specials about the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China. The free programme will be running from zero hour to 10:30 pm that day.

The most attractive part will be the live show of military review and parade of the massive celebrations in the centre of Beijing. Dozens of live broadcast sites, including those in Shanghai, Hong Kong, New York and Paris, will also be established to broaden the view of mobile TV watchers.— Xinhua

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**Sedan crashes into minivan in Indonesia’s central Java, six killed**

JAKARTA, 27 Sept — A Nissan sedan crashed into a Toyota Kijang minivan in Brebes, Central Java, Indonesia on Saturday, killing six, the Jakarta Post reported. The accident happened while the sedan was moving at high speed and swung to the right suddenly. It crossed the median and hit the minivan and was pushed backward for a few meters before it plunged into a roadside ditch.

Six people aboard the sedan, including the driver, his wife and their 6-year-old daughter, were killed, while the bodies of a woman aged around 50, a boy and a baby have remained unidentified. According to local traffic police, the accident may be caused by fatigue as they suspected the driver was sleepy after driving for hours.

Four people aboard the minivan suffered minor injuries.— Xinhua
Death row Iraqis among eight escapees recaptured

BAGHDAD, 27 Sept — Eight of the 16 members of al Qaeda in Iraq who escaped on Wednesday night from a Tikrit prison north of Baghdad have been recaptured, security officials in Samarra told CNN on Saturday. Two of the prisoners were captured on Saturday morning in Samarra by security forces conducting house-to-house searches.

Three of the eight re-captured prisoners had previously been sentenced to death for crimes that include killing and kidnapping, officials said.

Police launched the manhunt after the prisoners fled through an air vent and then climbed over a concrete prison wall. Iraqi special forces have been called into the search and border guards have been alerted to ensure the men don’t cross into a neighboring country, police said. Police have distributed pictures of the fugitives throughout Salahaddin Province, where Tikrit is located.

The Iraqi Interior Ministry has taken charge of the investigation and all prison guards at Tikrit are being investigated, police said. The prison holds more than 440 inmates. Al Qaeda in Iraq is an insurgent group that pledged its allegiance to Osama bin Laden’s al Qaeda terror network in 2004, after the US-led invasion of Iraq. Its members largely are native Iraqis, but they also include foreign fighters, and foreigners have been the group’s prominent leaders. Tikrit, the hometown of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, is about 160 km (99 miles) north of Baghdad.

Gun battle leaves eight militants, two Afghan police dead in West

KARUL, 27 Sept — Gun battle between Taleban militants and police in Nimroz Province, west of Afghanistan, left eight militants and two police officers dead on Saturday, provincial governor Ghalam Dastgir Azad said. “The militants raided a border checkpoint in Kand district in the wee hours and the police resisted, killing eight rebels and wounding four others,” Azad told Xinhua.

In the firefight which lasted several hours, two police officers were killed and three others got wounded, he said. The militants executed three civilians on charge of spying for the government in the neighboring Herat Province on Friday. — Xinhua

Second clinical trial for China’s HIV/AIDS vaccine

BEIJING, 27 Sept — China has conducted its second phase of clinical trials of a vaccine for HIV/AIDS. This is the first time experts are assessing the safety and efficiency of the vaccine in high-risk groups.

More than 230 volunteers took part in this second phase in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Scientists are expected to decide, based on results, whether to go ahead with a third phase of trials.

If a third phase is carried out, it will evaluate the vaccine’s effectiveness on a larger number of people. China started research on a vaccine for the AIDS virus in 1996. — Xinhua

Acorns a growing threat in Massachusetts

BROOKLINE, 27 Sept — Massachusetts residents say they are under siege from this year’s large crop of acorns as the hard nuts have been falling from trees like rain. Greg Roberson and Neil McIsaac of Brookline, Mass, said they routinely encounter the nuts as they fall from area oak trees, creating safety hazards while in the air and once on the ground. The Boston Globe reported on Saturday.

“They’re falling everywhere,” “I’ve nearly broken my neck several times,” McIsaac offered. “There are tons of them.”

The world’s tallest man, Sultan Kosen of Turkey, is measured by an official on Saturday.

US scientists net giant squid in Gulf of Mexico

US scientists in the Gulf of Mexico unexpectedly netted a 19.5-foot (5.9-metre) giant squid off the coast of Louisiana, the Interior Department said, showing how little is known about life in the deep waters of the Gulf.

Not since 1954, when a giant squid was found floating dead off the Mississippi Delta, has the rare species been spotted in the Gulf of Mexico. The squid, weighing in at 103 pounds (46.7 kg), was caught 30 July in a trawl net more than 1,500 feet underwater as it was pulled by a research vessel.

The giant squid, which did not survive the rapid change in water depth when it was brought to the surface, was preserved and sent to the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History for further study.

Women carry wood for their stoves in La Fuente, Guatemala on 26 Sept, 2009.

US police use Taser, handcuffs on wayward emu

MISSOULA, 21 Sept — Missoula police have used a stun gun and handcuffs to capture an emu running loose on Interstate 20 in central Mississippi on Sunday.

Police Officer Kiley Culpepper told WLBT-TV in Jackson that motorists had been calling 911 since Friday to report sightings of two emus on I-20 and nearby US Highway 80.

Authorities had been unable to find the animals until Sunday, when one was spotted near an I-20 entrance ramp.

The big bird was dodging traffic. Culpepper and deputies were able to surround the animal but has to use the Taser and handcuffs to finally get it off the road.

After being captured, the animal was taken to the Scott County Forest Coliseum.

Pair trying to catch fish net $87,000 in cash

Two Australian teenagers who found almost 100,000 Australian dollars ($87,000) in cash during a fishing trip have handed it over to police — after spending some time thinking about it.

The pair discovered the money earlier this month near the New South Wales town of Nimbin — a centre of hippie culture where members of numerous communes annually celebrate a festival to promote cannabis use.

The teenagers contacted police after revealing the find to an unidentified adult they know and getting some legal advice, police said in a statement.

Inspector Greg Moore said police were investigating whose money it might be, and whether the stash of cash was linked to crime. “It could be proceeds of ill-gotten gains,” Moore told the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Police had searched an area at Tuntable Creek where the teenagers found the money, but found no more cash and no clues, he said.

Scientists are expected to decide, based on results, whether to go ahead with a third phase of trials. If a third phase is carried out, it will evaluate the vaccine’s effectiveness on a larger number of people. China started research on a vaccine for the AIDS virus in 1996. — Xinhua
A&I Minister inspects pilot farm and special paddy seeds nurturing plantation

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Hla Tun inspected a pilot farm and special paddy seeds nurturing plantation at Myanmar Paddy Research Department of the Myanmar Agriculture Service at Hmawby, Yangon North District on 21 September.

Later, Manager Dr. Ye Tint Tun explained facts about the plantation system and record research of paddy.

Next, the Managing Director of Myanmar Farms Enterprise U Ohn Than and General Manager U San Nyunt explained distribution procedure of seeds nurturing paddy plantation.

After that, the minister inspected the thriving paddy plantation.

Diploma in banking course No. (1) concludes

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Sept—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addressed the concluding ceremony of Diploma in Banking Course No (1) of Myanmar Banking Training School (Mandalay) at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay on 25 September.

The course was conducted by Myanmar Banks Association under the supervision of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

Also present on the occasion were Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, the directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the Ministry, the chairmen of the banks, the managing directors, the principal and lecturers of Myanmar Banking Training School (Mandalay), the banking experts and trainees.

The one-year-course was attended by 36 trainees.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses concluding ceremony of No (1) Diploma in Banking Course of Myanmar Banking Training School (Mandalay).—MNA

Road-rollers for effective roadworks

Article: Maung Maung Myint Swe; Photos: Myint Soe (Myanma Alin)

A labourer works in a workshop to make rollers for road-rollers.

A technician inspects an engine of a road-roller.

Photo shows body for road-roller.

(from page 1) fiscal year. The efficiency of the road-rollers is suitable for road construction in Myanmar and a road-roller costs 50 percent lower than the cost for road-rollers produced in foreign countries.

The road-rollers offer guaranteed free services for a year. Those wishing to place order for road-rollers may contact No-2 Farm Machinery Factory (Malun), Ph 02-67598; 02-67562 and 067-405055, 405056, 405323.

In accordance with the directives of the ministry and demands from customers, the factory is planning to produce vibration road-rollers. Due to the cost effectiveness and high efficiency, the road-rollers produced by the No-2 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun) are being used in road construction across the country.

U Than Htike, Manager of No. 2 Farm Machinery Factory (Malun).

(Translation: AMS)
**Commander attends opening of new tarred road, prize-presenting ceremonies**

**NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—**Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe together with the mayor and officials attended the opening of new self-reliant tarred road in Mahaungmye Township, Mandalay Division on 16 September.

The commander also attended prize-presenting ceremony held at No. 14 Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township. He delivered an address there and presented gifts to students who passed the matriculation exam for 2009 with flying colours.

Later, the commander attended prize-delivering ceremony of Commander’s shield boxing contest and enjoyed finals at PyinOoLwin gymnasium. He then awarded winners.—MNA

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**Minister meets auxiliary fire brigade, Red Cross members**

**NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—**Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo had a meeting with members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and Red Cross societies at the Fire Services Department in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township yesterday afternoon.

He called for collaboration for regional development. He inspected the building of staff quarters in the compound of the township police force and gave instructions.—MNA

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**Deputy Minister meets with local people**

**YANGON, 27 Sept—**Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay together with Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint met with local people of Paungde in Pyay Township on 26 September morning, with an opening speech of Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win.

The commander viewed the competition of the first day matches.

Next, the commander addressed the ceremony to release fingerlings to Ayeyawady River at Ayeya Jetty and released fingerlings. MNA

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**Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) U 21 Football Tournament continues**

**NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—**The 25th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Cup Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) U 21 Football Tournament for 2009 continued the first round matches this evening. In group (B), South East Command team beat No. 22 Light Infantry Division team 6-2 in Ratakha zone (Mawlamyine). In group (C), Nay Pyi Taw Command –A team won over Western Command-A team 1-0 in Namakha zone (Monywa). In group (E), Defence Services (Air) team routed No 88 Light Infantry Division team 4-0 in Tapakha zone (Toungoo).—MNA

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**C-in-C’s Shield Chess Competition opened**

**NAY PYI TAW, 27 Sept—**Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Shield Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) Chess Championship was opened at the station gymnasium of Northern Command Headquarters in Myitkyina on 21 September morning, with an opening speech of Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Soe Win.

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**Metta dispels harm**

One who spreads out his mettā (loving-kindness) towards all sentient beings, does not harm or causes others to harm another; or does not bully or causes others to bully another.

To such a person arises no enmity internal or external. (Anguttãrã Pali, Vol I, Metta Sutta-443)

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**Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay addresses meeting with locals in Paungde.**—ENERGY
Commander inspects quality paddy plantations in Ayeyawady Div

NAW P Y TAW, 27 Sept—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe on 12 September inspected retaining wall on Ayeyawady River bank in Santan ward of Zalun and growing of lablab bean at Thalwink Wien agricultural educative camp.

Next, the commander looked into quality paddy plantations in Alamyo Village of Danuphyu Township and Iwine Village of Maubin Township. He also viewed cultivation, weeding and broadcasting fertilizer at the plantations.

After that, the commander enjoyed inter-club final football match Maubin District and presented prizes to the winning teams.—MNA

Minister inspects Kyangin-Pakokku railroad project

NAW P Y TAW, 27 Sept—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min left Pakokku Railway Station by RBE special train on 25 September and inspected construction of 285-foot-long Shweli (1) Hydropower Co Ltd was held at the hall of the Ministry of Electric Power No.2 here on 24 September. Those present at the signing ceremony were Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, deputy ministers, heads of departments and officials of Shweli (1) Hydropower Co. Ltd.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min left Pakokku station by RBE special train to inspect the railway project including laying of railway tracks on Pwintphyu-Pakokku section. He inspected laying of gravel and placing of concrete floor. The minister gave instructions on the timely completion of the project meeting the set standard.

Then, he inspected progress in construction of Myitche station in Pakokku township. The staff of Myanmar Railways Factory and arrivals of raw materials for producing concrete sleepers and timber sleepers with concrete ones between Nyaungto station and Pinchaung station and grinding of gravel and their stockpiles.

MOSA holds 6th cash providing ceremony for old sailors

YANGON, 27 Sept—The 6th ceremony to provide cash assistance for the old and sick sailors was held at training hall of Myanmar Oversea Seafarers Association at Yuzana Hotel here this morning.

A total of 69 sailors were provided with K30000 each. Later, Vice-Chairman of MOSA U Win Ngwe delivered an address and Secretary Captain U Soe Min Aung spoke words of thanks.

MEPE signs agreement with Shweli (1) Hydropower Co Ltd

NAW P Y TAW, 27 Sept—A ceremony to sign the agreement between Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and Shweli (1) Hydropower Co. Ltd was held at the hall of the Ministry of Electric Power No.2 here on 24 September.

Those present at the signing ceremony were Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, deputy ministers, heads of departments and officials of Shweli (1) Hydropower Co. Ltd.

Minister for Electric Power No. 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint made an opening speech on the occasion while Managing Director Mr Ma Lipeng spoke words of thanks.

Next, Managing Director U Khin Maung Zaw of MEPE and Managing Director Mr Ma Lipeng of Shweli (1) Hydropower Co. Ltd signed the power purchase agreement.

MNA
Rabies, a neglected disease

Dr Win Htin

Rabies is a zoonotic disease (a disease that is transmitted to humans from animals) that is caused by a virus. Rabies infects domestic and wild animals, and is spread to people through close contact with infected saliva (via bites or scratches). The disease is present on nearly every continent of the world but most human deaths occur in Asia and Africa (more than 95%). Once symptoms of the disease develop, rabies is fatal. The first symptoms of rabies are flu-like, including fever, headache and fatigue, and then progress to involve the respiratory, gastrointestinal and/or central nervous systems. In the critical stage, signs of hyperactivity (furious rabies) or paralysis (dumb rabies) dominate. In both furious and dumb rabies, some paralysis eventually progresses to complete paralysis, followed by coma and death in all cases, usually due to breathing failure. Without intensive care, death occurs during the first seven days of illness.

Rabies is widely distributed across the globe. More than 55,000 people die of rabies each year. About 95% of human deaths occur in Asia and Africa. The World Health Organization (WHO) South-East Asia Region (SEAR) carries most of the burden of rabies contributing to 60% of global mortality due to this preventable disease of the estimated 25,000 deaths due to rabies in SEAR, a majority are in India and Bangladesh. In Myanmar, rabies deaths are reported as 156, 153, 164, 186, 187, 266 and 235 annually from 2001 through 2007. Here, under-reporting can be anticipated due to conditions like, when dog bitten, victims succumb to rabies in very remote areas or when they resort to traditional remedies, quackery or faith healing at home, out of ignorance.

Most human deaths follow a bite from an infected dog. Between 30% to 60% of the victims of dog bites are children under the age of 15. Wound cleansing and immunizations, done as soon as possible after suspect contact with an animal and following WHO recommendations, can prevent the onset of the disease. Treatment and the disease is almost always fatal.

Globally, the most cost-effective strategy for preventing rabies in people is by eliminating rabies in dogs through animal vaccinations.

WHO sponsored workshop on Rabies Elimination in South-East Asia was conducted in Colombo, Sri Lanka on November 10-12, 2005. As output of the workshop the following are recommended—

- WHO should undertake advocacy at the highest level to elicit political commitment from Member States to initiate or strengthen where they exist, a comprehensive national rabies control programme.
- WHO should develop generic guidelines for establishment and implementation of a national rabies control programme and provide technical support in formulation of risk communication strategy to be integrated into national rabies control programme.
- Member States should establish a comprehensive national rabies control programme. The program should receive technical guidance and supervision from a national committee or task force that has representatives from all stakeholders.
- The national programme should have an efficient laboratory based surveillance system.
- Member States should phase out nervous tissue-derived vaccines for human and veterinary use in a defined period of time and use modern, safe vaccines of proven efficacy.
- Mass vaccination should be the mainstay of canine rabies control programme and, whenever needed, it should be supplemented with other methods like proper dog population management.
- Member State should make cell culture vaccines accessible to the people living in rural areas where the rabies burden is highest. The intra-dermal route of vaccination administration should be promoted.
- Member States should develop a risk communication strategy to obtain active involvement of communities in rabies prevention and control activities.
- Member States should encourage research to develop innovative and efficient methods and tools to reduce the cost of the rabies control programme.

In 2006, a group of researchers and professionals formed a global Alliance for Rabies Control. They created and began inviting partners to join the World Rabies Day initiative. The inaugural World Rabies Day initiative now involves human and animal health partners at the international, national, state/provincial, and local levels, veterinary, medical and other specialized professional and student organizations, and corporate and non-profit partners.

The goal of this outreach is to mobilize awareness and resources in support of human rabies prevention and animal rabies control. With the initial goal of engaging 35,000 people to take action, one for each person who dies each year from rabies, the inaugural campaign on September 8, 2007 saw participation of nearly 400,000 individuals from at least 74 countries! This overwhelming response was an important step forward for rabies prevention and control and further illustrates the widespread recognition of the need for action to control this easily preventable disease.

September 28 is World Rabies Day. The mission of World Rabies Day is to raise awareness about the impact of human and animal rabies, how easy it is to prevent it, and how to eliminate the many global sources. Even though the major impact of rabies occurs in regions of the world where many needs are present, rabies should no longer be neglected. The tools and technology for human rabies prevention and control are available.

Various related partners like ministries (Health and Livestock and Fisheries), city development committees, vaccines industries, researchers, media for health education, experts and risk communication, general administration, law enforcement, pet associations, communities, NGOs, UN agencies and stakeholders must collectively come in to play the collaboration in advocacy and planning action of rabies prevention and future elimination. Through the Year World Rabies Day initiative, partners will be working together to Make Rabies History!

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Technological University (Hpa-an), a source of the educated

Byline: Win Shwe (Myanma Alin); Photos: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung)

We teach five subjects. The term of the courses is two and a half years. Qualified students can continue their education in A.G.T.I. -

Government Technical High School (Hpa-an) is one of the technical high schools in such townships in border areas as Myitkyina, Putao, Bhamo, Sittway, Kengtung, Kalay and Taunggyi intended to sharpen the abilities of the youth of national races. There, first year student Maung Tin Htoo Wai said, “I was happy to hear the launch of this school. I am interested in study here because I am interested in all the subjects our university teaches.”

Ma Ei Thet Mon, B.Tech first year student.

Dr Tun Kyaw Myint, Principal, Government Technological University (Hpa-an). buildings are being built and programmes for human resource development are being implemented in border areas that once were behind other regions in development.

Today, the youth have easy access to higher education in their own regions, and that implies the fact that the nation will see a growing number of educated people.

Translation: MS Myanma Alin: 27-9-2009
Long-separated Korean families have reunion

Seoul, South Korea, 27 Sept—Some families long separated by the Korean War saw their loved ones Saturday for the first time in years near the border between North and South Korea. Yoon Ki-Dal, 88, of South Korea thought such a moment would never come. After leaving his son and daughters when they were babies during the Korean War, he was able to hold the hands of his North Korean children on Saturday.

“Father, we thought you were dead,” his daughter, now in her 60s, told him, her face trembling. Their family was one of 97 reunited Saturday on Mount Keumgang, a North Korean resort near the eastern part of the border, after decades of separation by war and ideology.

And soon these families will be separated again. They are allowed to be together for a few days. Then the South Koreans must return home.

Iranian missiles not threat to neighbouring states

Teheran, 27 Sept—Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps air force commander Brigadier General Hossein Salami said on Sunday that Iran’s missile system is by no means a threat to neighbouring states, the official IRNA news agency reported. According to a report released by IRGC, Salami made these remarks on the sidelines of a military war game during which various kinds of Iran’s short-range missiles were successfully tested, the report said.

The message of the war game is that the Islamic Republic is capable of giving crushing responses to all enemies who are trying to threaten Iran, he was quoted as saying. Refferring to Israel, he said “a regime which is not able to confront a group of civilians in the Gaza Strip for over 22 days had better be engaged with its own problems.”

Iran successfully launched short-range missiles and a multi-missile system during a war game carried out by IRGC on Sunday, local English-language Press TV reported.—Xinhua

Pilots’ strike continues to haunt Indian air transport

New Delhi, 27 Sept— Barely a year after the recession-hit Indian airline industry sought one billion US dollars from the country’s government, some of the leading carriers are still in a state of disarray as their constant efforts to ride out the global meltdown are somewhat being affected by what is very unusual in India — pilots’ strike.

First pilots of Jet Airways went on strike, creating havoc on India’s ever-increasing air traffic for over a week. Now, some 400 pilots of the country’s cash-strapped national carrier, Air India, went on mass sick leave and even refused to talk to the management in protest against the 25 to 50 percent cuts in their productivity-linked incentive. The fallout: some 20 flights cancelled till Saturday, including six international ones originating from the national capital on Sunday.—Xinhua

2,500 hours of live TV planned for 2010

Guangzhou Asian Games

Guangzhou, 27 Sept—The 16th Asian Games, part of the worldwide Olympic movement and governed by the Olympic Council of Asia, is planning 2,500 hours of live TV programming for the event.

This announcement and the Games’ broadcasting plans were revealed at the 1st World Broadcasters Meeting recently concluded in Guangzhou. Guangzhou Asian Games Broadcasting (GAB) will produce 2,500 hours of live TV programming with 700 hours produced in HD (High Definition) signals for worldwide TV rights holders, said the Organizing Committee.

GAB plans to use more than 45 international production teams to be “blended” with experienced Chinese TV production teams from the Beijing Olympics. Construction is on schedule for the new International Broadcast Centre which is slated for completion in Spring 2010, said the Organizing Committee.

Based in the new Asian Games Town, the IBC is adjacent to the Main Press Centre offering 50,000 square meters on four levels. The 16th Asian Games will take place 12-27 November, 2010, featuring 28 Olympic sports and 14 non-Olympic sports.—Xinhua

Chinese vice premier stresses orderly reform of health care

Nanchang, 27 Sept—Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang has called for orderly implementation of the country’s health care reform.

Li, also head of the State Council’s leading group on health care system reform, made the remarks at a symposium in Jiangxi’s capital city Nanchang on Saturday.

Li underscored major projects to be carried out to push forward the reform by the year-end:

The expansion of basic medical insurance coverage to 72 million more urban workers and unemployed residents, and ensuring at least 90 percent of the rural population to be covered. Assistance for the vaccination of 23 million people below the age of 15 against hepatitis B and providing free folic acid supplements for 11.8 million rural women who intend to get pregnant or are in the early stages of pregnancy to prevent birth defects.—Xinhua

Obama resumes health care push, vows to ‘get it done this year’

Washington, 27 Sept— After a heady week on a high-stakes world stage, President Obama returned to America’s messiest political mosh pit — the health care debate.

Speaking before the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation’s annual dinner on Saturday night, Obama described the same contentious policy pill he’s embraced since taking office: health care reform and his intention to “get it done this year.”

“We must bring about a better health care system in this country not in ten years, not in five years, not in one year, this year,” he said.

Taking on the voices that say the administration is moving too fast on health care and needs to slow down, health care reform I in recent days, Obama appeared before the UN General Assembly and the Group of 20 summit in Pittsburgh, during a week punctuated by a dramatic condemnation at the G-20 by Obama, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, and French President Nicolas Sarkozy of Iran for secretly developing a second uranium enrichment facility.—Xinhua

In this photo courtesy of the Rochester Institute of Technology Big Shot, the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian is seen in this long exposure by IRGC on Sunday, local English-language Press TV reported.—Xinhua

This NOAA satellite image taken on 27 Sept , 2009 at 2:00 am EDT shows clouds shrouding parts of the East associated with a low pressure system that is producing widespread precipitation in the Northeast and Great Lakes. This activity will continue through on Sunday as a low pressure system moves through the region.—INTERNET

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**Bank Holiday**

All Banks will be closed on 1st October (Thursday) 2009, being Bank holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

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**Buying train tickets is like going back in time**

**BEIJING, 27 Sept—**“One more time! No sleeper tickets to any city now!” roared the woman behind the counter at the train ticket agency in Beijing several days ago. Silence fell to the throng for one second. And the uproar was soon restored—“Two tickets to Nanning!” “Check T155, please!” “Can I register one more time?”

“Quiet! Whose ticket is this to Jiamusi [in North-east China]?” The ticket seller asked impatiently. “Mine!” A girl cried out rapturously among the buzz, shoved to the front and reached out her arm to hand in several 100 yuan bills, in exchange for an overnight journey on a poky train seat. She went off with a swagger, leaving the rest of us in the tiny cramped space burning with jealousy.—**Xinhua**

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**Great Confucius statue warmly welcomed in Houston**

**HOUSTON, 27 Sept—**Political leaders and government officials in southern US Metropolis of Houston on Saturday warmly welcomed China’s dedication of the Great Confucius Statue, hailing the statue as a symbol of China-US friendship. A dedication ceremony was held Saturday at Hermann Park in downtown Houston to mark the erection of the statue in the park, jointly donated by the China’s Consulate General in Houston and the local Chinese community to commemorate the 2,560th anniversary of the birth of Confucius, the ancient Chinese thinker. This year also marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the China-US diplomatic ties.

**Xinhua**
UK to announce quicker cancer testing

LONDON, 27 Sept — British Prime Minister Gordon Brown will unveil a plan to get patients suspected of having cancer to a specialist within seven days, sources said.

The sources told The Mirror that the plan will be announced on Tuesday at the Labour Party conference in Brighton and will call for all National Health Services patients to receive diagnostic tests within a week of seeing their primary care doctor. “If the NHS doesn’t give you your tests within one week you will have the right to go to an alternative NHS or private provider,” a source told the newspaper. The Daily Telegraph said on Saturday that the announcement is aimed at decreasing cancer deaths in Britain, but there are also political considerations. Sources said the plan would not go into effect until 2015 and could leave Labour vulnerable to charges the plan was aimed only at bolstering the party among voters.

Study links Einstein letters to e-mails

EVANSTON, 27 Sept — Researchers at Northwestern University in Illinois say the pen and paper letters written by geniuses like Albert Einstein are very similar to modern e-mails.

Einstein’s letters were written in cycles similar to modern e-mails. By studying letter-writing patterns of the historical geniuses, which also included Charles Darwin and Sigmund Freud, Northwestern researchers found the great minds did not write letters randomly. Instead, the researchers said, those individuals wrote multiple letters in one sitting with no particular order of importance.

The study findings were in nature to a previous Northwestern study on e-mail behavior and offered clues to how humans make choices in everyday activities, lead researcher Luis Aamar said. “We are interested in identifying and understanding patterns of human behavior, in learning how we make choices,” the chemical and biological engineering professor said. “There are patterns to how we spend our days, and these models of probability, of how people allocate their time to do certain tasks, can be applied to many different areas.”

Pain reliever may be an anti-aging drug

HUNTINGTON, 27 Sept — Taking safe dosages of acetaminophen, a common pain reliever, may help prevent muscle loss due to aging, US researchers suggest.

The animal study, published in PLoS One, found aging skeletal muscles experienced a decrease in the proper functioning of an enzyme — protein kinase B — but the pain reliever acetaminophen helped restore the enzyme to youthful levels. “Using a model that closely mimics many of the age-associated physiological changes observed in humans, we were able to demonstrate that chronic acetaminophen treatment in a recommended dosage is not only safe but might be beneficial for the treatment of the muscle dysfunction many people experience as they get older,” study leader Dr. Eric Blough of Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., said in a statement.

Additional Marshall University research, published in Diabetes/Metabolism Research and Reviews, suggests acetaminophen may decrease the severity of age-associated hyper-glycemia — high blood sugar. Blough said.

Given the finding that increases in reactive oxygen species may play a role in the development of several age-associated disorders, it is possible that acetaminophen could be used to treat many different types of conditions,” lead author Dr. Miaozong Wu said in a statement.

US, others agree to fight citrus pest

MONTERREY, 27 Sept — The United States and Latin American nations say they have banded together to fight the spread of an insect that carries a disease fatal to citrus trees. The United States, Mexico, Belize, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama Friday launched a coordinated effort to fight the spread of the Asian citrus psyllid, which has ravaged orchards in Florida and now is threatening California’s $1.6 billion citrus industry, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Representatives of the nations, meeting this week in Monterrey, Mexico, said they would all impose quarantines on the movements of plants and carry out more tests to see how the disease is spreading. Experts say the citrus psyllid is starting to populate Southern California, warning that it carries citrus greening disease, also called Huanglongbing, or HLB.
**SPORTS**

Top three all win in Spain’s Primera Liga soccer

**Madrid, 27 Sept—**FC Barcelona, Real Madrid and Sevilla all won their Saturday games in the Spanish Primera Liga soccer matches. FC Barcelona won 2-0 away to Malaga in a physical encounter in the La Rosaleda Stadium. Real Madrid moved back to the top of the table on goal difference following a 3-0 home win over Tenerife.

However, as in other games this season, the result is slightly misleading. Tenerife had as much possession and as many shots as Madrid, but lacked the cutting edge on Madrid’s big money signings. Meanwhile Sevilla remains third thanks to a 4-0 win away to Athletic club Bilbao. Renato, Alvaro Negredo, Luis Fabiano and Jesus Navas scored against a home side that never got into gear and which ended with 10 men following the sending off of defender Fernando Amorebieta. — Xinhua

Benitez wants more from hat-trick hero Torres

**Liverpool, 27 Sept—**Hat-trick hero Fernando Torres helped Liverpool make their best goal-scoring start to a league season in over 100 years - yet manager Rafa Benitez has told him that he is still not fulfilling his potential.

Torres took just 47 minutes to claim his treble in the 6-1 victory over struggling Hull City at Anfield on Saturday, taking his tally for the season to eight goals.

As a team, Liverpool have scored 22 times in seven games, their best goal-scoring start to a league season in over 100 years - yet manager Rafa Benitez has told him that he is still not fulfilling his potential.

Mainly, the main thing is his mentality,” he said about Fernando I say that he is keen to learn, that’s the main thing. That means he will improve, how much he improves is down to him. — Internet

Chelsea slip to this season’s first defeat as Wigan overplaying

**London, 27 Sept—**Chelsea failed to achieve their seventh consecutive win in the English Premier League this season as Wigan dominated strongly at home to beat the Blues 3-1.

Powerhouses Manchester United, Arsenal and Liverpool all took victory while Manchester United scooped the top position.

Chelsea conceded a goal first as Titus Bramble headed home from close range after 16 minutes, but managed to make amends with Didier Drogba’s 100th goal for the club only two minutes into the second half.

However, a seemingly unbeaten Chelsea were shocked five minutes after the equalizer as goalkeeper Petr Cech was sent off for foul to Wigan’s Colombian striker Hugo Rodallega.

Chelsea boss Ancelotti had to replace Florent Malouda with Henrique Hilario but the substitute goalkeeper was unable to prevent Rodallega scoring from the penalty spot.

Then, a 10-man Chelsea could hardly make any threat, leaving Wigan to seal the win at 3-1 with Paul Scharner’s injury time goal. It is Wigan’s first win over a top four club in their Premier League history.

Germany beats US 3-0 at U20 WCup

**Suz, 27 Sept—**Germany defeated the United States 3-0 at the under-20 World Cup. The Americans produced few chances. A strong drive from Jared Jeffrey hit the crossbar in the 65th minute.

Germany got goals from Dani Schahin, Florian Jungwirth and Manuel Schaeffler on Saturday.

Schahin put Germany ahead in the 30th, sending American keeper Brian Perk the wrong way with a penalty kick. Jungwirth added the second two minutes later, firing the ball past Perk from the edge of the area. In the 72nd, Schaeffler made it 3-0 after taking a cross from substitute Cihan Kaptan.

Liverpool’s forward Fernando Torres (R) fights for the ball with Hull City’s midfielder George Boateng (L) during their English Premier League football match at Anfield in Liverpool.—Internet

Manchester United’s player Ryan Giggs (C) threads a pass through Stoke City players during their English Premier League football match at the Britannia Stadium in Stoke-on-Trent.—Internet

Fergie hails Giggs as United go top

**Stoke, 27 Sept—**Sir Alex Ferguson paid tribute to Ryan Giggs for the inspiration he provided in the 2-0 defeat of Wigan which helped Manchester United to the Premier League summit for the first time this season.

United manager Ferguson believes Welsh midfielder Giggs will play a crucial role in the champions’ attempt to retain the English title this season after another decisive display in Saturday’s win at the Britannia Stadium.

Giggs already has 11 Premier League winners medals to his collection, but the 35-year-old showed he is still razor-sharp in body and mind as he produced a 20-minute period of mayhem, after replacing Portuguese international Nani, that secured a seventh straight victory for United in all competitions.

He will be 36 in November and beneficial from being given some rest after his excursions in the Manchester derby last Sunday, before emerging to set up goals for Dimitar Berbatov and John O’Shea, on the Irish international’s 350th appearance for the club. — Internet

Sharapova faces strong field in Tokyo

**Tokyo, 27 Sept—**Crowd favourite Maria Sharapova returns to Tokyo where she won her first career WTA title six years ago to face a strong field at the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament.

Twenty five out of the top 30 players in the world will take part in the two-million-dollar event, which gets under way on Sunday on the outdoor hard courts at the Ariake Coliseum. Australian Open and Wimbledon champion Serena Williams withdrew with knee and ankle injuries, joining Amelie Mauresmo of France with a stomach pain and Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia with a side injury. — Internet

Ochoa, Gustafsson share LPGA lead

**Daville, 27 Sept—**Lorena Ochoa insists she wasn’t bothered when critics questioned her game earlier this year. If anything, the world’s top-ranked player agreed with them. “I respect the opinion of the media and the players, and the results show I wasn’t playing my best golf, so it’s OK for people to talk,” Ochoa said. “Also I say that I’ve been working hard and I feel much better. I feel that I’m getting in a better rhythm and that’s why I’m here today.”

Ochoa birdied five of her last seven holes for a 7-under 65 on Saturday and a share of the third-round lead with Sofie Gustafsson in the CVS/pharmacy LPGA Challenge. — Internet

Answers to yesterday’s Crosswords Puzzle

**Pearl, 27 Sept—**Lyons went top in France on Saturday after coming back from a goal down to defeat Toulouse 2-1 while Marseille suffered their first defeat of the campaign, a 3-2 loss at Valencienes coming just four days before a Champions League trip to Real Madrid.

Lyons are a point ahead of champions Bordeaux, who tackle Rennes on Sunday, while Marseille are in third spot, three points behind the leaders.

Marseille’s build-up to their crucial European assignment at mighty Real Madrid suffered an embarrassing setback when they twice surrendered the lead at Valenciennes. Former Real Madrid and Liverpool striker Fernando Morientes started his first match for Marseille since his summer switch from Valencia and the former Spanish international star opened the scoring in the 13th minute after good work by Lucho and Brandao.

FIFA World Cup. The American keeper Brian Perk the wrong way with a penalty kick. Jungwirth added the second two minutes later, firing the ball past Perk from the edge of the area. In the 72nd, Schaeffler made it 3-0 after taking a cross from substitute Cihan Kaptan.

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Rat delays Air India Amritsar-London flight

NEW DELHI, 27 Sept—A rat delayed a London-bound Air India flight from the Rajasansi airport in Punjab, northern India, on Saturday morning, said an airport director.

Flight AI-187, which was scheduled to depart at 6:30 am local time on Saturday from Amritsar, did not leave the airport even four hours later. There were 238 passengers on the flight. A rat entered the aircraft and the crew tried to search for it, airport director Chinson Panakal said.

Airport officials said some passengers noticed the rat in the plane and informed the staff. The passengers were taken off the plane and waited at the airport for Air India to make alternate arrangements. Some of the passengers said they were unnecessarily harassed due to negligence of arrangements. Passengers, especially senior citizens and those with children, said they had to suffer because of inadequate arrangements.

Xinhua

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WEATHER

Sunday, 27th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rain or thundershowers. Scattered rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and Sagain Division, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfall in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (0.23) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Lewo) (0.20) inch, Gwa (3.62) inches, Manauung (3.03) inches, Kyauktaw (2.56) inches, Thayawady (2.48) inches, Thandwe (2.32) inches, Hinthada (2.28) inches, Hmawbi (2.21) inches, Ye and Kawthuang (2.09) inches each and Magway (1.92) inches.

Maximum temperature on 26-9-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature at 09:30 hrs MST on 27-9-2009 was 62.5°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 27-9-2009 was 62.5%.

Total sun shine hours on 26-9-2009 was 0.5 hours approx.

Rainfall on 27-9-2009 was (1.77) inches at Mingaladon, (1.62) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.26) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (98.90) inches at Mingaladon, (108.35) inches at Kaba-Aye and (115.59) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (21:30) hours MST on 26-9-2009.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28th September 2009:

Rain or thundershowers will be isolated scattered in Kachin, Chin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon, Kayin States and Tanimby Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-9-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

Technological University (Hpa-an), a source of the educated

The automobile with our news crew on board was en route at high speed from Hpa-an to Mt. Zwegabin. On both sides along the road were green paddy fields. Kya-in mountain range near Technological University (Hpa-an) was seen from afar. Some time later, we were greeted by the prestigious university. It was pleasant to view the educational institution with the mountain range in the background.

In an interview, Principal of the university Dr Tun Kyaw Myint said, “Our university came into being as a government technical high school on 6 September 1993. It was upgraded to Government Technical Institute on 12 August 1998, to Government Technological College on 28 December 2000, and to Technological University on 20 January 2007. Our university is located near Yetha Village in Hpa-an with an area of 35.194 acres.”

Till 1988, higher education was available only in Yangon and Mandalay. With the aim of enabling the youth across the nation to pursue higher education in their own regions, all the colleges in the 24 special development regions were upgraded to universities on 20 January 2007.


Ma Ei Mon Thet, a first year student of B-Tech Course, said, “I have learnt that in those days, the youth here had to go to Yangon or Mandalay if they wanted to pursue higher education. When I passed matriculation exams, our state had already got universities. So, we do not need to go to other regions for tertiary education. We can study in our own region, so we can save time and money a lot.”

B.Tech first year student Ma Mi Myo Myo Kyaw said, “I’m from Kawkareik Township. I am interested in technology since my youth. Now, I am studying the subjects I am interested in. So, I have decided to try my best in my studies. I think I will play a role in public welfare service with what I have learnt from the university. And I will continue to try to be a role model for my juniors.”

On arrival at the Government Technical High School, I interviewed Principal U Htin Aung Nyunt. He said, “Our school was opened this academic year. Anyone under 18 who has passed the eighth standard can join our school.”

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