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Prime Minister felicitates Chinese counterpart

NAV PYI TAW, 1 Oct—On the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People’s Republic of China, which falls on 1st October 2009, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China.—MNA

Secretary-1 attends opening of Myanmar Industrial Development Bank (Nay Pyi Taw)

NAV PYI TAW, 30 Sept—A ceremony to open Myanmar Industrial Development Bank (Nay Pyi Taw) under the Ministry of Industry-2 was held at the compound of the bank in Nay Pyi Taw Ottarathiri at 7.30 am today. Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo formally unveiled the plaque of the bank building. Also present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, (See page 8)

True patriotism
* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

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 accord with the new State Constitution

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

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

Photo shows Myanmar Industrial Development Bank (Nay Pyi Taw) of Ministry of Industry-2.—MNA
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Cherish and uphold Myanmar family spirit of caring for aged people


Helping and sympathizing with their fellows, especially the weak, is the fine tradition of human beings. Every nation in the world is taking care of older people in their own way. Some provide care based on house-to-house system, some based on family, some based on community and some by establishing homes for the aged.

Myanmar, in its drive for national development, is also working for the development of the social sector. Myanmar woman philanthropist Daw Oo Zun pioneered the work of caring for older people by building the first home for the aged at Mingun.

Caring for the aged is in accord with the 38 Ways to Blessings, the Buddha’s teachings on the right way of living. Myanmar people regard looking after their aged parents and grandparents as an honour and it is a family spirit that should always be upheld.

Nowadays, there are 59 homes for the aged in Myanmar and older people are being cared for there. With the concerted effort and support of regional authorities and well-wishers, there will be more new homes for the aged.

In line with the 38 Ways to Blessings and the motto for International Day of Older Persons: Towards A Society For All Ages, the youth today should always help and care for their grandparents with full understanding and sympathy.

Forestry Minister attends opening of new school building in Dimawhso Township

NAVG PI TAW, 30 Sept—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Than Aung together with Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Win Myint attended the opening of new school building for Daw-ngaung-khar Basic Education Middle School in Dimawhso Township.

28 September. The minister delivered an address and inspected the new school building.

The new school building is 120 feet long and 30 feet wide and it was built at a cost of K 18.7 million.

Next, the minister and the chairman met with local people at Ngwetaungpyi. Pariyatti Sarthintaik and presented cash for regional development.

Then they visited vocational training school of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Loikaw on 29 September.

They met with instructors and trainees and presented cash assistance for the school. At Kayah State Home for the Aged, the minister and the chairman inspected construction of new building for the home and presented cash assistance.

FM sends felicitations to PRC

NAVG PI TAW, 1 Oct—On the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People’s Republic of China, which falls on 1st October 2009, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Yang Jiechi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China.—MNA

FM felicitates Nigerian counterpart

NAVG PI TAW, 1 Oct—On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which falls on 1 October 2009, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Chief Ojo Maduekwe, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.—MNA

EP No. 1 Minister receives Chinese and Thai guests

NAVG PI TAW, 30 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min received Vice-President Mr. Bi Ya’xiong of China Three Gorges Project Corporation (CTGPC) of PRC and Managing Director Mr. Pronte Chai of Egat International Co., Ltd of Thailand and party.—MNA

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Taungdwingyi Township Association (Yangon) makes collective donation

YANGON, 30 Sept—The third donation ceremony of Taungdwingyi Township Association (Yangon) took place at Paukzedi monastery in Mayangon Township on 23 September.

Dr Bo Kyi read out the agenda and U Khin Maung Myint the list of the names of wellwishers. After that, Chairman Col Sein Maung (Retd) explained the donation. Chairman Col Sein Maung (Retd), vice-chairman U Kyaw Soe, treasurer Daw Mi Mi Khaing, executives and members donated offeritories to the monastery and shared the merits gained. —NLM

Collective donation ceremony of Taungdwingyi Township Association (Yangon) in progress.—NLM

FM sends felicitations to Cyprus

NAVG PI TAW, 1 Oct—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Markos Kyprianos, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Cyprus, which falls on 1 October 2009.—MNA
Escalating insurgency, conflicts claim over 150 lives in Afghanistan in one week

KABUL, 30 Sept—Growing Taleban-linked violent incidents and conflicts in Afghanistan have claimed the lives of more than 150 people, with majority of them civilians over the past one week.

In the latest string of violence in the militancy-plagued country, a roadside bomb struck a passenger bus on Tuesday morning in Taleban stronghold Kandahar, killing 30 persons and wounding 39 others.

In the tragic incident occurred in Maiwand district of Kandahar Province this morning, 30 innocent civilians including 10 children, seven women and 13 men have been killed and 39 others sustained injuries, a statement of the Interior Ministry released here said.

Blaming the enemies of Afghanistan, a term used against Taleban militants for organizing the bloody attack, the statement stressed the bus was heading from Herat to the capital city Kabul when the tragic incident occurred.

A similar incident in the same district on Monday also killed and injured five commuters of a car, the statement said.

On Monday, suspected Taleban militants were killed as Afghan and the Coalition forces launched operation in Farah Province west of Afghanistan.

NATO invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 30 September reached 698,832 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,259,690, according to the news on the internet.

Suicide bomber hits military convoy in Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 Sept—A suicide bomber rammed his car into a foreign military convoy in southeastern Afghanistan on Wednesday, causing casualties, a provincial officials said.

The attack occurred as the convoy crossed a bridge in the Mandozai district of Khost Province bordering Pakistan, district chief Wali Shah said.

“One of the cars belonging to the troops is on fire and there are some casualties among them, but at this stage I have no precise information,” he told Reuters, adding that a foreign helicopter could be seen evacuating casualties from the scene. A spokesperson for the NATO-led force in Afghanistan which along with US troops operates in the province said she had no information about the blast. —Internet

Bombs explode throughout Iraq, kill 15

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept—Bombs exploding throughout Iraq took at least 15 lives and wounded many others, police said.

A bomb placed on a small bus exploded, killing at least three passengers and wounding two in Diwanyah, a town approximately 100 miles south of Baghdad. Three people were killed, including an army battalion commander, and at least 28 were wounded, when two bombs exploded in Ghazaliyah, a Sunni area in Baghdad, security officials said.

In Mosul, a bomb killed two policemen, the news service said. —Internet

Security remains number one obstacle in rebuilding Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, 30 Sept—Insecurity continues to be the single greatest factor impeding progress in Afghanistan, said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a report released here Tuesday. The key to long-term stability requires the international community to train and equip Afghan troops and police to fight a politically driven insurgency, said the report which was circulated in the Security Council. Echoing the secretary-general’s call, his special representative, Kai Eide, told reporters after briefing the 15-nation Council that while more international troops are needed, Afghan security forces require better weapons, equipment and incentives. —Internet

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

KABUL, 30 Sept—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 32,093 Afghan people were killed and 37,781 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 30 September.

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Climate change means more hungry children

JOHANNESBURG, 30 Sept — Scientists fear climate change will mean 25 million more hungry children over the next four decades, with subsistence farmers in Africa and Asia particularly hard hit by global warming, according to a report issued on Wednesday.

The authoritative International Food Policy Research Institute said even without climate change, 113 million children under 5 years old will be malnourished in 2050 worldwide. With climate change, the figure would be 20 percent more.

As many as 15 million of those additional malnourished children would be African.

“The negative effects of climate change on crop production are especially pronounced in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia,” the report concludes.

The institute, part of a global network devoted to using science to improve farming, called on governments and donors to invest in research, irrigation and rural roads. These areas are seen as key to helping small-scale farmers produce more and earn more by getting to market.

Consumer confidence unexpectedly falls in Sept

NEW YORK, 30 Sept — US consumer confidence fell unexpectedly in September as the worst job prospects in 26 years fueled worries over personal finances, according to a report released on Tuesday.

The Conference Board, an industry group, said its index of consumer attitudes fell to 53.1 in September from a revised 54.5 in August.

Analysts polled by Reuters had expected a rise to 57.0 from an originally reported 54.1.

Reflecting Americans’ worries about employment prospects, the index measuring jobs “hard to get,” rose to 47.0 from 44.3. At the other end of the scale, the gauge of “jobs plentiful” fell to 3.4 from 4.3. That was the lowest since February 1983.

Typhoon kills nearly 50 in Vietnam, Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 30 Sept — Typhoon Ketsana has killed at least 11 people in northeastern and central Cambodia, police and government officials said on Wednesday, after the storm left another 38 dead in Vietnam.

Nine were killed and 35 injured in central Cambodia while two died in the northeast overnight as the country was battered by the storm, officials said.

“At least nine people were crushed last night when their houses fell down,” said Chea Cheat, chief of the Red Cross office in central Kampong Thom Province.

Chea Cheat added that at least 92 houses in his province were destroyed on Tuesday evening and that heavy rain and rising floods were continuing.

Russia against extra sanctions on Iran because of missile tests

MOSCOW, 30 Sept — Iran’s recent missile tests should not be used as a reason for imposing further sanctions, said Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov on Tuesday.

“Given the heated political debates over the Iranian nuclear programme, this test itself naturally gives more arguments to those who are proposing that extra sanctions be considered,” the Interfax news agency quoted the diplomat as saying.

However, “when and whether sanctions against Iran will become inevitable is a completely separate issue, one that we are yet to address,” he said.

Ryabkov also reiterated that “the substance of the Russian position is that...we should pool our resources together and do everything possible in the interests of a diplomatic, political solution to the Iranian nuclear problem.”

Following a series of short-range missile tests, Iran on Monday test-fired the long-range Shahab-3 missile and the surface-to-surface Sajil missile, both reportedly are capable of hitting objectives in Israel, most Arab countries and southern Europe.

Somali pirate attacks up after monsoon lull

MANAMA, 30 Sept — Piracy off the coast of Somalia has increased following a lull, with four failed attempts in the Gulf of Aden in the past 10 days, the US Navy said on Tuesday.

Attacks were picking up after the lull of several months, as the monsoon season was ending and seas were no longer high enough to prevent pirates from operating their small skiffs.

The US Navy reported three separate piracy attempts on 19 and 20 September, while a Turkish naval ship foiled the hijacking of a Panama-flagged vessel and detained seven suspected pirates on 26 September.

There have been 146 attacks on merchant vessels so far this year, 28 of them successful, the Navy said in a statement.

More than 100 believed dead in Pacific tsunami

WELLINGTON, 30 Sept — More than 100 people were believed to have been killed after an earthquake triggered a tsunami in the Pacific Ocean on Wednesday, officials said.

The quake measuring 8.0 on the Richter scale occurred near the islands of Samoa and American Samoa at 6:48 am on Wednesday New Zealand time, generating waves of up to five metres high.

The quake’s epicenter was 190 km southwest of the islands.

Police in American Samoa on Wednesday told Radio New Zealand that 19 bodies have been recovered so far, and the capital Pago Pago is said to be devastated.

In Tonga, there were reports of 10 deaths on the island of Niutatupatutu, which borders Samoa.

New Zealand’s Acting Prime Minister Bill English told a press conference on Wednesday afternoon that “reliable but unconfirmed” reports said a New Zealand was killed.

A local tries to get in his flooded house following the passage of the Typhoon Ketsana in the tourist town of Hoi An in central Vietnam. —INTERNET

The destroyed US humvee vehicle after a landmine blast on Jolo island in the Philippines. Abu Sayyaf militants are suspected to have placed a roadside bomb that killed two US soldiers in the southern Philippines, a Filipino military commander said on Wednesday. —INTERNET

A car is seen pushed up against a bridge after strong sea water from the tsunami filled a small stream in the village of Pagatogo, located in the main town area in American Samoa on 29 Sept, 2009. —INTERNET

Marines from NATO’s Turkish frigate Gediz (L) arrest suspected pirates in their skiff in the Gulf of Aden on 26 Sept, 2009. —INTERNET
Russia, Belarus to hold joint drills once every two years

MOSCOW, 30 Sept—Russia and Belarus will hold large-scale, joint strategic military exercises similar to “Zapad 2009 (West 2009)” once every two years, said Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Tuesday.

When inspecting troops involved in the exercises in Baranovichi, Belarus, with his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko, Medvedev said the two leaders “have agreed that such exercises will be held once every two years alternately in Belarus and Russia.” “We hope to hold such exercises in the future, because such military events are the only way to improve combat skills and set up a quality defence system for our countries and our Union,” the Interfax news agency quoted Medvedev as saying. When attending another stage of the drills held in Russia’s western enclave of Kaliningrad on Monday, Medvedev stressed that the drills were defensive. “I would like to emphasize particularly that these exercises are purely defensive, and are being held in line with international law, and are aimed at helping our countries in developing their armed forces and protecting our states and our Union,” he said.—Xinhua

Two high-speed railways begin to operate in E China

FUZHOU, 30 Sept—Two high-speed passenger railway lines linking east China’s Fujian Province with neighbouring Zhejiang Province went into operation on Monday, which greatly shorten the travel time from mountains Fujian to the Yangtze River Delta.

The Fuzhou-Wenzhou line shortens the travel time from 15 hours to 100 minutes. Trains can run at 250 km per hour on the line, said Gao An’gang, official with Nanchang Railway Bureau, which is responsible for the construction. The other line links Wenzhou with Ningbo cities, both in Zhejiang.

The two lines, about 580 km in total, began construction in 2004 and 2005 respectively. The railways, linked with lines to Shanghai, also cut the travel time from Fuzhou to Shanghai from 11 hours to about five hours.

The railway official said that another four high-speed railway lines are under construction in Fujian to link cities including Xiamen and Putian in two to three years.

Vietnam’s coffee export turnover expected to drop 18% in first nine months

HANOI, 30 Sept—Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development said the country is expected to earn over 1.3 billion US dollars from coffee export in the first nine months of this year, down 18 percent year-on-year, local newspaper the Labor reported on Wednesday. In this period, Vietnam exported 893,000 tons of coffee, up 16.8 percent over the same period last year, said the newspaper.

The year-on-year decrease in export turnover of coffee in the first nine months is due to the sharp decline in coffee price this year, according to the newspaper.—Xinhua

Hundreds protest against Chicago’s Olympic bid

CHICAGO, 30 Sept—About 300 protesters demonstrated in Chicago’s City Hall on Tuesday evening against Chicago’s Olympic bid, saying the financial investment could be better used on health clinics, schools and other projects.

The demonstration was organized by “No Games Chicago.” Protesters also criticized President Obama’s support of the bid. The protesters say city officials have not proven they can bring in large infrastructure projects under budget and without corruption.

“The people backing the bid have hundreds of millions of dollars. We’re just citizens. It can be disheartening,” said James Owens, 42, of Chicago, a web programmer.—Xinhua

Argentina’s economy recovers in step with global community

BUENOS AIRES, 30 Sept—Argentina’s economy was recovering from the global financial crisis in step with the international community, Augusto de la Torre, chief economist of the World Bank, said on Tuesday.

“The worst time of the crisis has already passed, and the world economy will recover, at least in short terms, in mid 2010,” de la Torre was quoted by local daily La Nacion as saying.—Xinhua

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Vietnam expects further co-op with Saudi Arabia

HANOI, 30 Sept—Vietnam’s Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIT) said that Vietnam expects further cooperation with Saudi Arabia in a wide range of fields, especially labour export, trade and investment, the local newspaper Vietnam Economic Times reported on Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia has shown a great demand on importing products that Vietnam has advantages to offer such as garment, footwear, and coal, said Vietnamese minister of Ministry of Industry and Trade Vu Huy Hoang.

Vietnam shows interest in cooperation with Saudi Arabia in banking and finance and labour export, said Hoang.

People of Miao ethnic group perform bullfight in Longli County, southwest China’s Guizhou Province, on 29 Sept, 2009. The local villagers of Miao ethnic group held a series of activities to greet the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China.—Xinhua
Toyota plans huge US recall for dangerous floor mats

DETROIT/WASHINGTON, 30 Sept—Toyota Motor Corp said it will recall some 3.8 million vehicles in the United States because of the risk that a loose floor mat could force down the accelerator, a problem suspected of causing crashes that have killed five people.

The recall also comes at a critical time for Toyota as it scrambles to squeeze spending to bounce back from record losses forecast this year amid a broad-based slump in car sales.

“This is an urgent matter,” said US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

The US government said it has received reports of 100 related incidents that include 17 crashes and five fatalities involving Toyota vehicles.

Rain, wind affect 130,000 people in S Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 Sept—The number of people affected by the strong wind and rain hitting Brazil’s southern region for the past few days has reached 130,000, the Brazilian government announced on Tuesday.

Since Saturday, a state of emergency has been declared in 32 municipalities in the three southern states.

Rising water levels of the region’s rivers caused floods in several towns. Strong wind and floods damaged houses and bridges, and mudslides blocked several roads in the three states.

In Santa Catarina state, where some 82,000 people were affected by the storms, 17 municipalities have declared a state of emergency and over 5,300 people were left homeless.

The state registered winds of 142.5 kilometers per hour on Monday morning, and of 138 kilometers per hour on Saturday.

Authorities are still investigating if there was a tornado in the region.

In Rio Grande do Sul state near Brazil’s southern border, one person died and two went missing after their vehicles were swamped with water.

A total of 15 municipalities have declared a state of emergency, with 8,000 houses damaged and some 4,800 people left homeless.—Xinhua

More biofuel corn would hurt water

WEST LAFAYETTE, 30 Sept—US scientists say they have determined growing more corn to produce biofuels would contaminate water sources.

Purdue University researchers said their study of Indiana water sources found those near fields that practice continuous-corn rotations had higher levels of nitrogen, fungicides and phosphorus than corn-soybean rotations.

“When you move from corn-soybean rotations to continuous corn, the sediment losses will be much greater,” Associate Professor Indrajit Chaudhry, who led the study, said. “Increased sediment losses allow more fungicide and phosphorus to get into the water because they move with sediment.”

The researchers said nitrogen and fungicides are more heavily used in corn crops than soybeans, increasing the amounts found in the soil of continuous-corn fields.—Xinhua

Living in a pub helped shape my career, says Wenger

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger credits living in a pub for helping to shape his outlook on life and knowledge of football, media reported on Friday.

Wenger’s parents owned a bistro called Le Croix d’Or in the little French village of Duttlenheim where he would spend hours in the company of the football-loving customers.

The Frenchman spoke about his early life at the League Managers Association’s conference at his Premier League club’s Emirates Stadium.

“There is no better psychological education than growing up in a pub because when you are five or six years old you meet all different people and hear how cruel they can be to each other,” he told delegates.

“You hear the way they talk to each other like saying ‘You’re a liar.’

And from an early age you get a practical psychological education into the minds of people.

Ming Dynasty shipwreck to be raised

Chinese officials say they will begin an effort to raise a sunken ship that dates from the Ming Dynasty as soon as weather permits. The wreck, which was discovered in 2007 off Guangdong Province, is laden with more than 10,000 pieces of porcelain and sank during the Wanli period of the Ming Dynasty, which lasted from 1573 to 1620.

Chen Jianwu, a spokesman for Nan’ao County’s maritime bureau, said the remains of the ship will probably be brought to the surface from its resting place 27 metres (88.6 feet) deep sometime in December. Underwater archaeologists spent more than 800 days surveying the 25.5-metre (83.6-foot) long ship and preparing it for the trip to the surface.

Fanged frog, 162 other new species found in Mekong

A gecko with leopard-like spots on its body and a fanged frog that eats birds are among 163 new species discovered last year in the Mekong River region of Southeast Asia, an environmental group said.

WWF International said that scientists in 2008 discovered 100 plants, 28 fish, 18 reptiles, 14 amphibians, two mammals and one bird species in the region.

That works out to be about three species a week and is in addition to the 1,000 new species catalogued there from 1997 to 2007, the group said.

“Af€er millennia in hiding these species are now finally in the spotlight, and there are clearly more waiting to be discovered,” said Stuart Chapman, director of the WWF Greater Mekong Programme.

This photo taken on 1 Jan, 2008, released by The World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) a Cat Ba leopard gecko, known by its scientific name Goniuro-saurus catbaensis, is seen in Cat Ba Island National Park in northern Vietnam. This species was among 163 new species discovered last year in Greater Mekong region, a biologically rich region that stretches over five countries and borders the mighty Mekong River, an environmental group said.

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A butterfly (Aglais urticae), seen on a blossom in a garden near Boetzingen, southern Germany.
Mogaung in Kachin State keeping track of development

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

As the Tatmadaw government had managed to restore national consolidation, border areas have now become tranquil and developed at unprecedented level. Border regions of Kachin State once lagged behind in development due to lack of stability. Far from development, border areas were in a state of turmoil. But now peace and tranquility have prevailed even in far-flung areas of border regions.

Our media crew from Myanma Alin daily recently went to Mogaung in Mohnyin District of Kachin State to collect some facts for byline about development of the region. Under the arrangement of the township Peace and Development Council, we were conducted round by Secretary Daw Khin San of the township PDC. We toured the township in company with Assistant Engineer U Zaw Oo of the township DAC, Staff Officer Daw Aye Aye Lin of Information and Public Relations Department, and township reporter Ko Htet Thu Aung.

Mogaung is situated in Mohnyin District of Kachin State. Mogaung shares border with Tanai in the north, Myitkyina in the east, Mohnyin and Hopin in the south, Phakant and Kamai in the west. Ayeyawady river flows in the east of Mogaung and is surrounded by mountain ranges in the east and west. Mogaung creek flowing in the east of Mogaung used to be a natural barrier for the township but now with Mogaung Bridge across the creek, Myitkyina in North-East of the township became accessible. Likewise, with the emergence of Kyundaw Bridge across Nanyin creek, the town has an easy access to Kamai and Phakant. With respect to transportation, Shwebo-Myitkyina-Udon Highway and railroad stretching from south to north contributes to further development of Mogaung.

The economy of Mogaung is booming as gem miners and gemmining entrepreneurs from various regions go to Phakant, land of precious stones, via Mogaung, which is only 67 miles far from Phakant, and the township is alive with a stream of comings and goings of passengers.

As the government has been fulfilling all the necessities for development of border regions, Mogaung has seen progress in health, education and communication sectors at a great pace.

In an interview, head of township health department Dr Khin Maung Tun said, “Previously Mogaung was only equipped with one 25-bed hospital and one station hospital. But, now the 25-bed hospital has been upgraded to 50-bed one. What’s more, two more station hospitals have been opened in Namati and Sahmaw villages. So, locals now can enjoy wide-ranging health care.”

Likewise, education sector of Mogaung has been promoted to certain level, with only four Basic Education High Schools, seven Basic Education Middle Schools, 93 Basic Education Primary Schools before 1988, the township has got five BEHSs, 10 BEMSs, and 111 BEPSs now. Out of 1,841 students sitting matriculation examination of 2009 academic year, 672 students passed the examination, the pass rate stood at 36.50 percent. Education Officer of the township Daw San Myint said that and 57 one-distinction winners last year.

Similarly, communication sector has seen much progress, with Mogaung dwellers now having access to Auto Exchange, cellular and CDMA telephone. In addition, streets and markets become better than ever before. Township Development Affairs Committee has been carrying out tasks for beautifying the township. Shade trees and flowery plants can be seen growing along the streets in the township.

Thus, Mogaung of Kachin State has emerged as a town with all-round development after 1998.
Secretary-1 attends opening of Myanma Industrial Development Bank (Nay Pyi Taw)

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the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the managing director of Myanma Industrial Development Bank and members of the Board of Directors, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and guests.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein cut the ribbon to open the bank.

The Secretary-1 unveiled the stone plaque and sprinkled scented water on it.

The commander and the ministers also sprinkled scented water on the building.

Afterwards, the secretary-1 and party visited the bank building.

The two-storey reinforced concrete building of the bank has an area of 20,916 square feet.

The newly-opened bank is giving the banking services to the customers commencing today. With a view to developing the Myanmar industries, branches of Myanma Industrial Development Bank have been opened in Yangon, Mandalay, Meiktila and Monywa.

Ministers Maj-Gen Hla Tun and Vice-Admiral Soe Thein open Myanma Industrial Development Bank (Nay Pyi Taw).

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Kidney transplant successfully performed

YANGON, 29 Sept—Health Ministry started the work of kidney transplant at New Yangon General Hospital here at 9 am today. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe visited the hospital, met uro- and kidney medical team, anaesthetist team, uro-surgical and kidney surgical specialist team, specialists and nurses and fulfilled the needs of treatment.

Professor Dr U Toe Lwin, Associate Prof Dr U Phone Myint and two specialists started taking out the kidney from 20-year-old donor Ma San Hti Bwa, the younger sister of the recipient, at 9.40 am and finished it at 12.25 pm. Prof Dr U Toe Lwin, Prof Dr U Win Myaing, Associate Prof Dr U Kyaw Swa Hlaing and two specialists started a kidney transplant at 11.10 am and successfully finished transplanting the kidney into patient Ma San Phaung Bwa aged 23 at 3.45 pm.

After the kidney transplant, the deputy minister posed for a documentary photo together with the professors, specialists, nurses and hospital staff and gave an honorary speech. The specialists and nurses are providing proper health care for kidney donor Ma San Hti Bwa and recipient Ma San Phaung Bwa.

Myanmar started successful kidney transplant operations in 1997. The 13th kidney transplant operation was performed this year. There have been 36 patients who underwent kidney transplant. The two kidneys of Ma San Phaung Bwa were damaged by 80 per cent and her younger sister Ma San Hti Bwa donated one of her two kidneys. It is learnt that the specialists, doctors and other respective medical teams are not only from Yangon but also from Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay.

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Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe views process of kidney transplant being performed by specialists and nurses at New Yangon General Hospital.

HEALTH
Sports Minister performs regional development in Myaung, Sagaing Townships

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint on 27 September presented sports gear to Monywa University and Institute of Economics (Monywa).

On 28 September, the minister met with local people from SweleO, Pauktaw, Kyaukphukon, HaytinU, Latyatma, Kudohkon and Phwar saw villages at Phwar saw village in Myaung Township and presented desks for monastic education post primary school in Phwar saw village, cash assistance, exercises books and sports gear for post primary school and books and journals for the library.

Next, the minister comforted patients at Wahchat Jivitadana Hospital in Sagaing and fulfilled the requirements.

The minister met with local people from Maubin (East/West), Kondanlay, Hsinmyay, Daungma, Naukkyi, Kywel u and Tegyi villages at Maubin village in Sagaing Township. The minister also inspected village road, bridges and businesses and provided cash assistance for construction of concrete bridge in Hsinmyay village and desks for Tegyi village primary school.—MNA

Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—A very strong earthquake of intensity (7.9) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Samoa Islands Region) about (6600) miles southeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (00) hr (31) min (46) sec M.S.T today.—MNA

Publications for schools in border regions

YANGON, 30 Sept—The Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs organized the 12th ceremony to present publications donated by private-owned literary houses to schools in border regions at the auditorium of the ministry here yesterday.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for PBANRDA Col Tin Ngwe, the secretary of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, the managing director of Sibin Thaya Yay Bank Limited and departmental officials, service personnel and wellwishers, private teachers who taught at the schools in border regions.

First, Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe delivered an address.

Next, the deputy minister and officials accepted publications presented by 12 wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Then Deputy Director-General Dr Soe Thein of Education and Training Department presented certificates of honour to five private teachers.

On behalf of the wellwishers, U Kan Chun (Eco) explained the purpose of donation.—MNA

Construction Deputy Minister inspects Pathein-Monywa road section

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe heard reports presented by officials at the briefing hall of Ngwethachaung Bridge Construction Project between mile post Nos (3/7) and (4/0) on Pathein-Monywa Road on 25 September and gave necessary instructions.

The deputy minister looked into condition of the road at mile post No (11/7) on Pathein-Monywa Road and Myaukyama creek bridge construction project on Warkhoke-Monywa road section of Pathein-Monywa road.—MNA
CPT Minister inspects communication services

YANGON, 30 Sept—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected W-CDMA mobile station and work site for implementing Myanmar Unicode in Ahlon Township here on 28 September and gave instructions on upgrading of communication services to heads of departments and chief engineers.

The minister visited auto exchanges in Twantay, Kawhmu and Kungyangon Townships yesterday. He met with officials and local people and fulfilled the requirements on better communication services in the region.

MNA

MPF Chief inspects police stations in Yangon Division

YANGON, 30 Sept—Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi inspected Hlinethaya Police Station, the office of the commander of Yangon North District Police Force and Insein Township Police Station yesterday and gave necessary instructions.

Today, the MPF Chief also inspected cultivation of paddy and breeding of pig, duck and fish in the integrated farm of Yangon South District Police Force, progress in construction of buildings at Yangon South District Police Force and Thanlyin Police Station and left necessary instructions.

MNA

Very strong earthquake outside Myanmar

YANGON, 30 Sept—A very strong earthquake of intensity 7.9 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Indonesia) about 1300 miles southeast of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 16 hr 50 min 30 sec MST today. —MNA

Public warning about high tide

YANGON, 30 Sept—The Myanma Port Authority today reported that from 4 to 8 October, the spring of the Yangon River may go up as high as 20.6 feet; above the datum of 20.1 feet; and that it will not be serious because the spring went up as high as 21.7 feet in 2007-2008. —MNA

AIDS is a national concern.
Mercedes’ green claim rejected by advert watchdog

LONDON, 30 Sept—Mercedes-Benz adverts for its new E class saloon series which said “CO2 emissions for the range are down to 139g/km” were banned on Wednesday after the advertising watchdog ruled the ads were misleading.

The Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) noted only two out of the 24 possible permutations in the Mercedes range had a 139g/km figure, the exact CO2 emissions figure per vehicle being dependent on a number of possible variations.

“These variations included the choice between petrol and diesel, manual and automatic gearbox, and were also affected by various alloy wheel size.” We considered that the headline claim would give the impression to readers that a significant proportion of the range had achieved the lowest emissions figure, or a figure that was relatively low for the class, when that was not the case,” the ASA said in its ruling. The watchdog said the advert must not appear again in its current form.—MNA/Reuters

8.0 magnitude quake generates tsunami off Samoa islands

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept—A powerful 8.0 magnitude earthquake in the Pacific off the Samoa islands region generated a tsunami and waves of more than five feet (1.57 metres) had already been observed, US Government agencies said on Tuesday.

An official of the US National Park Service said there had been deaths in American Samoa, but there was no word on how many people had died. A tsunami was observed at Apia, Western Samoa, and at Pago Pago, American Samoa, according to the West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Centre, a branch of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The waves at Pago Pago were 5.1 feet (1.57 metres) above normal sea level, according to the Pacific Western Tsunami Warning Centre in Hawaii. The centre earlier issued a tsunami warning for New Zealand, American Samoa and other small Pacific islands. American Samoa is a tiny US territory that lies about halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand. It is home to about 65,000 people.—MNA/Reuters

Fossil of ancient elephant on display in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 30 Sept—An elephant fossil of 200,000 years old found in Indonesia in April went on display Tuesday, the Kompas.com news portal reported Wednesday.

“The elephant fossil is more than 200,000 years old, the largest and the most complete one found in Indonesia,” Head of Indonesian Geology museum Yunus Kusumabrata said. The Jurassic elephant was predicted to have a weight of 10 tons with a length of 5 meters from head to the tail and a height of up to 4 meters from the ground, he said.

The fossil was displayed in the museum for the first time on Tuesday. The fossil was found in a mining site 2 km from Bengawan Solo, the main river in Blora in central Java province.

Yunus said the excavation was based on a study of Dutch scientist Von Koeningswald in 1932 during the period of Dutch colonization in Indonesia. Xinhua

Cuba, Cyprus sign cooperation agreements

HAVANA, 30 Sept—Cuba and Cyprus signed eight agreements on economic, industrial and technological cooperation on Tuesday.

The deals were signed during Cyprus President Dimitris Christofias’s visit to Cuba. Among the agreements was one on developing cooperation in scientific, technological and environmental research. The two countries also established cooperation projects on cultural exchange and tourism.

Cuba and Cyprus also agreed to strengthen the exchange between the Cuban National Institute of Sports and Recreation and its counterpart in Cyprus. MNA/Xinhua

Russia launches manned spacecraft to ISS

MOSCOW, 30 Sept—A Russian spaceship with two astronauts and one space tourist aboard blasted off from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan on Wednesday. Local TV showed that a Soyuz-FG rocket carrying the Soyuz TMA-16 spaceship lifted off at 11:15 Moscow time (0715 GMT), with the 21st ISS crew Russian and U.S. astronauts Maxim Surayev and Jeffrey Williams on board.

The Soyuz TMA-16 spacecraft will separate from the Soyuz-FG carrier rocket nine minutes after takeoff, and start its two-day autonomous flight before docking with the ISS at 12:37 Moscow time (0837 GMT) on Oct. 2. Canadian billionaire Guy Laliberte, founder and CEO of the world-renowned acrobatic group Cirque du Soleil, joined the mission as world’s seventh space tourist.

It is reported that Laliberte has spent around 50 million U.S. dollars for the trip, 15 million dollars more than his predecessor. Before putting on their spacesuits prior to the blastoff on Wednesday, the two astronauts and the space tourist were bathed in alcohol. “Spirits are high, and we slept like children,” the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Surayev as saying.—Xinhua

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Canadian space tourist and founder of the Cirque du Soleil Guy Laliberte is seen during space suit testing prior to his blast off from Russia’s Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Laliberte blasted off into orbit on a Russian rocket to bring his trademark humour and acrobatic energy into the ultra-serious world of space flight.—INTERNET

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Non-TB lung disease increasing in the US

BETHESDA, 30 Sept—The US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases says incidents of non-tuberculosis mycobacteria lung disease are increasing across the nation.

Researchers said non-tuberculous mycobacteria are environmental organisms found in both water and soil that can cause severe pulmonary disease in humans—and a large study indicates the disease is increasing. A research team led by epidemiologists from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, analyzed hospital discharge records of patients in 11 states whose combined total population represents 42 percent of the country. They said they reviewed database records spanning 1998 to 2005 and identified more than 16,475 hospitalizations associated with non-tuberculosis mycobacteria in people without AIDS.—Internet

Social isolation speeds up growth of breast cancer

BANGKOK, 30 Sept—US researchers found a depressing, socially isolated environment can alter the biology of a disease and speed up the growth of breast cancer, according to media report on Wednesday.

The findings, published in the journal Cancer Prevention Research, showed that social isolation can actually change the expression of genes important in the growth of mammary gland tumors.

Researchers at the University of Chicago randomly assigned mice that were genetically susceptible to breast cancer to live either in isolation or in group housing. The mice stressed because they were separated from their mothers developed more and larger mammary gland tumours than more contented animals.

Panasonic wins conditional EU approval to buy Sanyo

BRUSSELS, 30 Sept—Japanese electronics giant Panasonic won approval on Tuesday from the European Union (EU) to buy its rival Sanyo Electric on condition that it sells certain battery production facilities in Europe.

The European Commission, the EU’s competition guardian, said after Panasonic pledged to divest certain battery production facilities in markets where competition concerns were identified, it concluded that the operation would not significantly impede effective competition.

“In view of the remedies offered, I am satisfied that competition will remain vigorous after the merger and that purchasers of batteries will continue to benefit from choice and competitive prices,” said Competition Commissioner Neelie Kroes. Both Sanyo and Panasonic are diversified industrial groups.

Panasonic is primarily active worldwide in the development, manufacture, and sale of a wide range of audiovisual and communication products, home appliances, electronic components and devices including batteries and industrial products.

Moderate quake rocks Timor-Leste

JAKARTA, 30 Sept—An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.2 hit Timor-Leste on Wednesday, there was no report of damage or casualty, Indonesian Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

The quake jolted at 06:38 am Jakarta time (2338GMT) with the epicenter at 176 km northeast of Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste and at a depth of 533 km, the agency said.

Timor-Leste sits on a vulnerable quake-hit zone so called the Pacific Ring of Fire where two continental plates meet, causing frequent seismic and volcanic movements.

British girl dies after cervical cancer vaccine

LONDON, 30 Sept—British health officials temporarily suspended a vaccination programme in an English city on Tuesday after a 14-year-old girl died a few hours after being vaccinated against the virus that causes cervical cancer.

Natalie Morton died in a hospital Monday, a few hours after being given the quadrivalent vaccine, which protects against two strains of the human papilloma virus that causes cervical cancer. There are no indications of any link between Morton’s death and the vaccine administered at her school in Coventry—although Morton appeared to be healthy before being given the shot.

An autopsy will be carried out to determine a cause of death.

Meanwhile, the US Food and Drug Administration has delayed a decision on whether to approve Cervarix. A decision on the vaccine was expected Tuesday. But GlaxoSmithKline UK, which manufactures Cervarix, said the death in Britain did not influence the FDA’s decision to extend its review.

The National Health Service in Coventry said it stopped the vaccination program for two days to give staff administering the vaccine training in how to answer questions from anyone concerned about its safety.—Internet
Hemispheric climate changes found linked

Durham, 30 Sept—US geoscientists say they've found evidence that northern hemisphere climate swings during the past 12,000 years are linked to changes in the tropics.

University of New Hampshire and Columbia University scientists said their finding suggests a prolonged cold spell caused European and North American glaciers to creep forward several hundred years ago, possibly affecting climate patterns as far south as Peru and causing tropical glaciers to also expand.

Glaciers in both the tropics and North Atlantic region reached their most recent maximum extents during the so-called Little Ice Age, about 1650 to 1830, the scientists said.

"The results bring us one step closer to understanding global-scale patterns of glacier activity and climate during the Little Ice Age," said University of New Hampshire Associate Professor Joe Licciardi, lead author of the study.

By understanding how glaciers behaved in the past, the geo-scientists hope to predict how parts of the world will react as the planet warms. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicts global temperatures may climb another 1.1 degrees to 6.4 degrees Celsius by the end of this century.—INTERNET

Impaired kidneys linked to memory loss

Chicago, 30 Sept—US researchers linked poor kidney function to a more rapid rate of decline in cognition in the elderly.

Dr Aron Buchman of the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago said the cognitive decline — not in visuospatial ability or perceptual speed, but in episodic, semantic and working memory — occurred at a rate of decline equivalent to that of a person seven years older at baseline.

"Given the dearth of modifiable risk factors for age-related cognitive decline, these results have important public health implications," Buchman said in a statement.

"Further work to understand the link between kidney function and the brain may provide new strategies for preventing memory loss in elders."

Buchman hypothesized that underlying vascular problems — such as diabetes and hypertension — may account for the association between kidney problems and cognitive decline.

The study, published in the journal Arthritis Care & Research, found nearly 64 percent of women who reported hand-foot pain regularly wore these types of shoes at some point in their life. The researchers analyzed foot-examination data of more than 3,300 men and women as part of the Framingham Study, a study begun in 1948 to study cardiovascular disease.—INTERNET

Women’s shoes linked to pain, not men’s

Boston, 30 Sept—The shoes many women choose to wear now may cause them pain when they are older, US researchers said.

Lead author Alyssa B Dufo, a graduate student at the Institute for Aging Research of Hebrew Senior Life found that the types of shoes women wear — specifically high-heels, pumps and sandals — may cause future heel and ankle pain.

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Study finds weed killer hurts fish, frogs

Tampa, 30 Sept—Two University of South Florida biologists say the popular weed killer atrazine interferes with the growth of fish and amphibians.

Jason Rohr and Krista McCoy, in an article published in Environmental Health Perspectives, reported on their examination of more than 100 studies of the environmental effects of atrazine, the St Petersburg Times reported. The studies showed that the weed killer does not kill fish or amphibians but can cause changes in their reproductive, immune and other systems.

Atrazine's manufacturer, the Swiss-based chemical giant Syngenta, says the weed killer is safe and calls it a "mainstay of American agriculture." Europe banned atrazine in 2004, but it remains legal in the United States.

The chemical kills weeds by inhibiting photosynthesis.—INTERNET

Thailand’s death toll from A/H1N1 infection rises to 165

Bangkok, 30 Sept—Thailand’s Public Health Ministry on Wednesday announced five more deaths due to the A/H1N1 influenza infection, bringing the country’s death toll to 165.

The ministry has also instructed provincial health organizations to help protect the Thai people from the A/H1N1 influenza amid the coming of the Typhoon Ketsana, Thai News Agency reported. Thailand had its first two confirmed patients on May 12.—Xinhua

First A/H1N1 flu death reported in US state of Idaho

San Francisco, 30 Sept—A man in his 50s in Idaho has died of A/H1N1 influenza virus, the first such death in the US state since the new virus surfaced in April, local media reported on Tuesday. Health officials didn’t release the man’s name, how he got the virus and where he died, only saying he came from the state’s Canyon County, according to a report by the Idaho Statesman newspaper.

Statistics from Idaho Department of Health and Welfare showed that a total of 488 people in Idaho have had lab-confirmed A/H1N1 infections since April, with 139 of those reported since 1 September.

A vaccine for the A/H1N1 virus should be available in limited quantities in October in Idaho, health officials said, and at the same time urging people to get vaccinated with the seasonal flu vaccine as soon as possible.—Xinhua

346 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

Stockholm, 30 Sept—A European health agency said Tuesday that 346 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours. Of the new cases, 218 were confirmed in Britain, 61 in Italy, 20 in Portugal, 17 in Ireland, 12 in France, 10 in Netherlands, six in Norway, two in Slovakia, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The total number of confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu virus in the European Union (EU) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries rose to 55,013, with 1,538 cases in Spain and 13,988 in Britain, 1,137 in France and 19,893 in Germany, the ECDC said.—Xinhua

Internet

A female Caribou on calving grounds near Kangerlussuaq, Greenland. Polar bear cubs, the Arctic fox and caribou herds are among the victims of dramatic changes in the Arctic due to climate change.

INTERNET

A tree stands alone in a logged area prepared for plantation near Lapok in Malaysia’s Sarawak State. A leading environmental group on Tuesday urged delegates at UN climate talks in Bangkok to include plans to reward nations for saving their forests in any deal on global warming.—INTERNET
Fiorentina upset Liverpool in Champions League

Florence, 30 Sept—Young playmaker Stevan Jovetic scored a brace as Fiorentina stunned Liverpool 2-0 in Champions League Group E at the Stadio Artemio Franchi here on Tuesday.

The Montenegrin international twice found the net in a mesmerising first 45 minutes for the hosts before the Viola backline held firm during a nail-bitting second half.

The victory moved Fiorentina level on three points with Liverpool and three points behind group leaders Lyon.—Internet

Lyon romp to victory over Debrecen

Budapest, 30 Sept—Lyon made it two wins out of two in the Champions League with a comfortable 4-0 victory over Hungarian champions Debrecen at the Ferenc Puskas Stadium here on Tuesday night.

The French side made light of several absences to roar into an unassailable half-time lead through Kim Kallstrom, Miralem Pjanic and Sidney Govou, instructing upon their hosts a forgettable home debut in Europe’s premier cup competition.

Bafetimbi Gomis lobbed in the fourth after heading the ball past Debrecen goalkeeper after scoring his second goal against FC Liver-

Barca sink Kiev to get defence up and running

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Tennis ace Safin advances as farewell tour continues

Bangkok, 30 Sept—Former number one Marat Safin stretched his farewell tour out another day as he reached the second round of the Thailand Open Tuesday.

6-2, 3-6, 6-1 over German fifth seed Philipp Petzschner.

Safin went a step beyond fellow Novem-

Russia’s Maria Sharapo-

Safin makes his return to Aus-

Safin defers to his native Germany for their first round of ATP Thailand Open tennis tournament match in Bangkok. Safin won 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.—Internet

Barcelona’s Argentinian forward Lionel Messi cele-

Barcelona celebrates after scoring during a Champions League match between Barcelona and Dynamo Kiev in the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. Barca won 4-0.—Internet

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Mexico witnesses dozens of crime deaths, police fight back

MEXICO CITY, 30 Sept—Mexico has seen a series of organized crime relating to drug trafficking in its border state with the U.S., leading to 26 deaths in the weekend, local media reported on Monday. Mexican police have fought back at drug trafficking gangs and arrested several suspects, the report said. At least 28 people have died this weekend in incidents linked to organized crime, among which 15 were killed in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico’s most violent state bordering U.S. state Texas. Chihuahua newspapers reported 15 murders across the state, 11 of them in Ciudad Juarez, which faces U.S. city El Paso.

The media said the city has now seen 1,773 violent deaths in 2009, as drug smugglers have been fighting with police, soldiers and each other over lucrative routes into the United States. Mexican media estimate that there have been 4,500 drug-linked murders this year across the nation, up around 18.5 percent from a year earlier.

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**WEATHER**

Wednesday, 30th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah and Kayin States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Chin, Mon States and Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin and Rakhaing States, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Bago and Tanintharyi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Division with locally heavy fall in Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (7.07) inches, Yangon (Central) (3.42) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.76) inches, Ann (1.85) inches, Hmawbi (1.26) inches, Dawei (1.22) inches, Kyaukpaung (1.20) inches and Pakokku (0.15) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-9-2009 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 30-9-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 30-9-2009 was 96%.

Total rain shine hours on 29-9-2009 was 1.2 hours approx. Rainfall on 30-9-2009 was (2.76) inches at Mingaladon, (7.07) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.42) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (106.18) inches at Mingaladon, (117.16) inches at Kaba-Aye and (120.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (16:20) hours MST on 29-9-2009.

Bay influence: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, yesterday low pressure area over the West Central Bay still persists. Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderating in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special feature: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, the typhoon (Ketsana) over South China Sea has crossed Vietnam Coast near (Danang) and weakened into a land depression. It is forecast to move West wards.

Forecast valid until evening of 1st October 2009:
Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan, Kayah, Rakhaing States and isolated to scattered in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Kayin States, Ayeawady, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 1-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-10-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
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- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed
By broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Yinshay Dam in Ngape Township inaugurated

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — Yinshay Dam in Padan Village of Ngape Township, Minbu District, was inaugurated yesterday.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe unveiled the stone inscription of the dam and formally opened the facility. Yinshay dam is the 226th facility of its kind in the country and the 45th in Magway Division. The embankment of the earthen-type dam is 50 ft high and 500 ft long. It has a storage capacity of 2,600 acre-ft and can supply irrigation water to 500 acres. Magway Division Irrigation Department constructed the dam at a cost of K 60 million funded by the State.

Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint delivered addresses at the opening of the dam. — MNA

Yinshay Dam near Padan Village in Ngape Township. — MNA