Established 1914

Community Health University (Magway): source of proficient health assistants

Local people in rural regions were not able to enjoy health care owing to lack of doctors over post-independence period. Nobody wished to be posted in rural areas due to poor transportation. Thus, Health Assistant Training School was established at No.2 Union Yeiktha in Yangon in 1951 to provide health care to rural folks who represented 80 percent of the population in the whole country.

The Health Assistant Training School was moved to Aung San in Insein Township from Union Yeiktha in 1963. It was then moved to Hlegu in 1968. In 1989, Health Assistant Training School and Aung San Health Training School were transferred to the Medical Science Department from the Department of Health. In 1991, the two were combined to set up Institute of Community Health.

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In 1999, it was moved to Magway. On our trip to Magway, we interviewed responsible personnel of Community Health University about the background history and mission of the university. Acting rector Dr San San Myint Aung said “Community Health University which covers an area of 102.3 acres is situated near Htonepauk village, two miles away from Magway-Natmauk Road.”

“The university was opened with a view to turning out graduates in community health to provide efficient health care to entire rural folks and to conduct trainings designed for career prospect of basic health staff,” she went on.

Those who have passed matriculation examination with coordinated science (Chemistry, (See page 7)
Honour and recognize attributes of teachers for ever

In the religious faith and culture of the Myanmar society, the Buddha, the Dhamma (Teachings of the Buddha), members of the Buddhist Order, parents and teachers are regarded as the five greatest benefactors and are worthy of greatest respects.

Parents are, indeed, initial teachers of their children since they teach their children social etiquette and traditional culture; dissuade their children from doing wrong; and educate and inculcate them with a sense of good behaviours.

Teachers teach their students school lessons and skills to the best of their ability. They safeguard the students from varieties of dangers and harms and broaden their horizons and sharpen their abilities.

Teachers are by nature noble-minded with enourmous loving-kindness for their students. Teachers are inspired by their taste, good-will and sacrificing fervour in teaching, and they have such attributes as virtues, uprightness and the art of teaching. So, they are considered to be noble ones.

In addition, teachers educate students and serve as role models for the latter’s better future. They also nurture students for all-round development of each individual.

Myanmar people deem the word “teacher” to be noble from the bottom of their heart. Students are in huge debt of gratitude towards their teachers because they teach them till they come of age. Paying respects to those who respect is due is one of the ways to blessings. So, the youth hold their teachers in highest esteem for ever in preservation of the Myanmar traditions, culture and customs.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing speaking at opening ceremony of Food and Beverage (Basic) Course.—MNA

Food and Beverage (Basic) Course opened

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 October—The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism organized the Food and Beverage (Basic) Course at the ministry on 2 October, with an opening address by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing.

Also present on the occasion were, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, the director-general of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, the managing director of the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services, principals from tourism training schools (Yangon and Mandalay), managers from the hotels in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone and trainees.

The four-week course is being attended by 51 trainees.—MNA

Management Awareness Seminar on 19 October

Yangon, 3 October—On the basis of business management principles and public administrative concepts, the Management Awareness Seminar will be held for businessmen, managers and administrators in order to share experiences and opinions among them at Grand Gati Centre at No. 21 on 19th Street in Lamadaw Township at 1 pm on 19 October.

As seats are limited, any businessman or chief executive officer and managing director of business and enterprise, public administrative department and NGO may enroll in advance at Dynamic Management (DYM) Firm, Tel: 095143176, 216861 and 216864.—MNA

Earthquake report

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 October—A strong earthquake of intensity 6.5 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (the Philippines) about 2000 miles southeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 17 hr 33 min 12 sec MST on 4 October, 2009.—MNA

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People’s Desire

- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Commander views paddy harvest in Taninthayi Div

Nay Pyi Taw, 4 October—Paddy harvesting ceremony was held at the monsoon model paddy field in Kalwin village, Myeik Township, Taninthayi Division on 28 September morning. Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj Gen Khin Zaw Oo and party viewed paddy harvest.

Afterwards, the Commander inspected progress of extended new school building of Taunggyo village Basic Education Post Primary School and repairing of Kalwin-Taunggyo-Kashet road.

MNA
**Berlusconi says Sicily death toll could reach 50**

**Rome, 4 Oct** — Rescue workers dug for a second day on Saturday through piles of mud and debris as they searched for about 30 missing people from a mudslide that has killed at least 21 in Sicily.

Premier Silvio Berlusconi said he feared the death toll from Italy’s worst mudslides in a decade could rise to 50. The Italian Premier is expected to survey the area by helicopter on Sunday, his office said.

Rivers of mud unleashed by heavy rains flooded parts of Messina, a city in eastern Sicily, on Friday, sweeping away cars and collapsing buildings. Hundreds were left homeless and about 80 injured.

With the rain letting up and sun forecast in coming days, the head of the Civil Protection Department expressed cautious hope the worst was over.

“Situation is difficult and complex, but it is under control,” Guido Bertolaso told reporters from Messina.

However, some roads were still impassable and the terrain unstable from the rain that fell in the past days. Bertolaso said that some roads had “crumbled.”

**Iran’s leader: Obama wrong to say nuke site hidden**

**TEHERAN, 4 Oct** — Iran’s president hit back on Saturday at President Barack Obama’s accusation that his country had sought to hide its construction of a new nuclear site, arguing that Tehran reported the facility to the UN even earlier than required.

The Iranian president defended his government’s actions as the head of the UN’s nuclear monitoring agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, arrived on Saturday to arrange an inspection of the uranium enrichment facility near the holy city of Qom.

The revelation that Iran has been building a new nuclear plant has heightened the concern of the US and many of its allies, which suspect Teheran is using a civilian nuclear programme as a cover for developing a weapons-making capability. Iran denies such an aim, saying it only wants to generate energy.

Obama and the leaders of France and Britain accused Iran of keeping the construction hidden from the world for years. The US president said last month that Iran’s actions “raised grave doubts” about its promise to use nuclear technology for peaceful purposes only.

**Russia, US conclude sixth round of nuclear arms talks**

**MOSCOW, 4 Oct** — Russian and US negotiators continued to formulate a new nuclear arms reduction treaty in their just-concluded talks in Geneva, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Saturday.

The sixth round of the Russian-US negotiation, which was held in a business-like and constructive atmosphere, discussed particular wording of the treaty, the ministry said in a statement.

“Working groups of experts coordinated the articles of a new draft treaty and its technical aspects,” it said.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and his US counterpart Hillary Clinton will be informed about the outcomes of the talks during their upcoming meeting in Moscow later this month, it added.

The next round of talks was scheduled for mid-October in Geneva, it added.

Six rounds of fully fledged talks have been held between the two sides since Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and his US counterpart Barack Obama agreed in London in early April to work out a replacement for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START I). START I, which was set on the reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms between the two countries, was signed in 1991 and is due to expire in December.

**People view models of apartment buildings at the five-day 2009 China Shenzhen Autumn Real Estate Trade Fair in Shenzhen, south China’s Guangdong Province, 2 Oct, 2009. The five-day 2009 China Shenzhen Autumn Real Estate Trade Fair kicked off here on Thursday.** — Xinhua

**Russia’s president: Iran’s nuclear program for peaceful purposes only.**

**TEHERAN, 4 Oct** — The Russian president rebutted Barack Obama’s accusation that Iran was enriching uranium for military purposes.

“Iran’s nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only,” Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said in a telephone call on Saturday to US President Barack Obama.

Medvedev referred to the US president’s accusations that Iran was seeking to develop a nuclear weapon and said that Iran’s nuclear projects are peaceful.

**Latest typhoon kills 16 in northern Philippines**

**MANILA, 4 Oct** — At least 16 people were killed in the typhoon, which cut a destructive path across the northern Philippines, the government said on Saturday.

Seven people, including a family of five, were buried in a nearby village, the government said.

Four people died in the capital, Manila, after an earlier storm left Manila awash in the worst flooding in four decades, killing almost 300 people.

The typhoon was forecast to bring heavy rains and strong winds to the northern part of the country, causing overflows of rivers and rising seas.

**A view of downtown Giampilieri, near Messina, southern Italy, on 2 Oct, 2009, after rivers of mud unleashed by heavy rains flooded parts of the Sicilian city of Messina, causing injuries and leaving several people missing.** — Internet

**A family continues to clean up flood damage and debris in their home from Typhoon Ketsana in Marikina town, east of Manila, Philippines, 4 Oct, 2009.** — Internet

**Eight NATO soldiers, two Afghan troopers killed during clash with militants in Afghanistan**

**KABUL, 4 Oct** — Eight soldiers with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and two service members with Afghanistan’s National Security Force (ANSF) were killed during battle against militants in eastern Afghan Province of Nuristan, said a statement of the alliance issued here on Sunday.

“Nuristani tribal militia launched the attacks on two joint outposts of ISAF and ANSF on Saturday morning from a local mosque and nearby village and the joint forces effectively repelled the attack and inflicted heavy enemy casualties,” the statement said.

However, “eight ISAF and two ANSF service members were killed during the firefight,” it added.

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Four people were being killed in the typhoon, which cut a destructive path across the northern Philippines but spared the capital, Manila.

Parma hit just eight days after an earlier storm left Manila awash in the worst flooding in four decades, killing almost 300 people.

The Central Weather Bureau said Parma should miss the island, but it could still bring heavy rain to flood- and landslide-prone areas still recovering from a deadly typhoon in August.

Tens of thousands of Filipinos flocked to higher ground as Parma bore down on the main island of Luzon, packing winds of 108 mph (175 kph) and driving rain. Towns in half a dozen provinces were battered, and downpours swelled rivers to bursting, officials said.

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**Internet**
Tourists take a parade on boats for their sightseeing trip around Zhou Zhuang of antique beauty, in Kunshan City, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 3 Oct, 2009. Zhouzhuang Water Town enjoys great fame with its rustic brick bridges, clear water and ancient houses along the rivers, and has been a leading tourist attractions during the 8-day golden tour week of the National Day Festival.—XINHUA

Spain says 36-man crew on hijacked boat safe

MADRID, 4 Oct—A trawler hijacked by pirates in the Indian Ocean has been spotted by navy aircraft and the crew is safe, the Spanish government said on Saturday.

Defence Ministry spokesman Constantino Mendez said the Spanish warship Canarias was heading toward the tuna-fishing vessel and was expected to sight the fishing boat before the pirates could reach port in Somalia.

“The situation is calm. There are no strange movements on deck and the boat is on a more or less stable course,” the defence chief of staff, Gen Jaime Dominguez, said.

The boat, the Alakrana, was boarded by Somali pirates early Friday when it was working waters 800 miles away from the nearest navy escort, the government said in a statement.

The government has set up a team headed by Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega alongside representatives of the defence, foreign, interior and environment ministries to work toward the tuna fishing vessel’s liberation.

A giant panda takes a mooncake at the Xiangjiang Safari Park in Guangzhou, capital of south China’s Guangdong Province, on 3 Oct, 2009. Workers at the park prepared bamboo powder mooncakes for giant pandas to let them enjoy Chinese traditional Mid-Autumn Festival on Saturday.—XINHUA

IT to be major engine of future economic growth: Microsoft CEO

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 Oct—Despite the current hardships, global economy is expected to achieve a new round of growth in the next two decades powered mostly by innovation in information technology (IT), Steve Ballmer, chief executive officer (CEO) of Microsoft Corp, told a technology conference on Saturday.

“I think information technology more than anything else on the planet will be the source of the productivity and innovation that powers economic growth for the next 20 or 30 years,” Ballmer said while giving a keynote speech at the annual conference of Hua Yuan Science and Technology Association (HYSTA), which was held in Santa Clara, the United States.—XINHUA

IAEA chief arrives in Iran for talks over nuclear issue

THEHAN, 4 Oct—Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Mohamed ElBaradei arrived in Iran on Saturday for talks with Iranian officials over Teheran’s nuclear programme, Iran’s state radio reported.

During his stay in Iran, ElBaradei will meet with Iranian officials and discuss Iran’s nuclear programme with them, the report said.

According to Iran’s English-language satellite channel Press TV, the IAEA chief was expected to meet with Ali Akbar Salehi, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, and other top nuclear officials on Sunday.

The IAEA said on Friday that ElBaradei had been invited to Teheran by Iranian authorities and would travel there to discuss with Iran about its uranium enrichment facility near Qom, which it has been working to build.

The team met on Saturday to decide a strategy and the defence ministry said all options for resolving the hijack were open. Ship owners of the remaining 17 Spanish boats fishing in the area have sent instructions for them to move further offshore or return to port, the fishing organization Cepesca said.

Spanish fishing vessel Alakrana is seen in the Indian Ocean waters in this handout picture taken on 2 Oct, 2009 and released by Spain’s Defence Ministry. Somali pirates hijacked the Spanish tuna fishing boat in the Indian Ocean, the regional government of the Basque Country, the Seychelles and a pirate said on Friday. The Seychelles foreign ministry said the ship was seized 400 nautical miles northwest of Mahe. The ship has previously escaped an attempted hijack on 4 Sept.—XINHUA

The IAEA chief would not visit the new uranium enrichment facility during his stay in Iran this time, Press TV quoted an announcement of the Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) as saying.

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Iran’s chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili on Thursday held talks with top envoys from the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany in Geneva, Switzerland.

During the talks, Jalili promised that Teheran would soon open its newly-disclosed uranium-enrichment facility near Qom to UN inspectors, according to European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana, who coordinated the talks.

Internet

A troubling trend has emerged in many cities in developed and developing countries alike: the growth of up-market suburban areas and gated communities, on the one hand, and the simultaneous increase in over crowded tenement zones, ethnic enclaves, slums and informal settlements, on the other. Stark contrasts have also emerged between technologically advanced and well-serviced business sectors, and other areas defined by declining industry, sweatshops and informal businesses.

Better, more equitable urban planning is essential. New ideas from smart cities around the world are pointing the way toward sustainable urbanization. But there is far more to do. Urban poor need improved tenure and access to land. All cities need safer and more environmentally friendly public transport, housing security, clinics and public services. There is also a need to mobilize financing for urban development.

Planning is at the heart of this agenda. But planning will work only where there is good urban governance and where the urban poor are brought into the decisions that affect their lives. And planning will work best only where corruption is honestly tackled. United Nations bodies such as UN-HABITAT can provide vital help with capacity building, research, and knowledge management and exchange.

At the dawn of this new urban age, we recognize the problems and we know how to tackle them. We understand perhaps more clearly than ever before that no-one can be excluded, especially the poor. On World Habitat Day, let us pledge to do our part to follow through on our plans for a better, greener, more sustainable future for our increasingly urban planet.—UNIC

United Nations Secretary-General’s Message on World Habitat Day

5 October, 2009

The theme of this year's observance of World Habitat Day, Planning our Urban Future, is meant to underscore the urgency of meeting the needs of city dwellers in a rapidly urbanizing world.

The major urban challenges of the twenty-first century include the rapid growth of many cities and the decline of others, the expansion of the informal sector, and the role of cities in causing or mitigating climate change. Evidence from around the world suggests that governments at all levels are largely failing to address these challenges. Urban sprawl and unplanned development are among the most visible consequences. Hundreds of millions of urban dwellers are also increasingly vulnerable to rising sea levels, coastal flooding and other climate-related hazards.

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Hamas denies return of Abbas troops to Gaza under Egyptian-brokered deal

GAZA, 4 Oct—A Hamas official on Saturday denied reports that the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), led by President Mahmoud Abbas, will rule the Gaza Strip under an expected reconciliation deal between Hamas and Abbas’ Fatah movement.

The deal, expected to be inked in Cairo later this month, “sees two governments in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip and a higher committee will arrange between the two governments,” said Salah al-Bardaweel, a Hamas official.

Egypts’s al-Ahram daily reported on Saturday that pro-Abbas forces, who were routed by Hamas in June 2007, would return to Gaza under the agreement and they will help open Rafah crossing point between Egypt and Gaza, since an international protocol says this crossing cannot open without these forces.

“The government of Ismail Haneya (Hamas), which was endorsed by the parliament, will remain in charge of all security affairs,” al-Bardaweel told reporters.

Egypt has hosted several rounds of talks between Palestinian factions over the past months in a bid to end the national rift and the political split between Gaza and the West Bank.

According to al-Bardaweel, the reconciliation agreement “is on the right way.”

Reports say three aid workers seized in July set free in Somalia

MOGADISHU, 4 Oct—Three aid workers who had been held since July were released by gunmen in the Horn of Africa country of Somalia, according to agencies’ reports on Saturday.

The three were kidnapped in July in the north of Kenya and taken to Somalia across the border. They were taken to a small plane on Saturday morning in the southwestern Somali town of Luq, the reports said.

It was unclear so far whether any ransom have been paid for the release.

The development came after fierce battles between two main groups in Somalia’s southern port city which fell to the hardline Al-Shabaab movement continued on Thursday.

At least 15 people including combatants were killed and 35 others wounded on Thursday after the fighting, medics and residents said.—Xinhua

More earthquakes struck eastern California

LOS ANGELES, 4 Oct—Eastern California awoke Saturday morning only to find that another spate of earthquakes have struck the Eastern Sierra, as a magnitude 4.5 quake rattled a famous ghost town some 200 miles (320 km) north of Los Angeles. The latest magnitude 4.5 aftershock hit at 4:50 am local time (1150 GMT), and a trio of temblors at or above 3.0 magnitude hit later in the morning, according to automated seismographs operated by Caltech, the USGS and other universities.

The epicenters were near Keefer, an old ghost town founded in the 1870s as a steamboat port on the north shore of Owens Lake. A 5.0 quake sent the area rattling early Thursday morning, and a trio of quakes with magnitudes of 4.7, 4.9 and 5.2 struck within a few minutes on Friday evening.—Xinhua

Strong earthquake jolts eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 4 Oct—A strong earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richer scale rocked Indonesia’s eastern region of Papua province at 12:36 am local time (0336 GMT) on Sunday at a depth of 39 km, 128 km northwest the provincial capital of Manokwari, Indonesian meteorology and geophysics agency said.

No report on injured person or damaged building was reported so far. “The earthquake in Papua has nothing to do with that in Sumatra. The tectonic plates in both incidents are different,” Suharjono, the official of the agency said.

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Several chefs slice off a super moon cake with a diameter of more than 3 meters and give out for local citizens to share for free in an activity of the Middle Autumn Festival in Hangzhou, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 3 Oct, 2009.—Xinhua

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Rio de Janeiro Olympics opportunity for Chinese investors

BEIJING, 4 Oct—Former Chinese ambassador to Brazil Chen Duqing said on Saturday China may play a significant role in Rio de Janeiro’s preparations for the 2016 Olympic Games. “Compared with the other applicants, currently Rio de Janeiro still has a lot to do to improve its sports facilities and other infrastructure, which indicates a special opportunity for Chinese companies,” Chen told Xinhua Saturday in an exclusive interview.

The costs of preparing for the event in 2016 are estimated at roughly 12 billion US dollars. However, the event is expected to generate 250 billion, Zhou Zhiwei, an expert in Brazil studies with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, noted that for Rio de Janeiro, traffic and infrastructure are the city’s weak points.

Beating rivals Chicago, Tokyo and Madrid, Rio de Janeiro won the right to host the world’s largest stage of sporting events after three failed attempts. Rio de Janeiro’s win also marks the first time that an Olympic Games will be held in South America.—Xinhua

A visitor takes photos of rabbit figurines at the Dongyue Temple in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Oct, 2009, the Mid-Autumn Festival. —Xinhua

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People gather under the moonlight during the night of Mid-Autumn Festival, in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 3 Oct, 2009. The Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival, falls on the 15th day of August on the lunar calendar. —Xinhua
Israeli army strikes Gaza weapons workshop

The Israeli army says it carried out airstrikes on a weapons workshop east of Gaza City and two weapons smuggling tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border. Palestinian health officials reported no injuries. The army says Saturday’s strikes were in response to a mortar shell and a rocket fired at Israel from Gaza the day before.

A small extremist group, Ansar al-Sunna, said on Friday it fired two rockets at Israel.

Exchanges of fire between Israel and Gaza militants have increased in recent months after a period of relative quiet following Israel’s Gaza offensive, which ended on 18 Jan.

The Israeli army said about 60 rockets and mortar rounds have been fired at Israel in the last three months. Airstrikes followed some of those attacks. — Internet

Cuban civil defence teams keep swine flu at bay

HAVANA, 4 Oct — Cuba is ready to use just about everything at its disposal, from its well-oiled civil defense system to the soldiers of a totalitarian government, to keep swine flu cases to a minimum. Everything but a vaccine.

As the US prepares an extensive health survey for side affects from its massive inoculation plans, Cuba’s No 2 health official says relying on a shot to contain a world pandemic is risky as best — and demoralizing at worst. “Nobody knows if it would work,” Dr Luis Estruch told The Associated Press in an interview. “How safe would it be?”

Cuba’s sophisticated public-monitoring system and geographic isolation as an island have kept swine flu cases to just 435 in a country of 11 million — and no deaths to date. That’s roughly one in 25,000 people, compared with one in 9,600 in the US and one in 4,000 in Mexico. — Internet

Southern California forest fire destroys 3 homes

LYTLE CREEK, 4 Oct — A fire driven by wind of 40 mph destroyed three homes and threatened dozens of others in a rugged warrants of mountains and canyons northeast of San Bernardino on Saturday. As a huge wall of flames chewed through thick timber and brush in the Lytle Creek area 15 miles northeast of San Bernardino, residents of some 50 homes in its path fled, taking horses and pets with them. No injuries were reported.

“We do have structures lost, three homes in Swarthout Canyon,” said Norma Bailey, a fire information officer with the US Forest Service. The area is not far from Interstate 15, a major route connecting Las Vegas with Southern California.

About 50 homes are located in the canyon, and Bailey said evacuation centers had been opened for people. Large animals like horses and smaller animals like dogs and cats. People were being housed at Eisenhower High School in nearby Rialto, while horses were being boarded at the Glen Helen Regional Park rodeo grounds in Devore and smaller animals were being taken to a local animal shelter. The area is about 60 miles east of Los Angeles. — Internet

Rare white Bengal Tiger springs on prey

When it’s feeding time at the zoo, it’s still a jungle out there.

Although food is plentiful, there’s always a fierce battle to grab your share.

Its teeth bared, a white Bengal tiger lunges into the water ready to snap up whatever is thrown their way.

Photographer Birte Person captured these spectacular shots as the tiger and five others did the closest thing they could to hunting at Singapore Zoo.

Birte says that Singapore has one of the largest collections of white tigers in the world and runs a very efficient breeding and conservation programme.

Aussie yacht-crash girl to resume round-world bid

A 16-year-old Australian girl will resume her record bid to sail solo around the world within days, her spokesman said on Tuesday, despite loud calls for her to quit after she crashed on a test voyage.

Critics have urged Jessica Watson to keep swine flu at bay. Watson was determined to go ahead with the journey.

“She’s just switched off now. She’s just focused on doing this,” Fraser told AFP.

Germany marks 19th anniversary of reunification

BERLIN, 4 Oct — Germany celebrated the anniversary of its reunification Saturday with festivals, concerts and parades across the country.

In the capital, tens of thousands of people watched a massive-scale street performance featuring a pair of giant marionettes suspended by cranes marching slowly through downtown.

Wearing a green dress — and at times a yellow slicker overtop to fend off the drizzle — the 7.5-meter (25-foot) “small giant” wandered one route looking for her partner — a 15-meter (50-foot) “big giant.”

The big giant, clad as a deep-sea diver, was pulled by a crane from under the waters of the Spree river outside Berlin’s main train station, then paraded past the federal Chancellory building along his route. — Internet

“Super volcano” with twisted innards found in Italy

Long before Vesuvius blew its top and smothered Pompeii, Italy was rocked by a “supervolcano” eruption so powerful it possibly blocked out the sun and triggered prolonged global cooling, scientists say.

The now fossilized supervolcano last erupted about 280 million years ago, leaving behind an 8-mile-wide (13-kilometre-wide) caldera, which was recently discovered in the Italian Alps’ Sesia Valley. What’s more, seismic forces have twisted the volcano’s interior giving scientists an unprecedented glimpse deep into the feature’s explosive plumbing — and a better shot at deciphering when the next one might blow. The Italian eruption likely lasted for weeks. Quick told National Geographic News.

During that time the supervolcano hefted an estimated 239 cubic miles (1,000 cubic kilometres) of material into the atmosphere — about a thousand times more material than Mount St. Helens spewed during its infamous 1980 eruption.

News Album

John Casas, 15, walks with his “Cheetah flex-foot” prosthetic feet during a training session in Medellin on 17 September, 2009. Casas, who lives in the violent Comuna 13 neighbourhood in Medellin, lost his legs in a car accident. The Casas family were displaced by civil war from their home in Uraba, Antioquia Province. John is being helped by a rehabilitation center and dreams of participating in the Paralympics in London 2012. Picture taken on 17 September, 2009.
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Physiology, Biology) are eligible for the entrance of the university and it takes four years to be graduated in B. Comm. H.

Concerning the organization set-up chart, the acting rector explained “Our university is staffed with a total of 256 including one rector, two pro-rectors, and one registrar, 42 officer and 214 staff in addition to 102 faculty members.”

It is learnt that the university conducts Health Assistant Course (Short & Regular), Community Health Supervisor (Levels 1 & 2), apart from the degree course. Furthermore, short courses such as Refresher Course for Health Assistant, Nursing Course, House Surgeon Course all-round midwifery Course (Civil & Military) are also conducted occasionally. The university has so far produced 594 graduates from 1999 to 2007. To realize one of the four social objectives, that is “Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation”, the government has been implementing such long-term plans as Border Areas and National Races Development Project, 24-Special Regions Development Project, Rural Areas Development Project. It has also been establishing rural healthcare centres across the nation, now the figure has reached to 1473.

We also interviewed some students coming from different regions about their aims of doing a degree there. “I’m Maung Tin Win Naing, Rakhine national, I come from Yanbye to attend 9-month Community Health Supervisor Course (Level-1). The lecture is from 9 am to 4 pm. I am studying this course as I want to render healthcare service to the public,” a trainee answered willingly.

The next interviewee was Daw Aye Myat Maw who said that she was from Thalatkwa Station in Ngwehsaung: that she was attending Health Assistant Course (Short-term), with the aim of providing more healthcare to the public.

When asked what his intentions were in studying for a degree there, Maung Htay Myo Aung, a first-year student, who came from Minbu, revealed his dream of becoming a health assistant.

The last interviewee said, “My name is Mg Khun San Oo, Pa-O national from Hpa-an. I am studying at second year. I am here trying to become a proficient health assistant, and to render health care to the public with my specialized knowledge.”

The social objective of the State—“Uplift of health, fitness, and education standards of the entire nation”—is one hundred percent on track and thus students and trainees learning at Community Health University with noble attitude will be able to...

My aim of studying here is to render healthcare to rural folks.
Maung Tin Win Naing
Yanbye Township

“I am attending the course so that I could render more healthcare service to the public.”

Daw Aye Myat Maw Ayeyawady Division, Ngwehsaung render healthcare service to rural folks as desired by them when they enter practical field after having graduated.

The reason I am here is to provide healthcare to the public.

Maung Khun San Oo

Second year undergraduates taking notes on anatomy.

Mayor overseas undertakings of YCDC Engineering Department

YANGON, 3 Oct.—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected eight-inches diameter tube well sunk by Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of the committee for enabling the people in the township to get drinking water and supply of drinking water at the junction between Maha bandoola Road and 32nd Street in Pabedan Township here this morning.

Next, the mayor looked into maintenance of 32nd Street, preventive measures against DHF carried out by departmental officials and members of social organizations in the township and presented insecticides to officials. Then the mayor attended the opening of new school buildings for Basic Education Middle School No (1) and BEPS No (3) in Insein Township and formally opened the new school buildings. Two-storey buildings were built under the assistance of Engineering Department (Building).

Afterwards, the mayor addressed the new school buildings handing over ceremony of BEMS No (1) and BEPS (3) at the hall of BEPS No (3) and handed over documents related to new school buildings to Deput Director-General U Myo Myint of No (3) Basic Education Department.—MNA

Management Course for Middle Level Officer concludes

YANGON, 4 Oct.—The Management Course No. 7 for Middle Level Officer concluded at Keta Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi), here, on 2 October morning.

Rector U Win Maung presented prizes to the outstanding trainees and delivered an address on the occasion.

Later, he gave completion certicates to the trainees.

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Transport Minister meets local people in Nay Pyi Taw District

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe yesterday morning met with town elders, members of social organizations and local people from villages of Kinpontan, Nyaungbintha and Thitlaylone village-tracts at the No. 123 Basic Education Primary School in Thitseintbin village, Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw district and made a speech to them.

Next, the minister presented uniforms and exercise books for students of Thitseintbin village Basic Education Primary School, periodicals for village library, clothes for village people and cash for the village through officials.

Transport Minister meets local people in Nay Pyi Taw District

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Acting on information, the local security force members of Laukkai Township of Shan State (North) combed Tarsinkyaing Village of Laukkai Township and seized 4462 litres of chloroform liquid, 360 litres of sulphuric acid, 50 kilos of trisodium phosphate, two flat-bottomed flasks and two funnels used in producing drug at the basement of old warehouse. Those seized items are transferred to Kunlon special anti-drug squad and action is being taken to arrest culprits. It is learnt that the seized items are related to the outlaws.

Precursor chemicals, related items seized in Laukkai Township, Shan State (North)

"Drums of chemical precursors and related items seized from cell of old warehouse near Tarsinkyaing Village of Laukkai Township." — MNA

"Plastic containers of chemical precursors and related items seized from cell of old warehouse near Tarsinkyaing Village of Laukkai Township." — MNA

45th Anniversary MPF Day marked in Mon State

YANGON, 4 Oct—Organized by Mon State Police Force, the ceremony to mark the 45th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day and the awarding ceremony for outstanding police members were held at the meeting hall of the Mon State Police Force on 1 October. Present on the occasion were the commander of Mon State Police Force, state, district and township level police officers, members of the traffic police force, outstanding police members and their families and chairmen and members of Ward and Village Peace and Development Councils.

At the ceremony, Police Col Win Kyi read the message on the 45th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day from the MPF Chief. Police Col Win Kyi and wife, Police Lt-Col Shwe Aye and officials presented the awards to the outstanding police members.

The state flag hoisting ceremony to mark the 45th Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day was held at the parade ground of Mon State Police Force.

MINFPA members leave for Bangkok

YANGON, 4 Oct—A total of 15 members of Myanmar International Freight Forwarders Association left here for Bangkok, Thailand today to attend “Practical Training for MyanmarLogistics Providers in ThailandCourse” conducted by Japan International Cooperation Center from 5 to 9 October. —MNA

Trainees from companies of MINFPA seen at the airport before departure for Thailand. — UMFCCI
First ISD Men’s Hockey competition commences

YANGON, 4 Oct—The opening ceremony for 1st Inter-State/Division Men’s Hockey competition, jointly organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Hockey Federation, was held at Theinbyu Hockey pitch this evening. Minister for Sports Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint opened the competition.

It was also attended by Sports Minister’s wife Daw Aye Aye, Brig-Gen Myo Myint (Retd), President of MHF Col Hin Zaw Win, officials and fans. Artists staged their performance before the ceremony.

In the debut, Sagaing Division played against Yangon Division. Contending teams at the competition were Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (North), Yangon Division, Sagaing Division, Bago Division, Mandalay Division and Ayeyawady Division.

The competition will be held up to 13 October. Three matches each will be held daily. Semi-finals will be on 11 October, third place match on 12 October and final on 13 October.

Minister for Forestry meets with Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung met with Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines Ms Maria Hellen at the ministry here on 2 October morning.

They discussed matters on bilateral cooperation in the forest sector.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung receives ambassador of the Republic of Philippines Ms Maria Hellen. — FORESTRY

Heavy rain causes landslide in Taninthayi

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Landslide triggered by heavy rain destroyed some houses, buildings and blocked roads in Kawthoung Township, Taninthayi Division, on 2 October.

The landslide blocked Kawthoung-Bokpyin Road at mile post No (7) and some streets in Thirimyine and Padauk Shwewa wards in Kawthoung and ravaged two houses on Mya Yi Pale Street, one building and four public rest houses in Shwe Parami Meditation Centre and two buildings and one house in Aye Yeiktha Nunnery on Myopat Street in Padauk Shwewa ward.

Two monks and one novice were killed and two novices and one child slightly injured in the disaster. Rescue and clearing work was jointly carried out by officials concerned and social associations and completed yesterday afternoon.—MNA

Minister for Religious Affairs, chairman of Kayin State on regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Oct—Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung together with Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min attended a ceremony to pay respects to elders at Kawrin (lower) Village Basic Education High School (Branch) in Hpa-an Township on 29 September morning. The minister and the chairman encouraged a team of specialists led by medical superintendent Dr U Hla Tun of Hpa-an People’s Hospital giving free medical treatment to the local people of Kawrin village-tract and inspected the five-acre teak plantation of the Forest Department.

They also met local people from Pakut village at the hall of village Basic Education High School; from 13 villages in Hlarkamyin village-tract at Meboung village school hall; from 4 villages of Shwetaw village tract at the hall of Shwetaw model village Basic Education Middle School, and they presented clothes, periodicals, exercise books, sport gears and cash for people, libraries and schools.

Afterwards, the minister and the Chairman inspected U Saw Tun’s integrated farms in Shwetaw model village, and viewed collective broadcasting of fertilizer at 20 acres of Manorlukha monsoon paddy fields in Kawkyaiak model village, Hpa-an Township.—MNA

Corrigendum

Please read “potable water” instead of “portable water” in the headline and body text of the byline on page 7 of 4-10-2009 issue of New Light of Myanmar.

MMA to conduct distance course

YANGON, 4 Oct—Continuous Medical Education Unit under Myanmar Medical Association will conduct “Emergency Management for GPs (2009)” distance course from 15 October to 11 December.

Those interested may submit three license photos to MMA office at No 249, Theinphyu Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township during office hours from 15 October to 6 November and contact (ph: 378663, 380899 and 394141).—MNA
Successful agricultural undertakings in Taungdwingyi

Article: Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine); Photos: Htay Aung (Kyemon)

Taungdwingyi-Nay Pyi Taw Road, Bangon Dam that can irrigate 2000 acres of farmlands and Yanpei Dam, 4.5 miles south of Wakkhay Village, that can irrigate 10,000 acres of farmlands. Thanks to the irrigation facilities, the cultivable lands were extended in Taungdwingyi Township year by year.

The news crew of Kyemon Daily, together with Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Zaw Htay Aung, visited Yanpei Dam.

Staff Officer of Irrigation Department U Win Lwin explained that Yanpei Dam is an earthen embankment type. It is 78 feet high and 9100 feet long main embankment. The dam can store 8740 acre feet of water at the lowest level and 35140 acre feet of water at the highest level. This year, the dam irrigated over 800 acres of monsoon paddy.

The right main canal supplies water to 6488 acres of farmlands of Nyakamoe Village-tract, Tetaw Village-tract-2, Kyakkhatkan, Ingon, Pandawnge, Thakan Wakkathay and Hsugaukgyi villages. Likewise, the left main canal irrigates 4372 acres of farmlands of Wakkathay, Paratkyei, Thiri Mingala, Thitpokkon and Nyadaw villages. Thanks to the dam, the local farmers can grow summer paddy and double cropping. The local people have food and edible oil sufficiency this year. Therefore, they are enjoying fruits of economic, health, education and social development.

The news team observed the thriving monsoon paddy plantations in Paratkyei Village. We met with a farmer at work. Farmer U San Oo heartily said, “In the past, we did not place emphasis on cultivation of monsoon paddy due to lack of rainwater. We grew pea and sesame in the region. At present, we cultivate paddy in the farmlands in addition to pea and sesame thanks to water supply from Yanpei Creek through Yanpei Dam. So, we thank the authorities concerned for their efforts to build the Yanpei Dam.”

Nowadays, various dams and reservoirs have been built in the arid region to supply water to the farmlands and croplands. During our trip, we saw the good results in Taungdwingyi Township of Magway Division in growing monsoon and summer paddy and various kinds of crops with the use of irrigation water without too much reliance on the rainwater.

YANGON, 4 Oct—Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee recently announced the winners in contests to mark its 20th anniversary.

U Aye Ko (Maung Aye Ko-Paungtale) won the first, U Kan Myint (Kan Myint Maw) the second and U Win Min Tun (Lin Nay Yi-Kalaw) the third in the open short story contest. In the article contest, U Hein Lin (Lin Ayon Oo-Bago) occupied the first place followed by second prize winner U Nyunt Hlaing (Nyunt Hlaing Win-Kungyangon) and third prize winner Daw Khin Wut Yi (Wut Yi Khin-Bago). U Kyaw Tun (Apyuk Myay Maung Swe Mon) became the first in the open poem contest where U Than Win (Min Yin Su) won the second and U Pannita Nanda (Myat Phone-Tatkon) the third. U Sae Boe Ta won the first, U J Maung Maung the second and U Min Zarni Zaw the third in the open photo contest. Ma Aye Ei Soe San (Ma Aye Ei Soe San) conquered the first, U Soe Thinn (Soe Thinn-Letpadan) the second and Ma Win Win (Win Win) the third in the open poster contest. In Basic Education Middle Level poster contest, Ma Khine May Thu won the first, Ma Thin Nadi Soe the second and Ma Nay Zin Hnin Htet the third. Ma Seint Thinz Yaung won the first, Ma Shun Myint Mo Oo the second and Ma Myo Htoo Myat Mon the third in Basic Education High Level poster contest. In the open cartoon contest, Ma Aye Ei Soe San (Ma Aye Ei Soe San) won the first, U Khin Maung Oo (Shwe Ko Oo) the second and U Zaw Min (Min Zaw Oo-Ma Hta Tha) the third. In the Basic Education Middle Level cartoon contest, Maung Paing Thu Hein won the first, Mye Myat Aung the second and Ma Khine May Thu the third. Ma Seint Thinz Yaung won the first, Ma Myo Htoo Myat Mon the second and Ma Ei Pwint Pwint the third in the Basic Education High Level cartoon contest. In the Basic Education Middle Level essay contest, Ma Wut Yi Moe won the first, Maung Thura Tin the second and Ma Kaung Yi Yi We Than the third.

Ma Ya May Zami secured the first, Ma Ei Sanda Win Htet the second and Maung Paing Htet Zaw the third in the Basic Education High Level essay contest. In Basic Education Primary Level stage show contest, BEPS (1) Bahan won the first, BEPS (1) Dagon the second and BEPS (2) Kamayut the third. In the Basic Education High Level stage show contest, BEPS (2) Dagon won the first, BEPS (2) Kamayut and BEPS (3) Mingala Taungnyunt the second and BPS (10) Hlin the third. There were five and six consolation prize winners in each contest.

Prizes will be presented to the first, second and third winners at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Road in Dagon Township here on 24 and 25 October. The winners are to contact the holding committee at the National Theatre on 22 October and consolation prize winners may take out their prizes at Wireless and Traffic Police Force Commander’s Office on 51st Street in Pazundaung Township. —MNA
Computer glitch delays dozens of UK flights

LONDON, 4 Oct.—Dozens of transatlantic flights from the United Kingdom were delayed on Saturday after a glitch in an air traffic control system in Scotland, but the problem was fixed a few hours later and authorities were working to get the flight schedule back to normal.

Engineers found a malfunction on Saturday morning in the system that controls the airspace across the Atlantic Ocean from Scotland, a statement from the National Air Traffic Services said. The agency said it had reverted to back-up equipment as engineers worked to fix the system. The agency said the problem did not create a safety issue but could cause delays in flights that could last hours.

By midday, the agency said, “operations were back to normal” and the agency confirmed it was back operating on a “normal, automated system.” Airlines were working to clear delays. British Airways said it had minor delays, but flights were now running on a normal schedule.

Arizona fire forces people out of homes

WILLIAMS, Ariz., 4 Oct.—Residents of 64 homes in Williams, Arizona, spent most of Saturday away from their homes when a controlled burn turned into a wildfire, authorities said.

Parts of Williams, the town known as “The Gateway to the Grand Canyon,” were still threatened by strong winds Saturday night. The Arizona Republic reported. The fire was still burning in a forest, told the Republic in a story published Sunday. “A drug lab was destroyed and a large quantity of the contraband was dis-covered during operation launched in Argodistrict since Friday,” the press release said.

It added that over 370 liters of liquid opium, seven gas cylinders, a power generator and chemical materials used in manufacturing heroin were sized by ANP. The ANP destroyed a heroin lab during an operation in Badakhshan Province, northeast Afghanistan, a press release of the Ministry of Interior released Saturday.

Police arrested a drug smuggler after ANP seized a large quantity of drugs and destroyed and a large drug lab during an operation in Badakhshan Province, said the ANP.

Afghan police destroy heroin lab in N Afghanistan

KABUL, 4 Oct.—Afghan National Police (ANP) destroyed a heroin lab during an operation in Badakhshan Province, northeast Afghanistan, a press release of the Ministry of Interior released Saturday.

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Dumped medical waste poses health hazards

ATHENS, 4 Oct.—Hospitals in Athens, Greece, routinely send toxic waste to landfills, violating regulations and endangering people’s health, a municipal report said.

A random inspection of garbage trucks by the Association of Municipalities and Communities of Attica revealed waste transported from private and state-run hospitals contained materials that are required by law to be disposed of by sanitary incineration, Kathimerini reported on Saturday.

Many hospital administrators said few incinerators, on the grounds of municipal association or at the capital’s larger hospitals, are insufficient to accommodate all the waste from the city’s hospitals. Some hospitals indicated they incinerate their waste in their own facilities, the report said.

Joint message on the occasion of World Teachers’ Day

Each year on 5 October we celebrate teachers for their invaluable contribution in shaping effective education systems and preparing children, young people and adults for active and responsible participation in society.

Education is a human right and central to sustainable development. It is both vital to increase access and to enhance inclusion and quality at all levels of education and in all settings. Among the many factors which affect the quality of education, teachers play a pivotal role in ensuring good learning outcomes. It is commonly acknowledged that the quality of learning depends, first and foremost, on the quality of teachers. It was on this day in 1966 that standards were adopted by the international community to promote quality teachers and teaching.

There is an acute shortage of qualified and trained teachers, especially in the developing world where enrolments at all levels are increasing. It is estimated that 2.4 million teachers (1.2 million new teacher posts) will be needed between 2007 and 2015 in sub-Saharan Africa alone to achieve Universal Primary Education. Lack of training, professional development and growing recruitment on a contract basis weaken education quality. But the profession is also greatly affected by poverty, the HIV and AIDS pandemic, natural disasters, conflict and violence against teachers in school.

We face an urgent need to bridge this global “teacher gap.” It requires policies that take an integrated approach combining large-scale recruitment with appropriate pre-service and in-service training, strong leadership, satisfactory working conditions, and relevant teaching-learning tools and materials.

High expectations and demands are placed on teachers today with the emergence of knowledge societies and the growing integration of information and communication technologies in education. The 21st century calls for new approaches to learning, innovative thinking, the acquisition of specific knowledge about the environment, health and citizenship and the promotion of ethical values and attitudes. The ability of education systems to respond effectively to the needs of today’s learners depends largely on the action that is taken now to recruit, train and support teachers and to ensure decent work for them.

The current global financial and economic crisis is placing increasing strain on education budgets around the world. It is critical to seek mechanisms that protect teachers and ensure that education investments match demand. One challenge is to find ways to make the teaching profession attractive in order to draw an adequate number of well-qualified and motivated candidates. Another is to make sure those already there stay on.

Achieving these goals depends on the status, salary, career development opportunities available for teachers and public respect for them. It also depends on the autonomy they have to develop their own creative learning experiences. The voices of teachers and their representative organizations matter and must be heard.

We commit to expanding the focus of World Teacher’s Day to include higher education and to take into consideration the importance of Higher Education Teaching Personnel. In particular, we need to address issues related to the respect for academic freedom and collegial governance, which have suffered greatly in recent times.

We call upon governments, communities, national and international institutions everywhere to act decisively to achieve Education for All. We commit to do our part and to extend all possible support to the new international task force on “Teachers for EFA.”

The teaching force with its knowledge, experience and foresight can, in these times of crisis, bring new insights and solutions for a sustainable future. In celebrating World Teachers’ Day 2009, we, the signatories, therefore call upon all to join us with renewed energy and conviction to invest in teachers now!
Developed countries urged to help developing nations in eco crisis

ISTANBUL, 4 Oct—China today urged developed countries to help developing countries, the poorest countries in particular, realize their agenda for poverty reduction and sustainable development.

The statement was made by Chinese Deputy Finance Minister Li Yong at the G-24 ministerial meeting held in Istanbul on Saturday on the eve of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual meetings. He said that the global financial crisis originated from developed countries. But its negative impacts on developing countries, particularly on the poorest countries are even worse.—MNA/Xinhua

Jordanian-Indian facility to produce phosphoric acid in 2012

AMMAN, 4 Oct—Foundation stone for a mega Jordanian-Indian facility for the manufacturing of phosphoric acid was laid on Saturday with commercial operation scheduled to start in 2012.

The 625 million US dollar project consists of a facility for the production of sulphuric acid with a capacity of 4,500 metric tones per day (MTPD) and another facility for the manufacturing of phosphoric acid with a capacity of 1,500 MTPD, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported. Located in Al Shidieh area in the southern governorate of Maan, some 300 kilometres to the Jordanian capital of Amman, the project is expected to create 2,000 jobs during the construction phase and 800 after the completion of the scheme, according to the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC).—MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia’s mining Co Bumi obtains $1.9b loans from China

JAKARTA, 4 Oct—Indonesian prominent mining holding company, PT Bumi Resources Tbk, obtained four of its mining companies as guarantee to earn 1.9 billion US dollars of loans from China Investment Corporation (CIC), the Kompas Daily reported here on Saturday.

The loan was disbursed by the Country Forest Limited, a subsidiary unit of CIC. In its explanation to Indonesian Stock Market Supervisory Body (BEI), Bumi management board said on Friday that the loan agreement with CIC had been signed on 18 September this year.—MNA/Xinhua

Donate Blood

Large crowds of tourists view floats at the Tian’anmen Square in central Beijing, capital of China, on 2 Oct, 2009. —Xinhua

Jamaica cops say mother slain, two children wounded

KINGSTON, 4 Oct—Authorities in Jamaica say gunman killed a woman and critically wounded her 6-year-old daughter and 17-year-old son.

Police say the suspects shot 42-year-old security guard Karen Marshall after they kicked in her door and opened fire on the five people inside her home.

In a statement issued on Saturday, police say no one has been arrested and no motive has surfaced. The killing occurred early on Friday in southeast St Catherine parish.
Disease outbreaks feared in tsunami-battered Samoa

APX, 4 Oct—Fears of deadly outbreaks of disease in tsunami-battered Samoa mounted Saturday, as frightened survivors sheltering on higher ground refused to return to their beachfront villages.

As roads and beaches were cleared of debris and rebuilding began, planeloads of medical supplies were rushed to the Pacific island nation which was pounded by massive waves following a 8.0-magnitude undersea quake Tuesday.

The number of people confirmed dead from the tragedy in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga reached 176 Saturday with grave fears for 12 others still missing and officials warned the toll would rise. Related article: Samoa resorts destroyed.

Dr Limbo Fiu, a manager with the National Health Service in Samoa, said a second wave of deaths was looming as the injured continued to trickle into hospitals. “In a few weeks, we will see many people sick with gastroenteritis and diarrhoea. That will affect the young and the elderly. Deaths are inevitable,” he told reporters.—INTERNET

US rolls out massive swine flu vaccination campaign

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct—US health authorities are hoping to contain what they say is an intensifying swine flu pandemic with a massive A(H1N1) vaccination campaign starting this week.

“We expect on Friday in our weekly update of FluView that we will be reporting substantial flu illness in most of the country, significant flu activity in virtually all states,” said Anne Schuchat, director of the Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

“Most states do have quite a lot of disease right now, and that is unusual for this time of the year,” she said at a press conference on Friday evening. Schuchat also shared her concern over the serious risks facing pregnant women infected with the virus, whose risk of dying from the A(H1N1) strain is effectively six times higher than for the general population. Between April and August, 100 pregnant women in the United States who contracted the virus were admitted to intensive care, and 28 died, Schuchat said.

According to the most recent figures released by the CDC, 10,082 people have been hospitalized with swine flu in the United States so far, with 936 deaths from the virus, including 36 children.

Meanwhile, a team of doctors and health personnel has been dispatched to the area. “The situation is under control,” Thakur added.

Thakur also told the daily that health camps were established in Kapilvastu, some 200 km west of Kathmandu, and enough medicines were dispatched from a regional medical store in Butwal.—Xinhua

Nepal tries to control diarrhea outbreak

KATHMANDU, 4 Oct—Epidemiology and Disease Control Division (EDCD) under the Ministry of Health and Population has claimed that the diarrhea outbreak in Kapilvastu in western Nepal was “under control”, local media reported on Sunday.

According to Sunday’s The Himalayan Times daily, GD Thakur, EDCD’s director said that the government was closely monitoring the affected area. However, diarrhea outbreak has been recorded at four places during Dashain festival recently, Thakur said.

A 62-year-old woman lost her life due to diarrhea in the festival. At least four districts in the country were hit hard during Dashain, said Thakur.

Ethiopia gears up for malaria outbreak

ADDIS ABABA, 4 Oct—Ethiopia is stockpiling medicine to counter an expected surge in malaria cases due to hotter weather, its health ministry said on Saturday.

In a statement, Kesetebirhan Admasu, head of the disease prevention directorate, said the El Nino effect would raise temperatures, reduce rain and generally aggravate conditions for the spread of malaria.

In response to the threat, he said, “there is sufficient medicine in store that could treat 12 million people,” for which 12.6 million birr (685,000 euros, one million dollars) has been spent.

A woman is given a flu shot during a “vaccine and vino” event in Chicago, Illinois last month where guest sampled wine while being vaccinated. US health authorities are hoping to contain what they say is an intensifying swine flu pandemic with a massive A(H1N1) vaccination campaign that begins this week.—INTERNET

US researchers identify gene with possible link to infertility in mice

WASHINGTON, 4 Oct—Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) researchers have identified the role of a gene in regulating molecular signals involved with ovarian follicle development, which may one day help shed light on some of the causes of fertility issues in humans, the university said on Friday in a Press release.

The steps involved with conception and pregnancy are delicate and complex — particularly the process of follicle genesis. In females, fertility is dependant on the growth of a follicle, a structure that ultimately transforms to release a mature egg.

In an ordinary cycle, one follicle, known as the dominant follicle, matures to release an egg, while the rest of the eggs produced in that cycle will die. Destruction at any stage in the development of the follicle can prevent this maturation and impair fertility, as well as alter the production of hormones in the ovaries.

In the study, published online in the Oct 1 issue of the journal Biology of Reproduction, researchers used a mouse model to examine the role of a gene known as Smad-3 in the early stages of follicular growth to better understand the molecular mechanisms that could influence fertility.—Xinhua

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Venus Williams advances into China Open second round

VENUS Williams BEIJING, 4Oct—Venus Williams advanced into the second round of tennis China Open by defeating Vera Dushevina of Russia in two straight sets 6-2, 7-6(1). Williams, third seed of the tournament, dominated the first set by winning it 6-2 with ease.

However, the second set was really tough. Dushevina, ranked 47 in the world, found her rhythm gradually while the American made several unforced errors. The Russian broke Williams twice and saved her own to make a 4-0 lead, but Williams did the same thing after that as she made it equal 4-4. The third seed found her form back in the tie-break as she won it 7-1.

Mexico’s Ochoa seeks to close the LPGA deal

MEXICO City, 4 Oct—Mexico’s Lorena Ochoa shot a six-under-par 66 and moved into sole possession of first place with a three-stroke lead following the third round of the LPGA’s Navistar Classic. Defending champ Ochoa moved to 16-under 200 ahead of Germany’s Sandra Gal at The Senator Course at Capitol Hill Golf Club. Gal also fired a 66 on Saturday.

“It was a good day,” Ochoa said. “I didn’t make many birdies early. My first birdie was on hole number seven.” Once I made that, I just give myself more of a better feeling and a good rhythm.”

Capello won’t rest England stars for last qualifiers

LONDON, 4 Oct—Fabio Capello insists he will not rest Wayne Rooney or any of England’s star players for his side’s final two World Cup qualifiers against the Ukraine and Belarus. Capello, whose team have already qualified for South Africa 2010 with eight victories in their opening eight fixtures, had previously hinted that Rooney and Steven Gerrard in particular could be omitted in order to protect them from injury and to give other players an opportunity to press their case.

Pedro wonder strike sends Barcelona top

MADRID, 4 Oct—A terrific strike from Pedro Rodriguez helped Barcelona equal their best ever start to a league season with a nervy 1-0 home victory over Almeria on Saturday. Barcelona’s sixth successive win, matching a club record set in 1991 and 1998, also sees the defending champions replace Real Madrid at the summit of La Liga.

Pedro, the latest Barcelona youth player to make the breakthrough, turned sharply before rifling home an unstoppable 31st minute shot to follow up his goal against Dinamo Kiev in midweek. “It is always nice to score and win, however, the coach won’t be happy because we mislaced a lot of passes in our build-up play and didn’t create as many chances as in other games,” said Pedro. —Internet

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Answers to yesterday’s Crosswords Puzzle

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R A W N A RD A DOR I NG
N D I F FE R E N T MAN
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Furious Fergie lashes out at ‘unfit’ referee

Manchester, 4 Oct—Sir Alex Ferguson launched an extraordinary attack on referee Alan Wiley after Manchester United’s 2-2 draw with Sunderland, claiming he wasn’t fit enough to officiate at the highest level. United needed a 93rd minute deflected Patrice Evra effort to earn a point against a Sunderland side who almost cost the surprise of the season.

Darren Bent’s seventh minute strike was cancelled out by a stunning overhead effort from Dimitar Berbatov early in the second half before Kenwyne Jones again restored the ‘keeper’s lead. Steve Bruce’s side looked to have done enough to hold onto all three points before Evra’s edge-of-the-box effort took a huge deflection off Anton Ferdinand to equalise. —Internet
German troops attacked in N Afghan Province

KABUL, 4 Oct—A local official in Kunduz Province north of Afghanistan said on Sunday that German forces came under attack on late Saturday night. “The troops were on routine patrol in Zakhi Khakani area of Chardara district when militants attacked them with rocket propelled grenade at 11:00 pm local time (06.30 GMT) but caused no loss of life or damage,” Abdul Wahid Omar Khil, the governor of Chardara district, told Xinhua.

However, locals said that a military vehicle was slightly damaged. On the other hand, a Taliban purposed spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid claimed responsibility and in talks with media from the governor of Chardara district, told Xinhua.

However, Omar Khil rejected the claim, saying there were no casualties on the troops. Kunduz, a relatively peaceful Province until early this year, was slightly damaged. On the other hand, a Taliban

WEATHER

Sunday, 4th October 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin, Shan, Kayin States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Sagaing Division and isolated heavy falls in Chin, Rakhine, Mon States, and Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were NayPyiTaw (Yezin) (0.59) inch, Thanedwe (3.86) inches, Minkin (0.74) inches, Coco Island (3.58) inches, Kami (3.36) inches, Mindat (3.35) inches, Palae (3.30) inches, Theinzayat (3.23) inches, Kalay (3.18) inches, Kalawa (2.52) inches, Yinnabin (2.40) inches, Monywa (2.37) inches, Aunglan (1.41) inches, Budalin (1.40) inches and Salangyi (1.10) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-10-2009 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 4-10-2009 was 67°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 4-10-2009 was 96%.

Total sun shine hours on 3-10-2009 was Nil.

Rainfall on 4-10-2009 was (0.43) inch at Mngladon, (0.83) inch at Kabu-Aye and (0.51) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (107.48) inches at Mngladon, (118.98) inches at Kabu-Aye and (124.09) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kabu-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 3-10-2009.

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 5th October 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeawady and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, Upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of withdrawal Southwest monsoon from in Deltic areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 5-10-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-10-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-10-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

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

Successful agricultural undertakings in Taungdwingyi

In the past, an ancient town had four names called Dokhtapura, Yadana Tintein, Ponnawady and Taungdwingyi. Recently, the news crew of Kyemon Daily stopped over in Taungdwingyi.

The town is sharing border with Bago mountain range, Pyawbwe, Nay Pyi Taw Lewe and Yamethin townships of Mandalay Division in the east, Magway Township in the west, Aunglan and Hsinbaungwe townships in the south and Myothit Township in the north.

Taungdwingyi has an area of 760 square miles, formed with 10 wards in the urban area and 275 villages of 72 village-tracts. It has over 43,000 households in urban and rural areas.

The township is equipped with four Basic Education High Schools, nine Basic Education Middle Schools, 40 Basic Education Post-Primary Schools and 204 Basic Education Primary Schools. Of them, two BEHSs have been facilitated with computers in their multi-media classrooms. In the 2008-2009 academic year, the township had 41.56 per cent pass rate in the matriculation examination. In the health care sector, there

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