Pathein-Monywa Asphalt Road under construction to help develop west bank regions of Ayeyawady and Chindwin rivers

I made a trip to Monywa from Yangon by flight on 10 August 2010 to write bylines on progress of Kazunma-Monywa section, the third one of Pathein-Monywa Road, being constructed by Public Works under the Ministry of Construction passing Ayeyawady, Bago, Magway and Sagaing Regions.

In parallel with Ayeyawady and Chindwin rivers, three sections of the 450 miles and five furlongs long motor road are under construction. Under the supervision of Deputy Minister for Construction U Myint Thein, Deputy Chief Engineer U Win Maung, special groups of Public Works and companies are taking responsibility for construction of 179/6 miles long Pathein-Okshitpin section. The 183/2 miles long Okshitpin-Kazunma section is being built by Chief Engineer U Thein Zaw and special groups of Public Works and companies under the leadership of Officer on Special Duty U Sein Thaung.

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Agreement signed for scholarship programme on development of human resources

NAY PI TAW, 2 Sept—A ceremony to sign the agreement on assistance for scholarship programme on development of human resources provided by Japanese Government to Myanmar Government was held at the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, here, this evening.

Present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Deputy Minister U Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, departmental heads, Ambassador of Japan to the Union of Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa and embassy officials.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, on behalf of the Government of the Union of Myanmar, and Ambassador of Japan to the Union of Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa, on behalf of the Government of Japan, signed the agreement and exchanged notes.

Later, the minister and the ambassador spoke words of thanks.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha speaks words of thanks at signing ceremony for scholarship programme on development of human resources.

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- National reconsolitation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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Government, people and Tatmadaw join hands to overcome difficulties

Under the arrangements of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee, a ceremony to honour those who constructed Cyclone Shelters took place at the hall of Ministry of Construction in Nay Pyi Taw on 31 August, with an address by Chairman of the NDPCC Prime Minister U Thein Sein.

Today, the world encounters various natural disasters. In early May 2008, Myanmar was hit by the cyclone Nargis, which is the strongest in the course of Myanmar history. Due to the storm, the total loss of State-owned and private-owned property amounted to K 11.7 trillion.

The government carried out emergency rescue and relief works expeditiously. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the government systematically carried out emergency rescue work and provided temporary accommodation during the first phase, rehabilitation during the second phase and regional development and long-term preparedness and prevention against natural disaster during the third phase. At present, the storm survivors have enjoyed the better living standard than in the past.

In addition to Hillocks and Cyclone Shelters, the Road Network is being constructed not only for the preventive measures against natural disasters in the long run but for production roads.

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In times of emergency, the entire people upholding national spirit are to join hands with the government and the Tatmadaw for overcoming various difficulties and obstacles through the united strength.

PERSPECTIVES

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Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State

Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation

Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

A&I Minister meets Australian, Japanese Ambassadors

YANGON, 2 Sept — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Htay Oo received Ambassador of Australian Commonwealth to Myanmar Mr. Yasuaki Nogawa at his office here on 31 August, and held discussions on cooperation in agriculture sector between the two countries.

Similarly, the minister met Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yasuaki Nogawa at the same avenue yesterday and discussed matters related to ongoing and follow-up tasks for development of agriculture sector.—MNA

Mosquito repellent donated to Yangon Children’s Hospital

YANGON, 2 Sept — A ceremony to donate Chinmaingmin mosquito repellent produced by Naga Hnakaung Traditional Medicine Industry took place at Yangon Children’s Hospital, here, on 27 August afternoon.

U Kyaw Naing of Naga Hnakaung Traditional Medicine Industry presents mosquito repellent to Medical Superintendent Dr U Aung Kyi Win of Yangon Children’s Hospital.—MNA

Ocean Gate Training Centre

YANGON, 2 Sept—Ocean Gate training centre will open the basic and intermediate level GIS courses soon.

The courses will include introduction to Geographic Information System, setting up a GIS

Database, Spatial Data Analysis, Data Interoperability in GIS and Data Presentation and Map Production.

The training courses will start in mid-September. The basic level will last two weeks and the intermediate level, four weeks.

Ocean Gate plans to conduct Remote Sensing course, Project Oriented Geospatial Technology course and Geospatial Technology Advanced Course for Geography, Geology, Business and Biology.

More information is available at Ocean Gate Training Centre at No. 355 at Room 206 on Theinbyu Street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon. Tel: 381130.

U Kyaw Naing of Naga Hnakaung Traditional Medicine Industry explained the purpose of donation and presented mosquito repellent to Medical Superintendent Dr U Aung Kyi Win.

Today’s donation of mosquito repellent amounted to K 1 million.

Those wishing to buy the repellent for donation may contact Naga Hnakaung Traditional Medicine Industry, No. 776, Bogyoke Aung San Street (near Wardan Street), Lanmadaw Township, Tel: 01-223960, 225761, 211357 and Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw District, Tel: 067-70266.—MNA
Typhoon suspends S Korean flights, subway, kills three

SEOUL, 2 Sept—Typhoon Kompasu slammed into South Korea on Thursday, killing three people in what was called the strongest tropical storm to hit the Seoul area in 15 years.

Powerful gusts knocked over trees, power lines and streetlights, cutting off power to tens of thousands of homes and forcing airports to cancel or delay dozens of international flights, the National Emergency Management Agency said.

More than 60 international flights were delayed or canceled, mostly to and from China, officials at Incheon and Gimpo airports said. Service on two Seoul subway lines and five railway routes was suspended, officials said.

An 80-year-old man died after being hit by a roof tile and a 37-year-old businessman was killed on his way to work by a falling tree branch, the emergency management agency said. A 75-year-old man was electrocuted while examining a transformer, and four people were injured by broken glass, it said.

Elementary and middle schools in the capital, Seoul, were ordered to delay the start of the school day by two hours, while all public and private kindergartens were closed for the day, the Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education said.

India to test-fire newly-improved medium-range ballistic missile Agni-II+

Mumbai, 2 Sept—India will test-fire the newly improved medium-range ballistic missile Agni-II+ around the end of this month to strengthen the ariel strategic deterrent capability, local media reported on Thursday.

The Agni-II+ will be launched from an interim test range on the coast of the eastern Indian state of Orissa by the Indian Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), the Orissa government-run website Orisiasidiary quoted an official of the DRDO as saying.

The missile is a completely new version of the Agni-II with several advanced technologies adopted in its design. In comparison to its previous version, Agni-II+ has the extended range of 3,000 kilometres, bridging the gap between the 2000km-range Agni-II and 3500km-range Agni-III medium-range ballistic missiles, said the official.

Agni-II+ weighs about 17 tons with the length of 21 metres. It could carry a nuclear warhead of over one ton for long-range strike, according to the official.

Agni-II is the second member of the Indian most powerful surface-to-surface ballistic missile family of Agni series, which include Agni-I, Agni-II, Agni-III and Agni-V.

On 27 Aug, Indian Defence Minister AK Antony said India was ready to first test-fire the newly developed intercontinental ballistic missile Agni-V. But he did not disclose the date for Agni-V’s test.

American troops killed in Afghan attacks

KABUL, 2 Sept—Two American troops died in fighting in Afghanistan on Thursday, while NATO said it had killed the leader of an insurgent cell responsible for laying roadside bombs and smuggling foreign fighters into the country.

NATO said one service member was killed in the country’s east, the other in the south — regions where fighting between the coalition and Taliban insurgents has been at its most intense. No other details were given in keeping with standard NATO procedure.

The deaths bring to three the number of US service members killed in September and follows a spike in casualties during the last two weeks of August that saw the monthly total rise to 55. The August figure was still below the back-to-back monthly records of 66 in July and 60 in June.

Number of victims in Congo mass rape increases

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Sept—The number of reported victims of a recent mass rape in the Democratic Republic of Congo has grown by nearly a hundred over the last week, the United Nations said on Wednesday.

UN spokesman Farhan Haq told reporters in New York that the world body’s MONUSCO peacekeeping force in Congo has received further reports of rapes committed over the course of several days in a town in the eastern part of the country, bringing the number well above the 154 reported last week.

“They(MONUSCO) have received by now reports of more than 240 victims of rape in the eastern Congo,” Haq said.

MONUSCO has said it was only informed of the incident more than a week after it happened, even though they had a base just 20 miles from the scene in the country’s violent east.

People look at a vehicle damaged by a fallen branch after Typhoon Kompasu hit in Seoul, South Korea, on 2 Sept, 2010. The typhoon slammed into South Korea on Thursday, killing three people in what officials said was the strongest tropical storm to hit the Seoul area in 15 years. The driver of the car is safe as the person was not in the car.—INTERNET

Afghan police gather at the scene of an attack in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 30 Aug, 2010. Police say a district government leader in eastern Afghanistan has been killed by bomb in his car as he traveled to a meeting to discuss security matters. —INTERNET

The photo taken on 31 Aug, 2010 shows the bar Castillo del Mar in Cancun, Mexico. Eight people were killed in the Caribbean resort of Cancun early on Tuesday when suspected drug hitmen threw home-made explosive device into the bar.—XINHUA

Local residents gather at the blast site in Kandahar, southern Afghanistan, on 1 Sept, 2010. —XINHUA

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Jordan discovers 3,000-year-old Iron Age temple

Excavations began in Khirbat ‘Ataruz in 2000 in cooperation with the California-based La Sierra University, but the majority of the items were only discovered in the past few months.

Among the items on display Wednesday, there was a four-legged animal god Hadad, as well as delicate circular clay vessels used in holy rites. Al-Saad said the objects indicate the Moabites worshipped many deities and had a highly organized ritual use of temples.

The items will be scientifically analyzed and conserved before going on display in Jordan’s archaeological museum.—Internet

Famed Tasmanian devil euthanized after tumor found

SYDNEY, 2 Sept—A Tasmanian devil named Cedric, once thought to be immune to a contagious facial cancer threatening the iconic creatures with extinction, has been euthanized after succumbing to the disease, researchers said Wednesday.

The death of the devil—previously heralded as a possible key to saving the species— is another blow for scientists struggling to stop the rapid spread of the cancer, which is transmitted when the furry black marsupials bite each other.

The Tasmanian devil population has plummeted by 70 percent since Devil Facial Tumor Disease was first discovered in 1996. The snarling, fox-sized creatures—made famous by their Looney Tunes cartoon namesake Taz—don’t exist in the wild outside Tasmania, an island state south of the Australian mainland.

In 2007, researchers injected Cedric and his half brother Clinky with facial cancer cells. Clinky developed the disease, but Cedric showed an immune response and grew no tumors—giving researchers hope that he could help them create a vaccine.

But in late 2008, Cedric developed two small facial tumors after being injected with a different strain of the cancer, which causes grotesque facial growths that eventually grow large enough to impede breathing, to the point where it becomes impossible for the devils to eat. Current estimates suggest the species could be extinct within 25 years due to the prolific spread of the cancer.

Researchers removed the tumors, and Cedric appeared to be rallying. But X-rays taken two weeks ago showed the cancer had spread to the 5-year-old’s lungs, Kreiss said. Tests confirmed the lung tumors were a result of facial tumor disease.—Internet

Apple unveils new TV set-top box

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Sept— Apple Inc on Wednesday unveiled a new version its TV set-top box which is smaller and cheaper.

The new Apple TV is a quarter of the size of the previous version and can be easily held in people’s hand, Apple CEO Steve Jobs said at a media event held in San Francisco. The device supports video streaming from Netflix Inc, a company that offers movies and TV shows on demand.

Apple TV can also stream content from websites such as YouTube, as well as music, photos and videos from users’ computers to their high definition (HD) TVs. The TV show rental service gives users up to 30 days to start watching and then 48 hours to finish or watch multiple TV show rentals.

The work on the 3D software upgrade is now complete, and the upgrade will be done by October, according to Stringer. Users who have a 3D-compatible TV set and PlayStation 3 will be able to watch 3D movies on Blu-ray discs, Stringer said.

The camera of a Google street-mapping service.—Internet

PlayStation 3 will be ready for 3D by October

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 Sept—PlayStation 3 owners will finally be able to watch movies in 3D by October, Sony CEO Howard Stringer promised during his speech Wednesday at the Internationale Funkausstellung (IFA) trade show in Berlin.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduces new iPod nano at Apple’s fall 2010 event in San Francisco, the United States, on 1 Sept, 2010. Apple unveiled a new line of its iPod models and a new version of Apple TV on Wednesday’s event. Xinhua

Google data gathering was not a crime

WELLINGTON, 2 Sept—New Zealand police said Thursday that Google did not commit a criminal offence when it collected data from wireless networks for its “Street View” mapping service.

The New Zealand Privacy Commissioner called in police in June after Google admitted that its cars taking photographs of cities in more than 30 countries had inadvertently gathered personal data sent over unsecured wifi systems.

Privacy regulators in Australia, Europe, the US and Canada also launched investigations into data the web giant’s camera-equipped cars collected while taking photos of streets and houses.

New Zealand police said Google’s actions did not constitute a criminal offence and they had referred the matter back to the Privacy Commissioner.

Concerns in the case centre on Google’s collection of so-called “payload data”, unencrypted information sent on wireless networks that are not protected by passwords which can contain personal information, including the content of e-mails.

Google said in July that its “Street View” cars would resume operations in some countries that had blocked photos and 3D imagery, not wifi data.—Internet
The dollar gained ground against the Japanese currency, fetching 84.42 yen compared to 84.22 a day earlier, after nearing its lowest level in 15 years at 83.60 yen.

"The general sense of today’s numbers, with some exceptions, is that the world economy is not doing too bad," said Brown Brothers Harriman analyst Marc Chandler, citing latest data showing an improvement in the US manufacturing sector.

The Institute of Supply Management said on Wednesday that its manufacturing index rose to 56.3 points from 55.5 percent in July. A reading above 50 percent indicates an expanding manufacturing sector.

The euro was quoted at 1.2974-2796 dollars and 108.13-15 yen, against 1.2803-2813 dollars and 108.07-17 yen in New York and 1.2723-2725 dollars and 107.09-13 yen in Tokyo late Wednesday.
**Chinese shares open 0.92% higher on overnight US stocks gains**

BEIJING, 2 Sept — China’s stocks rose with the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index up 0.92 percent to open at 2,646.89 Thursday, driven by Wednesday’s Wall Street rallies.

The Shenzhen Component Index climbed 1.45 percent to open at 11,482.35 points.

The US stock market posted strong gains as better-than-expected manufacturing data from both China and the United States eased concerns of a global economic slump.

The Dow Jones industrial average rallied 246.65 points, or 2.46 percent, to 10,261.37. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index gained 29.31 points, or 2.79 percent, to 1,078.64 and the Nasdaq surged 61.24 points, or 2.90 percent, to 2,175.27.

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**Colombia arrests Ecuadorian carrying explosives for guerrilla**

BOGOTA, 2 Sept—The Colombian police have captured an Ecuadorian citizen along the Tiquerres in the Narino department in southwest Colombia. The Colombian authorities have captured several Ecuadorians with explosives in the past for illegal armed groups which operate in Narino.

Ecuadorian, Antonio Pena, was carrying 25 kg of pentolita explosives when he was arrested in Tiquerres in the Narino department in southwest Colombia.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and other paramilitary groups and drug traffickers operate in Narino as well.

Colombia and Ecuador severed diplomatic ties in March 2008 after a raid carried out by the Colombian army on a FARC camp in Ecuadorian territory.

Ecuador condemned the move as a violation to its territorial sovereignty.

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**Ecuador demands investigation of migrants massacre in Mexico**

QUITO, 2 Sept—The Ecuadorian National Assembly approved a resolution Wednesday calling on the Mexican government to probe the massacre of 72 Central and South American migrants and punish the perpetrators.

Last week the Mexican authorities found the corpses of 72 migrants on a ranch in Tamaulipas state, bordering the United States. One Ecuadorian citizen survived the attack and was the one who notified the Mexican authorities.

Ecuadorian legislators also call on the international community to make new efforts to protect human rights of the people in transit and combat organized crime.

They also demanded the Ecuadorian government guarantee the safety of the Ecuadorian survivor and his family.

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**Establishment of Shaolin Europe Association announced in Vienna**

VIENNA, 2 Sept—With the establishment of Shaolin Europe Association announced in Vienna on Wednesday, Chinese Kung Fu fans and Zen Buddhism culture enthusiasts across Europe will have a new platform to exchange ideas and promote Shaolin culture.

“Since Shaolin culture was introduced into Europe 20 years ago, it has been deeply loved by European people and become part of their life,” said Shi Yongxin, Abbot of Shaolin Temple, which has been announced part of humanity’s cultural heritage by UNESCO.

Shi Yongxin, who is visiting Austria for an international meeting, also said at a press conference that although hundreds of thousands of European people have had access to Shaolin Kung Fu training programmes, there is still room for improvement in terms of inadequate channels to spread Shaolin culture.

That is where the new association comes into to better provide Shaolin culture for European people, he said.

Headquartered in the Shaolin Culture Centre in the German capital of Berlin, the association has been joined by 10 Shaolin branch units in Europe, according to an organizer at the press conference held in Hilton Vienna Plaza Hotel.

Nested in the Songshan Mountains of China’s Henan Province, and with a history of more than 1,500 years, the Shaolin Temple has long been considered by many as the Cradle of Chinese Kung Fu and home of Zen Buddhism culture. In recent years, it has sent its Kungfu masters to perform Kungfu arts all over the world and established Shaolin culture centres to help promote cultural exchanges between China and other countries.

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**China’s Red Cross societies arrange more than 2 billion yuan donation for reconstruction in Yushu**

BEIJING, 2 Sept — The Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) said on its website Wednesday that the country’s Red Cross societies have received cash and materials donations equal to 2.32 billion yuan (about $342 million US dollars) by 17 Aug for disaster relief efforts in quake-hit Yushu of northwest China’s Qinghai Province.

The RCSC said so far, donations in cash and materials equivalent to 2.12 billion yuan had been delivered for reconstruction projects in Yushu, including 18.78 million yuan in cash and material donations being spent on emergency aid and rescue efforts in the quake-hit area, according to a statement on the RCSC’s website.

To carry out reconstruction plans for Yushu, the RCSC would provide 2.3 billion yuan donations as a fund for rebuilding hospitals, schools and farmers’ houses there, including 200 million yuan donations received by Qinghai provincial Red Cross society, said the statement.

A 7.1-magnitude quake struck Yushu 14 April and left 2,698 people dead and 270 more missing. The quake’s epicenter was Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture.

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**GM August sales drop 25 percent year on year**

CHICAGO, 2 Sept—General Motors Co. Wednesday announced an 11 percent drop in auto sales in August for its four core brands compared with a year-ago when sales were fueled by the government’s Cash for Clunkers incentives. The automaker saw a 25 percent decrease in total sales for the month. Retail sales, excluding fleet sales, for all eight brands were down 29 percent.

“Last year’s Cash for Clunkers program spiked industry sales in 2009, so results this August were not surprisingly a bit mixed,” said Don Johnson, vice president of US Sales Operations.

GM’s four viable brands were reported a 7 percent dropoff from July, suggesting the road to recovery continues to be a long and spurring one.
The Tatmadaw is the strongest national force that was given birth together with Myanmar’s independence struggles. Only with the military prowess the Tatmadaw showed, bringing dignity to the history of the nation, did the nation regain independence and stand tall as a sovereign one in the world. Then, the entire people were freed from the yoke of colonialism and enjoyed the opportunity to hold their heads high as independent people.

It is the Tatmadaw that guards the people against various forms of dangers and saves the nation and the people in times of emergency in which the nation is on the verge of losing sovereignty, and community peace, stability and peace of the State are under severe threats. So, the Tatmadaw is a nation’s high patriotic duty. Today, the Tatmadaw stands as the strongest national force for the nation and the people, and guides the nation towards the goal of democracy along the national political path. In the process, the Tatmadaw has the State’s confidence to go to achieve the national goal of democracy in order to satisfy the people’s aspiration. Simultaneously, it is striving for sustainable peace and stability of the nation for a prosperous future of the people.

As a result, the people today show their trust and reliance on the Tatmadaw. The people are well convinced of the fact that the Tatmadaw is essential for the leadership role in maintaining the already-achieved development momentum and ensuring smooth and stable transition to democracy. Only with the participation of the Tatmadaw, will it be possible to ensure the future of the nation and the people. And only when the Tatmadaw is strong, so will the nation.

Yet, certain elements are desperate to break up the Tatmadaw. They are none other than a handful of axe-handles inside and outside the nation. They are so power-craving that they focus all their attention to power. Their concept is that only with the downfall of the Tatmadaw, will they come to power and enjoy a brighter future. And only when the Tatmadaw is weak, can they do at will. Thus, they are resorting to all possible ways and means to break up, weaken and divert the Tatmadaw from its course of national patriotic way. Nonetheless, they are too foolish to visualize that if the Tatmadaw splits into pieces, so will the nation. Then, the entire people including them will fall under the rule of neo-colonialists.

It is common knowledge that the axe-handles in complicity with certain western radio stations are airing groundless news stories constantly. They have done so on purpose since late 1988. Their intention is to destroy the nation, to incite conflicts among the national people, and to push the nation under alien subjugation. That is known to all.

Nowadays, western radio stations are airing broadcasts designed to deal a devastating blow to the Tatmadaw. In the news stories, they say that the eight regiments under the brigade in Yemon are in defiance of commands because soldiers are not allowed to withdraw the money they have saved in the regiments concerned; and that they decline Nay Pyi Taw’s intervention. In addition, they aired that the regiments in Yemon are surrounded by 400 troops from Nay Pyi Taw. Later, they said that the troops were as strong as 700. Then, they aired irresponsibly that the eight commanding officers were all detained to mollify the other ranks. They have been airing such groundless stories for months on end, thus denoting the point that they turn more attention to the drive for breaking up the Tatmadaw.

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Electoral process course opened in Mongyai Township

Nav Pi Taw, 2 Sept.—The opening of electoral process course for polling station officers and deputy polling station officers in ward/village election subcommission in Mongyai Township in Lashio District, Shan State (North) took place at Mongyai Yadana Hall on 30 August. Chairperson of township subcommission law officer U Aye Ko head of township Immigration and National Registration Department and Development Councilor U Akar Soe made a speech and Chairman of township subcommission U Sai Thein Aung explained the purpose of opening the course. Member of township subcommission law officer U Nandar Aung, township audit officer U Aye Ko, head of township Immigration and National Registration Department U Than Myint and a member of township subcommission demonstrated duties of ward/village-tract subcommission and polling station officers and deputy polling station officers and process of casting. It was attended by a total of 375 trainees from 28 wards and village-tracts.

Pathein-Monywa Asphalt…

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Deputy Minister U Tint Swe leads Deputy Chief Engineer U Khin Maung Thein, road special groups, district special groups and companies in construction of Kazunma-Monywa section in 1976-77 under the Colombo Project, but only the Okshitpin-Mindon section was completed. SMEC also built 52 miles and five furlongs long Betye-Okshitpin section in 1971-1972. Furthermore, SMEC constructed 31 miles and six furlongs long Betye-Oskhitpin section in 1971-1972. SMEC also built 52 miles and six furlongs long Oskhitpin-Mindon section in 1976-77 under the Colombo Project, but only the Oskhitpin-Mindon section was completed. Public Works constructed 51 miles and five furlongs long Padan-Kazunma section in 1982-1983. Public Works cooperated with Australian experts in construction of 82 miles and one furlong long Padan-Kazunma section in 2000-2001. In 2004-2005, Public Works constructed 105 miles and one furlong long Kazunma-Monywa section.

Together with Assistant Engineer U Aung Zaw Tun of Monywa District, we the news crew of Myanma Alin visited Monywa-Kazunma section.

Monywa District Public Works is taking responsibility for construction of 11 miles and five furlongs long section of the road, the Building Construction Special Group-3 led by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Taing Khang four miles long section, Pakokku District Public Works led by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Thaung Myint 10 miles long section, Myanmar Adipati Co four miles long section, Road Special Group-13 led by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Aung Zaw Tun 10 miles long section and IGE Co five miles long section. We saw earthworks, placing of ballot and tarmacking on some sections with the use of heavy machinery. A total of 108 conduits, 51 bridges of under 50 feet and 14 bridges of above 50 feet are under construction on the 87 miles and five furlongs long Kazunma-Monywa section, the third one of Pathein-Monywa Motor Road.

After visiting Kyartet, South Yama, Wetkhok, Lintakaw, Myaing, Kaingtawma and Yeypyar section in Monywa, Yinmabin and Salinjgyi townships, we arrived at North Yama Creek Village Bridge being built by Bridge Construction Project Special Group-13 in Yinmabin Township. To implement North Yama Bridge Construction Project, the preliminary engineering works were conducted beginning January 2008. The construction of the bridge started on 1 March 2008. So far, a total of 34 bridge pillars have been constructed. Moreover, Bridge Department of Public Works (Head Office) built 24 piers from P-10 to P-13. At present, the bridge is under construction with installation of Bailey steel trusses. From approach structure A1 to pier P7 it will be D/S Bailey and from pier P7 to approach structure A2, S/S Bailey. We witnessed installation of Bailey steel frames at the bridge spans.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Construction is building roads and bridges for development of social and economic sectors of the State, uplift of living standard of the local people and forging unity and amity among national brethren. So far, the ministry has constructed 240 180 feet long bridges and 2915 bridges under 180 feet long and is building 22180 feet long bridges throughout the nation. Moreover, a total of 21558 miles and one furlong long asphalt, gravel, hard and earthen roads have been constructed and 1815 miles long roads are being built. Among the roads across the nation, the Pathein-Monywa Road is under construction through concerted efforts of Public Works and private companies day in and day out.

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A road roller seen at construction site of Pathein-Monywa Motor Road.

Earth work of Pathein-Monywa Asphalt Road being undertaken with the use of heavy machinery.
Padaung, most developed, beautiful township in...

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There are 716 deep tube-wells, 1257 wells, 480 artesian wells, and 72 other wells in 209 villages of Padaung Township. In villages, a total of 44 lakes in which rainwater is stored have been built. Two artisan wells that can pump 600 gallons of water per hour have been sunk in Kyeebin village.

Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than being welcomed by Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the Union of Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung at the reception to mark 65th Anniversary National Day of SRV in Yangon on 2 September. — MNA

MCF to organize ICT exhibition, seminar

YANGON, 2 Sept — Jointly organized by Myanmar Computer Federation (MCF), Korea Trade Investment Promotion Agency (kotra) of Commercial Section of Embassy of the Republic of Korea and Moon Engineering Co., Ltd, the 1st of Korea and Moon Engineering Society, Ph: 519676 for tenders and contact Myanmar ICT Businessmen, entrepreneurs, electronics companies and enthusiasts may visit the exhibition. — MNA

Talks on RCC Dam Construction & Civil Engineering Techno-Power on 4 Sept

YANGON, 2 Sept — U Aung Swe, M.E (Civil Engineering), Tokyo University, will give talks on RCC Dam Construction & Civil Engineering Techno-Power in a seminar organized by Civil Engineering Technical Division under Myanmar Engineering Society, to be launched at Seminar Room of CETV, Hline Township here from 9 am to 11 am on 4 September.

Any interested person may attend the event and contact Myanmar ICT Products & Solutions Exhibition 2010 will be held from 9 to 11 September and the 2nd Korea ICT New Technology Seminar 2010 on 10 and 11 September at Myanmar InfoTech. Not only MCF members ICT companies but also companies from Korea will take part in the exhibition and the seminar where ICT technology, latest electronics and IT Solutions & Services will be on display. Businessmen, entrepreneurs, electronics companies and enthusiasts may visit the exhibition.

Fourth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-ministry Football Tournament goes on

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Sept — Jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation, the third round of the fourth Nay Pyi Taw Inter-ministry Football Tournament continued today. Ministry of Labour team won over Ministry of Transport team 1-0 at Nay Pyi Taw Paunglaung Sports Ground.

As semifinal matches, Ministry of Finance and Revenue will play against Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs on 6 September and Ministry of Sports will compete with Ministry of Labour on 7 September. — MNA

Dy Health Minister makes inspection tour of hospitals in Bago Region (West)

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Sept — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo inspected the chosen places to construct patient wards, operation theatre, delivery room, medicine store, and X-ray room in Padigon People’s Hospital in Bago Region (West) on 29 August.

In meeting with township health committee members, departmental heads and social organization members, the deputy minister presented anti-mosquito nets to village healthcare centres concerned.

He then proceeded to Hsinwe Station Hospital and Thogon People’s Hospital where he looked around the hospitals, met responsible persons and then presented anti-mosquito nets. — MNA

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Several insurgents captured in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Sept—Afghan and NATO-led troops during a joint operation arrested several Taliban militants in their birthplace the southern Kandahar Province, a press release of the alliance said on Thursday.

“An Afghan and coalition security forces detained several insurgents in Kandahar City,” the press release said.

The security forces first targeted a compound in Daman District in pursuit of an insurgent known as one of the Taliban’s primary facilitators for small arms, rocket-propelled grenades and improvised explosive device components, it further said.

It did not reveal the exact number of those arrested during the operation. However, the press release emphasized there were no casualties on the troops or civilians.

Taliban militants who have intensified their attacks against Afghan and NATO-led troops have yet to make comment.—Xinhua

Chinese stocks close higher Thursday on automakers’ gains

BEIJING, 2 Sept—Chinese stocks rallied on Thursday, led by automakers, on news auto sales in China rebounded in August.

The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index rose 32.90 points, or 1.25 percent, to close at 2,655.78.

The Shenzhen Component Index gained 146.41 points, or 1.29 percent, to end at 11,465.15.

Combined turnover contracted slightly to 277.83 billion yuan (40.86 billion US dollars) from 280.51 billion yuan the previous trading day.

Gainers outnumbered losers 804 to 69 in Shanghai and 971 to 59 in Shenzhen.—Xinhua

South China landslide kills four, leaves 44 missing

BEIJING, 2 Sept—Rescuers were searching for 44 people missing Thursday after a landslide hit a village in southern China and killed at least four people.

Workers rescued 23 people buried under rubble in Wama village in the southwestern province of Yunnan after the rain-triggered landslide hit Wednesday night, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Rescue efforts could be hindered as the Central Meteorological Station expects more heavy rains through the weekend.

China regularly suffers devastating summer floods, but this year has been the worst in a decade, with towns washed away in the northeast and northwest of the country.

The storms have caused tens of billions of dollars in damage and left hundreds dead.—Xinhua

Moderate quake rocks Aceh, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 2 Sept—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale rocked Aceh Province of Sumatra Island in Indonesia on Thursday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported here.

The quake jolted at 7:57 am Jakarta time (0007 GMT) with the epicentre at 45 km northwest to Sinabang in the province and at a depth of 18 km, the agency said.—Xinhua

Typhoon Lionrock makes landfall in east China’s Fujian

An advertisement board totters in gale at a crossing of Jiuchen Township of Zhanpu County, southeast China’s Fujian province, on 2 Sept, 2010. Tropical storm Lionrock, the eighth of this year, made landfall on Fujian early Thursday morning. Under the impact of Lionrock, torrential rain was seen along the coast of Zhangzhou City, and the rain was the heaviest in Dongshan and Zhangpu counties.—Xinhua

FUZHOU, 2 Sept—Tropical storm Lionrock, the eighth of this year, made landfall on east China’s Fujian Province early Thursday morning, local meteorologists said.

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Under the impact of Lionrock, torrential rain was seen along the coast of Zhangzhou City, and the rain was the heaviest in Dongshan and Zhangpu counties.

No casualties have been reported. Local meteorologists have warned residents of mudflows and landslides that might be triggered by the tropical storm.

The meteorologists forecast that rainfall would be up to 100 to 200 mm in Zhanzhou, Quanzhou, Xi’amen and Putian cities of Fujian from Thursday to Friday.

By 7:00 pm Wednesday, 162,200 people in the province had been evacuated to safe places, and 50,703 fishing ships had been back to harbours.—Xinhua

Death toll from NW China mudslides rises to 1,471; 294 still missing

ZHOUQU, 2 Sept—The death toll from the massive mudslide in Zhouqu County, in northwest China’s Gansu Province, has risen to 1,471 as of Wednesday after four more bodies were retrieved, with 294 others still missing, rescue headquarters said Thursday.

A devastating mudslide hit Zhouqu on 8 Aug, ripping many houses from their foundations and tearing multi-story apartment buildings in half.—Xinhua

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A file photo of heavy rain in Nigeria. Heavy rains in recent weeks have killed at least three people and displaced thousands in northern Nigeria where entire villages have been submerged and farms destroyed, officials said. —INTERNET
Qantas engine blast ‘like fireworks’, say passengers

SYDNEY, 2 Sept—
Passengers on a Sydney-bound Qantas jet rocked by an exploding engine Thursday described how the plane felt like it had hit a “speed bump” and showered flames and sparks like fireworks.

“The plane shuddered violently and passengers were quite concerned about what had happened,” added another. “Basically the plane shuddered to the left and there were quite a deal of flames coming out of the engine. Somebody likened it to a roman candle (firework) that extended from the wing right down to the end of the plane.”

Crew members dashed to the front of the aircraft and worried children had to be soothed, a third man said. “We just told my son that they had to use special tools like daddy’s at home to repair the plane, and that we would get to Sydney to see the kangaroos and the aquarium,” he told ABC.

Qantas, Australia’s national airline, said investigations were underway into the incident, which it described as “excessive vibration” in one of the plane’s four Rolls-Royce engines.

Initial checks confirmed that the engine had failed, and a spokesman said there were a couple of “holes” in the casing. Transport safety officials from Australia and the United States are now looking into the matter.

No one was injured and the aircraft landed back at San Francisco without incident, with the passengers taking a later flight.

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Discovery Channel HQ hostages freed as gunman shot dead

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept — A gunman who took three hostages at the Discovery Communications headquarters in the US has been shot dead by police and his captives have been set free. The man had metallic canisters strapped to his chest and a handgun when he entered the building near Washington DC, police said. Officers opened fire because they thought the gunman was about to detonate his explosives, they added. The police said they had several hours of talks with the man. Discovery employees were evacuated from the building shortly after the incident began at about 1700 GMT. The area around the building in Silver Spring, Maryland, was sealed off as police negotiated with the man.

After several hours, police began to fear for the safety of the hostages, said Montgomery County Police Chief J Thomas Manger. — Internet

Smokers lie in order to rent a home

LONDON, 2 Sept — A third of smokers are being forced to lie about their habit to find a home to rent, a survey has indicated. Only 7% of landlords will allow tenants to smoke in their properties, with 38% saying they would evict someone who smoked indoors, according to flatshare website Easyroommate.co.uk. The group found 67% of smokers are living in non-smoking accommodation, with 34% lying about their habit in order to secure a flatshare.

Nearly a third of smokers even claim they have considered giving up the habit in order to find somewhere to live. Smokers are also unpopular with fellow tenants, with only 19% of people saying they would be prepared to share a home with a smoker, while 37% said they would only do so if their housemate agreed to just smoke outdoors. Jonathan Moore, the director of Easyroommate.co.uk, said: “With smoking in pubs and restaurants off the cards, the last refuge for smoking — at home — is being eroded now, too. “There’s been a strong shift in attitudes towards smoking, and the tolerance levels of smokers since the smoking ban. Smoker-friendly accommodation has been squeezed as a result.” The group found smoking was most prevalent among younger people, who are also more likely to be looking for a flatshare than other age groups.

Explosives to be used to kill whale

ALBANY, 2 Sept — Australian authorities said they expected to use explosive charges to euthanize a beached whale off the south coast of Australia. Department of Environment and Conservation spokesman Nigel Higgs said the 31-foot-long whale weighing more than 12 tons has been stranded near Albany’s Princess Harbour for more than a week.

The whale became more stable during the past few days, permitting department workers to attempt to euthanize it. Explosive charges are “carefully set to cause the brain of the whale to implode,” Higgs told United Press International on Thursday.

Four allegedly stole from Detroit school

DETOUR, 2 Sept — A former Detroit school principal and the bookkeeper at her school have been charged with using school funds to buy items for their own use. A veteran Detroit police officer and the bookkeeper’s son, a college student, were also named in an indictment handed up Tuesday, The Detroit News reported. The alleged embezzlement occurred at the Randolph Career and Technical Centre.

Wayne County District Attorney Kym Worthly said after the indictment was announced “stealing from children is the worst of the worst kind of theft.”

Women wearing summer kimonos sprinkle water on the ground during a campaign warning against the hot summer season in Tokyo on August 2010. Japan has endured its hottest summer since records began in 1898, the meteorological agency said on Wednesday, during a heatwave that saw thousands of people taken to hospital suffering heatstroke. — Internet

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Cell phone left in Ala burglary leads to arrest

Police investigating a home burglary in Russellville found a surprising clue—a cell phone that got left behind. Franklin County District Attorney Joey Rushing said the phone was left near where a computer was taken in the weekend burglary. Investigators began calling some of the phone numbers and determined the phone belonged to a 19-year-old who was on probation for a previous burglary.

The prosecutor said police also got surveillance video from the Wal-Mart in Russellville that shows the suspect cashing in coins believed to have belonged to a 19-year-old who was on parole. Police also got the phone numbers and called some of the numbers.

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Cup of tea forces jet to make emergency landing

A British airplane en route to Poland was forced to make an emergency landing in Germany after a 56-year-old woman spilled a hot cup of tea on herself. German police said on Wednesday.

The Ryanair flight from Liverpool to Poznan made the unscheduled landing in the northwestern city of Bremen on Tuesday, local police said.

The British woman was treated for scalding at the airport and released—but not before the plane resumed its journey without her. She later took a train to Poland, police said.

Paris Hilton banned from two Las Vegas resorts after drug arrest

BEIJING, 2 Sept—Paris Hilton was banned from two Wynn resorts in Las Vegas after her arrest for felony drug possession over the weekend, media reported on Thursday.

A rep for Wynn Resorts confirmed Wednesday that Hilton was no longer welcome in Wynn Las Vegas and Encore.

Hilton's boyfriend Cy Waits was fired earlier this week from his job with Wynn Resorts, where he worked as a top managing partner of the Tryst Nightclub at Wynn and XS The Nightclub at Encore. The news came as police revealed that when they stopped Hilton and Waits' SUV last Friday, they discovered a marijuana butt.

Hilton was arrested for investigation of felony cocaine possession after cops found 0.8 gram of cocaine in her purse. Prosecutors have not filed charges against Waits.—Xinhua

Bog saves Finnish woman from 1,000 metre jump with unopened parachute

A young woman in Finland survived a jump from 1,000 metre height thanks to landing in a bog while her parachute failed to open. Finnish media reported on Monday.

The 20-year-old woman was making her first solo jump over Loppi in southern Finland on Sunday afternoon after completing a ski diving course.

For some reason still to be determined, the static line that was to open her parachute did not work and the chute did not deploy. She attempted to open her emergency parachute, succeeding only by the time she had reached tree-top level. However, she landed in a soft bog and walked away from her mishap.

The woman was taken to hospital where she was found to be almost completely unharmed.

67th Venice International Film Festival kicks off in glamour

ROME, 2 Sept—The 67th Venice International Film Festival officially kicked off on Wednesday with a glamorous opening ceremony featuring Italy's top authorities and several movie stars.

The festival's inauguration took place at the prestigious Palazzo del Cinema, where the traditional Red Carpet was placed.

The global event, which will run on Venice's Lido up to Sept 11 and is directed by Marco Mueller, is set to attract global attention as one of the world's most elite and socialite gatherings. For the first time in history, Italy's head of state Giorgio Napolitano was present accompanied by his wife. He was welcomed with a standing ovation by the guests.

Crowds of fans lined up to have a view of the night's queen, actress Natalie Portman, the controversial protagonist of Darren Aronofsky's The Black Swan, the first film screening in competition which was launched at the ceremony. The most favoured films for the Golden Lion are Darren Aronofsky's Black Swan and Sofia Coppola's "Somewhere." Italy is also environmental change.

The selected contestants were given six weeks training.

The theme for the beauty pageant this year is environmental change. The winner of the title will also be a goodwill ambassador for Nepal Cancer Relief Society and World Wildlife Fund for Nature, Nepal.

67th Venice International Film Festival kicks off in glamour

Rome, 2 Sept—The 67th Venice International Film Festival officially kicked off on Wednesday with a glamorous opening ceremony featuring Italy’s top authorities and several movie stars.

The festival’s inauguration took place at the prestigious Palazzo del Cinema, where the traditional Red Carpet was placed.

The event featured Italy’s top authorities including the head of state Giorgio Napolitano, who was accompanied by his wife. The festival received a standing ovation from the guests.

The most favored films for the Golden Lion are Darren Aronofsky’s Black Swan and Sofia Coppola’s “Somewhere.” Italy’s theme for the beauty pageant this year is environmental change.

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**Crouch injury another blow for Capello**

**LONDON, 2 Sept** — Fabio Capello suffered another injury blow on Wednesday as Peter Crouch was ruled out of the Euro 2012 qualifiers against Bulgaria and Switzerland with a back injury. Crouch had been unable to take part in training with Fabio Capello’s squad this week after suffering what he thought was a rib injury in Tottenham’s defeat against Wigan on Saturday.

The former Liverpool striker has now been told he has a back problem, which is serious enough to force his withdrawal ahead of England’s opening qualifier against Bulgaria at Wembley on Friday and the trip to Switzerland on Tuesday. **Internet**

**Ibrahimovic labels Guardiola ‘small-time coach’**

**STOCKHOLM, 2 Sept —** Zlatan Ibrahimovic on Wednesday took another swipe at Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola, dismissing him as a “small time” coach.

“In my book, a great coach solves his problems. A small-time coach runs from them,” the 28-year-old Sweden forward told a Press conference in Stockholm.

“There was only one person (on the Barcelona team) who wanted to get rid of me,” he insisted, explaining why he left the team and signed for AC Milan over the weekend. **Internet**

**AC Milan’s Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic**

**on an initial one-year loan with a pre-arranged 24-million-euro permanent deal arranged for the end of the season.**

**Hargreaves included in United squad**

**LONDON, 2 Sept** — Manchester United midfielder Owen Hargreaves has been included in Sir Alex Ferguson’s 25-man Premier League squad despite his continuing injury woes. Hargreaves has made just one substitute appearance for United in the last two years as he struggles with knee tendinosis.

There is still no date set for the former Bayern Munich star to return from injury and it had been suggested the England international would not make the cut when Ferguson selected his mandatory squad. But United confirmed on Wednesday that all of their senior players, including Hargreaves, have been registered to play in the domestic league.

**Internet**

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**Young golfer disqualifies self, gives up medal**

**MILWAUKEE, 2 Sept** — Zach Nash was shocked when he discovered he had one too many golf clubs in his bag a couple hours after winning a junior Wisconsin PGA tournament.

But rules are rules, and the 14-year-old from southern Wisconsin made a decision that might surprise some people: He disqualified himself and surrendered his World Cup after emerging unscathed from a reserve team outing on Wednesday. United reserve team boss Ole Gunnar Solskjaer declared Ferdinand ready to make a first-team return after the defender came through the second string clash with Oldham. It was the first time Ferdinand had been in action since he suffered a major knee ligament injury in a freak collision with Emile Heskey on the first day of World Cup training with England in South Africa. **Internet**

**No 7 not so lucky for John Elway on this day**

**DENVER, 2 Sept** — John Elway pulled an Elway on the Elway hole. “Seven on 7,” the Hall of Famer said sadly after carding an even-par 72 Wednesday in his first senior golf tournament since turning 50 in June.

Elway’s bender came about when he played the wrong ball and ended up with a triple bogey on the par-4 seventh hole at the Green Valley Ranch Golf Club, site of the HealthOne Colorado Senior Open. **Internet**

**Manchester United defender Rio Ferdinand runs during a training session in Manchester.**

**Internet**

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**Player collapses on court at US Open**

**NEW YORK, 2 Sept** — The scene was simply scary. Victoria Azarenka, a 21-year-old on the rise in the WTA rankings, paused about a half-hour into her second-round match on Wednesday at the US Open, then staggered, stumbled and collapsed to the court. Azarenka, seeded 10th in the Grand Slam tournament, rolled over to rest her head on her arm, and a trainer rushed over. Someone covered Azarenka’s legs with a white towel. She retired from the match, eventually was helped into a wheelchair, her yellow visor askew atop her head, then taken to a hospital, where tests showed she had a mild concussion. **Internet**

**Victoria Azarenka of Belarus collapses on the court while playing Gisela Dulko of Argentina at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 1 Sept, 2010. Azarenka was taken off the court in a wheelchair.** — **Internet**

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**Hart plans to play for keeps with England football**

**LONDON, 2 Sept** — Joe Hart believes he has the ability to finally end England’s long search for a goalkeeper capable of earning headlines for heroics rather than howlers. Ever since Arsenal keeper David Seaman retired from international football in 2002, England have struggled to find a top-class replacement as bad luck and bad form left a string of contenders flat on their backs. Now Manchester City star Hart is being tipped to be his country’s first choice for the next decade as he prepares for his competitive debut against Bulgaria on Wednesday as Peter Crouch was ruled out of the Euro 2012 qualifiers against Bulgaria and Switzerland with a back injury. **Internet**

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**West Ham get approval for Jacobsen move**

**LONDON, 2 Sept** — West Ham were given Premier League approval to sign Blackburn’s Danish international defender Lars Jacobsen on a free transfer on Wednesday after making a late move for the Denmark international. **Internet**

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**Hungary’s Vladimir Koman (R) shoots at goal in front of England’s goalkeeper Joe Hart (L) during a friendly match at Wembley Stadium in London on 11 Aug, 2010.  Internet**

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**Internet**
China to build World War II memorial park on Sino-Russian border

Harbin, 2 Sept—A once war-ravaged Chinese county in northeast China will build a memorial park on facilities left behind by the Japanese invaders of World War II, to commemorate the invasion and Russian assistance, county authorities said on Thursday.

Sunwu County in Heilongjiang Province, separated from Russia by the Heilongjiang River, was the base for more than 100,000 Japanese soldiers.

The invaders left behind 160 war facilities, 24 of which are government-protected cultural relics. “The park aims to paint a picture of the war through the connection of Sunwu’s scattered war sites,” Zhang Weihua, deputy head of county tourism department, said.—Xinhua

WEATHER

Thursday, 2nd September, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Magway Regions, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Regions, fairly widespread in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in Mon State and Mandalay Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thaton (3.90) inches, Nyanglebin (2.83) inches, Myingyagyi (1.86) inches, Loilemi (1.50) inches and Nawngkhiyo (1.46) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 1-9-2010 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 2-9-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-9-2010 was (77%). Rainfall on 2-9-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye) Weather

Maximum temperature on 1-9-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 2-9-2010 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-9-2010 was (89%). Total sunshine hours on 1-9-2010 was (19) hours. Rainfall on 2-9-2010 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.74) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.38) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (59.65) inches at Mingaladon, (66.57) inches at Kaba-Aye and (77.17) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 1-9-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is generally moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until afternoon of the 3rd September 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, scattered in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Regions, fairly widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

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

Padaung, most developed, beautiful township in Pyay District

Padaung is located on the opposite bank to Pyay and far 14 miles away from Pyay. When people want to go to Padaung from Pyay, they have to go through Ayeyawady Nawade Bridge. Hsinde and Htonbo factories that produce heavy machinery lie between Pyay and Padaung. Although Padaung is a small town, it is beautiful, clean and pleasant. It lies on the road to Rakhine State.

Sinking of tube-well by Padaung Township Development Affairs Committee in Taungbogyi Village.

MPA issues High Tide Warning

Yangon, 2 Sept — The Myanmar Port Authority issued a warning, informing the public that exceptionally high spring of from 20.5 feet to 21.7 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 7th to 13th September 2010. That it is not serious because the high tide reached up to 21.9 feet high above datum in the years 2008 and 2009, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum, MPA said in the announcement today.

Kyeintali TV Retransmission Station in Rakhine State launches MRTV programmes

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 Sept — According to the extended transmission programme, Kyeintali TV Retransmission Station was built in Rakhine State. The construction of the station was completed on 29 August morning. The station started to clearly transmit the programmes of TV Myanmar beginning 29 August afternoon through 50-watt transmission wave in UHF Channel-J 13, 470-476 MHz.