Rail Transportation Minister inspects maintenance of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Railroad Section

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than, today inspected maintenance of Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Railroad Section damaged by heavy rain.

They inspected the repair of damaged railroad between mileposts (321/19) and (320/2) and between mileposts (321/6) and (321/15) between Thedaw and Hanzar railway stations made by staff of Myanmar Railways. The minister called for completion of repair works as soon as possible and presented cash to the workers.

They also visited the affected site between mileposts (326/17) and (326/18) between Thedaw and Samon railway stations and viewed the reinstallation works. He also inspected the situation of Bridge No (177) on the railroad.

Despite the maintenance of rail tracks ruined by the record rainfall poured from 25 August to 3 September, the Myanma Railways makes no change in train schedule to score public convenience.

A visit to developing Htugyi of Ingapu Township

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Photos: Ye Htut (MNA)

While in Ingapu Township of Hinthada District recently, we had an opportunity to visit the developing town of Htugyi.

Under the supervision and assistance of Minister for Forestry U Thein Aung, stations and villages of the township are gaining momentum in development.

At the entrance to Htugyi, we saw thriving teak plants along both sides of the road. Htugyi is formed with 13 wards and villages on 6865 acres of land which is home to 9316 people.

The local people are engaged in cultivation of paddy, groundnut, mung bean and sesame.

Retired headmaster U Nyunt Maung remarked, “At present, Htugyi achieves remarkable development.”

The town is located on the strategic area. Htugyi Station is situated on Kyangin-Pakokku railroad section. Trains run on Hinthada-Phayapaw, Phayapaw-Phayet and Phayet-Minhtla routes. Local trains and RBEs also run along the routes of Kyangin-Hinthada, Hinthada-Phayapaw, Phayapaw-Phayet, Phayet-Minhtla and Hinthada-Htugyi. There are about 250-300 train passengers at Htugyi Station daily.

We the news crew of Kyemon Daily witnessed the town hall, Kyeepwaryay e-Library and schools with better designs.

Htugyi Town Hall was constructed on 24 March 2002 and opened on 26 March 2005 at a cost of K 22.3 million. The town hall can accommodate over 600 people.

The Basic Education High School in Htugyi is turning out human resources for the region. We saw the documentary photos of the students from the school who are now Tatmadaw officers and other outstanding persons.

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Paper reading sessions provide prehistoric evidences

A paper reading session “Settlements of Myanmar in Pyu Period and Civilization” took place at the Ministry of Culture in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 September.

The Ministry of Culture organizes paper reading sessions to find out strong evidences for the history of Myanmar through new research findings.

Myanmar and its people have a long history. At the dawn of civilization in prehistoric periods, the land which would become Myanmar saw early, middle and late Stone Age civilizations.

Stone Age civilization developed into Bronze Age and Iron Age civilizations in Myanmar. Then, the nation witnessed modern Pyu civilization. Pyus settled down and established city states across the land and used own literature and fine arts. Those were some attributes of Pyus. Descendants of Pyus founded Bagan Emperor.

Pyus went around and settled down throughout the nation in search of greener pasture. Findings from archaeological research show that Pyu civilization was very high. Paper reading sessions on archaeological findings discovered in prehistoric periods, Pyu Period and modern times contribute greatly towards compilation of complete Myanmar history.

Student Dictionary in circulation

YANGON, 5 Sept—Student Dictionary published by Ministry of Commerce has hit the market today.

The second edition of 16-year old English-English-Myanmar was compiled and edited by members of Myanmar Language Commission and NLM Chief Editor (Red) U Maung Maung Aye (Aung Khine) and Arakan Sein.

The dictionary printed in wood free paper includes over 50,000 entries, and about 75,000 examples, attached with CD-Rom. It is priced K 17,000 per copy.

The dictionary is available at Commerce Journal at No. 38, 30th Street, here, Ph: 252017, 376416 and 15% discount and free delivery are offered for 50-unit-and-above purchase. Door-to-door delivery is offered with original price at Noveltight Express, Ph: 391186 and 09-5088050.—MNA

Education Minister inspects universities, colleges and BEHSs in Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein inspected Universities’ Science Research, Yangon Institute of Economics (Kamayut), Yangon East University and National Management College today. During his inspection tour, he met rectors, pro-rectors and deans, and left necessary instructions.

The minister inspected students learning with teaching aids at University of Foreign Languages (Yangon), Institute of Education (Yangon), Yangon University of Distance Education and Yangon University (Arts Hall) on 3 September, and Dagon University, Yankin Education College, Thingyangyun Education College, No.2 Basic Education High School in Yankin Township, No.3 BEHS in Tamway Township and BEHS in Thuwunna Township.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein looks into research works of Chemistry Department at Yangon University.

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All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased
**Suicide car bomb explodes in Baghdad kills eight**

**Baghdad, 5 Sept**—Militants detonated a car bomb at a Baghdad military headquarters on Sunday and then tried to shoot their way into the building, killing eight people and wounding 29 in a brazen morning attack, Iraqi officials said.

Immediately after the car exploded, gunmen assaulted the headquarters, battling the building’s guards in a 15 minute firefight in downtown Baghdad, according to police officials. The building attacked on Sunday is the headquarters for the Iraqi Army’s 11th Division and an army recruitment centre. In mid-August, the building was targeted by a suicide bomber who killed 61 people lined up outside on a recruiting day trying to get jobs.— Internet

**Two die in mid-air light aircraft collision in UK**

**London, 5 Sept**—Two people died after a mid-air collision by two light planes during an air race over the Isle of Wight, police said on Saturday.

The planes carried two people each. One was damaged but managed to continue safely to Bembridge Airport, while the other came down in a remote wooded area.

“Both occupants of this second aircraft have now been confirmed dead,” a spokesman for Hampshire police said. Due to the remote area of the crash, the plane and bodies would not be recovered until Sunday.— Reuters

**Plane makes emergency landing at Sofia Airport after engine fire**

**Sofia, 5 Sept**—A Scandinavian Airlines plane made a successful emergency landing at Sofia Airport late on Friday after one of its engines caught fire, the airport said on Saturday.

Due to the remote area of the crash, the plane and bodies would not be recovered until Sunday.— Reuters

**India successfully testfires missile**

**BrahMos supersonic cruise missile**

**New Delhi, 5 Sept**—India Sunday successfully testfired its supersonic BrahMos cruise missile off the coast of the eastern state of Orissa, sources said.

“The missile was testfired from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off Orissa coast as part of a user’s trial by the defence forces at 11:30 am,” the sources said.

The missile, developed under Indo-Russian joint venture, will be inducted into the Indian Army as well as the Indian Navy. BrahMos can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft or land. It has the capability of attacking surface targets as low as 10 metres in altitude. It can gain a speed of Mach 2.8, and has a maximum range of 290 km. The ship-launched and land-based missiles can carry a 200 kg warhead whereas the aircraft-launched variant can carry a 300 kg warhead.

**At least 14 killed, three missing, 13 injured in Guatemala landslides**

**Mexico City, 5 Sept**—Days of heavy rains triggered two landslides in Guatemala Saturday, leaving at least 14 people dead, 13 others injured and another three missing, Guatemalan media reported.

Ten people were killed instantly and 15 others injured when a bus they were aboard was pounded by falling rocks and mud on a highway in Chimaltenango department, the reports said. Two of the injured died in a nearby hospital.

In the western Quetzaltenango department, two people died and three others were missing after a house was buried in a landslide, according to the reports.

**Afghan firemen wash a street off blood and debris, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on 4 Sept, 2010.**

**INTERNET**

**Taleban’s homemade IED proves challenging to NATO**

**Kabul, 5 Sept**—The Improvised Explosive Device (IED) often used by Taleban militants has proved deadly and challenging for NATO in Afghanistan, as over 490 soldiers of the alliance have been killed so far this year in the conflict-ridden country.

According to iCasualties, a website tracking NATO-led forces’ casualties in Afghanistan, 80 soldiers were killed by Taleban militants has proved deadly and challenging for NATO in Afghanistan since the start of this year in the conflict-ridden country.

A medical staff treat a wounded soldier after a bomb attack in Baghdad on Sunday. The building attacked on Sunday is the headquarters for the Iraqi Army’s 11th Division and an army recruitment centre. 

**Internet**

**A tree that broke during Hurricane Earl lies across a trailer home in Manteo, North Carolina on 3 September, 2010.**

**Xinhua**

**One civilian killed, nine injured in blast in S Afghanistan**

**Kandahar, 5 Sept**—One civilian was killed and nine others were injured in an explosion which was allegedly targeting NATO troops Saturday in southern Afghanistan’s restive Kandahar Province, local government official said.

Zalmay Ayubi, spokesman for Kandahar’s provincial administration, told Xinhua that the car bombing, which took place in Kandahar city, capital of the province, was believed to be against the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). No information on the NATO casualty could be reached so far, said the official.

Kandahar, dubbed Taleban’s home-base, has been seeing increase of violence recently.
**Science**

**New technique could help ozone layer**

**Norwich, 5 Sept**—A new way to measure atmospheric gases could track down sources of CFCs thought to be slowing the recovery of Earth’s ozone layer, European researchers say.

CFCs, chlorofluorocarbons, were used in refrigerants and aerosol propellants until restricted by a global treaty in 1987, but they have stayed in the air longer than many expected, the BBC reported on Friday.

A team of British and German researchers says it is now possible to chemically “fingerprint” CFCs to potentially trace their origin.

The scientists worked on samples of atmosphere retrieved from 115,000 feet in the stratosphere by French space agency balloons. Using mass spectrometers, they detailed the ratios of different isotopes of chlorineatomes present in small concentrations of chlorofluorocarbon-12. The sharp falls in global emissions of CFCs seen in the early years following the signing of the treaty have leveled off, suggesting some chlorofluorocarbons, which should have been exhausted in developed countries by now, are still in use.

The ability to make fine measurements opens the door to chemical “fingerprinting” of atmospheric gases, they concluded, of being able to tie a particular sample to a known origin.

**Scientists uncover secret behind magical free kick**

**Paris, 5 Sept**—Thirteen years after Roberto Carlos stunned onlookers with his amazing “banana” free kick that seemed to defy the law of physics, scientists have finally worked out just how he did it.

In what many people regard as the best free kick ever, the Brazil defender struck the ball with the outside of his left foot 35 yards out, bending it around the outside of France’s three-man wall during a friendly tournament in Lyon in 1997.

The ball looked off. Many people thought the shot was a fluke, but researchers say it can all be explained by science.

“What happened that day was so special,” researcher David Quere said. “We are confronted with an unexpected law of physics, but it’s possible to see this again.”

Quere, a physicist at the ESPCI and École Polytechnique in Paris, and his colleagues have developed an equation to explain the bizarre trajectory of the shot. Using a small pistol to fire bullets into water at the speed of 100 km/h — approximately the speed of Roberto Carlos’ shot — they discovered that the path of a sphere when it spins is actually a spiral. Quere said the study, which has been published in the New Journal of Physics, confirmed the “Magnus effect,” which is responsible for the curved motion of a spinning ball — but it also revealed what the scientists call the “spinning ball spiral.”

**Technology**

**Over one million join Apple’s music social network Ping**

**Washington, 5 Sept**—More than one million users joined Apple’s new music-focused social network Ping in the 48 hours following its launch, the company said.

Apple said one-third of the people who downloaded iTunes 10, the latest version of its online entertainment store, signed up for Ping, which was unveiled by Apple chief executive Steve Jobs in San Francisco on Wednesday.

“A small number of people download iTunes 10 in the coming weeks, we expect the Ping community to continue growing.” Eddy Cue, Apple’s vice president of Internet services, said in a statement late Friday.

Ping, available as a free download at itunes.com, allows users to view photos and videos of their favourite musicians and receive information about concert dates.

Ping users can also connect with friends online to discuss albums and songs and make musical recommendations. “It’s sort of like Facebook and Twitter meet iTunes,” Apple’s Jobs said.

**Google faces Texas AG inquiry, settles privacy suit**

**Los Angeles, 5 Sept**—Google Inc said on Friday it was the target of an investigation by the Texas Attorney General’s office into the fairness of its search engine rankings.

The world No 1 search engine company said the probe is the first by a US legal authority into the fairness of its rankings, which can make or break commercial websites. Google faces a similar probe by the European Commission, prompted by complaints from some small websites that felt they were unfairly hurt by low Google search rankings.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has asked for information about complaints from a number of companies, Google said on its website. Google specifically mentioned websites operated by Foundem, TradeComet and myTriggers as challenging its results, saying they competed with the search giant.

**Users amused, annoyed by Facebook Places**

**Los Angeles, 5 Sept**—It’s been two weeks since Facebook users took to blogs and message boards to voice their concerns about Places, a location-based service that allows people to check-in to gathering spots and voice their concerns about Places, a location-based service that allows people to check-in to gathering spots via the social network. A after firsthand experience with Places, some users still worry that the service could compromise their privacy. But others are finding that when used with caution, the new feature can be useful and is enhancing their experience on the site.

Eric Rummell of Los Angeles, California, who used to post his location in his status updates, said Places is an easier, fun way to tell his friends what he’s up to. But Rummell understands why some people are leery of posting their whereabouts on the site. Rummell said that just to be safe, he probably won’t make checking in to his own home a habit, but he did add its location to the site.

Some users say Facebook Places enhances their mobile experience on the networking site, while others are less enthusiastic.
**Health**

**Half million Australians hooked to painkillers**

**Sydney, 5 Sept**— A new study published in *The Medical Journal of Australia* detailed addiction to codeine and ibuprofen-based painkillers--typically Nurofen Plus—and the damage this caused to their health.

The side-effects included gastrointestinal ruptures, renal failure, anaemia and severe hypokalaemia—low potassium in the blood that can cause an irregular heartbeat or paralysis, the research report said. The 27 patients either sought treatment for opioid addiction or were referred to a hospital addiction service in Australia from 2005 to 2008.

All of the patients were put on methadone or equivalent withdrawal program to break their addiction. — Internet

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**Lafleur brand Original wieners may be contaminated**

**OTTAWA, 5 Sept**— The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is warning the public not to eat certain Lafleur brand Original wieners because they may be contaminated with *Listeria* bacteria. Olymel LP is recalling the wieners, which were sold in a 450 gram package with a best before date of October 22 (and the universal product code 6 5305 02201 0).

Five cases of the product were distributed only in Quebec; in Montreal, Laval, Lanaudiere, Laurentides and Montreal. There have been no reported illnesses so far.

Food contaminated with *Listeria* may not look or smell spoiled but may cause listeriosis. The food-borne illness can cause high fever, severe headaches, neck stiffness and nausea. Pregnant women, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems are particularly at risk. — Internet

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**Meditation increases well-being in boys**

**Cambridge, 5 Sept**— Mindfulness meditation—learning to become more aware of ongoing experiences—increases well-being in teenage boys, researchers at the University of Cambridge in England say.

Researchers at the University of Cambridge in England also described mindfulness as a way of paying attention. The study, published in *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, finds 14- and 15-year-old boys trained in mindfulness had increased well-being—a combination of functioning well and feeling good—proportional to the time spent practicing the technique. Adolescents with higher levels of anxiety benefited the most.

"More and more we are realizing the importance of supporting the overall mental health of children," Felicia Huppert said in a statement. "Importantly, many of the students genuinely enjoyed the exercises and said they intended to continue them—a good sign that many children would be receptive to this type of intervention."

Huppert and colleagues analyzed 155 boys before and after four weekly 40-minute classes in mindfulness and 8 minutes a day listening to concentration/stress-reducing exercises. Students who attended religious studies were the controls. — Internet

**Business**

**Chicago’s Merchandise Mart up for sale**

**Chicago, 5 Sept**— Merchandise Mart Properties Inc. is up for sale in the billion-dollar-plus range. Crain’s Chicago Business reported Saturday.

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**Shanghai, 5 Sept**— A pedestrian walks past a power plant in Beijing. Internet

**China halts loans to firms that break environment rules**

**Shanghai, 5 Sept**— China has ordered banks to stop new lending to companies that pollute excessively or consume too much energy, as part of a drive to make its economy more energy efficient, state media said Saturday.

Shao Fujun, director of the People’s Bank of China’s credit department, said the central bank had established a database to help banks review companies’ environmental records, the *Shanghai Securities News* reported.

More than 30,000 pieces of information regarding companies’ environmental violations are in the database, the report said.

Beijing has pledged to slash China’s energy consumption per unit of gross domestic product by 20 percent between 2006 and 2010, as the world’s biggest greenhouse gas emitter seeks to reduce pollution and clean up its environment. Last month the central government ordered 2,087 firms producing steel, coal, cement, aluminium, glass and other materials to close old and obsolete plants by the end of September—or risk having bank loans frozen and power cut off. — Internet

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Six die in Barbados store holdup fire

BRIDGETOWN, 5 Sept — Two would-be robbers threw a Molotov cocktail into a clothing store in Bridgetown, Barbados, Saturday night, killing six women, police said.

The victims were three employees and three customers, Caribbean 360 reported.

Police said the holdup at Campus Trendz began shortly before 7 p.m. when the two men entered the shop and demanded money. The perpetrators attacked the store manager and then tossed the fiery gas bomb as they fled, apparently leaving without getting any cash, the Web news site said.

The victims, who had run into a bathroom in the rear of the building where they became trapped, were identified as store employees Kellisha Belgrave, 23, and customers Kelly Anne Welch, 24, Tiffany Harding, 23, and Nakita Oliviere, 24, Shanna Griffith, 18, and three customers, Caribbean 360 reported.

Hair proves stress, heart attack linked

LONDON, 4 Sept.— Human hair shows chronic stresses including job, marital and financial — play an important role in heart attacks, researchers in Canada say. Dr Gideon Koren and his team announced this week that hair samples from 56 male adults who were admitted to the Meir Medical Centre in Kfar-Saba, Israel, after suffering heart attacks, showed higher hair cortisol levels for the previous three months.

The study involved hair samples from 56 male adults who were admitted to the Meir Medical Centre in Kfar-Saba, Israel, after suffering heart attacks. Hair samples of a control group of 56 male patients hospitalized for other reasons than a heart attack were collected.

The study, published online in the journal Stress, finds compared to the control group, the hair samples of the men with heart attacks had higher hair cortisol levels for the previous three months.

Electric train service to run 24 hours at weekends

VIENNA, 5 Sept — The Austrian capital’s underground rail service will run all night on weekends and public holidays, starting this September.

The underground will run at 15-minute intervals throughout the night, and ticket costs remain unchanged.

Vienna municipal government and the local public transport company lengthened service to meet public demand. It is estimated that 96 percent of the local population will enjoy more comfortable access to public transport at night thanks to the new combination of underground and night bus lines.

Salvadoran police find over $9M in cash in drums

SAN SALVADOR, 5 Sept — Police in El Salvador have found two buried oil drums stuffed with millions of dollars in cash possibly linked to the illegal drug trade, authorities said Saturday.

The first barrel was found Thursday on a ranch in the town of Penitente Abajo, about 40 miles (62 kilometers) from the capital.

After three days counting the bundles of $100, $50 and $20 bills, authorities announced that it contained about $9 million in U.S. dollars, which the Central American nation uses as its currency.

A mother plastic drum was uncovered on Saturday about 5 yards away, also crammed with money. A count of the second stash was under way.

How to quit your job and be an internet sensation

BEIJING, 5 Sept.— We’ve had a long time so far filled with all kinds of weird news, and quitting jobs in creative ways seems to be catching on. Two of the best stories are lessons in how to quit your job and become an internet sensation.

First, we had the airline steward who quit JetBlue, and slid down the emergency slide while making his escape, and was found in bed with his boyfriend when the cops rushed to arrest him. Second, we had the brave girl Jenny, who took on her boss, known only as “Spencer,” in a series of photos that exposed him playing the Facebook game Farmville. (Some website said “Jenny’s resignation” was not real, just hoax.)

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NZ cleans up after quake that tore new fault line

A person cycles past a damaged road near the Avon River following Saturday’s powerful 7.1-magnitude earthquake, in Christchurch, New Zealand, on 5 Sept, 2010. Internet

**Christchurch, 5 Sept—** The powerful earthquake that smashed buildings, cracked roads and twisted rail lines around the New Zealand city of Christchurch also ripped a new 11-foot (3.5 metre) wide fault line in the earth’s surface, a geologist said Sunday. At least 500 buildings, including 90 downtown properties, have been designated as destroyed in the 7.1-magnitude quake that struck at 4:35 am Saturday (1635 GMT Friday) near the South Island city of 400,000 people. Most other buildings sustained only minor damage.

The quake cut power across the region, roads were blocked by debris and gas and water supplies were disrupted, but Christchurch Mayor Bob Parker said services were being restored Sunday.

Power was back to 90 percent of the city and water supply had resumed for all but 15 to 20 percent of residents, he said. Portable toilets had been provided and tanks of fresh water placed around the city for residents. Parker said it would take a long time to fully fix some core services such as water and sewerage. "Our first priority is just people," he said. "That’s our worry.”

Internet

Nepal suspends import of A/H1N1 flu vaccines following reports of complications

**Kathmandu, 5 Sept—** Nepali government has suspended the import and use of over 2.7 million pandemic H1N1 flu vaccines manufactured by a global company for protecting people from influenza A/ H1N1, generally known as swine flu. According to Sunday’s Republica Daily, the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) decided to immediately suspend import of pandemic vaccines on the basis of its intra-ministry technical panel’s recommendations following reports of complications.

Some A/H1N1 flu patients have reportedly suffered symptoms of neurolepsy disease after receiving pandemic vaccines manufactured by the GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) — a global pharmaceutical firm in some European countries.

“We will import pandemic vaccines only if the World Health Organization (WHO)’s investigation clearly reveals that GSK’s vaccines do not have anything to do with neurolepsy symptoms,” said Dr Laxmi Raj Pathak, spokesperson at the MoHP.

According to Dr Pathak, WHO has already constituted a committee to investigate the possibility of pandemic vaccines’ complications in A/H1N1 flu patients.

Xinhua

South Sudan’s future lies in farming, not oil

Juba, 5 Sept— South Sudan must shift its massive dependence on oil and instead work to develop its agricultural sector, the World Bank’s vice president for Africa said on Saturday.

Obiageli Ezekwesili said that farming had massive long-term potential for the south, which is due to hold an independence referendum in January that many believe will lead to the partition of Africa’s largest country.

"Agriculture sector development is the antidote to the famous resource curse, that natural resource endowed countries like south Sudan could suffer from," Ezekwesili told reporters in the southern capital after a four-day visit.

"It is crucial to put in a credible economic development programme for poverty reduction, and that is where the World Bank can support," she said.

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Moscow celebrates 863rd city day

**Moscow, 5 Sept—** The Russian capital of Moscow on Saturday staged grand celebrations marking its 863rd city day.

A wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Alexander Garden near Kremlin in the morning unveiled the grand celebrations that mainly took place in the city’s major recreational places, such as Tsaritsino park, Kolomenskoye park and Victory square.

Despite a budget cut from the municipal government because of the summer heat, drought, smog and wildfires, on 4-5 Sept the Moscow city was expected to stage 5,000 events attracting the participation of nearly three million Muscovites.

A ISO on Saturday, some 40,000 students from 100 Moscow colleges marched through downtown streets for the ninth consecutive year, displaying their affections toward the city.

At 8:00 pm Moscow time (1600 GMT), the annual military tattoo that kicked off at the Red Square was expected to woo some 35,000 people with performances of nearly three million Muscovites.

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The new school building is 120 feet long, 30 feet wide and 24 feet high reinforced concrete type one. The two-storey building has six classrooms that can accommodate 48 students each. In addition, the building is constituted with computer room and multi-media classroom. The building was constructed at a cost of K 186.8 million.

The RC type extended building has three classrooms and one hall, built at a cost of K 80 million.

Headmistress Daw Ti Ti explained, "The school admits 1547 students which is the largest number in Ingapu Township. Due to securing distinctions and high pass rate in the matriculation, Ingapu and its surrounding villages enroll their students at the school. In the past, the ratio of students and classrooms is not proportionate. After completion of new school building and extended building, the students have become convenient in pursuing education. It is the largest number of primary students in Hinthada District. The old building of the school could not accommodate over 400 students conveniently. So, the new two-storey building, 130 feet long and 30 feet wide, was built on 1 January 2006. The school has been turning out outstanding students for many years. Now, the local people are pleased with opening of new school building."

Htugyi Railway Station.

Retired headmaster U Nyunt Maung explains background history of Htugyi.

At BEPS in Ward E of Htugyi, Headmaster U Tin M yin said, "A total of 309 students are learning education at my school. It is the largest number of primary students in Hinthada District. The old building of the school could not accommodate over 400 students conveniently. So, the new two-storey building, 130 feet long and 30 feet wide, was built on 1 January 2006. The school has been turning out outstanding students for many years. Now, the local people are pleased with opening of new school building."

Htugyi has adopted the better plans for education sector. In addition, Kyeepwaryay e-Library is broadening the horizons of the local people. The library has 14879 newspapers, journals, magazines and books. Wellwishers donated books on various subjects to the library. Significantly, about 120-160 people browse the Internet daily. In 2007, the library secured the second prize in the self-reliant library and the first prize in 2009 in Ayeyawady Region. So far, a total of 4479 bookworms have joined the library.

We learnt that Aungmyinthu Rural Library has been opened in A lesu Village.

Indeed, Basic Education High Schools and e-libraries play a major role in development of human resources and widening the knowledge scope of the local people. Therefore, Htugyi is looking forwards to the brighter future. As such, not only the people of Htugyi but also all the entire people are to cooperate with the government in striving for gaining greater progress of their native region.

Translation: TTA

Kyemon, Myanma Alin: 5-9-2010
**Commander oversees progress of Mon and Kayin States**

**NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—** Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council, Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Tun Nay Lin on 30 August met departmental officials at the hall of Mon State PDC Office. At Defence Services Hospital (100-bed) in Hpa-an, the commander comforted patients, looked into health care services and visited the patient wards, medical stores and operation theatre. He presented cash assistance to the patients. At the hall of Thaton District PDC Office, the commander met district level officials. He visited construction site of Military Hospital (300-bed).

At the hall of Mawlamyine General Hospital on 31 August, the commander gave instructions to health personnel. Officials reported on health care services in the state and progress in construction of the new operation theatre. After inspecting the construction site, he attended to the needs.— MNA

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**Star Resources Hospitality Management Academy puts courses into youths**

**YANGON, 5 Sept—** With the aim of creating job prospects in hotels, restaurants and luxury cruise liners at home and abroad, a new SOP course for Hotel & Cruise Staff, IELTS Foundation course and Intensive course will be launched at Star Resources Hospitality Academy on 5 September. Those wishing to take the 3-month courses may contact Star Resources Hospitality Academy, Room 302, Building (267) on Pyay Road, Yenangon, Sangyoung Township, Yangan, Ph: 01-523623, 523200, 4412256 and 09-5020302.— MNA

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**Chinese delegation of State Administration of Radio, Film and TV General Bureau visits Myanmar**

Mr Yan Chengsheng, Director of Asian, African and Latin American Affairs Department of State Administration of Radio, Film and Television General Bureau of the People’s Republic of China arrived here by air on 2 September afternoon.

First, the delegation visited Myanma Radio and Television on Pyay Road and the Shwedagon Pagoda. On 3 September, the Chinese delegation arrived at Nay Pyi Taw by car and paid a study visit to MRTV in Taktan Township in Nay Pyi Taw District. In the evening, the MRTV director-general hosted a dinner to the Chinese guests at Shwenandaw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone. The Chinese guests went on a study tour in Yangon yesterday and left Yangon by air this morning.— MNA

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**Mokkha Dam contributing much to growing ...**

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Water from the Bago Yoma is flowing to the Mokkha Creek. Due to the dam located between Kantin Bilin Dam and Minhla Dam, irrigable areas of those dams will be lying contiguously. Main purpose of construction of the dam is to irrigate 1000 acres of farmlands.

Location of the Mokkha Dam construction project is up half mile of Bantbwaygon Village in Minhla Township of Bago Region (West) and the dam is one of the dam clusters of Bago Region (West). Feasibility study, collection of geological and meteorological facts to start the project were carried out in 2001. Detailed measurement of the basin area of the dam started in 2002, and now it is under construction. Earthen embankment of the dam is 80 feet high and 470 feet long. With 24,100 acres feet of water storage capacity, the dam being built by damming Mokkha Creek will supply 1000 acres of farmlands. Yearly water inflow to the dam will be 45,900 acres feet and catchment area, 30.39 square miles. The dam will have one 4x6 feet wide outflow channel and 50-foot-wide spillway. Work on construction of the dam began in 2009-2010 and is scheduled to be completed in 2010-2011. Land survey and construction of exit road of the dam are just about completed, buildings at the dam are completed by 50 per cent, groundwork by 27 per cent, spillway by 36 per cent, land clearing in the basin area by 96 per cent, and regulating dam by 42 per cent. With the construction of diversion weirs and dams in eastern and western Bago Region, Mokkha Dam becomes one of the cluster of dams in western Bago Region. Agricultural produce, therefore, will be in abundance due to contiguous irrigated areas linked with other dams. The dam and its environments get 67.44 inches of annual rainfall. On completion of Mokkha Dam with the use of quality and high yield paddy strains by farmers, production of paddy and mixed crops in western Bago Region will be higher and higher.

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**Translation: ZKS**

**Myanmar Alin:** 5-9-2010
Key oil spill evidence raised to Gulf’s surface

O n the Gulf of Mexico, 5 Sept—A crane hoisted a key piece of oil spill evidence to the surface of the Gulf of Mexico on Saturday, giving investigators their first chance to personally scrutinize the blowout preventer, the massive piece of equipment that failed to stop the gusher four months ago. It took 29 1/2 hours to lift the 50-foot, 300-ton blowout preventer from a mile beneath the sea to the surface. The five-storey high device breached the water’s surface at 6:54 pm CDT, and looked largely intact with black stains on the yellow metal.

FBI agents were among the 137 people aboard the Helix Q4000 vessel, taking photos and video of the device. They will escort it back to a NASA facility in Louisiana for analysis. The AP was the only news outlet with a print reporter and photographer on board the ship.

Cholera kills 41 in Central African nation of Chad

N'Djamena, 5 Sept—Health officials in Chad say an outbreak of cholera in the Central African nation has killed at least 41 people. Mahamat M. Amdiou A dji said Friday that there have been nearly 600 confirmed cases of the fast-moving infection that causes diarrhea in victims, leading to severe dehydration. The outbreak in Chad came as officials in the neighbouring countries of Nigeria and Cameroon also have expressed concern about cholera deaths. In Nigeria, health officials say more than 350 people have been killed in only three months.

Cholera is highly contagious yet easily preventable with clean water and sanitation. But Nigerian health officials say in many areas, wells remain uncovered, allowing tainted water to flow into the communities’ drinking water supplies.

Chile miners face uncertain rescue date

C OPIAPO, 5 Sept—The 33 men trapped deep below ground in a Chilean mine face a grim milestone Sunday — a month since the cave-in that stranded them — as officials warn it could take months more to rescue them.

On Saturday, the miners got an uplifting visit from four of the 16 survivors of a 1972 A ndes plane crash, who endured extreme elements for 72 days before being rescued — their improbable story was turned into a best-selling book, “A live,” and then a 1993 movie of the same name.

The four Uruguayan men said they had brought a message of hope for the trapped men. “They are in the process of discovering the joy of being alive and the will to survive,” one of the survivors, J ose Luis Inciarte, told reporters.

Even more uplifting, the miners Saturday for the first time got to speak to their families by closed-circuit videolink, which relays images one way only, from the underground shelter to the surface.

The families said they would mark the one-month anniversary of the August 5 cave-in sounding horns and whistles at 2:30 pm (1830 GMT) Sunday.

Earl loses tropical storm status after hitting Canada

Earl is now post-tropical, and weakening is expected during the next 48 hours,” the Miami-based National Hurricane Centre said. At 0300 GMT Sunday, the centre of the storm was located 180 miles (295 kilometres) southwest of Mary’s Harbour, in the Canadian province of Labrador, the NHC said.

It was packing sustained winds of 65 miles (100 kilometres) an hour and moving north-northeast at 46 miles (74 kilometres) an hour.

The centre of the storm made landfall in southern Nova Scotia shortly after 11:00 am (1400 GMT) on Saturday, but the Canadian Hurricane Centre (CHC) later said its strength steadily fell as it buffeted the craggy coastline.

Kidnapped Japanese journalist freed in Afghanistan

T OKYO, 5 Sept—A Japanese journalist believed to have been kidnapped by the Afghan Taliban has been released after five months, a report said on Sunday. K usuke Tsuneoka, a journalist who had been missing in northern Afghanistan since April, is now under protection at the Japanese embassy in Kabul, the Jiji Press agency said, quoting diplomatic sources.

A foreign ministry official in Tokyo declined to comment. Members of the group holding Tsuneoka reportedly asked the Japanese government to negotiate the release of their imprisoned comrades, while Taliban militants also demanded the Afghan government pay a ransom for the journalist.
**Suzuki to build new auto plant in India**

Osamu Suzuki, chairman of Japan’s auto maker Suzuki Motor, introduces the new ‘Swift’ car in Tokyo in August, 2010. Japan’s top minicar maker Suzuki Motor Corp is to build a new auto assembly plant near the Indian capital New Delhi in a bid to meet growing demand in the country, a newspaper reported on Sunday.

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**India’s Tata Steel may seek £3.5-blн loan**

**NEW DELHI, 5 Sept—**The world’s seventh-largest steelmaker, Tata Steel, is in talks with banks for a 3.5-billion-pound loan for Corus, a report said Saturday.

**The Economic Times** newspaper said BNP Paribas, HSBC Holdings and Royal Bank of Scotland may be among the banks contributing funds for the 3.5-billion-pound loan.

The report noted that Tata Steel chief financial officer Koushik Chatterjee said last month that the Mumb-based steelmaker planned to refinance as much as 4.2 billion pounds of its long-term debt.

Tata Steel took loans to fund its 8.4-billion-pound acquisition of Anglo-Dutch steelmaker Corus in 2007, just before the global financial crisis hit demand for steel.

There was no immediate company comment on the report, which cited unidentified sources with direct knowledge of the matter.

In August the company posted a consolidated net profit for the three months to June of 18.25 billion rupees (251 million dollars) against a loss of 22.08 billion rupees a year earlier.

**Weblog**

A man steers a kite buggy on the beach near a Corsus steelworks at Redcar in north-east England on 11 May, 2009. Tata Steel is in talks with banks for a 5.4-billion-dollar loan for its British unit Corus, a report has said.

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Tata Steel, whose shares have fallen 13 percent this year, issued a cautious outlook with its results, saying the long-term sustainability of its recovery was "highly dependent on future growth in the European construction sector."

**Hundreds of Australian evacuated in Victoria’s flood disaster**

**Canberra, 5 Sept—**Australia’s state of Victoria is experiencing some of its worst flooding in more than a decade, and hundreds of homes were inundated on Sunday as strong winds and rain are battering the state.

Wind gusts of up to 110 kilometres per hour are being recorded, damaging trees, power-lines and buildings in the state’s south-east and in Melbourne’s east of state Victoria. ABC Network reported on Sunday that residents of Euroa, Benalla and Myrtleford towns have been evacuated, and said it is the worst flooding they have seen in 17 years.

Water overflowing from Seven Creek in Euroa peaked about 7:30 pm on Saturday at just over five meters. The State Emergency Service (SES) said it is not yet clear how many homes were flooded, while rivers are expected to rise over the next few days. The weather bureau has issued major flood warnings to parts of the north-east, north-west and mid-west regions.

**Eight killed, ten injured in road mishap in eastern India**

**NEW DELHI, 5 Sept—**At least eight people were killed and ten others sustained injuries in a road mishap in the eastern Indian state of West Bengal early Sunday morning, a senior police official said.

“The mishap happened when the car in which they were travelling collided with a speeding truck head-on in the state’s Maida District. While eight people died on the spot, the injured have been admitted to a local hospital,” the official said.

A probe has been ordered into the incident, he added.

Road accident rate in India is among the highest in the world, with at least 100,000 killed on the road every year, according to official estimates.

**Japanese chemical tanker robbed off Indonesia**

**TOKYO, 5 Sept—**A chemical tanker operated by a Japanese firm has been robbed of money while it was sailing off the Anambas Islands, Indonesia, according to Kyodo News, citing information obtained by Japan’s transport ministry.

The incident involving the tanker operated by Tokyo-based Lino Kaiun Kaisha Ltd. occurred shortly after 4 am Sunday, Japan time.

No one was injured and there was no damage to the tanker.

According to the information received by Kyodo, two pirates were seen on board of the ship and fled the scene after stealing cash.

It is the ninth incident this year in which a ship operated by a Japanese firm has been attacked by pirates.

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London, 5 Sept—A taxi driver has told of his shock after he picked up a customer and then helped deliver her baby in the back of his cab. Iain Coombes was called to collect heavily pregnant Ayse Sabuncu, 37, and her fiancé, Matthew Scutt, 32, for what he thought would be a run-of-the-mill journey. But the driver was forced to turn midwife when the baby boy popped out just after he pulled up outside London’s Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

‘I’ve had many experiences as an Addison Lee driver, but nothing like this,’ he said. ‘I’m just glad everything went OK.’ The drama unfolded after Mr Coombes, a former City accountant, was called to a pick-up in the Wandsworth area of south London last Wednesday. The 42-year-old, from Sidcup, south east London, was greeted by the couple who explained they needed a lift to hospital for the birth of their first child. But while crossing Chelsea Bridge, Miss Sabuncu realised the baby was on its way. They pulled up outside the building with moments to spare and Mr Scutt, a software consultant, dashed in to get help. By the time he returned with doctors, he found the baby lying in his mother’s arms. Emre Arthur Scutt, who was born a week early, weighed 6lb 7oz. — Internet

Paris metro body heat to help warm building

PARIS, 5 Sept — The warmth generated by human bodies in the Parisian metro will help heat a public housing project in the city centre, the capital’s largest owner of social housing said on Friday. The building, located in the famous rue Beaubourg close to the Pompidou museum, is being renovated in an environmentally friendly way.

‘Luckily, the building is connected to the metro through a staircase,’ Francois Wachnick from Paris Habitat told Reuters. “The calories emitted by passengers, around 100 watts per person, combined with the heat from trains moving along tracks and the underground location of the metro mean that corridor temperatures are 14-20 degrees Celsius all year around.” — Internet

Cops seized sports car then crashed it

London, 5 Sept—Two British police officers have been suspended for confis- cating a sports car from its driver and then crashing it. The driver of the turbocharged, four-wheel drive Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution V VIII was stopped in the early hours of the morning in Manchester, northwestern England, because of his erratic driving.

He was arrested for suspected drunk driving and taken away — leaving two officers to mind the car while they waited for a tow truck.

However, it appears the two policemen decided to hop inside the 156-mph (251kph) vehicle and take it for a spin. Their illicit jaunt soon turned into a disaster, however, when they lost control and plowed through two front yards, before smashing into a wall and flipping the powerful sports car on to its side. — Internet

Early day care may promote eczema development

DUSSELDORF, 5 Sept—Kids who spend their earliest years in day care may be at higher risk of eczema than kids cared for at home, according to a new study from Germany. Eczema is a collective term for different skin conditions characterized by a scaly, itchy, reddish rash. From 10 percent to 20 percent of infants and children experience some symptoms of the disease, according to the National Institute of A thriths and M usculoskeletal and S kin Diseases.

A number of studies have found that eczema is more common among East German than West German children. Dr. Claudia Cramer of the 1 UF 1 Institut fur Umweltmedizini sche Forschung in Dusseldorf, Germany, and her colleagues write. Given that East German kids are also more likely to attend early day care, Cramer and her team investigated whether they were in day care before age two, along with several other potential risk factors, influenced eczema risk.

The researchers followed 3,097 children from birth to age 6. Thirteen percent of the children from eastern Germany had been diagnosed with eczema by age 4, compared to 8 percent of the children from western Germany. — Internet

Scientist freed after US airport scare

M IAMI, 5 Sept — A scientist detained at Miami International Airport after screeners spotted a metal canister in his luggage that looked like a pipe bomb, prompting an evacuation, has been released. No charges were filed against the 70-year-old man and he was allowed to continue his trip. Neither the professor’s name nor his itinerary has been released. The man is an American citizen and was “very cooperative,” FBI agent Michael Leverock said at a news conference in Miami. The metal canister that sparked concern was a legitimate experiment, said another government official who also requested anonymity to discuss the ongoing investigation. — Internet

Ex-treasurer admits stealing from GOP

Washington, 5 Sept—A former Republican Party financial official and consultant pleaded guilty Friday in Washington to embezzling $850,000 from party committees. Under Christopher Ward’s plea agreement, prosecutors will ask U.S. District Col leen Kollar-Kotelly to sentence him to three years and one month in prison. The Washington Post reported. He must pay back the National Republican Congressional Committee and other victims.

Investigators said Ward, who served as treasurer of 83 Republican committees in a decade, carried out his embezzlement from 2001 to 2007. Ward served as treasurer of the President’s Dinner from 2001 to 2006. — Internet

Firefighters rescued a horse and groom after the animal kicked its way into the front of its horsebox. — Internet

Firefighters rescue horse and groom

London, 5 Sept—Firefight- ers have rescued a horse and its groom after the animal broke free and kicked its way into the front of its horsebox, officials said. The two-year-old colt became trapped after forcing its way out of the rear section while being transported on the northbound carriageway of the A23 at Bolney, West Sussex. The startled driver and groom stopped immediately and called 999. The groom stayed in the cab but had to be pulled free by firefighters after being stuck in the head by the horse. The A23 was temporarily closed over fears the horse could break free and bolt across the busy road just after 4.15pm on Friday, West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service said. A spokesman said the animal was sedated by a vet and eventually freed two hours later by fire crews who cut away the rear of the transporter. — Internet

Qantas jet also had damaged flaps

Sydney, 5 Sept—Australian investigators say a mechanical failure that blew a hole in the engine of a Qantas jet headed to Sydney from San Francisco also damaged the wing flaps. The engine failure early on Tuesday forced the Boeing 747 to return to the airport shortly after take-off. Investigators from the Australian Transportation Safety Board arrived in San Francisco on Thursday to examine the engine and determine the cause of the incident. The board said in a statement that the failure led investigators to examine the engine and determine the cause of the incident. The board said in a statement that the failure led the jet headed to Sydney from San Francisco also damaged the wing flaps. The engine failure early on Tuesday forced the Boeing 747 to return to the airport shortly after take-off. Investigators from the Australian Transportation Safety Board arrived in San Francisco on Thursday to examine the engine and determine the cause of the incident. The board said in a statement that the failure led investigators to examine the engine and determine the cause of the incident. The board said in a statement that the failure led investigators to examine the engine and determine the cause of the incident. The board said in a statement that the failure led investigators to examine the engine and determine the cause of the incident. The board said in a statement that the failure led investigators to examine the engine and determine the cause of the incident. The board said in a statement that the failure led investigators to examine the engine and determine the cause of the incident. The board said in a statement that the failure led investigators to examine the engine and determine the cause of the incident. The board said in a statement that the failure led
US comedian Robert Schimmel dies after car accident

LOS ANGELES, 5 Sept— US comedian Robert Schimmel died on Friday night in a Phoenix hospital from injuries he sustained in a car accident, his public relations firm said on Saturday.

Schimmel, 60, was a passenger in his 19-year-old daughter’s car on 26 August when she lost control after swerving to avoid another accident on a Phoenix highway. The daughter was hospitalized, but is expected to recover. Schimmel’s 11-year-old son was also a passenger in the car and was uninjured, according to media reports. The actor was best known for his work on HBO programmes, including his own special, “Unprotected.”

Firm can’t fire man for 1.8 cent theft

A German company that fired a man for the theft of 1.8 euros (two US cents) worth of electricity had no grounds for sacking him, a court ruled, dismissing the firm’s appeal against his reinstatement.

Network administrator Oliver Beel lost his job after charging his Segway, a two-wheeled electric vehicle, at work in May 2009. After he connected the vehicle to the firm’s power source for 1-1/2 hours, his boss asked him to remove it. Twelve days later Beel found himself without a job. The court ruled that dismissal was disproportionate to the offence, especially given the “minimal electricity cost involved, the plaintiff’s 19-year employment by the company and the fact other employees charged mobile phones and digital photo frames at the firm’s expense without punishment.”

Telluride Film Festival a Labour Day staple

TELLURIDE, 5 Sept—Danny Boyle’s “127 Hours” and Peter Weir’s “The Way Back” are just two of the high-profile dramas debuting at Colorado’s Telluride Film Festival this weekend.

The festival, known for its down-to-earth atmosphere catering to “literate film geeks” in contrast to the high-pressure, high-glitz scenes at Utah’s Sundance or France’s Cannes, also includes an 11-language, 5-1/2-hour behemoth titled “Carlos,” which likely won’t entertain much of an audience outside the Rocky Mountains, the Los Angeles Times reported Friday.

In Venice, Maggie Cheung still playing hard to get

VENICE, 5 Sept—Chinese megastar Maggie Cheung, in Venice for the screening of Isaac Julien’s art film “Better Life”, has shunned the celluloid since becoming the first Asian actress to win an Oscar in 2004.

The recognition for “Clean”, she said, “concluded one stage of my life” following her 2001 divorce from the film’s French director, Olivier Assayas.

Pulitzer-winning cartoonist Paul Conrad dies at 86

LOS ANGELES, 5 Sept—Paul Conrad used his pencil like a weapon. His long lines and jagged angles seemed to point directly at the leaders he deemed charlatans and fools in need of deflating. In a career of more than 50 years he won three Pulitzer Prizes, made Richard Nixon’s enemies list and ruined Ronald Reagan’s breakfast.

The cartoonist with an unmistakable style died at 86 Saturday at his home in the Los Angeles suburb of Rancho Palos Verdes surrounded by his family, his son David Conrad said. The death was from natural causes. David Conrad said, but he did not offer specifics.—Internet

12-acre fire starts when golfer hits rock

California fire officials said a golf course blaze requiring nearly 200 firefighters began as a spark from a golf club hitting a rock.

Firefighters said the 12-acre fire Saturday at Irvine’s Shady Canyon Golf Course began when a golfer, who was not identified, clinked his club against a rock while taking a shot from the rough at about noon, the Orange County Register reported Thursday.

Orange County Fire Authority Capt Greg McEwen told the Orange County Register nearly 200 firefighters battled the flames for several hours and the blaze was completely contained by 7:30 pm.

French balloonists to repeat England flight 100 years later

Three hot air balloonists will set off from Nancy in eastern France on Sunday in a bid to reach England, and retrace a route only ever travelled by a French woman adventurer a century ago.

“I told myself one day I had to do it again,” said Benoit Pelard, one of the balloonists, about the 1909 balloon trip by Marie Marvingt, a woman the Chicago Tribune once dubbed “the most extraordinary lady since Joan of Arc.”

Rat bite ruins Indian shooter’s Commonwealth bid

Indian shooter Sanjeev Rajput is blaming the sharp teeth of a rodent for robbing him of his shot at glory on home soil at next month’s Commonwealth Games.

The 29-year-old was perceived as a medal prospect for the 3-14 October Delhi Games but lost out in the race for a place in India’s highly-competitive shooting squad following a poor performance at the June trial in Pune. “I was staying in the camp hostel in Pune where a rat bit me in the night,” Rajput told Reuters on Friday.

“I did not take any chances and immediately visited the doctor. He gave me anti-rabies shots and soon I was running a high fever.

In 2001, a rat bit Marvingt in the night, and that was good to know; but it was enough for me to move on,” she told reporters on Saturday.

Twelve days later
Eto’ strikes twice in Nations Cup, Saadane quits

Johannesburg, 5 Sept—Samuel Eto’o scored twice as Cameroon won in Mauritius on Saturday and Rabah Saadane quit as Algeria coach after a home draw with Tanzania when the 2012 African Nations Cup qualifiers kicked off.

Uganda outclassed Angola 3-0 in wet Kampala where Bostwana grabbed a last-gasp 2-1 victory over Togo in Gaborone to enhance chances of a first appearance at the tournament. — Internet

JAPAN BEAT PARAGUAY TO AVERAGE WORLD CUP DEFEAT

Yokohama, 5 Sept—Borussia Dortmund midfielder Shinji Kagawa scored the only goal as Japan beat Paraguay 1-0 on Saturday in their first game at the World Cup. Kagawa sent a pass through to Kagawa, whose shot from just outside the area went in off the post in the 64th minute. K. agawa, 21, said he was pleased to take revenge over Paraguay, who knocked Japan out of the World Cup in South Africa on penalties at the round of 16 stage in June.

Japan set the early pace with CSKA Moscow midfielder Keisuke Honda and Yuzo Kurilhara threatening the South Americans’ goal. Japan will next take on Guatemala in Osaka on Tuesday, while Paraguay will meet China the same day. — Internet

Carragher scores for Reds and Blues in testimonial

London, 5 Sept—Jamie Carragher scored for Liverpool and Everton as his current club secured a 4-1 win over the team he supported as a boy in his testimonial at Anfield on Saturday. Carragher converted a spot-kick in the first half for the Reds before scoring a penalty own-goal for Everton after half-time. The 32-year-old was granted the fixture as he celebrated 14 years with Liverpool and he hopes to raise one million pounds for his 23 Foundation from the game and a gala dinner, with proceeds going to local groups and charities. — Internet

BENZEMA FIT FOR BOSNIA CLASH BUT TRIO RULED OUT

Paris, 5 Sept—France’s selection problems deepened on Saturday when three strikers were ruled out of Tuesday’s Euro 2012 qualifier against Bosnia-Herzegovina, but Real Madrid attacker Karim Benzema was passed fit.

Benzema, 22, missed Friday’s 1-0 defeat at home to Belarus in their opening qualifying match but coach Laurent Blanc said on Saturday that he had recovered from his right ankle injury.

“We learnt at morning training that Karim would be fit,” said Blanc. “Benzema’s recovery is good news for Blanc as he will be without strikers Loic Remy (groin), Louis Saha (calf) and Guillaume Hoarau (shoulder), after they all injured themselves against Belarus.” — Internet

Answers to yesterday’s Crosswords Puzzle

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Sharapova, Federer battle on in US Tennis Open

New York, 5 Sept—Top seed Caroline Wozniacki and former world number one Maria Sharapova booked a fourth-round showdown with straight-set US Open triumphs on Saturday while Roger Federer cruised into the last 16 as well. Danish 20-year-old Wozniacki, last year’s US Open runner-up, routed Taipe’s Chan Yung-jan 6-1,6-0, while Russian 14th seed Sharapova, whose three Grand Slam titles include the 2006 US Open, blanked American Beatrice Capra 6-0, 6-0. Wozniacki has lost only three games in three matches, the best US Open run since Chris Evert in 1974, French Open. Sharapova, whose blanking of Capra was the latest US Open women’s shootout since Martina Navratilova won by the same score in 1989, beat Wozniacki twice in 2008 in their only prior meetings. — Internet

Football’s star strikers find their feet

Paris, 5 Sept—With one sumptuous swing of his right foot against Liechtenstein on Friday, David Villa moved to within one goal of Raúl’s all-time goalscoring record for Spain. Villa’s 25-yard strike in the 4-0 rout was his 43rd in Spain’s colours and, having already inspired his country to victory at Euro 2008 and the World Cup, a goal in the friendly with Argentina on Tuesday will further strengthen his claim to be the mainland of Spain’s greatest ever striker.

The Barcelona new boy could even have drawn level with Raúl in Monday’s 2-1 win after hitting the crossbar in the last minute, but he says he is not preoccupied by his pursuit of the record. “It will come,” said Villa. “It’s a shame (not to score) because it was the final minutes but the goals will arrive. I hope that I stay in the national team for many years.” — Internet
Sunday, 5th September, 2010
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr.
M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Sagaing Region, scattered in Kachin, Shan States and Magway Region, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Mon and Kayin States and isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thakhek (6.73) inches, Paung (5.39) inches, Longlone (4.02) inches, Hpa-an (3.70) inches, Gwa (3.19) inches, Dawei (2.16) inches and Mawlamyine (1.89) inches.

**Nay Pyi Taw Weather**

Maximum temperature on 4-9-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 5-9-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours M.S.T. on 5-9-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 5-9-2010 was (0.59) inch.

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 4-9-2010 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 5-9-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours M.S.T. on 5-9-2010 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 4-9-2010 was (0.3) hours.

Rainfall on 5-9-2010 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon and Kaba-Aye each and (0.23) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (66.91) inches at Mingaladon, (68.03) inches at Kaba-Aye and (78.42) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from South at (12:30) hours M.S.T. on 4-9-2010.

**Bay Internews**

Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 6th September 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Chin and Shan States, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Kayin State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%). State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Forecast for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area**

For 6-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area**

For 6-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area**

For 6-9-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area**

For 6-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area**

For 6-9-2010: 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Mokkha Dam contributing much to growing of paddy and other crops in western Bago Region

In order to develop western part of Bago Region and help supply irrigation water to 1000 acres of farmlands in Minhla Township of Bago Region, Mokkha Dam is being built.

Together with Staff Officer U Zayar Win of Construction Group No. 9 of Irrigation Department, our news crew departed for the Mokkha Dam construction project from Yangon via Thonze. After going through Yangon-Pyay Road from Thonze to Minhla, we got to the Mokkha Dam construction project 10 miles east of the road.

Mawlamyine BEHS (9) gets traffic knowledge

YANGON, 5 Sept—Supervised by Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, Mawlamyine Township Traffic Police Force organized an educative talks on traffic rules at No.9 Basic Education High School, Pabedan Ward on 27 Augst.

The talks focused on principles to be abided by bicycle riders, motorcyclists and pedestrians. The township traffic police force presented educative VCDs and pamphlets and the school headmistress spoke words of thanks.—MNA

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Heavy machinery cutting a hill to build spillway of Mokkha Dam.

This illustration shows the interaction between the brain’s HPA axis (hypothalamus, pituitary, and adrenal glands) and GABAergic deficits of the hippocampus and cortex, which underlie the pathology of major depressive disorder.

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