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PM: the drive for building a modern developed nation will come true only if every citizen is literate

International Literacy Day 2010 observed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAV PYI TAW, 8 Sept — The ceremony to observe the International Literacy Day 2010 was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Education here this afternoon. Prime Minister U Thein Sein delivered an address and presented prizes to the winners at the ceremony. It was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye, the ministers, the deputy ministers, members of Myanmar Education Committee, ambassadors and staff of foreign embassies to Myanmar, resident representatives of the UN agencies, departmental heads, departments under the Ministry of Education, directors-general, chairmen and rectors of boards and universities, principals of Education Colleges, responsible persons of social organizations, teachers, students, winners and guests.

Ma Htet Wun Nandi Aye and Ma Phu Khat Wai of Basic Education High School No. 2 in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw District acted as MC.

Prime Minister U Thein Sein addressing ceremony to mark International Literacy Day 2010.—MNA
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Ward off menace posed by narcotics

Today, people, rich or poor and countries, developed or developing, around the world are under grave threats posed by narcotic drugs. Accordingly, it is much needed to educate the people about the menace of narcotics. Abuse of narcotic drugs can cause infection with HIV virus. Once addicted to narcotic drugs, youths are in no position to enjoy normal privileges of life.

Emphasis is therefore to be placed on educating the people especially the youth about narcotics in order for elimination of drug-related consequences.

Today, stimulant tablets produced scientifically with precursor chemicals are in place of narcotic drugs. Anti-narcotics operations are being implemented with increasing momentum. As a result, many drug-smuggling gangs have been exposed at home and abroad.

The youth, the future of the nation, are most vulnerable to drugs. So, dangers being faced by many drug addict youths are shockingly alarming.

It is out of the question to lead a peaceful life if people have access to narcotics. So, only when one stays away from drug abuse will it be possible for one to enjoy a healthy life.

It is therefore mandatory for the entire people to take a role as a national duty in anti-narcotics measures so as to create a healthy society.

Myanmar Brewery Ltd vaccinates blood donors against Hepatitis (B)

YANGON, 8 Sept — Myanmar Brewery Ltd established since 1995 is one of the earliest leading corporations in Myanmar. Assisting the people of the nation from which the company is profiting is one of its crucial objectives.

The company started a new plan on 15 June 2009, the regular blood donor against Hepatitis (B) for coming 10 years.

As the first step of its long-term plan on 15 June 2009, the company injected Hepatitis (B) vaccines into 1982 regular blood donors in Ayeyawady Region and Mon State.

The company also vaccinated 924 blood donors listed in Blood Bank of Rakhine State on 31 August.

25 March 2010; 710 in Kachin State

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Advanced technologies, solutions on sale at ICT Expo (Mandalay)

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — Advanced new technologies and solutions of True Value such as Real Time Tracking System, CAR Black Box, keychain, watch and data logger with GPS, Telephone Voice Logging System, Home Security System, RFID card (Radio Frequency Identification), CCTV and Wireless Service Bell will be on sale at a 10 per cent discount at ICT Expo 2010 (Mandalay) from 10 to 12 September.

For further information, contact True Value (Yangon Office) at No. (351), Room (103), Themyin Street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township (Ph: 09 8022025), Mandalay Office at No. (5) on 26th street between 78 and 79 streets (Ph: 02 21572) and Nay Pyi Taw Office in Thabyegon Market, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 087 414113).
Six killed in two separate bomb attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 8 Sept—Iraqi police and health officials say at least six people have been killed and 35 wounded in two separate attacks in Baghdad.

A police officer says three policemen and one civilian have been killed when a parked car bomb exploded Wednesday near a bus station in the southern Bayaa neighbourhood. A second bomb targeting police and rescue services arriving at the blast site detonated minutes later.

There were no reports on casualties from the second blast.

In eastern Baghdad, two bombs near a bus station detonated simultaneously Wednesday, killing two civilians and wounding 12 others. Health officials confirmed the death toll.

All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to the media.

Iraqi journalist killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 8 Sept—An Iraqi journalist working for the country’s official television was killed in western Baghdad on Tuesday morning, an Interior Ministry source said.

Riyadh al-Sarray, presenter of political and religious programmes in the state-run television Iraqia, was gunned down by armed men in their car in al-Harthiyah District when he was heading for work, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The victim began to work for Iraqia TV in 2005 and had worked with several local television channels, the source said.

Statistics of the Iraqi Union of Journalists showed that more than 275 of its members and media workers have been killed since the start of the US-led war in March 2003.

According to earlier reports by Paris-based media watchdog Reporters Without Borders, after the outbreak of the 2003 war, Iraq has become the most dangerous place for journalists since World War II.

Second Hungarian soldier dies of Afghan wounds

BUDAPEST, 8 Sept—A second Hungarian soldier has died of wounds sustained in Afghanistan when their convoy was attacked by militants two weeks ago, the Hungarian Defence Ministry announced on Tuesday.

Corporal Gyorgy Kolozsvari, 37, died of shrapnel wounds in a Budapest hospital early on Tuesday. Killed immediately in the 23 Aug attack was Lieutenant Judit Abraham Papp. Two other Hungarians suffered serious but not life-threatening wounds.

Kolozsvari was flown home on 25 Aug and despite the round-the-clock efforts of doctors at Hungary’s military hospital, his vital functions ceased after two weeks on a respirator.

Kolozsvari had been a professional soldier, who joined the military in 1996. He had served in Kosovo and in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He was on the way to the airport to return home following his second six-month tour in Afghanistan when attacked. Kolozsvari was married and had two young children.

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

KABUL, 8 Sept—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the internet news, a total of 33121 Afghan people were killed and 59767 injured as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 8 Sept.

Iraqi soldier fires on US troops, kills two

BAGHDAD, 8 Sept—An Iraqi soldier fired a barrage of bullets at American troops protecting one of their commanders during a visit to an Iraqi army base Tuesday and killed two of them, the first US servicemen to die since President Barack Obama declared an end to combat operations in the country last week.

Even after the US dramatically reduced the number of troops and rebranded its mission in Iraq, the attack was a reminder that Americans still have to defend themselves in a dangerous country where Iraqi forces only have a tenuous hold on security. Nine Americans were wounded in Tuesday’s shooting.—Internet
Science

Microbes are eating BP oil without using up oxygen

WASHINGTON, 8 Sept.—Government scientists studying the BP disaster are reporting the best possible outcome: Microbes are consuming the oil in the Gulf without depleting the oxygen in the water and creating “dead zones” where fish cannot survive.

Outside scientists said this so far vindicates the difficult and much-debated decision by BP and the government to use massive amounts of chemical dispersants deep underwater to break up the oil before it reached the surface.

Oxygen levels in some places where the BP oil spilled are down by 20 percent, but that is not nearly low enough to create dead zones, according to the 95-page report released Tuesday.

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“Has it hit the sweet spot? Yes. Was it by design? Partly,” said Steve Murawski, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration senior scientist who headed the federal team of researchers.

Internet

Apple releases Safari updates

NEW YORK, 8 Sept.—On Tuesday Apple issued minor updates to its Safari Web browser with “improvements to compatibility and security.” Safari 5.0.2 for Leopard and Snow Leopard (OS X 10.5.8 or later) or Windows (XP, Vista, and 7) and Safari 4.1.2 for Tiger (OS X 10.4.11). Safari 5.0.2 address three areas: It fixes an issue that could prevent users from submitting Web forms; it fixes an issue that could cause Web content to display incorrectly when viewing a Google Image result with Flash 10.1 installed; and it establishes an encrypted, authenticated connection to the Safari Extensions Gallery. The Safari 4.1.2 update only addresses the Web form submission issue.

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Android vs iPhone is no easy call

NEW YORK, 8 Sept.—Google’s Android mobile operating system proved a formidable rival to the wildly popular iPhone in a recent real-world test.

Android will overtake the iPhone in sales this year, according to an IDC forecast released Tuesday. IDC predicts that by year’s end, Android will have a 16 percent market share worldwide, compared with the iPhone’s 15 percent. Symbian will continue to lead with 40 percent, and the BlackBerry platform will hold on to second place with about an 18 percent share, IDC said.

Trying out a Motorola Droid 2 on Verizon Wireless alongside my own AT&T iPhone 3GS over the past few weeks, I found Android a tempting alternative to the iPhone platform, though there were surprises on both sides.—Internet

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Vapor caused by the hot water coming down from the active Pacaya volcano can be seen in a yard, on 7 September, 2010.—XINHUA

Technology

Google, Apple eye fierce Internet TV competition

BEIJING, 8 Sept.—Google’s CEO Eric Schmidt showed a new service on Tuesday at the IFA Berlin fair about future Internet TV on the PC, just a week after Steve Jobs unveiled an Apple TV product, according to Reuters on Wednesday.

Schmidt displayed a new service yesterday set to bring Google TV viewers to watch online TV shows and movies that have just rented or downloaded from iTunes, YouTube and also Flickr.

Google TV will combine its smartphone with the Apple platform, which allows open access to all Internet content, while Apple TV may stick to its iPhone and iPad devices with iTunes Ping introducing social networking features.

The two Internet giants have increasingly challenged each other in consumer electronics and software programmes of all stripes.

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Health

Many HIV-infected kids could use cheaper treatment safely

WASHINGTON, 8 Sept—For HIV-infected children in the developing world, treatment choices have been limited by concerns over the possible development of resistance to drugs they received as infants during failed attempts to prevent their infection in the first place. But a new US National Institutes of Health-funded study suggests there may be a way to administer one particularly cheap and practical HIV drug — nevirapine — safely and effectively to many of these children. The finding was detailed by study co-author Louise Kuhn, a professor of epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in New York City, and Dr Lynne Mofenson, chief of the pediatric, adolescent and maternal AIDS branch of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, during a recent teleconference.

The study itself will be published in the 8 Sept issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Mofenson noted that globally 430,000 infants become infected with HIV. About 90 percent of these children live in sub-Saharan Africa.

Decline in adult smoking stalls, alarming experts

NEW YORK, 8 Sept—Although the hazards of smoking are well known, 20 percent of Americans still light up, US health officials said on Tuesday.

The number of adult smokers dropped between 2000 and 2005, but the decline has leveled out, according to a new report from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“The 40-year decline in tobacco in the United States has stalled,” CDC director Dr Thomas R Frieden said during an early afternoon press conference.

“Between 2005 and 2009 there was no further reduction in tobacco use,” he said. And despite progress nearly 90 million American non-smokers are exposed to toxic chemicals in tobacco smoke.”

Frieden laid the blame for the stalled smoking decline on the doorstep of the tobacco industry.

“The industry has gotten even better at sidestepping laws designed to get people to stop smoking,” he said. “They ensure that every cigarette they sell is designed to deliver nicotine quickly and efficiently to keep people addicted.”

Multivitamin use doesn’t impact colon cancer outcomes

WASHINGTON, 8 Sept—Patients with colon cancer who used multivitamins during and after being treated with post-surgical chemotheraphy did not reduce the risk of the cancer returning or their dying from it, according to researchers at Maryland-based Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

In a study of patients with stage III colon cancer — characterized as cancer in the large bowel area with some cancer cells in a few nearby lymph nodes—the researchers found that while multivitamin use had no beneficial effect on patients’ outcomes, it also did not have a detrimental effect.

In addition, the industry uses marketing techniques to get children to start smoking. And they create new products that get around laws to attract new smokers, Frieden said. More men (24 percent) than women (18 percent) were smoking in 2009, says the report, which also found that people with less education and lower incomes were more likely than others to smoke.

Thirty-one percent of smokers live below the poverty level, and 25 percent never graduated from high school compared with 6 percent of those with graduate degrees, the report says.—Internet

Business

China launches Int’l fair to bolster trade, investment

XIAMEN, 8 Sept—China started an annual international fair here Wednesday to promote investment and trade.

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping officially launched the event by raising a symbolic “goldenkey” to open the exhibition hall at the coastal city of Xiamen in the southeast Fujian Province. About 50,000 domestic and foreign businessmen are expected to take part in the four-day event, which has become one of China’s most influential platform for the promotion of trade and investment.

Xinhua

Sinochem approaches Temasek on Potash bid

ORONTO, 8 Sept—China’s state-owned Sinochem Corp has invited Temasek, the Singapore sovereign wealth fund, to join a consortium that may bid for Canada’s Potash Corp (POT:TO), the world’s largest fertilizer supplier, sources with knowledge of the matter said on Tuesday.

The move follows an order by Chinese officials for state companies to meet investment bankers to explore ways to block BHP Billiton’s (BHP.AX)/BH(L) $39 billion hostile bid for Potash Corp.

Further raising pressure on BHP to sweeten its bid, Potash Corp said on Tuesday it had contacts with several other parties that had shown interest in possible transactions. It has called the Anglo-Australian miner’s $130-a-share offer “grossly inadequate.”

“ar number of third parties have already expressed interest in alternative transactions, some whom we approached and others, who initiated contact on their own,” Potash Corp Chief Executive Bill Doyle said in a video clip posted on the company’s website (www.potashcorp.com).

China, which typically buys about 7 percent of the output of Potash Corp, fears a BHP takeover might jeopardize supplies it will require to feed its huge population in coming years.

Xinhua

Containers wait to be unloaded in the northern German City of Hamburg. German exports rose sharply in July compared to the same month last year, according to the monthly report on Germany’s benchmark money supply measure from the Bank of Japan.

TOKYO, 8 Sept—Japan’s benchmark money supply measure grew 2.1 percent in August from a year earlier, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) said in a monthly report on Wednesday.

Japan’s money stock, as measured by the key M2 aggregate, rose slightly to 2.8 percent on year in August following a 2.7 percent increase logged in July, the central bank data revealed.

The balance of M2 includes currency in circulation and deposits, but excludes those held at Japan Post Bank.

The nation’s M3 money stock aggregate increased 2.1 percent on year in the recording month, following a 2.0 percent rise logged in July, the BOJ said.

The balance of M3, which includes currency in circulation, deposit money, so-called “quasi” money and CDs, averaged 1,079.4 trillion yen (12.88 trillion yen), the central bank said.

Xinhua

A trader works at a dealing room at a foreign exchange firm where the US dollar was being traded at 83.64 yen, in Tokyo, on Wednesday, 8 Sept, 2010. Japan’s benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index dropped 181.61 points, or 2 percent, to 9,044.39 to close the morning session.

INTERNET
Death toll rises to 23 in suicide blast in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 8 Sept—The Tuesday night suicide bomb blast killed 23 people, injured over 80 others and destroyed at least 25 living quarters in a police residential area in the city of Kohat in Pakistan’s northwest Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Dozens of people are reportedly trapped under the rubble of the damaged buildings after an estimated 400 kilograms of explosives were detonated, said local police officers.

According to Xinhua reporter and the local media reports, an unidentified suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden rickshaw at one of the buildings inside a police residential area, causing huge damage to many buildings including a nearby local TV station.

Police have cordoned off the blast area and rescue team has arrived at the scene shortly after the blast, said an eyewitness.

All the injured people are police and their family members including many women and kids, hospital sources said adding at least five of the injured are in critical condition.

No group has claimed responsibility for the blast yet. This is the fourth deadly suicide blast in Pakistan this month.—Xinhua

A man injured in a car bomb attack in Kohat, Pakistan’s northwest Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province is treated at Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar on 7 Sept, 2010. —Xinhua

Refinery explosion kills six in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 8 Sept—An explosion at a refinery of the state oil company Pemex killed six people in northern Mexico on Tuesday, local media reported.

The blast occurred about 9:40 am local time in Cadereyta, according to the reports, some of which also put the death toll at seven. The refinery serves the northern Mexican state of Nuevo Leon. The explosion was clearly heard throughout the city of Cadereyta, Guillermo de Leon Delgado, commander of civil protection in the nearby city of Monterrey, told Xinhua by telephone. “After the explosion people ran us and began asking what happened,” de Leon said. He added that refinery managers had requested six municipal ambulances, which were used to transfer injured people to a hospital run by Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), the only firm allowed to refine fuel in the country. He said he could not confirm the number of casualties as Pemex civil protection staff were dealing with the incident. He explained that this is the usual procedure and Pemex emergency crews usually only call for additional help if they are overwhelmed.—Xinhua

Ticket price rises for old city in Shanxi’s old city

BEIJING, 8 Sep — Tickets to enter the ancient walled city of Pingyao in north China’s Shanxi Province will be increased to 125 yuan (US$18) from 100 yuan (US$15) in six months with a 20-per cent price fluctuation for low and peak tourist seasons.

The Price Bureau in Shanxi Province approved the plan last week. Under the new price scheme, the valid dates of the tickets have been extended from two to three days. No additional charges will be levied on visitors who are in the walled city. Additional proceeds from the ticket sales will be used for cultural preservation in the walled city, the report said.

Under the new pricing policy, students and senior citizens under 70 will receive a 50-percent discount on tickets when they show valid IDs, while children, the disabled, army officers, disabled former soldiers and seniors who are 70 or older will be able to enter the walled old town free of charge.

Pingyao’s ancient walled city has plenty of well-preserved cultural relics representing Shanxi’s prosperous past during the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties. It was added to the World Cultural Heritage List in 1997.—Xinhua

Russia to test launch Bulava missile on 9-11 Sept

MOSCOW, 8 Sept—Russian State Commission has decided to test launch sea-based Bulava strategic missile on 9-11 Sept, the Interfax news agency reported on Tuesday. “A government commission made this decision at a meeting yesterday,” the agency quoted a source from the Russian space rocket industry as saying.

The commission said the rocket and the crew of the Dmitry Donskoi, a Akula (Typhoon) class submarine, were prepared for the test launch. The test was expected to start in August, but had been postponed as those involved to carry out the tests joined the fight against wild fires in Central Russia. Bulava, designed as a principal Russian strategic missile for sea deployment, has been test launched for six years. So far, only five out of its 12 tests were successful. With a range of 8,000 km, Bulava carries multiple warheads with a yield of 150 kilotons each.—Xinhua

Moderate quake hits China, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan border

BEIJING, 8 Sept—A magnitude-5.6 earthquake hits the border between China, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan Tuesday night, according to the national seismological network of China.

The quake struck at 11:41 pm with its epicenter located at 39.5 degrees north latitude and 73.8 degrees east longitude, and at a depth of seven kilometres.—Xinhua

Earthquake hits southern Turkey

BODRUM, 8 Sept—An earthquake struck Turkey’s Aegean region on Tuesday, strong enough to knock out electricity in the southwestern coastal city of Bodrum, but phone lines remained intact. Currently, no building damage is known.—Xinhua

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Talks on Myanmar and ASEAN on 11 Sept

YANGON, 8 Sept—Under the arrangements of Myanmar Fishery Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association and sponsored by Ever Flow River Group of Companies, talks on Myanmar and ASEAN will be given by U Kyaw Tint Swe (Retd) of Myanmar ambassador to the UN will gave at Thiriannawa Hall of MFF on Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township here at 2 pm on 11 September. Interested persons may attend the talk.—MNA

Regional development tasks inspected in Sagaing District

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin met servicemen and family members at the hall of the local battalion in Sagaing on 6 September.

At Sagaing People’s Hospital, he comforted the patients.

The commander looked into progress of No. 3 inter-district road and gave necessary instructions to officials.

He visited Sagaing Cotton Farm and Ohndaw Power Station.

Next, the commander heard reports on progress of Sagaing-Monywa-Shwebo Road presented by officials.

The commander viewed supply of water at Hsitintar River Water Pumping Project and thriving monsoon paddy plantations.

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MM organic fertilizer on market

YANGON, 8 Sept—MM Science Organic Fertilizer has come on market, giving a guarantee of boosting production and no soil degradation.

The new natural fertilizer produced by a group of Russian space scientists has promised that it can be able to boost the crop production from 30 to 40 per cent.

Myanmar Tagaung Trading Co Ltd has invited customers and sale agents to contact the company at No. 8, H. Mindhamma Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon, Ph: 01 6622666; 665526; 663800; 503917; 09 2044003; 09 5280635; 09 5280693; 09 6710218; 085-50223; 02 71729.

Bagan rain brings...

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In an interview, NyaungU District PDC Chairman U Yan Lin Aung explained cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in the locality where only tobacco and oil crops were grown in the past, thanks to the implementation of hydropower river water pumping stations; improving incomes of local people; food and oil sufficiency; and construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) which will link the area with those on the west bank of the Ayeyawady.

U Thura Tun Lin, NyaungU Township PDC Chairman, talked about tapping potable water in rural areas, sinking artesian wells, making the region a plastic free zone and conserving forests in an interview at his office.

When I was gazing at green paddy fields on my way to Letpanchepaw River Water Pumping Station, Deputy Director U Maung Maung Lwin of NyaungU Township Water Resources Utilization Department said, “These fields are irrigation area of Kyaukku River Water Pumping Station. The region hasn’t seen a paddy plantation before the implementation of river water pumping station. Now it is able to cultivate monsoon and summer paddy as the irrigation water is available in all seasons.”

Letpanchepaw River Water Pumping Station.

The farmlands had to be fertilized to grow paddy because they were sandy ones in the absence of paddy cultivation previously.

Some villages in the region had struggled for drinking water and had depended upon Ayeyawady River for potable water. The ponds implemented on either sides of motor road to which the water is supplied through cannels of the river water pumping station help the residents overcome their drinking water scarcity.

The Letpanchepaw River Water Pumping Station — one of five river water pumping stations in NyaungU District — irrigates 1500 acres of farmlands. All stations, which irrigate 29700 acres of farmlands in total, make the best use of Ayeyawady River water as a priceless resource.

I picked up the chance to observe the construction site of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) project. It is encouraging to see the ongoing construction of the bridge despite the rising water. The 47.76 per cent of the project which started on 15 December 2009 was completed in early August. The scene of piles emerging from the Ayeyawady is catching every one’s attention. After the installation of steel girders, the view of the project will become more attractive.

Together with Staff Officer U Zaw Win of Township Forest Department, I visited forest conservation project of local people of Gabani (Red Bank), a village located by NyaungU-Myingyan motorway. The 75-acre firewood plantation was established in 2009-2010 fiscal year.

“Rural people took little interest in establishment of forest. Firewood was near at hand in the past but not now,” U Zaw Win said. He also added that local residents will have to take responsibility of the local people-owned forest in the future after the management of the Forest Department is over.

I also observed the water supplying centre of NyaungU Township Development Affairs

Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) which will become the longest bridge in Myanmar seen on Letpanchepaw Bank.

Committee. Its main water pumping station is situated on Nathamame Bank of the Ayeyawady River. Water is stored in 810,000-gallon tank at Hงheppytaya re-pumping station and supplied through three pipelines 24 hours a day. It is the longest water supply system in Myanmar as it reaches to 60 miles stretch of rural areas.

With the help of Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ), artesian wells were sunk and 5000-gallon ponds dug for the areas which had to face water shortage in summer. A total of 225 artesian wells have been sunk and plans to dig more are under way.

While I passed the arch reading “Bagan Archaeological Region”, it was almost dark and the night lights came on. Because of the rainfalls, it is sure the oil crops plantations will exceed the target. Although I got wet in Bagan rain as I left the umbrella at home, I was thanking rain for it will improve the economic status of local farmers by helping them generate more income. It is the rain of prosperity.

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PM: the drive for building a modern...

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The ceremony was formally opened by a song of students from Nay Pyi Taw No. 11 BEHS.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that, at the time when the government is striving for emergence of peaceful, modern and developed nation with the help of own national strength of all citizens, it is required not only to improve modern science and technologies in all sectors to be able to gear up the national development tasks and to turn out highly qualified intelligent and intelligent-development tasks and to

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Tropical storm cuts off electricity, water supply in NE Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 8 Sept—The tropical storm Hermine has cut off electricity and water supply in northeast Mexico, the director of Tamaulipas’ Civil Protection Salvador Tevino said on Tuesday. However, industrial and trading activities in Tamaulipas were not interrupted despite the electricity and water cutoff. There was not any damages to highways and rural roads, said Tevino at a press conference.

About 2,300 people were evacuated from Matamoros and the municipalities of Soto La Marina and Aldama because of the pouring rains and winds with the speed of 100 kilometres per hour. Hermine caused floods in 115 districts of Matamoros. The energy supply service was suspended in 80 percent of Matamoros because many trees and electricity equipment fell in the rain. The workers of the Electricity Federal Commission (CFE) are working to restore the service. Meanwhile, the chief of Matamoros’ naval zone, Alejandro Salomon Velmar told reporters that a ship with three people aboard was reported missing after Hermine made landfall.

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TEGUCIGALPA, 8 Sept—A group of gunmen shot dead at least 15 people Tuesday in a small shoe factory in San Pedro Sula City, northern Honduras, police said.

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Three civilians killed in Mogadishu fighting

MOGADISHU, 8 Sept—Three civilians were killed in fighting between Somalia’s military and the African Union (AU) backed government forces in the Horn of Africa nation’s capital Mogadishu, media reports quoted medical sources as saying on Tuesday.

The group of Al-Shabaab last week declared an all-out war against the Somali government forces and AU peacekeeping troops based in Mogadishu and the groups have since been launching relentless attacks on targets of the government and AU forces.

In July Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility for a deadly suicide attack against people watching the football World Cup finals in Kampala.

Oil falls below $74 on EU bank debt worries

SINGAPORE, 8 Sept—Oil prices skidded below $74 a barrel Wednesday in Asia as crude traders followed regional stocks down on reports European banks may be saddled with more debt than previously estimated.

Benchmark oil for October delivery was down 37 cents at $73.72 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 51 cents to settle at $74.09 on Tuesday. Most major Asian stock markets fell Wednesday and the Dow Jones industrial average stumbled 1 percent Tuesday after reports that EU stress tests of 91 banks in July underestimated some lenders’ holdings of potentially risky debt.

Germany’s top 10 banks will have to raise as much as $135 billion to meet new capital requirements, reports said.

Oil traders often look to equities as a barometer of overall investor sentiment. Some analysts are concerned that slowing US economic growth in the second half could undermine crude demand. Bank of America Merrill Lynch expects crude to average $78 a barrel in the second half and $85 next year.

“Following robust increases in oil demand over the past 12 months on a stimulus-driven rebound, we now see some downside risk as slower growth sets in and developed countries’ oil inventories remain high,” B of A said in a report.

A firefighter tries to extinguish a forest fire near Valencia, on 7 September, 2010. The wildfires have ravaged some 2,000 hectares of land in Spain’s eastern Valencia Region, regional authorities said.

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A waiter serves with chocolate fondue at a chocolate shop in central Geneva, Switzerland, on 7 Sept, 2010. Dipping skewered pieces of fruit, cake, or cookies into a pot of warm chocolate sauce becomes quite a draw to locals and tourists as the weather turns cool.
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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Word War II
LONDON, 8 Sept—A mass grave found from the end of World War II has been discovered in Slovenia.

The 20m-long pit near the town of Prevalje is believed to contain the remains of up to 700 men and women, said government official Marko Strovs.

Some of the people buried in the grave appear to have been shot, others seem to have been backed to death, he added.

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A giant bale of hay has killed a founding member of the Electric Light Orchestra (ELO) band after it tumbled down a hill and crashed into his van.

Cellist Mike Edwards, 62, died after the 600 kg (1,323 lb) bale rolled down a steep field in Devon, southern England, smashed through a hedge and careered on to the road.

He died instantly in the freak accident on Friday afternoon.

Police said they used photographs and YouTube footage to identify Edwards and are investigating whether the bale may have fallen from a tractor working on farmland near the road.

Edwards, who played with the band between 1972 and 1975, is believed to have swerved into another vehicle as the bale crushed his cab.

**World’s ‘smallest’ man gets a taste of Big Apple, blondes**

Khagendra Thapa Magar, the world’s smallest teen, is held next to a life-sized figure of Robert Wadlow, the world’s tallest man ever, to mark his introduction into Ripley’s Believe It or Not! latest book during a photo shoot on Times Square in New York.

A Nepalese teenager set to be declared the planet’s smallest person got big star treatment Tuesday on a tour of New York.

Crowds at Times Square jostled for a glimpse of Khagendra Thapa Magar who at 17 is the size of a baby and has stopped growing.

The Nepalese teen was making his first visit to New York as part of a publicity trip organized by the freak show museum Ripley’s Believe It or Not!

Wearing a white shirt and doll-sized pin-striped gray jacket, Magar smiled shyly, blinking at rows of cameras and the vast neon billboards lining Times Square.

**Venice film fest fights its corner as crisis bites**

**The xx win Britain’s Mercury Prize for debut album**

LONDON, 8 Sept.—Electronic band The xx have scooped prestigious British music award the Mercury Prize for their debut album “xx”, beating off stiff competition from a host of top acts.

Judges handed the 20,000-pound (31,000-dollar, 24,000-euro) prize for best album of the past 12 months to the three-piece at a ceremony in central London late Tuesday.

The London-based group, who formed in 2005 after attending the same school and released their debut in August last year, follow in the footsteps of other acts who have won the prize, including Klaxons, Arctic Monkeys and Elbow.

**Australian author Carey shortlisted for Booker Prize record**

LONDON, 8 Sept.—Peter Carey could scoop the Booker Prize for a record third time today after the Australian author was named on the shortlist for Tuesday for one of the world’s most prestigious literary awards.

His novel “Parrot and Olivier in America” is up for the prize against three British authors providing the competition.

“It’s been a great privilege and an exciting challenge for us to reduce our list of 13 to this shortlist of six outstandingly good novels,” said Andrew Motion, Britain’s former poet laureate who chairs the judges.

**Belgian burns fingers setting world chip-making record**

A Belgian maker of French fries, the country’s proud national dish, has set a new world record for non-stop chip-making after frying mountains of potato strips for 83 consecutive hours.

The record by 53-year-old Chris Verschueren, owner of a French fries business, beat by 11 hours a previous record of 72 hours set in 1987 by a Briton chip chef. “My fingers are burnt, my feet are sore and my wrist is painful,” he said.

“But it doesn’t matter, I’m going to party now.”

From the time he turned on the heat Friday morning in his village of Kastel till he ran out of steam Monday night, Verschueren cooked up 1,300 kilos of chips, taking a 100-minute break after 20 hours for a shower and a stretch.

He had to set a new record for the amount of ships sold — 1,500 bags — failed however.

The new world record-holder embarked on the challenge in order to raise funds for a charity hospital as his own five-year-old has been ill since birth.

**Pusan film festival to offer record number of premieres**

SEOUL, 8 Sept.—One of Asia’s most prestigious film festivals will feature a record number of world premieres when it gets under way next month for a 15th year, organizers said on Tuesday.

The Pusan International Film Festival, to be held in South Korea’s southern city of Busan from 7-15 October, will feature 308 movies from 67 countries.

Organisers said 103 films would have their first public screening at the festival, which focuses on discovering new movies and first-time directors from across Asia.
Gerrard cool under siege before Switzerland clash

England skipper Steven Gerrard takes part in a press conference in Basel.—INTERNET

Basel, 8 Sept.—England captain Steven Gerrard admits to feeling like a man under siege as he prepares to lead his team into a UEFA Euro 2012 qualifier against Switzerland here on Tuesday desperately trying to keep the focus on football.

The match is potentially the pivotal fixture in Group G after England beat Bulgaria 4-0 in their opening game and could be the start of a post-World Cup revival for Fabio Capello’s side that helps heal the still-smarting wounds of South Africa.

But instead of talking about qualification in the build-up to the crucial fixture both Gerrard and Capello have found themselves distracted by the private life of star striker Wayne Rooney.

The Manchester United man has been the subject of a tabloid newspaper expose that claims he cheated on wife Coleen with a prostitute.—INTERNET

Mourinho wants Bayern’s ‘Schweini’, says Bild

Berlin, 8 Sept.—Having already brought two German World Cup stars, Sami Khedira and Mesut Ozil, to Real Madrid, coach Jose Mourinho now has his sights on another: Bastian Schweinsteiger. Bild reported on Tuesday.

Mourinho, who took over at the Santiago Bernabéu this season, made a beeline for Madrid after a tribute week featuring over at the Santiago Bernabéu this season, made a beeline for Madrid after a tribute week featuring

Japanese forward Takayuki Morimoto scored twice to lead Japan to a 2-1 victory over Guatemala on Tuesday and a second friendly win in four days.

The Japanese, who avenged their loss in the World Cup by beating Paraguay on Saturday, took a 1-0 lead when defender Yuto Nagatomo sent a cross from the left for Morimoto’s header in the 12th minute.

In the 20th minute, CSKA Moscow midfielder Keisuke Honda sent the ball through to Shinji Kagawa, who produced the link pass in the area for Morimoto’s second.

“When we played against Paraguay, I also received nice crosses from Yuto, so I was able to hit the ball very well,” said Morimoto, who missed out on his hat-trick when he hit wide twice later in the game.

Andy Schleck pulls out of Tour of Spain

Vilanova la Geltrú, 8 Sept.—Luxembourg’s Andy Schleck, a two-time Tour de France runner-up, and his Saxo Bank teammate Stuart O’Grady have pulled out of the Tour of Spain, their team said Tuesday.

The two riders did not take part in Tuesday’s 10th stage, a 175.7-kilometre ride from Tarragona to Vilanova la Geltrú in eastern Spain, it said.

Schleck, who had said he was taking part in the Luxembourg’s Andy Schleck (seen here, R), a two-time Tour de France runner-up.—INTERNET

race to help his younger brother Frank, who is 77th in the overall standings, 37 minutes and 16 seconds behind the leader, Spain’s Iborra Antonio of Euskaltel. Frank Schleck, who was forced to abandon the tour of France during the third stage of the race after he suffered a broken collarbone in a fall, arrived at the Tour of Spain in fitter shape than his brother for the race.—INTERNET

Wozniacki closing in on US Open final

NEW YORK, 8 Sept.—Caroline Wozniacki’s demolition of Marta Sharapova to reach the US Open quarter-finals has blasted a clear passage into Saturday’s final for the Danish top seed.

The Russian former champion had been seen as the major threat to the 20-year-old Dane in her half of the draw and she calmly snuffed out that danger with a 6-3, 6-4 fourth round win. The task ahead on Wednesday for the in-form Wozniacki looks relatively straightforward with a match again unseeded Dominika Cibulkova on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Iniesta has seen W Cup goal ‘a thousand times’

Barcelona star midfielder Andres Iniesta says he has watched his World Cup-winning goal “a thousand times” on television, but it never feels as good as it did on the pitch. “I watch all my matches many times,” the 26-year-old Barcelona playmaker told the Spanish daily El País.

“But the sensation on the pitch is unrepeatable,” he added. “Watching it is not the same as scoring it.” Iniesta swept Spain to a thrilling 1-0 World Cup victory over the Netherlands on 11 July with an unstoppable strike past the goalkeeper from inside the box four minutes from the end of extra-time.

“There is a goal in that final which is personal, very much mine. What bothers me is that I don’t score that many goals and now none of the goals I score will be valued as much as that one.”—INTERNET

Kuyt out for four weeks with shoulder injury

Liverpool, 8 Sept.—Liverpool forward Dirk Kuyt faces a four-week injury lay-off after damaging a shoulder on international duty with the Netherlands, the club confirmed on Tuesday.

The 30-year-old Anfield ace suffered the injury during training ahead of Holland’s Euro 2012 with Finland and returned to Liverpool’s Melwood training ground under doctors’ orders.

“Dirk has damaged his shoulder at the A-C joint, which is between the collar bone and the shoulder. He is likely to be out for four weeks,” club doctor Peter Brukner said in a statement. The injury rules Kuyt out of upcoming Premier League clashes with Birmingham, Manchester United and Sunderland as well as a Europa League tie with his former club FC Utrecht.—INTERNET

Spain’s World Cup-winning squad wins sports prize

Madrid, 8 Sept.—Spain’s World Cup-winning football squad won the prestigious Prince of Asturias prize for sport Tuesday for a victory that “made history”, the jury announced.

The team delivered Spain’s first ever World Cup win, overcoming the Netherlands 1-0 in the July 11 final with a goal just four minutes before the end of extra time by Barcelona midfielder Andres Iniesta.

Coming on the heels of their Euro 2008 victory, it “has become one of the milestones of Spanish sport internationally,” the Prince of Asturias jury said in a statement.

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Spain’s goalkeeper Iker Casillas holds the World Cup trophy after his team defeated the Netherlands.—INTERNET

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Osaka, 8 Sept—Catania striker Takayuki Morimoto scored twice to lead Japan to a 2-1 victory over Guatemala on Tuesday and a second friendly win in four days.

The Japanese, who avenged their loss in the World Cup by beating Paraguay on Saturday, took a 1-0 lead when defender Yuto Nagatomo sent a cross from the left for Morimoto’s header in the 12th minute.

In the 20th minute, CSKA Moscow midfielder Keisuke Honda sent the ball through to Shinji Kagawa, who produced the link pass in the area for Morimoto’s second.

“When we played against Paraguay, I also received nice crosses from Yuto, so I was able to hit the ball very well,” said Morimoto, who missed out on his hat-trick when he hit wide twice later in the game.

Andy Schleck pulls out of Tour of Spain

Vilanova la Geltrú, 8 Sept.—Luxembourg’s Andy Schleck, a two-time Tour de France runner-up, and his Saxo Bank teammate Stuart O’Grady have pulled out of the Tour of Spain, their team said Tuesday.

The two riders did not take part in Tuesday’s 10th stage, a 175.7-kilometre ride from Tarragona to Vilanova la Geltrú in eastern Spain, it said.

Schleck, who had said he was taking part in the Luxembourg’s Andy Schleck (seen here, R), a two-time Tour de France runner-up.—INTERNET

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER

Wednesday, 8th September, 2010
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State and Ayeyawady Region, fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and upper Sagaing Region, isolated in Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Region, and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Zalu (1.85) inches, Pathein and Katha (0.91) inch each and Hkamti (0.79) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather
Maximum temperature on 7-9-2010 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 8-9-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-9-2010 was (71%). Rainfall on 8-9-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
Maximum temperature on 7-9-2010 was 91°F.

Dr. Nwe Oo Zaw (Pont Pont)
Aged 25
(M.B.B.S)
Dr. Nwe Oo Zaw, only daughter of Major Zaw Win Aung (Director of Settlement and Land Records Department) (Retd) + Daw Oo Oo Mya, grandchild of Dr. U Mya Thaung (Urime and Kidney Surgeon) + (Dr. Daw Khin Thin Yi) living at No 428, Thawlin Street, Bawdhi Yeiktha in Yangon, niece of Dr. Khin Maung Phyu + Daw Mon Mon Mya, (Colonel Aung Kyaw Hla) + Daw Ei El Mya, U Soe Min + Dr. Khine Yi Mya (Temporary Arrival to Singapore), U Aung Kyaw Mya + Daw Cho Hla Myint and (U Win Mya) + Daw Aye Aye Kyaw, elder sister of Ma Aye Mon Khan, Mg Tet Tun Kyaw, Mg Kaung Mon Khan, Mg Set Lu Win Mya, Ma Thin Htet Aung, Mg Phone Paie Sone, Mg Min Njii Win Mya, Ma Su Myat Aung and Mg Zwe Htet Aung, younger sister of Ko Chan Nyen Zaw (Temporary Arrival to U.Ki), passed away at 2.30 am on 8-9-2010 (Wednesday). Funeral service will be held at Yayway Cemetery at 3 pm on 10-9-2010 (Friday).

All buses will leave the home at 1.30 pm on the same day.

Bereaved Family

Minimum temperature on 8-9-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-9-2010 was 69%. Total sunshine hours on 7-9-2010 was (7.0) hours.

Rainfall on 8-9-2010 was (0.16) inch at Mingladon, (Nil) at In-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (62.60) inches at Mingladon, (70.28) inches at Kaba-Aye and (79.65) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (15:30) hours MST on 7-9-2010.

Bay Influence: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 9th September 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin and Chin States, isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered 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: Continuation of thundery conditions in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 9-9-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-9-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (9-9-2010) (Thursday)

Transmissions Times
Local - (09:00 am ~ 11:00 am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (9-9-10 09:30 am ~ 10-9-10 09:30 am) MST

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- Kyauk Gu Umin Cave Guphaya
- Myanmar Melody on Screen
- News
- ‘‘The land of Silver Mountains (Kayah State)’’ News
- Exquisite Silver Jewellery
- Music Gallery
- News
- ‘‘Ever Green Taunggyi’’
- Padaung Village and Elephant Camp
- News
- Kambozathadi: Palace of Conquerors
- Myanmar Movie
- ‘‘Good-Hearted Bad Guy’’
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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

Bagan rain brings prosperity

While I prepared luggage for a four-day trip to Bagan-NyaungU, I decided to take at least four suits but I was hesitant considering whether I should carry an umbrella or not. Finally, I made up my mind not to hold the umbrella on my tour as the region is supposed to be the one where only the light rain falls.

I arrived Bagan-NyaungU at dawn on the next day by NyaungU-Mann Express Bus which left Nay Pyi Taw in the evening on 22 August. The bus which drove on Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung Road would be reaching NyaungU earlier if it didn’t take the breaks on the way. As the road transportation becomes better toaday, Nay Pyi Taw-Bagan-NyaungU trip takes only five hours by car.

NyaungU District Peace and Development Council Office stands aside NyaungU Township PDC office in a compound by NyaungU-Kyaupadaung Road as NyaungU is the only township in one district. (See page 7)

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