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Senior General Than Shwe and wife
Daw Kyaing Kyaing visit Shanghai World Expo

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, who were in Shanghai of the People’s Republic of China, visited Shanghai World Expo being held in Shanghai at 10:15 am on 10 September. The Senior General and wife were accompanied by SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, SPDC Secretary-1 Thaha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kya Kyu Hla, ministers, high-ranking officials, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and wife, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and wife, and officials.

Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at Myanmar pavilion in Shanghai World Expo. They were welcomed by President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) U Win Myint and officials, and children in traditional costumes.

Myanmar delegation visited the booths of the Myanmar pavilion and left necessary instructions.

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China-Myanmar economic cooperation on the increase

The friendship between the People’s Republic of China and the Union of Myanmar is improving, and the two peoples have dealt with each other since time immemorial.

China has been Myanmar’s second largest trade partner for long as well as the third largest investor in Myanmar.

The two neighbours are building strategic trust between them by exchanging goodwill visits of state leaders and holding heart-to-heart discussions about important issues in international conferences.

In a bid to boost bilateral trade turnovers, the two countries will supervise Myanmar-China economic cooperation projects by forming working groups between them.

Bilateral cooperation in the energy, hydropower, oil and gas and infrastructural sectors has proved successful.

China is inviting Myanmar companies to establish a foothold in the China market to promote export, and encouraging strong Chinese companies to make investment in Myanmar for economic growth of Myanmar.

Now, the two sides have compared notes on construction of Shweili-Kyaunkpyu road and railroad and Kyaunkpyu port; assistance to be provided for Myanmar’s industrial development, joint measures to avoid environmental deterioration in implementing the projects; establishment of Myanmar banks in China; and encouragement to Chinese companies to invest in Myanmar.

China-Myanmar relations and economic cooperation are gaining momentum, thus suggesting that China-Myanmar friendship is improving significantly.

UMTA to hold educative talk

YANGON, 13 Sept—The Union of Myanmar Travels Association will organize the educative talks at its training school, here, at 2 p.m on 18 September.

Senior Lecturer (MHR) Daw Thidar Han will give talks on Historical Development of Tourism in Developed and Developing Countries. Those wishing to attend may enlist at UMTA, Tel: 214941, 214945 and 73050761. MNA

Commander’s Shield Boxing Tournament commences

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Maung Maung Aye on 9 September delivered an address at the Commander’s Shield Boxing Tournament at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Pyinnmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw District.

Among the spectators were senior military officers, servicemen and family members.

The commander and those present watched the first-day matches. MNA

Religious Affairs Ministry opens Advanced English Course No. 1

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—An opening of Advanced English Course No. 1 for officers of the Ministry of Religious Affairs this evening took place at the ministry here with an address of Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung.

Also present at the ceremony together with the minister were Deputy Minister Thura U Aung Ko, directors-general, heads of office and departmental heads, trainers and trainees.

The minister cordially greeted the trainees who attending the four-week course. MNA

Two sustain serious injuries in bomb explosions

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 Sept—Maung Min Wai of Aung Thukha Ward in Kyaukkyi, Bago Region lost his left foot and sustained injuries in his right calf when he stepped on a mine planted by insurgents in the forest at about 10 am on 11 September. At that time, he was in search of elephant foot yam tubes together with some companions. He is now receiving treatment in Kyaukkyi General Hospital.

In another incident, a mine planted by insurgents went off at the edge of the forest, south of Changyi Village in Htanabin Township at about 5 am on 12 September, cutting off left foot of Ko Kyaw Oo of Changyi Village. He is now in Htanabin General Hospital, officials concerned provided him with aids.

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Australian troops to encounter more violence in Afghanistan

Canberra, 13 Sept—Australian troops in Afghanistan can expect to encounter increased violence as they push deeper into Talibean sanctuaries, Australian Defence Force warned on Monday.

Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston told reporters during a briefing in Canberra on Monday that troops of the Afghan National Army 4th Brigade, accompanied by their Australian mentors, were heading deeper into the Baluchi and Chora Valleys and Deh Rawood area of Oruzgan Province in Afghanistan.

“These are partnered patrols and it is dangerous work,” said Houston, adding the fight was becoming more intense.

“We can expect violence levels to increase as we contest the militancy in greater numbers and across a wider area in the south.”

Afghanistan is now in the midst of its fighting season with 10 Australian soldiers killed so far this year.

The most recent fatality was Lance Corporal Jared MacKinney who was killed while accompanying Afghan troops in the Tangi Valley near Deh Rawood.—Xinhua

People walk at night through a street lined with buildings that were destroyed by the Jan, earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on 6 Sept. 2010.—INTERNET

Second Colo fire erupts, destroys at least one home

Boulder, 13 Sept—Hundreds of people evacuated during one of Colorado’s most destructive wildfires returned to their scorched homes Sunday, just as residents about 35 miles to the northeast fled houses threatened by another fast-moving blaze.

By sundown, the second fire had destroyed at least one Loveland-area home while threatening other structures. It burned about 600 acres, or just under a square mile, forcing authorities to pull some resources from the Boulder fire.—Xinhua

Heavy rains kill 72, leave 700,000 victims in Colombia

BOGOTA, 13 Sept—The rains in Colombia this year have left at least 72 people dead, 700,000 victims and some 122,000 destroyed houses, the Colombian Red Cross said Sunday. National Aid Director of the Red Cross Carlos Ivan Marques said that the winter season, which in Colombia is characterized by strong rains, had affected some 400 municipalities in 27 of 32 departments of the country.

Meanwhile, Interior and Justice Minister German Vargas Lleras said that “we never have worse winter than this, it has been really hard.”

The most affected departments are in the north, including Sucre, Cordoba, Atlantico, Bolivar, Antioquia, Magdalena and Guajira. Due to this situation, the Red Cross in Colombia has started national plan of emergency to face the rains to come.—Xinhua

Photo taken on 12 Sept. 2010 shows the information centre at Tianjin Meijiang Convention Centre, main venue of the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2010, in north China’s Tianjin Municipality.

Chinese Vice FM calls on G20 to draw on experience of developing nations

TIANNIN, 13 Sept—Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Cui Tiankai said here Monday it’s important for G20 nations to draw on the experience of developing countries on economic issues and get rid of outdated theories.

Cui made the remarks at the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting of the New Champions, also known as the Summer Davos, in north China’s port city of Tianjin.

He said half of G20 nations are emerging economies, including six Asian Countries, which is a historic step forward for developing economies.

The trend of shifting of the global economic development to Asia is going on, and developing economies will continue to make contribution to the global economic recovery, Cui said.

He said the world saw the rise of developing countries as a group in recent years, not only China but also others like Indonesia, India and Brazil.

Although with the world’s biggest population, China has attracted the most attention, “but I think we shouldn’t put too much focus on an individual country,” he said. Cui noted developing countries are playing an increasingly greater role in regional cooperation.

Just two percent of quake debris in Haiti cleared

PORT-AU-PINCE, 13 Sept—From the dusty rock mounds lining the streets to a National Palace that looks like it’s vomiting concrete from its core, rubble is one of the most visible reminders of Haiti’s devastating earthquake.

Rubble is everywhere in this capital city: cracked slabs, busted-up cinder blocks, half-destroyed buildings that still spill bricks and pulverized concrete onto the sidewalks. Some places look as though they have been flipped upside down, or are sinking to the ground, or listing precariously to one side.

By some estimates, the quake left about 33 million cubic yards of debris in Port-au-Prince — more than seven times the amount of concrete used to build the Hoover Dam. So far, only about 2 percent has been cleared, which means the city looks pretty much as it did a month after the 12 Jan quake.

Three Iraqis killed in Diyala’s violence

BAQUBA, 13 Sept—Three people were killed and four others were injured in gunfire and bomb attacks in the volatile Province of Diyala on Sunday, meanwhile the Iraqi security forces captured 12 suspects across the province during the day, a provincial police source said.

A civilian was killed and three others were wounded, one of them in critical condition, when a sticky bomb attached to a minibus detonated in the east of the provincial capital city of Baquba, some 65 km northeast of Baghdad, the source from Diyala’s operations command told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

A slurry bomber drops retardant on a burning ridge as the sun sets behind it as a wildfire burns west of Loveland, Colo, on 12 Sept, 2010. INTERNET

Xinhua

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Science

Freshwater turtles face ‘bleak future’

Captive breeding for reintroduction to the wild is the best hope for many turtles.—INTERNET

London, 13 Sept—Freshwater turtles are in catastrophic decline, according to a new analysis by Conservation International (CI). The group says more than a third of the estimated 280 species around the world are now threatened with extinction.

The unsustainable collection of turtles for food and to supply a lucrative pet trade are the drivers behind the fall in numbers. Habitat loss as a result of river-damming for hydro-electricity is another major concern.

Dr Peter Paul van Dijk, the director of Conservation International’s Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Conservation Programme, said the outlook was bleak. “These are animals that take 15-20 years to reach maturity and then live for another 30-40 years, putting a clutch of eggs in the ground every year. They play the odds, hoping that in that 50-year lifetime, some of their hatchlings will somehow evade predators and go on to breed themselves. “But if you take these animals out before they’ve reached 15 and can reproduce, it all ends there,” he told BBC News.

Unlike their ocean counterparts, freshwater turtles are adapted to live far up river systems, even into small flood streams. They populate lakes, rivers, estuaries; there are also some species that will tolerate saltmarshes and mangroves. But the 11 families that comprise this collection of shelled creatures have seen their numbers fall relentlessly over the past two decades.

Internet safety calls for global cooperation

BEIJING, 13 Sept—Why would somebody hack us? The reason is simple: our information is valuable while Internet protection is vulnerable. The rapid growth of Internet use creates unpredictable potential for its future development. In China alone, the number of Internet users hit 420 million in June. In the US, Facebook, a popular social networking website established around 2004, has registered more than 350 million active users around the world. More than 2 billion photos and 14 million videos are uploaded onto Facebook each month while lots of other private information flows into the public domain. Hackers and criminals are looking to obtain illegal profits from the rich online resources. In China, about 60 percent Internet users experienced virus or trojan attacks during the first half of 2010. More than 30 percent of China’s netizens had their online accounts or passwords stolen. Britain also claims that cyber crime costs its economy billions of pounds every year.

Unfortunately, the fragile Internet safety makes the criminals’ online lives easy. Gary McKinnon, whose online name is Solo, is a Glasgow-born hacker. Without too much effort, he hacked into 97 United States military and NASA computers over a 13-month period between February 2001 and March 2002. The US authorities claim that the cost of tracking and correcting the problems McKinnon caused was $800,000 US dollars.—Xinhua

US researchers develop new way to funnel solar energy

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept—Using carbon nanotubes (hollow tubes of carbon atoms), MIT chemical engineers have found a way to concentrate solar energy 100 times more than a regular photovoltaic cell. Such nanotubes could form antennas that capture and focus light energy, potentially allowing much smaller and more powerful solar arrays.

"Instead of having your whole roof be a photovoltaic cell, you could have little spots that were tiny photovoltaic cells, with antennas that would drive photons into them," says Michael Strano, associate professor of Chemical Engineering and leader of the research team.

Apple iPad already long in the tooth

New York, 13 Sept—Rumor has it Apple will soon launch a new iPad tablet, and that’s a good thing. Because the first-generation model is already looking a bit creaky. I know that may sound crazy. After all, we’re talking about a product that’s been shipping only a few months. But considering the insanely rapid rate of change in mobile devices, the iPad as we know it is quickly becoming a relic.

Ironically, Apple’s own post-iPad products, specifically the iPhone 4 and its new (fourth-generation) iPod Touch, are helping to speed the first-gen iPad’s march toward obsolescence. And all of those Android tablets we’ve been reading about, particularly the Samsung Galaxy Tab, are playing a major role as well.

The iPad’s most glaring omission, at least from a competitive standpoint, is its camera-less design. For a mobile device with a consumer bent, that’s a major shortcoming. The iPhone 4 and 4th-gen iPod Touch have front and rear cameras, and both offer Apple’s FaceTime video-chat feature.

Samsung’s Android-based Galaxy Tab has front and rear cameras too, but no FaceTime, which Apple hopes to make an industry standard. It remains to be seen how well the Galaxy Tab’s video-chat feature works with its fellow Android tablets.

The iPad needs to slim down, too. The 3G model weighs in at 1.6 pounds — roughly twice that of the Galaxy Tab. True, the Tab is a smaller device with a 7-inch display (versus the iPad’s 9.7 inch), but it does make the iPad appear a tad portly. This may change soon, however. Another recurring rumor says a smaller iPad, possibly one with a 7-inch screen, is in the works.—INTERNET

Technology

Keeping in touch via IM a Trillian times easier

NEW YORK, 13 Sept—If you’re a fan of online chatting via one or more instant messaging channels, Trillian has long been the king of the desktop. Now, Cerulean Studios offers Droid users access to the latest beta (prerelease) version of its mobile Trillian client. And as you’d expect, the app makes it easy to keep in touch with your contacts via AIM, Facebook Chat, Windows Live Messenger, Yahoo! Messenger, Google Talk, ICQ and many others.

All of your contacts and accounts are automatically carried over to your Droid via the “cloud.” My AIM and ICQ accounts took all of 30 seconds to set up, and I was instantly chatting with colleagues via my phone.

The more I use the app, the more I appreciate the attention to detail. According to its web site, Trillian for Android was specifically designed for Android, not just hastily ported from the PC version or another phone (iPhone?). Plus, devices as far back as 1.6 can run Trillian for Android, which means G1 users are still in the mix. At the same time, users with the latest and greatest phones can enjoy shiny high-res graphics. Tabbed chat makes it easy to switch between simultaneous chat sessions by tapping the tabs.

Landscape mode is also seamlessly integrated into the latest build, along with native support for your sliding keyboard.—INTERNET

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A handout photo provided by Eurek Alert shows an optical image of a fully fabricated e-skin device with nanowire active matrix circuitry. Each dark square represents a single pixel.

INTERNET

A student cleans her hands with a disinfectant gel. The regular use of alcohol-based disinfecting hand gels authorities recommended during the A(H1N1) pandemic has little effect on the disease’s infection rate, according to a study published on Sunday.—INTERNET

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Health

Stenting riskier for older patients with blocked carotid artery

Duke, 13 Sept—For patients aged 70 and older who have a blocked neck artery, inserting a stent to reopen the artery is riskier than surgically widening the artery, a new study finds. But for younger patients, stenting may be a viable option, the researchers say.

The carotid arteries, located on each side of the neck, are the major supplier of blood to the brain. When they become blocked or narrowed—a condition known as carotid stenosis—strokes can result.

Earlier research found that treating carotid stenosis with stenting raised the risk of stroke more than surgery to widen the artery (endarterectomy). But in this new study, British researchers determined that the risk of stenting is age-related. “For patients with recent relevant symptoms who need treatment for carotid stenosis, surgery should be the first choice in older patients,” said researcher Dr Martin M Brown, professor of stroke medicine at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery and Institute of Neurology at the University College London in the United Kingdom. In patients 70 and older, “stenting was on average about twice as likely to cause a stroke or kill the patient as carotid endarterectomy,” Brown said. “In contrast, in patients younger than 70, the risk of stroke or death associated with stenting was half that of older patients and was very similar to the risk of surgical carotid endarterectomy,” Brown added. “In younger patients, stenting might be a suitable alternative to carotid surgery,” he concluded. “Interestingly, the risk of stroke or death with surgical carotid endarterectomy did not alter substantially with age,” Brown noted.

For the study, published in the 10 Sept online edition of The Lancet, Brown and colleagues studied three trials that included 3,433 patients who had symptoms of carotid stenosis. In each trial, the researchers looked for causes of stroke or death.

Scientists discover genetic risk factor for most common form of glaucoma

London, 13 Sept—An international team of scientists have discovered a genetic mark that increases the risk for primary open-angle glaucoma, which is the most common form of glaucoma and a major cause of blindness worldwide.

The team, which includes scientists from Iceland, China, Sweden, the UK and Australia, analyzed genetic information of more than 40,000 people in those countries, and reported the discovery in the journal Nature Genetics on Sunday.

The genetic mark is a single-letter variation (SNP) on the chromosome 7q31 in the human genome. A SNP is a smaller unit than gene in genetics. And the location of that SNP is near genes CAV1 and CAV2, which encodes membrane proteins that are involved in the process of glaucoma.

It is found that the SNP is common among Europeans, with approximately 6 percent of people of European ancestry carrying two copies of the at-risk version, putting them at roughly 60 percent greater risk of developing the disease than those Europeans who carry none.—Xinhua

Business

Hertz sweetens Dollar Thrifty deal to $1.56 billion

New York, 13 Sept—Car rental company Hertz Global Holdings Inc (HTZ.N) struck a sweetened $1.56 billion deal to buy Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group Inc (DTG.N) on Sunday, outdoing a rival bid from Avis Budget Group Inc (CAR.N).

Hertz raised its bid for Dollar to $50 per share, including a $10.80 per share increase in the cash component of the offer, and the two sides amended their merger agreement, Hertz spokesman Richard Broome said. The price also includes $122 million of options and restricted shares.

Hertz had in April agreed to buy Dollar Thrifty for about $1.1 billion. Other major provisions of their original deal are unchanged, including a $44.6 million breakup fee payable to Dollar Thrifty if required antitrust clearance is not obtained.

In a move to ensure it will get regulatory clearance for the deal, Hertz has also started the process of divesting its low-cost unit Advantage Rent-a-Car, Broome said.

Hertz said it had already received unsolicited interest from several parties for the Advantage business, which operates in 25 US markets and was bought by Hertz in April last year.

Low-cost brands like Dollar Thrifty—one of the few major car rental brands to post a profit in 2009—have become increasingly important in the car rental industry as consumers try to save money in tight economic times.

Avis, which has been trying to wrest Dollar Thrifty away from the Hertz deal, increased its offer by 3 percent earlier this month to $1.36 billion. Dollar Thrifty had rebuffed Avis’ previous bid, even though that was also higher than its April deal with Hertz, on worries that Avis would not be able to close due to antitrust reasons.—Reuters

Global banking rules aim to balance safety, growth

Basel, 13 Sept—Banks will have to significantly increase their capital reserves under rules endorsed Sunday by the world’s major central banks, which are trying to prevent another financial collapse without impeding the fragile economic recovery.

The new banking rules are designed to strengthen bank finances and rein in excessive risk-taking, but some banks have protested that they may dampen the recovery by forcing them to reduce the lending that fuels economic growth.

Forcing banks to keep more capital on hand will restrict the amount of loans they can make, but it will make them better able to withstand the blow if many of those loans go sour. The rules also are intended to boost confidence that the banking system won’t repeat past mistakes.—Internet

China to ease restrictions on foreign investment

Shanghai, 13 Sept—China is currently in the process of revising its foreign investment catalog to expand the number of sectors for which foreign investment is encouraged or permitted, a senior official said on Monday.

Liu Yajun, Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce’s Foreign Investment Department, told a conference in Shanghai that the revised catalog would decrease the number of sectors that are restricted or off limits for foreign investors.—Reuters

Gene discovery could yield treatments for nearsightedness

Washington, 13 Sept—Myopia (nearsightedness) is the most common eye disorder in the world and becoming more common, yet little is known about its genetic underpinnings. Scientists at Duke University Medical Centre, in conjunction with several other groups, have uncovered a gene associated with myopia in Caucasian people from several different regions, including Dutch, British and Australian subjects.

Their work was published in Nature Genetics online on Sunday.

Myopia happens when the focal point of an image falls just short of the retina at the rear of the eye, causing blurred distance vision. Often the discovery of a gene still means that many years could pass before a treatment becomes available. However, gene therapies are already working well in some eye conditions, and myopia may be a good candidate condition for gene repair.—Xinhua

Internet

The building of the Bank for International Settlements, BIS, in Basel, Switzerland is pictured on 12 Sept, 2010. The world’s top central bankers are meeting in Basel to work on new bank regulations, known as Basel III, aimed at reinforcing the financial stability of the global banking system.—Internet

People walk past a money exchange in Hong Kong displaying photos of yuan (R) and US dollar banknotes on 13 September, 2010.—Reuters
New York, 13 Sept—The fishing vessel Arctic Dawn, known to many as a boat featured in early episodes of Discovery Channel's hit show The Deadliest Catch, has burned while docked in Seattle.

The Arctic Dawn was a crab fishing vessel but since its Deadliest Catch days has been used for salmon fishing. At 2 am Sunday emergency crews were called to the 100-foot boat to fight what became a three-alarm fire near the Ballard Bridge. Because of the boat’s position from shore fighting the fire was made more difficult. Firefighters battled the blaze from a pier but also with a fire boat and a police boat. When they made their way on board they found no one in the parts of the boat that had been ablaze, which were mostly above the water line and confined to the deck and cabin. There were no injuries reported or sustained during the fight. Responders were able to contain the fire before it spread to the Lady Kodiak, a vessel nearby. The Lady Kodiak was blackened but not damaged. Over 100 firefighters were involved in extinguishing the fire, which took over an hour. Investigation into its cause has now begun.

In this photo released by Mexico's Navy, Navy marines arrest alleged drug kingpin Sergio Villareal Barragan, alias ‘El Grande,’ centre, in Puebla, Mexico, on 12 Sept, 2010.—INTERNET

MEXICO CITY, 13 Sept—Mexican marines have arrested Sergio Enrique Villareal Barragan, a presumed leader of the barraged Beltran Leyva drug-smuggling cartel, Mexican broadcaster Milenio said on Sunday. The Beltran Leyva cartel had been largely broken up by a series of military operations in the second half of 2009 and the first half of this year. Villareal was a colleague of Edgar Valdez Villarreal, alias “La Barbie”, a Mexican-American drug smuggler who got arrested at the end of August. The presumed capo, also known as “El Grande” (the big one) for his six-feet-seven-inches height, was a former police officer. Local media reports said he was the current leader of the Juarez cartel, which allegedly smuggled drugs into Mexico’s northern neighbour, the United States, via Mexico’s most violent city Ciudad Juarez.

Moderate earthquake jolts northeastern Japan

Tokyo, 13 Sept—An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.7 hit Japan’s northeast region at 14:48 local time (0548 GMT) Monday, said the Japan Meteorological Agency. There was no immediate report of damage or casualties. No tsunami warning was issued. The epicentre was estimated to be 60 kilometres under the sea off the coast of Aomori Prefecture. The tremor was most felt in the prefecture, and its neighbouring prefectures, including Akita and Iwate, and parts of Hokkaido were also affected.

New coalition governement

Against this background, expensive and prestigious projects like the two aircraft carriers are not exempt from scrutiny. In addition the government is carrying out a Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR), the first in 12 years, into the future role, capabilities, and strategic objectives of the three branches of the armed forces.

Hurricane Lgor reaches category 4 in Atlantic

MEXICO CITY, 13 Sept—Hurricane Lgor reached category 4 on the five-category Saffir-Simpson scale on Sunday in the Atlantic Ocean, 1,800 km from the Lesser Antilles in the southeast Caribbean.

According to the US National Hurricanes Centre (NHC), Lgor is moving at the speed of 220 km per hour in the Atlantic, but it has not caused any risk to the Caribbean islands.

There have been nine tropical storms and four hurricanes in the Atlantic since 1 June, of which three reached category 4.

Meanwhile, according to the US National Administration of Oceans and Atmosphere, about eight to 12 hurricanes would affect the Caribbean, Central America, the Gulf of Mexico and North America this season.

The hurricane season in the Atlantic began on 1 June and will finish on 30 Nov. Among these hurricanes, four will come with winds of over 177 km per hour.

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High unemployment rate in US set to continue

BEIJING, 13 Sept—US President Barack Obama’s newly appointed economic adviser has warned that the country’s high unemployment is unlikely to ease any time soon.

Austan Goolsbee told US media that the recession had plunged the country into a deep hole. The current unemployment rate is at 9.6 percent. Goolsbee declined to speculate what it might be at the end of the year, but gave his support to Obama’s proposal to cut taxes for the middle class.

Meanwhile, Republicans argue that slashing government spending should be the focus of efforts aimed at balancing the federal budget.

No firm decision made yet on new British super aircraft carriers

LONDON, 13 Sept—The Ministry of Defence said Sunday that no firm decision has yet been made on the future of the partially completed programme to build two, new, large aircraft carriers.

Media reported Sunday that the programme to build two, 65,000 ton aircraft carriers would be axed or reduced, despite the fact that construction had started, contracts had been issued, and 1.25 billion pounds (1.9 billion US dollars) spent.

The two carriers, to be named HMS Queen Elizabeth and HMS Prince of Wales, would be the two largest ships yet built for the navy, and are scheduled to be launched in 2015 and 2018.

But a question mark hangs over their completion. They are set to cost 5 billion pounds (about 7.5 billion US dollars), and the aircraft for them could cost a further 10 billion pounds (about 15 billion US dollars).

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The new coalition government has chosen as its principal task the reduction of the current record level of public sector deficit spending from 153 billion pounds (about 240 billion US dollars) over the next four years.

It has ordered government departments to prepare for cuts of between 25 and 40 percent, exempting only health and overseas aid entirely. Defence and education have been ordered to prepare lesser cuts of between 10 and 20 percent.

Against this background, expensive and prestigious projects like the two aircraft carriers are not exempt from scrutiny. In addition the government is carrying out a Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR), the first in 12 years, into the future role, capabilities, and strategic objectives of the three branches of the armed forces.

The Patrulla Aguila, the aerobatic demonstration team of the Spanish Air Force perform in the skies of Rivolto army base during an air show. INTERNET

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Tuesday, 14 September, 2010
NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received Mr Yu Zheng Shen, Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party of China Shanghai Municipal Committee, at Conference Center in Xi Jiao State Guest Hotel in Beijing at 4 pm on 10 September. Together with the Senior General at the call were SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann, SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence.

Mr Yu Zheng Shen was accompanied by high-ranking officials and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo.

In the evening, Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing left Xi Jiao State Guest Hotel in which they put up for Shanghai International Airport by car. From there, they flew to Shenzhen by special flight and arrived at Shenzhen International Airport at 7.30 pm.

Myanmar delegation was welcomed by Vice Mayor of Shenzhen Mr Zhang Wen and officials at the airport.

Myanmar delegation left there by car for Futian Shangri-la Hotel where they were going to put up.

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Thura U Shwe Mann, who accompanied Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, met Chief of the General Staff of the People’s Liberation Army General Chen Bingde at the Hall No. 7 of Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing at 5 pm on 7 September.

SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann was accompanied by Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence.

The Chief of the General Staff of the PLA was also accompanied by Assistant Chief of the General Staff Lt-Gen Qi Jianguo, Chief of Military Intelligence Department Maj-Gen Yang Hui, Director Maj-Gen Quan Lihua of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Ministry of Defence and Sr. Colonel Wu Xiao Yi of the Chief of Asian Affairs Bureau and Foreign Affairs Office.

Chief of the General Staff of the People’s Liberation Army General Chen Bingde hosted a dinner to SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann and party.

After the dinner, SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence and the Chief of the General Staff of the PLA exchanged gifts.—MNA

SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann holds discussion with Chief of the General Staff of the People’s Liberation Army General Chen Bingde.—MNA
Senior General Than Shwe and wife...  
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On arrival at Chinese pavilion, Myanmar delegation was welcomed by Incharge of the pavilion Mr Xu Hubin. Afterwards, Myanmar delegation watched the step by step development of China during 30 years on giant screen, animated antique paintings with the use of high-tech IT technology and eco-friendly living style.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing had documentary photos taken at Golden Hall and signed in the visitors’ book and presented gift to the incharge of the pavilion.

On arrival at The Oriental Pearl Tower in Pudong region in Shanghai, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were welcomed by General Manager of the Tower Mr Huang Jin and officials. Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing viewed the development of Shanghai and its environments from the tower, and visited booth of rural and urban life styles of ancient Chinese.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing signed in visitors’ book at the hall of The Oriental Pearl Tower. Senior General Than Shwe and wife presented gift to the general manager. And the general manager also presented gift to Senior General Than Shwe and wife.

Myanmar delegation left the tower by car. In the afternoon, they arrived back at Xi Jiao State Guest Hotel where they put up.

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Senior General Than Shwe and party visit…

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in Myanmar and manufacturing of company’s products in line with technological advancement.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw explained communications network in Myanmar and arrangements for making international communication, and made queries. Afterwards, the chairperson of the company answered the question about technology transfer for development of IT at Yatanarpon Teleport asked by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung.

Vice-Chairman Mr. Wang Shen Li presented communications devices of the company to Minister U Thein Zaw.

The Senior General and party proceeded to Shenzhen Museum where the deputy curator and officials welcomed them.

The Senior General and party were conducted round the museum by the deputy curator and officials. The Senior General and party observed history of Shenzhen and documentaries on efforts of the government and the people for development of Shenzhen.

The Senior General and party left Shenzhen Museum in a motorcade and arrived back Futian Shangrila Hotel. — MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept.—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe received Mayor of Shenzhen City Mr Xu Qin at Grand Ballroom (1) of Futian Shangrila Hotel in Shenzhen at 1 pm on 11 September.

Senior General Than Shwe was accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Thura U Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and departmental high-ranking officials.

The Mayor of Shenzhen City was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ye Dabo, Vice-Chairman Mr Ji Jusheng of the Shenzhen National People’s Congress, Vice-Mayor of Shenzhen City Mr Zhang Wen, Mr Chen Siping of Shenzhen Committee of the Communist Party of China and high-ranking officials.

After the meeting, Senior General Than Shwe and party posed for documentary photo together with Mayor of Shenzhen City Mr Xu Qin and party.

The Mayor of Shenzhen City hosted a luncheon to the goodwill delegation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

In the afternoon, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party left Futian Shangrila Hotel for Shenzhen International Airport in a motorcade.

The Senior General and wife and party were seen off at Shenzhen International Airport by Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin and wife, Vice-Mayor of Shenzhen City Mr Zhang Wen, Military Attaché Col Tint Wai and wife and party.

The Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived in Nay Pyi Taw by special aircraft of Myanmar Airways International in the evening.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept.—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo received a delegation led by Mr Feng Zhenglin, Deputy Minister of Transport of the People’s Republic of China at the meeting hall of the SPDC Office here this evening.

Together with the Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo were Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, departmental heads and officials.

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SPDC Secretary-1 Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo greets Deputy Minister of Transport Mr Feng Zhenglin. — MNA

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Delegation Member Ministers hold discussions in respective sectors on State visit to China

NAW PYI TAW, 13 Sept — Member Ministers of Myanmar delegation led by the State Peace and Development Council Chairman and wife on State visit to the People’s Republic of China held discussions in the respective sectors.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein met with Vice Chairman of the People’s Republic of China’s National Development and Reform Commission Mr Fu Chengyu at 1 pm, discussed bilateral cooperation in energy, petroleum and natural gas sectors with them.

Minister for Transport U Thein Swe on 9 September received Vice-President of Mr Yang Ying of China Aero-Technology Import & Export Cooperation (CMEC) Professor Mr Zhang Men Qun and party at 1 am and Vice-President of Huawei Company Mr Tang Xin Hong and party at 1:30 pm on 8 September at No (11) Hall of the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse. He discussed collaboration in communication sector with them. MNA

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw meets Vice-President of Huawei Company Mr Tang Xin Hong and party. — MNA

1st meeting of Shweli-Kyaukpyu corridor project held

NAW PYI TAW, 13 Sept — The first meeting of Shweli-Kyaukpyu corridor project between Myanmar and China held by Deputy Minister for Construction U Tin Swe and delegation from the People’s Republic of China led by Deputy Minister of National Development and Reform Commission Mr Feng Zhenglin took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Construction here this morning.

At the meeting, they agreed on the importance of making master plan about the project, Myanmar’s agreement in principle on the suggestion of China, implementation of the project phase by phase with pre-feasibility study after drawing master plan and conducting feasibility study of Kyaukpyu-Magway section. — MNA

 Talks on Avoidance of Double Tax Treaties and Withholding Tax on 26 Sept

YANGON, 13 Sept — The educative talks on Avoidance of Double Tax Treaties and Withholding Tax given by Director U Thein Naing of Internal Revenue Department will be held at the office of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at No. 29 on Minyekyawswa Road, Lanmadaw Township at 8 pm on 26 September.

Those wishing to attend the talks may contact Certified Public Accountants Association, No. 1/19 on first floor of the training school of the Auditor-General’s office on Thakhin Mya Park Road not later than 22 September. And those wishing to make questions at the talks are to submit them to the office of Certified Public Accountants Association in advance not later than 17 September. For further details, please phone 214653. MNA
CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (345)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TAMPAN VOY NO (345) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.9.2010 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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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Oil jumps above $77 on US crude pipeline leak
SINGAPORE, 13 Sept — Oil prices jumped above $77 a barrel on Monday in Asia, extending gains for a second trading day after a leak forced the closure of a Chicago-area oil pipeline and disrupted supplies to US Midwest refineries.
Benchmark crude for October delivery was up 72 cents to settle at $77.17 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose $2.20 to settle at $76.45 on Friday.
Repair crews are closing in on the source of a leak but haven’t found it yet, Sam Borties, on-scene coordinator for the US Environmental Protection Agency, said on Sunday.—Internet

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Scientists develop an artificial skin for robots
EDINBURGH, 13 Sept — A Touch-sensitive artificial skin that may one day be used to cloth robots has been developed by scientists. The thin flexible material is embedded with microscopic wire semiconductors, giving it an ability to "feel". Researchers in the US tested a small patch of "e-skin" that can detect pressure equivalent to the force used to type on a keyboard or hold an object. The longer-term goal is to develop the skin for human-like robots or bionic prosthetic limbs.
Dr Ali Javey, a member of the University of California at Berkeley team, said: "The idea is to have a material that functions like the human skin, which means incorporating the ability to feel and touch objects. "Humans generally know how to hold a fragile egg without breaking it. If we ever wanted a robot that could unload the dishes, for instance, we’d want to make sure it doesn’t break the wine glasses in the process. But we’d also want the robot to be able to grip a stock pot without dropping it."
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Biotech wizards have engineered electronic skin that can sense touch, in a major step towards next-generation robotics and prosthetic limbs.—Internet

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Rubbish rescue all at sea
LONDON, 13 Sept — An 81-year-old British man has been rescued after the dinghy more than 1km from the boat with a rope line. The pensioner, who lives at Red Wharf Bay in Anglesey, North Wales, had spotted his neighbour’s wheelie bin being swept out and rowed out to sea, securing the bin to the boat with a rope line.
But strong winds blew the dinghy more than 1km off shore before the Coastguard was alerted.

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Snake plunges Philippine island into darkness

An entire Philippine island lost electrical power on Friday after a snake reportedly climbed onto a power transmission line, causing it to short out.

The snake slithered on a transmission line on Bohol island, a popular tourist site, before dawn, resulting in the electrocution of the reptile and the breakdown of a power transformer, ABS-CBN television reported in its website.

The National Grid Corporation, which is in charge of power transmission, reported that the snake left Bohol without power for more than half a day until a replacement transformer was installed, the website said. Police in Bohol confirmed that the island had a power outage until noon from an unspecified breakdown in equipment but could not confirm if a snake was involved.

French filmmaker Claude Chabrol dies at 80

PARIS, 13 Sept—French director Claude Chabrol, one of the founders of the New Wave movement whose films probed the latent malice beneath the placid surface of bourgeois life, died on Sunday. He was 80.

Christophe Girard, who is responsible for cultural matters at Paris City Hall, announced the death on his blog. Other City Hall officials confirmed that Chabrol passed away, but declined to provide any details, including the cause of death.

Redford digs into Lincoln assassination plot

TORONTO, 13 Sept—In his new film “The Conspirator,” director Robert Redford digs into a little-known angle of one of the best-known moments in American history: the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Instead of dealing with the shooting in the Ford’s Theater in Washington, already a movie subject, Redford takes aim at a back story to the 1865 assassination of the US president — a complex plot that resulted in seven men and one woman being arrested and charged with conspiring to kill the president, the vice president, and the secretary of state.

Redford’s independent film centres around that woman, Mary Surratt, played by Robin Wright, and the secretary of state.

Get ready for Beckham and her next fashion look

NEW YORK, 13 Sept — Victoria Beckham in a white matte gazar gown with sculptural pleated shoulders and a waistband adorned with linked microbeads. The dress was part of the spring collection Beckham offered Sunday morning as part of New York Fashion Week at an elegant mansion off Fifth Avenue to a small, select group of editors, retailers and stylists.

“Pleased myself with this dress,” she said, vowing to wear it to the next big fashion event.

The Cadillac-pink shift dress with an asymmetrical, curved neckline is also headed to her personal wardrobe as a daytime traveling dress, and the masculine leather weekender that’s part of her new handbag collection can be for husband, David Beckham.

Armenia produces world’s biggest chocolate bar

Anyone looking for huge amounts of free chocolate should book a flight to Armenia’s capital next month. That’s when the world’s largest chocolate bar will be up for grabs in Yerevan’s main square. The Guinness Book of World Records certified the 9,702-pound (4,410-kilogram) chocolate bar at a ceremony Saturday.

It was made by Grand Candy factory and contains all natural ingredients, including 70 percent cocoa mass. The chocolate bar is 224 inches (560 centimetres) long, 110 inches (275 centimetres) wide and 10 inches (25 centimetres) thick.

Lady Gaga wins early prizes at MTV music awards

LOS ANGELES, 13 Sept — Lady Gaga overshadowed country starlet Taylor Swift to claim the first prize at the MTV Video Music Awards on Sunday, barely managing to get across the stage in her elaborate costume.

The flamboyant pop singer, decked out in a flowing multi-layered dress and towering high heels, took the prize for best female video for her song “Bad Romance,” beating a field that included Swift’s “Fifteen.”

“Tonight, little monsters, we are the cool kids at the party,” Lady Gaga said, using her term of affection for her fans.
Monaco hold champions Marseille to 2-2 draw

PARIS, 13 Sept—Champions Marseille failed to take advantage of the mediocre form being shown by some of their title rivals during a dramatic 2-2 draw with Monaco at their Stade Velodrome on Saturday.

Lyons, Bordeaux and Paris Saint Germain have all shown poor form in the early stages of the French league with only PSG taking all three points on Saturday with a 4-0 romp over league new boys Arles-Avignon.

Marseille had been hoping to boost their own lacklustre campaign, which had left them fifth in the mediocre form being shown by some of their title rivals during a dramatic 2-2 draw with Monaco at their Stade Velodrome on Sunday.

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Monday, 13th September, 2010
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.L.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State scattered in Mandalay Region, fairly widespread in Shan and Mon States, Sagaing, Magway, Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Rakhine States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpyu (4.35) inches, Myitkyina (3.15) inches, Namhsan (2.55) inches, Gwa (2.48) inches, Bilin (2.32) inches, Mawlaik (2.20) inches, Thandwe (2.17) inches and Thayawady (2.09) inches.

**Nay Pyi Taw Weather**

Maximum temperature on 12-9-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 13-9-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-9-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 13-9-2010 was (ND).

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 12-9-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 13-9-2010 was 76°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-9-2010 was (85%). Total sunshine hours on 12-9-2010 was (4.2) hours. Rainfall on 13-9-2010 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon and (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.75) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (65.55) inches at Mingaladon, (75.31) inches at Kaba-Aye and (82.09) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at 18:30) hours MST on 12-9-2010.

**Bay Influence:** Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until afternoon of the 14th September 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State and Magway Region, fairly widespread in Shan State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of increase of light rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-9-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-9-2010:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-9-2010:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

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

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

Senior General Than Shwe and party visit Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd, Shenzhen Museum

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, who was in Shenzhen, together with SPDC Member Thura U Shwe Mann, SPDC Secretary-1 Thha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, departmental senior officers, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ye Dabo visited Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd and Shenzhen Museum on 11 September morning.

The Senior General and party arrived at Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd on 8:45 a.m. where they were welcomed by Chairperson Mrs. Sun Yafang of Huawei Co. Ltd and officials.

The Senior General and party observed communications equipment and solar-powered communications devices manufactured by Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.

At the meeting hall of the company, the Chairperson of Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd and party explained matters related to communications sector.

First, the chairperson of Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd gave an account of the quality products of the company.

Next, Mr. Yang Shu explained functions of communications devices of the company, use of Huawei brand devices in international community including Myanmar, opening of the company (See page 9)