SECRETARY-1 looks into development of Yangon Port, construction of New Strand Road

YANGON, 26 Sept—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thaha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo this afternoon looked round development of Yangon Port.

At 2 pm, the Secretary-1 arrived at 360-ton Rice Polishing Mill of the Commercial Department of Myanmar Economic Corporation in Kyimyinda Township where he was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and officials.

The Secretary-1 viewed construction of the mill, rice milling process and construction of ten 1000-ton-capacity Steel Silos. Officials of MEC conducted the Secretary-1 round the mill.

At the briefing hall of Htidan Jetty in Kyimyinda Township, the Secretary-1 inspected piling task for construction of the advanced container yard and heard reports on progress of tasks by responsible persons of Asia World Co Ltd. The Secretary-1 left necessary instructions.

Yatanarpon Silicon Town distributed IT and products

While strolling along the roads in the breezing fresh air, I was gazing at misty Shan mountain ranges, new and grand buildings and flowery colourful plants in Yatanarpon Silicon Town.

Coloerful and variously-designed buildings stood in a row. Many buildings are under construction. In a short time, the Yatanarpon Silicon Town is ready to provide new generation Myanmar youths with modern technology.

Yatanarpon Silicon Town is located in an area of 10000 acres, 27 miles from Mandalay and 15 miles from PyinOoLwin. A total of 2200 acres each of lands were allotted for construction of buildings where software and hardware will be produced. So far, the construction tasks on these allotted lands have completed by 80 per cent.

Yatanarpon Teleport main building was constructed with new and modern architectural works at the entrance to the town. The L shape building has the floor space of 81,778 square feet. The main building of the teleport has completed and it is in operation.

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Preventable is food poisoning

Of the basic needs of human beings, food is more fundamental than any other.

It is, therefore, very important to have a healthy diet. Apart from fish and meat that are of high protein, we must eat plenty of beans and pulses, fruit and vegetables for our good health.

The foods we eat must be free from harmful bacterias. Safe food means the food that does not turn harmful while we are preparing or consuming it.

Millions of people suffer from the diseases associated with the foods they eat. Many of them die from food poisoning worldwide every year.

Food poisoning is not serious, but it may be fatal if a patient does not receive proper treatment. If a person partakes foods contaminated with harmful bacteria, he will suffer vomiting, stomachache and diarrhea within 48 hours after consumption.

Based on the types of bacteria, symptoms of food poisoning are various including sickness, shivering, dysentery, dehydration and nervous illness.

Food also can be infected with harmful bacteria if a person infected with bacteria touches food without washing his hands thoroughly.

Eating fruit and vegetables in raw may be harmful because it is impossible to get rid of all impurities in them. It may be more harmful if they are washed with unsafe water. Sometimes, fruit and vegetables are contaminated with hazardous agents such as pesticides and fertilizers.

Therefore, foods we eat must be safe to consume and we should choose only safe and nutritious foods for our good health.

Government accepts basic education teachers as social architects shaping nation’s future

The government accepts basic education teachers as social architects who are shaping the future of the State as they are training the students, the most important human resources of the State.

The government is striving for uplifting the capacity of the teachers to be able to participate in the teachership quality promotion and the national education processes, and the teachers are to carry out their education tasks with might and main winning the trusts of the State and the people. The teachers are to constantly maintain their prestige and integrity in the Myanmar human society. They have to nurture the pupils at the basic education level and equip them with the Union Spirit and the spirit of national unity for maintaining the high spirit to be able to hand over the development process of the State to next generations.

The minister quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as giving guidance that nation-building tasks are to be carried out generation to generation without interruption to shape the better future of the nation and that new generations are to preserve historical traditions and to inherit the good legacy to be able to promote the social status of Myanmar society.

The minister urged trainee teachers to nurture youths who are endowed with the skills mentioned in the guidance materials and are to carry out their education tasks generation to generation to shape the better future of the nation. The five-week course was attended by 1508 trainees from States and Regions in Upper Myanmar.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Education U Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Industry-U Kyaw Htay and Deputy Minister for Labour U Tin Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Maung Aung, Deputy Minister for Health and Sports U Tin Aung Aung, Deputy Minister for Transport U Thein and Deputy Minister for Social Welfare and Religion U Thein Aung.
First rescue capsule arrives at Chilean mine

SAN JOSE MINE, 26 Sept—The first of three rescue capsules specially built to lift out 33 miners trapped since early August arrived at the mine Saturday. Two back-up rescue devices constructed at Chile’s naval shipyard are expected to be delivered next week.

The man-size capsule will be used to pull the miners out one by one once one of the three rescue holes being drilled reach the men. The government says that should happen by early November or earlier if all goes well.

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While the three NATO tankers were carrying fuel supplies to NATO forces in neighbouring Afghanistan, Taleban destroys three NATO tankers against US court verdict

ISLAMABAD, 26 Sept—At least three NATO supply oil tankers were destroyed on Saturday evening in Khyber Agency in the Pakistani tribal areas on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, official sources confirmed to Xinhua.

An unidentified spokesman of the disbandled Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) blamed for the responsibility of the explosions in Landikotal bazaar Torkham Bazaar, where no loss of life has been reported yet.

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Scientists look at deodorant for New Zealand’s smelly birds

Wellington, 26 Sept—Scientists say they are hoping to develop a deodorant for New Zealand’s native birds to stop them falling prey to introduced predators.

New Zealand has an abundance of native bird species, including the famous kiwi, but no native land mammals, meaning introduced animals such as cats and stoats have had a devastating impact on bird numbers. Canterbury University researcher Jim Briskie said Friday it appeared New Zealand birds suffered from body odour, making them an easy target for predators.

Briskie said unlike their overseas counterparts, which evolved alongside mammals, New Zealand birds emitted a strong smell when preened to wax to protect their feathers. He said the kiwi smelled like mushrooms or ammonia, while the flightless kakapo parrot’s odour was like “musty violin cases”, possibly contributing to its endangered status.

The Marsden scientific research fund has given Briskie a $600,000 New Zealand dollar (440,000 US) grant to study native bird body odours over the next three years in the hope of making them less exposed to predators. —Internet

New type of solar wind Interaction with airless bodies in our solar system

Rome, 26 Sept—Scientists have discovered a new type of solar interaction with airless bodies in our solar system. Magnetized regions called magnetic anomalies, mostly on the far side of the Moon, were found to strongly deflect the solar wind, shielding the Moon’s surface. This will help scientists understand the solar wind behaviour near the lunar surface and how water may be generated in its upper layer.

Observational evidence for these findings is being presented by Drs Yoshifumi Futai and Martin Wieser at the European Planetary Science Congress in Rome.

Atmosphere-less bodies interact with the solar wind quite differently than the Earth. Their surfaces are exposed without any shielding by a dense atmosphere or magnetosphere. This causes them to be heavily weathered by meteoroids or the solar wind, forming a very rough and chaotic surface called regolith.

So far, the solar wind was thought to be completely absorbed by regolith. However, recent explorations of the Earth’s moon by the Chang’E-1, Kaguya and Chandrayaan-1 spacecrafts have revealed that this interaction is not that simple.

A significant flux of high energy particles were found to originate from the lunar surface, most probably due to the solar wind directly reflected from the Moon’s regolith. —Internet

Technology

‘Automatic’ artificial arm said ‘too easy’

Orlando, 26 Sept—An artificial arm programmed to work automatically disappointed some users in a study—they said it was “too easy”—US researchers report.

University of Central Florida researchers thought the ease of using the programme’s automatic mode would be a huge hit, but they were surprised when most test participants preferred the manual mode—which requires them to think several steps ahead and either physically type in instructions or verbally direct the arm with a series of precise commands a university release says.

“We focused so much on getting the technology right,” Assistant Professor Aman Behal said. “We didn’t expect this.”

John Bricout, Behal’s collaborator and associate dean at the University of Texas School of Social Work, said the study demonstrates how people want to be engaged but not over-helmed by technology.

“If we’re too challenged, we get angry and frustrated. But if we aren’t challenged, we get bored,” said Bricout, who has conducted extensive research on adapting technology for users with disabilities.

“We all experience that. People with disabilities are no different.” The key is to design technology that can be individualized with ease, Behal said. Some patients will have more mobility than others, and they may prefer a design closer to the manual mode.

Scientists create solar-power ‘leaves’

Palo Alto (California), 26 Sept—Biometric systems recognize individuals based on fingerprints, palm prints, or voice or face recognition are “inherently fallible,” a US report says.

A report by the National Research Council says no single identifying trait has been found that is stable and distinctive across all groups, and that to strengthen the science and improve system effectiveness, additional research is needed at virtually all levels of design and operation, a National Academy of Sciences release said Friday. For nearly 50 years, the promise of biometrics has outpaced the application of the technology,” study chairman Joseph N Pato at Hewlett-Packard’s HP Laboratories in Palo Alto, Calif, said. —Internet

Biometric security fallible, report says

Raleigh, 26 Sept—US researchers say flexible, water-based gel infused with light-sensitive molecules bonded with electrodes coated by carbon materials, a NCUS release reports.

The molecules get “excited” by the sun’s rays to produce electricity, similar to the way plant molecules get excited to synthesize sugars in order to grow, Oriol Velev, a professor of chemical and bio-molecular engineering, says. The team hopes to “learn how to mimic the materials by which nature harnesses solar energy,” Velev says. Now that they’ve proven the concept, the researchers will work to fine-tune the water-based photovoltaic devices, making them even more like real leaves. “The next step is to mimic the self-regenerating mechanisms found in plants,” Velev says.

“We do not want to over-promise at this stage, as the devices are still of relatively low efficiency and there is a long way to go before this can become a practical technology,” he says.

“However, we believe that the concept of biologically inspired ‘soft’ devices for generating electricity may in the future provide an alternative for the present-day solid-state technologies,” Velev says. —Internet

Scientists look at deodorant for New Zealand’s smelly birds

This handout photo taken on 12 September and provided by New Zealand’s Department of Conservation shows a newly born kiwi chick at the Willowbank Wildlife Reserve in Christchurch. —Internet

New type of solar wind Interaction with airless bodies in our solar system

Spatial variation of the energetic neutral hydrogen flux over the magnetic anomaly close to the Grasmassier crater. (a) High-energy hydrogen flux with energy indicates a ~50% flux reduction inside the magnetic anomaly compared to the surrounding area. (b) Hydrogen flux with lower energy of 30-100 eV fills the magnetic anomaly (c) The albedo (reflectivity) map of the Moon with the spacecraft trajectories (white lines). —Internet

Scientists create solar-power ‘leaves’

Just as real leaves do, water-gel-based solar devices can act like solar cells to produce electricity, new research shows.

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Health

Vitamin C improves mood of hospitalized patients

MONTREAL, 26 Sept—Vitamin C may help the emotional state of acute-care patients in hospitals, Canadian researchers say.

Researchers at Montreal’s Jewish General Hospital and Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research conducted a double-blind clinical trial in which patients admitted to the hospital were randomly assigned to receive either vitamin C or vitamin D for seven to 10 days. The study, published in Nutrition, finds the patients administered vitamin C had a rapid improvement in mood state that was statistically and clinically significant. There was no significant change in mood in those taking vitamin D.

“The lack of any effect of vitamin D on mood is good evidence we are not dealing with a placebo response,” study investigator Dr. L John Hoffer says in a statement. “This looks like a true biological effect. The treatment is safe, simple and cheap and could have major clinical practice implications.”

Hoffer notes one in five acute-care hospital patients has vitamin C levels so low “as to be compatible with scurvy,” but most physicians are unaware of the problem and patients rarely get vitamin supplements in the hospital.

Strides in women’s health research

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 Sept—A researcher reports progress has been made against heart disease, breast cancer and cervical cancer among US women, but has lagged in other areas.

Nancy Adler of the University of California, San Francisco, reports women’s health research has also yielded progress in depression, HIV/AIDS and osteoporosis.

Adler, chairwoman of a research committee completing a report for the Institute of Medicine, says she and colleagues found issues in which little progress has been made include unintended pregnancy, autoimmune diseases, alcohol and drug addiction, lung cancer and dementia. Overall, they say, fewer gains have been made on chronic and debilitating conditions that cause significant suffering but have lower death rates.

“There is good news and bad news on the state of women’s health research,” Adler says in a statement. “Significant boosts in research on women’s health issues have yielded measurable progress in reducing the toll of several serious disorders. Unfortunately, less progress has been made on conditions that are not major killers but still profoundly affect women’s quality of life.”

Adler suggests across all areas, researchers need to take into account the effects of both biologically determined sex differences and socially determined gender differences as a routine part of conducting research.

High-tech offers best care for furry friends

BERLIN, 26 Sept—Brute, a German Shepherd, lay anesthetized on an operating table, his hairy chest under a plastic cover and his powerful paws taped immobile. “Here comes the wire up the artery!” said Dr. Chick Weisse, who infused the dog’s cancerous liver with chemotherapy via a catheter at the century-old Animal Medical Centre in Manhattan in an effort to “buy him some time.”

Brute was home in days, the cancer at bay a while longer — perhaps eight months. The cost: US$2,000.

Around the United States, veterinarians are practicing ever more advanced medicine on America’s 77 million dogs, 90 million cats and a myriad other animals, treatments that vie with the best of human medicine. The driving force is “the changing role of the pet in our society,” said Dr. Patty Khuly, a veterinarian at Miami’s Sunset Animal Clinic.

Business

EU worried about viability of three German banks

The headquarters of German regional public bank WestLB in Dusseldorf, western Germany. European Commission officials are worried about the fragility of three regional banks in Germany, including WestLB, the weekly Der Spiegel reported Saturday.

BERLIN, 26 Sept—European Commission officials are worried about the fragility of three regional banks in Germany, the weekly Der Spiegel reported on Saturday. A letter from the commission to junior finance minister Joerg Asmussen expresses concerns about the threat that WestLB, BayernLB and HSH Nordbank might pose to market stability.

“For the commission, it is indispensable to have the certainty that rescued institutions are viable in the long term and that they do not represent a permanent threat to the stability of the financial markets,” says the letter, quoted by Der Spiegel.

Describing the three banks’ latest results as “disappointing”, the letter adds: “Given the good current conditions, these figures, in the three cases, are not convincing.”

The letter also says it cannot relax the current monitoring procedures, as Berlin and the German regions would like.

Toyota to produce new compact hybrid in France

ONNAING, 26 Sept—Japanese carmaker Toyota will invest 53 million euros (71 million dollars) to produce a new hybrid vehicle at its plant in France, a decision welcomed Saturday by government and unions.

Production will begin in 2012 at Toyota’s Onnaing plant near the northern city of Valenciennes and will safeguard around 3,000 jobs.

The new vehicle will be a compact hybrid but the company would not provide any further details following its announcement on Friday, Onnaing, where the Yaris compact is manufactured, was chosen ahead of facilities in Britain, Turkey and Japan. “The decision to produce the future hybrid at this plant confirms its position in the Toyota system,” said Makoto Sano, the director of the plant, during a news conference.

BlackBerry maker closer to averting India ban

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India last month gave Research In Motion a 60-day reprieve on a threat to ban its messaging services in the world’s fastest-growing mobile market after the Canadian firm agreed to give security forces “lawful access” to data.

A technical group consisting of officials from security agencies and India’s Department of Telecommunications has been satisfied with interception methods being developed by RIM, the Press Trust of India reported, quoting “official sources.”

The sources, however, said it may take three or four months before a full solution emerges to allow Indian security agencies direct access to both BlackBerry messaging services and corporate email. The technical group is likely to meet next week, the news agency said.
Pa-O National Organization (PNO) presents its policy, stance and work programmes

NAY PHYO TAW, 26 Sept—CEC member of the Pa-O National Organization (PNO) U Khun Min Kyaw presented party’s policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 26 September.

The translation of his presentation is as follows:

Esteeemed people,

I am U Khun Min Kyaw, CEC member of Pa-O National Organization (PNO). Now, I will present political, economic, social, literary and cultural matters of PNO.

First, I would like to explain facts about Pa-O nationals. Pa-O is one of more than 100 national races of the Union of Myanmar. Its population was 113,371 in 1897; 124,900 in 1908; and 223,000 in 1930. In 2010, it has reached one million according to the record. Pa-O nationals live in Shan State, Kayah State, Mon State, Kayin State and Bago Region.

Pa-O nationals actively took part in anti-colonialist, anti-fascist and independent struggles. Pa-O national leader U Phyu signed in the Panglong Agreement, a milestone of Myanmar’s independence. In the aftermath of WWII, peoples of global nations became politically awakened. Pa-O Organizing Group was formed in 1947. As for Union Pa-O National Organization, its MPs were elected—three in 1952, three in 1956 and three in 1960. Its candidates were elected in three townships in Pyithu Hluttaw election in 1990.

PNO reached ceasefire agreement and made peace with the State in 1991. Side by side with the State, it has been working for economic, social, literary and cultural development by adopting short-, median- and long-term projects. After drawing a constitution, the State approved it by holding the national referendum in 2008. The State formed the Union Election Commission for holding a disciplined multi-party democracy general election in accord with the constitution. It also issued permission for registration political parties after passing laws and rules.

The fifth Pa-O national conference was successfully held on 24 and 25 March, 2010 at Taungyi Headquarters to UNPASO as PNO. The aims of the organization are to ensure perpetuity of the Union of Myanmar and unity among the national brethren, to develop political, economic, social and cultural sectors of Pa-O nationals and to cooperate with other nationals.

Our work programmes are to have cultural exchange between the national brethren, to organize the people to improve agricultural techniques, to export crops locally and internationally and to turn out Pa-O intellectuals and intelligentsia. Our national cause is not oriented to hegemonic and narrow racism. Pa-O nationals lagged behind development in the areas of politics, economic and social affairs due to the wounds of war and feudalism. For our national development, we had to form PNO.

Our organization will be formed at various levels such as central committee, CEC, Township EC and village ECs, village leaders and village heads. Our organization will strive for ensuring the unity of the entire Pa-O national people and cooperating with other national people with common belief. If the economy, the foundation of a nation, is not storm enough, political and economic affairs, the upper structure of that nation, will not be strong.

Our region has been working with ambitious plans by placing emphasis on education. A public campaign has been launched since 1991 to open a primary school in every village, a middle school in every village-tract and a high school in every townships and to open a boarder school at every high school for students from other regions. As a result, progress has been achieved to a certain degree and the number of graduates has increased.

A people cannot develop and neither can a nation without the educated. Without education, one’s own literature and culture cannot be maintained and even alien culture can penetrate. National Leader Bogyoke Aung San once said education must not only improve people’s knowledge but also develop their attitudes and ideas. Modern nations are built with the strength of the educated. So, PNO will try its best to improve education without fail.

Lord Buddha pointed out that good health is of great blessing. Pa-O nationals can still be found suffering from diseases. Their lifespan is still short. Morbidity rate is still high. So we will try to reduce such rates with the help of the department of health.

In the elections for Amyotha Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw and State and Region Hluttaw to be held by the Union Election Commission, PNO will compete in Pwnlaung, Hsihseng and Hopon townships. The aim is to maintain the Pa-O history. Another aim is to play a part in building a democratic nation, in ensuring the perpetuity of the nation and in striving for Pa-O nationals to escape from poverty and backwardness.

In a nut shell, we would like to request that the entire people are to cast ‘yes’ vote for our PNO candidates of respective Hluttaw with correct vision and generosity.

Thousands take part in Coastal Cleanup Day in US State of California

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Thousands of volunteers fanned over beaches, inland shorelines and neighbourhoods in the US State of California on Saturday to remove trash and debris as part of the annual California Coastal Cleanup Day. This is California’s largest volunteer event scheduled for 9 a.m local time to noon at numerous locations statewide, including at least 60 sites in Los Angeles County. In addition to people walking the beaches at more than 60 sites from Compton to Malibu, scuba divers were working underwater at Santa Monica Pier, Redondo Beach Pier and off Leo Carrillo state beach. Kayakers were paddling through Marina del Rey waterways.

Volunteers were also working at a site in North Hollywood, in a demonstration of how trash from the inland area can still affect the ocean. The event, now in its 26th year, is sponsored by the California Coastal Commission. Other organizations helping coordinate the cleanups include Heal the Bay and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.—Xinhua

Commonwealth Games head sees improved conditions

NEW DELHI, 26 Sept—With athletes trickling into New Delhi on Saturday and cleaning crews rushing to scour their rooms, the Commonwealth Games chief said India was working hard to ensure it is prepared to host the beleguered sporting event though much remains to be done.

The talk of postponing or canceling the games that emerged this week after a footbridge collapsed, two tourists were shot and the athletes’ village was found to be filthy, dissipated after the government poured enormous resources into urgently addressing the problems before the opening ceremonies on 3 Oct.

Commonwealth Games Federation President Mike Fennell on an emergency trip here to address the problems told reporters that significant work had been done in recent days.

“There’s still a lot of work to be done, to do the final touches, and there’s more work in the village. It’s not over yet,” he said.

Among the ongoing concerns was the water remaining in the basements in the athletes’ village, transportation and technology difficulties, and issues with security and fire safety, he said.
Democratic Party (Myanmar) presents its policy, stance and work programmes

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The translation of his presentation is as follows:

Esteemed citizens of the Union of Myanmar

The entire people of the Union of Myanmar aspire democracy to joyfully live in the democratic Union in peace and amity and for all the Union people regardless of their race, gender, age, locality and financial capacity to be free from all kinds of sufferings.

The democracy our Democratic Party (Myanmar) believes is the one that ensures all the freedom-based rights – to enjoy the flourishing freedom, justice and equality, which are the noblest of the noble principles, political freedom, economic freedom, freedom of justice, freedom of expression and freedom of organization.

Now is a democracy transitional period. There are major tasks the entire people must implement without fail. So, we need to create a friendly environment for ensuring peace and national reconciliation.

There must be private businesses, private-foreign joint-ventures, government-foreign joint-ventures, government-government joint-ventures, cooperative businesses and State-sponsored businesses in our economy.

Our current short-term projects are:
(a) To give encouragement to production of basic consumer goods as priority task
(b) To give support to businesses that can create job opportunities based consumer goods production industries
(c) To strive for reducing the amount of foreign currency debts and for receiving foreign aids
(d) To invite foreign investment that will encourage consumer good production industries and will help generate job opportunities and to provide privilege such as tax reduction to expedite the task of setting up such industries
(e) To review legal controls that cause business restriction for making amendments as necessary to boost private economic enterprises as soon as possible

Tourism has become a major business in every country. Hence, we are going to develop the sector with greater momentum. In order to facilitate the tourism industry, we will give priority to building cost-effective guesthouses in a short period in addition to building time-consuming and highly-cost impressive hotels.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources including natural gas, coal and hydropower and wind power for electricity generation. We will make arrangements for every citizen to get enough fuel.

The national energy policy will be accepted as the national security policy.

Our party will lay down natural environment policy to educate the people to realize that frequent occurrence of natural disasters such as global warming and floods signal the need for sustainable harnessing of the Earth and the natural environment. Myanmar is blessed with large areas of forests and plenty of natural watercourses. Seventy percent of its population is farmers living in rural areas. So, the great majority of people’s lives directly depend on the natural environment.

Forest depletion, aridity, silting, and bank erosion are harmful to the natural environment. Moreover, they have adverse impact on the daily livelihoods of the people. So, we need to educate the public till they accept that the environmental deterioration has direct relations with the household problems.

We will lay down plans for the sustainability of the education system. The bottom line is to ensure every one assessable to free primary education. We will send more scholars abroad and invite more foreign scholars to train our people for our education system to catch up with the advancing era.

We will renovate universities, colleges, agricultural and technical high schools to be on a par with international education standard. To be able to catch up the developing world, citizens of the Union of Myanmar will be allowed to hunt jobs in the international community. The skilled workers will be turned out and necessary technology will be provided for them to be able to penetrate the international human resource market.

With regard to health policy, we plan to refresh the health system to meet the international standard. Focusing on right of free health care service for all, the plans will be implemented. Public health will be uplifted through western medical technology and traditional medicine.

Health care services will be provided to the people from rural, border and hilly areas in line with the public health system by national health policies so as to harmoniously carry out medical treatment, preventive measures and educative works. The government, the private and non-governmental organizations will join hands to combat AIDS, malaria, TB and leprosy as national health task.

Regarding the social security policy, the Democratic Party (Myanmar) believes that all the citizens of the Union of Myanmar should enjoy the right of protection of the government and Myanmar society. Especially, children and older persons should be put under special care of the State and the people.

Arrangements will be made for providing free treatment to the handicapped and disabled persons, ailing persons and sickly persons. Homes will be constructed under the implementation of the national social security plan for enabling the homeless to have temporary foodstuff and accommodation at fare prices. Plans will be implemented to enable war veterans and older pensioners to conveniently spend their rest times with social guarantees.

With regard to peasant affairs, we will try hard to grant those working on the farmlands including farmers to enjoy the right of possessing farmlands and rights of handing over, giving it as inheritance, selling and pawnage.

The State will provide necessary quality strains of paddy, fertilizers, pesticides, milling and land preparations and disburse agricultural loans to the farmers by opening agricultural banks.

Permission will be given to those wishing to reclaim vacant and virgin lands for establishment of private mechanized farming and grow perennial crops. The government will grant free cultivation, storage, milling, transport and sales of paddy and various kinds of crops.

Modern agricultural technology will be transferred from abroad to keep abreast of other countries in order to boost agricultural production and develop modern technology. Then, farmers will be fulfilled through the assistance of the UN agencies and other ways and means.

With regard to the foreign affairs, we will practise the foreign policy in accord with the following principles without harming the sovereign and integrity of the nation.

(a) The nation, being a member of the UN, shall maintain friendly ties with global countries in line with the basic principles of the UN and ethics of international relations;
(b) The nation shall practise five-point principles of international relations: mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity; mutual non-aggression; non-interference in each other’s internal affairs; equality and mutual benefit and peaceful coexistence;
(c) The nation will actively and freely stand on the right side in the international affairs without sacrificing national interest;
(d) The national will cooperate with international organizations with similar policy and aim upholding the national interest; and
(e) The nation will seek assistance from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, Asian and regional organizations including UN special agencies without undermining the interest and integrity of the State.

The Democratic Party (Myanmar) was set up with the above-mentioned noble aims.
Emergence of fifth white elephant, sign of prosperous future

Myat Phone Lu

It is very heartening for the people of us to learn that there has emerged the fifth white elephant in our country. In the time of the ruling government, the nation is witnessing white elephants one after another, which is a really good omen for the brighter future of the country and the people.

According to ancient treatises, not one in every 1000 elephants can be a white one. It is, however, amazing that the nation so far has got five white elephants from 2001 to 2010 in the time of the State Peace and Development Council. The fifth white elephant emerged in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State. It is about 18 years old and seven feet and one inch tall and 10 feet and three inches in circumference. The fifth white elephant has all the characteristics of a white elephant, thus attracting great pleasure from the people.

White elephants have been highly valued for ages. According to ancient religious treatises, a white elephant is regarded as a kind of gem. Maha Sudassana Sutta of Digha Nikaya Maha Vagga Pali Treatise says that the white elephant is one of the seven kinds of gems belonging to King Maha Sudassana Cakkjya. In addition, dramas on life stories of the Buddha feature white elephants. In White Elephant King Hsaddan Drama of the 550 Life Stories of the Buddha, for example, Elephant king Hsaddan is portrayed adorably and respectfully as a white elephant.

Similarly, in Vessantara Drama, one of the 10 jataka stories relating to ten previous lives of the Buddha Gotama, King Vessantar was so generous that he donated even the white elephant, which was the heart and soul of the nation and the people, to Kalingaraja. Just as the donated white elephant set its feet on the soil of Kalingaraja, which had suffered drought for many years, it rained heavily, agricultural farming returned to normal and the people again led a peaceful life and observed great success. A treatise about dreams says that a strange dream of the queen, the court Brahmins predicted that the queen was pregnant with a noble boy. It can be, thus, deduced that a white elephant, being the would-be-Buddha, the queen had a good looking and sublime appearance, it is deemed to possess all characteristics of a white elephant.

Therefore, emergence of a white elephant denotes very strong power of the ruler of a country.

The Myanmar history reveals that King Anawrahta, the founder of the First Myanmar Empire in Bagan Period, King Bayinnaung, the founder of the Second Myanmar Empire in Toungoo Period, and King Alaungphaya, founder of the Third Myanmar Empire in Konbungh Period, possessed white elephants. In their times, the Union of Myanmar remained cohesive with consolidated unity among the national races. In addition, the then people led a peaceful and prosperous life and they made charities very constantly. And at that time, Myanmar stood tall as an empire, winning respect from many kings of other countries.

So also in the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the nation has got five white elephants: Yazagaha Thiri Piccaya Gajayaza, Theingi Marlar, Yati Marlar, Baddawady and the present one. Needless to say the emergence of the five white elephants is nothing more than good omen for a brighter future of the nation.

For a nation, emergence of a white elephant is an omen of prosperity, peace, unprecedented development, and being free from three forms of catastrophes namely famine, war and epidemic diseases. They say that a king with a white elephant is more powerful than any other king without a white elephant. In the time of a king possessing a white elephant, the nation is free from thefts, robbery and war; enjoys favourable climate patterns, crops in abundance, and economic growth; and sees activities of charities and festivities. On the whole, emergence of a white elephant is a perfect sign of all forms of auspiciousness.

Regarding the characteristics of a white elephant, Pitaka treaties say that a white elephant is an elephant whose body is all white with good looking, pleasant appearance; that it is sublime with good characteristics; that whenever a would-be-Buddha is in the life of an elephant, it is a white elephant, so if an elephant is all white with good looking and sublime appearance, it is deemed to possess all characteristics of a white elephant.

The following points show that the fifth white elephant possesses all characteristics of a white elephant.

1. Height - 7 feet and 1 inch
2. Circumference - 10 feet and 3 inches
3. Age - about 18 years
4. Tusk - short
5. Back - fairly curve
6. Fur - grey
7. Complexion - colour of shell of sweet sop (thin)
8. Skin - pink
9. Eyes - pearl colour
10. Fore toe nail - five white toe nails
11. Rear toe nail - four white toe nails
12. Tail - 3 feet and 7 inches with shape of open doors
13. Ears - shape of a bronze gong
14. Trunk - normal
15. Emerging date - 23 September 2010

(See page 9)
The Secretary-1 looked into preparation for construction of New Strand Road at Htidan triangular and heard reports related to the construction tasks presented by the mayor.

At the top of Botahtaung Market Road in Botahtaung Township where will be the end of the New Strand Road, the Secretary-1 viewed the conditions of the road and gave necessary instructions to officials.

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Photo shows 360-ton Rice Polishing Mill of Myanma Economic Corporation in Kyimyindine Township.

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Progress of main power stations in Theinzayat, Mawlamyine inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Myint yesterday morning heard reports on construction of Theinzayat Main Power Station (Sittoung), choosing alignment for Bago-Thaton-Mawlamyine 230 KV power grid and preparations for construction of staff quarters presented by an official at 230/66/11KV (100 MVA) main power station, control building, switch yard and staff quarters, choosing alignment for Thaton-Mawlamyine 230 KV power grid and the sites chosen for construction of tension towers across Thainwun River presented by officials.

During the tour, the minister inspected construction of control buildings, switch yards and staff quarters at the main power stations in Theinzayat and Mawlamyine.

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Emergence of fifth white …

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king. Therefore, emergence of white elephants one after another is a good omen of peace, stability, being free from harms, and abundant crops, gold, silver and precious stones. And the entire people of the Union will enjoy greater development and prosperous future.

Emergence of a white elephant depends on the power of the ruler, the power of a nation and past good deeds of the people along with many other affairs related to auspiciousness. Emergence of the fifth white elephant in the transitional period to a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation is more than ordinary, and it is very strange and important coincidence. So, it is a sign of successful completion of the forthcoming elections and State’s stability, community peace, development and prosperity of the nation in the time of the next government. Therefore, I would say the entire people are happy with the emergence of the fifth white elephant.

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Myanmar golf teams leave for Malaysia

YANGON, 26 Sept—Three Myanmar golf teams led by Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Federation U Min Thein left here by air this morning for Malaysia to take part in the 50th South East Asia Amateur Golf Team Championship (Putra Cup), the 4th Lion City Cup U-18 Golf Tournament and the 2nd Santi Cup Women’s Golf Tournament to be held at Royal Selangor Golf Club in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia from 27 September to 1 October.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by responsible persons of MGF. General Secretary U Aung Hla Han of MGF will serve as Secretary of Myanmar Golf Team, Manager as Joint General Secretary U Myo Tun.

The Myanmar golf team for Putra Cup was formed with coach U Chan Han and golfers Nay Bala Win Myint, Myo Win Aung, Soe Moe Win and Maung Maung Oo, and the Myanmar team for 4th Lion Cup with Ye Htet Aung, Swan Thila Aung, Sithu Ye Yint and Wai Yan Lin.

The women’s golfer team was formed with coach U Ko Ko Lay and golfers Yin May Myo, Khin Thu Thu and May Oo Khaing.

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ISO 9001:2008, HACCP Certificates given to companies

YANGON, 26 Sept—Global Greatness Co Ltd organized the presentation of ISO 9001:2008 and HACCP Certificates at Chatium Hotel on Natmauk Street in Tamway Township yesterday morning. Managing Director Daw Phyu Phyu Win presented ISO 9001:2008 and HACCP Certificates to Ayeyar Hinthar Group of Companies, Nyaungdon Feedstuff & Ice Factory and Western Park Restaurant.

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Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut supervises tasks for development of Kengtung

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Sept—Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut of Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Command of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Than Tun Oo and officials concerned, met with serviced men and their families at Mongphat Station and presented gifts to them on 24 September. On 25 September, Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and party met with service men and their families at Mankhon Station and presented gifts to them. They comforted and gave refreshments to the patients.

On arrival at Military Hospital of Kengtung Station, Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and party comforted the patients and presented cash assistance. After overseeing development of Kengtung, Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut proceeded to the briefing hall of Kengtung Airport where he fulfilled the requirements on upgrading works of the airport.—MNA

Managing Director Daw Phyu Phyu Win presents ISO 9001:2008 certificate to Ayeyar Hinthar Group of Companies.—MNA

Yatanarpon Silicon Town

(from page 1) Under the supervision of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, the construction of Yatanarpon Silicon Town commenced in 2006 with the aim of improving information technology in Myanmar and contributing a great deal to production and distribution of IT products in the country.

Concrete roads match the new grand buildings. Among the structures, the buildings for production of fibre cables, solar power plates, accessories for digital auto-exchange, related equipment for CDMA and cellular phones, security technology equipment have been completed. Of them, some new buildings and running factories and workshops of domestic IT companies, I was thinking about Myanmar which will achieve advancement in the near future. Yatanarpon Silicon Town that started its construction in 2006 is gaining development momentum. The best opportunities will be created for the new generation youths to study modern IT and manufacturing of related products.

A dream of distributing IT technology and products will come true in Yatanarpon Silicon Town. It reflects brighter future for the new generation youths.

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Photo shows Yatanarpon Teleport Main Building at the entrance to Yatanarpon Silicon Town.
Panama seizes some eight tons of cocaine in 48 hours

Panama City, 26 Sept.—The Panamanian police have seized nearly eight tons of cocaine in two operations in the past 48 hours, said a spokesman of the National Aeronautical Service (SEANAN) on Saturday.

According to the SENAN, the second seizure occurred Friday on the Atlantic coast with an amount of almost five tons of cocaine, a record quantity so far this year, following a seizure of three tons of cocaine on Thursday.

On Thursday police seized the first three tons of cocaine on the Atlantic coast of Colon Province, 80 km northwest of the capital. The second seized took place Friday near the mouth of Belen river, about 300 km northwest of the capital.

A total of 4,926 packages of cocaine have been seized at the mouth of Belen river but no suspects get arrested, said the SENAN spokesman Vladimir Rodriguez.

Rodriguez said the second operation called “Harvest 2010” was a follow-up to Thursday’s operation “Belen 2010.”

The coastal areas of Panama are often used by Colombian and Mexican international drug-traffickers as a channel to enter the United States and Europe. In 2009, the Panamanian authorities seized about 30 tons of cocaine.—Xinhua

Kidnapped Ukraine, Congo pilots freed in DR Congo

KINSHASA, 26 Sept.—A rebel group released a Ukrainian pilot and his Congolese colleague kidnapped in the Democratic Republic of Congo more than three weeks ago, the Red Cross said Saturday.

The Ukrainian, 56, and his 34-year-old DR Congo co-pilot were freed on Friday, said the International Committee of the Red Cross, which collected the men in the Nord-Kivu Province on the border with Rwanda and Uganda.

They “are very, very tired by the conditions which they have been through”, a representative said.

They had been in the forest by Mai Mai militants who had agreed to free them and two unidentified injured people “without conditions”, the official said.

The pilots were captured on 1 September after their plane was attacked by Mai Mai and Rwandan Hutu rebels shortly after landing at Kilamba, about 20 kilometres (12 miles) from the town of Walikale. The identities of the two injured people were not known and the Red Cross could not confirm if they were passengers who were also kidnapped in the attack.

The rebels had also targeted another plane during the attack but the crew and three passengers working for an NGO fled into the jungle. Two rebels were killed in subsequent fighting with government troops.—Internet

Lehman art collection fetches $12 mln at auction

NEW YORK, 26 Sept.—Fine art once owned by Lehman Brothers, the investment bank whose collapse in 2008 helped kick-start the US economic recession, fetched over 50 million dollars at an auction in New York City.

A visitor is seen standing in front of Neo Rauch’s “Einbruch” as it, and other art from Lehman Brothers’ collection, is auctioned off at Sotheby’s on 25 September, in New York City. —INTERNET

Internet

Delta flight makes safe emergency landing in NYC

NEW YORK, 26 Sept.—A jet carrying 60 passengers from Atlanta to suburban New York having landing gear problems has made an emergency landing at John F Kennedy Airport in New York City.

Port Authority spokesman Steve Coleman says Delta Connection Flight 4951, operated by Atlantic Southeast Airlines, landed safely at about 8:20 pm Saturday. He says there were no reports of injuries or fire.

Atlantic Southeast Airlines spokesman Jarek Beem says all passengers exited safely through the main door onto the tarmac and were bused to the terminal.

He says the airline was working with the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board to investigate the landing gear problem.—Internet

Chopper crashes in Japan’s Yaku Island, two die

TOKYO, 26 Sept.—A helicopter crashed in Japan’s Yaku Island Sunday, killing the two crewmembers on board, local media reported.

The accident occurred at around 8:40 in the mountain on the island in the southwestern Japanese prefecture of Kagoshima, according to the reports.

The two died after being knocked unconscious in the crash.

And the chopper, which was transporting building materials, belongs to Aero Asahi Corp based in Tokyo.

Local police said the investigation was underway to determine the cause of the crash. —Xinhua

Bangladesh anthrax outbreak hits beef, leather industry

DHAKA, 26 Sept.—Bangladesh’s government says it has gone onto a war footing to combat a major outbreak of anthrax that has infected hundreds of people and threatens to wreak havoc on the country’s beef industry.

Anthrax does not spread directly from one infected human or animal to another, but is spread through spores. Humans can contract anthrax from handling diseased animals or eating infected meat.

A high-level government committee tasked with containing the outbreak before the mid-November Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha, traditionally celebrated with the mass slaughter of animals, has been formed.

“We are launching a major counter-attack on the outbreak to bring it under control before Eid al-Adha. We will vaccinate all at-risk cattle,” livestock minister Abdul Latif Biswas, who is head of the committee, said.

Internet

The 12th Zhoushan International Sand Sculpture Festival is to kick off in Zhoushan, east China’s Zhejiang Province, on 29 Sept, 210. The festival, themed with “Travel to Africa,” will show the stories in Africa through sand sculptures. —Xinhua

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Russia to resume building aerodynamic craft

MOSCOW, 26 Sept—Russia will resume the building of aerodynamic craft for both military and civilian purposes, the head of the Central Hydroplanes Engineering Bureau, Sergei Platonov, said on Friday.

Sergei Platonov said a programme that outlined plans to build the craft known as ekranoplanes with tonnage of 50, 100 and 600 tons should be submitted to the government by October.

Mass production of the ekranoplanes might start in 2015, and by 2020 the production of craft with a displacement of 3,000 tons may commence, the RIA Novosti news agency quoted Platonov as saying.

Aerodynamic craft were capable of moving at a speed up to 600 km per hour, hovering at about two meters above water or hard surface.

Five shot at party near Seton Hall in NJ; one killed

EAST ORANGE, 26 Sept—A man who was denied access to a private party at an apartment near Seton Hall University left and returned with a handgun, then fatally shot a student and wounded four people, sending screaming partygoers rushing out the door and climbing out windows.

Seton Hall student Jessica Moore, 19, died from her injuries Saturday afternoon, said Katherine Carter, a spokeswoman for the Essex County Prosecutor’s Office. Moore had been hospitalized in critical condition after the shooting just before 12:20 am.

The four other victims were hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries, and one has been released, said East Orange Police Sgt. Andrew Di Elmo.

The victims did not know the shooter, who fled from the apartment on foot, Di Elmo said. Police offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to the suspect’s capture.—INTERNET

Brest cancer affects women’s sexlives

Stow, 26 Sept—An Australian study revealed on Friday that women with breast cancer were more likely to have sexual function problems. Professors Susan Davis and Robin Bell, of the Women’s Health Programme at Melbourne’s Monash University, are leading Australia’s first longitudi-nal study into the challenges faced by almost 1,700 breast cancer survivors. The research found that 83 percent of the women described their sex life as good prior to learning they had breast cancer.

But within two years of being diagnosed, 70 percent were experiencing sexual function problems. “The majority of women diagnosed have a hormone sensitive breast cancer and receive treatment to starve the cancer of estrogen,” Davis said. “And while this kind of therapy is instrumen-tal in helping fight the cancer, it’s important that women understand sexual function problems are often one of this treatment’s side effects.” The study found the most widespread sexual function problems included a loss in sexual desire and body image problems, leading to less sex.

Pink cat found dumped in garden

The cat, named Pink by rescue staff, was seen being thrown into a garden.—INTERNET

Seven elephants killed by goods train

NEW DELHI, 26 Sept—Seven elephants were killed after being hit by a speeding goods train in India as they attempted to rescue two young ones on the track. Officials in West Bengal said five died instantly and two others later succumbed to their injuries. Another elephant was wounded but survived.

The baby elephants became trapped on the track at Moraghat Tea Garden, near Binnaguri in Jalpaiguri District. The others wandered onto the line in an at-tempt to free them. The track, which connects New Jalpaiguri to Assam, was closed down for several hours after the collision, as other elephants were guarding the dead and injured animals.—INTERNET

Rain turn Minnesota fields to mud

ST P AUL, 26 Sept—Two days of heavy, steady rain soaked large parts of the Minnesota River Valley, closing bridges and schools, and threatening the fall harvest, officials said.

Rainfall totals ranged from a few inches in the Minneapolis-St Paul metropolitan area to nearly a foot in some southeast Minnesota cities, as rivers and streams rose rapidly, swamping both streets and vehicles, the St Paul Pioneer Press reported on Friday. Officials were watching gauges along rivers throughout the state as they were expected to reach major flood stage by the middle of next week, the newspaper said.

“There is still uncer-tainty on how quickly the water will move through the Minnesota River Valley which is a main driver for the rises ex-pected on the Mississippi River system,” the National Weather Service said.

Al-Qaeda gunman ambush bus carrying Yemeni forces

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Ohio robber uses pepper spray, steals bingo cash

Police said a man blasted pepper spray into the face of a 66-year-old church volunteer in southwest Ohio, then stole $2,000 in bingo proceeds. Police said the man was leaving St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church with funds raised through bingo games when he was accosted by a young man who demanded the money and then sprayed him.

The robber knew bingo money would be taken out of the church after the night’s games. It was meant to be deposited in a bank account.

Police told The Cincinnati Enquirer that the older man struggled and suffered minor injuries besides a burning sensation on his face in the Sunday night robbery.

Police asked Friday for the public’s help in solving the crime.

Knife removed from Brazil man’s head after three years

A man in northeastern Brazil is recovering after surgeons removed a 4-inch (10-centimetre) blade that had been stuck in his head for three years following a bar fight. Edelison Nascimento, a 29-year-old tire repairman, tells reporters Friday he is feeling great after the three-hour surgery earlier this week.

He is expected to be released from a hospital in the city of Recife next week. Nascimento says he got into a bar fight in 2007 and was attacked by assailants when he returned home.

At the time, doctors only removed the knife handle, fearing that pulling the blade from his head would cause brain damage.

But three years of intense headaches led Nascimento to take a chance on the surgery.

Adult store clerk foils women ‘armed’ with toy gun

Police said two women who tried to rob a central Pennsylvania adult book store with a toy gun didn’t fool a clerk, who told them to “get a real gun.” Authorities said 28-year-old Shannon Cheripka, of Glasgow, and 26-year-old Angela Cook, of Coalport, attempted to rob the Adult World store in Duncansville around 1 am Thursday.

Cheripka told police the clerk said, “First, if you’re going to rob someone, get a real gun. Second off, you’re not getting any money.”

Authorities said the clerk chased away the women before police in nearby Logan Township arrested them in a van the clerk had described.

The women remained in the Blair County Jail on Friday on robbery and other charges. It was unclear if they had lawyers.

‘Neds’ wins Spanish top film award

British director and actor Peter Mullan, left, and Connor McCarron win the Golden Shell for Best Film and McCarron the Silver Shell for Best Actor with their film ‘Neds’ at the 58th San Sebastian Film Festival in San Sebastian northern Spain, on 25 Sept, 2010.

SAN SEBASTIAN, 26 Sept—British director Peter Mullan’s film “Neds,” has won this year’s top award at Spain’s San Sebastian Film Festival, organizers said on Saturday. The movie, a British-French-Italian co-production, is an insightful exploration of the violent upheavals of adolescence within the harsh environment of 1970s Glasgow in Scotland. It tells the story of the struggle of a young John McGill to make his mark on life.

Connor McCarron won the best actor award for his role as McGill, an intelligent, sensitive boy eager to learn and forge a future for himself but who finds life’s challenges stacked heavily against him, in the urban of Glasgow harbours another strong influence — the gangs — which include the Neds, Non-Educated Delinquents. —Internet

Lindsay Lohan spends less than a day in LA jail

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—Lindsay Lohan was freed from a suburban Los Angeles jail late Friday night, well short of the nearly monthlong stay a judge had intended for the actress following a failed drug test.

Lohan was released at about 11:40 pm after posting $300,000 bail, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department spokesman Steve Whitmore said early Saturday.

Celebrity website TMZ.com reported her release just before midnight.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Eileen Fox had ordered Lohan held without bail during a brief hearing on Friday morning. But his ruling later was overturned after the “Mean Girls” star’s attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, filed a late-afternoon appeal seeking bail.

In this 24 Sept, 2010 photo, the Doo-Wop group Sha Na Na poses during a rehearsal for their special performance to mark the 75th anniversary of Hofstra University in Melville, NY. From left are Screamin’ Scott Simon; Donny York; David Garrett; Elliot Cahn; Robert Leonard and Jocko Marcellino.

Sha Na Na alumni gather for NY reunion

HUNTINGTON, 26 Sept—The gold lame varsity jackets still fit. Four decades after performing as the penultimate act at Woodstock (having been invited by Jimi Hendrix) and three decades after a hosting a long-running TV variety show and appearing in the movie classic, “Grease,” several former members of the doo-wop singing group Sha Na Na are reuniting this weekend for a special one-time-only performance.

“If feels so natural that I just have not had as much fun or felt in harmony with anybody since,” said Robert Leonard, a longtime Hofstra University linguistics professor who in 1969 helped form Sha Na Na.

He spent two years with the band before being offered a fellowship to Columbia Graduate School that led to a career in education. —Internet

In 1969, the members of Sha Na Na were the first band to perform after Jimi Hendrix at Woodstock. They’ve performed for decades since then, but this weekend they will get together once again in Huntington for a special performance. —Internet
Chelsea still title favourites, says Mancini

MANCHESTER, 26 Sept — Roberto Mancini claimed Chelsea will still win the Premier League title, despite seeing his Manchester City side hand the London club their first defeat of the season. The defending champions, winners of their five opening league games, were defeated 1-0 at Eastlands thanks to a second half goal from City’s new captain and Argentina international forward Carlos Tevez.

The result came just 24 hours after City manager Mancini had claimed Chelsea would win the title “easily” although the result did nothing to alter the Italian’s prediction. “Chelsea are still the best team in the Premier League and probably they will still win the title,” he said. “It’s not possible for them to score four or five goals every game and sometimes they will have days like today. I know that. “For us, it is important we stay focused and think of the next game.”

Bruce fumes over bizarre Liverpool goal

LIVERPOOL, 26 Sept — Sunderland boss Steve Bruce was left seething after referee Stuart Attwell awarded Sunderland a free-kick following Raul Meireles’s fifth minute foul on Titus Bramble, Black Cats central defender Michael Turner tapped the ball back towards his own goal as if to suggest to goalkeeper Simon Mignolet that he should take it.

However, legally speaking he had kicked the ball back into play and Fernando Torres spotted his mistake, raced past him and gifted the ball on a plate for Dirk Kuyt to slide past the completely bewildered Mignolet.

Wenger refuses to blame Almunia for Gunners woe

LONDON, 26 Sept — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger declined to single out Manuel Almunia for blame after the error-prone keeper committed two blunders as the Gunners were beaten 3-2 at home by West Bromwich Albion. After spending the summer locked in a protracted and ultimately unsuccessful courtship of Fulham keeper Mark Schwarzer, Wenger decided to stick with Almunia as the transfer window closed.

But the Gunners’ failure to resolve their hunt for a world class No.1 was evident as they were embarrassed by a Nani free-kick to rescue a draw at the Emirates stadium. Arsenals’ goalkeeper Manuel Almunia goes to pick the ball from the net after West Bromwich Albion score their third goal during the English Premier League match at the Emirates stadium north London. Almunia was guilty of two errors as West Brom shocked Arsene Wenger’s team 3-2.— Internet

Barcelona down 10-man Bilbao to go second

MADRID, 26 Sept — Champions Barcelona leapfrogged rivals Real Madrid to go second in the Spanish first division thanks to a 3-1 win at 10-man Athletic Bilbao on Saturday. Barca notioned their third consecutive league victory with both goals from Seydou Keita, Xavi and Sergi Busquets after Bilbao had been reduced to 10 men following the dismissal of Fernando Amorebieta on 33 minutes.

Barcelona also had David Villa sent off in the closing stages as Bilbao made it 2-1 but Busquets scored with the last kick of the game to seal the win. — Internet

Kudryavtseva wins first career title at Tashkent

TASHKENT, 26 Sept — Alla Kudryavtseva defeated Russian compatriot Elena Vesnina 6-4, 6-4 in the final of the Tashkent WTA tournament on Saturday to capture her first career title. The win for the sixth seed followed her final appearance last weekend when she was beaten by Jarmila Groh in Guangzhou.

For Vesnina, it was her fourth defeat in four finals. “I didn’t expect to win. It was a high pressure situation. My serve helped me more than anything else,” said Kudryavtseva. “The scoreline made it look like an easy final, but it wasn’t.”

“I will be back to defend my title. I’d prefer to go to a place where I feel at home, and here there are so many people who speak Russian.” — Internet
At least eight shot in Los Angeles party gunfire, one dead

LOS ANGELES, 26 Sept—One person was killed and another seven or eight people were wounded in a gunfire that broke out at a party in Eastern Los Angeles of the US early Saturday morning, police said.

A shooting broke out in the 1300 block of Los Palos Street near Olympic Boulevard about 2:10 am local time (0910 GMT), Los Angeles police Lt Richard Thomas of the Hollenbeck Station said.

Among the wounded, two were transferred to County-USC Medical Centre and they were listed in critical conditions. One individual died at the scene. Two people were also stabbed while attending the party, but their conditions were unclear.

The attack does not seem to be gang-related, police said.

**WEATHER**

**Sunday, 26th September, 2010**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State and Taninthayi Region, rain or thunderstorms have been isolated in Mon State and Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Chin and Kayah States, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and Mandalay Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in Kachin State and Mandalay Region.

The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yemon) (0.59) inch, Mogok (4.21) inches, Mohiniyath (3.46) inches, Patawtaw (1.57) inches and Patao (1.34) inches.

**Nay Pyi Taw Weather**

Maximum temperature on 25-9-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 26-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-9-2010 was (85%) rainfall on 26-9-2010 was (0.59) inch.

**Yangon (Kaba-Aye)**

Maximum temperature on 25-9-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 26-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 26-9-2010 was (79%). Total sunshine hours on 25-9-2010 was (2.3) hours.

Rainfall on 26-9-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.51) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (69.49) inches at Mingaladon, (80.67) inches at Kaba-Aye and (89.57) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 25-9-2010.

**Bay Inference:** Weather is partly cloudy over the North Bay and monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 27th September 2010: Rain or thunderstorms will be widespread in Kachin State and Upper Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States and Ayeyawady Region and isolated to scattered in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of weak monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighboring areas for 27-9-2010: Isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighboring area for 27-9-2010: Isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighboring area for 27-9-2010: Isolated rain or thunderstorms. 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

Electoral course conducted in Kawa Tsp

Kawa, 26 Sept—Bago Region Election Sub-committee opened the electoral course No. 2/2010 for Ward/Village Subcommission Chairmen, Secretaries, Polling Station Officers and Deputy Officers at the town hall in Kawa on 16 September.
Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Hla Win spoke on the occasion.
Chairman of the Township Subcommission U Aung Myint and Secretary U Thein Maung explained duties of the polling station officers and deputy officers.
Members of the Township Subcommission at the town hall level departmental officials provided lectures to the trainees. Next, the sample of polling station was shown.
The training course was attended by 169 trainees from ward and village subcommissions.

Publications donated for rural libraries in Meiktila Tsp

Yangon, 26 Sept — Aspiring to ensure the prolonged existence of rural self-reliant libraries in Meiktila Township, the donation ceremony of books, publications and journals was held at the hall of the library of Meiktila District Information and Public Relations Department at 11 am on 7 September.
U Shwe Zin Latt and Daw Sein Sein Family donated 200 books, Assistant Director U Thein Han of Road Transport Administration Department 100 copies of journals and Reporter U Aung Tin of Thazi Township 12 copies of Myatpanyagon Religions Magazines.
District IPRD Staff Officer U Maung Maung accepted the donations. Total value of 312 publications donated at the ceremony was K 65,000.—MNA

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