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Lt-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence continues inspection tour of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and officials, on 27 August inspected sanitation and beautifying tasks at the jetties along Strand Road in Kyaukpyu and docking of trawlers.

At the hall of the township, he met with departmental officials, social organization members and local people. Lt-Gen Ko Ko heard reports on development of the township presented by an official and explained regional development matters.

Next, Lt-Gen Ko Ko presented exercise books, uniforms for social organizations and books and the commander, cash assistance to officials. They looked into development of the urban area by car.

At the station hall, he met with servicemen and family members and presented gifts to them.

At Zediya Village, Lt-Gen Ko Ko and party visited the cold storage of Asia Shwe Pazun Ltd and maintenance of Kyaukyu-Minbyin-Yanbye Road.

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Four political objectives

* **Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order**
* **National reconsolidation**
* **Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution**
* **Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution**

Four economic objectives

* **Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well**
* **Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system**
* **Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad**
* **The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples**

Four social objectives

* **Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation**
* **Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character**
* **Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit**
* **Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation**

Aloes wood trees grown on a vast scale in Kachin State

Byline: ***Myint Maung Soe;*** **Photos:** ***Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)***

Kachin State is rich in gems and forest resources. So, it is a land of aloes wood as well as herbal plants, Machit tubers, Khantauk roots and ginseng roots of which are very potent. In addition, Kachin State's aloes wood oil is the best and the most effective of its kind at the global level.

Our news crew from the Myanma Alin, under the leadership of Dr Kalya Lu of the Botanical Department of Myitkyina University, recently paid a visit to Ngwe Pyaw Aloes Wood Trees Farm in Kachin State that is working hard to revive aloes wood tree that is on the verge of extinction.

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Some 30-year-old aloes wood trees in Shwekhet Village, Myitkyina Township.

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for regional and national development based on peace and stability

The Union of Myanmar is a country where a variety of national races reside through thick and thin. Being a country that is mainly based on essence of a society there prevail unity, loving-kindness and understanding in the country.

The entire national races are well aware of the fact that national solidarity is indispensable for perpetuation of the Union. Lessons from the past history have stood witness to that. Based on the past experiences, the government is taking all necessary measures in all seriousness assessing the past, present and future conditions of the nation.

In an effort to build the nation into a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing one the government has been building a large number of roads and bridges throughout the nation. As a result, all the regions including border areas are now enjoying the fruits of better transport. Meanwhile, major bridges, Union highways, new airports and jetties, which were just a dream in the past, have emerged across the nation.

With the prevalence of peace and stability, the national brethren can travel from one place to another and trade in the region is in full swing.

Peace and stability plays a pivotal role in the development of a region. Only when there is peace and stability along with prevalence of law and order in the region, will the socio-economic status of local people improve.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon the entire national races to do their bit in the drive for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation with Union Spirit and nationalistic spirit.

People's Desire

*** Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views**
*** Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation**
*** Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State**
*** Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy**

Commander attends monsoon paddy cultivation coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—The coordination meeting on cultivation of monsoon paddy in Mandalay Division was held at the meeting hall of Mandalay Division PDC Office in Aungmyaythazan Township on 27 August with an address by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe.

On 28 August, the commander attended the seed broadcasting and rainy season tree planting ceremony held at Yankintaung in Patheingyi Township and sowed the seeds and grew the plants.

Next, the commander addressed coordination meeting on holding the 17th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the meeting hall of Mandalay Division PDC Office.

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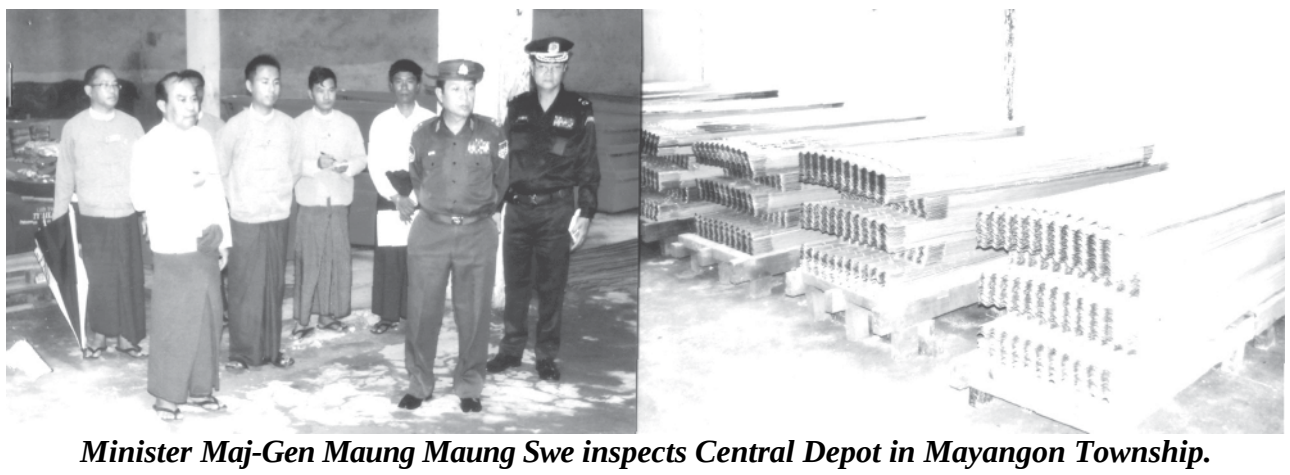
H & T Minister receives Ambassador of ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr. Park Key-Chong and party at the ministry here today.

At the meeting, they discussed bilateral cooperation on boosting the tourism sector between the two countries.—*MNA*

Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing receives Ambassador of ROK to Myanmar Mr Park Key-Chong.—MNA

SWRR Minister inspects Central Depot



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe inspects Central Depot in Mayangon Township.

SOCIAL WELFARE

YANGON, 1 Sept—Secretary of Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Chairman of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Subcommittee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe this afternoon inspected the storage of aid donated by home and abroad wellwishers for Nargis Cyclone victims at the Central Depot in Mayangon Township here and coordinated essentials.

MNA

Technology of CHIGO Air-Conditioner explained

YANGON, 2 Sept—M.C.G Co Ltd, sole agent of CHIGO brand air-conditioners in Myanmar, organized a ceremony at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here yesterday evening in which high technologies of Japan made residential and commercial air conditioners were explained.

Vice Regional General Manager Mr Xiaomemgwen of South-East Asia Area Oversea Commercial Marketing Department, Chief Engineer Mr Hezhenbing of Gaungdong Chigo Airconditioning Co Ltd replied to the queries of those present.

CHIGO air conditioners of M.C. G Company market are quality ones with latest design and technology of Japan. The company also provides after sale service—three year warranty with free accessories and repair service in first one year and free repair service in last two years. CHIGO air conditioners are available at wholesale centres in townships and Head Office at No.216. Ground Floor, 38th Street (Upper), Kyauk-tada Township, Yangon, Ph:373472, 705060, 09-5066939, 09-5176789.

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Chief Engineer Mr Hezhenbing of Gaungdong Chigo Airconditioning Co., Ltd replies to quaries raised by those present.
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Next phase in Afghanistan may require more troops

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—More troops and a new strategy for using them are emerging as critical components to the 8-year-old effort by US and NATO forces to defeat the Taleban and secure Afghanistan.

Defence Secretary Robert Gates, acknowledging bright spots but also "gloom and doom" in a new assessment of the war, said on Monday the Obama administration would look closely at requests for resources.

Asking for more troops is not part of the classified assessment delivered by Gen Stanley McChrystal, the top commander in Afghanistan, according to officials. However, he is expected to ask for more troops in a separate request in a few weeks, two NATO officials told *The Associated Press* on condition of anonymity. They were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.—*Internet*

File photo shows policemen and security guards inspect the site of a truck bomb attack targeted at the Iraqi Finance Ministry in Baghdad.
INTERNET

Bomb kills US service member in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 Sept—An American service member died on Tuesday of wounds suffered in a bombing the day before in southern Afghanistan, the US command said.

The death was the first for the US in September and comes after the deadliest month of the eight-year Afghan war for American troops. At least 49 US troops died in Afghanistan in August, according to a count by *The Associated Press* based on official announcements.—*Internet*

NATO Invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 2 Sept—There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 2 September reached 698,481 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,258,854, according to the news on the internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	698,481
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1,258,854

Internet

Lal Mohammad, 40, whose part of nose and ears were cut off by the Taleban on the Afghan presidential and provincial council election day, receives treatment in a hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 31 Aug, 2009.
INTERNET

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

KABUL, 2 Sept—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 31,694 Afghan people were killed and 37,320 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 2 September.

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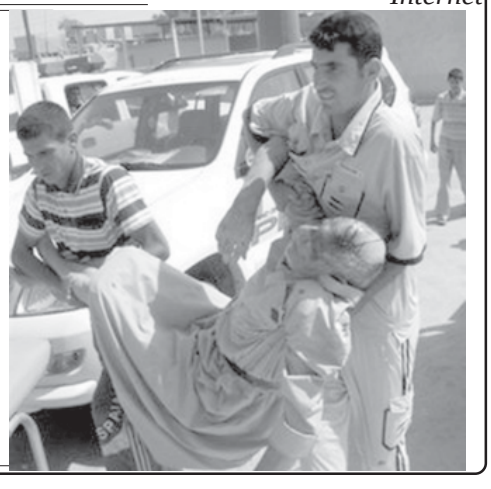
Internet

An injured man is brought to the general hospital in the northeastern town of Baquba, 60 kms from Baghdad after a roadside bomb exploded there last week.
INTERNET



Most Americans oppose more troops for Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—A majority of Americans think the country isn't winning the war in Afghanistan , and an even larger majority opposes sending more troops in an effort to turn things around, according to a new McClatchy / Ipsos poll.

The survey found that 54 percent of Americans think the US isn't winning the war, while 29 percent think it is winning. Another 17 percent weren't sure or had no opinion.

At the same time, 56 percent oppose sending any more combat troops to Afghanistan , while 35 percent support sending more troops. Another 9 percent had no opinion or weren't sure.

The skepticism about the war and the opposition to sending more troops underscore the political dilemma that President Barack Obama faces as he heads to a Camp David retreat on Wednesday with a copy of a new report on Afghanistan that urges a new strategy for the war there. Senior Pentagon officials are expected to request as many as 45,000 additional American troops in a separate report later this month.

Internet

An Afghan boy harvests opium in a poppy field as US Marines patrol a village in the Golestan district of Farah Province in this 5 May, 2009 file photo.
INTERNET

Iraq death toll hits 13-month high in August

BAGHDAD, 2 Sept—Violent deaths in Iraq hit a 13-month high in August, official figures showed on Tuesday, raising fresh concerns about the country's stability after a government admission that security is worsening.

Statistics compiled by the defence, interior and health ministries showed that 456 people — 393 civilians, 48 police and 15 Iraqi soldiers — were killed, the highest toll since July last year when 465 died in unrest.

There were also 1,592 civilians, 129 police and 20 soldiers wounded in August, according to Tuesday's figures. August also saw 52 militants killed and 540 arrested. The toll in August jumped markedly from the 275 Iraqis who lost their lives in July, in the wake of a major pullout of US combat troops from urban centres the previous month.

The weeks leading up to the 30 June withdrawal of American forces from Iraq's cities, towns and villages also saw a spike in violence, with 437 people dying that month.—*Internet*

Nuclear negotiator: Iran ready for talks with West

TEHERAN, 2 Sept— Iran's top nuclear negotiator offered an opening on Tuesday for possible compromise with the West, saying the Islamic regime is ready to hold talks with world powers over its nuclear programme. But Iranian lawmakers also sent a message of defiance to the world community — displaying strong support for President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's nominee for defence minister even though he is wanted by Argentina for the bombing of a Jewish community centre in 1994 that killed 85 people. Some parliament members cried "Death to Israel" as the prospective defence minister, Gen Ahmad Vahidi, addressed the chamber on the eve of a vote for all of Ahmadinejad's selections for his 21-seat cabinet.

The embattled president faces another key test in Wednesday's expected vote. Many lawmakers — including some former conservative allies — have questioned the caliber of his picks for the government posts, which include the first women named for possible Cabinet seats since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

The rejection of several prominent nominees by the parliament would be another setback for Ahmadinejad, who has faced increasingly political isolation for his unwavering support of the hard-line crackdown on protesters after his disputed on 12 June election.—*Internet*

Elementary school children visit a truck which has a room imitating the situation after the earthquake at Yoyogi Park in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 1 Sept, 2009. People across Japan, including rescue crews, participated in disaster drills on the disaster prevention day, which marks the anniversary of the deadly 1923 Great Kanto Earthquake.— XINHUA

2nd South America-Africa Summit to be held in Venezuela

CARACAS, 2 Sept— Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced the second South America-Africa Summit (SAAS) would be held on 26 and 27 Sept on Venezuela's Margarita Island, the Presidency reported on Tuesday.

He made the announcement at the African Union (AU) Special Summit, according to information reaching here from Tripoli, Libya, where Chavez is visiting.

During the SAAS summit, Chavez will present several proposals to strengthen coordination between the member states of the Union of South American Nations and African countries.

Xinhua

Dengue patients take a rest inside San Lazaro hospital in Manila on 2 September, 2009. The rapid growth of crowded cities has helped spread and increase the transmission of dengue around the world, health experts said on Tuesday, warning up to 3 billion people were already at risk.— INTERNET

Huge wildfire portends bad Calif fire season

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept— Firefighters reported progress on Tuesday against a gigantic blaze on the edge of Los Angeles that might be just a preview of even greater dangers ahead. The peak Southern California fire season hasn't even started yet.

The worst fires typically flare up in the fall, when ferocious Santa Ana winds can drive fires out of wilderness areas and into suburbs. As a result, Southern California could be in for a long wildfire season.

"When you see a fire burning like this, with no Santa Ana winds, we know that with the winds, it would be so much worse, so much more intense," said Los Angeles County fire Capt Mark Whaling.—*Internet*

A wildfire burns near homes during the Station Fire in La Crescenta, Calif, on 1 Sept, 2009.— INTERNET

EU presses US on climate change

BRUSSELS, 2 Sept— The European Union urged US lawmakers on Tuesday to ensure the United States makes deep cuts in carbon emissions as part of negotiations to reach a new global climate change accord.

Sweden's Environment Minister Andreas Carlgren said the 27-nation bloc, as well as the United States and other developed countries, "should deliver" on promises to cut emissions by 80 percent by 2050, from 1990 levels.

"It's the real substance of credibility that will be judged," Carlgren told reporters after talks with lawmakers at the European Parliament.—*Internet*

Singapore gears up to host APEC leaders week meetings

SINGAPORE, 2 Sept— Preparations are well underway as Singapore gears up to host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders Week Meetings from 8 to 15 Nov, the meetings' organizing committee said on Tuesday. Members of the 11 government agencies of the 2009 APEC Organizing Committee are putting their plans into place, in the areas of meeting venues, accommodation, transportation, security, medical, media coverage and hospitality arrangements.

"APEC 2009 is a collective effort by the public, private and people sectors of Singapore," said Koh Lin-Net, Deputy Secretary/Trade, Ministry of Trade and Industry and Chair of the APEC Singapore 2009 Organizing Committee.—*Xinhua*

Philippines offers training for Somali coast guard

MANILA, 2 Sept— The Philippine president offered her country's help in training the Somali coast guard, saying on Tuesday she fears another surge in pirate attacks off Somalia that have targeted ships with hundreds of Filipino crew.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who was attending the African Union summit in Libya, expressed fear that pirate attacks will pick up as the East African monsoon was about to end.

"This is one issue where it is crucial for Africa to work together to bring peace and order in the affected areas off the coast of Somalia," she said in a speech to Filipino workers in Libya, a copy of which was released in Manila.

The Philippines supplies about 30 percent of the world's 1.2 million merchant sailors, and 42 Filipino seafarers remain in the hands of Somali pirates. Another 347 have been freed by pirates since 2006, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

In her meeting with Somali President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed on the sidelines of the summit, Arroyo said the Philippines has expertise in human resources development and offered to help train Somalia's coast guard and government officials. She said the building of strong institutions was one way to help Somalia fight piracy.

Internet

Economists expect better economy data for Singapore

SINGAPORE, 2 Sept—Private sector economists in Singapore said that the country's economy is likely to do better than the initial estimate, local media reported on Wednesday. According to a survey by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), economists project that the country's gross domestic product (GDP) will shrink 3.6 percent this year, local TV broadcaster Channel News Asia reported.

The government had estimated that the economic growth forecast for 2009 will be at minus 6.0 to minus 4.0 percent.

The improvement in sentiment comes on the back of more positive figures from the manufacturing sector, which is expected to see a full year contraction of 7.1 percent, compared to a 14 percent contraction projected in the previous survey.

Economists also said they expect Singapore's GDP to contract by 3 percent in the third quarter, compared to the earlier projection of a 6.6 percent decline.—*Xinhua*

Pupils dressed in ancient student clothes go to classroom under the leading of a teacher during a traditional enrolling ceremony held at Ziyang Elementary School in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 1 Sept, 2009. —XINHUA

Decorated ships are sent out to tour the harbor during a sacrifice ceremony in Tanmen Harbor in Qionghai City of south China's Hainan Province, on 1 Sept, 2009. A sacrifice ceremony for the sea was held here on Tuesday to impetrate good weather and harvest for the local fishermen. —XINHUA

Putin, Tymoshenko agree on gas, aircraft making amid diplomatic spat

MOSCOW, 2 Sept—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Yulia Tymoshenko held talks on Tuesday amid a new diplomatic row over a Russian Black Sea Fleet lighthouse.

During the meeting, the two leaders agreed that Ukraine will only pay for gas it actually consumes, rather than what it has ordered from Russia.

They also discussed the possibility to restore their joint aircraft projects that both sides have suspended funding. The meeting occurred on Tuesday afternoon in the northern Polish city of Sopot, on the sidelines of activities marking the 70th anniversary of the start of the European wars in World War II.

After talks with Putin, Tymoshenko told reporters that Kiev and Moscow have almost overcome their differences over natural gas supplies, and Kiev will only pay for gas it actually consumes, rather than what it has ordered as stipulated in the gas contracts. "In my view, we can already say that we have removed all of the gas problems," said the Ukrainian premier, as quoted by Russia's *RIA Novosti* news agency. "It is very important that our next meeting will take place in October, as we have planned," she said as cited by the *Itar-Tass* news agency.—*Xinhua*

WEC calls for global rules on energy trade

LONDON, 2 Sept—Clearer international rules governing energy trade and investment are needed, the World Energy Council said in London on Monday.

The World Energy Council (WEC) published a new report, named Trade and Investment Rules for Energy, offering a critical analysis of rules of energy trade.

In the 42-page report, the WEC expressed concern over trade in energy and energy services, which were critical to economic development and international security.

But the restrictions and border tariffs were a growing problem as governments tried to cut the production of greenhouse gases and coped with the effects of slower economic growth, according to the report.

Xinhua

Foreign companies can still invest in Brazil's pre-salt reserves

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Sept—The new regulations for exploring Brazil's pre-salt layer oil and gas reserves will not exclude foreign companies' participation, the head of the country's oil and gas giant said on Tuesday. The new exploration model presented on Monday makes Petrobras, Brazil's state-controlled oil and gas giant, the operator of all pre-salt blocks.

According to Jose Sergio Gabrielli, the company's CEO, the future bidding processes will be as transparent as they are now, and foreign companies will be free to participate in the exploration of Brazil's extensive pre-salt reserves.

Due to the scarceness of future oil reserves, increasing governmental control of the sector can now be seen as a worldwide trend, said Gabrielli.—*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Brazil, India, S Africa to boost trade ties via agreements

BRASILIA, 2 Sept—Brazil, India and South Africa announced their plans on Tuesday to boost trilateral trade ties via negotiations aimed at reaching agreements to increase trade flow to 25 billion US dollars by 2015.

The three countries now have an annual trilateral trade flow of10 billion dollars.

The announcement was made jointly by Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim, Indian Foreign Minister S M Krishna and South African Foreign Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, who were attending the 6th India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) Ministerial Commission meeting.—*Xinhua*

Chinese oil company inks deal with Qatar to explore offshore block

KUWAIT CITY, 2 Sept—A subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) inked an agreement with Qatar Petroleum to explore an offshore block of the Gulf country, the *Qatar News Agency* reported on Tuesday. The report said the total term of the agreement is for 25 years with an initial five-year exploration period when three wells are to be dug up at Block BC with an estimated cost of 100 million US dollars.

The subsidiary, the CNOOC Middle East, is committed to conduct seismic data acquisition, processing and drilling of exploration wells under the terms of the agreement, a press release from the oil giant said. Block BC (pre-Khuff) is located on an oil-rich area east of the country which is estimated to have huge exploration potential. "The Block BC exploration accord is one of a series of Exploration and Production Sharing Agreements (EPSA) that Qatar Petroleum has signed with international oil companies to explore and develop Qatar's oil and gas resources," said Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiya, Qatari deputy prime minister and minister of energy and industry, after signing of the deal. —*Xinhua*

Visitors attend the Fifth Northeast Asia Investment and Trade Expo in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 1 Sept, 2009.
XINHUA

Five types of missiles to debut on National Day

BEIJING, 2 Sept— China will showcase five new types of domestically designed missiles at the 1 Oct National Day parade, a leading missile expert from the Second Artillery Force, revealed on Tuesday.

A number of advanced weapons of air and sea forces will also be on display, other sources said.

Five types of missiles, including nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles, conventional cruise missiles and medium-range and short-range conventional missiles, will be displayed for the first time at the highly anticipated military parade, said the expert, who asked to remain anonymous and has been closely following the preparations of the strategic force of the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

"These missiles are domestically designed and manufactured and have never been officially reported before," he said, adding that they belong to a second generation of missiles that have already been distributed to the military and are ready for operation.

He declined to disclose the model numbers of the missiles, citing state-secrecy reasons.

Xinhua

Bomb explodes at Athens bourse, one woman hurt

ATHENS, 2 Sept— Greek police say a bomb has exploded outside the Athens Stock Exchange, lightly injuring a passerby, and at second blast occured at a government building in the northern city of Thessaloniki.

The stock exchange blast early Wednesday blew out windows at the bourse and a neighbouring car dealership, and damaged parked cars and trees, police said.

The explosion followed a warning call to an Athens newspaper.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

A second bomb exploded outside a ministry building in Thessaloniki, causing minor damage and no injury, police said.

Internet

A police expert carries debris following an explosion outside the Athens stock exchange on 2 September, 2009. A bomb in a car exploded outside the stock exchange on Wednesday, slightly wounding one woman, damaging the building and setting eight vehicles ablaze, Greek police said.

INTERNET

Deforestation in Brazil's Amazon Rainforest up 157% in July

RIO DE JANEIRO, 2 Sept—The deforestation rate in Brazil's Amazon rainforest region in July went up by 44 percent from June and 157 percent compared with June 2008, a Brazilian institute announced on Tuesday.

According to the National Institute of Space Research, the deforested area, which is 836.5 square km, equals half the size of Sao Paulo, the largest city in South America.

Para state in the north of the country registered the highest deforestation in July with 577 square km, almost 70 percent of the total deforested area.

During the January-July period of this year, the accumulated deforestation area reached 1,958 square km, down 60 percent from the same period in 2008.

Xinhua

Plane forced to make emergency landing in Wellington

WELLINGTON, 2 Sept— An Air New Zealand passenger plane flying from Auckland to Christchurch made an emergency landing in Wellington on Wednesday afternoon following reports of smoke in the cabin.

Flight *NZ535*, carrying 95 passengers, landed safely about 4:00 pm local time after the pilot called for emergency services to be on hand at the airport, Radio New Zealand reported on Wednesday.

The Fire Service said fire fighters were put on stand-by at 3:25 pm and the plane landed 10 minutes later without incident.

An Air New Zealand spokeswoman said smoke was smelt in the cabin, so the plane was diverted.

Passengers disembarked and have been told other arrangements are being made to get them to Christchurch, and engineers are inspecting the *Boeing 737*.

The Wellington Airport said the pilot stood the emergency down after landing safely.

Xinhua

Ancient burial site discovered in northern Greece

Remains of two large ancient silver vessels found in Aigai, northern Greece, are seen in this undated handout image provided by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Archaeologists said Friday they have unearthed a lavish burial site at the seat of the ancient Macedonian kings in northern Greece, heightening a 2,300-year-old mystery of murder and political intrigue.

The find in the ruins of Aigai came a few metres (yards) from last year's remarkable discovery of what could be the bones of Alexander the Great's murdered teenage son, according to one expert.

Archaeologists are puzzled because both sets of remains were buried under very unusual circumstances: Although cemeteries existed near the site, the bones were taken from an unknown first resting place and re-interred, against all ancient convention, in the heart of the city.

Excavator Chrysoula Saatsoglou-Paliadeli said in an interview that the bones found this week were inside one of two large silver vessels unearthed in the ancient city's marketplace, close to the theater where Alexander's father, King Philip II, was murdered in 336 BC.

NH man snares rare, cobalt-blue lobster

At first, New Hampshire lobsterman Bill Marconi thought he had caught a shiny blue beer can in his trap. It turns out it was a rare, cobalt-blue lobster. The 52-year-old lobsterman was out hauling 400 traps with his son on Wednesday when he snared the 1 1/2-pound lobster in between his dock and the Isle of Shoals, about six miles off the coast.

New England Aquarium Research Director Mike Tlusty told Foster's Daily Democrat only one in 5 million lobsters are blue.

Tlusty said blue lobsters are different in that they are better at processing astaxanthin, an antioxidant with a red pigment derived from algae.

The substance bonds with proteins in the lobster's shell, resulting in the blue pigment.

Marconi donated his lobster to the Seacoast Science Center.

An African Lion yawns next to a lioness in the Maasai Mara, approximately 400 kilometres southwest of Nairobi, in 2006.

Ancient beads discovered in Morocco

Twenty-five shell beads excavated in Morocco suggest people were wearing and possibly trading jewelry 80,000 years ago, archaeologists said.

The beads found at four sites in Morocco are similar to beads found previously in Algeria, Israel and South Africa, the European Science Foundation reported on Friday.

The Moroccan shells have holes drilled through the center and some have signs of pigmentation and prolonged wear, said Francesco d'Errico, a director at the French National Center for Scientific Research. "Either people went to sea and collected them, or more likely marine shell beads helped create and maintain exchange networks between coastal and inland peoples," d'Errico said.

NEWS ALBUM

New marine life found in mile-long cave

A crustacean with poisonous fangs and no eyes has been discovered in an underwater cave in the Canary Islands, researchers in Texas said.

Tom Iliffe, a marine biologist at Texas A&M, Galveston, discovered the crustacean, and worms smaller than a grain of rice, in a mile-long underwater cave in Lanzarote, the university said in a release on Friday.

This high-speed train is about to make the trip by sea from the German island of Ruegen to Russia on board the ferry "Vilnius". It's the fifth of a total of eight Velaro RUS trains being supplied by the German company Siemens under a contract worth 276 million euros ($397 million).

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Aloes wood trees grown on a vast scale in Kachin State

Byline: *Myint Maung Soe;* Photos: *Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)*

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The farm is located by Myitkyina-Sumprabum Road, eight miles from Myitkyina. We interviewed responsible persons U Lun Zaung and U Laha Khaung Lwan and in-charge U Lun Zei of the farm. The farm runs as a community forest under the Ministry of Forestry.

Chairman U Lun Zaung of the community forest said, "We run Ngwe Pyaw Aloes Wood Farm as a community forest in Kachin State to revive aloes wood tree that is classed as an endangered species. We collected seeds from a few houses in the village that grow aloes wood trees and sowed them in April 2008. We began to grow the saplings in June 2009. Now, we have grown over 12 acres of saplings. We are gearing up to extend the farm to a 500-acre one."

U Laha Khaung Lwan, an aloes wood tree farmer in 8th Mile Village.

As to nurturing the saplings, Vice-Chairman of the community forest U Laha Khaung Lwan said, "We collected aloes wood seeds from the houses with aloes wood trees that are very scarce around Myitkyina in Kachin State. We soaked the seeds and sowed them in rows.

When the seedlings are at the age of 15 days, we plant them in plastic bags with soil. And when the saplings are eight months to one year old, we grow them in the ground. Last year, we nurtured 100,000 saplings and we distributed young plants at the price of 500 kyats each. We plan to nurture 100,000 saplings next year."

Dr Kalya Lu said, "We can plant 500 saplings in an acre of land with a 10 feet space between two saplings and between two rows. We can grow 800 saplings in an acre if the space between two saplings and two rows is six feet. They grow well in laterite soil. We can extract aloes wood when they are five years old. We put microbes into young plants when they are three years old. Aloes wood is priced at up to 20,000 US dollars for one kilo in the international market."

Aloes wood oil is used in curing hypertension, heart attack and AIDS and compounding many types of medicines. The produced aloes wood oil goes to Arab and Western countries.

U Lun Zaung, an aloes wood tree farmer in 8th Mile Village.

We observed old aloes wood trees in Shweset Village in Myitkyina. An aloes wood tree has a straight trunk and it can be as tall as more than 50 feet. The older an aloes wood tree, the darker its trunk and the higher rate it produces oil.

Aloes wood saplings seen before they are grown in the ground.

In a mature aloes wood tree, parts rich in oil are taken with the use of a chisel. Then, they are grinded and the pastes are soaked in water to produce oil. Aloes wood oil is very expensive. A small bottle of aloes wood oil fetches over 600,000 kyats. Mankhein Ward in Myitkyina runs an aloes wood oil refinery.

Local farmers will be able to make substantial profits and enjoy economic growth if they grow aloes wood trees on a commercial scale around Kachin State.

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Some aloes wood from which oil has been extracted.

A & I Minister inspects dam project tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected progress in implementing Myogyi multi-purpose dam project near Myogyi village in Ywangan township in Shan State (South) being built by Irrigation Department and Kengkham dam project near Kengkham village in Yaksawk township on 29 August.

Myogyi dam is 258 feet in height and 2461 feet in length and 57.42 percent of construction tasks has been covered so far.

Next, the minister looked into progress in supplying water from Myogyi dam and weeding at Lonkyaw Ngwechi-6 Cons staple cotton farm and met with students and teachers at University of Agriculture. Next,he oversaw lecture halls and hostels.

Afterwards, the minister inspected cotton research and plant propagation farm of Myanma Industrial Crops Development Enterprise.

The minister later looked into coffee plantations of Agriculture and General Economic Enterprise Cooperative Society Ltd near Nyaungkon village in PyinOoLwin township in the evening.

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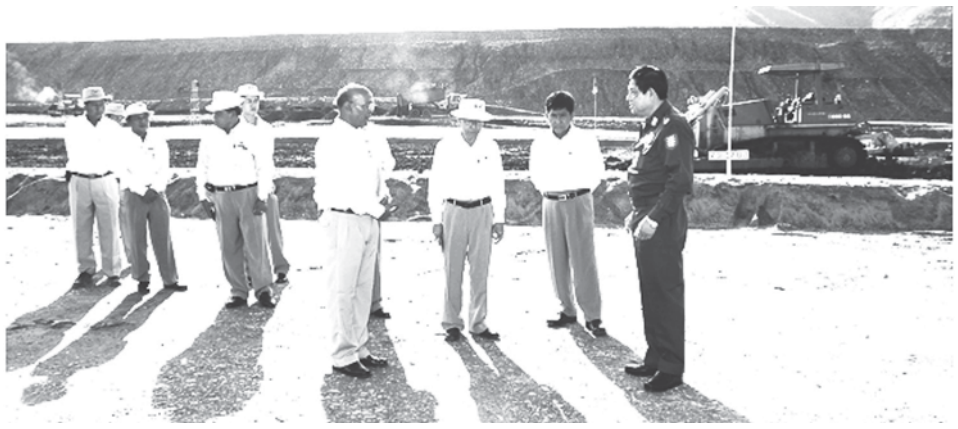

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Myogyi dam project.
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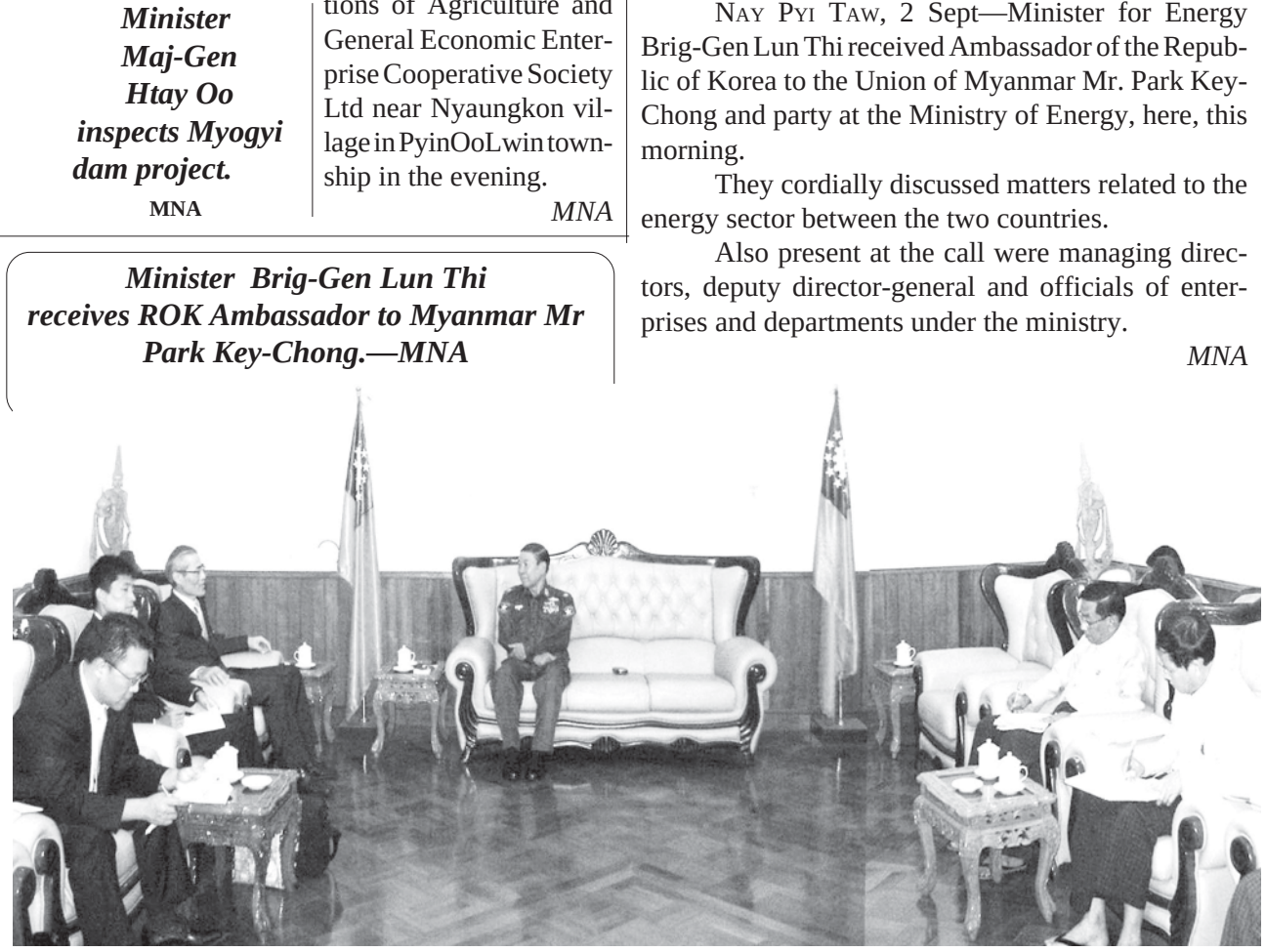

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Energy Minister receives ROK Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Union of Myanmar Mr. Park Key-Chong and party at the Ministry of Energy, here, this morning.

They cordially discussed matters related to the energy sector between the two countries.

Also present at the call were managing directors, deputy director-general and officials of enterprises and departments under the ministry.

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Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives ROK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Park Key-Chong.—MNA

Health Minister inspects health care tasks in Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept – Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint inspected construction of 25-bed Phyaukseikpin Station Hospital in Kyaukse District in Mandalay Division on 28 August and gave necessary instructions.

The minister visited outpatient ward of trachoma and avoidable blindness prevention special region (5) of the training school for eye care in Singaing Township and met with the regional in-charge doctor and staff at the hall of the school.

Next, the minister comforted patients who had undergone eye surgeries.

On 29 August, the minister and Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspected sanitation work being carried out by the Ministry of Health in cooperation with MCDC to mark Sanitation Week at Yanmyolon ward in Chanayethazan Township and selling of foodstuff at Mingala Market. —*MNA*

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint inspects sanitation tasks at Yanmyolon ward in Chanayethazan Township.—MNA

Myintha MyoU YDC holds prize-giving ceremony

YANGON, 2 Sept – The prize presentation ceremony for 2008-09 of Myintha MyoU Youth Development Centre was held at the centre in South Okkalapa Township here on 30 August with an address by Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

First, an official of the centre explained purpose of holding the ceremony. Then the deputy director-general and officials presented prizes to outstanding students. – *MNA*

25 men in Chinshwehaw get two-year jail sentence with labour

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept — Twenty-five culprits in Chinshwehaw got two years in jail with hard labour for theft yesterday.

Chinshwehaw Township Court heard the lawsuit against them for theft filed by Chinshwehaw Police Station and sentenced them yesterday.

The police from Chinshwehaw Police Station arrested the 25 culprits with seizures in their hands in the ward-2 in Chinshwehaw on 30 August and filed against them under the Section 380. The police seized 12 China-made motorcycles, 27 packages of goods, two sacks of rice, one bicycle and 21-inch TV.

The culprits are Than Kyaw Lin, son of U Gyapan, Hein Soe Oo, son of U Soe and Ko Latt, son of U Win Myint in Chinshwehaw, San Tint, son of U Kyaw Shin, Sein Win, son of U San Twan, Naw Tun, son of U Hla Shwe and Aung Nyo, son of U Aik Nyin in Kunlon, Kyar Myint, son of U Khin Chein, Lauk Swe, son of U Lauk Ae, Aik Hpa, son of U Ae Maung, Nyi Kaw, son of U Paw Yu San, Yaung Chauk Yon, son of U Chauk Lauk Tar, Lon Hpu, son of U Lon Chone, Aik Yu, son of U Aik Maung and Ar Le, son of U Paw Lu in Model Village in Kunlon, Hsaung Man, son of U San Hpu, Myo Win, sone of U Maung Soe, and Ohn Kyaw, son of U Aung Khant in Namhu Village in Kunlon, Toke Paw, son of U Tin Htwe, Yi Lauk Yin, son of U Yi Lauk Yi, Aung Lwin Soe, son of U Ohn Maung, Aik Kham, son of U San Hsaung, Thein Than Oo, son of U Bo Sein and Nyi Kat, son of U Si Hson in Phaungseik Village in Kunlon and Maung Thant, son of U Tar in Gwaygon Village in Yesagyo.

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Commander and minister supervise regional development tasks

NAY PTI TAW, 2 Sept—Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint on 29 August met personnel in Mawlamyine of Mon State and gave instructions on regional development tasks.

Next, the Minister attended the blood donation ceremony organized by social organizations at Mawlamyine People's Hospital and attended to the needs.

The Minister then attended the ceremony to present prizes to distinction-winners of 2008-2009 academic year matriculation examination in Kyauktan village.

The Minister also met responsible persons and community elders of the village and inspected the village's Basic Education Post Primary School.

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Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents championship shield and duplicate shield to Sports Ministry which emerges champion in 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament.—MNA

Sports Ministry emerges champion in 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—The final match of the 3rd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament took place at No. 1 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, here, this afternoon.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, deputy ministers, departmental officials, staff and family members.

In the final match, Sports Ministry emerged champion with a 1-0 win over Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Ministry.

Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo presented the third prize to Ministry of Industry-1 team, CSSTB member U Kyaw Aung, the second prize to CPT Ministry team and Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe, the first prize to Sports Ministry team.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe gave the best player awards in respective places and the best player for the tournament to the winner, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, K 200,000 to the fairplay award winning Sports Ministry team and K 400,000 to fourth prize winning Construction Ministry.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented cash to third, second and first prize wining teams.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented championship shield and duplicate shield to Sports Ministry.

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Action taken against 26 persons under theft case in Laukkai

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept A total of 26 persons were arrested and action was taken against them for theft from 27 August to 1 September in Laukkai Township, Shan State (North).

While discharging patrol duty, officials of Paukkai Police Sttaion arrested Li Kyin Shan, son of U Ki Kyin Kyon and Li Lauk Fa, son of U Li Law Fa of Mankyu Village, Yan Lauk Se, son of U Yan Lauk Kyon of Nati Village, Law Lauk Chein, son of U Law Lauk Kyan of Tapemain Village and Aung Khant, son of U Aung Hsan of Holi Village bringing along with 60 assorted clothes at Laukkai Market at 8 pm on 27 August.

The authority team arrested Aik Yi, son of U Aik Lin of Hopan, Kyu Lauk Haik, son of Kyu Tar Sein and Li Ek (a) Li Lauk Ei, son of U Li Sut Hu of Mankyu Village bringing along with burgling equipment at the market in Laukkai at 11 pm on the same day.

At 11.55 pm on 29 August, the authorities arrested Law Lauk Wu, son of U Law Tar Lon of Mankyu Village, Hsin Shaung, son of U Li Sit and Maw Sit, son of U Maw Kyein Kwam Lon of Konhsan Village together with three bags of rice and three bottles of edible oil at the market in Laukkai.

Fu Fan, son of U Li Kyar Mu of Kyinsanshein Village, Kaik Chan, son of U Fa Yin of Hawsitawhaw Village, Ar Li, son of U Lauk Ann, Aik Khan, son of U Ar Mann, Aik Aye, son of U Yan Sa, Wen Nway, son of U Tar Nway, Aik Sein, son of U Aik Tar, Gwi Ru, son of U Lar San Kyu, Aik Yein, son of U Tar Shan, Aik Lwin, son of U Kwi Sein, Ar Lan, son of U Kwi Kaw and Twin Saunt, son of U Lar Shan of Mankyu Village were arrested at sugarcane plantation together with 32 household items near Cement Plant in Toncheni Ward of Laukkai at 12.15 pm on 31 August.

In other incident, the authorities arrested Li Yaung Su (a) Li Laung San, Kyan Chi Fu (a) Kyan Shaung Fu and Lauk Chan of Manlisu Village with one refrigerator and one TV on a vehicle at the junction of the market in Laukkai at 12.30 pm on 1 September.

Arrangements are being made to take deterrent action against the 26 persons.—*MNA*

U Tin Maung Myint presents prizes to a special prize winner of TEO's Trophy under-13 men football tournament held at No.9 BEHS in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay Division, on 22 August.—NLM

Tobacco Kills

Traditional Regatta Festival of Tawthalin

Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

Tawthalin, the sixth month of Myanmar Lunar Calendar falls in September. Kanya (Virgo) is its astrological name and its zodiacal sign is maiden. Yanma (Chukrasia Tubularis) is the designated flower of this month. Puba Badarabite, an asterism of two stars resembling the front legs of a couch shines astride with the moon in this month.

Given a normal climatic condition, the storm subsides and the wind calms down, leaving all aquatic bodies in the country smooth like a spread-out mat. Hence Myanmar saying about this month "In Tawthalin, water in the river is just a smooth spread-out mat". Because the monsoon has given heavy rain, all rivers and lakes are brimful inviting water sports and activities. Land and water assets of the country has blessed its peoples with a thriving amphibious environment and thus hydric civilizations grew up along the coasts and rivers and lakes inland.

Boat, the earliest and most convenient water conveyance till today has been used by Myanmar peoples for traveling, transportation, trading, fishing and fighting war as well as for sports. No wonder that regatta (boat races) has become one of twelve Myanmar traditional monthly festivals. The origin of this festival is shrouded with legends and historical events. Myanmar kings claimed that they were descendants of Adicca Vamsa (the Solar Race) and so they were entitled to perform royal ploughing ceremony in June when the monsoon sets in and to hold Regatta Festival in September when the monsoon begins to recede. Legend has it that Sakka Deva, the Thunder god holds boat festival in the Sacred River Mandakini in his Kingdom Tavatimsa. Following this precedent, Myanmar kings held annually regatta festival in Tawthalin.

In Myanmar chronicles and literature there are detail records of regatta festivals. There are 36 different kinds of ceremonial barges and boats, 30 different types of war boats, 20 different types of racing boats, with 37 different modes of rowing oars, accompanied with 37 different boat songs and boat music. There are also pictorial records of regatta festivals such as mural paintings in the temples and parabikes or folding parchments and old books with colourful illustrations. Except war boats, all barges, boats and racing canoes have each a legend or history to it and they are beautifully carved and decorated with figures of auspicious animals, birds, fish and symbols. The largest and the highest in rank was Pyi Gyi Mon, a ceremonial royal barge built on two big boats combined. On both sides of the barge are carved a hundred figures (50 or each of Vassal kings who paid tribute to Myanmar kings. On the bow are two figures of Sakka Deva standing between them, pouring lustral water out of conch shells to bring the blessings of peace and presenting. The king sits in state in the palace like gilt pavillion constructed on the spacious deck.

On the inauguration day of the regatta festival at the astrologically auspicious time, Pyi Gyi Mon royal barge bearing the king came out on the river, preceded by three boats: Thakadan, Thone Lu Taukpa and Thone Lu Puzaw carrying Buddha statues from the palace shrine. A retinue of ceremonial barges and boats carrying royal families courtiers, vassal kings and high ranking officers followed behind them were flotillas of war boats and racing boats with boat songs and music being sung and played cheering crowds on both banks watched with awe and marvel the proceedings of royal regatta inauguration ceremony "Yey Khin Taw (Display of Royal Floatillas on Water) a magnificent and spectacular event not to miss.

Myanmar chronicles record that there are four main forces in Myanmar army—infantry, cavalry, elephantry and chariotry in true tradition of Buddha's jataka stories. But they also mention that when Myanmar kings marched whether for war, or inspection tour or for pilgrimage they marched with "Yey-ar" (water strength) and kyi-ar (land strength) which means land forces and water forces (fleets of war boats). River and sea battles of Bama, Mon and Rakhine kings had been recorded in chronicles and literatures. In foreign accounts especially Portuguese and Dutch armades of Rakhine kings and flotillas of war canoes of Mon and Bama kings were mentioned.

King Alaung Sithu of Bagan, a traveller king, who during his sojourn in Dawei, a seaport town on the Taninthayi Coast, recruited and formed two regiments "Myauk Dawei and Taung Dawei" because he found Daweithas good seafarers and fighters. King Rajadarit (1385-1423 AD) Queen Shin Saw Pu (1453-1478 AD) and King Banya Dala (1747-1757 AD) retained strong fleets of water crafts for peaceful and military purposes. King Bayint Naung (1551-1581 AD) enlarged his armed forces by building war boats equipped with modern weapons he bought from Portuguest freebooters. In 1576 he sent military assistance to King Dhammapala of Lankadipa (Sri Lanka) at the latter's request. Five warships with arms, ammunitions and food ration and 2500 select sea men under the commander Sanda Suriya and Second Commander Raja Bannya were sent to Sri Lanka. Later in that year with his magnificent fleets King Bayint Naung marched to the seaport Pathein to welcome and receive the sacred Tooth Relic and royal gifts presented to him by Sri Lanka King. In 1566 King Bayint Naung held grand ceremonies with the display of his fleets of war ships and war canoes and performance of royal regatta.

Rakhine Kingdoms on the West sea coast were retained and defended by strong armadas built in the reigns of King Min ben (1531-1553 AD), King Min Yazagyi (1593-1612 AD), King Min Rhamaung (1612-1622 AD) and King Sanda Thudhamma (1652-1684 AD). The period 1550-1666 AD was the peak of Rakhine naval power.

In Nyaungyan Period, King Anaukpetlun (1605-1628 AD) built land and water forces for defence. In 1613 AD, he marched with these forces to the then seaport town Than Hlyin to break up the Portuguese strongholds under the command of a Portuguese adventurer Philip de Brito. Later Myanmar kings who built naval strength for defence and display were King Alaung Paya (1752-1760 AD), King Bodawpaya (1782-1819 AD), King Bagyidaw (1819-1837 AD) and his brother King Thayawaddy (1837-1846 AD). Bagyidaw held a special royal regatta in honour of the Chinese embassy that arrived in 1823 AD. This event was recorded in Tayoke Than Yauk Mawgun (Chronicle of that historic event in verses) composed by a court poet Laureate Nawade II. King Thayawaddy displayed the grand pageant of his war fleets when he marched to Dagon (Yangon) in 1841 AD via the Ayeyawaddy River. So regatta festival was the display of king's naval strength and exercise as well as the occasion for recruiting new blood for war flotillas.

Even the last two Myanmar kings Mindon (1853-1878 AD) and Thibaw (1878-1885 AD) did their best to defend their kingdoms against the imminent naval attack by the British invaders by modernizing the war fleets and building along the Ayeyawady River fortresses such as Min Hla, Asikhan, and Thabyetan which can still be seen. The last regatta festival and boat races held in the region of King Thibaw were recorded in the Konbaungset Maha Yazawin Taw Gyi (The Great Royal Chronicle of the Konbaung Dynasty).

When Myanmar became British colony, royal regatta festival of Tawthalin was held no more, though boat races were held at local levels. From 1990 to 1996, regatta festival was held annually in Tawthalin in Kandawgyi Lake, Yangon, to revive Myanmar traditional cultural festival and to preserve national cultural heritage. The historic event of King Thayawaddy's naval expedition from his capital Amarapura to Dagon (Yangon) in Tawthalin 1841 was re-enacted magnificently on the inauguration day and two to three days of boat races followed it. The happy results of these events were Myanmar people especially young generations became aware of and learnt knowledge of traditional monthly festivals; history, literature, music, songs and dances pertaining to regatta festival and boat races were collected and compiled, and Myanmar water sports were revived. Nowadays, in the regional water sports competitions especially boat races, Myanmar teams win many golds and silvers.

Chinese mainland A/H1N1 flu cases rise to nearly 4,000

BEIJING, 2 Sept(Xinhua) — The Chinese mainland confirmed 224 new cases of the A/H1N1 influenza in the 48 hours ending 3 p.m. Wednesday, bringing total infections to 3,981, the Ministry of Health said.

Among the newly confirmed case, 199 were "imported cases" and the remaining 25 were infected on the Chinese mainland, said the ministry.

Nearly 3,400 of the infected have recovered, the ministry said, adding that no fatal case has so far been reported.

Recent cases of group infection have also highlighted the rising risk of an A/H1N1 flu pandemic in China. On Sunday, a senior high school in central China's Henan Province reported 80 confirmed flu cases, and reported 29 new confirmed cases Tuesday. while a junior high school in northwestern Gansu Province reported 26 cases.

So far, vaccines for the A/H1N1 flu virus produced by two Chinese pharmaceutical companies, Sinovac and Hualan Biological Engineering Inc., have passed expert evaluation organized by the State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA).

Both companies are hopeful of getting production licenses for their drugs this week, if given the green lights by the SFDA.

Health Minister Chen Zhu said in August that China would be able to produce enough A/H1N1 flu vaccine for 65 million people by the end of the year.—*Internet*

Angeles National Forest Monte Cristal Ranger Station is destroyed during day seven of the Station Fire in California 0n 1 September, 2009. Firefighters took advantage of a turn in the weather on Tuesday to gain ground against the enormous wildfire burning for a week above Los Angeles, saying they now hoped to drive the flames away from historic Mount Wilson, a key telecommunications site.—INTERNET

Call it "OnStar(r) for everyone else." The first-ever vehicle Bluetooth hands-free kit that includes free emergency dispatch and roadside assistance service is being introduced today by Madison Heights, Mich.-based Guidepoint Systems. The new Guidepoint Connect uses Bluetooth technology to link drivers to Guidepoint's 24/7/365 response centers. It can also be integrated with Guidepoint's GPS tracking unit to provide location-based services.—INTERNET

Weight-Loss Surgery Breaks Families' 'Obesity Cycle'

NEW YORK, 2 sept — Obese mothers have children who are likely to be obese, but a new study concludes that weight-loss surgery can break the cycle.

Researchers found that women who had weight-loss surgery before becoming pregnant had children who were less likely to be heavy when compared with siblings who were born before the weight-loss surgery.

The study findings show the importance of the intrauterine environment, which seems to trump even genes and the environment in which the child is raised.

Results of the study will be published in the November issue of the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism.

Obesity is on the rise and can lead to insulin resistance, cardiovascular disease and pregnancy complications. It is a major contributor to causes of death in industrialized nations.—*Internet*

Corrigendum

Please read "MTBF Vice-President and executive leave for DPRK" in the headline and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the first paragraph of the news story on page 9 of the 1st September issue of this daily. Error is regretted.

Ed

China to promote wages for merit system in public sector

BEIJING, 2 Sept— China's State Council, the Cabinet, announced Wednesday a plan to push forward a pay for merit pay system in health units and other public-sector organizations to stimulate workers' enthusiasm.

Attendees at a State Council executive meeting, chaired by Premier Wen Jiabao, agreed the performance-based salary, a major part of the reform on income distribution system in public-sector organizations, would be of great significance in increasing staff initiative and improving public service levels.

The pay for merit system was first begun in primary and high schools from Jan. 1, 2009.

Xinhua

BP unveils 'giant' oil discovery in Gulf of Mexico

LONDON, 2 Sept— British energy giant BP has made a "giant" oil discovery in the Gulf of Mexico after drilling one of the industry's deepest-ever wells, it said Wednesday, in a further boost for crude supplies.

"BP announced today a giant oil discovery at its Tiber Prospect (well) in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico," the company said in a statement. "The Tiber well was drilled to a total depth of approximately 35,055 feet (10,685 metres) making it one of the deepest wells ever drilled BP's discovery comes as the industry this week marks 150 years since crude was first drilled and days after Scottish group Cairn Energy began pumping out oil in India as exploration in the North Sea dwindles.

The discovery is larger than BP's Kaskida discovery in the same geological area three years ago, which contains around three billion barrels of oil. Peter Hutton, an analyst at NCB Oils, said BP's announcement would be seen as "confirmation of BP's strong focus on Gulf of Mexico" exploration.

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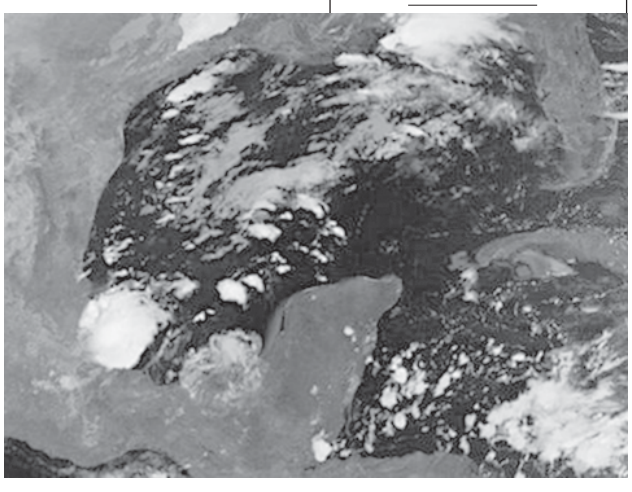
V-MODA Faze Headset for Apple(R) iPod(R) and iPhone available exclusively at Best Buy.—INTERNET



A satellite image of the Gulf of Mexico. British energy giant BP said it had made a "giant" oil discovery in the Gulf of Mexico after drilling one of the industry's deepest-ever wells.—INTERNET

Zimbabwe pulls out of SADC Tribunal

HARARE, 2 Sept—Zimbabwe has formally withdrawn from any legal proceedings involving the SADC Tribunal until the establishment of the court is ratified by at least two-thirds of the bloc's membership as per the requirements of rules and procedures governing the regional grouping, the government has said. In a letter dated Aug. 7, 2009 which was delivered to the registrar of the Tribunal on Aug. 10, Justice and Legal Affairs Minister Patrick Chinamasa said the court did not exist by law and as such Zimbabwe would not appear before it anymore, and neither would the government be bound by any decisions already made or future ones emanating from there.

This followed a meeting of SADC Justice Ministers and Attorneys-General in South Africa from July 27 to Aug. 3 that proved the Protocol on the Tribunal and rules of providing for the composition and powers governing the court had not yet been ratified by two-thirds of SADC members.—*Xinhua*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV GATI PRIDE VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GATI PRIDE VOY NO ( ) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV DUCKY SPLENDID VOY NO (SPL 47)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV DUCKY SPLENDID VOY NO (SPL 47) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.5 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: RO RO LINE LTD. SA
Phone No: 256924/256914

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV MARITIME QUEEN VOY NO ( )

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MARITIME QUEEN VOY NO ( ) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 3.9.2009 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S OCEAN MARITIME
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tenders are invited for supply of the following in Euro/ Myanmar Kyat ;

Sr No	Tender No	Description	Quantity	Closing Date
(a)	12(T)4/MR(MC) 2009-2010(Kyat)	Spring Steel Round Bar JIS Sup 9A and Flat Spring Steel JIS Sup6	1 Lot	2.10.2009
(b)	12(T)5/MR(MC) 2009-2010(Euro)	- Wheel Steel Solid	2000 Nos	30.10.2009
		- Axle Steel "YD"	600 Nos	
		- Axle Steel "Y"	400 Nos	

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 3.9.2009 during office hours and for further detail please call Deputy General Manager, Supply Department,Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung,Yangon. Phone:95-1-291994, 95-1-291985,

INVITATION TO TENDER
TENDER NO (1) (ADM:) AMD (2009-2010)

1. Sealed Tender are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, for the supply of the following stores (in Myanmar Kyats.)

Sr. No	Description	Quantity
1.	MAZADA (X-2000, E-2000, T-2000) Spare Parts	30 Items
2.	TE (11/21), HINO RANGER (KM-300,4D)Spare Parts	39 Items
3.	NISSAN CONDOR Spare Parts	13 Items
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French-made submarine arrives in Malaysia on Thursday

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 Sept—A submarine made in France would arrive at Port Klang of Malaysia on Thursday, a local newspaperreported on Wednesday.

The submarine was built by the French military shipyard, Direction des Constructions Navales Services in partnership with the Spanish shipyard Navatia, said *The New Straits* Times. The submarine would dock at the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) basein Port Klang and the Malaysian King, together with some top officials of the Malaysian government, would be present to welcomethe submarine at the port. The diesel-powered submarine would then leave Port Klang on Friday and it would dock again at the RMN Lumut base in Perak State on Saturday.—*Internet*

Service outage hits "majority" of Gmail users

BEIJING, 2 Sept—Gmail, Google's popular free e-mail service, failed for more than an hour on Tuesday in many places, affecting a "majority" of its millions of email users.

The outage affected "a majority" of Gmail users, the company said, and lasted about an hour and 45 minutes until the problem was fixed.

Worldwide users appeared to be affected, with people from England, Italy, Singapore and South Africa reporting problems on the company's support site.

The free version of Gmail is the world's third most-popular email program with some 149 million users worldwide in June, ranking behind the free email services offered by Microsoft Corp and Yahoo Inc, according to data from comScore Inc.

The disruption came as Google attempts to compete with Microsoft Corp. and IBM to expand its service among business users, who are likely to be less tolerant of long outages. Gmail already competes with Microsoft's Hotmail and Yahoo's Web-based e-mail.

Xinhua

Astronauts remove ammonia tank from space station

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept—Two astronauts conducted a space walk on Tuesday and removed an old liquid ammonia tank from the International Space Station (ISS), NASA said. According to NASA TV, the ISS's Expedition 20 Flight Engineer Nicole Stott and US shuttle Discovery's Mission Specialist Danny Olivas exit the ISS's decompression chamber to begin their space walk at 17:49 EDT (2149 GMT).

The duo spent their Monday night inside the Quest airlock at a lower air pressure to force nitrogen out their bloodstream. This prevents astronauts from getting decompression sickness during a space walk.—*Internet*

Schwarzenegger warns against possible outbreak of H1N1 flu virus

LOS ANGELES, 2 Sept — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said on Tuesday that the H1N1 flu virus has the potential to sicken millions of Californians in the months ahead, with as many as one in four Californians getting ill with the H1N1flu.

Since it was first detected last spring, the virus has continued to spread through the summer, taking the lives of more than 100 Californians, the governor said in a statement.

Schwarzenegger called on Californians to do their part by taking steps to slow the spread of the virus and prepare for the upcoming flu season.

"Each of us should be taking action now to prevent and prepare for the spread of H1N1," said Schwarzenegger. "Businesses need to be prepared that employees will not be in the office and parents need to plan for kids to be home from school. Everyone must do their part to limit the spread of the H1N1 virus."

According to Schwarzenegger, state public health and emergency response officials have been planning for the further escalation of the disease and the rollout of a vaccination program.

Xinhua

A girl shows her skillful playing of the Chinese lute in mellifluous melody her just learned in the summer vacation, as pupils enthusiastically present their versatile talents and skills in hand-making, painting, calligraphy, etc, which they learned and improved as a result of less home works and more social practices during the summer holidays, in the very first day of the new semester, at the Junshan Road Elementary School, in Zaozhuang, east China's Shandong Province, 1 Sept, 2009. —XINHUA

Pollution linked to elderly heart problems

NEWHAVEN, 2 Sept— Exposure to carbon monoxide is associated with an increased risk of hospitalization for the elderly with heart problems, US researchers found.

The nationwide study of 126 urban communities study, published in Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association, found that an increase in carbon monoxide of 1 part per million in the maximum daily one-hour exposure is associated with a 0.96 percent increase in the risk of hospitalization from cardiovascular disease among people age 65 and older.

However, this link holds true even when carbon monoxide levels are less than 1 part per million — well below the Environmental Protection Agency's National Ambient Air Quality Standard of 35 parts per million.—*Internet*

Alcohol affects circadian rhythms

KENT, OHIO, 2 Sept — Chronic alcohol consumption blunts the ability of the body's biological clock to synchronize daily activities to light, US researchers said.

Christina L Ruby, Allison J Brager, Marc A. DePaul and J David Glass, all of Kent State University, and Rebecca A. Prosser of the University of Tennessee, said disruption of the circadian rhythms dramatically increases the risks of developing cancer, heart disease and depression.

The researchers divided hamsters into three groups, differing only in what they drank. The control group received water only, a second group received water containing 10 percent alcohol and the last third received water containing 20 percent alcohol.

If given a choice, hamsters prefer alcohol, the researchers said.

Internet

Breast cancer chemotherapy disrupts sleep

SAN DIEGO, 2 Sept — Repeated chemotherapy treatments can result in progressively worse and more enduring sleep-wake activity rhythms impairments, US researchers said.

Principal investigator Sonia Ancoli-Israel of the University of California San Diego said the findings were not surprising because sleep disturbances are common in cancer patients and 30 percent to 50 percent report insomnia symptoms.

Although most variables returned to baseline levels in the second and third weeks of the first cycle of chemotherapy, circadian — 24-hour cycles — impairments were maintained.

"Results of this study suggest that our biological clocks are affected by chemotherapy," Ancoli-Israel said in a statement.

"Our biological clock, or circadian rhythm help keep our bodies in sync with the environment."

During chemotherapy, the biological clock gets out of sync, especially after the first cycle of treatment, but the clock seems to regulate itself after only one cycle. However, with repeated administration of chemotherapy, it becomes more difficult for the biological clock to readjust," the study said.—*Internet*

Orion spacecraft passes design milestone

HOUSTON, 2 Sept— The US space agency says it has completed the preliminary design review of its next crew exploration vehicle — the Orion spacecraft.

The space agency said Orion is being designed to carry astronauts to the International Space Station and other destinations and the preliminary design review is one of a series of procedures that occur before hardware manufacturing can begin.

Officials said the review assessed the overall system is safe and reliable for flight and meets all NASA mission requirements to support three types of missions — flights to the International Space Station, week-long missions to the moon and missions to the moon for up to 210 days.

"This is the successful culmination of all of the design trade studies and activities to date," said Mark Geyer, manager of the Orion Project Office at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

"As a project, a program and an agency, we are reviewing the design maturity, strategy and plans for NASA's next human spacecraft and agreeing that this is the architecture we are going to build."

Internet

Waves crash at the Marsol hotel in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, on 1 Sept, 2009. Heavy winds, battering waves and bands of intense rain pummeled residents and tourists in this vacation resort as Hurricane Jimena, one of the largest hurricanes this year, neared the coast on Tuesday.—INTERNET

Hurricane Jimena swirls past southern Baja resorts

LOS CABOS , 2 Sept— Hurricane Jimena brushed passed the resort towns at the southern tip of the Baja California, lashing them with driving rain and winds as its fierce core bore down on a stretch of desert coastline to the north.

Despite the pummeling by the fringes of the Category 3 hurricane, the Mexican peninsula's biggest resort, Los Cabos, appeared to be escaping major damage beyond power outages and mud-choked roads.

Dozens of people evacuated from the Los Congrejos shantytown huddled in darkened rooms at a school after electricity failed during the storm. Trying to calm squalling babies and ignore hunger from having little food, the evacuees waited for dawn, and a chance to look at what the hurricane did to their homes made of plastic sheeting, wood and tar paper.

"Instead of giving out a few sheets of roofing every year, they should give us materials to build real houses — wood, or even bricks," said Paulino Hernandez, an out-of-work mason who sought haven at the school.

"Every year it's the same thing: They (officials) give out a few sheets of roofing, and the next year it has to be replaced" when a hurricane comes.

Authorities reported no injuries or major damages in Los Cabos, but expressed concern about what might happen when the hurricane made landfall farther up the coast.

Internet

SPORTS

Ballack relishes Liverpool's spluttering start

LONDON, 2 Sept—Chelsea midfielder Michael Ballack admits Liverpool's spluttering start has given his side added belief they can win the Premier League this season.

The Reds are expected to be major challengers for Manchester United's title but Rafa Benitez's team have already lost two of their opening four games.

While Liverpool have struggled, Chelsea surged to the top of the table with four wins out of four under new coach Carlo Ancelotti.

"It was a surprise that Liverpool lost twice in the first three games and it gives us extra motivation," Ballack said.

"All we can do is win games. We have to focus on ourselves and if we play the best we can we can win the league."

Michael Ballack

Ballack, who has scored two goals so far this season, believes a rare close-season without any international action has left him refreshed and in peak form.

"It was a good pre-season," he said. "The finish to last season with Guus Hiddink, the team looked well and played good football and that is what we have done at the beginning of this season.

Internet

Ranieri returns to Roma to replace Spalletti

Claudio Ranieri

ROME, 2 Sept—Claudio Ranieri has agreed to become the new coach of Roma, his lawyer announced on Tuesday, hours after Luciano Spalletti left his job as manager of the Serie A heavyweights.

"There's an agreement and tomorrow (Wednesday) there'll be a signature," Ranieri's lawyer Mattia Grassani told Italian news agency Ansa.

"The contract will be for two years."

Ranieri, 57, was sacked as coach of Roma's rivals Juventus two games prior to the end of last season after a sequence of underwhelming results.

The former Napoli, Fiorentina, Valencia, Atletico Madrid and Chelsea coach agreed to join the 'Giallorossi' after a meeting on Tuesday morning with club president Rosella Sensi.

The move to the Stadio Olimpico represents a return to Ranieri's roots.

Internet

Everton land Heitinga, Spurs sign Kranjcar on deadline day

LONDON, 2 Sept—Everton signed Dutch defender Johnny Heitinga from Atletico Madrid for six million pounds (6.8 million euros) just before the transfer window shut on Tuesday.

Johnny Heitinga

Heitinga agreed a five-year contract with the Premier League club and the move was announced in the final hour before the 1600GMT deadline.

The 25-year-old follows French defender Sylvain Distin to Goodison Park as Toffees boss David Moyes strengthens his back-four after Joleon Lescott's move to Manchester City.

Atletico could eventually receive seven million pounds (7.8 million euros) for the Holland international due to clauses in the terms of the deal.

Internet

China captain Zheng close to joining Celtic

GLASGOW, 2 Sept—China captain Zheng Zhi is close to joining Celtic, according to the Scottish club's manager Tony Mowbray. Zheng is a free agent after his contract at League One Charlton expired at the end of last season and has reportedly been offered a two-year contract at Parkhead.

The move can be completed outside the transfer window, which closed at 1600GMT on Tuesday, as long as Celtic can secure a work permit for the 29-year-old. Hoops boss Tony Mowbray, who tried to sign Zheng while he was West Brom boss, said: "Zheng Zhi is a player I have tracked for some time.

China captain Zheng Zhi

"He is a highly-regarded player and was a thorn in our side when he played against us at West Bromwich Albion.

"I am delighted that he may join us. He will significantly add to the squad with his quality and the fact that he can play in a number of positions.—*Internet*

Sharapova returns to US Open with easy victory

Maria Sharapova of Russia celebrates winning a point in the first set against Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria during their match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 1 Sept, 2009.—XINHUA

NEW YORK, 2 Sept—Maria Sharapova simply couldn't bear the thought of a US Open taking place without her.

So while sidelined with a torn shoulder a year ago, she refused to follow the tournament on TV. Basically pretended it wasn't even happening.

On Tuesday night, Sharapova was right where she likes to be: on the Grand Slam stage and in the spotlight. The 2006 US Open champion returned to the tournament with an impressive 6-3, 6-0 victory over Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria.

Internet

Milner rejects Croat kicking allegations

WATFORD, 2 Sept—England winger James Milner has ruled out conspiracy theories that Croatia midfielder Luka Modric was deliberately injured ahead of a crucial World Cup qualifier at Wembley next week.

Croatia FA chiefs are frustrated that key midfielder Modric broke a leg in a tackle with Birmingham's Lee Bowyer just 10 days before a match against England that could decide the World Cup fate of both teams. They already have bitter memories of how key striker Eduardo also suffered a broken leg playing against the same opposition for Arsenal in February 2008 and Croatia FA supremo Vlatko Markovic on Tuesday said: "First Eduardo, now Luka Modric. This is horrible. I can only ask myself if it was really an accident.

England winger James Milner

"I'm close to thinking it was done to us deliberately before the England match. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw what happened to Luka. He is irreplaceable."—*Internet*

Villa sign West Ham defender Collins

BIRMINGHAM, 2 Sept—Aston Villa signed Wales defender James Collins from West Ham on Tuesday.

"Villa have signed James Collins from West Ham United on a four-year contract," a statement on the club's website confirmed.

It is reported that Villa paid around five million pounds for Collins, who had also attracted interest from Stoke.

Collins, 26, has been named in Villa's squad for Tuesday's home reserve game against his former club West Ham.

Internet

Everton's James Vaughan (right) vies with West Ham United's James Collins, 2006. Aston Villa signed Wales defender Collins.—INTERNET

Murray, Djokovic off to winning starts at US Open

NEW YORK, 2 Sept—The men's singles formbook continued to be largely respected at the US Open with second seed Andy Murray and fourth seed Novak Djokovic both cruising into the second round.

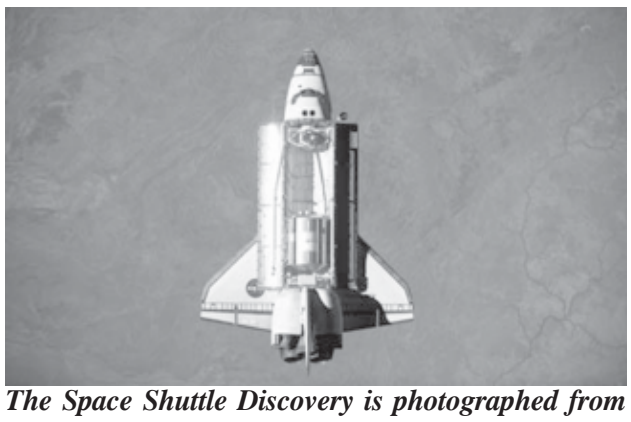
There were straight-sets wins too for seventh seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, 10th seed Fernando Verdasco, 11th seed Fernando Gonzalez and 17th seed Thomas Berdych, as, for once, most of the day's drama was being played out in the women's tournament.

Murray, losing finalist here last year to Roger Federer, was below his best, especially on serve, but still was a class above Latvia's Ernests Gulbis, winning 7-5, 6-3, 7-5 in the featured night match on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court.

But he was left knowing that he will have to move up a gear or two if he is to win six more games and become the first Briton since Fred Perry in 1936 to win a Grand Slam tournament.

Internet

British 2nd-seed Andy Murray returns a shot to Latvia's Ernests Gulbis during the first round of the US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York, on 1 September.—INTERNET



The Space Shuttle Discovery is photographed from the International Space Station as the two spacecraft draw nearer before docking in this NASA handout photo taken 30 August, 2009.—INTERNET

Togo, Japan sign $6.5 mln agreement on economic promotion

LOME, 2 Sept—Togo and Japan have signed an agreement of a grant worth 600 million Japanese yen (6.5 million U.S. dollars) for economic structural adjustment and debt relief, according to the Togolese Ministry of Finance.

The deal was signed by Togolese Finance Minister Adji Oteth Ayassor and the Japanese ambassador to Togo, Okamura Yoshifumi on Tuesday. The Japanese diplomat said the grant will allow the Togolese government to buy products such as petroleum, construction materials and agricultural imports in order to stimulate economic activities in the country. Okamura said this agreement will have a double economic effect since the government of Togo, at the time of selling products and other materials, will have the money to compensate the sellers. This money will help to realize several economic and social projects.

"The cooperation between Togo and Japan has always been active and fruitful," Ayassor said, in reference to agriculture, cattle breeding and fishing, water, education, professional training and the health sector.—*Xinhua*

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(3-9-2009) (Thursday)

Transmissions	Times
Local	- (09:00am ~ 10:00am) MST
Europe	- (15:30pm ~ 23:30pm) MST
North America	- (23:30pm ~ 07:30am) MST

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Meditation Centre
* Actively participation for monitoring Influenza Pandemic
* National Dance ''Traditional Dance of National Races (Kayah)
* Beauty of Myanmar Women's Costumes in Twelve Season ''Tawthalin''
* Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-I)
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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* National Dance ''Traditional Dance of National Races (Kayah)
* Let's Go and Enjoy Nature's Beauty
* Myanmar Modern Song "Picturesque Splendor of Myanmar"
* Discovering Imaw Bum Area (Part-I)
* Myanmar Modern Song "At Loikaw Airport"
* Myanma Rattanware
* Teen-aged Pops ''Only when you're near me''
* National Races Village (Chin, Mon, Rakhine)
* Song ''Rhododendron and the Chin Land''
* Expedition of Rare Crocodile Species Inhabiting in Fresh And Seawaters (III)
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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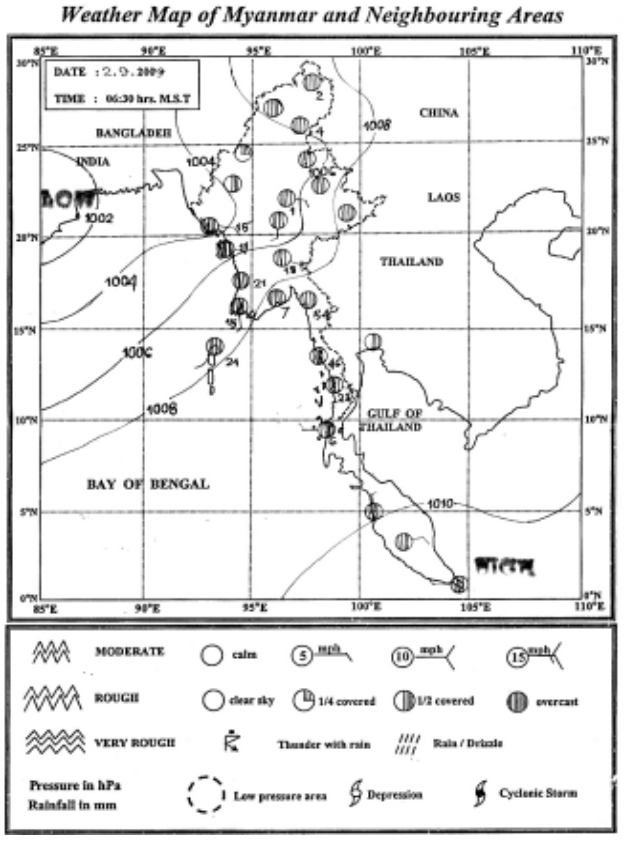
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 2nd September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in upper Sagaing Division, rain or thurdershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, Magway and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.71) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (1.02) inches, Dawei (2.17) inches, Mawlamyine and Ye (2.12) inches each, Kyaukpataung (1.95) inches, Pyapon (1.22) inches and Aunglan (0.35) inch.

Maximum temperature on 1-9-2009 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 2-9-2009 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-9-2009 was 88%. Total sun shine hours on 1-9-2009 was (0.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-9-2009 was Tr at Mingaladon, (0.28) inch at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (86.38) inches at Mingaladon, (98.15) inches at Kaba-Aye and (102.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from West at (23:30) hours MST on 1-9-2009.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 3rd September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Chin, and Shan States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin, Kayin States and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely Gulf of Mottama, Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35)mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundey conditions in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-9-2009: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

TV Myanmar

Thursday, 3 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:30 am
2. Morning News
7:40 am
3. နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့(အဖွဲ့ဝင်)ဧရာဝတီတိုင်း၊ ဟင်္သာတမြို့၊မိုးကောင်းကျောင်း တိုက်၊ပဓာနနာယကဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သုခမ္မစရ (အဂ္ဂမဟာ ပဏ္ဍိတ) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အပ်သော "ဂရုခမ္မ အခါ" တော်နေ့တရားတော်
7:55 am
4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊ တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)
8:05 am
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:15 am
6. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်ခေတ် ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)
8:40 am
7. International News
8:45 am
8. Islands of Dhamma
8:50 am
9. ဘဒ္ဒန္တဇာဂရာဘိဝံသ(အဂ္ဂမဟာ ပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာကမ္မဋ္ဌာနာစရိယ၊ ဒွိဝိဠကကောဝိဒ) တွဲဖက်အကျိုးတော်ဆောင် ဆရာတော် နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃမဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့၊ ကလေးဝတောရကျောင်းတိုက်၊ မရမ်းကုန်းမြို့နယ်၊ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း ထံမှ နဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလ ခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း။
4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme
4:20 pm
3. Dance of National Races
4:35 pm
4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊တတိယအကြိမ်မြောက်ဧမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (အထက(၁)သန်လျင်) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
4:55 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရှုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေး အထူးပြု) (စီးပွာရေးပညာ)
5:05 pm
6. Songs to Uphold National Spirit
5:15 pm
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
5:25 pm
8. Dance Variety
5:35 pm
9. "မဟာဝံသမြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓ"(ဒုတိယပိုင်း) "ဗုဒ္ဓပါဝစနာ"
5:45 pm
10. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်ခေတ် ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)
6:00 pm
11. Evening News
6:15 pm
12. Weather Report
6:20 pm
13. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "စက္ကူမြွားပစ်နည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁) (သူရလင်း၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ ယုဇနပိုလ်မြင့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)
6:35 pm
14. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကိုသိပ်ပံဖြင့် ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း
7:00 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
8:00 pm
16. News
17. International News
18. Weather Report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ"(အပိုင်း-၅၄)
20. လွင်မိုးခရီးသွားနေသည် (မြိတ်ကျွန်းစုဖျားဆီသို့) (အပိုင်း-၉)
21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြူခိုးဝေဝေချစ်သက်တည်" (တတိယပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၂)

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★ 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 broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Stability, peace bounce back in Kokang Region, Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—Stability and peace have been back to normal in Kokang Region, Shan State (North), since 29 August. Up to 6 pm today, 7848 of the inhabitants, who had fled to the neighbouring country, had returned to Laukkai via Yanlonkyaing and Chinshwehaw border checkpoints.

Now, the administrative machinery has returned to normal in Kokang Region in Shan State (North).—*MNA*

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One more found infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) Number of patients with the virus reaches 32

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—An eight-year-old child was transferred to the Yangon Children's Hospital through Township Health Department yesterday. National Health Laboratory confirmed that the child had been infected with New Influenza A (H1N1) after the serum of the child was sent to the medical institution to test for the virus.

Four family members who came into contact with the patient are being kept under home quarantine. Authorities concerned are taking active surveillance against 39 students of the same class in their respective places. Up to 1 September, Myanmar has seen 32 persons infected with the virus, 25 of them have been discharged from the hospitals, and the remaining seven are being given special treatment by specialists.

The National Health Laboratory detected 219 flu-suspected persons and 32 were found to have been infected with the virus.

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Earthquake report

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Sept—A strong earthquake of intensity 7.4 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Indonesia) about 1900 miles southeast of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 14 hr 27 min 49 sec M.S.T today.

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