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Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Andorran Head of Government

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jaume Bartameu, Head of Government of the Principality of Andorra, on the occasion of the National Day of the Principality of Andorra which falls on 8 September 2009.

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence on inspection tour of Mandalay, Sagaing Divisions

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept – Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials, inspected production of iron, steel and car parts at the foundry in Mandalay Industrial Zone and production of farm machinery at the factory of Good Brothers Co Ltd.

Next, they looked into the ring road of Mandalay Kandawgyi Lake and arrangements for beautifying the

environs and roadworks on Strand Road in Mahaangmye Township.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected paving of Strand Road in Sagaing and visited the home for the aged in Ywahtaung diesel locomotive shed zone.

They then made cash donations for the elderly people. After inspecting repairing of locomotives and railway carriages, Lt-Gen Tha Aye left necessary instructions.

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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

Growing media role in Shan State (South)

**Byline: Naing Tun (Taunggyi);
Photos: Maung Maung Than (IPRD)**

In an attempt to expand the media coverage all over the nation, Ministry of Information is striving to reach print media such as dailies, libraries and electronic media such as radio/television systems to all parts of the nation.

News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information established Mandalay sub-printing house in 1998, Taunggyi and Magway sub-printing houses in 2001, Kengtung and Kalay sub-printing houses in 2002, Lashio, Myitkyina and Sittway sub-printing houses in 2003, Nay Pyi Taw sub-printing house in 2007 and Myeik sub-printing house in 2008. So, the sub-printing houses have emerged in several states and divisions in addition to three daily newspaper houses in Yangon.

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**Staff of Myanma Radio and Television
installing DTH satellite receiver.**



Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

Manaung	15.28	inches
Launglon	11.61	inches
Dawei	7.48	inches
Myeik	3.94	inches
Patheingyi	3.82	inches
Thandwe	3.31	inches

Reflected glory to the government

The government's intention in that regard was to make peace by putting an end to armed clashes between national races that had persisted for about 60 years, and to mobilize all the national brethren in national development undertakings.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Raise momentum of literacy activities as part of national education promotion plan

The 1996 UNESCO General Assembly designated 8 September as the International Literacy Day and Myanmar has observed the day every year for 43 years today.

Literacy is power and activates a thirst for knowledge and wisdom. Moreover, it can influence behaviours of an individual or a family or their environment. Therefore, it can broaden our horizons and improve social relationship. Not only that, it can build up qualities such as self-respect and self-confidence necessary in making decisions.

In Myanmar, three R's classes were launched in Meiktila District in 1964 and extended in other regions year after year. Because of its success in literacy campaigns, UNESCO awarded Myanmar Mohammad Reza Pahlavi and Noma prizes in 1971 and 1983 respectively.

At various stages of its national education promotion plan, Myanmar has been taking systematic measures to ensure that all school-age children are enrolled at basic education primary schools and they successfully complete their primary education. At the same time, it is implementing informal education that can contribute to vocational training for children past school age. Moreover, it is also raising the momentum of self-study education activities.

Now, steps are being taken for improving the basic literacy skills of the people across the Union, including rural and border areas. Community education centres are being established. The purpose of these centres is to ensure sustainable development of literacy and for newly-literate people to be able to cultivate reading habit, generate higher income and improve their socio-economic status.

As Myanmar, being a member of the world family, has always cooperated with international organizations in the international literacy campaign, so the entire national people will keep on working together with the government in the national literacy campaign.

Talks on "Leading At The Edge"

YANGON, 7 Sept— Talks on "Leading At The Edge" organized by CEO business and management magazine was held at Summit Parkview Hotel on 5 September here.

On the occasion, U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing, Managing Director of SMART Technical Services, gave talks. It was

attended by CEO magazine readers, officials concerned from various companies, guests and enthusiasts.

It was sponsored by C O N C O R D I A INTERNATIONAL and Enervon-C and the books printed by Today Publishing House were sold at reasonable price.

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Talks on management skills in progress.—MNA

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

Industry-1 Minister inspects industries (Mingyan)

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept— Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met with town elders and rural people from Myothar, Shwetaung, Junegan, Tayatkan, Pyinhlatay, Paukseinn, Kywesein, Phyu twi n k o n g, Minnaykong, Kaungzin, Taunglaetaw and Joe village tracts. The minister fulfilled the needs on the reports.

Afterwards, the minister inspected Cotton Mill (Mingyan) under Myanma Textile Industries and dyeing and printing works (Mingyan) and then instructed responsible persons.

The minister met with members of Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee and businessmen at the

Industrial hall (Mingyan). He called for innovation for producing high quality products and export products. Then, he looked into motor cars produced by Industrial Zone (Mingyan).—MNA



Minister U Aung Thaung visits Dyeing and Printing Factory (Mingyan) of Myanma Textile Industries. INDUSTRY-1

Deputy Construction Minister inspects tar imported from Iran



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein inspects unloading of tar from KOTA TEGAP liner.—CONSTRUCTION

YANGON, 7 Sept— Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein on 7

September inspected unloading of tar from KOTA TEGAP liner at Asia World Port Terminal which were imported from Iran.

Nine hundred tons of tar had arrived here by KOTA TEGAP liner as the first batch out of 10,000 tons of tar imported from abroad for road works being implemented by Public Works. Those tar will be supplied to Pyi-Paukkaung-Toungoo

road section and other road works. The remaining tar will be also distributed to respective

worksites as soon as they arrive in order to carry out tasks in open season.

MNA

Special criminal appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept— The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of the Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Sein Hlaing and U Thet Tun sitting at Court room No 1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) delivered judgment in 7 special criminal appeal cases. And then heard 5 special civil appeal cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000, today.—MNA



Suicide bomber in west Iraq kills nine



Local residents look at destroyed vehicles after a car bomb attack in Ramadi, about 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, on 7 September, 2009.—INTERNET

RAMADI, (Iraq), 7 Sept—A suicide bomber drove a car packed with explosives into a police checkpoint just outside Iraq's western city of Ramadi on Monday, killing nine people and wounding at least 13, police said.

Policeman Hatim Abid, who was at the scene, said four police were among the dead, and the rest were civilians. Police Major Fawzi Hamad said the wounded included three children and two women.

The blast set half a dozen cars ablaze in Ramadi, 100 km (60 miles) west of Baghdad, capital of the vast desert region that was once the heartland of Iraq's Sunni Arab militants.

Police checkpoints have been a favourite target of insurgents seeking to show that Iraqi security forces are still unable to keep Iraqis safe as U.S. troops gradually withdraw.

Internet

Persistent drought causes rationing

MEXICO CITY, 7 Sept—Water is rationed in Mexico City as a result of drought that affects much of Mexico from the US border to the Yucatan, water commission officials said. During what is supposed to be the wet season, rainfall has been sporadic and light for months. Officials say an El Nino is a cause. El Nino is a disruption of the ocean atmosphere in the tropical Pacific

Ocean in which trade winds blowing toward the west across the tropical Pacific warm the surface water. This has contributed to a mild hurricane season.

There have been no major hits this summer, but Hurricane Jimena dropped rain on some of Baja California and Sonora. Overall, however, 2009 is the driest year in 69 years of record-keeping, CNN reported.—Internet

US troops stormed through Afghan hospital



Traders stock their goods in the shell of a rocketed building in Kabul. A rocket fired on a house in Kabul in the early hours of Monday morning killed three members of one family and injured two others, officials said.—INTERNET

KABUL, 7 Sept—A Swedish charity accused American troops on Monday of storming through a hospital in central Afghanistan, breaking down doors and tying up staff in a search for militants. The US military said it was investigating the allegation. The Swedish Committee for Afghanistan accused the US Army's 10th Mountain Division of entering the hospital without permission to look for militants in Wardak Province, southwest of Kabul, according to the charity's country director, Anders Fange. Fange said on Monday that the troops' actions were a violation of the sanctity of medical facilities in combat zones. "This is simply not acceptable," he said. The US troops entered the hospital looking for Taliban militants late at night last Wednesday, Fange said. He said they kicked in doors, tied up four hospital employees and two family members of patients, and forced patients out of beds during their search.—Internet

Iran develops cruise detecting and destroying system

TEHERAN, 7 Sept—An Iranian Air Force commander announced on Sunday that Iran has developed a new system that can detect and destroy cruise missiles, the local satellite Press TV reported.

"Despite 30 years of military sanctions imposed by the enemy, the Iranian armed forces have taken great steps towards self-sufficiency," Brigadier General Ahmad Miqani was quoted as saying.

"The Iranian Air Force has managed to build tens of anti-aircraft batteries and missile systems in addition to sophisticated radar systems," said Miqani.

"Today, the military is able to detect the anti-radar cruise missiles and destroy them," he added.

In May, Iran said that it launched the warship cannon production line to be used as anti-cruise missile.—Xinhua

UN Secretary General's Message on International Literacy Day 8 September, 2009

Following is UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon's message for International Literacy Day, observed on 8 September:

In a world of enormous wealth, in a world in which education and knowledge are the necessary passports to a better life, the scale of illiteracy is truly staggering.

Approximately 776 million adults—most of them women — have no secure command of the fundamentals of literacy and numeracy.

Seventy-five million children are not in school.

And even for those who get a start on their education, drop-out rates are very high.

Yet it wouldn't take much to change the appalling status quo. As pointed out by Dr Lalage Bown, who will give this year's International Literacy Day Lecture, "even the simplest acquisition of literacy can have a profoundly empowering effect personally, socially and politically".

With that in mind, this year's observance focuses on the empowering role of literacy. Literacy gives people tools with which to improve their livelihoods, participate in community decision-making, gain access to information about health care, and much else besides. Above all, it enables individuals to realize their rights as citizens and human beings.

Literacy is not just about reading and writing; it is about respect, opportunity and development. On this International Literacy Day, I urge all partners to strengthen their commitment to promoting global literacy and to back this support with the resources needed to achieve real progress.—UNIC



Commercial fishermen and other mariners form the word "SOS" during an event held to spread the message of saving the oceans from acidification caused by fossil fuel emissions, in Homer, Alaska, on 6 Sept, 2009. Over a hundred boats and hundreds of members of the fishing community participated in the event.—INTERNET

11 people wounded in Baghdad bombings

BAGHDAD, 7 Sept—Eleven people were wounded in a car bomb and a roadside bomb in Baghdad on Sunday, a well-informed police source said.

A car bomb detonated near a road intersection in Baghdad's eastern district of Baladiyat around midday and wounded six people, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast also damaged several nearby civilian cars, shops and buildings, the source said. In a separate incident, a roadside bomb went off at the crowded road intersection in Karradah neighbourhood in central Baghdad, wounding five people and damaging several shops and civilian cars, the source added.—Xinhua



Recovery of Asian economies takes shape, uncertainties remain

HONG KONG, 7 Sept—One year after the financial crisis began to hit the United States and ravage the world economy, Asia's emerging economies start to rebound faster than expected, and show signs of leading the way out of the slump.

Recent indicators showed the region's recession-hit economies outpaced the United States and Europe in the rebound — several emerging economies which have reported GDP figures for the second quarter grew by an average annualized rate of more than 10 percent.—*Xinhua*



Fair-goers check out the Google stand at the Frankfurt Book Fair in 2007. —INTERNET

Google gives ground to Europe over digital books deal

LONDON, 7 Sept—Google will make concessions to European publishers and authors in an attempt to stem rising anger over its move to digitise and sell millions of books online, a report said on Monday.

The company has agreed to have two non-US representatives on the board of a body that will administer a US legal settlement over the controversial online project, the *Financial Times* said.

The newspaper cited a letter sent to 16 European Union publishers' representatives at the weekend.

According to the letter, Google also promises to consult European publishers before cataloguing some European works in its digital library.—*Internet*

China auto sales to jump 28%

BEIJING, 7 Sept—Automobile sales in China may accelerate 28 percent from a year ago to reach 12 million vehicles this year and

overtake the number of autos sold in the United States, according to a regulatory official.

The remark was made

by Chen Bin, chief director of the industry coordination department of the National Development and Reform Commission, at a conference in Tianjin on Saturday.

In contrast, General Motors Co and Ford Motor Co forecast sales in US will be about 10.5 million units this year, *Bloomberg News* said. Auto sales in China in the first half reached 6.09 million units, a rise of 17.7 percent from a year ago, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.—*Xinhua*



People are reflected in the window of a BMW car dealer shop in downtown Shanghai on 20 August, 2009. China's car market is the world's largest with growth opportunities that are dazzling. —XINHUA

OPEC not likely to cut output at Vienna meeting

VIENNA, 7 Sept —With oil prices about where OPEC wants them and a modest economic upturn in the offing, the oil cartel isn't likely to tighten the taps when its leaders meet this week in Vienna.

Prices have been hovering near \$70 a barrel, and with returning growth expected to support demand, analysts don't expect the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will feel any need to cut output targets.

"Absolutely nothing," said John Hall, of John

Hall Associates in London. OPEC President Jose Botelho de Vasconcelos, who is also Angola's oil



An oil worker is seen at the Khurais oil facility, about 60 miles south-east of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 23 June, 2008. —INTERNET

minister, said last week that signs of recovery suggest the 12-member group won't need to intervene. "Everything shows they will keep output unchanged," he said. Kuwait also says it thinks oil prices are stable and there's no need to cut production, even though stockpiles are rising.

And Algeria, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates have signaled they're happy with the current output quota of just under 25 million barrels a day.—*Internet*

Message from Mr Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO on the occasion of International Literacy Day

8 September 2009

This year, International Literacy Day puts the spotlight on the empowering role of literacy and its importance for participation, citizenship and development. 'Literacy and Empowerment' is also the theme for the 2009-2010 biennium of the United Nations Literacy Decade (2003-2012).

While the empowering role of literacy and its significance for development have been recognized worldwide, there are still 776 million illiterate adults in the world and 75 million children out of school whose rights and needs remain unfulfilled. Literacy, in fact, is by far the most neglected goal on the Education for All (EFA) agenda.

Who are the 776 million illiterate adults? In most countries, these are the most disadvantaged and marginalized populations, with a high percentage of women and girls, indigenous people, linguistic and cultural minorities, nomads, rural dwellers, and the disabled. There is a high correlation between poverty and illiteracy. In this perspective, empowerment is the key. For all those women and men who live without access to basic reading and writing skills, literacy opens up new horizons of opportunity, improves standards of life and contributes to processes of social change and poverty eradication.

However, despite clear evidence of the power of literacy to transform individual lives and patterns of social development, in many parts of the world there is neither the political will nor the resources to make youth and adult literacy an area of priority action. In consequence, those whose lack of basic literacy and numeracy skills is not being addressed - almost one in six adults - are being told that their rights, their needs and their hopes do not count. This is an unconscionable situation whose blatant injustice must not be allowed to continue.

Fortunately, there are many governments, civil society organizations, enterprises, community groups and individuals who understand the benefits of literacy and are conscientious in their support of literacy programmes. Many persons work anonymously, quietly and steadily to help others to acquire literacy and numeracy skills and the chance to embark on the adventure of learning. International Literacy Day is an occasion to salute and applaud their efforts and to encourage them to sustain their commitment. By tutoring and mentoring others, literacy workers - whether professional or voluntary - are important catalysts of change who are making a real difference to the lives of others.

Literacy produces these human benefits with and through the learners themselves. As many studies have found, literacy is an empowering force that serves to increase self-esteem, confidence and assertiveness and helps to build a sense of personal competence and independence together with better awareness of one's rights. Literacy gives enhanced autonomy to individuals in both the family and community context.

These human benefits of literacy give rise to consequences of significance for society as a whole. Thus, the self-esteem generated by literacy skills facilitates social and political participation and is, in fact, associated with greater interest in national and community activities, influencing attitudes and practices in the political sphere. In many and varied contexts, literacy has demonstrated its extraordinary power to equip individuals to participate more actively and more effectively.

In this era of widening disparities, literacy brings not only greater self-esteem but also opportunities to those who have been disenfranchised, marginalized and neglected: neo-literates acquire greater capacity and skills to raise their income levels, build sustainable livelihoods, gain access to health and educational services, and engage in the public arena. Indeed, literacy is vital for securing access to political, economic and cultural opportunities, and this is particularly the case for women thanks to the enabling and transformative impact of literacy on their lives.

Each year, International Literacy Day is an occasion for worldwide mobilization for literacy. Today, I call upon governments, intergovernmental organizations, development partners, employers, trade unions and civil society organizations everywhere to stop the neglect of youth and adult literacy and to strengthen their commitment to literacy. Literacy is not just about reading and writing, it is about self-respect and human dignity and about opportunities that give hope to individuals, families, communities and entire societies. Literacy, an integral part of the right to education, has shown itself time and time again to be a vital tool of empowerment. It is time for the right to education of all persons, of whatever age, to be realized in practice.

UNESCO



Vietnam to launch 2nd satellite in 2012

HANOI, 7 Sept—Vietnam's Ministry of Information and Communication said that Vietnam expects to launch the second satellite in 2012, the local newspaper *Vietnam Investment Review* reported on Monday.

The state-owned Vietnam Post and Telecommunication (VNPT) is the investor of the project of the second satellite, named *Vinasat-2*, with a total investment of about 350 million US dollars.

VNPT is considering whether it will launch the satellite by itself or hire other

company to do it, said the newspaper.

The second satellite project is to develop satellite facility of Vietnam to meet the growing demand of satellite-based information. The first satellite of Vietnam, named *Vinasat-1*, was launched last year, with a total investment of 300 million US dollars.

The *Vinasat-1* is currently working at 70 percent of its capacity. It is expected to work at 100 percent of capacity in 2010 and regain investment within nine years.—*Xinhua*



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R3 2nd Line Back) attends a music class at Beijing No 35 Middle School in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 Sept, 2009.

XINHUA

Malaysia to buy 8-10 EC-725 Cougar helicopters

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Sept—Malaysia plans to purchase EC-725 Cougar helicopters from the Eurocopter by the end of 2009, according to Malaysia's Defence Ministry source.

The Malaysian government is expected to sign a contract with the Eurocopter for eight or ten helicopters at the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace 2009 show in December, *New Straits Times* quoted the ministry's source as saying.

The purchase price has failed to be disclosed. As planned, these helicopters will be delivered starting from 2010. The current fleet of helicopters, *Sikorsky S61-A4 Sea King*, has been in operation since 1969 and the government thinks it is urgent to replace them.—*Xinhua*

Iran, Venezuela sign several accords

TEHERAN, 7 Sept—Iran and Venezuela signed several accords in Teheran, the state TV reported on Sunday.

Iran and Venezuela signed several accords in Teheran before the farewell ceremony for Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, the report said without elaborating on the details of the accords.

During the talks, Presidents of Iran and Venezuela stressed boosting of bilateral ties between

Teheran and Caracas.

"The time of dominance of arrogant powers (implying the West) on the revolutionary nations has ended," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying.

Iran and Venezuela have the important missions of helping the poor and revolutionary nations and also expanding the anti-Imperialism front, state TV quoted him as saying.

According to Iran's of-

ficial *IRNA* news agency, Chavez, who is accompanied by a high-ranking delegation, was received at airport by Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki and Industry and Mines Minister Ali-Akbar Mehrabian on Saturday.

Chavez is on his seventh official visit to Iran and will meet Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad later Saturday.

Xinhua

Panamanian-registered vessel sinks off central Philippine

MANILA, 7 Sept—A Panamanian-registered vessel tilted and sank off Eastern Samar in Eastern Visayas, central Philippines early on Monday, local Radio dzBB's Carlo Mateo reported.

The report said the Philippine Coast Guard has started search-and-rescue operations for the vessel since 2 am local time on Monday.

The 6,835-gross ton ship had two South Koreans and 18 Filipinos on board, according to initial reports reaching Coast Guard headquarters in Manila.

Xinhua

Tanzanian President hails good relationship among East African states

ARUSHA, 7 Sept—Tanzanian president Jakaya Kikwete on Sunday hailed the good relationship among the East African Community (EAC) partner states, appealing to the defence forces of the five member states to maintain the spirit for the sake of peace, security and stability in the region. Kikwete made the remarks while delivering a speech at the opening ceremony of the first-ever Field Training Exercise to be conducted by the EAC Armed Forces from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi in Monduli District in the northeastern Tanzanian region of Arusha.

The Tanzanian President highlighted the exercise codenamed Ex-Mlima (Mountain) Kilimanjaro 2009 as "a landmark event" in the EAC, which speaks volumes about the depth and breath of the cooperation as well as the state of relations among the five EAC member states of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi.—*Xinhua*

Visitors read books in the 22nd Moscow International Book Fair in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 6 Sept, 2009.

XINHUA



A girl visitor views artistic pottery and porcelain works in the international ceramic art expo in Zibo, one of the five major ceramic cities in east China's Shandong Province, on 6 Sept, 2009. The fair attracted more than 1,500 ceramic enterprises and dealers across the country. —XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Kenya holds 37 Somali pirates

NAIROBI, 7 Sept—Kenyan authorities are holding an aircraft carrying 37 Somali pirates after landing in the east African nation on Sunday.

According to the local *Daily Nation* newspaper on Monday, the pirates who were arrested on Sunday are said to have been released by the Seychelles government before their Kenyan contact made arrangements and paid the aircraft company to fly them through Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) on their way to Mogadishu.

The newspaper established that the 40-seater *Dash-8* aircraft arrived at JKIA from the Seychelles on Saturday night and was immediately surrounded by police officers as high-level negotiations continued.

"The Kenyan government was said to be navigating the diplomatic minefield on the implications of allowing the pirates into the country, which is perceived by the international community to be helping in the fight against piracy and terrorism," it said.—*Xinhua*





Water main break causes flooding in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 7 Sept—Crews were cleaning up mud and broken asphalt on Sunday after a deluge from a burst water main swept cars down streets, forced people out of their homes and flooded a section of a major Los Angeles boulevard.

The water flow from the broken pipe was stopped after about four hours, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power spokeswoman Jane Galbraith said. The burst main is part of the city's original water system, dating to 1914, and was slated for repair, she said.

A section of Ventura Boulevard in Studio City would be closed for at least two days, officials said.

No injuries were reported after the 64-inch main broke late Saturday night, but firefighters rescued a person who was in a car that had been swept away in the flooding, Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Erik Scott said.

It was not immediately clear how many cars were damaged.

More than 125 firefighters responded and redirected water toward a storm drain, Scott said.

Internet

Department of Water & Power workers drain the water from a huge hole created when a water pipe burst late Saturday night in the Studio City section of Los Angeles, on 6 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Mexico catches suspect in border incursion, deaths

CIUDAD JUAREZ, 7 Sept—Mexican soldiers arrested a suspected drug gang leader linked to a 2006 border incursion by armed traffickers into Texas and the killing of an anti-crime activist in July, the army said late Saturday.

The army said in a statement that soldiers acting on a tip about armed men detained Jose Rodolfo Escajeda in Nuevo Casas Grandes, in northern Chihuahua state.

Escajeda and three other suspects detained with him on Friday allegedly worked for the Juarez

cartel, named after the border city of Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas. The suspects were riding in bullet-resistant vehicles.

The army said Escajeda, who is wanted by the US Drug Enforcement Administration, and the other suspects were turned over to Mexican prosecutors. It did not say whether he would be extradited to face charges in the United States.

A US federal grand jury indictment names Escajeda as "allegedly responsible for an incursion into the United States" as

well as drug charges, according to the DEA.

On 24 Jan, 2006 at least 10 men in Mexican military-style uniforms crossed the Rio Grande into the United States on a marijuana-smuggling foray, leading to an armed confrontation with Texas law officers near Neely's Crossing, Texas, about 50 miles (80 kilometres) east of El Paso.

State police tried to stop the three sport utility vehicles, which made a quick U-turn and headed south toward the border, a few miles away.

Internet

Quake in Albania causes damage no injuries

TIRANA, 7 Sept—Albanian authorities say an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.4 in the north-east of the country caused some damage but no injuries.

The Albanian Institute of Seismology says the quake struck at 11:49 pm (2149 GMT) on Sunday in a village in the Dibra area close to the Macedonian border, some 62 miles (100 kilometres) northeast of the capital, Tirana.

Local authorities said on Monday that two houses collapsed and others suffered minor damage.

The quake was felt in central and northern Albania. It was followed by dozens of small tremors.—*Internet*

Nicaragua's San Cristobal volcano spews ashes, gas

MANAGUA, 7 Sept—Nicaragua's San Cristobal volcano has let off a series of explosions, spewing gases and showering ash on nearby towns.

There are no reports of injuries or damage.

Civil Defence Maj Carlos Caceres says on Sunday's blasts prompted officials to issue an alert for 25 districts near the volcano.

The 5,725-foot (1,745-metre) volcano is located about 70 miles (110 kilometres) northwest of Managua, near the Honduran border.

San Cristobal's last such activity occurred three years ago.

Internet

Record holder cried over broken nails

A Salt Lake City woman who held the Guinness World Record for longest fingernails on a female hand said she cried when they were broken off in a car crash.

Lee Redmond, 68, said her nails, which she hadn't cut since 1979, measured a total 28 feet, 4 inches before they broke off when she was thrown from her car during a February crash, KSL Radio, Salt Lake City, reported on Wednesday.

"The first thing I spotted was a fingernail, and I thought, 'Ohh.' Then I started to cry and said, 'There's one of my fingernails.' A sweet lady picked them up and I told her they were a Guinness world record, so she went around and gathered fragments of fingernails," Redmond said.

She said the crash was a blessing in disguise because she never would have been able to bring herself to cut the nails on purpose.

"It was just something I had to accept because I couldn't change anything," Redmond said.



This undated image provided by the Guinness World Records Book launch shows Lee Redmond, right, former record holder for longest fingernails (28-ft 4-in), posing with Melvin Booth, the male owner of the longest finger nails (29-ft 8-in). This photo was taken just a few months prior to Redmond's accident which resulted in the loss of her fingernails, for the 2010 Edition of Guinness World Records.

Baby with 'external heart' recovers after surgery

A 10-day-old baby born with a heart on the outside of his body is recovering in an Indian hospital after undergoing surgery to create space for the organ, reports said Friday.

The unnamed boy from the eastern Indian state of Bihar had a com-

plete thoracic ectopia cordis, a rare condition when a child is born with the heart in an abnormal position, the reports said.

"We gently placed the heart partly in the heart cavity and partly in the stomach cavity without twisting, kinking or rotating anything," cardiac

surgeon A K Bishoi who operated on the boy told the Hindustan Times newspaper.

Born to labourer parents, the infant was also suffering from a blood infection after his parents wrapped him in a thin towel to cover the "jutting out" heart, the paper said.

A handout photograph from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences shows an unnamed baby boy from Bihar with a complete thoracic ectopia cordis prior to surgery in New Delhi.



NEWS ALBUM



Lebanese women cut the biggest kebbe dish, a middle eastern specialty made of bulgur and spiced minced meat, after entering the Guinness World Records in the town of Ehden in northern Lebanon.

Philippines 'Stone-Age' men stick to the story

When he was young Lobo swung on vines and hung around a cave, the long-haired, loin-clothed poster child of a sensational Stone Age tribe supposedly lost in the time warp of a remote Philippines rainforest.

Now with the western scholars, journalists and celebrities a distant memory, Lobo Bilangan wears faded tracksuits, chainsmokes, and eats canned sardines—one of hundreds of poor farmers slashing and burning their way through the forest.

"We were denounced as a hoax," said Lobo, a thin man with a receding hairline who grows maize on the cleared land to feed his three wives and 10 children.

"But as far as I am concerned, I am a real Tasaday," said the one-time National Geographic Magazine cover boy, speaking through an interpreter.



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BENEFICIAL EFFECT OF METTA

The beneficial effect of metta is immense and most exalted. Dissemination of metta is par excellence, and unrivalled, among the good *kamm*s which can benefit the accomplishment of an existence in the long run of samsaric circle.

Sekkyataung Sayadaw Ven. U Tiloka

Momentum of Literacy Movement in Myanmar

Daw Si Si Aye (DMERB)

The literacy Programme in Myanmar was first initiated as a pilot project in 1964-65. From the year 1965 to 1968 was a period of experiment on the implementation of the literacy Programme through voluntary mass movement. During the period of 1969 to 1983, the momentum of the literacy movement grew so rapidly through mass campaigns that people from all townships in some selected states and divisions became literate.

As a result, Myanmar was awarded two UNESCO prizes; the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi prize in September 8, 1971 and the Noma Prize in September 8, 1983.

The World Conference of Education was held in Jomtien in 1990. Since then, Myanmar has been carrying out the objectives of Education For All in her own way in line with her own national education plan.

In accordance with "Education For All Plan of Action", formal education programmes and non-formal education programmes are being carried out harmoniously.

In formal education sector, to ensure that all school going-aged children are in schools, last week of every May of the year is specified as 'School Enrolment Week'. Under the supervision of local authorities, educational and departmental personnel, well-wishers, members of school Boards of Trustees, members of non-governmental and social organizations and parents participate in the implementation of "All School-aged children in School" activities

throughout the country. This paved the way for increasing enrolment rate from 91% to 98.13% for the academic year 1999-2000 to 2008-2009; 98.25% in 2009-2010 academic year.

In the basic education sector, (33747) number of schools in the 1987-1988 academic year has risen to (40601) in the 2008-2009 academic year. The increase in number (6854) shows that greater access to education is being provided throughout the country.

Before the 2001-2002 academic year, there was no post-primary school where students can continue their secondary education after the completion of their primary education. In the 2008-2009 academic year, (6392) post-primary schools have been opened for the graduates of the primary education to continue their secondary education in the same school. The transition rate from primary level to secondary level also improved from 45.60% in 1988 to 77.32% in 2007-2008 academic year.

Ministry of Education has initiated opening of mobile schools for the school-aged children who have to go along with their parents who move to other places to earn their living. Now there are (39) mobile schools in Myanmar and properly trained teachers have been assigned for these schools. Mobile schools are, on one hand, aimed at providing all school-aged children to pursue primary education.

Although the enrolment rates remarkably increased, there are still some children from excluded

groups. In this respect, Inclusive Education was formally launched in formal education system to ensure that "Education for All" covers all children of excluded groups. Booklets, video tapes, VCDs and some necessary teaching-learning aids have been provided for Inclusive Education.

To be able to generate a life-long learning society in Myanmar, Ministry of Education is carrying out formal education programmes and non-formal education programmes harmoniously.

Non-formal education programmes in Myanmar are implemented through basic literacy programmes for illiterates and continuing education programmes for neo-literates are being provided for continuous learning. Community learning centres are opened for continuing education programmes.

Myanmar with her fine successes in her fight for literacy has been duly well-noted for her successful achievements.

As a result of the consistent literacy campaigns launched in Myanmar, the literacy rate has increased from 91% to 94.89% for the period from 2000 to 2009.

Along with basic literacy programmes, continuing education programmes such as post-literacy programme, income generating programme, quality of life improvement programme and equivalency programme have been implemented through community learning centres. In 2009, 2574 community learning centres were established in Myanmar. Since these community learning centres can be used as multipurpose learning centres, they are crucial in literacy movements.

It is planned to open community learning centres in all states and divisions in this year. Hence, the Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau, the focal institution for the non-formal education, has conducted literacy and continuing education trainings for non-formal education personnel in Shan (North) State, Shan (East) State, Kayah State and Chin State.

In conclusion, Myanmar is actively implementing the formal and non-formal education activities so as to gain more momentum in literacy movement leading to "Education for All" in this country.

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Reflected glory to the government

Ko Myanmar

I could breathe a sigh of relief after feeling uneasy about the recent Kokang Region issue which went away without much negative impact. In every country, the law is less effective in far-flung areas and such incidents are found sometimes. The root causes of the issue are historic events that date back to the colonial rule, and the lawless behaviours a regional powerhouse showed when overwhelmed by selfishness along with a sense of internal armed insurgency.

The issue also resulted from the divide-and-rule policy and poppy farming that came into existence in the colonial period. According to the colonial administrative machinery, Shan State was formed with Federated Shan States under the reign of chieftains at that time. Moreover, they were vested the rights to grow poppy and run opium dens legally for revenues.

In the post-independence period, such evil acts culminated in internal armed insurgency, which called for a great deal of weaponry and finance. So, opium smuggling was a congenial defect of the armed struggle line.

To make things worse, Kuomintang nationalist Chinese troops, who intruded on the eastern and northeastern parts of Shan State following the independence, and **CIA forces got involved deeply in the vast-scale smuggling of narcotic drugs, thus making the triangle region worldwide notorious as the opium circle of the Golden Triangle Region. CIA sent arms and ammunition by air to the nationalist Chinese troops, and on their way home, the airplanes carried opium, which was then spread to the whole world.**

In the period between 1970 and the early 1980s, all the armed groups in the northern part of Myanmar ran opium smuggling. And they often transported their opium to the Thai-Myanmar border areas via many routes for sale. On their return home, they purchased arms and ammunition left in the Vietnam war, in the black markets in Thailand. So, armed insurgents, production of narcotic drugs and illegal arm trade depended on one another.

Kokang nationals residing in Shan State (North) in China-Myanmar border gradually got involved in the narcotic drugs trade. They came to deal with the "Haw" Chinese group that had derived from nationalist Chinese and were residing in Thai border. Then, those Kokang nationals became to form themselves as an organization as part of groups of drug smugglers with mule caravans carrying narcotic drugs. When BCP troops intruded on the northeastern part of the nation, those Kokang nationals joined hands with the government as Kokang defence force in fighting the troops. In 1973, the Kokang defence force was dissolved. Some of them joined the army,

and some went underground and relapsed in the narcotic drugs industry. The group led by U Law Sit Han and Kokang defence force members returned to the legal fold around 1980. At that time, Kokang Region was under the domination of the northeastern military area of BCP. BCP organized U Phon Kya Shin and U Phon Kya Phu group. U Phon Kya Shin is well-versed in refining heroin.

Playing a leading role in the heroin refining at Hotaung Mongphyang Village near Hsilu Headquarters of BCP Brigade No (768) in Mongyan Township, Shan State (East), U Phon Kya Shin became an asset to the business of BCP. Later, he became the head of Kokang Region.

In 1989, Kokang and Mongkoe regions broke away from BCP and entered the legal fold to work together with the government. It is the first of its kind in returning to the legal fold, so the area was designated as Special Region (1).

However, the Kokang groups continued to produce narcotic drugs, a highly lucrative business. Then, "Phon" group and "Yan" group disagreed and vied with each other for power. They engaged in a battle against each other in 1992. Again in 1995, group in Monekoe and Kokang group fought each other.

So, the government had to intervene in the armed conflicts and reconciled the groups to avert bloodshed among national races. U Phon Kya Shin conceded loss to "Yan" group. The government thus established a new village "Shwe Pyi Nyunt" in Lashio for his group.

The government's intention in that regard was to make peace by putting an end to armed clashes between national races that had persisted for about 60 years, and to mobilize all the national brethren in national development undertakings.

Whenever the groups returning to the legal fold made mistakes, the State assumed that they had not been accustomed to the framework of law and forgave them out of patience. Some cases that happened even in cities not in jungle areas had to be dealt with in a systematic way. In that regard, some thought that the State was too compliant in dealing with the peace groups.

The State has spent a huge sum of money on development tasks in far-flung areas that had lacked progress throughout history in order that they can develop in parallel with other parts of the country. Kokang and Monekoe regions had been provided with everything including rice since their return to the legal fold. For accommodation, corrugated iron sheets, plywood and nails were sold to them. Hospitals, clinics, schools and staff quarters were built in such regions as Laukkai, Chinshwehaw, Parsinkyaw, Tashwehtein and Siaw. Chinshwehaw hydro-electric power station has been built, and post offices and telephone exchanges

and irrigation facilities have been established in Chinshwehaw and Laukkai. For poppy-substitute cultivation of rubber, sugarcane, coffee, tea, orange and lychee, saplings, fertilizers, pesticides and farm equipment were provided. For the regional economy also, lots of export and import permits have been granted.

In retrospect, how much did those regions develop while they were under the rule of colonialists and of BCP insurgents? How peaceful were they? Actually, the people of those regions had to live in fear amid sounds of guns and bombs. They had to live without schools, hospitals except opium.

It is obvious that the regions have developed with brick buildings, electricity and water thanks to the prevalence of peace and stability and the State's assistance.

But the regrettable thing is that taking advantage of the State's goodwill and tolerance, a group of people is secretly engaging in narcotic drug business and arms production, and these are threatening peace and security of Kokang region and its long-term economy. These issues can also have negative impact on Myanmar as well as the region.

Kokang region is situated on the border between Myanmar and China. The governments of both countries cannot tolerate narcotic drug business and arms smuggling at all. They should know with a farsighted view that doing such businesses in the small region of Kokang cannot yield a good result and they cannot escape from the long arm of the law.

The government of Myanmar, showing goodwill attitude towards the national people, has achieved peace that had never prevailed in the previous eras and is working very hard for development of the border regions and national races. Such goodwill and care can hardly be seen in the international community.

However, **goodwill and the law are not the same. It is necessary to distinguish between them. It is impossible to give a person carte blanche because he lives in a special region. Any nation cannot accept it.**

Regarding the case of armed forces, no nation gives permission to form a state Tatmadaw or regional Tatmadaw except a national Tatmadaw. Even if there are paramilitaries or other armed forces, they are usually under the direct control of central government. If those armed forces are left as they are, what will happen? Like in the incidents of Afghanistan and Iraq and those of Kokang region in the 1990s, there would occur bloodbath.

Shall we go back to the bitter experiences lasting some 60 years ago in building a future nation or shall we march in unity for the development of the whole nation realizing the goodwill of the government?

The majority of the national people have enjoyed the taste of peace and development and realized the State's goodwill. No one wants to have a nightmare of 60 years. I think that only a few leaders with lack of farsightedness did what should not be done putting their interests in the fore.

One good turn deserves another. It is absolutely sure that the majority of the national people who realize the goodwill of the government will march toward a new nation in unity.

Translation: MS+ST

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Special Refresher Course No. 69 for Basic Education Teachers opens

YANGON, 7 Sept — A ceremony to open Special Refresher Course No. 69 for Basic Education Teachers was held at the Central Institute for Civil Services (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township today.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered an opening address.

The ceremony was also attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and deputy ministers, departmental officials and teachers.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister U Thaung said refresher courses are conducted to improve skills of basic education teachers, who play a major role in the education sector, while nurturing youths, the new generation of the country, to become good citizens with the aim of achieving the human resource development.

A human resource well-versed in advanced science and technology plays an important role in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, he added.

Meanwhile, teachers are to nurture the new generation to become good citizens equipped with the Union Spirit and Nationalistic Spirit and preserve the traditional culture, he aid.

Only then, will the future generation become the sustainable learning society. It is the duty of the parents and teachers to nurture the students, who will shape the country in the future, to be equipped with the national characters, he added.

He continued to say that the teachers in the basic education sector are also shaping the future of the country as they are teaching and nurturing the basic education students, he said.

The national races have been living in unity in the country since time immemorial. The country enjoyed the prevalence of peace and stability and development when it was a powerful country with the unity of the national races. When there was

disunity among the national races, the country lost its independence and sovereignty. Therefore, leaders of national races sacrificed their lives to regain unity among the national races and struggled to regain the independence, he said.

After gaining the independence, the country had experienced insurgencies due to the evil legacy of the divide-and-rule administration of the colonial government. Due to the weak constitution created by the colonial government, the country reached on the edge of the collapse.

The minister said the country lagged behind in development as the governments had to give priority to perpetuation of the independence and sovereignty. Prevalence of peace and stability is essential for national development, and national unity is a basic for the prevalence of peace and stability.

In conclusion, the minister called on the trainees of the course to make efforts for preserving the national unity with the Union Spirit.

Over 1,500 teachers are attending the five-week course. —MNA



Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung addresses Special Refresher Course No. 69 for Basic Education Teachers.—MNA

Dy minister inspects Uru bridge in Homalin

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspected Uru bridge in Homalin Township of Sagaing Division on 4 September. At the briefing hall, Chief Engineer U Sein Maung of Public Works reported on condition of embankments, director of Directorate of Water

Resources and Improvement of River Systems, on condition of water course to the deputy minister.

The deputy minister also looked into the villages alongside the river bank and condition of water course of Uru bridge.

MNA

US and British diplomats visited NLD HQ 28 times in August

YANGON, 7 Sept — As National League for Democracy (NLD) has kept in contact with embassies of the United States of America and Britain and has carried out their instructions, people have criticized the party for its actions and have kept a watchful eye on it.

Diplomats of the embassies of the US and Britain in Yangon visited the headquarters of the party on West Shwegondaing Road in Yangon for 28 times in August. They met with CEC members of the NLD and presented small and big envelopes to them. —MNA



Myanmar Economic Banks in Yangon exchanging ragged banknotes. (News on page 16)—F&R

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence...

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye also inspected Ohndaw Dam near Ohndaw Village, condition of inter-village roads, Kyaukphaya Dam and the monsoon paddy plantation of farmer U Aye Kyaw, met with the local farmers and fulfilled the needs. At Chantha Home for the Aged in Aungzeya ward, Lt-Gen Tha Aye presented gifts to the elderly people.

Later, Lt-Gen Tha Aye visited Myinmu Township People's Hospital (25-bed) and he presented gifts to the patients and looked into the medical store. Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected maintenance of Sagaing-Myinmu-ChaungU-Monywa road by car. — MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects Mandalay Industrial Zone.—MNA



Growing media role in Shan State (South)

Byline: Naing Tun (Taunggyi); Photos: Maung Maung Than (IPRD)

(from page 1)

As a result of getting dailies timely, the public in all regions can keep themselves abreast of the development tasks of the nation and local/international news. And Myanmar Radio and Television also shifted the radio frequencies from SW (Short Wave) system to FM (Frequency Modulation) system enabling listeners from all states and divisions to receive radio programme clearly. Towns which can receive FM programmes transmitted by the central station of MRTV are Muse, Lashio, Kengtung, Taunggyi, Myawady, Myeik and

Kawthoung. MRTV also established City FMs in Yangon and Madalay which were organized by the entrepreneurs, Yangon City Development Committee and Mandalay City Development Committee. Those City FM stations are Yangon City FM, Mandalay City FM, Rupawady FM in Rakkhine State and Cherry FM in Shan and Kayah States.

MRTV transmits its programmes compatible with DTH satellite receivers for townships and villages far from the station. Staff members of Information and Public Relations Department are also

helping to increase the number of self-reliant libraries in each state and division cooperating with the regional authorities. Shan State Peace and Development Council is donating 336 copies of Myanma Alin Daily to 336 villages in Shan State (South) starting from 1 August. So, Myanma Alin and Kyemon Dailies are widely available in Shan State (South).

A total of 52 sets of DTH Satellite receivers donated by the Ministry of Information were installed for receiving MRTV, MRTV-4 and related channels in rural areas far from the re-transmission



Staff of News and Periodicals Enterprise on their way to newspaper distribution points.



The opening of a new self-reliant library in Phekon Township.

stations. Altogether 3322 libraries have been opened in 4694 villages of Shan State for enhancing knowledge of the dwellers. Cherry FM is broadcasting local news, international news and knowledgeable programmes daily at 89.8 MHz from 6 am to 9 pm starting on 1 September this year.

So, Shan State (South) will soon be able to implement the objective of the Ministry of Information to make the most effective use of media for the people.

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Twitter makes people twits, scientist claims

Beijing, 7 Sept—An expert in memory has said that some social networking sites can make people less intelligent, while others can enhance people's ability to remember things, reports said on Monday.

Dr Tracy Alloway, a psychologist at Stirling University, said some sites, such as Facebook, may actually improve working memory because they require people to hold a lot of information in their heads. But she says phenomena like Twitter may reduce people's ability to remember things. "Twitter can cause harm

because it produces a stream of information every second with no opportunity to process or manipulate that information," Alloway says.

She also blames the "tyranny of technology" which has reduced people's need to remember things. Speed dial on mobile phones means few people ever need to commit numbers to memory. And she says the watching of television also increases the risk of attention deficit syndromes.

However, she said there were ways to improve one's ability to

recall information.

"It doesn't matter if your mother left school at 15 or got a PhD, it's a level playing field. Not only does working memory have a profound impact on every aspect of our working lives but now there is exciting evidence that we can train it and improve it," says Dr Alloway, who has devised an on-line game that can improve working memory. Dr Alloway claims it may help the young develop working memory skills as well helping to combat memory loss in the elderly.

Xinhua



A visitor takes snapshot of the giant bronze sculpture of the Dazheng Hall (Hall of Great Affairs) of the Shenyang-located Imperial Palace of Qing Dynasty, on its public show in Shenyang City, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 6 Sept, 2009. It took 10 years for Shi Hongxiang, a local sculptor to finish this elaborate sculpture, which consists of over 40,000 bronze-engraving ornaments and accessories, in a proportion of 1:10 and a total weight of 3.8 tons.—INTERNET

Singapore increases contribution to IMF

SINGAPORE, 7 Sept—The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) announced on Monday that Singapore will "significantly expand" its contribution to resources of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The MAS said in a statement that Singapore's contribution will take the form of a contingent loan of 2 billion U.S. dollars to the IMF under its New Arrangements to Borrow (NAB). This represents an increase of 1.5 billion U.S. dollars from the existing contribution under the NAB.

Heng Swee Keat, managing director of MAS noted that Singapore's decision demonstrates the country's long-standing commitment to a well-resourced and effective IMF, adding that the IMF plays a key role in helping countries respond to unanticipated stresses in their external payments, and in maintaining global financial stability.

Singapore has been a contributor to the NAB since its inception in 1998.

Xinhua



A man works on a Smart "ForTwo" by Daimler at the Hambach factory in September 2008. German industrial orders gained 3.5 percent in July on an annual basis following a 3.8-percent rise in June, more good news for Europe's biggest economy, official data released showed.—INTERNET

Scientists discover giant rats, fanged frogs, grunting fish

BEIJING, 7 Sept—Scientists and filmmakers have discovered a new species of giant rat deep in the jungle of Papua New Guinea along with other animals hitherto unseen. The woolly rat, an over-sized vegetarian rodent, measures 82 cm long and weighs in at 1.5 Kg. Its size makes it amongst the largest species of rat known anywhere in the world.

The creature was discovered by an expedition team filming for BBC program Lost Land of the Volcano. But the large rat is only one of dozens of new creatures found in the shadow of the Bosavi volcano. The team also found scores of strange spiders and around 20 species of insect.

"Highlights include a camouflaged gecko, a fanged frog and a fish called the Henamo Grunter, so named because it makes grunting noises from its swim bladder," Steve Greenwood, series producer for Lost Land of the Volcano, said. The fanged frog is only one of some 16 new frogs discovered.

The area in which the animals were found is particularly inaccessible and the team spent several weeks scaling the 2,800 meter summit with the help from local trackers.—Xinhua

CNOOC gas field starts production in South China Sea

BEIJING, 7 Sept—China National Offshore Oil Company Limited (CNOOC Ltd.) said on Monday that a gas field of the company in the South China Sea has commenced production with a current daily output of 30,000 cubic feet. The gas field, dubbed as Ledong (LD) 22-1, is solely owned by CNOOC Ltd..

Natural gas from the field and also from LD 15-1, another CNOOC field 20 km away from LD 22-1, will be piped to customers, including refinery plants, chemical plants and city gas, in south China's Hainan Province. LD 15-1 will commence production later this year in order to match the customer needs said the company.

Peak production of LD 22-1 and LD 15-1 is expected to reach around 150 million cubic feet a day. Incorporated in Hong Kong, CNOOC Ltd. is a listed subsidiary of China National Offshore Oil Corporation, China's largest offshore oil producer.—Xinhua

In this 2009 photo released by the Wildlife Conservation Society, juvenile Rakhine Forest turtles are observed in the wild in Myanmar by a team of scientists led by the Wildlife Conservation Society. Researchers say they have found a rare turtle thought to be extinct in the wild during a trip to a remote forest in Myanmar, boosting the chances of saving the brown-and-tan spotted reptile. Texas researcher Steven Platt and members of the Wildlife Conservation Society discovered the first of five Rakhine Forest turtles in May during a survey of the Rakhine Yoma Elephant Sanctuary wildlife.—INTERNET



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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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China Unicom, Telefonica agree on \$1 b shares swap

BEIJING, 7 Sept—China Unicom (Hong Kong) Ltd said on Sunday that it signed a deal with Telefonica, the Spanish telecom operator, to enhance their alliance by spending 1 billion US dollars each on share purchase.

China Unicom would acquire shares equal to about between 0.885 percent to 0.892 percent of stake in Telefonica, according to the company's statement to the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

Telefonica would increase its stake in China Unicom from 5.38 percent to 8.06 percent, the statement said.

Their cooperation would focus on infrastructure and equipment purchase, mobile service platforms, research and development, and service provision to multinational clients, according to the deal.—Xinhua

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1. Sealed Tender is invited by the Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar. The Ministry of Construction for the supply of **STRAIGHT ASPHALT 80/100 Grade Metric Ton (10000) in Drum.**
2. Tender Closing Date is (30-9-2009 at 16:00 hr).
3. Tender Documents and detail specification are available at the Public Works, Procurement section Stores Division, No (40) Public Works, Nay Pyi Taw (8.9.2009) on Payment of (FEC-1000). To enquiry contact Phone No-067 407577, 067-407581
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Public Works will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Public Works
Ministry of Construction
Ph: 067 407577, 407581

DPJ chief pledges 25% cut of greenhouse gas emissions by 2020

TOKYO, 7 Sept—Democratic Party of Japan President Yukio Hatoyama, who is set to be elected Japan's next prime minister on 16 Sept, pledged on Monday to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25 percent by 2020.

"It is one of our pledges stipulated in our (election) manifesto so we have to have a political will to aim at its realization by utilizing all policy tools," Hatoyama said in a speech at a symposium on climate change in Tokyo. Japan, the world's fifth largest greenhouse gas emitter, is expected to present its target at an international conference on climate change to be held in Copenhagen in December. The outgoing government's 2020 goal announced in June is equivalent to eight percent cut from the 1990 levels.—Xinhua

Huntsman eyes China chemical plant purchases

LONDON, 7 Sept—Huntsman (HUN.N), an American chemicals group, is looking to buy chemical plants in China with part of a \$2.7 billion compensation package, said senior executive Paul Hulme in a *Financial Times* interview on Monday.

"We are looking for potential acquisitions. The obvious place to look was China," said Hulme, Huntsman Textile Effects division global president.

The firm is assessing a range of Chinese-owned assets alongside others belonging to European firms Clariant (CLN.VX) and BASF—who have indicated they may be willing to sell—the report said.

Huntsman was "very liquid" according to Hulme after receiving a compensation payout over the collapse of a private equity backed buy-out by Hexion last year.—Internet

MYANMAR IVANHOE COPPER COMPANY LIMITED (TENDER NOTICE)**TENDER. IFB No. 35/Overseas/2009**

Supply of Diluent, Clay Celite & Caterpillar Spares (3) lots are invited from Overseas Suppliers by CIF Yangon Basis, Euro or Singapore \$ Currency, by LC Term.

CLOSING DATE will be on 21 September 2009 12 noon.

Tender documents are available at the following addresses:

70 (I) Bo Chein Street, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township, Yangon, Myanmar

Tel: (95) 1 514194 to 7 ; Fax: (95) 1 514208; email: miccl@miccl.com.mmSite: Tel: (95) 71 22225/6; Fax: (95) 71 22522; email: supply@miccl.com.mm

Bids are to be reached the above offices on or before the closing date.

Queries can be done between 10am to 4pm at Supply Department; Tel: (95) 71 22225/6;

email :supply@miccl.com.mm before the Tender Closing Date.**MYANMAR IVANHOE COPPER COMPANY LIMITED (TENDER NOTICE)****TENDER NO (IFB NO. CCS-01-09)**

Sale of an estimated (1,200 metric tones) of copper cathode from MICCL S & K Mine site in Monywa, Myanmar.

CLOSING DATE & TIME: 21st September 2009 at 12:00 noonTender documents are available at the following address or can be accessed at www.miccl.com.mm. Any queries can be done between 10 am and 4pm at MICCL Yangon office before the tender closing date.**Myanmar Ivanhoe Copper Company Limited**

70(I) Bo Chein Street, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township

Yangon, Myanmar (Tel: (95) 1-514194 to 7/ Fax: (95) 1 514208/ Email: miccl@miccl.com.mm)**US leads world in foreign weapons sales**

WASHINGTON, 7 Sept—The United States accounted for more than two-thirds of foreign weapons sales in 2008, a year in which global sales were at a three-year low, *The New York Times* reported on Sunday.

Citing a congressional study released on Friday, the *Times* said the United States was involved in 68.4 percent of the global sales of arms. US weapons sales jumped nearly 50 percent in 2008 despite the global economic recession to \$37.8 billion from \$25.4 billion the year before. The jump defied worldwide trends as global arms sales fell 7.6 percent to \$55.2 billion in 2008, the report said. Global weapons agreements were at their lowest level since 2005. Italy, the second ranked country, amassed only \$3.7 billion in arms sales, while Russia ranked third with sales falling to \$3.5 billion in 2008, down from \$10.8 billion in 2007.—*Internet*



People harvest water caltrop in wooden tubs in Jiaxing, a city in east China's Zhejiang Province, on 6 Sept, 2009. It's the season to harvest water caltrop with the coming of autumn in east China. —XINHUA

Power network at Indonesia earthquake area expected to be fixed in 3-4 days

JAKARTA, 7 Sept—PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara, Indonesia's state-run electricity company, expected to fix power network at earthquake-triggered landslide area in three to four days, an official told the Press on Monday.

The landslide caused by an earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale in West Java Province last Wednesday, buried tens of houses in Cianjur regency.

The earthquake claimed more than 70 lives, with more than half of the victims in the regency.

"We hope that we could fix the power network in 3-4 days. In the meantime, we provide generator sets to supply power," said Murtadi Syamsudin, the company's director for Java, Madura and Bali Islands in parliamentary building here.

According to Murtadi, apart of in Cianjur regency,

his company has provided tens of generator sets to other refugee base camps in Tasikmalaya and Banjarnegara regencies.

The three regencies were the hardest hit by the earthquake. Last week, the company's president director Fahmi Muchtar said that his office suffered losses of over 4 billion rupiah (400 million US dollars) due to the earthquake.

*Xinhua***Toshiba may outsource some top-line chip production**

TOKYO, 7 Sept—Toshiba Corp (6502.T) is in talks with Singapore's Chartered Semiconductor (CSMF.SI) and Global foundries Inc about outsourcing production of some of its next-generation system chips to help cut costs, two company sources said.

Toshiba, which sources have said plans to bid for

French nuclear group Areva's (CEPFi.PA) power transmission and distribution unit, is looking to save costs at its loss-making chip division as it seeks stabler revenues from the power business.

The world's No 2 maker of NAND flash memory chips plans to make 28-nanometre chips at its plant in Oita, southern Japan, but

is considering contracting out production of chips exceeding its capacity, said company spokeswoman Hiroko Mochida.

But Yuichi Ishida, analyst at Mizuho Investors Securities, said he expected Toshiba to outsource all of its 28-nanometre chip production.

Internet

This photo taken on 3 Sept, 2009 shows a section of a expressway connecting Sayram Lake and Guozigou being constructed above Tianshan Mountains in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

*XINHUA***Egypt reports second A/H1N1 flu death**

CAIRO, 7 Sept — Egypt on Sunday confirmed the second A/H1N1 flu death in the country, a statement issued by Ministry of Health said.

According to the statement, the dead is a 25-year-old Egyptian woman in Dakahliah governorate, 150 km north of Cairo. She may

contracted the virus from her husband who recently came back from Saudi Arabia.

On 20 July, Egypt reported the first A/H1N1 flu death of a 28-year-old Egyptian woman, who returned from Saudi Arabia after performing Umrah (Hajj to Mecca any time of the year).

In early June, Egypt reported its first A/H1N1 flu case — a 12-year-old Egyptian-American girl coming from the United States via the Netherlands.

Since then, the country has reported 783 cases of the A/H1N1 flu, and 716 of them have recovered.

Xinhua

A man walks on a street after a landslide at the Lo Barnechea township near Santiago on 6 Sept, 2009.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Barry aims to avenge Croatian misery

LONDON, 7 Sept—England midfielder Gareth Barry admits he is desperate to make amends for the lowest moment of his career by helping Fabio Capello's side secure their World Cup place with victory over Croatia on Wednesday. Barry was part of the England team



England footballers Gary Cahill (R) and Gareth Barry run during a training session at Arsenal's training facility in London.—INTERNET

who missed out on Euro 2008 after Croatia won 3-2 at Wembley 22 months ago, but the Manchester City star is confident Slaven Bilic's men will find it much harder in London this time.

Last time, in November 2007, Steve McClaren's England needed just a draw to qualify for the European Championship finals in Austria and Switzerland but they fell apart in dismal fashion. McClaren was sacked soon after and Capello took over. The Italian has quickly got England back on track and they can book their trip to next year's World Cup in South Africa with a victory over the Croatians after winning all seven of their qualifiers.

Internet

South Africa face Ireland on World Cup learning curve

DUBLIN, 7 Sept—Aaron Mokoena believes South Africa will continue their learning process when they play Ireland in Limerick on Tuesday. Following their 2-0 defeat to Germany in Leverkusen on Saturday, Bafana—now tackle Ireland at Munster's famous Thomond Park, a stadium renowned more for its rugby pedigree than soccer.

Mokoena believes the pace and intensity of Ireland's British-based players will provide a new challenge for his teammates as they continue their preparation for the World Cup next summer. "We had a really a good game against Germany, they are a very experienced team and of course, they've been playing at the top level a long, long time," said Mokoena, who will hope to add to his record 92 caps on Tuesday.

Internet

Gomez hands Germany injury worry, Oezil to start

BERLIN, 7 Sept—Striker Mario Gomez handed Germany a World Cup qualifying headache on Sunday



Germany's striker Mario Gomez

when he pulled up with a knee injury while highly-rated winger Mesut Oezil was confirmed as a starter for Wednesday's clash with Azerbaijan.

Gomez and 20-year-old Werder Bremen player Oezil both scored in Saturday's 2-0 friendly win over South Africa. Coach Joachim Loew used the speed of Oezil and fellow 20-year-old winger Marko Marin to exploit space down the flanks for lone striker Gomez against South Africa.—Internet

New mother Clijsters beats V Williams at US Open

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—A half-hour after getting past Venus Williams in a three-set tussle at the US Open, Kim Clijsters had her hands full again. Juggling an energy drink, a bottle of water and a snack, Clijsters was trying to keep an eye on her 18-month-old daughter, Jada, as the tyke scurried around the players' lounge. Better keep the nanny on call: Mommy's got more work to do at Flushing Meadows.

Playing by far her biggest match since coming back after 2 1/2 years away from tennis, Clijsters knocked off the No. 3-seeded Williams 6-0, 0-6, 6-4 Sunday in a match of wild momentum swings to reach the US Open quarterfinals. "It's still



Kim Clijsters, of Belgium, returns to Venus Williams, of the United States, in the fourth round of the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 6 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

kind of hard to believe. But then again, I'm not trying to get carried away with it all," the 26-year-old Belgian said. "Just trying to focus on what I have to do, because the tournament's still going. I just want to keep focusing on my tennis."—Internet

France boss Domenech gets vote of confidence

PARIS, 7 Sept—Under-fire French coach Raymond Domenech received the dreaded vote of confidence on Sunday, just hours after the 1998 world champions suffered another setback in their bid to reach the World Cup.

Saturday's 1-1 draw against Romania in Paris left France, the 2006 runners-up, needing to beat Serbia in Belgrade on Wednesday to keep their hopes of automatic qualification alive. "I repeat:

yes, yes, yes. I have to say it three times. He has the job of qualifying us for the World Cup," said French Football Federation (FFF) president Jean-Pierre Escalettes.—Internet



French national soccer team's coach Raymond Domenech

Little-known hot-shots put Ronaldo in World Cup shade

PARIS, 7 Sept—The weekend's World Cup qualifying matches were graced by some of the top strikers in world football, but a glimpse at the list of top scorers from each confederation reveals a striking lack of big names.

Fernando Torres, Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Didier Drogba and Cristiano Ronaldo were all in action on Saturday, but none have come anywhere close to the 12 goals scored by Osea Vakatalesau of Fiji. Vakatalesau has not even featured in a qualifying match since Fiji's 2-0 win over Oceania section winners New Zealand in

November 2008, but he is not the only confederation top scorer who won't be appearing in South Africa next summer.—Internet



Spain's forward Fernando Torres jumps for the ball during a World Cup qualifying match in March. Torres was in action on Saturday, but did not come anywhere close to the 12 goals scored by Osea Vakatalesau of Fiji.—INTERNET

Ghana qualify for 2010 World Cup finals

JOHANNESBURG, 7 Sept—Chelsea midfielder Michael Essien scored as Ghana defeated Sudan 2-0 in Accra Sunday to become the first African qualifiers for the 2010 World Cup in South Africa. Inter Milan midfielder Sulley Muntari gave the 'Black Stars' an early lead and Essien added a second soon after half-time, unleashing a drive that flew into the net at the near post.

The result coupled with closest challengers Benin and Mali drawing 1-1 in Cotonou a few hours earlier left a Ghana side boasting a 100 percent record with an unassailable seven-point Group D advantage. "It was so important to win, regardless of how we achieved the result. It is still special for us professionals to return home and bring joy to the people of Ghana," Essien told reporters.—Internet

Serena sweeps into last eight at US Open

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—Defending champion Serena Williams cruised into the quarter-finals of the US Open on Sunday with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia. The second seed will play either Vera Zvonareva of Russia or Flavia Pennetta of Italy for a place in the semi-finals.

It was a routine win for the tournament favourite in stark contrast to the trials and tribulations of several of her main contenders, especially the Russian brigade of top seed Dinara Safina, Maria Sharapova and Elene Dementieva who were all upset.

The 27-year-old Williams broke serve in the sixth and eighth games



Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia returns to Serena Williams of the US during their 4th round US Open match at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in New York.

INTERNET

of the first set against the Slovak, who was playing in her 35th Grand Slam event and with just one semi-final showing, at the 2008 Australian Open, to show for it.—Internet

Injury fears follow Nadal into last 16 at US Open



Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal hits a return to compatriot Nicolas Almagro during a US Open third round match at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—Rafael Nadal advanced to the fourth round of the US Open on Sunday in his quest to complete a career Grand Slam but a right abdominal muscle injury brought new health con-

cerns for the Spanish third seed. Nadal received abdominal treatment from a trainer in the third set of a 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 victory over 32nd-ranked countryman Nicolas Almagro and his reluctance to speak about it after the match added more fitness worries.

"I don't want to talk about injuries," Nadal said. "I try my best every day. I won the match in three sets." Pressed on whether or not the treatment helped him in the third set, the six-time Grand Slam winner replied, "I won 6-4. You can see I didn't serve very fast but I think I played better from the baseline than before."—Internet



Spotify, the Swedish music streaming website, on Monday announced the launch of its software on Apple's iPhone, the best-selling handset that features high speed internet access.—INTERNET

China to continue anti-dumping measures on SBR from Russia, Japan, Republic of Korea

BEIJING, 7 Sept— China will continue to impose anti-dumping measures on styrene butadiene rubber (SBR) imported from Russia, Japan and Republic of Korea, the Ministry of Commerce said in a statement on its website on Monday.

The anti-dumping measures will be effective for five years, starting from 8 September, the statement said. The statement said China decided to take the anti-dumping measures after a one-year review, as dumping of SBR could continue otherwise, and could damage the domestic industry.

The ministry launched a review of anti-dumping measures for SBR from Russia, Japan and the Republic of Korea from 8 September of 2008 on the request of the Chinese SBR industry.

China began levying anti-dumping taxes from zero percent to 38 percent for five years on imports of SBR produced in Russia, Japan and Republic of Korea in September of 2003. Styrene butadiene rubber is a raw chemical material used in tyres and other rubber products.—Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (8-9-2009) (Tuesday)

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

Local Transmission

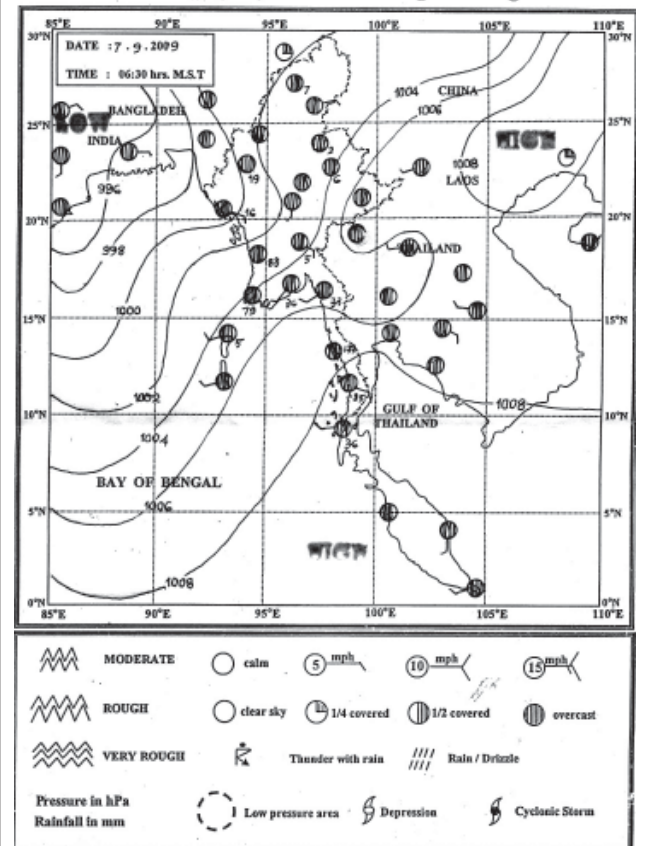
- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Golden Mandalay Hill
- * Myanma Toddy palm: A Source of Rural Income
- * Myanmar Martial Arts (Part-2)
- * Culture Stage "The Solo Dance"
- * Work hard for the Success of the Agricultural Sector
- * Let's Sing Together! Let's fly against the Wind
- * Enjoy our Shan Food
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

- * Signature Tune
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
- * Golden Mandalay Hill
- * Myanma Toddy Palm: A Source of Rural Income
- * Myanmar Martial Arts (Part-2)
- * Culture Stage "The Solo Dance"
- * The Reh lake (The Greatest attraction in Chin State)
- * Let's Sing Together! "Let's fly against the Wind"
- * Enjoy our Shan Food
- * Work hard for the Success of the Agricultural Sector
- * Welcome to golden region of Thabeikkyin
- * Tradition of Offering Elephant Figurines
- * The Beauty of Ingyin Fossils From Chindwin River
- * National Dance "Vram Naga Harvest Dance"
- * A Journey to the Zalon Mountain
- * Myanmar Modern Song "Wonderful Country"
- * Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-I)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 7th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah States, scattered in Kachin and Shan States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Division, fairly and widespread in Magway and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with Locally heavyfalls in Taninthayi Division, isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Munaung (15.28) inches, Launglon (11.61) inches, Dawei (7.48) inches, Myeik (3.94) inches, Patheingyi (3.82) inches, Thandwe (3.31) inches, Ye (2.99) inches, Gwa (2.68) inches, Phyapong (2.48) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.01) inches and Aungmye (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-9-2009 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 7-9-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-9-2009 was 92 %. Total sun shine hours on 6-9-2009 was (3.0) hour approx.

Rainfall on 7-9-2009 was (2.01) inches at Mingaladon, (1.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.59) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (92.64) inches at Mingaladon, (103.82) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.88) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (08:30) hours MST on 7-9-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8th September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-9-2009:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-9-2009: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Tuesday, 8
September
View on today

7:00 am

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7:25 am

2. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး- ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am

5. ဆွေချောင်းတံတား

8:00 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

8. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်ခေတ် ဟောင်းတေး) (အဆင့်မြင့် ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:50 am

10. Song of Yester Years

4:00 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (မကွေး FC အသင်းနှင့် ဇေယျာရွှေမြေ FC အသင်း)

4:50 pm

2. Dance of National Races

5:05 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (သမိုင်းအထူးပြု) (သမိုင်း)

5:20 pm

4. Song for Uphold National Spirit

5:30 pm

5. ရင်မှာစွဲထင်တေးအလှသံစဉ်

5:45 pm

6. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊

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6:00 pm

7. Evening News

6:15 pm

8. Weather Report

6:20 pm

9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:35 pm

10. ဆိုလိုက်ကြစို့

7:00 pm

11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တစ်ရေခိုးဖူးစာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)

8:00 pm

12. News

13. International News

14. Weather Report

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "မေ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)



- ★ 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

Ragged banknotes exchangeable at banks

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Myanma Economic Banks in Yangon have been exchanging ragged banknotes in circulation for new similar ones since 3 August 2009. Notes exchangeable range from 5-kyat note to 500-kyat note, totaling seven kinds of notes. A person can exchange 20 to 30 notes one time depending on the amount permitted. A person wishing to exchange 50 notes has to apply to the bank manager

concerned in order to avert possible unscrupulous acts. The banks that see highest number of people exchanging their notes are Myanma Economic Bank (Branch-3) in downtown Yangon and the Central Bank of Myanmar on Bo Sun Pet Street, each dealing with about 100 clients, whereas each of the branches in suburban areas is dealing with 20 to 30 persons a day. MNA

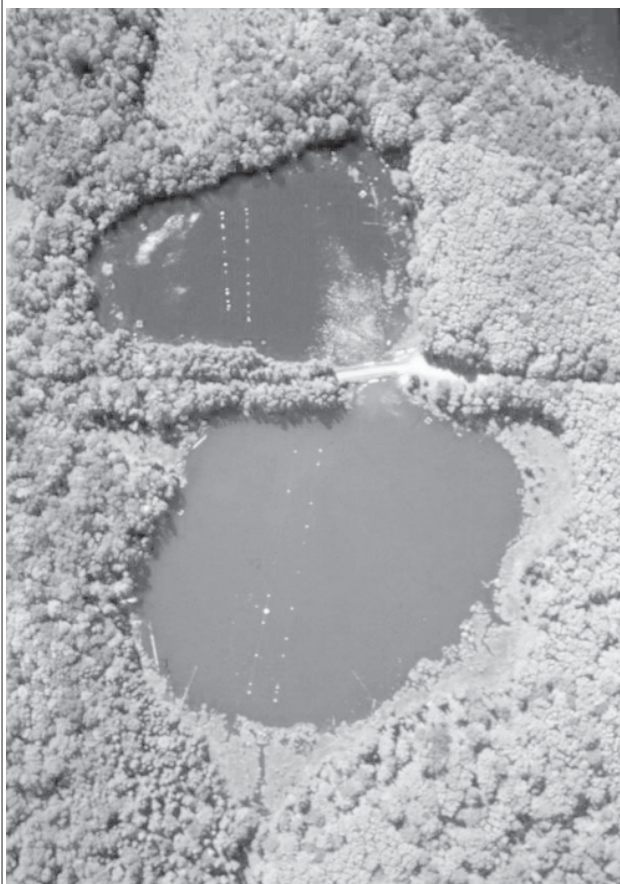
Local people return to Kokang as stability prevails in Shan State (North)

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — The number of people who returned to Kokang has reached 14253, according to data on 7th September at 6 pm.

Local people who left Kokang region have returned to Kokang through Yanlonkyaing and Chinshwehaw border check-points as from 29th August as the stability has prevailed there.

The administrative machinery in the region has returned to normal.—MNA

Early warning signals of change: 'Tipping points' identified where Sudden shifts to new conditions occur



Early warning indicators have been found in Wisconsin's side-by-side Peter and Paul Lakes.

SCIENCE DAILY, 7 Sept—What do abrupt changes in ocean circulation and Earth's climate, shifts in wildlife populations and ecosystems, the global finance market and its system-wide crashes, and asthma attacks and epileptic seizures have in common?

According to a paper published this week in the journal Nature, all share generic early-warning signals that indicate a critical threshold of change dead ahead.

In the paper, Martin Scheffer of Wageningen University in The Netherlands and co-authors, including William Brock and Stephen Carpenter of the University of Wisconsin at Madison and George Sugihara of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, Calif., found that similar symptoms occur in many systems as they approach a critical state of transition.

"It's increasingly clear that many complex systems have critical thresholds — 'tipping points' — at which these systems shift abruptly from one state to another," write the scientists in their paper.

Especially relevant, they discovered, is that "catastrophic bifurcations," a diverging of the ways, propel a system toward a new state once a certain threshold is exceeded.

Internet

Three patients infected with A (H1N1) discharged, remaining three on the mend

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Three patients infected with A (H1N1) were discharged from the hospitals yesterday.

A girl aged 15 and two men aged 16 and 44 were discharged from respective hospitals as they recovered from the flu and quarantine measures for family members who came into contact with the patients were stopped.

Out of 33 patients infected with A (H1N1), 30 had also been discharged from respective hospitals as they recovered from the flu and the remaining three patients are under intensive care taken by specialists.

The National Health Laboratory found the flu virus in 33 patients out of 227 suspect.

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