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Prime Minister General Thein Sein sends felicitations to DPRK

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Sept—On the occasion of the Day of the Foundation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which falls on 9 September 2009, General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Kim Yong Il, Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.—*MNA*

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**

Education For All, fundamental requirement for development of the whole human society

Secretary-1 addresses International Literacy Day (2009) commemorative ceremony

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 Sept—The Ministry of Education marked International Literacy Day (2009) at its assembly hall here this morning, with an address by Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, MEC members, resident representatives of UN agencies, directors-general and departmental heads of SPDC Office, the Government Office and

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***Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addressing International Literacy Day (2009) commemorative ceremony.*—MNA**

PERSPECTIVES

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Try to preserve Union Spirit in training the youth

Special Refresher Course No. 69 for basic education teachers was opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township in Yangon Division on 7 September.

In order to establish a peaceful and developed nation, the government of Myanmar is training its citizens to be well qualified and able to keep abreast of advances in science and technology.

Teachers in the basic education sector shape the future of the nation because the new generation youths they are training are the future leaders of the nation. It is necessary for basic education teachers not only to impart knowledge to their students but to strengthen their nationalistic fervour. For this, the teachers themselves must have strong national convictions and be able to see the past and present history of our nation as well as of the world from the right perspective.

Teachers are the major force of the education sector and their main duty is to train the new generation youths who are to serve the future nation. In doing so, it is important that they are nurtured in such as that they become morally and ethically upright citizens. Moreover, they will have to be trained to be able to value and preserve the fine traditions and culture of their ancestors.

We would like to call on teachers to equip themselves with Union Spirit and try to be role models for their students and keep the fine traditions of national unity in carrying out their duty.

***Entertaining of Inner Mongolian performing arts group in Myanmar.*—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**

Fire stations inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe together with Deputy Director-General of Fire Service Department U Ko Ko Hlaing and officials on 5 September inspected PyinOoLwin Township fire station in Mandalay Division, Nawnghkio Township fire station in Shan State (North) and Hsipaw Township fire station.

Next, the minister visited the self reliannt pre-primary school of Social Welfare Department in Hsipaw and fulfilled the needs.

On 6 September, the minister inspected construction of 50-bed Namhsan Hospital and met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and the local people at the town hall. He then rendered assistance to health care centres, schools and villages in Namhsan region and inspected the site chosen for construction of Namhsan fire station.—*MNA*

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to DPRK

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Sept—On the occasion of the Day of the Foundation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which falls on 9 September 2009, U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Pak Ui Chun, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.—*MNA*

***Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe meets with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people in Namhsan.*—FSD**

Deputy Construction Minister inspects towers in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe inspected construction of towers over the Chindwin River at Bellin, Ohntaw and Nyaungpingyi in Monywa on 5 September.

The Superintending Engineer and Senior Engineer reported on the progress of task. Deputy Minister gave necessary instructions.

MNA

***Deputy Minister U Tint Swe inspects construction of towers over the Chindwin River in Monywa.*—CONSTRUCTION**

Inner Mongolian performing arts group to entertain in Myanmar

YANGON, 7 Sept — S L Tosi Performing Arts Group from Inner Mongolia County of the People's Republic of China will entertain at Yangon National Theatre on Myomakyaung Road at 7 pm on 10 September and at Mandalay National Theatre at 7 pm on 12 September.—*MNA*

Tobacco Kills

Suicide bomber attacks Kabul airport base

KABUL, 8 Sept—A suicide car bomber detonated his explosives outside a NATO military base at the international airport in the Afghan capital on Tuesday killing at least one civilian, officials said.

Farid Raeed, an official at the Ministry of Health, said one civilian was killed in the blast and seven others had been brought to two hospitals in the capital.

A nearby shopkeeper who witnessed the blast told *Reuters* the suicide bomber had detonated his explosives close to one of the entrances of the military side of the airport.

"A suicide bomber in a 'Surf' car (off-road vehicle) exploded himself near the main gate (guarded) by Nepali guards. There was a (Toyota) Corolla car parked nearby and one person was injured inside," said Izmarai.

"Another man was riding his bicycle and fell to the ground. The police carried another wounded person away," he said.

Zabihullah Mujahid, a spokesman for the Taleban, claimed responsibility for the blast, and said the target had been foreign soldiers at the airport.

A police official, who confirmed the blast had no immediate information on casualties, but a private television channel said there were a number of casualties among Afghans and foreign troops.

Internet

ISAF soldiers secure the site of the car bomb, outside the entrance to the military airport, in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 8 Sept, 2009. A car bomb exploded near the entrance to Kabul's military airport early on Tuesday in an apparent attack on an international convoy, killing at least two civilians and wounding six, Afghan officials said. The Taleban claimed responsibility for the blast.—INTERNET

Lita Casumlum, a ferry survivor, recuperates in a military hospital in Zamboanga City in southern Philippines on 8 Sept, 2009. —INTERNET

Two policemen killed in bomb attack in northern Iraq

KIRKUK, 8 Sept—Two policemen were killed and four others injured in a roadside bomb explosion near their patrol in northern Iraq Tuesday, a local police source said.

A police vehicle was destroyed by the blast which took place in the area of Taza in southern Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad,the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

An earlier police report from the neighboring Salahudin Province said that a police lieutenant colonel and three of his policemen were killed in a bomb explosion near their patrol in the town of Amerli, some 80 km east of the provincial capital of Tikrit.

Kirkuk and Amerli are disputed between the Iraqi government and northern Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan region over the control of ethnically mixed areas outside the Kurdish region. Sporadic attacks, including deadly ones, still common in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities as part of recent deterioration in security which highlights the difficulties the Iraqi government faces in its efforts to restore normalcy in the country after more than two months of U.S. troops pullout of cities and towns.

Xinhua

Tropical Storm Fred forms in eastern Atlantic

MIAMI, 8 Sept—Tropical Storm Fred formed in the eastern Atlantic Ocean on Monday with top winds of 40 mph, but did not immediately threaten any land, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Fred was the sixth named tropical storm of the 2009 Atlantic-Caribbean hurricane season that runs from June through November. Forecasters said some strengthening was expected in the next couple of days.

Tropical storms become hurricanes when their top sustained winds reach 74 mph.

Internet

Fire at newspaper building put out in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, 8 Sept—Around 500 people were evacuated from the offices of Mexican newspaper Excelsior on Monday after a fire broke out there. No casualties were reported.

The fire started in a store of paper and bubble wrap in a colour printing plant in the six-storey building.

A thick column of smoke was visible from the building, part of which was used to store paint and chemical products.

Firefighters and ambulances rushed to the scene to help control the fire.—*Internet*

Strong quake hits Indonesia; no injuries, damage

JAKARTA, 8 Sept—The US Geological Survey says a 6.1-magnitude earthquake has hit off the eastern coast of the main Indonesian island of Java.

Sutiyono from Indonesia's Meteorological and Geophysics Agency said there were no reports of causalities or damage. He also said no tsunami warning was triggered. Sutiyono, like many Indonesians, uses only one name. The temblor struck late Monday at a depth of about 10 miles (15 kilometres) about 385 miles (620 kilometers) southeast of the capital, Jakarta.

Last week, a 7.0-magnitude quake shook Java, killing at least 64 people. Rescuers are still searching for bodies, but there is little hope of finding survivors.—*Internet*

Indonesian military plane crashes, killing four

JAKARTA, 8 Sept—A small Indonesian military plane crashed on Borneo on Monday with nine passengers and crew aboard, killing four, the national search and rescue agency said.

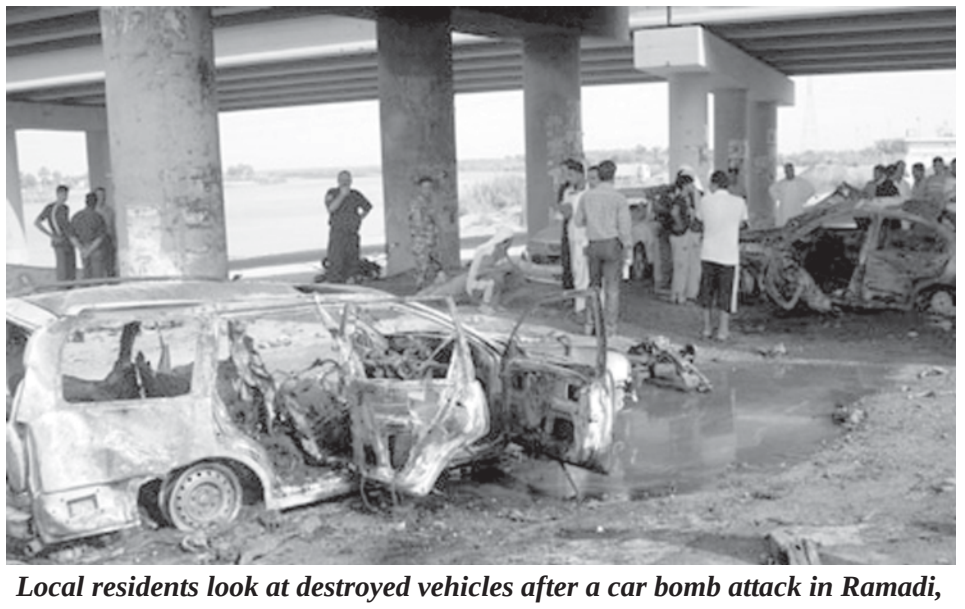
The *Nomad P837* light aircraft was on a routine patrol when it lost contact with air traffic control at around 1 pm local time (0600 GMT, 2 am EDT), said navy spokesman Rear Adm. Iskandar Sitompul.

Rescuers arrived at the scene and evacuated the survivors to a small island off the eastern coast of Borneo for treatment at a local hospital, said Anggit, a spokesman at the rescue agency, who like many Indonesians, uses a single name. There was no immediate word on the extent of their injuries.

Witnesses said the plane was found upside-down in a pond near the village of Sekatak in East Kalimantan.

Sitompul said the plane was flying between regional airports on the Indonesian half of Borneo island, which is shared with the country's northern neighbour, Malaysia.

The Indonesian military has long complained that its fleet of aircraft are outdated and poorly maintained due to underfunding and a US ban, recently lifted, on weapons sales.—*Internet*



Local residents look at destroyed vehicles after a car bomb attack in Ramadi, some 110 km west of Baghdad on 7 Sept, 2009. —XINHUA

Global economic outlook still gloomy, says UN report

GENEVA, 8 Sept—The global economic outlook is still gloomy and no early recovery from the current recession can be expected, a United Nations report said on Monday.

Despite some "green shoots" of economic recovery, "the economic winter is far from over," said the Trade and Development Report 2009, released by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

"Tumbling profits in the real economy, previous overinvestment in real estate and rising unemployment will continue to constrain private consumption and investment for the foreseeable future," said the report.

According to the report, the current crisis is unprecedented in depth and breadth, with virtually no economy left unscathed. Given this background, global economy is expected to fall by more than 2.5 percent in 2009.

Global economic growth may turn positive again in 2010, but it is unlikely to exceed 1.6 percent. UNCTAD economists expect GDP in developed nations to contract by some 4 percent in 2009, and output in the transition economies to fall by more than 6 percent.—*Xinhua*

A man collects black grapes during a traditional harvest at Read Hills vineyards, near Negotino 120 km (75 miles) south from the capital of Skopje, on 5 September, 2009.—XINHUA

Venezuela to export gasoline to Iran

TEHERAN, 8 Sept—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez sealed an agreement to export 20,000 barrels per day of gasoline to Iran, state TV reported on Monday. The deal would give Teheran a cushion if the West carries out threats of fuel sanctions over Iran's nuclear programme.

The two countries signed the agreement late Sunday during a visit by Chavez, who pledged to deepen ties with Iran and stand together against what he called the imperialist powers of the world.

Western leaders have threatened to impose further sanctions against it should Iran refuse to bend to deadlines for talks aimed at curbing Teheran's nuclear activities. One idea that has been touted, though not yet formally proposed, is to cut off exports of gas station-ready fuel to Iran.—*Internet*

UNCTAD projects China's economic growth at 7.8%

CHANGCHUN, 8 Sept—The Chinese economy is expected to grow 7.8 percent this year while the global economy is likely to drop more than 2.5 percent, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said in a report released on Tuesday.

In the Trade and Development Report 2009, the UN agency said expanding domestic demand policies had helped China resist recessionary pressures.

In the first half, the Chinese economy registered a growth of 7.1 percent, of which more than 80 percent was fueled by government investment.

Xinhua

Smoke billows from the chimneys of a power station in New Delhi on 2 September, 2009.—INTERNET

India to set industry efficiency targets by Dec 2010

NEW DELHI, 8 Sept—India hopes to set up by December next year energy efficiency targets for more than 700 industrial units, which account for 40 percent of India's fossil fuel use, the country's head of energy efficiency said on Monday.

Energy efficiency is a focus in India's climate change policy and setting targets for energy-intensive industries marks a step towards initiating a national trading scheme centred on energy efficiency certificates.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh approved the national energy efficiency plan last month. The programme could help India save about five percent of its annual use of fossil fuel by 2015.

The scheme is among a number of emissions reduction measures India has announced that could bolster the nation's position ahead of a UN gathering in Copenhagen at the end of this year aimed at trying to win agreement on a broader pact to fight climate change.—*Internet*

Indonesian, S Korean firms to commence construction of joint steel plant

JAKARTA, 8 Sept— Indonesian government-run steel producer firm Krakatau Steel and South Korean steel firm Pohang Steel and Iron Company (Posco) would commence the construction of a jointly-operated steel plant in Indonesia that would have production capacity of 5 million ton per year, an Indonesian senior official said here on Tuesday.

"Posco and Krakatau Steel have reported their intention to construct the steel plant with production capacity of 5 million ton per year. The construction will be divided in two phases. The initial phase would have equal capacity of 2.5 ton with the second phase.

Xinhua

The Rainbow Bridge over Tokyo port and the Tokyo skyline. Japan's next prime minister has vowed tough greenhouse gas cuts for the world's number two economy as he prepares to name key cabinet posts ahead of taking power next week.—INTERNET

Singapore retail industry urged to improve productivity

SINGAPORE, 8 Sept—Singapore's retail industry has achieved positive development in the past, and the industry need to stay competitive and prepare itself for the economic recovery, a Senior Singapore official said on Tuesday.

Singapore's Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Manpower Lee Yi Shyan said that the country's retail sector is only half as productive as that in the United States and Britain.

Speaking at the Singapore Retail Industry Conference 2009 CEO Forum, he highlighted an integrated approach to improve productivity in the retail sector.

He said that the retail industry should follow four main strategies to spearhead the productivity drive, namely establishing research and benchmarking, leveraging on innovation, raising service standards, and enhancing human resource management and practices.

He urged the retail sector to adopt best practices, gleaned from overseas and local establishments, to train staff, increase professionalism so as to delight customers and increase sales.

Singapore's retail industry generated about 35 billion Singapore dollars (24.48 billion US dollars) in retail sales and employed some 100,000 workers in 2008.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 5 Sept, 2009 shows a corner of the New Champions Village of the Dalian World Expo Centre, the main meeting centre of the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2009 in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province.
XINHUA

Tourism industry income during National Day holiday forecast to grow 25%

BEIJING, 8 Sept—China's tourism sector is expected to reap a golden harvest during the upcoming National Day holiday in early October.

Industry income for the holiday is forecast to increase 25 percent year on year.

Figures from China Tourism Academy (CTA) said on Tuesday the sector's income is expected to top 100 billion yuan (14.64 billion US dollars) during the eight-day holiday starting on 1 Oct.

Domestic tourist population this year is expected to top 200 million, representing an increase of 13 percent over the same period last year.

The tourists' average consumption is expected to be about 500 yuan, up from 448 yuan in 2008, said the CTA.

The gradual recovery of China's economy coupled with government efforts to expand domestic consumption has boosted the development of the sector.

China's tourism industry on average makes up 4 percent of the country's gross domestic product, said the National Tourism Administration.

Xinhua

Heavy rains kill six in central provinces of Vietnam

HANOI, 8 Sept—Heavy rains and floods left six people dead, three missing and nine injured in Vietnam's central provinces in the past three days, local newspaper the *Labour* reported on Tuesday.

Rains and floods made more than 11,600 hectares of rice submerged and over 9,500 hectares of sugar cane, cassava and other crops damaged, said the newspaper.

There were landslides in mountainous areas of the provinces, causing many people to leave their houses.

The Steering Committee for Flood and Storm Control of central provinces urged provincial authorities to evacuate locals to safe areas and provide food and safe water to flood victims.—*Xinhua*

Two drowned, two missing in downpours in C Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 8 Sept— Two people were drowned and two others missing in downpours that hit central Mexico on Sunday, according to authorities.

Torrential rains flooded 20 neighbourhoods, including at least two municipal buildings in the suburb of Tlenepantla in Mexico City.

A 74-year-old woman and a 50-year-old man were confirmed dead while fire crews were still searching for one man and one woman who were reported as missing.

Authorities have evacuated 1,500 people from their homes in the state of Mexico where the country's capital city is situated.

The National Meteorology Service reported that 84 millimetres fell on Sunday and said 18 of Mexico's 32 states would experience strong or very strong storms within the next 24 hours.—*Xinhua*

Soldiers evacuate flood victims in a neighbourhood after heavy rainfall in Mexico City on 7 Sept, 2009.—XINHUA

Russia to start construction on new space centre in 2011

MOSCOW, 8 Sept—Russia will begin to build a new space centre in its far east in 2011, a government official said on Monday.

The three-stage construction project for the new Vostochny station will be completed in 2018, said Army General Nikolai Abroskin, head of the Federal Service for the Production of Special Construction Work.

"In all, seven launch pads are to be built at the space centre, including two for manned flights and two for space freighters," the *RIA Novosti* news agency quoted the official as saying.

Russia now uses two centres to launch carrier rockets and conduct ballistic missile tests: the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan and the Plesetsk space centre in northwest Russia.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

US jetliner makes emergency landing, all on board evacuated

WASHINGTON, 8 Sept—A US jetliner made an emergency landing in Tampa, Florida on Monday evening, after smoke was reported in a bathroom.

The Southwest Airlines *Flight 1245* landed safely at 5:38 pm eastern time (2138 GMT), a Tampa International Airport spokesman told reporters.

All 129 people on board were evacuated from the plane on the runway and transported by three buses to the airport's main terminal. Firefighters later confirmed that there was smoke in the cabin.

Soon after the plane's takeoff, a pilot reported a smoke alert with a possible fire in a bathroom. The flight, which was flying from Orlando, Florida to Denver, Colorado at the time, then decided to make an emergency landing in Tampa. During the landing, emergency slides were deployed for passengers.

Two people suffered minor injuries and declined treatment.

The Southwest Airlines said its mechanics plan to examine the *Boeing-737* plane.—*Xinhua*

An Albanian youth stands outside his damaged house in Shupenz, near Peshkopi, some 200 kilometres (120 miles) northeast of Tirana, on 7 Sept, 2009. —XINHUA

Hundreds of homes damaged in Albanian quake

TIRANA, 8 Sept—The 5.4-magnitude earthquake that struck northeastern Albania on Sunday night have damaged hundreds of homes in Albania and neighbouring Macedonia, local media reported on Monday.

The Albanian Institute of Seismology said the quake struck at 23:49, local time, with its epicenter in Bulqiza district, about 63 kilometers northeast of the capital city of Tirana and near the border with Macedonia to the east.

Officials said 166 houses were damaged severely and several hundred others suffered minor damages at the epicenter. Local residents slept rough and refused to go inside in fear of aftershocks. Albanian Prime Minister Sali Berisha made a brief visit to the quake-stricken area and assured the local residents that the government will help them to rebuild their homes.

Albanian emergency services used two helicopters to transport tents and food to hundreds of people in the stricken area.

Xinhua

Malaysia's 'McCurry' beats McDonald's over trademark

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Sept — Malaysia's highest court ruled on Tuesday against US fast food giant McDonald's, which has waged an eight-year battle to prevent local eatery "McCurry" from using the prefix "Mc" in its name.

"It is the end of the road for McDonald's. McCurry can use the prefix," said lawyer Sri Dev Nair who represented the family-owned restaurant, which serves up Malaysian favourites like tandoori chicken and fish masala.

"McCurry and McDonald's are two different businesses which sell different types of food and they have different customers," he said, rejecting McDonald's claim that the use of "Mc" in its name could cause confusion.

In April, McCurry scored a David-and-Goliath victory when the appeals court overturned a 2006 high court decision that McCurry had illegally infringed on the burger chain's trademark.

McDonald's on Tuesday sought permission from the federal court to contest the appeals court decision, but judges denied the application and said the burger chain's petition was "not properly framed".

"It is unfortunate we have to dismiss the application with costs," said Judge Arifin Zakaria, who headed the three-member panel. Costs amounted to 10,000 ringgit (2,845 dollars).

Internet

McCurry restaurant owner AMSP Suppiah and his wife Kanageswary pose for a photo in front of their eatery as they celebrate a court victory over US fast food giant McDonald's in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 8 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

More failures likely for smaller low-cost carriers

PARIS, 8 Sept—Failed Slovakian low-cost carrier SkyEurope could be just the first casualty among the smaller airlines finding it difficult to survive one of the worst slumps on record, analysts said.

"End of summer, early autumn, is a likely time for airlines to shut down. There are going to be more," said Nick Cunningham of Evolution Securities.

"This winter is going to be very hard with very weak traffic and even weaker yields," Cunningham said.

"If you think an airline is not going to be viable, then you shut it down. There is no point" in continuing to run it, he added. Bratislava-based SkyEurope said last week that a court-appointed trustee had decided that a bankruptcy application was the only way forward owing to "the lack of sufficient interim funding to finance ongoing operations."—*Internet*

Tanks drive German industrial orders up

FRANKFURT, 8 Sept—German industrial orders rose sharply in July in a boost for Europe's biggest economy even though the increase was almost solely due to a large order for armoured cars, analysts said on Monday.

Industrial orders gained 3.5 percent on a monthly basis following a downwardly revised 3.8-percent rise in June, another sign the economy was rebounding from its worst recession in six decades.

The economy ministry, which had initially reported the increase for June as a much stronger 4.5 percent, said the latest result stemmed from an unusual number of big-ticket orders, namely for 405 armoured vehicles by the military.

Without the 3.1 billion euros (4.4 billion dollars) that deal contributed, overall orders would have fallen slightly from the previous month's level.

Foreign orders for goods from Germany, one of the world's top exporters, did in fact fall by 2.3 percent in July while domestic orders surged 10.3 percent.

On a sliding two-month basis designed to smooth out volatility, industrial orders increased in June and July by 7.8 percent from the April-May period however, with both domestic and foreign orders climbing by the same amount.

Internet

Elephants kill seven Indian villagers

BHUBANESWAR, 8 Sept — A herd of elephants in India has forced 500 villagers to flee to relief camps after the wild animals killed at least seven people and trampled hundreds of homes, officials said on Monday.

Angry residents blockaded a major highway last week to demand action against the marauding elephants, which have been causing chaos for more than a month.

The relief camps opened on Sunday near the villages of Simonbadi and Kirikutty, about 245 kilometres (150 miles) from Orissa's state capital Bhubaneswar in the east of India.

"We have housed over 500 people in two camps with adequate food and a medical team," local administrator Krishen Kumar told *AFP* after visiting the camps.

Internet

Canadian scientist aims to turn chickens into dinosaurs

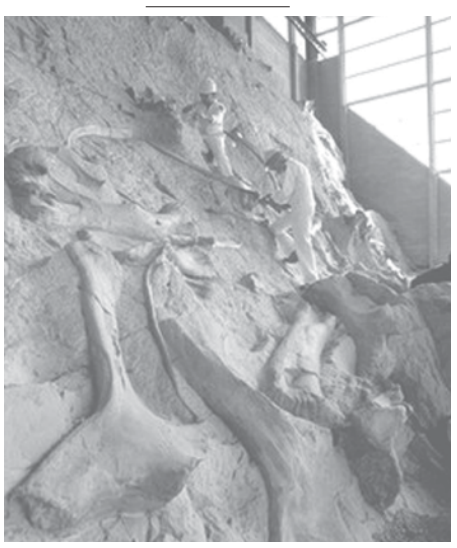
After years spent hunting for the buried remains of prehistoric animals, a Canadian paleontologist now plans to manipulate chicken embryos to show he can create a dinosaur.

Hans Larsson, the Canada Research Chair in Macro Evolution at Montreal's McGill University, said he aims to develop dinosaur traits that disappeared millions of years ago in birds.

Larsson believes by flipping certain genetic levers during a chicken embryo's development, he can reproduce the dinosaur anatomy, he told *AFP* in an interview. Though still in its infancy, the research could eventually lead to hatching live prehistoric animals, but Larsson said there are no plans for that now, for ethical and practical reasons — a dinosaur hatchery is "too large an enterprise."

"It's a demonstration of evolution," said Larsson, who has studied bird evolution for the last 10 years.

"If I can demonstrate clearly that the potential for dinosaur anatomical development exists in birds, then it again proves that birds are direct descendants of dinosaurs."



In this photo provided by the Utah Office of Tourism, the temporarily closed visitors' centre at the Dinosaur National Monument is seen, located 20 miles outside of Vernal, UT. The dinosaur 'rock wall' located inside the visitors centre contains hundreds of fossils.

Paleontologist and Carnegie Museum of Natural History scientific preparer Alan Tabrum works on 65 million-year-old Tyrannosaurus Rex "Samson" at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 2004.

Jetliner-versus-car race held in Singapore

A jetliner-versus-car race was held at Singapore's Changi Airport with the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car winning the race, the first-ever in Asia.

It was a close finish to the race as the Porsche crossed the finishing line just seconds ahead of a *Boeing 747-200F*, which was from a city state cargo carrier, *Jett 8* Airlines.

During the race, which was organized by Singapore's Changi Airport Group, the race car and the cargo freight started from a stationary point and competed over a distance of 1.7 kilometres.

The top speed of the aircraft in the air is 900 kilometres per hour while the Porsche 911 GT3 Cup car can reach 280 kilometres per hour.

NEWS ALBUM

Luxury massage chairs displayed in the window of a branch of the firm OSIM, at a shopping mall in Singapore. OSIM, a maker of electronic massage chairs and other lifestyle products like air purifiers, has over 1,100 outlets spread across 28 countries concentrated mainly in the region.

US to auction rare T-Rex skeleton

A rare Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton, among the most complete specimens in the world, is to go on the auction block in Las Vegas in October, the auction house Bonhams & Butterfields has said.

The *T-Rex*, which goes by the name *"Samson,"* is believed to be some 66 million years old and was discovered in the midwestern state of South Dakota in 1992.

"We have been able to establish that we have approximately a 57 percent complete *T-Rex*, which means the third most complete ever found," said Thomas Lindgren, consulting co-director of Natural History in Bonhams & Butterfields.

"I think my estimate is going to be somewhere in the neighbourhood of six to eight million dollars," he said.

The owners of the 12-metre-long (39-foot-long) skeleton hope "a public museum or institution would actually be the buyer ultimately," he added.

Literacy: The Path to Empowering and uniting the Nation

Thein Oak Sein

International Literacy day celebrated every year around the world is to emphasize the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies at all levels. This year's International literacy day, which falls on Tuesday, 8th September , will put the spotlight on " the Power of Literacy", the empowering role of literacy and its importance for participation, citizenship and social development. In addition, the Government of Union of Myanmar and its people will honour all the administrators, teachers, volunteers and other individuals, who have worked hard to make learning environment to the children and adults alike to make them able to read and write. To realize the importance of literacy, the effects of literacy as a learning tool must be observed. Helping individuals become literate in turn creates positive changes for the community and society. Unprejudiced literacy programs in all its manifestations can empower the individual, help assuage ethic disparities, and ultimately facilitate the move towards a more united nation.

The empowering role of literacy and making a literate society can be first understood by understanding the role of literacy. The skills of reading and writing open up many doors for an individual. Literacy can include access to information on scientific and technical development, easier for understanding and communicating legal information, understanding health knowledge and medical instructions, means of enjoying the benefits of having latest information, and making effective use of mass media both for those seeking greater access and those with no access.

Literacy is also interpreted as a foundation for universal life-skill for all walks of lives. As a tool, literacy has the potential to meet vital needs of the people, and to stimulate social, cultural and political and economic participation especially for those disadvantaged and underprivileged groups. People use their literacy skills to read and understand religious texts, strengthen ties with family and friends, make voices heard, get politically involved and learn about the cultural heritages. Therefore, literacy skills are fundamental to informed decision-making, personal empowerment, active and passive participation in local and global social community. One can articulate that literacy's benefits are transferable, and thus, confer individual, families, communities and nations. An empowered individual would have a greater and more positive impact on their community.

The successful completion of adult literacy programs in many countries, including Myanmar, has shown that it has yielded benefits to the entire community, similar to those generated by formal schooling. Human benefits are intrinsically valuable and may also be instrumental in realizing other benefits for human development, such as improving healthy living. Some other important benefits are the improvement in self-esteem and self-empowerment within the society, and the creativity and critical reflection. A profound and important benefit of literacy is its ability to improve the self-esteem of the individual. Newly literate individuals will be able to take active roles in community building and cooperation. Improved self-esteem in individuals who have successfully completed the programs has been reported across global studies.

National literacy programs are designed to allocate tools to allow participants to become authors of their own landing, developers of their own knowledge, and partners in dialogue about limited situations in their life, as per UNESCO. In essence, literacy programs could contribute to broader socio-economic processes of empowerment provided they take place in a supportive environment. Participants of literacy programs in Namibia asserted that their participation was geared towards learning how to read and write letters, to deal with money and to master English. Their desire to be self-sufficient and exert control over everyday life situations was also consistently represented. Quotations from Namibians included – 'keeping secrets' and 'being cheated' are some of the things they hope to avoid by becoming literate. Another study conducted on newly literate women in Turkey showed that more women actively participated in community organizations. In addition, literate women in Nigeria reported being confident enough to participate in community meetings as opposed to the zero participation observed by illiterate women.

Finally, the transition to widespread global literacy was not uniform across all societies. Expansion in literacy however has left behind some ethnic and unreached populations, making more social and economic disparities. These social disparities can potentially create unnecessary cultural tensions. The lack of cultural knowledge for the society as a whole has led to many communal tensions, and sometimes developing into social conflicts. These are all factors inhibiting national unity.

One method to combat this inhibition of national unity is to promote literacy across all cultures within a nation. Although there is no direct correlation observed between increased literacy and long term ethnic unity, some programs around the World look promising. Literacy programs like formal education have great potential in allowing disadvantaged ethnicities to catch up with more advanced minorities, opening the path to ethnic equality and national unity. Ethnic disparities in formal education have been observed in Israel, China and Nepal. Improvements in both formal and informal education would reduce ethnic inequality. It has to be supplement with employment opportunities. Based on the evidence, while ethnic equality is a much deeper and profound issue that cannot simply be eliminated by education expansion alone, ethnic-wide literacy is the first step into beginning the reconciliation step and has shown much promise.

In some conflict situations, literacy can be used to promote peace. Literacy programs focused on adults, both men and women from rural communities that are heavily affected be armed conflicts, like those in Columbia, showed promising results for peace development. The participating adults were encouraged to write while they learned about their experiences on social and economic development. Various themes for development, such as citizenship, peace and cooperation, local leadership, were in particular focus. This approach allowed citizens to reflect upon their traumas, and as a community, moving towards a more constructive action.

Furthermore, literacy also has a broad in shaping a more positive community. Part of achieving national unity is embracing not only improved cross ethnic communication, but also on understanding one another's different cultures. Literacy has proven to preserve and promote culture in previously illiterate communities. Essentially, the new tools in the community have the potential to allow more individuals to participate in cultural activities, and to make them writing their stories for more cross culture exploration. These benefits have been observed in programs where cultural folk tales that are normally passed on by mouth are written down in Botswana, Orang Asli community in Malaysia, the Karan and Chin in Myanmar, the Limbu in Nepal, and the Maori in New Zealand.

Unity in the country can be achieved by widespread use of the mother tongue to facilitate cross-culture sharing of ideas. Myanmar has many different languages and scripts and certain valuables to the culture and history of its country in some ways have hindered inter-community co-operation and communication. For example, a large proportion of the Kachin and Chin ethnic people in Myanmar write their own languages in the Latin script, while learning Myanmar language and literature in Myanmar script as well as in English. Many ethnic groups have spoken language of their own, but used Myanmar script for writing. This is one of the major problems that hinder the social character or literacy. Widespread literacy of a united language will contribute towards a united nation. Indonesian Government has introduced Bahasa Indonesia as national language to make integration of thousands of islands, where different ethic groups are having different dialects and languages. Research throughout the World has consistently shown that learning to read and write in one's own mother tongue facilitates access to literacy in other languages. Thus, it is important to preserve the nation's uniqueness that we call Myanmar by making all people of Myanmar to be literate for both their own ethnic languages as well as Myanmar languages as a whole.

Literacy is a human right issue, as it is an invaluable tool that very individual from every culture deserves and needs. Literacy can bestow an individual with confidence and self-esteem. Empowering the individual can in turn empower the whole society. Teaching ethnicities with education programs tailored to their needs to read and write will help unifying the nation, and at the same time preserving the culture.

Education For All, fundamental requirement…

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departments under the ministry, rectors of universities, principals of education colleges, representatives from social organizations, township education officers in Nay Pyi Taw, principals of basic education schools, prizewinners, students and guests.

Ma Htet Wun Nandi Aye and Ma Pan Thet Chei, eighth standard students from Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana No (2) BEHS acted as MCs.

Students of Nay Pyi Taw BEHS (6) sang the song "Our strength" in chorus to open the ceremony.

The Secretary-1 in his speech said that the United Nations has marked International Literacy Day on 8 September annually since 1966 to speed up literacy campaigns in nations.

Today, the world has seen remarkable development in science and IT, but millions of people in the developing countries remain illiterate. The majority of over 700 million adult illiterates are women. One-fifth of the world's adult literate population cannot read or write at all.

"Education For All" is the fundamental requirement for development of the whole human society, so it is required to see to the global objective.

United Nations General Assembly held in December 2001 unanimously passed a resolution to designate the period from 2003 to 2012 as United Nations Literacy Decade.

Myanmar's literate rate rose to 85 percent in the times of Myanmar monarchs, but that tumbled to its lowest level of 35 percent in the colonial period. Accordingly, mass literacy movements have been implemented as a national duty since the post-independence period.

In 1948, Community Education Act was enacted. Since 1949, the Community Education Council had been conducting community education courses and Three "Rs" Courses, thus raising the literate rate to 57 percent in 1963. Meiktila District launched Three "Rs" Campaign under the leadership of the Myanmar Literacy Central Committee in 1964, and that was the first of its kind. Since then literacy campaigns were carried out on an expansive scale yearly. As a result, the literate rate of the nation was on sharp increase.

During the period between 1969 and 1983, Mandalay, Yangon, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady divisions and Mon State held ceremonies to mark literacy of all of their local people. So, UNESCO awarded Myanmar Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize in 1971 and Noma Prize in 1983. The achievements are largely due to the massive participation of the people in the literacy campaigns.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs co-organized Three "Rs" courses in border areas. In 2009, they conducted more than 20,000 classes in states and divisions.

Owing to the "Education For All" campaign implemented nationwide as a national duty, the literate rate of the people is on the increase. In 2009, the literate rate touched 94.89 percent, so Myanmar is in the list of the countries with high literate rates in Asian and Pacific Region.

In order to scale up the post-literacy campaign, 55,755 rural libraries have been opened with the assistance of the Ministry of Information. Moreover, 2574 community learning centres have been established with the assistance of social organizations and well-wishers to improve the socio-economic life of ward and village dwellers. Now, the number of rural libraries and community learning centres in 64,817 villages and 2891 wards stands at 58,329.

With success in fundamental literacy work, the per capita income of the people is on the increase and the national development momentum is gathering momentum. Therefore, it is needed to work hard steadfastly to expedite the literacy movements for human resource development necessary for development of the human society.

The Secretary-1 urged the entire people to participate in the literacy campaigns in accordance with the theme of this year's International Literacy Day "Literacy and Empowerment: The Power of Literacy".

In conclusion, he exhorted local authorities, social organizations and well-wishers to contribute towards the post-literacy programmes based on libraries to ensure constant learning; to maintain the nation's achievement in literacy campaigns at the global level; and to work hard in collaboration to bring about a growing number of highly-educated people necessary for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation and ensure sustainable progress of the literacy movements.

Acting UN Coordinator Mr Mohamed Abdel-Ahad read the message sent by the UN Secretary-General.

General Secretary of the Myanmar UNESCO National Commission Rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages Dr Myo Myint read the message sent by the UNESCO Director-General to mark the International Literacy Day.

Students of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana No (1) BEHS sang the song "Nationalistic Vigour".

The Secretary-1 presented first prize for essay contest (open) to Dr Nwe Nwe Soe (Nwe Lay-Myanmarsar), second prize, to Dr Than Win (Maung Than Win-Yangon University) and third prize to Senior Researcher Dr Khin Chaw Su Kyi; first prize for education university and college level essay contest to fourth year student Ma Nan Myat Mon Oo of the BE.d Course of the University for Development National Races, second prize to trainee Ma Nwe Nwe Tun of Pre-Teachership Proficiency Diploma Couse of Hpa-an Education College, and third prize to first year student Ma Thin Nu Swe of Pre-Teachership Diploma Course of Bogale Education College; first prize for BEMS level essay contest to eighth standard student Ma Ei Phyu Phyu Kyaw of No (2) BEHS in Yenangyoung, second prize to eighth standard student Maung Chan Myae Aung of Katha No (2) BEHS, and third prize to eighth standard student Ma Win Pa Pa Hlaing of Myawady BEHS; first prize for BEMS level poster contest to seventh standard student Ma Khaing May Thu of Yankin Education College Practising School in Yankin Township, second prize to seventh standard student Maung Thura Paing Soe of Pathein No (6) BEHS, and third prize to seventh standard student Maung Aung Pyae of Maha Aungmye Township BEHS (13).

Next, the video film on Myanmar's literacy campaign was shown to those present.

Students of Nay Pyi Taw No (5) BEHS sang the song "Education For All".

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 cordially greeted the resident representatives of UN agencies, prizewinning students and guests.

The Secretary-1 and party and guests observed the booths on Myanmar's literacy movements at the International Literacy Day commemorative hall.—*MNA*

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo views booths on display at International Literacy Day (2009).
MNA

Secretary-1 General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo awards Ma Nan Myat Mon Oo of UDNR who wins the first prize at essay competition to mark International Literacy Day (2009).
MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspects condition of Monywa-Yargyi-Kalewa Road, development tasks in Sagaing Div

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and departmental officials inspected condition of Monywa-Yargyi-Kalewa Road on 5 September.

Afterwards, they went to Kyauktan Village in Minkin Township and held a meeting with officials from the education and health sectors and fulfilled the requirements. After the meeting, they provided medicines and contributed cash to the funds of the hospital.

During the visit to Minkin Township, Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party inspected condition of road at Mile Post No 85 on the road and paddy fields at Myoma Village.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye and party also went to Kale Township and inspected the construction project of Phaungku Bridge. After hearing reports at the project, Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected the construction works and fulfilled the requirements of the project.

MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence inspects the construction project of Phaungku Bridge in Kale Township.

MNA

Special Refresher Course No.35 for Basic Education Teachers in upper Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — A ceremony to open Special Refresher Course No.35 for Basic Education Teachers was held at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township yesterday.

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

The opening ceremony was attended by Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Tin Tun Aung, Judge of the Supreme Court U Han Shein, members of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung, departmental officials, the rector, pro-rectors and heads of departments of the CICS (Upper Myanmar) and trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Dr. Chan Nyein said the government set an educational goal which can help build a constant learning society through education that can overcome the challenges of today's knowledge age. To achieve the goal, the government has been implementing the 30-year long term plan which is divided into five short-term plans.

The new education system is drawn to adapt to political, economic and social norms and to meet the international education standard, he added.

He continued to say that the long term education plan is aimed at improving the living standard of every citizen and ensuring development of states and divisions thereby contributing to national development.

Development tasks are to be carried out with the aim of creating opportunities for equitable access to learning and jobs, he added.

While the country enjoys the prevalence of peace and stability, the government has been making efforts for the development of the country as part of efforts for paving the way to the future State.

Efforts of the government for the prevalence of community peace and stability and national unity have resulted in development of all regions and improvement of socio-economic lives of the people, he said.

He also urged the trainees to make efforts for accomplishing the aims of the education goal joining hands with parents of students.

He also called on the trainees to make efforts for realizing the objectives of the 30-year long term plan of the National Education Promotion Programme and to nurture and train the new generation youths to become good citizens.

The five-week course is being attended by 1,314 teachers from education colleges and schools in Kachin State, Kayah State, Chin State, Mandalay Division, Sagaing Division, Magway Division, Shan State (South), Shan State (North) Shan State (East).— *MNA*

Minister for Education Dr. Chan Nyein addresses opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course No.35 for Basic Education Teachers at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar).—**MNA**

North-East Command Commander and EP (2) Minister meet KRPLC Chairman and officials in Kokang

***Commander Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint meet with the Chairman of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee and officials, officers of the command and state level departmental officials at the hall of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee in Laukkai.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and Minister for Electric Power No (2) Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with the Chairman of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee and officials, officers of the command and state level departmental officials at the hall of Kokang Region Provisional Leading Committee in Laukkai on 6 September.

The commander gave a speech on the development of the region and the minister, on the future programmes. The Chairman of KRPLC reported on the progress of tasks.

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METTA is not self

Metta is patience.

Metta is benevolence.

Metta is not rivalry.

Metta is not arrogance.

Metta is conceit.

Metta does not give way to impropriety.

Metta is not self-seeking.

Labour Minister meets entrepreneurs

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi held a meeting with entrepreneurs at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon yesterday.

Also present were vice-presidents, central executives and secretaries of the federation, and presidents and secretaries of the brother organizations.

The minister stressed the need of the entrepreneurs to deal with labour agencies in line with the existing laws when they need to recruit new labourers. He elaborated on work efficiency courses, and programmes for entrepreneurs to cooperate with the Myanmar Work Skills Standardization Committee. The attendees made suggestions.

The minister inspected the training halls of Human Resources Development Department of the federation.—*MNA*

***Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi meeting with entrepreneurs at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.*—MNA**

Kaytumati Lecture Hall opens Management Course No.7 for Middle-ranking officials concludes

YANGON, 7 Sept—The opening ceremony of Kaytumati Lecture Hall was held along with the concluding ceremony of Management Course No.7 for Middle-ranking Officials at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Thu, members U Hla Myint Oo and U Win Aung, Director-General U Wai Myint of Civil Service Selection and Training Department, and Director-General U Kyaw Zan Hla of Personnel Affairs Department. Members of CSSTB U Hla Myint Oo, U Win Aung and Rector U Win Maung of Central Institute of Civil Service formally opened Kaytumati Lecture Hall which can hold 100 trainees. Afterwards, Chairman U Kyaw Thu of CSSTB unveiled the stone plaque and looked round the hall.

Chairman U Kyaw Thu addressed the Management Course No. 7 for Middle-ranking Officials. A total of 72 trainees from ministries attended the course.—*MNA*

***U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of CSSTB, unveils the stone plaque of Kaytumati Lecture Hall which can hold 100 trainees.*—MNA**

Regional peace and stability prevailing in Laukkai

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—Laukkai in Kokang region of Shan State (North) has restored peace and stability. Students of Laukkai Basic Education High School No-1 are pursuing their education peacefully. The shops in the town were kept open, vehicles were running regularly and the streets were busy.

For the rest and recreation of the local people and Tatmadaw members of the local battalions, a Tatmadaw mobile public relations unit performed music and dances yesterday. – *MNA*

***Students of No.1 Laukkai BEHS learning peacefully in Laukkai in Kokang Region of Shan State (North).*—MNA**

China's demand for primary, junior high school teachers to reduce by 1 mln by 2020

BEIJING, 8 Sept—China's demand for teachers in its nine-year compulsory education is expected to drop by 1 million or 12 percent from the figure in 2008, according to a report released by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Tuesday. The report listed a sharp drop in the number of students receiving compulsory education in primary and junior high schools at that time as a major reason for the prediction.

By 2020, the number of students receiving compulsory education in primary and junior high schools could decrease by more than 18 million, or about 11 percent from the figure in 2008, the report said. Junior high students is expected to number 41.57 million in 2020, a 15 percent drop from 2008, while primary students could number 93.5 million.

China's nine-year compulsory education covers primary and junior high school, according to the Law on Compulsory Education. China's family planning policy, which was formulated in the early 1970s, encourages late marriages and late childbearing, and limits most urban couples to one child and most rural couples to two children.

In the first half of the 21st century, China will witness a peak in its total population, working-age population, and elderly population, according to the National Population and Family Planning Commission.

One third of China's total population, about 437 million people, will be citizens over 60 years old in 2050, while its population of 16 to 60-year-olds will hit the peak of 990 million in 2016, government figures showed.—*Xinhua*

Exhibitors walk during the 13th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) in Xiamen, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 8 Sept, 2009. With the theme of boosting cross-border investment and pushing forward economic recovery, this year's fair has attracted 13,000 overseas businessmen, a record number, the CIFIT organizing committee said.—INTERNET

Two dead, 18 missing after ship capsized in Yangtze River

HEFEI, 8 Sept—A total of two people died and 18 are missing after a boat capsized in Yangtze River in east China's Anhui Province Tuesday, an official said.

The accident happened at 6.45 am in Tongling City in Anhui. The official said 40 people were thrown into the water when the boat capsized.

The official said 20 people had been saved, two bodies had been found while the other 18 remained missing. Investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.—*Xinhua*

Floods kill 159, affect 600,000 in West Africa

DAKAR, 8 Sept—At least 159 people have been killed and more than 600,000 others affected by the floods that begun in June in West Africa, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said Tuesday in the Senegalese capital Dakar.

"These torrential rains have caused the deaths of 159 people notably in Sierra Leone. Senegal, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger and Sierra Leone were among the most affected countries,"the OCHA communique indicated while noting the heavy losses of property as a result of the deluge.

In order to help the victims, the United Nations on Friday dispatched an emergence team to Ouagadougou, where half of the capital is affected by the torrential rains.

A regional conference on human rights and the climatic change will be held in Lome, the capital of Togo on 15-16 Sept. , OCHA said.

This meeting is organized by the United Nations , the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Togolese government "to present a common position of West Africa'' to the global summit in Copenhagen in December.

Xinhua

An actor from the "Tall Brothers" street theatre performs in a park during the annual City Day celebration in Moscow on 6 September, 2009.—INTERNET

Brazil to buy French military jets, technology

BRASILIA, 8 Sept—Brazil on Monday deepened its military relationship with France by announcing plans to acquire 36 ultra-modern Rafale fighter jets — along with the technology to build its own.

It will be the first foreign sale and a much-needed shot in the arm for the Rafales' maker, Dassault Aviation, which hitherto had failed to find any international buyer for the plane.

The imminent contract, worth an estimated four to seven billion dollars, will supply Brazil's air force for the next three decades and give it the most advanced multi-role combat aircraft in Latin America.

The public statement that talks had begun to seal the pact was issued on Brazil's Independence Day by visiting French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

"We are definitively consolidating a strategic partnership we started in 2005," Lula said in a joint news conference in Brasilia.

The deal adds to 10 billion dollars' worth of agreements Brazil has already struck with France to buy five submarines (one to be converted to nuclear power) and 50 military transport helicopters.—*Internet*

Shanghai policeman seriously injured in dispute mediation

SHANGHAI, 8 Sept—A policeman in Shanghai was critically injured after being stabbed during a dispute mediation Tuesday, a police source said.

The policeman was stabbed in the back by a man, surnamed Chen, at about 9 am in the Yangpu District and was in critical condition, having suffered lung damage.

The dispute happened after Chen, 46 and divorced, poured water over his floor and the water infiltrated downstairs.

He also stabbed a neighborhood committee official in the arms.

Chen later set fire on his home, which was put out by firefighters, before he was detained by special police.Further details of the case are not immediately available.The case is under police investigation.

Xinhua

Tamara the lioness roars at visitors in front of her cubs in their enclosure at Jordan's Zoo near Amman on 7 September, 2009. Tamara's cubs are a month old.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ASIANA BREEZE VOY NO (4)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIANA BREEZE VOY NO (4) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 9.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.7 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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TENDER NO. 4 T (C)/ PASA/PW/2009-2010

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

Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries

Invitation To Tender for Machinery

1.Sealed tenders are invited for Myanma Pharmaceutical Factory (Sagaing) for supply of **Fluid Bed Dryer**.
2. From (8-9-2009), Tender forms and detail specifications are available at Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries mentioned address as follows;

Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries
Ministry of Industry No. (1)
Office No. (41)
Nay Pyi Taw
Phone No: 067 408144, 067 408187

Researcher using melons to create ethanol

LANE, 8 Sept— A US Agriculture Department researcher in Lane, Okla., says he has discovered a way to turn watermelons into ethanol.

Chemist Wayne Fish said while investigating how to enrich the health benefits of watermelon, he discovered the sugar in the juice from cull watermelons could be transformed into ethanol, The (Oklahoma City) Oklahoman said on Monday.

Fish said a fermentation unit could use cull or discarded watermelons to create ethanol for transportation fuel. He is working on a 2010 pilot project focused on a mobile unit that can be transported to watermelon growing sites.

"We're looking at a mobile unit that could be moved from grower to grower, that in a three-month season could turn out 20,000 gallons," Fish said. "The whole production process can eliminate transportation costs."

The chemist at the department's Lane research service laboratory told the Oklahoman there is an advantage to getting ethanol from watermelons as opposed to corn. "As compared to the starch in corn, which first has to be broken down before it can be fermented, we were able to go directly to the fermentation," Fish said.—*Internet*

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***Large-scale stage play The Poem of Kungfu in Nine Volumes is staged in the Dongnan Theater in Wenzhou City of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 7 Sept , 2009. Blended with elements of dance, the kungfu show gave totally fresh experience to the audience.*—XINHUA**

Ecuador, Chile to boost bilateral cooperation

QUITO, 8 Sept—Ecuador and Chile have agreed to expand cooperation from politics to the economy and commerce through their second foreign ministerial meeting that began Monday in Quito. An official statement from the meeting said the two countries expected the meeting to strengthen bilateral ties, which in turn would make political dialogue more viable and allow integration in commerce and culture.

On the agenda of the Quito ministerial meeting was evaluation of existing bipartite accords concerning companies and trade. The meeting, chaired by Ecuadorian Foreign Minister Fander Falconi and joined by Chilean Foreign Minister Mariano Fernandez, will also assess Jose Miguel Insulza's candidacy for secretary-general of the Organization of American States.—*Xinhua*

Column piece stolen from archaeology site

OLYMPIA, 8 Sept—The Greek Culture Ministry said an investigation has been ordered into the theft of a large column fragment from an archaeological site.

The ministry said a guard at the site of Ancient Olympia in the western Peloponnese reported the sixth century column capital, the decorative top of the item, had been removed with no indication of how it was taken without authorities noticing, eKathimerini.com reported on Monday.

The Culture Ministry said Georgia Hatzi, director of the 6th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities, was suspended as a result of the theft and Maria Vlazaki, a senior official with the ministry's General Directorate of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage, was sent to the archaeological site.—*Internet*

Nearly $50 mln spent to fight Los Angeles wildfire

LOS ANGELES, 8 Sept—The cost of fighting the 245-square-mile (382-square-km) wildfire in Los Angeles approached 50 million dollars on Monday, fire officials said. As the fire was still raging in remote areas, the true overall cost of the largest blaze in Los Angeles County would be far greater, the National Forest Service (NFS) said.

"We won't know the true costs until the fire's out, the heavy rains come and the roads are fixed," NFS Service information officer Nathan Judy said. "We won't know those costs for some time."

The estimated cost of fighting the Station Fire as of Monday evening was 49.5 million dollars.

Closely monitoring the costs of fighting a monstrous blaze like the Station Fire is vital, but those costs are only a fraction of the final tab shared by individuals and taxpayers, according to authors of an April 2009 report by the Western Forestry Leadership Coalition in Colorado. "The millions of dollars spent to extinguish large wildfires are widely reported and used to underscore the severity of these events," the authors said in their report. "Extinguishing a large wildfire, however, accounts for only a fraction of the total costs associated with a wildfire event. —*Xinhua*

Tea art master Li Wei displays Kungfu tea at Dalian Shangrila Hotel in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 7 Sept, 2009. As an offical reception hotel of the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2009, or Summer Davos, Dalian Shangrila Hotel will supply a lot of famous Chinese foods for foreign guests to enjoy the Chinese taste.
XINHUA

Virus might be one cause of prostate cancer

WASHINGTON, 8 Sept— A virus known to cause leukemia and tumors in animals can be found in some prostate tumors and might be one cause of prostate cancer, US researchers reported on Monday.

They found xenotropic murine leukemia virus-related virus or XMRV in 27 percent of the human prostate tumors they looked at, especially aggressive tumors.

The findings, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, may offer ways to better identify dangerous prostate tumors and to make drugs or vaccines to treat or even prevent prostate cancer.

"Our analysis of 233 cases of prostate cancers and 101 benign controls showed an association of XMRV infection with prostate cancer, especially with more aggressive tumors," Dr Ila Singh of the University of Utah and Columbia University in New York and colleagues wrote.

Viruses have recently been found to cause some cancers — notably the human papillomavirus or HPV that causes cervical cancer and some cases of penile, anal and head and neck cancers.

Merck and Co and GlaxoSmithKline now make vaccines to prevent HPV infections.

Internet

A competitor attempts to tear off the head of a killed goose attached to a rope, which is repeatedly raised and lowered into the harbour, during fiestas in the Basque fishing town of Lekeitio on 6 Sept, 2009.—XINHUA

Liver cells used for drug toxicity screen

BOSTON, 8 Sept— Drug toxicity testing may improve because a new process helps keep cultured liver cells alive, US researchers suggest.

The report, published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, describes how liver cells grown in a high-oxygen environment and in a culture medium free of animal-derived serum quickly began to function as they did within the liver.

"Finding a better way to culture liver cells has been a major stumbling block in the development of predictive drug-discovery tools," senior author Yaakov Nahmias of Massachusetts General Hospital says in a statement. "We needed to develop an environment in which liver cells behave as they do in the body."

Internet

Scientists find three new gene links to Alzheimer's

LONDON, 8 Sept— Scientists have found three new major genetic links to Alzheimer's, affecting up to 20 percent of people with the brain-wasting disease, and said on Sunday it was the most significant such discovery in 15 years.

Two large studies found that the three new genes join the better-known APOE4 gene as signi-ficant risk factors for the most common cause of dementia.

"If we were able to remove the detrimental effects of these genes through treatments, we could reduce the proportion of people developing Alzheimer's by 20 percent," Julie Williams, a professor of Neuropsychological Genetics at Britain's Cardiff University, told a news conference in London.

Alzheimer's disease affects more than 26 million people globally, has no cure and no good treatment. The need for effective remedies is pressing, with the number of cases forecast to go beyond 100 million by 2050.—*Internet*

Hand sanitation paved with good intentions

MANHATTAN, 8 Sept— Students may say they wash their hands as college campuses prepare for H1N1 flu but in reality they don't, US researchers said.

Douglas Powell, an associate professor of food safety at Kansas State University, Ben Chapman, an assistant professor at North Carolina State University and research assistant Brae Surgeoner observed hand sanitation behavior during an outbreak of what was believed to be norovirus, which sickened nearly 340 students at the University of Guelph in Ontario. Hand sanitation stations and informational posters were stationed at the entrance of a residence hall cafeteria.

The study, published in the *Journal of Environmental Health*, said the researchers observed that even during a high-profile outbreak, students followed recommended hand hygiene procedures just 17 percent of the time.

Internet

Clowns interact with the public during a clown festival in Valparaiso City, about 75 miles (121 km) northwest of Santiago, on 7 Sept, 2009. Clowns from Brazil, Argentina and Spain took part in the festival.—INTERNET

A/H1N1 flu death toll jumps to 512 in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 8 Sept— The Argentine Health Ministry announced on Monday that the number of deaths in the country for the A/H1N1 influenza increased from 465 to 512 over the last 10 days, with the number of confirmed cases standing at 8,384.

Among the deaths, the adults between 50 and 59-year-old represented the most affected group, said the ministry in a report.

"There are no differences according to gender, but there is a difference between the rates for age groups," the Ministry said.So far, only four out of the total 24 provinces in the country — Formosa, La Rioja and Catarmaca in the north, and Tierra del Fuego in the south — have not reported deaths of the flu. —*Xinhua*

Vietnam confirms 3rd death of A/H1N1 influenza

HANOI, 8 Sept— The Vietnamese Ministry of Health confirmed that a 56-year-old woman living in Ho Chi Minh City died of A/H1N1 influenza, the third death of the flu in the country, local newspaper the *New Hanoi* reported on Tuesday.The woman was admitted to the Gia Dinh People Hospital last Thursday with fever and coughing, said the newspaper. She was treated with Tamiflu drug immediately and tested for A/H1N1 influenza.—*Xinhua*

Singapore reports 18th A/H1N1 related death

SINGAPORE, 8 Sept— Singapore's Health Ministry on Monday reported the country's 18th flu A/H1N1 related death case.According to a statement by the ministry, a 61-year-old Chinese male with a medical history of hypertension, diabetes, and end-stage renal failure died on Sunday.The cause of death was flu A/H1N1 infection with chronic renal failure and diabetes, and hypertension, the statement said.

Singapore reported its first confirmed case of flu A/H1N1 on 27 May. The country's first A/H1N1 related death case was reported on 18 July .—*Xinhua*

Second A/H1N1 death reported in US state of Alaska

SAN FRANCISCO, 8 Sept— A 10-year-old boy in Alaska died of A/H1N1 influenza last Friday night, representing the second such death for residents in the US state, local media reported on Monday.

The boy had been healthy before he died, and his quick decline concerns professionals, *Alaska's Anchorage Daily* News said in a report.According to the newspaper, doctors are checking whether an opportunistic bacterial infection may have invaded the boy's flu-weakened system.—*Xinhua*

Honduras' A/H1N1 flu death toll rises to 12

TEGUCIGALPA, 8 Sept— The de facto Honduran Health Ministry said on Monday that the number of deaths of A/H1N1 flu rises to 12 in the country and the confirmed infected cases reach 429.

The victims include a one-year-old boy and a 43-year-old female, Epidemiology Health director Marco Antonio Pinel said. The boy was from Santiago Puringla municipality of La Paz Department in the northwest of the country. While the female patient was from Goascaron in Valle, south of the country.

Xinhua

SPORTS

Beckham may seek Premiership return

LONDON, 8 Sept—Former England captain David Beckham said through a *BBC* radio interview on Monday that he may seek a Premiership return to keep his World Cup hope alive.

The 34-year-old soccer icon, who is under a five-year deal with LA Galaxy of the United States' Major Soccer League, managed to spend five months on loan with Serie A's AC Milan last year.

The American season shuts down between November and March, and Beckham told *BBC* that he has several options for a return to the English Premier League.

"Everyone knows I will be planning to come back to Europe," he said. "I don't know (if it will be in England), there are a few options, put it that way."

Xinhua

LA Galaxy's David Beckham warms up before a friendly soccer match against Barcelona at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California on 1 Aug, 2009.—XINHUA

Robinho ruled out of Chile match

SALVADOR DE BAHIA, 8 Sept—Brazilian striker Robinho was ruled out on Monday of already qualified Brazil's 2010 World Cup qualifier with Chile on Wednesday.

Brazilian forward Robinho

The Manchester City star has a bruise on his right leg according to the Brazil coaching staff and will join suspended duo Kaka and Luis Fabiano on the sidelines while there is also a doubt over Elano, who has a foot problem.

Brazil coach Dunga will be left with just two fit strikers in Nilmar and Adriano, in a squad now reduced to 17 which is a huge boost for Chile who can qualify regardless of other results should they beat the Brazilians.

Internet

African teams vie to complete W Cup line-up

JOHANNESBURG, 8 Sept—Cameroon, Tunisia, Algeria and Ivory Coast are looking good to join Ghana and hosts South Africa and complete the African line-up at the 2010 World Cup.

Ghana become the first African team to secure a place at the first World Cup to be staged on the 'Dark Continent' with a 2-0 triumph win over Sudan in Accra at the weekend courtesy of goals from Sulley Muntari and Michael Essien.

Cameroon, Algeria and Ivory Coast also took maximum points during the fourth series of games in the final qualifying round while Tunisia hit back twice to force a 2-2 draw with Nigeria.

The impact of recently hired French coach Paul le Guen on Cameroon has been immediate and if the 'Indomitable Lions' defeat Gabon for the second time in five days Wednesday they will become Group A leaders.—*Internet*

Malouda out of squad, Henry denies criticising coach

PARIS, 8 Sept—1998 World Cup winners France's increasingly fraught qualifying campaign for next year's finals deepened on Monday when captain Thierry Henry denied he had criticised coach Raymond Domenech in front of the rest of the squad.

Squad-mate and fellow 2006 World Cup finalist Florent Malouda also revealed that he had only learnt he was not even among the substitutes for last Saturday's qualifier with Romania at the Stade de France when he entered the dressing-room and he saw there was no shirt for him.

Internet

French national soccer team's midfielder Florent Malouda (L) vies with defender Sebastien Squilacci during a training session, on 6 Sept, 2009 in Clairefontaine, southern Paris, one day after France's World Cup 2010 qualifying football match against Roumania.—INTERNET

Americans routed at US Open, Federer on form

NEW YORK, 8 Sept—It was a bleak day for US tennis on Monday as for the first time in the 41-year Open era no American made it into the quarter-finals of the men's singles.

The last to fall was giant John Isner, who was toppled by Spain's Fernando Verdasco 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

It means that the home winless streak will stretch to six years, making it the worst for American men since the Open era started with a win for Arthur Ashe in 1968. Top seed and defending champion Roger Federer, meanwhile, moved a step closer to a record-equalling sixth straight title with a routine 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 win over outclassed Tommy Robredo of Spain.

In the last eight, he will play the man be beat in Paris to end his French Open jinx, Robin Soderling, who moved on when Nikolay Davydenko abandoned with a thigh strain when trailing 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

Internet

Lampard warns England to keep cool against Croatia

Frank Lampard

WALFORD, 8 Sept—Frank Lampard has warned England to keep cool if Wednesday's crucial World Cup qualifier against Croatia threatens to turn nasty.

Fabio Capello's team can book their spot at the World Cup with a victory over the Croatians at Wembley, but the visitors are desperate for three points themselves as they fight for second place.

With England still sore over Croatia's rough tactics during their 4-1 win in Zagreb last year and Croatian coach Slaven Bilic claiming that Capello's outfit are a flawed team that lack "Englishness" it is certain to be a fiesty occasion on Wednesday.

But Chelsea midfielder Lampard doesn't want his team to let any Croatian provocation distract them from the goal of reaching the finals in South Africa.

Internet

Man Utd warn Le Havre over Pogba claims

MANCHESTER, 8 Sept—Manchester United on Monday warned Le Havre they will take action if the French club do not stop repeating claims that financial inducements were offered to Paul Pogba's family to lure the teenager to Old Trafford.

United officials have written to Le Havre following a sustained assault by the Ligue 2 side, which came in the wake of a transfer ban imposed on Chelsea last week for a similar infringement of transfer regulations.

"In response to the wholely unfounded comments widely reported in the media of Le Havre AC President, Jean-Pierre Louvel, Manchester United wish to categorically confirm that as a matter of club policy and in accordance with the applicable football regulations, we do not offer inducements to the parents of players who sign for the club such as monetary payments or the purchase of houses," said United in a statement.—*Internet*

Teen titans Oudin, Wozniacki make final eight

NEW YORK, 8 Sept—Powerhouse teen phenomenons Melanie Oudin and Caroline Wozniacki rallied Monday to complete an ouster of Russian stars from the US Open and advance to their first Grand Slam quarter-finals.

Melanie Oudin of the US reacts after winning a point against Nadia Petrova from Russia during their 4th round US Open match at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York.—INTERNET

The unseeded Oudin, who turns 18 on September 23, ousted 13th seed Nadia Petrova 1-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-3. It was her third triumph in a row after losing the first set to a seeded Russian rival. "I didn't think I started off too well and Nadia served unbelievable, but I stayed in there with her in the second set and she gave me a few free points and I got my confidence and I believed I could do it and I did it," Oudin said. Danish ninth seed Wozniacki blasted sixth seed Svetlana Kuznetsova 2-6, 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/3), never trailing in either tie-breaker and keeping the pressure upon the 2004 US Open champion all night.—*Internet*

Argentina and France must be in World Cup, says Torres

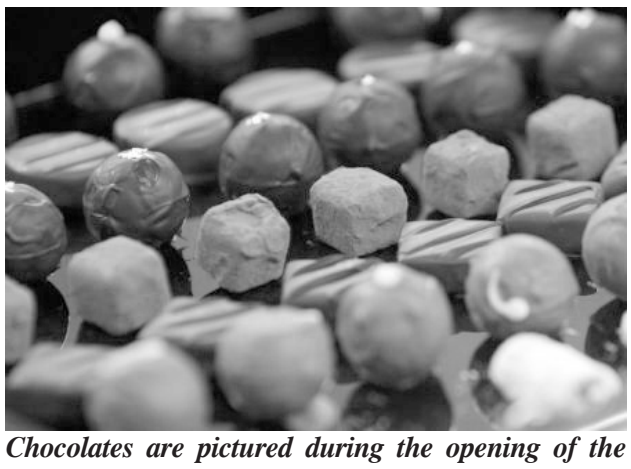
MADRID, 8 Sept—The 2010 World Cup will suffer if Argentina, France and Portugal fail to qualify, Liverpool's Spanish international striker Fernando Torres said on Monday.

"A World Cup without Argentina, France or Portugal would not be the same. I would like them all to take part," the 25-year-old told a news conference two days after Spain beat Belgium 5-0 in a qualifier in La Coruna.

"We also struggled to qualify for the 2008 Euro finals and then we won the tournament," he added.

"National squads change from one day to the other depending on the status of their players. They can go through a bad moment now and in the summer be one of the favourites."—*Internet*

Spain's forward Fernando Torres



Chocolates are pictured during the opening of the Nestle Chocolate Centre of Excellence in Broc near Fribourg on 7 September, 2009. The Chocolate Centre of Excellence is dedicated to the research and development of chocolate products.—INTERNET

Beijing Olympic champion Kanaeva wins rope, hoop golds in rhythmic worlds

JAPAN, 8 Sept—Beijing Olympics gold medalist Evgenia Kanaeva of Russia won gold medals in rope and hoop disciplines of the ongoing 29th rhythmic gymnastics world championships held in Mie Prefecture of Japan on Tuesday.

The 19-year-old, dubbed "queen of rhythmic gymnastics", finished performances with 28.35 and 28.325 in rope and hoop respectively. Her compariot Daria Kondakova took the silver medals in both competitions.

Kanaeva is on her way to repeat the success of Belgrade Universiade two months ago, when she took home all five individual golds.

Individual competition will run through on 11 Sept and group disciplines will be held on 12 and 13 Sept. Russia remains the strongest team in both individual and group competitions.

Internet

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

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
* ASIAN FOOD FAIR 2009
* The Unique Pindaya Shan Paper
* Myanmar–Sri Lanka Cultural and Historical Relations
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Around Bagan by Pony Cart (Ananda Temple)
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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* Beautiful Pleasant Beach Village
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* The King of Musical Instruments
* Myanmar Modern Song
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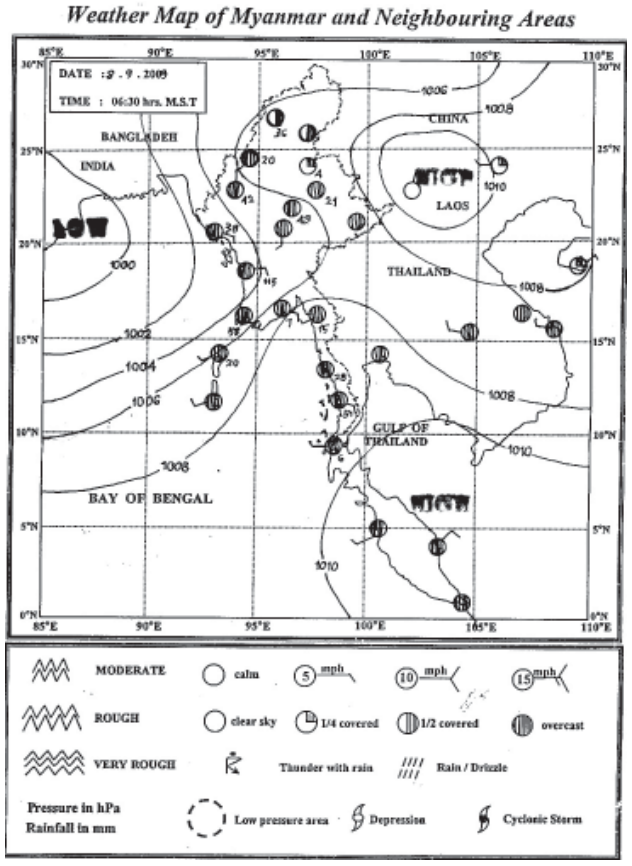
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 8th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been Scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay Division, fairly and widespread in Shan State and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Mandalay and Ayeyarwady Divisions, isolated heavyfalls in Chin State and Lower Sagaing Division.The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maubin (7.40) inches, Thandwe (4.61) inches, Hakha (3.51) inches, Maungdaw(3.15) inches, Pathein (3.04) inches, Phyarpon (2.88) inches, Gwa (2.60) inches, Kyauktaw (2.36) inches, Belin (2.32) inches, Falam (2.24) inches, Myauk-U (2.17) inches, Ayadaw (2.12) inches, Khayan and Minkin (2.01) inches, Mandalay (1.93) inches, Shwebo (1.89) inches, Sagaing (1.18) inches, Monywa (0.71) inch and Aunglan (0.27) inch.

Maximum temperature on 7-9-2009 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 8-9-2009 was 69°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 8-9-2009 was 96 %. Total sun shine hours on 7-9-2009 was (Nil) hour approx.

Rainfall on 8-9-2009 was (0.71) inch at Mingaladon, (0.47) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.36) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (93.35) inches at Mingaladon, (104.29) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (18:30) 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 9th September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State and Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to Strong monsoon.

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

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

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

TV Myanmar

Wednesday, 9 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြုဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် ဟောကြားတော်မူသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:25 am
2. To be Healthy Exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning News
7:40 am
4. မြတ်ဂုဏ်တော်သခင် (သန်းမြတ်စိုး၊တေးရေး-မောင်မောင်လတ်)
7:45 am
5. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
7:55 am
6. Nice & Sweet Song
8:05 am
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:15 am
8. Dance of National Races
8:30 am
9. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
8:40 am
10. International News
8:45 am
11. နည်းပညာတက္ကသိုလ် (မော်လမြိုင်)
8:50 am
12. Classical Songs
4:00 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဥဿာယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်းနှင့် Southern Myanmar FC အသင်း)
5:00 pm
2. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
5:15 pm
3. Songs for Uphold National Spirit
5:20 pm
4. ရှုဖွယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
5:30 pm
5. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ၁၅-၂၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား)
5:40 pm
6. အစူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွှေချယ်ပွဲ
6:00 pm
7. Evening News
6:15 pm
8. Weather Report
6:20 pm
9.မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ဝှေ့
6:35 pm
10. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင်အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
7:00 pm
11. Musical Programme
7:15 pm
12. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွှင်ပြင်
8:00 pm
13. News
14. International News
15. Weather Report
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြူခိုးဝေဝေချစ်သက်တည်" (တတိယပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၃)
17. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၆)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ဘူရိဒတ်ဇာတ်တော်ကြီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ) (ဒုတိယဆု) (စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း) (ပထမပိုင်း)

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Drugs seized in Shan State (North) and Mandalay Division

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept – Members of the special anti-drug squad and local police force of Shan State (North), at about 7.30 pm on 29 August, searched the check point No. 3 of the loyalists to U Phon Kya Shin at Yanlonkyaing in Kokang Special Region (1) and seized a machine used in printing tablets, 12 iron rods bearing the words "WY", 12 plain iron rods, 10 iron mortars and a flask beside the brick wall of a dormitory near the gate.

Also in Laukkai Township, members of the local security force seized 3,000 stimulant tablets bearing the words "WY" from the store behind the house of U Phon Kya Shin in Si Aw village at about noon on 3 September.

Similarly, responsible personnel of special anti-drug squad of Mandalay, acting on tip-off, searched the house at number Ma-6/4 of U Phon Ta Shwin on Theikpan Road, between 60th and 61st streets, in ward No (1) of Chanmyathazi Township, at 2.45 pm on 28 August, and seized 320 grams of caffeine in a handbag under the bed in a room. When the house was searched again at about 10 am on 29 August and 1 September, 194 rounds of ammunition, a magazine, an air gun, a raw jade weighing 3.4 kilos and 425 cut pieces of raw jade were seized.

Moreover, at about 5.30 pm on 2 September, members of Kunlon special anti-drug squad and local security force searched a building in Tainkyarkyine village in Laukkai Township that had connection with U Phon Kya Shin and seized 154400 stimulant tablets, 196 kilos of ephidrine, two kilos of solution for producing tablets, a machine used in printing tablets, 90 gallons of acetic en-hydrate, 45 kilos of solid sodium hydroxide, four moulds for printing tablets, 14 gallons of chloroform, a Suzuki car without licence and accessories used in producing tablets. Investigations are being made to expose those involved in the incident. —*MNA*

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

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept— The number of people who returned to Kokang has reached 15607, according to data on 8th 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 stability has prevailed there.

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

Home fibre plans survive downturn

The benefits of fibre to the home go beyond speed

BERLIN, 8 Sept—More than two million people in Europe now have fibre broadband direct to their home, suggests a survey.

The latest figures on superfast broadband delivered by fibre to the home (FTTH) shows 18% growth over the last survey compiled in late 2008. The continued growth suggests that the global economic downturn has not hit plans to build a fibre infrastructure.

Sweden tops the list of nations rolling out the technology, with 10.9% of its broadband customers using fibre.

Karel Helsen, president of Europe's Fibre-To-The-Home Council, said the growth matched predictions that were revised when the credit crunch started to make itself felt. "The numbers in 2009 are in line with the latest forecasts," said Mr Helsen. —*Internet*

One more found infected with A (H1N1)

Number of patients with virus reaches 34

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—A 31-year-old man was transferred to Insein General Hospital through Township Health Department on 7 September as being ill with flu symptoms. Serum of the patient was examined at the National Health Laboratory and found to be New Influenza A (H1N1) positive.

Ten family members who came into contact with the patient are being kept in home quarantine.

Altogether 31 passengers who flew together with the patient on the TG-701 flight and 135 airport staff are under surveillance at their respective places.

The number of the patients with the virus has reached 34 in Myanmar and 30 were discharged from the hospitals as they had fully recovered from their illness. The remaining four are being given special treatment by specialists and they are not in critical condition.

The National Health Laboratory detected 231 flu-suspected persons and 34 found to have been infected with the virus.—*MNA*