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Lt-Gen Tha Aye on tour of Kalay Township, Tamu District

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and officials viewed condition of Kalay-Tamu road

section in a motorcade on 6 September, inspected rubber farm in Razagyo village-tract of Kalay Township and the growing of rubber plants and mixed-crops among the plants at Kalay-Tamu-Pyaungboke junction. (See page 9)

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspects regional development undertakings in Kawthoung

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Lt-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and officials, visited rubber farm in

Chaungsalin Village of Kawthoung Township yesterday. After hearing the reports on thriving 150-acre KDML-106 paddy strain presented by officials, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw gave necessary instructions. (See page 7)

An inspiring visit to Laukkai, a stable, peaceful town

I abruptly left Nay Pyi Taw to make a journey on duty in the evening of 5 September, and I therefore had to spend the whole night, taking the bus. When I set out, it was cool in Nay Pyi Taw due to rain clouds over the sky. However, I was fairly dripping with sweat under the sunshine on arrival at Mandalay the next morning.

On the morning of 6 September, I left Mandalay by car along Mandalay-Pyin Oo Lwin Road. Just after the car drove for 21 miles, I was greeted by a cold weather. Beyond Hsipaw, the road goes uphill, but it is a fine transport facility. So, the car made a good headway. While en route between Nawngkhio and Kyaukme, I got awestruck at the breathtaking scenery of mountain ranges

Byline: Tin Htwe (MNA)

covered with lush and green forests and mountain ranges along with famous Gok-hteik Viaduct found adding to natural beauty.

While I was on sightseeing around Lashio on 7 September, I noticed that the town had developed significantly if compared with that in my previous visit. I even had to take care in crossing the streets in the city centre which were coping with constant flows of traffic.

There, automobiles and motorcycles were driving at high speed owing to the fineness of internal roads, so it was somehow pleasant for me to view the night scenes.

(See page 8)

Genuine Mettā

Mettā is one of higher Dhammas, belonging to the Ten Perfections (parami).

Genuine metta means, without any exception, purity, peace, tranquillity, unity and harmony.

Genuine mettā, in essence, indiscriminately harbours affection and benevolence for another.

Genuine metta is a feeling of blissful pleasantness in full bloom.

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

Laukkai remains hustle and bustle with activities as evidenced by internal roads coping with constant flows of traffic.

Photo: KHIN MAUNG WIN-SHWE INNTHA



PERSPECTIVES

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Remain united forever to achieve national goal

At the heart of ensuring sovereignty of the State lies Union Spirit. It is, therefore, required of every citizen, whatever region he lives in the Union, to have a strong sense of Union Spirit.

In the course of the Myanmar history, the people remained cohesive and harmonious in the fight against a variety of alien threats, and the motherland stands tall as a sovereign nation in the international community.

All the national brethren are under a national duty to guard the nation, upholding Our Three Main National Causes namely non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

The government is in pursuance of the 12 objectives it has laid down to transform the mother country into a peaceful, modern and developed one. It has the Project for Progress of Border Areas and National Races, the Project for Development of Twenty-four Regions and the Rural Development Project on the go with the aim of bridging the development gap between one region and another and equitable development of all parts of the Union.

Now, the entire people are in a position to enjoy the fruits of the hard work the government has been exerting to improve all the infrastructures such as economic, transport, education and health across the nation in order to expedite the three long-term projects. That greatly impressive achievement is mainly due to the fact that the government, the people and the Tatmadaw work hard in harmony in carrying out nation-building tasks.

So, each and every citizen has to oppose all forms of subversive acts and join hands with the government to achieve the national goal of building a modern, developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

People's Destic

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

Commander attends coord meeting of Division PDC

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Bago Division Peace and Development Council held the coordination meeting at its office in Pyay on 31 August morning.

Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min delivered an address. Officials reported on their respective sectors.—MNA

Commander meets servicemen, family members

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Kyaw Swe on 2 September met servicemen and family members at the hall of the local battalion in Myaungmya.

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Evidences of bronze and iron ages discovered in Myaukle excavation research work

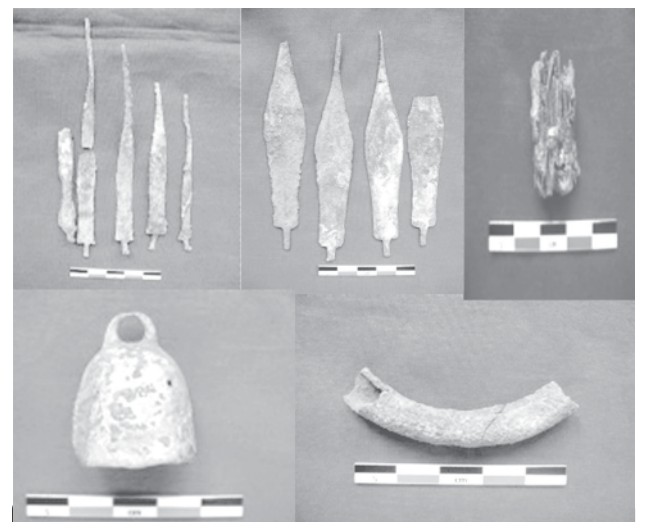
NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—A field trip group comprising six officers and service personnel from Department of Archeology, National Museum and Library Department (North) Mandalay and Historical Research Department conducted

excavation research work in Myaukle village, Mahlaing township, Mandalay Division from 10 June to 9 July.

Some foreign experts considered that Myanmar's cultures did not develop in a normal way and that went on from stone age to iron age. Therefore, Nyaungkan (bronze age) region excavation in Budalin Township in 1998 filled the blank of bronze age culture in Myanmar history.

Myaukle excavation research group discovered 22 human skeletons and 44 bronze wares exclusive of 34 bronze spears including one spear with part of textile, 8 collections of copper wire, one bronze bracelet and one bronze bell in addition to four iron wares including three iron arms and an iron dagger, 153 colourful jewel beads, small earth pots, earth cups, cylinder shape earth cups and bones of animals.

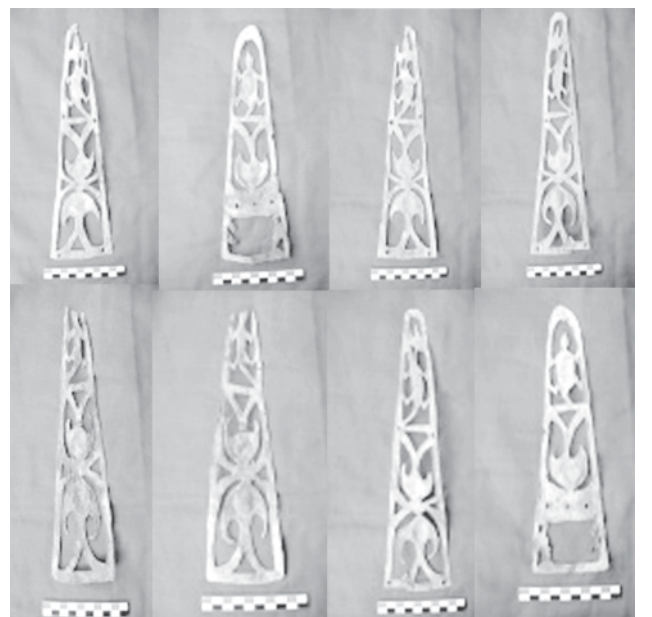
These findings showed that a human society in bronze and iron periods existed for a long time in this region. Earth wares make it evident that there was the human society in late bronze age especially in iron age flourishing period because the evidences were very similar to those buried at the regions such as Ywahtin, Htonbo, Myohla, Ywakongyi, Myaryawai, Uhmin,



Bronze arms and wares excavated by Myaukle excavation research team.—MNA

Hnawkan and Kokkokhahla in iron age. Therefore, these evidences discovered from Myaukle excavation managed to remove opinions of foreign experts. There had been gradual and normal development in Myanmar cultures.

MNA



Bronze wares unearthed by Myaukle excavation research team.—MNA

Tobacco Kills

Myanmar Book Centre opens Discount Corner

YANGON, 10 Sept—Myanmar Book Centre has been dealing in book industry since 1996 and in response to demand of customers Discount Corner was opened at Myanmar Book Centre on Merchant Street since 15 September.

In addition to regular items of the bookshop, literature for children, books on management and self-development, biographies, bestseller fictions, Art & Science, Cook Books, and reference will be sold at fair price. About 10,000 books will be on sale first and new titles will be introduced later.

Discount Corner of Myanmar Book Centre (Merchant Street Branch) No. 561-567, Room.3, MAC Tower (1), at the corner of Merchant Street and Maha Bandohla Garden Street, Kyauktada Township here opens daily from 9 am to 6 pm.

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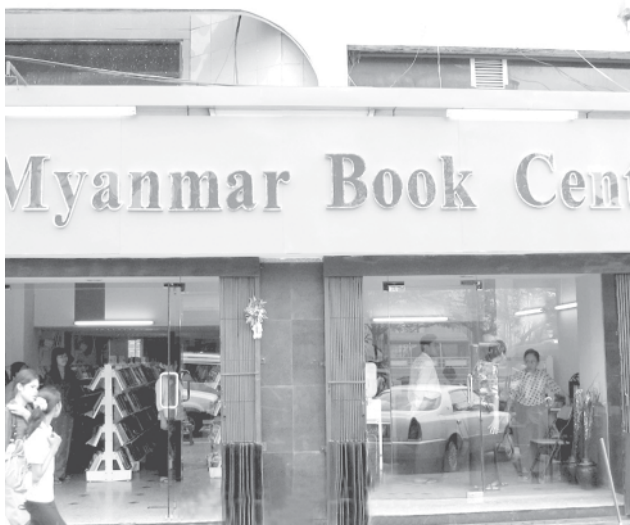


Photo shows Myanmar Book Centre.—MNA



Chavez visits Russia to discuss arms, energy deals

MOSCOW, 10 Sept — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez praised Russian leader Vladimir Putin on Wednesday for standing up to the United States, kicking off a visit to Moscow that the Kremlin said will focus on major energy and military agreements.

Cooperation between

Russia, the world's No 2 oil exporter, and OPEC member Venezuela has been dismissed by the United States as mostly talk but is watched with concern by Colombia, which has stormy ties with its Latin American neighbour. Chavez began his visit with a 2-1/2 hour speech to Moscow students in which

he berated the United States for seeking to control the world with a "terrorist" empire.

"The United States wants to dominate the entire world... The empire of the Yanks will fall this century and I am not talking about the end of the century but in the next decades,"

Internet

US to transfer fighter jet technology to Brazil for purchase deal

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 Sept — The US administration has agreed to transfer the *F-18 Super Hornet* fighter jets' technology to Brazil if the Brazilian government chooses to purchase US jets.

The US embassy in Brazil made the announcement on Wednesday, two days after the Brazilian government said it is in negotiations with France for the purchase of 36 fighter jets to renovate the Brazilian fleet. The main argument for choosing the French planes was the French government agrees to transfer the jet's technology.

According to the US embassy, the

US government thinks that Brazil has not yet finished its talks with France, and that the US proposal is competitive, so the Brazilian government might change its mind. Washington also agrees to let some of the jets be built in Brazil if its jets are chosen.

The US *F-18 Super Hornet* fighter jet is now competing with French *Rafale* jet and Sweden's *Gripen* jet. According to the Brazilian government, the negotiations with France are very advanced, but it may still change its mind. The jets may cost four billion US dollars.

Xinhua



The Aeromexico aircraft that was hijacked sits iddle on the tarmac of Mexico City's airport.—INTERNET

Fanatic hijacked Mexican plane after 'revelation'

MEXICO CITY, 10 Sept—A Bolivian religious fanatic briefly hijacked a jetliner from the beach resort of Cancun as it landed in Mexico City on Wednesday, police said. All passengers and the crew were released unharmed. The Bible-carrying hijacker used a juice can he said was a bomb to hold the 103 passengers and crew on the tarmac for more than an hour.

Masked police

stormed the aircraft with guns drawn and escorted several handcuffed men away without firing a shot. Police later said there was only one hijacker, and the other men aboard were detained because the suspect had told a flight attendant he had three accomplices. The others were quickly released. Jose Flores, 44, later told police his three companions were "the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost."

Flores hijacked Aero-mexico Flight 576 after a divine revelation, according to Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna. Flores said Wednesday's date — 9-9-09 — is the satanic number 666 turned upside down. Flores, speaking to reporters after he was detained, said he took control of the aircraft with "a juice can ... with some little lights I attached."

Internet

Two die in Afghan raid to free seized reporter

KABUL, 10 Sept—British commandos freed a *New York Times* reporter on early Wednesday from Taliban captives who kidnapped him over the weekend in northern Afghanistan, but one of the commandos and a *Times* translator were killed in the rescue, officials said.

Reporter Stephen Farrell was taken hostage along with his translator in the northern province of Kunduz on Saturday. German commanders had ordered US jets to drop bombs on two hijacked fuel tankers, causing a number of civilian casualties, and reporters traveled to the area to cover the story.—Internet



The settlement lies near the barrier dividing Israelis and Palestinians.—INTERNET

Israel reinstates settlement plan

JERUSALEM, 10 Sept — Israel says it is pushing ahead with delayed plans to build almost 500 more homes for Jewish settlers in Jerusalem. The project is for the Pisgat Zeev settlement in annexed East Jerusalem, captured by Israel in the 1967 war. The announcement comes two days after Israel said it would build 450 new homes for settlers in the West Bank.

The US has urged Israel to stop all settlement of occupied Palestinian land as part of efforts to re-start peace talks in the Middle East. The Palestinian leadership says any future agreement to freeze new building in settlements is now worthless.

Tenders were first issued for the Pisgat Zeev project in 2008, but it was put on ice when the authorities rejected bids from developers as too low. The land lies on Jerusalem's north-east boundary close to Palestinian communities and Israel's separation barrier.—Internet



Residents gather around the wreckage of a vehicle at the site of a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad, on 9 Sept, 2009.

INTERNET

Bomb kills at least eight in Iraq's disputed Kirkuk

KIRKUK, 10 Sept — A car bomb killed eight members of a single family on Wednesday in Kirkuk, the city at the heart of a bitter feud between Iraq's Arabs and minority Kurds.

The blast occurred near the home of an Arab leader of one of the pro-government local militia known as 'Awakening' councils, in the eastern part of the city, police said.

Major-General Jamal Taher Bakr, Kirkuk's police chief, said a displaced family from Iraq's Diyala province further south had been taking refuge in the house when it was hit.

The blast reduced to rubble at least one building, from which police and local residents pulled bodies after the blast. As distraught residents looked on, they

wrapped corpses in bed sheets or mats and put them on the back of a pick-up truck. Police and hospital sources said at least two people were wounded in the attack in Kirkuk, Iraq's northern oil hub, which lies 250 km (155 miles) north of Baghdad.

At least one woman and a child were among the dead, they said.

Internet



The Dubai Metro aims to become the world's longest driverless train system.—INTERNET

First Gulf Metro system to open

DUBAI, 10 Sept — The first urban train network in the Gulf is due to open on Wednesday in Dubai.

The Dubai Metro will eventually become the world's longest driverless train system with more than 70km (43 miles) of track.

It cost almost twice the original estimate and opens at a time when Dubai is suffering from

economic troubles due to the global recession. The metro's challenge will be to persuade car drivers to get on board. The train system was conceived when traffic on the eight-lane Sheikh Zayed Highway, along which much of its track now runs, was bumper to bumper, morning and evening.

It was planned when the economy was boom-

ing and the population burgeoning. But, the opening of the first stations along 52km (32 miles) of the track comes when many of Dubai's congestion problems have already been solved by the global economic crisis. With fewer tourists visiting and more migrant workers leaving, there is already less traffic on the roads. —*Internet*

China's crude steel output to hit record high in August

BEIJING, 10 Sept — China's crude steel output will probably hit another record high of around 51.65 million tonnes for August, statistics from the China Iron and Steel Association (CISA) show.

The CISA estimated the August daily output at 1.67 million tonnes.

China posted a record crude steel production this July, producing 50.68 million tonnes, with a daily output of 1.64 million tonnes, according to figures from the National Bureau of Statistics.

CISA data shows 71 of China's large-scale steel producers yielded 39.43 million tonnes of crude steel in August, up 1.97 percent compared to July; and daily production was 1.27 million tonnes.

Xinhua



The new Apple iPod Nano with video camera feature is shown in this publicity photo released to Reuters on 9 Sept, 2009.—XINHUA

Japan's machinery orders hit record lower in July

TOKYO, 10 Sept — Japan's core private-sector machinery orders in July plunged 9.8 percent month-on-month to 664.7 billion yen (7.23 billion US dollars) on a seasonally adjusted basis, hitting the lowest level since record began in April 1987, the cabinet office said on Thursday. The decline of the orders, which exclude those for ships and from electric utilities, was attributed to weak demand from manufacturers.

Orders from manufacturers dived 20.4 percent to 223.7 billion yen (2.43 billion dollars), marking the first decline in three months. The statistics of the machinery orders, widely regarded as a key indicator of corporate capital spending about six months ahead, were produced on the basis of orders received by Japan's 280 major machinery makers. —*Xinhua*

New businesses find life harder in crisis-hit Spain

MADRID, 10 Sept — With the financial crisis still battering Spain, it is becoming harder to start a new company in the country, studies published on Wednesday by the World Bank and the World Economic Forum show. The country has slipped down 11 places to 62nd in the Doing Business league table, says a World Bank study, which aims to show the ease or

difficulty of conducting business in 183 different countries.

This is not the only study which has highlighted the loss of competitiveness that the country is currently suffering in the economic crisis. Spain has also fallen four places, from 29th to 33rd, in the Global competitiveness Report, which has been published by the World Economic Forum.

This study looks at the economic fortunes of 134 countries, and the United Arab Emirates, China, the Czech Republic and Brunei have all moved ahead of Spain.

Very few EU countries — Cyprus, Slovenia, Portugal, Malta and Slovakia — are in a worse situation than Spain. The Global Competitiveness Report uses 110 different indicators to reach its conclusions.

Xinhua

China unveils high-speed railways

BEIJING, 10 Sept — China has announced plans to build 42 new high-speed railway lines over the next three years. In a breakthrough, China has developed trains that can run on both high-speed and normal lines, said railway official Zhang Shuguang.

A 500km/h train will be tested by the end of next year, Mr Zhang said. China will have added 13,000km of high-speed lines by 2012, shortening journey times considerably for the expected seven billion annual passengers.

Journey times from the capital Beijing to most provincial capitals will be as short as seven hours, said Mr Zhang, the Chief Engineer of the Chinese Academy of Railway Sciences. He revealed the plans at a science and technology conference in the city of Chongqing. —*Internet*

S Korea, EU to initial free trade deal next month

SEOUL, 10 Sept — South Korea and the European Union (EU) will initial their bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) in October as the both sides completed legal reviews of the deal this week, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade said on Thursday.

The two sides "agreed to initial the pact next month," Lee Hye-min, deputy trade minister told media, without giving further details, only saying that "the date and the

venue will be decided later".

The two sides have held two rounds of legal reviews on the agreement concluded earlier July. The deal is expected to go into effect in July next year, according to the official. Officially launched in May 2007, negotiations for the South Korea-EU free trade deal were concluded on 13 July between South Korean President Lee Myung-bak and Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt.

The deal is expected to boost bilateral trade between South Korean and EU countries as much as 20 percent, local think tank Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) said. Under the agreement, the two sides will eliminate or phase out tariffs on 96 percent of EU goods and 99 percent of South Korean goods within three years, and abolish tariffs on most industrial goods within five years.

Xinhua



China is investing billions of dollars into its rail network.—INTERNET



Wu Bangguo (2nd L), chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress, meets with chairmen of the US-China Inter-parliamentary Exchange Group, the US-China Working Group as well as other groups under the US recently.—XINHUA

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Many European electronics web sites mislead consumers

BRUSSELS, 10 Sept—More than half of the web sites in Europe that sell electronic products mislead online consumers, a European Union official said on Wednesday. Consumer Commissioner Meglena Kuneva said that an investigation of 369 web sites selling electronic goods in 26 EU countries and Norway and Iceland indicated consumers were being badly misled.

The electronic goods

market is worth about 7 billion euros (10.14 billion US dollar) in Europe. About 25 percent of Europe's online consumers buy electronic products such as cameras and mobile phones. Fifty-five percent of the web sites investigated provided misleading information about consumer rights, total cost of the product, and incomplete contact details, she said.

The investigation showed that 66 percent of

the problematic websites did not provide key information or misled consumers. For instance, Kuneva said, consumers were not informed of their right to return goods within seven days without a reason. The second most common problem was misleading or incomplete information about the total cost of the transaction. That problem was found on 45 percent of the problematic web sites, the investigation found.—Xinhua

Spain sets five-year target for Afghan withdrawal

MADRID, 10 Sept—Spanish Defence Minister Carme Chacon said on Wednesday that she hoped the country would be able to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan within five years. The remarks followed Spain's recent announcement that it would send another 220 soldiers to the Central Asian country to help in the continued struggle against the Taliban. The reinforcement will be ratified by the Spanish parliament on Friday despite criticism from the opposition Popular Party. Speaking on Cadena Ser radio, Chacon also tried to put a time limit on the deployment. "We need to fix times and a horizon to say that we will have achieved our objective in less than five years." "That timescale seems reasonable to Spain," said the minister, who stressed the peacekeeping mission of the Spanish troops in Afghanistan.—Xinhua

Chinese Premier pledges mutual investment with Latvia

DALIAN, 10 Sept—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Thursday that China is willing to enhance cooperation with Latvia on trade and investment to bring about tangible benefits to the two countries.

Wen made the remarks while meeting Latvian President Valdis Zatlers, who is in northwestern China's port city Dalian to attend the the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2009, also known as the Summer Davos. Wen is to address the opening ceremony of the meeting, to be hosted by the Davos-based World Economic Forum, later Thursday. "Your presence shows that you attach importance to the forum, and also demonstrates your goodwill and confidence towards China," said Wen. The three-day forum has attracted some 1,400 participants from 86 countries and regions to discuss topics about the theme of "Relaunching Growth" amid global economic downturn.—Xinhua



The fish appears to be terrified as it takes its final breath trapped in the beak of the kingfisher.

XINHUA

OPEC maintains oil output quota

VIENNA, 10 Sept—The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) agreed here on Thursday to maintain its production quota for the time being. "Since the market remains oversupplied and given the downside risks associated with extremely fragile recovery, (OPEC) once again agreed to leave current production levels unchanged for the time being," OPEC said in a statement after a general meeting among its 12 members.

The cartel's current oil production quotas total 24.85 million barrels a day for its 11 members excluding Iraq. It was the third time for OPEC to keep the oil production level unchanged this year, OPEC Secretary General Abdalla Salem El-Badri said. He added that this was in the best interest of the consumer, the producer, the market and the global economy.

The OPEC Conference President for 2009, Angolan Minister of Petroleum Jose Maria

Botelho de Vasconcelos, also commented on the decision by saying that the world economy was slowly recovering, and that the current oil prices were "on a good level." Crude oil futures have recently been hovering around 70 US dollars a barrel. Over the past 14 months, international oil prices have experienced an unprecedented range of fluctuation. In early July 2008, they reached a record price of 140 US dollars a barrel.

Xinhua



Visitors taste Chinese food during the 113th Budapest International Expo in Budapest, capital of Hungary, on 9 Sept, 2009. The 113th Budapest International Expo opened here on Wednesday and will end on 13 Sept. —XINHUA

Iraq, Syria agree to stop media campaigns, speed up returning ambassadors

CAIRO, 10 Sept—Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said on Wednesday that he reached an agreement with his Iraqi counterpart Hoshiyar Zebari to stop media campaigns between Syria and Iraq, speed up returning ambassadors and form security committees.

Al-Moallem told a joint Press conference with Arab League (AL) Secretary General Amr Moussa in Arab League headquarters that he reached this agreement during a quadrilateral meeting included Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari, Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu and Moussa.—Xinhua

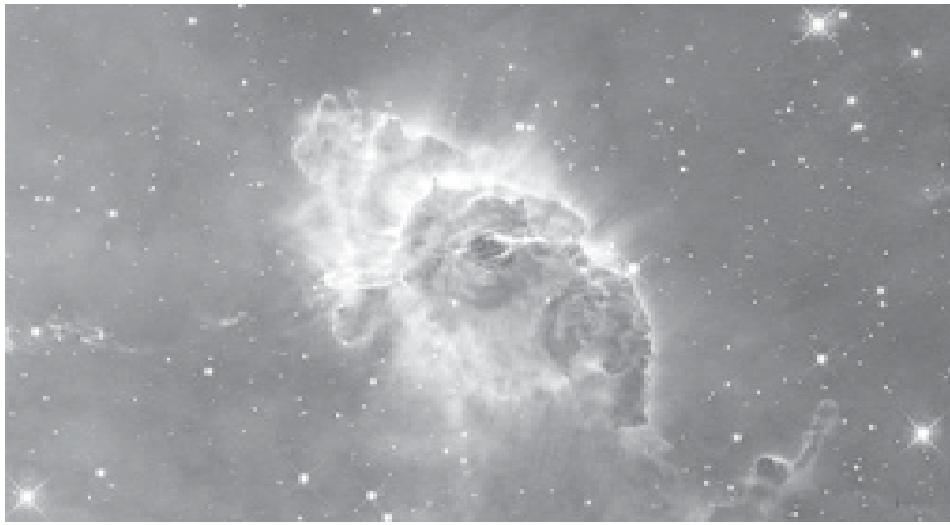
Terrified fish takes last gasp as kingfisher snaps up its supper

BEIJING, 10 Sept—If fish could speak, this little fellow would no doubt be saying his prayers (between gulps). Clamped in the beak of a kingfisher, he has only moments to live before a final journey down the predator's throat. This was the climax of a thrilling sequence of action captured on camera by wildlife photographer Ilia Shalamaev.

Xinhua

Singapore sees spike in diarrhea cases

SINGAPORE, 10 Sept—Singapore has seen a 50 percent increase in diarrhea cases at local polyclinics in the past week, local media reported on Thursday. The country's 18 polyclinics, which are government-owned clinics, treated 2,990 patients for acute diarrhea last week, or about 50 percent more than the weekly average of 2,072 cases, local newspaper the Straits Times reported. When polyclinics see more than 2,668 cases a week, it is considered an epidemic. The last time such an outbreak happened was two years ago. Doctors who have seen many more cases than usual in the last two weeks, said it appears to be highly contagious. The Ministry of Health has been unable to account for the larger-than-usual number of victims.—Xinhua



Hubble is expected to keep working until at least 2014.—INTERNET

Superb vistas from reborn Hubble

BALTIMORE, 10 Sept — Astronomers are celebrating the release of remarkable new images from the Hubble Space Telescope (HST). They prove the mission carried out by astronauts in May to service the observatory was an outstanding success.

The latest pictures include trademark Hubble visions — from colliding galaxies to dying stars.

NASA says the orbiting telescope, regarded as one of the most important scientific tools ever built, should keep working until at least 2014.

The Atlantis shuttle mission in May was the fifth and final Hubble makeover.

The US space agency and its international partners plan now to concentrate their efforts on preparing a bigger and more capable observatory known as the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).

Wednesday's release of pictures was the usual tour de force that astronomers have come to expect following a Hubble servicing.

It included dazzling pictures of galaxies

headed for a pile-up, a star throwing off its outer layers, dense clouds of gas and dust, and a new pin-sharp look at the planet Jupiter.—*Internet*

6.5 magnitude earthquake hits New Zealand's White Island

WELLINGTON, 10 Sept — An earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale struck north-east of White Island in New Zealand North Island's Bay of Plenty on Wednesday night, the GNS Science said.

The quake was centered 680 km north-east of White Island at a depth of 420 km, the New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences reported. It struck at 10:32 pm local time on Wednesday and may have been lightly felt in parts of the North Island. The quake caused no casualties or damages.—*Xinhua*

Pigeon transfers data faster than South Africa's TelkomPigeon

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Sept — A South African information technology company on Wednesday proved it was faster for them to transmit data with a carrier pigeon than to send it using Telkom, the country's leading internet service provider.

Internet speed and connectivity in Africa's

largest economy are poor because of a bandwidth shortage. It is also expensive.

Local news agency SAPA reported the 11-month-old pigeon, Winston, took one hour and eight minutes to fly the 80 km (50 miles) from Unlimited IT's offices near Pietermaritzburg to

the coastal city of Durban with a data card was strapped to his leg.

Including down-loading, the transfer took two hours, six minutes and 57 seconds — the time it took for only four percent of the data to be transferred using a Telkom line.

Internet

Romania to launch its first space rocket in October

BUCHAREST, 10 Sept — The Romanian Aeronautics and Cosmonautics Association (ARCA) announced on Wednesday that it will launch in October the country's first

space rocket, in what is the final rehearsal for a 30 million dollar astronaut contest for landing a privately built spacecraft on the moon, initiated by the Google corporation.

The rocket dubbed Helen will be launched from a Black Sea platform and is a three-stage space rocket capable of reaching the outer space in sub-orbital flight, ARCA president Dumitru Popescu told a Press conference.

During the Google Lunar X Prize Contest, it will reach the moon in three days, and during the Black Sea drill it is expected to

reach cosmic space in two hours.

Navy watercraft will take to Black Sea high waters the launch set consisting of rocket Helen and the balloon that is to carry it to the upper atmosphere.

The equipment will be unloaded from the ships onto the sea platform, where the balloon will be inflated and the rocket stages fueled with an ecological mix of hydrogen peroxide in a 70 percent concentration. The entire set has a launch weight of over 2,000 kilograms.

Xinhua



A two-year-old myna bird named Xizi raised in Xuzhou, Jiangsu Province can not only mimic human voices, sing songs and recite poems, but also has a bad human habit — smoking. "Hi buddy, give me a cigarette," Xizi says if he sees someone smoking. A Xuzhou veterinarian cautioned that it's bad for the bird's health, and smoking might affect its vocal cords.



Six-month-old Sanne Timmerman lies on the leaf of a giant water lily (Victoria Amazonica) at Diergaarde Blijdorp, also known as Rotterdam Zoo, Netherlands. The zoo organized the event for parents to take pictures of their children on the leaves which can grow up to 3 metres (10 feet) in diameter and can easily support a weight of 15 kilograms or 33 pounds.

Half jewel heist take stolen from thieves?

One of the men involved in the biggest jewelry robbery in British history has taken off with half the haul, gang sources say.

The Mirror, citing sources in the London underworld, reports the fugitive, nicknamed "Tim Slim but Dim," has to stay clear of the police and the man who organized the holdup at Graff Diamonds in fashionable Mayfair. He was described as a 52-year-old with ties to Russian mobsters. Two men held up Graff, making off with more than 40 million pounds (\$65 million) in jewelry. The loot was in two bags, and the Mirror's sources said

"Tim" has one of them.

"The gang have been betrayed by one of their own and the gang leader is furious," a source said. "He has told his crew to find this traitor at all costs. They think the guy is bound to be hiding abroad and fear he is biding his time to try to move on the jewelry and make millions."

The sources said the mastermind of the crime is angry because the Russian mob expects a cut and because he collects watches and had his eye on a diamond-encrusted Bulgari watch valued at close to \$2 million.

Great white sharks tagged for first time off Mass

Massachusetts officials are using high-tech tags to track the movements of two great white sharks near Cape Cod — the first time the fearsome fish have ever been tagged in the Atlantic Ocean.

The electronic tag uses satellite technology to record the travels of the sharks, allowing scientists to better understand their migratory patterns.

The sharks were spotted on Saturday by scientists investigating sightings off Monomoy Island in Chatham. Officials say a harpooner tagged them with help from a state shark expert.

Sharks are common in Cape waters during summer, though great white sharks are relatively rare around New England.

State officials have warned area swimmers to be on the lookout for sharks this weekend, and state environmental police are patrolling the area as a precaution.



This image provided by the Massachusetts State Division of Marine Fisheries shows a great white shark swimming in the waters near Cape Cod Mass.

NEWS ALBUM



This 18 June, 2009 photo Provided by Cornell University shows a nine-spotted ladybug in a lab at Cornell in Ithaca, NY. A year after they launched a nationwide search for dwindling native ladybugs, New York researchers are breeding colonies of them from insects found by citizen scientists in Oregon and Colorado. Of particular interest are the nine-spotted, two-spotted and transverse ladybugs, three native species that have declined dramatically in the last decade.



Commander's Shield Boxing Championship commences

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—The Eastern Command Commander's Shield Boxing Championship was opened at Shan State Gymnasium in Taunggyi on 4 September morning.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Yar Pyae delivered an opening address. Next, the commander watched the first-day matches.—MNA

Tanai gets new digital auto-exchange

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended the opening ceremony of new digital auto-exchange in Tanai, Kachin State on 7 September. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Col Tin Maung Win of Tanai station opened the digital auto-exchange.

Next, the ministers met with departmental officials, townsenders and members of social organization at Hugaung Hall in Tanai and presented prizes to outstanding students.

Afterwards, they looked into Tanai bridge and Tanai hotel constructed by Sea Sun Star company and met local people in Kinsarar ward.—MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspects repairing of Pulontonton bridge in Kawthoung.—MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspects regional development...

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At Toetet Aung breeding farm, officials explained undertakings to Lt-Gen Khin Zaw who looked into the arrangements.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw inspected the arrangements for greening and keeping the town clean,

development tasks and greening of Bayintnaung land.

At Myoma bridge of Kawthoung, officials reported matters on building the retaining walls to Lt-Gen Khin Zaw.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw and party oversaw the repairing of Pulontonton bridge.—MNA

Construction Minister meets with staff

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint met with staff of engineering offices of Chinshwehaw Township Public Works of Shan State (North), Laukkai District Public Works and Kongyan Township Public Works on 6 September and called for better performance.—MNA

Applied E-mail, Internet, Searching Website Application Course concludes



Chairman U Myo Thant of Myanmar Customs Brokers Association presents completion certificate to a trainee.—UMFCCI

YANGON, 10 Sept—Applied E-mail, Internet and Searching Website Application Course conducted by Educational Affairs Committee of Myanmar Customs Brokers Association was concluded at the UMFCCI in Lanmadaw Township here this morning.

Chairman U Myo Thant of MCBA and Chairman of EAC U Nyi Nyi Aung delivered addresses and executives presented completion certificates to the trainees. The course was opened with the aim of helping customs agents to be familiar with formal customs clearance system of ASEAN nations when it comes into practice in Myanmar—Customs Clearance of imported items before the arrival of cargo and keep abreast of international shipping industry. The four-week course was attended by 40 trainees.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Col Tin Maung Win of Tanai Station open new digital auto-exchange in Tanai.—CPT



WAY donates sports gear at Kyaikwaing school for the disabled

YANGON, 10 Sept—A ceremony to donate sports gear for disabled youths took place at School for the Disabled under the Social Welfare

Department on Kyaikwaing pagoda road in Mayangon Township

here this afternoon. Chairman of Women for ASEAN in Yangon (WAY) Mrs Yupadee Bunnag and party presented sport gear to Principal Daw Yi Mar Tin and then the headmistress spoke words of thanks and presented certificate of honour.

MNA

Chairman of WAY Mrs Yupadee Bunnag and party donating sports gear to school for the disabled.—MNA



An inspiring visit to Laukkai, a stable, peaceful town

Byline: *Tin Htwe (MNA)*



Local inhabitants are returning to their native town Laukkai in Kokang Region, Shan State (North), following the restoration of stability and peace. —MNA

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I got up early on 8 September morning as I would have to go on an excursion to Laukkai. Despite the rainy season, Lashio was shrouded in mist in the morning as a sign of the run-up to the cold season. I felt fortunate to enjoy the dawn view of Lashio on the threshold to development due to stability and peace.

At daybreak, the team comprising ambassadors, military attaches and diplomats of foreign embassies in Yangon, members of the Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, chief editors and reporters from local journals, and departmental officials said goodbye to Lashio.

After we left

Lashio, we first passed through Hsenwi, 32 miles from Lashio. The lake in the entrance to Hsenwi was found colonized by lotus flowers, thus adding to the beauty of the hilly town. Between Hsenwi and Kunlon is a mountain, and the section sometimes sees landslides in the rainy season. I noticed that the mountain road had been expanded. Many units of heavy machinery were at work to ensure regular stream of traffic as preparedness measures against possible landslides.

Lashio is 85 miles from Kunlon and the road goes uphill and downhill in many sections. The highland crop plantations along the road and the creek between two mountains blended

together, like a painting full of natural beauty.

The team stopped for a while in Kunlon, and then proceeded to Chinshwehaw at Myanmar-China border checkpoint in Laukkai District. Team members enjoyed the scene of Chinshwehaw from the car on the way to Laukkai.

Laukkai is 117 miles and seven furlongs from Lashio, and about 25 miles from Chinshwehaw. Along the road were thriving rubber and corn plantations.

Upon arrival at downtown Laukkai, I was amazed as well as delighted to see students with uniforms on their way to school. I thought that Laukkai would be somewhat quiet and deserted resulting from the recent incident. The

objective conditions proved my speculation totally wrong.

A press conference on the recent incident that had occurred in Laukkai, Kokang Region, took place at the Baisheng Hotel in Laukkai, and members of the excursion team attended it.

After the press conference, we observed seized arms and ammunition, poppy seeds,

drugs were seized; and Kokang headquarters (residence of Phon Kya Phu) in Si-aw Ward.

On a car trip around Laukkai, we witnessed that hotels, restaurants, mini-markets, personal goods shops and electronics shops were functioning as usual, and local people were in action and a large number of cars and motorcycles were on the road as if nothing had

conditions of Laukkai presented by Myanmar Radio and Television and daily newspapers were the same as the first-hand experiences I gained on my visit. The region remained stable and peaceful with its administrative machinery functioning.

After the successful completion of the tour programme, we had to leave Laukkai but



Youngsters are in a class as stability and peace have returned to normal in Kokang Region, Shan State (North). —MNA

precursor chemicals and stimulant tablets at the arsenal near Myanmar-China border in Yanlongkeng, Laukkai; Kokang No (2) custody, in which some Myanmar Police Force members were held hostage and brutally killed; the narcotic drugs processing building in Tarsinkeng Village where narcotic

happened to them.

Laukkai, a border town, is in the process of urbanization with fine buildings, residences, roads, factories and workshops. Seasonal crops were grown at the foot of mountains and in plateaus. The whole region was found pleasant and green with natural vegetation.

The objective

I was not content with enjoying the picturesque hilly town. Surely, it will be greatly thrilling if I am again favoured with a chance to pay a visit to the lovely border town which is on the path towards full urbanization.

Translation: MS



Mini-markets and personal goods shops are re-opened in Laukkai. Photo: Khin Maung Win-Shwe Inntha



Lt-Gen Tha Aye on tour of Kalay ...

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Lt-Gen Tha Aye looked into monsoon paddy plantations and developments of the villages on both sides of Kalay-Tamu Road, the broadcasting of fertilizer at the monsoon paddy model farmlands and plantations and sample paddy strains.

Next, he oversaw rubber plantation in Pantha village and the growing of mixed-crops among the rubber plants.

At the meeting hall of the Border Trade



Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects Yazagyo multi-purpose dam project.—MNA

Department in Tamu, Lt-Gen Tha Aye met with departmental officials and viewed development of Tamu in a motorcade.

Later, Lt-Gen Tha

Aye visited Nann Phalon Market in Tamu and comforted the patients at Khampat Station Hospital.

Afterwards, Lt-

Gen Tha Aye looked into progress of Kongyaw and Tanngyaw dams of Yazagyo Multi-purpose Dam Project and already-built Nayrinzaya bridge.

On 7 September, Lt-Gen Tha Aye, the commander and officials inspected self-reliant Tahan New Market at Tahan Ward in Kalay and

presented gifts to family members in meeting with servicemen and their families at the hall of local station.

MNA

Military Code of Conduct contest held



Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein views military code of conduct contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—The Ministry of Defence organized the second military code of conduct contest at its Kyansittha Hall here this

morning.

Camp Commandant Maj-Gen Hla Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence visited the contestants there. Altogether 208

candidates—51 at officer level, 58 at warrant officer level, 67 at corporal level and 32 at private level contended for the prizes.—MNA

Basic education schools in Laukkai, Kongyan, Hopang townships inspected

YANGON, 10 Sept—Director-General U Aye Lwin of No. 2 Basic Education Department inspected basic education schools in Laukkai, Kongyan and Hopang townships of Shan State (North) from 3 to 9 September.

The director-general inspected Chinshwehaw Basic Education High School of Laukkai Township, Parsinkyaw Basic Education Post-Primary School, Laukkai BEHS No. 1, BEHS No. 2, Kyuman BEPS, No. 1 Tattwin BEPS, Si-aw

BEPS, Yanlonkyaing BEPS, Mukwakyaing BEPS, Narli BEPS, Shaukkai BEPS and Tarshan BEPS on 4 and 5 September. He also visited Tarshwehtan BEHS and Kongyan BEHS on 6 September, Shwewa BEPS, Kaungkaw Post-Primary School, Chushwe BEPS, Pankauk BEMS, Hantkhushe BEPS, Panmaw BEPS, Panlon BEHS (Branch), Kunlong BEHS and Holi BEMS in Hopang and Kunlong townships on 8 and 9 September.

The director-general

provided necessary assistance for the schools.

During his visit, the director-general presented cash assistance for teachers and educational staff of Laukkai, Kongyan and Hopang townships and exercise books and stationery to students.

MNA

Director-General U Aye Lwin looking into Parsin Kyaw post primary school in Laukkai Township.

MNA

Offshore gas pipeline centre inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi on 7 September inspected the chosen place to construct offshore gas pipeline centre in Daw

Nyein village in Ahmar Township, Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Division. He then met with local people at Ahmar and Daw Nyein village.

At the meeting hall of

Pyapon District Peace and Development Council office, the minister also met with departmental officials and focused on matters related to offshore gas pipeline tasks.—MNA

CCNA Computer Networking course on 13 September



YANGON, 10 Sept—CCNA networking certificate course will be taught for learners at NetInfo centre.

Matriculated-pass students, students from the

University of Computer Studies and University of Technology, members of MCPA, IDCS & IAD students and interested persons may attend the course.

The three-month-course will be launched on 13 September and lectured on every Sunday. Only 20 trainees will be permitted to the course.

Those interested persons may contact NetInfo center, Room-1 in Building-2 of Myanmar Info-Tech Building in Hline Township, Yangon (Tel: 507045, 652248).—MNA

TV Guide Vol I, No. 10 in circulation

YANGON, 10 Sept—The TV Guide Vol I, No. 10 published by Novel Light Express (Ph: 391186) will come out

tomorrow.

The TV Guide costs K 500 per copy and available at bookstalls, City Mart, Supermarkets

and MRTV Showrooms. Door to door service is being given to those who want to buy the book monthly.—MNA



H & T Minister supervises development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Member of Natural Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 6 September met teachers of Basic Education Post Primary School in Chunagwa Village of Ama, Pyapon Township and inspected construction of new school building.

The minister met community elders, teachers, and health staff of Chaungwa, Deidalu, Phonegyithoung, Kalateik, Bawdhima, Shweleigyin, Ngathtatoung, Tapon, Wachung and Phoethugyaung villages and provided local people with clothing, foodstuffs, and traditional medicines.

Afterwards, the minister inspected thriving paddy fields, repair of rafts and fishing industry along the river and viewed students learning at BEPPS of the village.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min received General Manager Mr Li Guanghua of CPI Yunnan International Power Investment Co Ltd and party of PRC at the ministry here yesterday evening.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, departmental heads, officials of the ministry, Deputy General Manager Mr Xu Shubio and personnel of CPI Yunnan International Power Investment Co Ltd.—MNA

Minister meets Chinese guests



Minister Col Zaw Min receives delegation headed by General Manager Mr Li Guanghua of CPI Yunnan International Power Investment Co Ltd.—MNA

Forestry Minister attends opening of new school buildings



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses annual meeting of Htoo Gyi Association.—FORESTRY

YANGON, 10 Sept—Annual meeting of Htoo Gyi Association (Yangon) took place at Myanma Timber Enterprise Dhammayon, Bahan Township here on 6 September. Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Vice Chairman U Myo Thant of the association delivered speeches.

Next, officials read out financial papers and paid respects to the aged. The minister awarded outstanding persons.

On 7 September, the minister attended the opening of Htanpingon BEHS (branch) in Ingapu Township. An official extended the documents related to the building to Township Education Officer Daw Kyin Htay.

The minister also opened new Bawzagaing BEPS in Ingapu Township. An official then handed over the documents related to the building to township education officer. A local spoke words of thanks.

MNA

New product of M&GH introduced

YANGON, 10 Sept—The launching of new brand products of M&GH International Ltd was held at Sedona Hotel, here, yesterday evening.

It was attended by sale representatives, mer-

chants, shopkeepers and guests.

Director Lt-Col Aung Min (Retd) of M&GH International Ltd introduced the new product of Red & Blue and Karaweik to the

audience.

The high quality new product is manufactured by the factory of international standard of M&GH International Ltd.

MNA



The launching ceremony to introduce new brand products of M & GH in progress.—MNA

Cricket coach refresher course for basic education teachers commences

YANGON, 10 Sept—Cricket coach refresher course for basic education teachers, jointly organized by Myanmar Cricket Federation No.2 Basic Education Department of Mandalay Division and Mandalay Division Sports and Physical Education Department, took place at Bahtoo gymnasium, Mandalay Division from 19 to 23 August. It was attended by teachers of Basic Education Department.

Men's and Women's novice cricket event of inter Basic Education School in Mandalay Division took place at Aungmyay Mandalay cricket pitch from 24 to 30 August.

After the finals, officials of MCF, Division Officer of Mandalay Division Sports and Physical Education Department Deputy Director U Myo Myint Aung

and officials presented prizes to winning teams at prize presenting ceremony.

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Deputy Director U Myo Myint Aung presents championship shield to the winning team.—MNA



Japan to launch new space freighter today

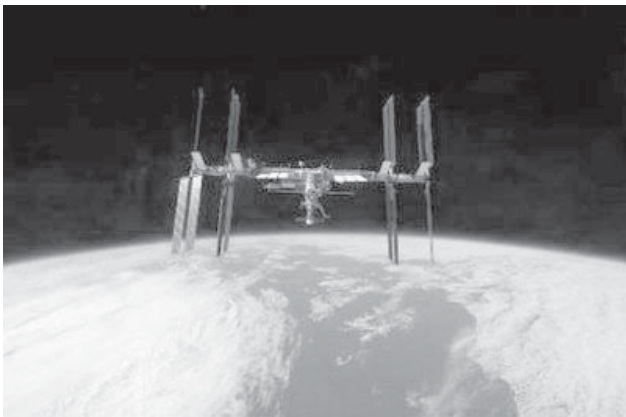
TOKYO, 10 Sept—Japan's first-ever spacecraft to fly vital supplies to the International Space Station is poised to make its inaugural launch today.

The H-2 Transfer Vehicle (HTV), a new unmanned spacecraft capable of hauling tons of food, experiments and other supplies to the space station, is slated to blast off at 1:01 p.m. EDT (1701 GMT) from Tanegashima Space Center in southern Japan. It will be 2:01 a.m. Local Time when Japan's JAXA space agency launches the spacecraft on its maiden voyage.

"HTV-1 is opening up new horizons for JAXA's undertaking of human spaceflight," said Masazumi Miyake, deputy director of JAXA's Houston office. "I like to say that JAXA is now entering a new era."

The new HTV spacecraft is the latest in an international fleet of cargo ships to support the space station, which is the \$100 billion product of 16 different countries and the largest structure ever built in space. Six astronauts currently live aboard: two Americans, two Russians, a Belgian and a Canadian.—Internet

Space shuttle may need to dodge debris on way home



Earth is seen behind the International Space Station from Space Shuttle Discovery as the two spacecraft begin their relative separation in this NASA handout photo taken 8 September, 2009.—INTERNET

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla, 10 Sept—NASA is considering whether the space shuttle Discovery needs to dodge a piece of space junk before heading for a scheduled landing back on Earth.

Mission Control says the debris apparently came off the linked shuttle and international space station during a spacewalk Saturday. Experts do not know what the piece is. The shuttle is scheduled to land Thursday evening but thunderstorms could keep it in orbit an extra day or two.

If Discovery skips Florida on Thursday, NASA will consider the backup touchdown site in California as early as Friday. Discovery spent more than a week at the space station. Returning astronaut Timothy Kopra lived there nearly two months, while Buzz Lightyear logged 15 months. The doll will head to Walt Disney World after the flight.—Internet

Australia considers sending women into combat

CANBERRA, 10 Sept—Australian women could serve in frontline combat units, including special forces, as the country's military attempts to ease a recruitment crisis, the government said on Wednesday. Junior Defence Minister Greg Combet said all sections of the country's small but advanced military should be open to women, including special forces units currently fighting Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan.

Australian women already serve in front-line roles flying helicopters and bombing aircraft, as well as on submarines and surface warships, but are excluded from front-line infantry units and special forces

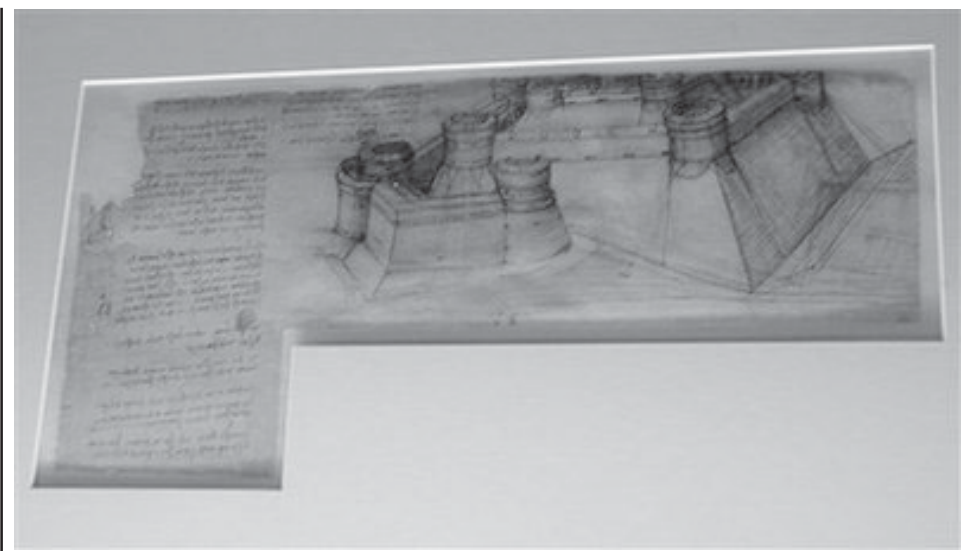
commandos. Removing gender restrictions would put Australia ahead of key allies including the United States and Britain in opening combat roles to

females, and into line with several European countries, including Denmark and Germany, as well as Israel and New Zealand.

MNA/Reuters



Steve Kaslowski took the pictures during an expedition to Norway's remote Svalbard archipelago last month.—INTERNET



A drawing is displayed at the opening of an exhibition of part of Leonardo Da Vinci Atlantic Codex after it was unbound allowing for the first time the exposition of the single pages, in Milan, Italy, on Thursday, 10 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Iraq market bombs kill four, wound 29

BAGHDAD, 10 Sept—Two roadside bombs exploded in quick succession in a popular market south of Baghdad on Thursday, killing four people and wounding 29, Iraqi police said. The blasts struck the town of Mahmudiya, about 30 km (20 miles) south of Baghdad, which has been largely quiet for many months.

Mahmudiya was once in the heart of the so-called "Triangle of Death," where radical Sunni and Shi'ite Islamist militants battled it out and settled sectarian scores in 2006 and 2007, killing hundreds of Iraqis. Violence has fallen sharply in Iraq since those days, but militants are still capable of carrying out frequent bombings.—Internet

Officials say truck bomb kills at least 19, injures 30 in northern Iraqi village

BAGHDAD, 10 Sept — A suicide truck bomber hit a residential area of a Kurdish village in northern Iraq before dawn Thursday, killing at least 19 people and injuring 30 others, officials said, in what appeared to be the latest in a string of ethnic attacks in the region.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, but it bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida in Iraq and other Sunni insurgents who remain active in Mosul and surrounding areas.

A police officer and health official in Mosul

said the bomb went off around 12:30 a.m. in the village of Wardek, about 35 miles southeast of the city — a region where U.S. commanders have warned that insurgents appear to be trying to stoke an Arab-Kurdish conflict.

The blast took down a number of houses and the casualty toll was expected to rise because many people are still missing in the rubble, the officials said. Local security forces intercepted a second suicide truck bomber, killing the driver and



Map locating the area of a truck bomb attack near Mosul in northern Iraq where at least 19 people were killed in an explosion.—INTERNET

defusing the bomb before it could be detonated, they said.—Internet

Vical's swine flu vaccine works in mice, rabbits

SAN DIEGO, 10 Sept—Biotechnology company Vical Inc. said Thursday its developing swine flu vaccine prompted "robust" immune responses in 100 percent of animals infected with distinct strains of the virus. Vical is developing its vaccine under an agreement with the U.S. Navy. It is currently working the U.S. Navy to secure funding in order to advance the vaccine candidate to human studies.

Shares rose 29 cents, or 5.7 percent, to \$5.35 in morning trading. Earlier, shares reached \$5.51, their highest point in more than two years.—Internet

The recent animal study results show the DNA-based vaccine prompted responses above the accepted protection threshold in mice and rabbits with strains from recent outbreaks in California, Texas, and Mexico.

Internet

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is seeking applications from dynamic and highly motivated Myanmar nationals for the following vacancy with UNDP Yangon Myanmar. Detailed terms of reference are available at the bulletin board at No. 6, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon.

Functional title: Executive Associate to the UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative

Level: G-6
Type of Contract: Fixed Term Appointment
Duty Station: Yangon

Under the guidance and supervision of the UN Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Myanmar, the Executive Associate to RC/HC/RR ensures effective and efficient functioning of the RC/HC/RR front office, ensures full confidentiality in all aspects of assignment, maintenance of protocol procedures, management of information flow and follow-up on deadlines and commitments made. The Executive Associate to RC/HC/RR works in close collaboration with staff of the Office of the RC/HC, UNDP, other UN Agencies and national authorities to ensure efficient flow of information, actions on instructions and agendas. The incumbent displays acute sense of tactfulness and diplomacy, respects confidentiality and maintain calm and cheerfulness in highly stressful situations.

Competencies Required

Corporate Competencies: Demonstrates commitment to UN and UNDP's mission, vision and values. Displays cultural, gender, religion, race, nationality and age sensitivity and adaptability.

Functional Competencies:

Development and Operational Effectiveness: Ability to perform a broad range of specialized activities aimed at effective and efficient functioning of the front office, including data/schedule management, maintenance of protocol, information flow; Confidentiality, diplomacy, tact, politeness and integrity; Ability to provide input to business processes re-engineering, elaboration and implementation of new data management systems.

Leadership and Self-Management: Focuses on result for the client and responds positively to feedback; Consistently approaches work with energy and a positive, constructive attitude. Remains calm, in control and good humored even under pressure; Demonstrates openness to change and ability to manage complexities.

Qualifications

Education: & Experience: University Graduate; 5 to 7 years of progressively responsible administrative experience required at the national or international level. Experience in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Excel, etc), experience in handling of web-based management systems.

Language: Very strong oral and written skills in English an absolute requirement.

Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their applications, and should submit them together with complete bio-data stating personal details, academic qualifications, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph. Applications should be addressed to Deputy Country Director (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon.

Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

Those who applied for the post earlier need not apply.

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Closing Date: 18 September 2009 (COB)

New malaria 'poses human threat'

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Sept — An emerging new form of malaria poses a deadly threat to humans, research has shown. It had been thought the parasite Plasmodium knowlesi infected only monkeys. But it has recently been found to be widespread in humans in Malaysia, and the latest study confirms that it can kill if not treated quickly. The work, by an international team, appears in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases*.

Although the new form of the disease has so far been concentrated in South East Asia, the researchers warn that tourism to the region could soon see cases appearing in Western countries too. Malaria kills more than a million people each year. It is caused by malaria parasites, which are injected into the bloodstream by infected mosquitoes.

Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (507)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA RUKUN VOY NO (507) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 11.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Human Resources Analyst, SC-8

Functions: Implementation of HR strategies and policies; effective HR management; conduct UN-related cost surveys; facilitation of knowledge building and sharing; staff performance management and career development

Requirements: Advanced Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, or related field. Minimum 2 years of relevant experience at the national or international level in providing management, advisory services, and managing staff and operational systems. Experiences in the usage of computers and office software packages (MS Word, Power Point, etc.) and advanced knowledge of spreadsheets and database packages, experience in handling web-based management systems, knowledge of ERP/ATLAS an advantage. Prior experience with UNDP projects or UN organizations or INGO will be valuable. Team-building, analytical, facilitation, communication and decision-making skills. Fluency in English language, both written and spoken absolute requirement. Candidates should clearly indicate the Post Title in their applications, and should submit them together with complete CV stating personal details, academic qualification, work experience and a recent passport sized photograph. Applications should be addressed to Deputy Country Director (Operations) Attention: Human Resources Unit, (DST), No. 6, Natmauk Road, UNDP, Yangon. Only those candidates in whose qualifications and experience the Organization has further interest will be contacted for subsequent interview(s).

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Corrigendum
In the cautionary notice of Tuesday 8th Sept. 2009, please read the list of goods in line 18 as "undercarriages chassis" used under "TATRA" Device and Word for Int'l Class 12 (Reg. Nos. 2374/1957 & 4/3748/2009, 1896/1956 & 4/3749/2009) owned by TATRA, a.s. of 742 21 Kopřivnice, Czech Republic.

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Closing date: 21 September 2009.

Palm to release cheaper sibling of Pre smart phone

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Sept — Palm Inc, which revitalized its product line with the Pre smart phone launch in June, is hoping to keep momentum going with the release of a lighter, cheaper handset called the Pixi. The company said on Wednesday that the Pixi will be available during the holiday season through Sprint Nextel Corp, currently the Pre's exclusive wireless carrier.

Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Palm would not divulge the Pixi's price tag, but confirmed it will be less than that of its big brother. Sprint shaved \$50 off the Pre's price to \$150 on Wednesday, including two rebates and a two-year service contract.

Internet



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NIH expands swine flu shot tests to pregnant women

WASHINGTON, 10 Sept—It's time to test the new swine flu vaccine in pregnant women. Studies of adults and children are going so well that the National Institutes of Health announced Wednesday it is opening the research to 120 women in their second or third trimester of pregnancy.

The flu always is dangerous to pregnant women, and 6 percent of US swine flu deaths so far have been among pregnant women. The new swine flu vaccine is just a recipe change from the regular flu vaccine long given to pregnant women and thus shouldn't cause new safety concerns. But the studies are key to learning what dose is required for protection.—*Internet*

Over 400 new A/H1N1 flu cases confirmed in Europe

STOCKHOLM, 10 Sept—A European health agency said Wednesday that 431 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours.

Of the new cases, 379 were confirmed in Germany and 36 in Denmark while other 16 cases were reported in other five European countries, the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in its daily situation report.

The cumulative number of confirmed cases of the A/H1N1 flu virus in the EU (European Union) and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) countries increased to 49,543, with 17,644 cases in Germany, 13,192 in Britain, 2,820 in Portugal, 2,058 in Italy and 1,996 in Greece, the ECDC said.

No new fatal case was reported and the total number of fatal cases is still 121, the ECDC added.

The ECDC publishes a daily situation report about the H1N1 flu cases in the EU and EFTA countries based on official information from these countries.

Xinhua

Heaviest rains in 80 years kill 31 in Turkey

ISTANBUL, 10 Sept—Flash floods killed 31 people in northwest Turkey, sweeping through the city of Istanbul, swamping houses, turning highways into fast-flowing rivers and drowning seven women in a minibus that was taking them to work.

Twenty-six died in Istanbul, Turkey's largest city with 14 million inhabit-

ants, Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said late on Wednesday, after two days of the heaviest rain in 80 years produced sudden flood waters which engulfed low-lying areas. Another five died in Saray, west of Istanbul, reportedly all from the same family. Nine more were missing, Erdogan said.

In Istanbul rescue work-

ers, some on boats, put out planks and ladders to help drivers, stranded in fast-flowing waters, reach the safety of bridges and high land. Military helicopters also assisted bringing stranded people to safety. The worst flooding occurred in areas in the west of the city, on the European side, where drainage is often poor.—*Internet*



Debris of the trucks swept by flash floods are seen in Istanbul on 9 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

Five toddlers mysteriously injured at British nursing home

LONDON, 10 Sept — British police are interrogating five people after toddlers suffered unexplained broken limbs at a nursery. Officers were called in after three children aged between 12 months and two years were injured at the Rocking Horse Nursery in Nottinghamshire, Great Britain. The injuries reportedly include a broken leg suffered by a boy. "All the children involved are aged between one and two years, and officers have questioned five people in connection with the investigation, a Nottinghamshire Police spokesman told SkyNews. Sources said the injuries were not the result of sexual abuse.—*Internet*

Cosmic butterfly caught in the heavens

LONDON, 10 Sept — The refurbished Hubble space telescope has produced the sharpest photos yet of cosmic beauty, complete with heavenly glows. NASA yesterday unveiled the first deep-space photos taken by Hubble since its billion dollar repair mission earlier this year. That work included installing two new cameras, other science instruments and replacing broken parts.

The images of galaxies and nebulae including our top picture of a cosmic butterfly shaped nebula are sharper than previous photos taken of the same places by Hubble before the upgrade. Some of the colourful images have brilliant glows of light that give them halos that to some people can appear heavenly. Earlier this summer, Hubble took pictures of Jupiter when an asteroid or comet hit it.

Internet

Hurricane Linda forms, Hurricane Fred weakens

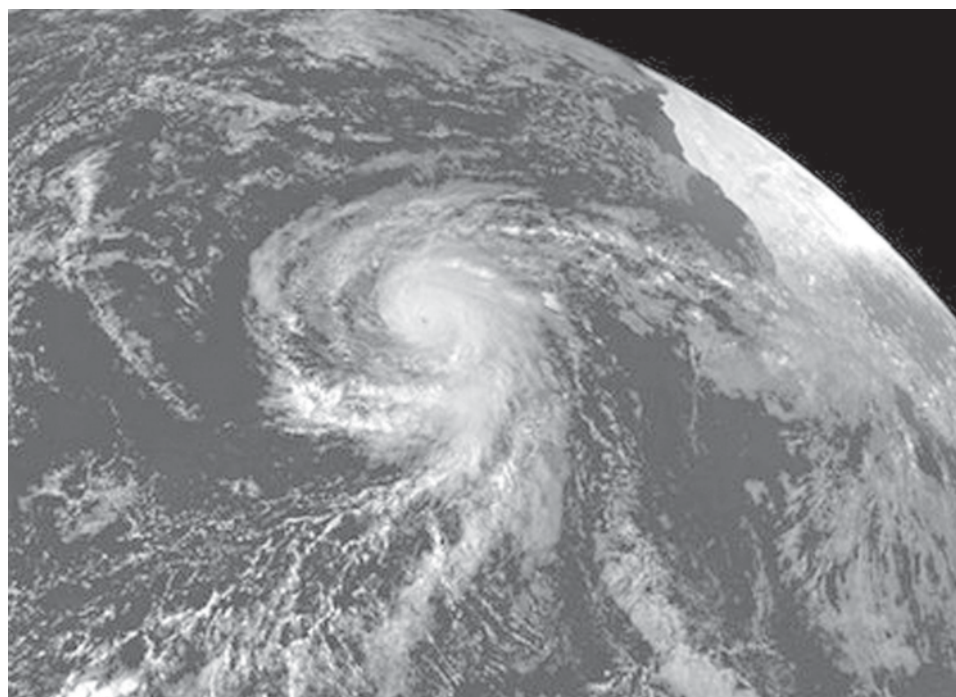
MIAMI, 10 Sept—Hurricane Linda has formed far out over the Pacific while Hurricane Fred weakened to a Category 2 storm in the Atlantic.

Earlier Wednesday, Hurricane Fred became the second major hurricane of the Atlantic season before weakening and remains far out at sea without threatening land.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami says Fred's maximum sustained winds have weakened to near 105 mph (165 kph). It's projected five-day path will keep it over the open ocean until it loses steam.

The storm is centered about 645 miles (1,040 kilometers) west of the Cape Verde Islands and moving northwest near 10 mph (17 kph).

Meanwhile, Hurricane Linda's maximum sustained winds are near 80 mph (130 kph) but is expected to weaken Thursday night and Friday.—*Internet*



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) satellite handout image shows Hurricane Fred located west of the Cape Verde Islands. Tropical storm Linda, roiling in the Pacific, was upgraded to hurricane strength as Fred weakened in the eastern Atlantic to a Category Two storm, US forecasters said.—INTERNET



SPORTS

World Cup Organizing Committee congratulates England on qualification

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Sept — The 2010 FIFA World Cup Organizing Committee South Africa (OC) on Wednesday congratulated the England football team on their qualification. OC CEO Dr Danny Jordaan said England's presence at next year's World Cup would add significantly to the tournament, both on and off the pitch.

"Fabio Capello's side has powered their way to South Africa 2010 and will certainly be a force to be reckoned with next year. They are playing very good football and the team and will certainly come to South Africa as one of the tournament's favorites," said Jordaan.

The English Premier League is one of the best leagues in the world and arguably the most followed globally. All the England players are popular in South Africa and a number of them visited the country with their club teams and with the national team in recent years," he added. — *Xinhua*

Oudin's magical US Open ends with loss in quarters

NEW YORK, 10 Sept — Maybe it all was a little too much, a little too soon for Melanie Oudin.

The 17-year-old from Marietta, Ga, kept erasing big deficits and upsetting older, taller, higher-ranked players at the US Open, generating more and more interest in her magical ride.

Her gutsy play, aw-shucks approach and those pink-and-yellow sneakers with "BELIEVE" on the heels carried Oudin all the way to the quarterfinals at the American Grand Slam tournament. — *Internet*



Caroline Wozniacki, right, of Denmark, chats with Melanie Oudin, of the United States, after defeating Oudin in two sets in their match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 9 Sept, 2009.
INTERNET

Olympic champion Wu Jingyu dominates national taekwondo arena

TENGZHOU, 10 Sept — Olympic champion Wu Jingyu easily won the women's 49kg class taekwondo gold at the 11th Chinese National Games here on Wednesday.

Wu, also world champion in 2007, met few challenges during the one-day preliminary, quarterfinal and semifinal competitions. In the night's lop-sided final, Wu outscored Hebei's Niu Xiaoxiao with an overwhelming 7-1 victory, gifting her hometown Jiangxi province the first gold medal of the taekwondo events from 9 to 12 Sept.

With great explosive power and flexible body, the 1.66-metre-tall Wu scored the opening three points with a brilliant axe kick to the opponent's head, cheering the hundreds of spectators into chaos.

In the second round, the confident Wu launched more aggressive attacks and added one more point by a side kick, then could nearly seal the victory after winning another direct three points. — *Xinhua*

Maradona's woes deepen after Paraguay defeat



Argentine coach Diego Maradona.

MONTEVIDEO, 10 Sept — The chances of two-time World Cup champions Argentina failing to make the World Cup finals for the first time since 1970 shortened as they were beaten 1-0 by Paraguay in Asuncion which saw the victors reach their eighth finals.

The defeat will inevitably raise further questions over the stewardship of coach Diego Maradona — an Argentinian playing icon for his inspiring them to the 1986 trophy and to the 1990 final — as the Argentinians slipped to fifth in the table with just two matches remaining to seal one of the two remaining automatic qualifying places.

However, despite having individual talents on the pitch such as Lionel Messi, Maradona also either left out of the squad entirely or deigned not to put on the bench Lisandro Lopez, Esteban Cambiasso and Walter Samuel to name but three of several. — *Internet*

China defeats Iran in Asian Women's Volleyball Championship

HANOI, 10 Sept — China defeated Iran 3-0 here on Wednesday in the first match of the elite 1st-8th ranking round of the Asian women's volleyball championship. In the first set, China quickly led the match in the first few minutes. Iran had to change players five times in an effort to improve their scores. However, this could not prevent China from winning the first set with 25-11.

In the second set, Iran showed their efforts to counter-attack China by taking two points first in the very early minutes. The team played better and followed Chinese players closely in scoring in the following minutes. — *Xinhua*

Federer to take on Djokovic in US Open semis



Roger Federer.

NEW YORK, 10 Sept — Roger Federer will play Novak Djokovic in the US Open semi-finals on Saturday, their third consecutive clash at Flushing Meadows after the final of 2007 and the semi-finals of last year. Top seed and defending champion Federer reached the last

four for a record 22nd time in a Grand Slam tournament despite a stirring late show from Robin Soderling, winning 6-0, 6-3, 6-7 (6/8), 7-6 (8/6).

Fourth-seeded Djokovic won a dour, stamina-sapping encounter with Spain's Fernando Verdasco 7-6 (7/2), 1-6, 7-5, 6-2 to reach the semi-finals for the third consecutive year. Federer, who is bidding to win a record-equalling sixth straight US Open title here, looked to be cruising toward a comfortable straight-sets win before Swede Soderling, with nothing to lose, opened his shoulders and blasted away with his huge forehand.

Internet

France remain in World Cup hunt after draw in Serbia

BELGRADE, 10 Sept — Serbia moved to within three points of the World Cup on Wednesday with a 1-1 draw at home to France, whose hopes of automatic qualification remain alive after a brave 10-man showing. Captain Thierry Henry's 50th international goal earned Raymond Domenech's side a point that looked unlikely when Nenad Milijas put the home side ahead from the penalty spot after France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris had been sent off for a ninth-minute foul on Nikola Zigic.

"I'm proud of everything about the match," said France coach Domenech. "I'm happy for the people who believed in us and supported us. I still believe and it's not over. I will congratulate my players." Serbia were made to play on the counter-attack by France's game efforts to take the lead but Radomir Antic's men could have taken all three points. — *Internet*

Capello backs England to light up South Africa

LONDON, 10 Sept — Fabio Capello has insisted that a flawless qualifying campaign has earned England the right to be regarded as serious contenders to lift the World Cup next year.

A 5-1 demolition of Croatia at Wembley on Wednesday underlined the extent of the transformation in England's fortunes under the Italian, with the eighth straight win in group six securing their ticket to South Africa with two games to spare.

And while the Italian coach could hardly be accused of tub-thumping, he was happy to endorse a suggestion that England will enter the first World Cup in Africa with a serious shot at glory.

"Yes, why not?" he responded when the suggestion was put to him. "All the players in the squad are really good."

Internet



Frank Lampard (right) of England shoots to score from the penalty spot as goalkeeper Vedran Runje of Croatia tries to save during their Group Six FIFA World Cup 2010 qualifier at Wembley stadium. — INTERNET

Italy on brink of qualification after Bulgaria win

TURIN, 10 Sept — Defending champions Italy took a huge step towards qualifying for next year's World Cup with a competent 2-0 Group Eight victory over Bulgaria here on Wednesday. Italy lead Ireland by four points with two games remaining and need only a draw in Dublin or a win at home to Cyprus next month to ensure they top the group.

Juventus pair Fabio Grosso and Vincenzo Iaquinta, among seven team-mates who started for Italy, scored the goals that ended a run of four games without a single Italian player notching a goal. Coach Marcello Lippi was understandably delighted with his team.

Internet



Milan plan January raid for Liverpool and Man United target Silva



David Silva battles for the ball with Estonia's Konstantin Vassiljev. INTERNET

MILAN, 10 Sept—AC Milan have been linked with a move for Manchester United and Liverpool target David Silva.

San Siro boss Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian president, is understood to be looking for investors to fund a January spending spree and has reportedly made Valencia midfielder Silva a prime target.

The Italians would be willing to pay about £25million for the Spain international, who can play on the wing or in a more central role.

The 23-year-old was considered by United this summer as a potential replacement for Cristiano Ronaldo, while Liverpool boss Rafa Benitez publicly admitted his interest but was angered by leaks involving the negotiations.

Silva also interested Real Madrid, Barcelona and Juventus in the summer, but cash-strapped Valencia managed to see off suitors with their high demands.—Internet

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (11-9-2009) (Friday)

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

Local Transmission

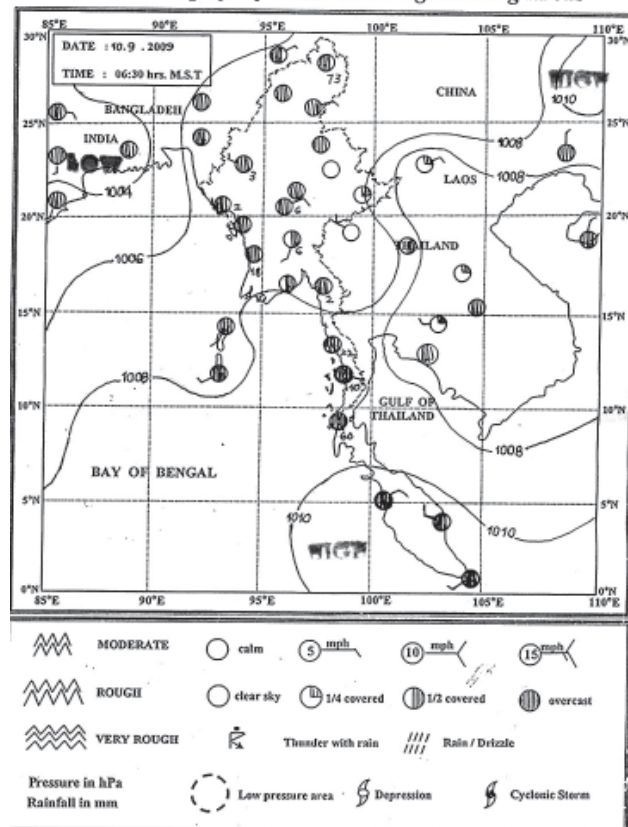
- * Signature Tune
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- * Shan Market Day
- * Seminar on Global Warming
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- * Traditional Chin House
- * Myanma Traditional Musical Instruments (Brass gong) (Maung Saing)
- * Sea Turtles Conservation
- * Culture Stage "Lively Zawgyi Dance"
- * Historic Kawgoon Cave
- * Myanmar Modern Song "Shweman May"
- * Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-V)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 10th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and Magway Division, scattered in Kachin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (2.95) inches, Kawthoung (2.48) inches, Gangaw (2.05) inches, Khayan (1.77) inches, An (1.22) inches, Machanbaw (1.06) inches and Meikhtila (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 9-9-2009 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 10-9-2009 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 10-9-2009 was 85 %. Total sun shine hours on 9-9-2009 was (4.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-9-2009 was Tr at Mingaladon, Nil at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (93.42) inches at Mingaladon, (104.68) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (08:30) hours MST on 9-9-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11th September 2009:

Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, Upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of thundry conditions in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-9-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, 11
September
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

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

7:50 am

5. ဆင်နွဲ့တူပျော် မကွေးမြို့သလွန်ဘုရားပွဲတော်

8:00 am

6. Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံညာ ၁၅-၂၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:30 am

9. International News

8:40 am

10. Islands of Dhamma

8:45 am

11. ဘဒ္ဒန္တမာနိတသီရိဘိဝံသ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ) တွဲဖက် အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ဆရာတော်၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့သူဌေးတန်းကျောင်း၊

မဟာဝိသုဒ္ဓါရုံတိုက်၊ မဟာအောင်မြေမြို့နယ်၊မန္တလေးတိုင်း၊ တံမှ နဝင်သပေါသထသီလ ခံယူဆောင်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm

1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (Delta united FC အသင်းနှင့် Southern Myanmar FC အသင်း)

5:00 pm

2. ဓမ္မကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (လသာရတနာ ဝတ်အသင်း)

5:20 pm

3. Songs for uphold National Spirit

5:25 pm

4. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊(၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်ခေတ်

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5:40 pm

5. ပုဇွန်လက်ကျောင်းတော်

6:00 pm

6. Evening News

6:15 pm

7. Weather Report

6:20 pm

8. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဇာဏ်ရှင်

7:00 pm

9. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

8:00 pm

10. News

11. International News

12. Weather Report

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၅၇)

14. သီချင်းချစ်သူ (နန္ဒစိုင်း)

15. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာ

- ဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း

- တရားတော်



- ★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
- ★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

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

People's Desire

- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

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

Shrinking Bylot island glaciers tell story of climate change

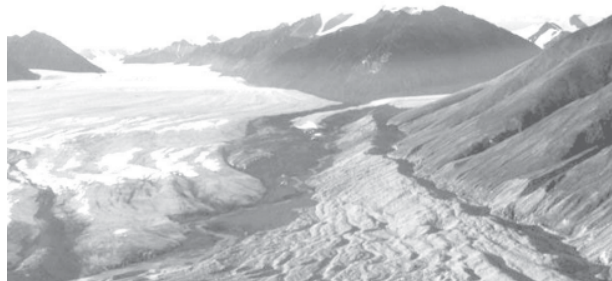
SCIENCEDAILY, 10 Sept—The US Geological Survey has released the results of a long-term study of key glaciers in western North America,

reporting this month that glacial shrinkage is rapid and accelerating and a result of climate change.

University of Illinois geologist William Shilts

spent nearly two decades studying glaciers on Bylot Island, an uninhabited island about 300 miles southwest of Thule, Greenland. He, his students and other geologists who followed in his footsteps have chronicled the decline of several Bylot Island glaciers. Photos of the island from the 1940s to the present offer a vivid picture of the changing glaciers and the forces that shape their retreat.

Internet



Early 1990s: Lateral meltwater channels in "snout" of retreating Sermilik Glacier.

Scientists use microRNAs to track evolutionary history for first time

SCIENCEDAILY, 10 Sept—The large group of segmented worms known as annelids, which includes earthworms, leeches and bristle worms, evolved millions of years ago and can be found in every corner of the world. Although annelids are one of the most abundant animal groups on the planet, scientists have struggled to understand how the different species of this biologically diverse group relate to each other in terms of their evolutionary history.

Now a team of scientists from Yale University and Dartmouth College has used a groundbreaking method

to untangle some of that history. The researchers used a novel source of data—the presence and absence of different

microRNA genes—to investigate the evolutionary relationships of annelids.

Internet



A common European earthworm burrowing into soil.

One more found infected with A (H1N1) Number of infected-patients reaches 35

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept—A 34-year old Chinese citizen who came to Myanmar from the People's Republic of China was sent to Toungoo General Hospital as he was found to have flu symptoms on 9 September.

After giving him a medical check-up, the National Health Laboratory confirmed that he was infected with New Influenza A (H1N1). He arrived at Myanmar by flight No. MU-2029 and became the thirty-fifth patient.

Eighteen persons who came into contact with the patients are being kept under home quarantine.

Altogether 40 passengers who were on board the plane together with the patient and 42 airport staff are also being kept under surveillance in their respective places.

Today, a thirty-second H1N1 child patient, aged 8, and a thirty-third youth, aged 15, were discharged from the hospital as they had fully recovered from their illness. Home quarantine measures against those who came into contact with the patients have been halted. There remain two patients—one at Toungoo General Hospital and one at Insein General Hospital—and they are being provided medical treatment in the separate rooms and their health conditions are improving day by day.

The National Health Laboratory has so far given lab tests to 242 flu-suspected patients and only 35 of whom were found to have infected with the virus.—MNA

Talks on safe foods on 12 September

YANGON, 10 Sept—Under the arrangement of Myanmar Fishery Federation and Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Association, with the assistance of Irrawaddy groundnut oil, talks will take place at Thiriannawa Hall of the Federation on Bayintnaung Road in

Insein Township on 12 September at 2.00 pm.

Dr Kyaw Linn of Food and Drug Administration will give talks on foods saving from risk. So interested persons may attend the talks.

MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall

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Gangaw	2.05 inches	Meiktila	0.24 inch
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