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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Officials, entrepreneurs urged to actively participate in establishment of teak, perennial forest plantations

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects thriving forest plantations and progress in upgrading Pyay-Paukkhaung-Ottwin-Toungoo road



Khabaung protected public forest in Ottwin Township, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung reported to the Prime Minister and party on annual extended cultivation of plantations and forest plantation in the natural forest areas as a form of project, establishment of 2,071,446 acres of forest plantation to date, accomplishment of growing 1,248,205 acres of teak plantation, establishment of forests in Bago Division, extraction of forest products from forest plantations, implementation of projects for greening Bago mountain range and arrangements for construction of roads to extract timber in Bago mountain range area in coming open season.

In response to the reports, the Prime Minister said that there are a large number of fallow and vacant lands in the country and basic requirements such as strain, method, weather and land are abundant in the country for establishing forest plantations.

The cultivation of perennial trees is related to providing more forest products, ensure ecological improvement, soil protection and fair weather, and that

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspecting progress in upgrading Pyay-Paukkhaung-Ottwin-Toungoo road section.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Prime Minister General Thein Sein together with Lt-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the Government Office and heads of department left for Toungoo along Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon expressway in a motorcade on 11 September.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed at Toungoo by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Hla Min, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and officials.

The Prime Minister and party, accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Hla Min and officials, left Toungoo in a motorcade on 12 September, and looked into thriving forest plantations and progress in building Pyay-Paukkhaung-Ottwin-Toungoo road built across Bago mountain range.

At the briefing hall of the 1000-acre teak plantation in



PERSPECTIVES

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The youth to do their bit in regional development tasks

The government is working hard for equitable development of all parts of the Union inclusive of border areas in its determination to ensure national development.

Now, the government is striving in all sectors for transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one. In this regard, it has been nurturing the youth to bring about a growing number of reliable, highly-educated human resources in the regions concerned.

As part of the drive for sharpening the abilities of younger generations, it opens vocational training centres for young women in border areas.

The Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs held the opening of the domestic science courses and advanced tailoring courses of Salingyi, Pale and Yinmabin Vocational Training Centres for Women in Sagaing Division on 30 August.

The vocational training centres for women in Haka, Chin State, Putao, Bhamo, Dunban, Dawphoneyang and Nanyun in Kachin State and Yesagyo, Myaing, Pauk and Seikphyu in Magway Division also conducted domestic science courses, advanced tailoring courses, knitting courses, basic hand weaving courses and mosaic painting courses.

In response to the government's aspiration for elevating the education standard of the youth of the Union and improving the living conditions for women, the youth on their part have to do their bit in the nation-building undertakings.

View on Language, View on Literature comes out

YANGON, 13 Sept—The book entitled "View on Language, View on Literature" written by Maung Khin Min (Danubyu) was in circulation recently.

The book carries human body and language, Myanmar traditional sayings based on the social affairs, changes of Myanmar pronunciation, matters related to Myanmar grammar and Samvara poem, ancient Myanmar prose, Myanmar classic

literature, articles of writer Zeya and others.

The research papers compiled on development process of Myanmar language and literature were combined in the book. The book is available at Bagan Literary House, No. 4(A)5, Yankin Centre, Saya San Road, Yankin Township, Tel: 0951-10038 and 01-544321.—MNA

Cover of "View on Language, View on Literature". —MNA

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 fingerlings releasing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and officials attended a ceremony to release fingerlings into the wetlands connecting Ayeyawady River at Shwege sluice gate in Chanmyathazi Township.

Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe releases fingerlings into water near Shwege Sluice Gate in Chanmyathazi Township. — MNA

Mandalay on 30 August.

The commander, the mayor, officials and attendees released the fingerlings. Next, the commander viewed the participation of the members of social organizations at the ceremony.—MNA



Mettā is like a cool shower

Mettā is like raindrops which the plants and trees hanker after always.

Diffused only with mettā, the sentient beings feel serene and happy.

Without mettā, a life comes to nothing, like unto the paddy fields which suffer a draught late in the rainy season though they had had enough rain early on and at mid-season.

Prize presentation ceremony held at Aungmyethazan BEHS No. 1

YANGON, 13 Sept—The prize presentation ceremony for 2008-2009 academic year of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay was held at Aungyaza Hall of the school on 11 September, attended by

Director-General U Aye Lwin of No. 2 Basic Education Department.

Also present on the occasion were Mandalay Division Education Officer (Inspection) U Aung Kywe, U Soe Naing and officials. The director-general and officials presented prizes to

outstanding students including three six-distinction winning students in the matriculation examination for 2009.—MNA

Stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—A combined team comprising Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (East) and local security troops at 7.55 am on 11 September searched a Hilux car with Aik Nyi at the wheel on its way from Monghsat to Tachilek at Lwedawkham Gate in Tachilek. They seized WY brand 220,000 stimulant tablets in the spare wheel. Aik Nyi, son of U Aik Htar of Nakaungmu Village of Mongton Township and Aik Nyi, son of U Aik Aung of the same address were under investigation. The authorities are carrying out tasks to arrest their accomplices.

In another incident, the combined team comprising Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad of Shan State (East) and local security troops at 7.05 pm on 11 September raided the house on Zay Street in Palyan-1 Ward of Haungleik Village-tract in Tachilek Township. They seized WY brand pink colour 590,000 stimulant tablets in four knapsacks in the bedroom, 2,042,000 stimulant tablets in the secret drawer of the wall at the bathroom, totalling 2,632,000, five .38 bullets, twenty-nine .32 bullets, seventy 6.35 bullets, two 5.56 bullets, one China-made grenade, 281,700 bahts, 4870 yuan and K 100,000. Daw Shauk May, daughter of U Shone Chauk and three persons are under investigation, and arrangements are being made to arrest the other culprits.—MNA





Tens of thousands rally against Obama government

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept — Tens of thousands of protestors from across the United States descended on the nation's capital on Saturday, decrying President Barack Obama, "big government" and big spending.

They carried hand-painted posters protesting Obama's proposed health care reforms and accusing his administration of leading the United States down the road to socialism.

"Abortion is not healthcare," read one sign. Another, held aloft by an

immigrant from Ukraine, said: "I had enough of socialism in the USSR."

The demonstrator, who refused to give his name, said he had come to Washington from Baltimore because "too many things remind me of what I saw in the communist countries."

"Communism didn't work over there and it's not going to work over here," he told *AFP*.

Quinn Ryan, 11, stood in the middle of Pennsylvania Avenue, near the spot where Obama and his wife

Michelle greeted supporters in January after he was sworn in as America's first black president, brandishing a sign reading: "Born free, taxed to death."

The protest was coordinated by Freedomworks, a grassroots movement calling for lower taxes, less government and more economic freedom for all Americans. The march had to set off before the scheduled 11:30 am start time as Freedom Plaza near the White House filled to overflowing.—*Internet*



A man waits to cross the international bridge while it is closed in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on 12 Sept, 2009. Mexican authorities closed the bridge for one hour and forty minutes due to a bomb threat on Mexico's side of the bridge, later reopening it to pedestrian and vehicle traffic.—INTERNET

Netanyahu and Mubarak meet on reviving peace talks

CAIRO, 13 Sept — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak meet on Sunday in a bid to revive peace talks with the Palestinians ahead of a possible three-way meeting later this month.

Netanyahu's visit, his second since May, will coincide with the arrival of US Middle East envoy George Mitchell in the region as Washington continues its push to get the peace process back on track.

Israel's expansion of Jewish settlements in the Palestinian West Bank, which defies US pressure and Palestinian Authority president Mahmud Abbas's condition for resuming talks, is likely to top the agenda in Cairo.

The two leaders are also expected to discuss the exchange of an Israeli sol-

dier held by the Islamist movement Hamas in the Gaza Strip for more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

Internet



A combo of two portraits, one taken in Cairo and the other in Jerusalem, shows Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak (R) and Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

INTERNET

Iran has no plan to make nuclear weapons

TEHERAN, 13 Sept — Iranian Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi said on Saturday that Iran has no plan to develop nuclear weapons, the *Iranian Labour News Agency (ILNA)* reported.

"We regard production of weapons of mass destruction as contrary to our religious, human and national principles,"

Vahidi was quoted as saying.

"Manufacturing nuclear weapon is not and has never been on our agenda," he added.

Vahidi also lashed out at the remarks of US Secretary of Defence Robert Gates that Arab countries should enhance its military cooperation with Washington to counter

Iran's nuclear threat, according to Iran's English-language satellite channel Press TV.

"Since the beginning of the Iranian nuclear case, Washington has misjudged the situation, drawn up a wrong strategy and tried to feed it to other states in the region," Vahidi said.

Internet

Three people killed in central Baghdad bombing

BAGHDAD, 13 Sept — Three people were killed and up to 15 others injured in twin bomb explosions at a Shiite shrine in central Baghdad on Satur-

day, an Interior Ministry source said.

Two explosive charges detonated at about 12:30 pm (0930 GMT), one inside the shrine Imam Othman Bin Sa'id al-Omary near Haraj market in Bab al-Mua'dham area, and another at a parking lot outside the shrine, the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

"Our latest report said that three people were killed and 15 injured by

the two blasts," the source said.

Earlier, the source put the toll at three killed and eight wounded.

The first blast occurred while worshippers were leaving the shrine after the noon prayer, forcing the panic worshippers to run through the rear door of the shrine where another bomb was waiting for them at the parking lot outside the building of the shrine, the source added. —*Xinhua*



Smoke rises from the site of twin bomb explosions at a Shiite shrine in central Baghdad, capital of Iraq, on 12 Sept, 2009. —XINHUA

Russian envoy cautions US on Afghan troops surge

KABUL, 13 Sept — Russia's ambassador to Afghanistan has some advice for top NATO commanders fighting the Taliban based on the Soviet Union's bitter experience battling militants here in the 1980s: Don't bring more troops.

"The more troops you bring the more troubles you will have here," Zamir Kabulov, a blunt-spoken veteran diplomat, told *The Associated Press* in an interview.

In 2002, he noted, there were roughly 5,000 US soldiers fighting in Afghanistan and the Taliban controlled just a small corner of the country's southeast.—*Internet*

Five US troops among 50 killed in Afghan violence

KABUL, 13 Sept — About 50 civilians, security forces and militants were killed in a wave of violence around Afghanistan, including a bomb that left 14 Afghan travelers dead in one of the country's most dangerous regions. Five American soldiers died in two attacks using roadside bombs.

The attacks on Friday and Saturday reached a broad swath of the country, demonstrating the spread of the Taliban insurgency, which had been largely confined to the country's south and east in the years after the 2001 US invasion. Half of those killed in the most recent attacks were civilians, who often find themselves caught in the grinding war between the Taliban and US and NATO forces.—*Internet*



Mounted policewomen patrol outside the Dalian World Expo Center, the venue of the Annual Meeting of the New Champions 2009, or Summer Davos, in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 12 Sept, 2009. —XINHUA

New energy: key to next round of world economic boom

DALIAN, 13 Sept—As global business leaders and policy makers managed to find new areas of growth in efforts to pull the world out of recession, they picked new energy as the key to the next round of economic boom.

"New energy has been recognized as the engine to boost the next round of world economic growth," Wu Changhua, Climate Group's Greater China di-

rector said on the sideline of the 2009 Summer Davos in northeastern China's port city of Dalian, which concluded on Saturday.

"There is no doubt on this," Wu said. "The definition of new energy here covers much broader issues instead of a summary of new energy resources. It includes both energy production and consumption," she said.

Both governments and

enterprises were striving to find new technologies and industries which could bail out the world economy from the crisis and developing new energy became an important strategy in an equal effort to fight climate change, according to a report released last month by the Climate Group, a British-based non-governmental environmental organization.

Xinhua



Almost empty internet cafe in South Korea. Cyber criminals are taking advantage of swine flu fears with e-mails promising news on the illness which then infect computers with a virus, a Spanish computer security firm warned on Friday.—INTERNET

Gazprom sees Ukraine gas 'risk' next year

Moscow, 13 Sept—Ukraine is ensuring smooth transit of Russian gas supplies to Europe but there is a risk of disruption next year due to uncertainty on payments, the head of Russian gas giant Gazprom said on Saturday. Gazprom chief executive Alexei Miller, speaking in a meeting with foreign research and media specialists on Russia, hailed the "remarkable" current cooperation between Russian and Ukrainian state gas firms.

But he cautioned that "there is a political risk" and a measure of uncertainty about next year that could negatively impact that relationship as it has in the past.

A dispute on gas pricing between the Russian and Ukrainian gas companies at the start of this year led to a shut-off of Russian supply to Ukraine which in turn triggered shortages to European clients further downstream.

The bulk of Russian gas supplies to Europe are piped through Ukraine and the relationship on gas between Moscow and Kiev has direct implications for the energy supplies of many third-party countries in Europe.—Internet

Saudis lose out to Russia in oil cuts

LONDON, 13 Sept—Saudi Arabia sacrificed billions of dollars in revenues this year by cutting oil output to prop up the price of crude, only to see Russia snatch a bigger chunk of the market, analysts say.

Now the Gulf kingdom, previously a vigilant enforcer of the cuts by the OPEC cartel that checked the sharp fall in oil prices last year, appears to be expanding its own oil flow again in exasperation.

"The cartel has lost a significant portion of market share in global crude production in the last year mostly to Russia," wrote Francisco Blanch, a commodities analyst at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, in a note.

With its production capacity rising but output held down by lower quotas, he estimated, "Saudi Arabia's 'missed oil revenues' are probably running at close to 100 billion dollars per annum, or almost 25 percent of GDP."—Internet



A Rosneft oil company production plant in Prirazlomnoye, western Siberia. Saudi Arabia sacrificed billions of dollars in revenues this year by cutting oil output to prop up the price of crude, only to see Russia snatch a bigger chunk of the market, analysts say.—INTERNET

Airlines offer lightest fall schedules since 2001

DALLAS, 13 Sept—The US airline industry is shrinking to a size not seen since the months after the 2001 terror attacks.

The airlines have been trimming flights for the past two years, matching the falling demand for air travel. Additional capacity cuts are under way at American, the nation's second-largest carrier, and at No 3 United. It could get worse.

Most big airlines depend heavily on a relatively small chunk of passengers who pay the highest fares, "and that's generally business travelers," says Robert Mann, an aviation consultant in Port Washington, NY "If business travel doesn't rebound, we're going to see further (capacity) cuts."

Less capacity means consumers will be left

with fewer flights to choose from and planes will be crowded. Fewer seats normally means higher fares but that might not happen this time unless the economy begins a true recovery and passenger traffic picks up.

Airlines measure capacity in "seat miles," the number of miles flown multiplied by the number of seats on the planes. Capacity is crucial in the airline industry in the same way that inventories matter to car dealers and retailers. Too much capacity, and airlines have to cut prices, just as a department store stuck with too many suits and dresses will hold a fire sale. Airlines cut capacity by reducing the number of flights or using smaller planes that carry fewer passengers.

Internet

JAL mulls raising 2.8 billion dollars



A Japan Airlines engineer inspects the jet engine of a Boeing 747-300 aircraft at Haneda Airport in Tokyo.

INTERNET

TOKYO, 13 Sept—Japan Airlines Corp (JAL) is considering plans to raise around 250 billion yen (2.8 billion dollars) by March next year to help finance its restructuring, a newspaper reported on Sunday. Under the plan, Japan's cash-strapped carrier will request 100 billion yen in loans from financial institutions, the *Nikkei* business daily reported.

It will separately raise more than 100 billion yen by issuing new shares, while raising a further 50-60 billion yen by selling stocks in subsidiaries and other assets, the newspaper said.

JAL plans to ask aircraft makers, trading houses, investment funds and the government-run Development Bank of Japan to take stakes, it said.

US carrier Delta Air Lines has already told JAL of its interest in investing up to 50 billion yen, local media earlier reported.—Internet

Magna wants to cut 10,500 jobs, 4,500 in Germany

BERLIN, 13 Sept—Canadian auto parts maker Magna and its Russian finance partner plan to cut 10,500 jobs in Europe when taking over car makers Opel and Vauxhall, 4,500 of them in Germany, a German newspaper reported.

The Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung (FAS), in its weekly edition to appear on Sunday, reported the number of anticipated job cuts citing a spokesman for Magna.

The weekly *Der Spiegel* put the job losses at Opel in Germany at 4,100, with

the buyers of a controlling stake in General Motors' European units planning "to eliminate 3,000 jobs in production and 1,100 in administration", *Der Spiegel* reported without citing any sources, in its edition to appear on Monday.—Internet



All items from Xinhua News Agency

China launches hybrid rice training base for foreign agrotechnicians

CHANGSHA, 13 Sept — A training base aiming to help foreign agrotechnicians and governmental officials acquire China's world-leading hybrid-rice cultivating technique was officially launched on Sunday.

The Yuan Longping High-Tech Agriculture, a state-owned company named after "the Father of China's Hybrid Rice", has aimed to train 5,000 for-

eigners, establish 10 breeding centres and expand overseas cultivation bases to 10,000 hectares in 10 years so that countries receiving China's technical assistance in hybrid rice could breed new crop varieties and reap harvest on their home turf.

Established in June 1999, the company boasting of a research team headed by Academician Yuan Longping was des-

ignated as China's first training base for the spread of hybrid rice breeding and cultivation technique by the Ministry of Commerce on Sunday.

But such training had begun long before the arrival of the honor. It has so far trained more than 2,000 government officials and agrotechnicians from 50 countries through 30 training courses.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 12 Sept, 2009 shows the bottom of a business building in the shape of an octopus near a crossroad in Wangjing region of Beijing, capital of China. The newly-completed building, featuring its shape character, attracted many citizens. —XINHUA

Twelve British children in hospital after E coli outbreak

LONDON, 13 Sept — Twelve children were currently in hospital with complications arising from Escherichia coli (commonly referred to as E coli) which causes diarrhea and can lead to serious kidney and blood complications, the British Health Protection Agency (HPA) said on Saturday.

They were reportedly to have caught the E coli following visits to the Godstone Farm in Surrey, which has closed while the Agency carried out an investigation into an outbreak of E coli among people who have visited there. The Agency's Sur-

vey and Sussex Health Protection Unit (HPU) is working with local environmental health officers, the Veterinary Laboratory Agency and the Godstone Farm in response to 36 cases of gastrointestinal illness, which is believed to have occurred in early August.

Measures to reduce the risk of the infection spreading were put in place by the farm last week but as more cases have been reported, the farm has agreed to close to enable detailed investigations into the source of the infection.

Xinhua

A Chinese overseas student performs during a concert celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 12 Sept, 2009. —XINHUA



Bulgaria's Belene nuclear plant construction to cost ten bln euros

SOFIA, 13 Sept — Bulgarian Economy, Energy and Tourism Minister Traicho Traikov has announced that the construction of Belene Nuclear Power Plant will cost around 10 billion euros

(14.6 billion US dollars), local media reported on Saturday.

Traikov gave the example of Kozloduy nuclear power plant (NPP), stating that the same installations would be made at the

Belene nuclear power plant. He said that the Kozloduy NPP made a profit of around 100 million euros last year and most likely will make the same amount this year.

Regarding the construction of the Belene NPP, Traikov said: "The question is whether we as a society want to invest five billion euros, as our share in this project, assuming that risk."

Traikov expressed satisfaction that Russian Energy Minister Sergey Shmatko had accepted his invitation for a meeting in Sofia on 17 Sept.

Xinhua

Sri Lanka's first six-star hotel to accommodate tourists by 2011

COLOMBO, 13 Sept — The work on Sri Lanka's first six star hotel project has kicked off in the northern Kappitiya area and it is expected to accommodate tourists by November 2011, the government said on Saturday in a statement.

The Department of Government Information said in the statement that the laying of the foundation stone for the hotel took place on Dajbay Island in Kalpitiya, about 165 km north of the capital Colombo. The project, expected to cost 130 million US dollars, is a joint venture between Sri Lanka and Bahrain. —XINHUA



A helicopter takes off on the board of Zhoushan missile frigate in the Gulf of Aden, on 12 Sept, 2009. The Chinese escort flotilla on the escort mission to fend off Somali pirates at the Gulf of Aden held an exercise of anti-pirates on Saturday. —XINHUA

Study finds over 5,300 lakes in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 13 Sept — Nepal is home to more than 5,300 lakes, a recent study of researchers said.

The study was conducted by the researchers of Nepal Lake Conservation Development Committee (NLCDC) — a government body estab-

lished under the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation in 2006. Experts from Nepal Academy of Science and Technology and National Trust for Nature Conservation were also among the researchers.

"The initial study showed altogether 5,358

lakes across the country," local daily *The Himalayan Times* on Sunday quoted Ukesh Raj Bhujju, one of the researchers, as saying, adding that the same was hitherto unknown due to lack of comprehensive research.

Xinhua

HK to sign agreement in criminal matters with India

HONG KONG, 13 Sept — Hong Kong's Secretary for Security Ambrose S K Lee will set for India to sign an agreement in criminal matters, local government website said on Sunday. The city's top security official will leave for New Delhi

later Sunday. On behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, Lee is expected to sign an agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters with India in New Delhi on Monday.

During his stay, Lee is

also scheduled to meet officials from India's law enforcement agencies including the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Narcotics Control Bureau and the Central Board of Excise and Customs.

Xinhua

Officials, entrepreneurs urged to actively...

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contribute much to environmental conservation. In spite of being the long-term investment, the establishment of plantations is economically beneficial business and thus it will serve interests of the State and entrepreneurs. Therefore, the government has already promulgated appropriate rules and regulations for the entrepreneurs in order



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspecting progress in extending Pyay-Paukkhaung-Ottwin-Toungoo road section.

MNA

sions since 2004. The 1000-acre teak plantation was started in Ottwin township in 2007-2008. Now, teak trees are three feet and

tasks for tarring 68 miles and four furlongs out of 124 miles and two furlongs long Pyay-Paukkhaung-Ottwin-Toungoo road with the

use of heavy machinery to meet the set standard by six road construction special groups.

After hearing the reports and attending to the

short time by using the road as a shortcut from east to west of Bago mountain range. So all responsible persons are to work hard to finish the road upgrading work. With better transport along the road, transportation in Bago Division will be smooth contributing to the improvement of health, education and economic sectors of the local people.

The Head of State has given guidance to upgrade Pyay-Paukkhaung-Ottwin-Toungoo road for the local people to be able to use it in all seasons. In implementing road upgrading work, it is necessary to complete projects timely meeting standards set. It is also required to carry out maintenance tasks. So responsible persons need to organize the local people to maintain the already-built transport facilities.

Next, the Prime Minister and party went to the post-primary

school in Shwetaung-ngwetaung Village in Ottwin Township in the afternoon and met with the townsenders and local people. The Prime Minister enquired about the village's economic, health and agricultural conditions, fulfilled the requirements and presented gifts to the local people.

Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Min, the ministers and the deputy ministers also presented gifts to the local people. Chairman of the Village PDC U Aye Hsaung presented local products to the Prime Minister as gifts.

Accompanied by Bago Division PDC Vice-Chairman Brig-Gen Sein Myint and officials, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to the private teak plantation of Phyto Sithu Trading Co near Pawlanlay Village in Paukkhaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Division (West). Company (See page 7)



Prime Minister General Thein Sein visiting construction site of Paukkhaung station.—MNA



On completion of the upgrading of Pyay-Paukkhaung-Toungoo road, one can travel in a short time by using the road as a shortcut from east to west of Bago mountain range. So all responsible persons are to work hard to finish the road upgrading work.

that they could engage more in the business of forest plantations. He urged departments concerned and entrepreneurs to extensively participate in establishment of teak and perennial forest plantations in the whole country including Bago mountain range.

The Ministry of Forestry has implemented greening tasks for Bago mountain range in 31 townships in 8 districts of Yangon, Bago, Mandalay and Magway divi-

four inches tall on average, accounting for 90.16 percent success of growth.

Next, the Prime Minister oversaw progress in extending Pyay-Paukkhaung-Ottwin-Toungoo road section at mile post No 83/4. At the briefing hall of Kyetmahnitsakhan road at mile post No 80/3, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein reported to the Prime Minister on accomplishment of the

needs, the Prime Minister said that in the past, people had to take a long time to reach eastern part from western part of Bago mountain range in Bago division because of rough terrain.

On completion of the upgrading of Pyay-Paukkhaung-Toungoo road, one can travel in a



Prime Minister General Thein Sein meets local people.—MNA



Officials, entrepreneurs...

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Managing Director U Ko Ko Aye reported on establishment of private teak plantations. After fulfilling the needs, the Prime Minister planted a teak tree in front of the briefing hall.

Since 2007-2008, the company has planned to establish 9700 acres of teak plantations in Taungnawin forest reserve in Paukhaung Township, Bago Division (West), in Kyangin forest reserve in



Managing Director U Ko Ko Aye of Phyto Sithu Co Ltd reports on establishment of private teak plantations to Prime Minister General Thein Sein.—MNA

Kyangin Township, Ayeyawady Division and Yenwe forest reserve in

Kyaukdaga Township, Bago Division (East). Now, 4100 acres of land

have been put under teak. After inspecting the private teak plantations

and measures for conservation of natural forests in Paukhaung Township, the Prime Minister arrived in Paukhaung at 3 pm.

At the briefing hall of Pyay-Paukhaung-Toungoo-Nay Pyi Taw railroad construction project, the Prime Minister heard reports by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Deputy Minister U Pe Than on facts about the project of 120-mile railroad, seeking of axis in Bago mountain range, construction tasks and

plans to build Paukhaung Railway Station. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions, fulfilled the needs and inspected the site for construction of Paukhaung station. He inspected ground work and left necessary instructions.

Pyay-Paukhaung-Toungoo-Nay Pyi Taw railroad will link the eastern part and western part of Bago mountain range.

The Prime Minister and party arrived in Pyay in the evening.—MNA



Photo shows 9700 acres of teak plantations in Taungnawin forest reserve in Paukhaung Township.—MNA

Commander enjoys performance of SL Tosi Performing Arts Troupes

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—The visiting SL Tosi Performing Arts Troupes from Inner Mongolia County of the People's Republic of China staged their performance at Mandalay National Theatre yesterday.

The entertainment was enjoyed by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin

Ngwe, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, departmental officials, consuls-general of PRC and India in Mandalay, guests and fans.

Next, the commander and Chinese consul-general presented bouquet to the artistes and had photo taken with them.

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Transport Minister receives Vice-Chairman and party of SDIC



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe receives Vice-Chairman of State Development and Investment Corporation (SDIC) Co Mr. Shi Hongxiang and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe received Vice-Chairman of

State Development and Investment Corporation (SDIC) Co Mr. Shi Hongxiang and party of the People's Republic of China at the hall of the ministry here on 8 September.

They discussed matters on cooperation in Economic and Transport sectors between Myanmar and China.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Director-General of Transport Department U Win Pe and officials concerned.

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Rainy season tree-growing ceremony held



Commander Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe planting a sapling.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attended monsoon tree-planting ceremony held near Mehtinkon Village of Patheingyi Township on 2 September.

It was also attended by Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, departmental officials and members of social organizations. The commander planted the saplings and viewed the planting by those present.—MNA



Those who will help open democracy door to the Union

Khaing Myo Nyilar Aung

The Union of Myanmar is a land where over 100 national races reside through thick and thin. Myanmar national races by nature prefer to lead a peaceful life, minding their own business. They join hands firmly and harmoniously in warding off alien threats in times of alien intrusion, interference in the internal affairs. National races remain consanguine and cohesive, but never hesitate to face challenges in times of emergency.

In the three aggressive wars the colonialists waged against Myanmar in 1824, 1852 and 1885, various national races spontaneously strove to repulse the foreign attacks in synchronization without giving any signals to one another to do so. The strong sense of patriotism shown by highlanders and plain dwellers in the fight against the alien intruders went down to the annals of the Myanmar history.

Colonialists were greatly impressed and frightened by the bravery and nationalistic fervour of national brethren united and hypersensitive to national causes. Therefore, the colonialists began to exercise the divide-and-rule policy to undermine national unity after 1885 with the conviction that they could secure their colonial rule only with the disintegration of national unity.

They considered that only with national disunity among the national races was it easier for them to colonize the natural resource-rich country for a long time. However, in the pragmatic world, all Myanmar national races remained harmonious and active together in the fight against the Fascists and colonialists to regain independence. In addition, they proved themselves well resistant to the wedge the colonialists drove among them, by convening Panglong Confer-

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ence, endorsing Panglong Agreement, and showing Panglong spirit. When the colonialists had no choice but to grant independence to Myanmar, they proposed a very clever programme to grant independence to the people in the plains, but to still get the national races in hilly regions under their rule. However, the people managed to ward off the scheme with Panglong Agreement and regained independence of the whole Union.

In the course of the post-independence period, national brethren safeguarded the motherland, own races and sovereignty in times of emergency in which the Union of Myanmar was under the threat of collapse and loss of independence or sovereignty. Simultaneously, old and neo-colonialists have been resorting to all possible means to break up and exploit the Union of Myanmar. But, Myanmar people have managed to defend the nation with steadfast awareness and a sense of Union Spirit.

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The more united the people are and the more

peaceful the nation is with greater development, the greater number of ways and means internal and external subversives resort to. After the nation has seen peace back to normal with cumulative development, the government laid down the State's seven-step Road Map. Now, the fourth step has been realized, and the fifth step — multiparty democracy election in 2010 is under way.

To complete the first step, the National Convention was convened to lay down principles to draw a State constitution. The convention was attended by the national race delegate group made up of more than 600 representatives from the four corners of the nation, the delegate group of political parties comprising the eight political parties of national races and the National Unity Party and NLD party, before they walked out of the NC, the delegate group of representatives-elect, the delegate group of peasants, the delegate group of workers, the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, the delegate group of service personnel, many of whose members were national races, and the delegate groups of other invited persons, the majority of which were from national race peace groups. Many of the members of the eight delegate groups were representatives of national races.

Throughout its lifespan, the National Convention faced a wide range of disruptions posed by internal and external elements with the intention of dealing a devastating blow on the national level conference. They brazenly plotted to launch bomb attacks to kill National Convention delegates. Nevertheless, the authorities managed to expose the scheme. National Convention delegates surmounted all forms of destructive acts with the public support.

And many members of the 54-member Commission for Drafting the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar were legal experts of national races. Despite assorted destructive acts, the commission managed to complete the process of drafting the State Constitution.

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The Commission for Holding Referendum formed with various national races held the referendum in May 2008 for approval of the constitution (draft) by overcoming various difficulties and hardships. Out of about 27 million eligible voters from states and divisions, more than 26 million cast their votes. Over 25 million voted 'YES' for the constitution accounting for 92.48 percent.

In the overwhelmingly approved constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, it is stated that the Union will be constituted with seven regions, seven states, and six self-administered zones. It is also stated that no part of the Union shall secede from the Union.

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Necessary laws will be passed in time for the 2010 election. Political parties will get registered and canvass for votes. Party candidates and independent candidates will have to try to win

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public votes by presenting their policy programmes and goodwill efforts.

Thus, the road to democracy has been smooth. However, internal and external elements with negative view are driving a wedge among the people to disrupt the democratic process. Recently, there occurred an incident in Kokang Special Region (1) due to the rapacious acts of U Phon Kya Shin and his three accomplices producing weapons and trafficking in narcotic drugs by ignoring the interests of their union, region and people. But the four men left Kokang region within days and the region restored peace and stability.

All the national race peace groups are actively participating in nation-building tasks such as ensuring perpetuation of the Union and peace and prosperity of the State and building a genuine democratic nation with discipline flourishing. Despite outside instigation to cause disintegration of national unity, the Myanmar

national people are adhering to the way to democracy with peace and prosperity. So we want to say, 'Give up your ill attempt, neocolonialists'.

The announcement released by Kachin Independence Organization on 9 September 2009 has proved that the Union and the Kachin nationals are in oneness. The announcement states that:

"KIO Central Committee members held a meeting on the future of the Kachin people with elders from Kachin regions and national race representatives totalling 324 at Monlawtmonli Hall of Laiza on 5-9-2009.

As to the transition processes of KIO under the leadership of the Tatmadaw government of the State Peace and Development Council, we all attending the meeting approved that we accept the transition in principle since it is the future of task of the whole union.

As to the transition processes to be carried out, the State Peace and Development Council which is the government of the Union of Myanmar and KIO strongly oppose armed clashes with a view to making coordination and discussions based on mutual trust at the time of promoting peace."

It is obvious that they have chosen the most correct and appropriate way for the peace of the Union and regional development based on Union Spirit. Dr Ma Nam Tuja's group of KIO and U Za Khun Ting Ring's group attended the National Convention and chose the democracy road. Other national race peace groups in unity also chose the democracy road starting from the National Convention. We hope that they will continue to walk to the 2010 multi-party democracy general elections, the fifth, sixth and seventh steps of the road map and finally open the democracy door together.

Translation: MS+ST

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

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They viewed progress of roads and development tasks in Myaung, the progress of approach road of Dokhtawady river in TadaU township and progress of TadaU-Kyaukse road.

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspected renovation of Htainkye lake in Htainkyekan village, Wundwin township, and met with local people and fulfilled the needs. —MNA

Lt-Gen Tha Aye inspecting waterworks at Strand Road in Monywa Township.

MNA

YANGON, 13 Sept— A ceremony to award outstanding students and athletes of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Immigration and Population for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 academic years was held at the Drug Elimination Museum in Kamayut Township here this morning.

Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Immigration and Population, service personnel, outstanding students, outstanding athletes and parents.

The minister and officials awarded prizes to outstanding students and athletes. The six-distinction winner in 2008-2009 academic year Maung Sai Kaw Khim and Police Warrant Officer Nay Lin Aung, on behalf of outstanding athletes spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Outstanding students and athletes honoured



Minister for Home Affairs and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Oo delivers an address at ceremony to award outstanding students and athletes.—HOME AFFAIRS

Education Minister on inspection tour of Universities and Colleges in Yangon



Minister Dr Chan Nyein hearing reports presented by principals and rectors.—EDUCATION

YANGON, 13 Sept—Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein visited Yangon East University this morning. Rector and professors/deans explained matters on Academic, management and researches to the minister who gave necessary instructions.

Next, the minister went to National Management Education College and heard the reports on educational arrangements submitted by principals and professors/deans.

On 12 September, the minister also visited University of Foreign Languages (Yangon), University of Distance Education (Yangon), Institute of Education (Yangon), University of Yangon, Universities' Science Research Department and Institute of Economics (Yangon). There, rectors and professors/deans concerned briefed arrangements to the minister who left necessary instructions. —MNA

Myanmar delegation arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint arrived back Myanmar by air this morning after attending the 27th Meeting of Ministers of Health and the 62nd Session of Regional Committee held in Kathmandu of Nepal from 7 September to 10 September.

Prime Minister of Nepal Mr Madhav Kumar Nepal gave an introductory speech at the opening ceremony of the

27th Meeting of Ministers of Health held at Megha Malhar Hall of Soaltee Crowne Plaza in Kathmandu on 7 September.

Next, Nepalese Minister of Health and Social Welfare Mr Umakant Chowdhury, Director of South East Asia Dr Samlee Plianbangchang, Director-General of WHO Dr Margaret Chan and Minister of Kathmandu Province Health and Social Welfare Mr Khadag

Bahadur Basyal made speeches on the occasion.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint also made a speech on the occasion. On 8 September, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and delegation members attended the opening ceremony of the 62nd Session of Regional Committee.

Deputy Director-General Dr Saw Lwin of Health Department (Disease Control) and Assistant Director Dr Kyaw Khine (Foreign Relations) also arrived back on the same flight together with the minister.

MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint attending 27th Meeting of Ministers of Health at Kathmandu of Nepal.

MNA

Cuban Vice President Juan Almeida dies

HAVANA, 13 Sept — Cuban Vice President Juan Almeida Bosque, a revolutionary commander who fought alongside Fidel Castro to bring down a pro-American dictatorship, has died. He was 82.

An official communique issued through state media said Almeida, the number three official in the Americas' only communist regime, died late Friday from cardiac arrest.

Almeida was one of just three top Cuban lead-

ers to hold the title of revolutionary commander.

His death served as a reminder that Cuba's old guard is not getting any younger. President Raul Castro is now 78, and Fidel Castro is five years his senior, Vice President Jose Ramon Machado, the regime's number two, is also 78.

As a black man in racially diverse Cuba, Almeida was an important visual symbol of a break with the past, particularly

in 1950s Cuba, where racism and discrimination were common. His close relationship with Castro for decades has been a sign of Afro-Cubans' access to power and influence in communist Cuba.

Born on 17 February, 1927 in Havana, Almeida took part in the 1953 assault on the Moncada barracks in Santiago de Cuba that historians cite as the starting point of the Cuban Revolution.

Internet



A man cuts a tree after it fell on a road during an earthquake in Caracas, on 12 September, 2009.—INTERNET

38 killed in fire at Kazakh drug rehab clinic

ALMATY (Kazakhstan), 13 Sept — Officials in Kazakhstan say 38 people were killed in a fire at a drug treatment centre early on Sunday.

The blaze broke out at about 5:30 am local time (2330 GMT) and spread over an area of 7,000 sq. feet (650 square meters) in Taldykorgan in the Central Asian nation's south, the Emergency Situations Ministry said. Emergency workers evacuated 40 people from the building during the fire, the ministry said.

The cause of the blaze was not yet unclear.

Prime Minister Karim Masimov demanded the creation of a special committee to investigate the incident, RIA-Novosti news agency cited a government spokesman as saying.

Deputy Prime Minister Serik Akhmetov will travel to the site of the fire on Sunday, it said.—Internet

Thousands lose power in US city of San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Sept — At least 35,000 residents in the US city of San Francisco suffered a power outage early on Saturday morning due to bad weather, local media reported.

More than 35,000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co customers in several San Francisco neighbourhoods were affected by the outage, the KCBS radio station said in a report. The blackout was caused by a dry lightning and thunderstorm system moving through the San Francisco Bay Area, which also resulted in a number of small grass fires in the area's Sonoma, Alameda and Santa Clara counties.

The US National Weather Service (NWS) has extended a red flag warning for the region, mainly for the northern Bay Area counties until 5 pm Pacific Daylight Time on Saturday.—Internet

Magnitude-6.4 earthquake hits offshore Venezuela

CARACAS, 13 Sept — A magnitude-6.4 earthquake shook several regions in Venezuela on Saturday, local officials confirmed.

According to a report by the US Geological Survey (USGS), the quake occurred at about 3:47 pm local time (2006 GMT) approximately 65 miles (100 km) west of Caracas, capital of Venezuela, at a depth of 6.2 miles (10 km).

A telluric movement of moderate intensity, which lasted about 5 seconds, was felt in Caracas, amid a hailstorm that happened to hit the Capital District at the same time.

"The movement was fairly strong," Diosdado Cabello, Venezuelan Minister of Public Works and Housing, told the local media. But he didn't reveal whether there was casualty or damage.—Xinhua



In this undated handout photo made available by the Israeli Antiquities Authority, showing an ancient stone engraved with a seven-branched candelabra, or menorah, seen at a synagogue in the northern Israeli town of Midgal, near Tiberias, after archeologists uncovered the carved stone. The menorah was engraved in stone around 2,000-years ago and found in a synagogue recently discovered by the Sea of Galilee and is thought to be one of the earliest depictions of a menorah.

A woman, identified by only the surname Wang, poses with her four-million-yuan (600,000 USD) dog as they are greeted by a convoy of 30 black Mercedes-Benz cars at the airport in Xi'an, in northern China's Shanxi Province.

Chinese woman spends \$600,000 on dog

A millionaire in northern China paid four million yuan (600,000 dollars) for a dog and ordered 30 luxury cars to come to the airport to greet her and the animal, local media reported.

The woman and her new pet — a black Tibetan Mastiff — flew into Xi'an, capital of Shaanxi Province, a report on popular news portal sohu.com said.

A convoy of 30 black Mercedes-Benz cars, led by two sports utility vehicles, drove to the airport on Wednesday to pick up the pair, who had arrived from the Tibetan-populated Province of Qinghai in China's northwest. Photos of the event posted with the report showed a committee of dog-lovers holding up a long red banner welcoming the mastiff to Xi'an.

The millionaire, who only gave her surname as Wang, said she and a friend had spent a long time searching for an original Tibetan mastiff.

"Gold has a price, but this Tibetan mastiff doesn't," the young woman said,



according to the report.

China's economy has developed at a fast pace, creating with it an increasing number of millionaires.

Research by the *Hurun Report*, a magazine that tracks China's wealthiest, revealed in April that 825,000 people had personal wealth of over 10 million yuan (1.5 million dollars), or 0.06 percent of the population.

The vast majority of these millionaires have said the global financial crisis has not had any impact on their lifestyle, the research said.

Partygoer steals a cop car in New Mexico

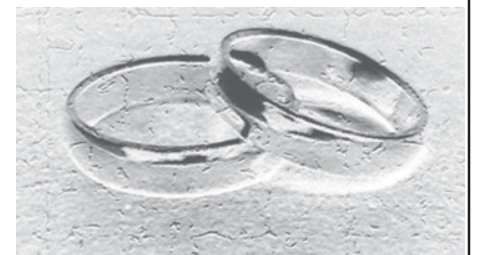
A 21-year-old man faces charges after he allegedly stole a New Mexico sheriff's patrol car, later telling investigators he "thought it would be fun."

The San Juan County Sheriff's Office said Matthew Anderson was charged with a fourth-degree felony of unlawful taking of a motor vehicle and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing a police officer.

The incident happened on Monday when two deputies were investigating a disturbance at a party and left the cruiser's engine running.

The sheriff's office said a deputy was returning to the vehicle and unlocked it using the keyless entry when Anderson allegedly jumped in and drove off.

NEWS ALBUM



A budget supermarket chain is helping nine happy California couples beat the recession blues by offering cut-price wedding ceremonies — for just 99 cents each.

Couples on cloud nine with 99 cent weddings

A budget supermarket chain is helping nine happy California couples beat the recession blues by offering cut-price wedding ceremonies — for just 99 cents each.

The 99 Cents Only Stores chain is picking up the tab for nine couples at its branch on Sunset Boulevard in the heart of Hollywood on Wednesday to mark the ninth day of the nine month in 2009.

After getting hitched, the nine couples will be handed 99 dollars and 99 cents in cash before being whisked off to an undisclosed "famous romantic Los Angeles" location, 99 Cents Only said.

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INVITATION

The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia invites all qualified planning and monitoring consultants to submit their best cost proposal for renovation plan of the Indonesian Compound 1 and Indonesian Compound 2 and send it to the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia.

For further information, please contact Mr. Rahman Priaelmu or Mr. Gopokson T. Situmorang at Indonesian Embassy Office (telp. nos. : 01-254465, 254469 or facs. no. : 01-254468).

Interested consultants may come to the Embassy during office hours (09.00 am-04.00 pm) from 12 September 2009 to 18 September 2009.

The proposals are submitted by 21 September 2009. Late bids will not be accepted.

Yangon, 09 September 2009

Beijing's Sixth Ring Road opens to traffic

BEIJING, 12 Sept—With the construction of its western section completed on Sunday, Beijing's Sixth Ring Road, China's longest city expressway, has been fully open to traffic, according to local communications department.

The western section linking Liangxiang and Zhaikou measured 38.28 kilometers and was the last phase of the Sixth Ring Road construction project which started in December 1998. Measuring 187.6 kilometers long, the Sixth Ring Road accounts for more than one-fifth of the total mileage of Beijing's expressway and covers the

city's most population, said sources with the Beijing Municipal Committee of Communications.

The road connected with major outbound expressways and national highways would also allow Beijing residents much easier access to peripheral cities such as Chengde in Hebei Province and the suburban Pinggu county, they said.

As Beijing is a vital transportation terminal between northwestern China and the northern sea ports, the committee said that the Sixth Ring Road would not only ease downtown traffic pressure and improve the city's air quality but also facilitate passenger and cargo transportation from the north and the west to the east and the south.

Moreover, reduced traffic pressure and tie-ups could help cut automotive exhaust by around three percent.

Xinhua

Finland's economy expected to turn to grow this year

HELSINKI, 13 Sept—The result of a new survey gathering a number of Finnish economists' opinions showed that the recession in Finland will end and the Finnish economy is believed to start to recover before the end of this year, the Finnish Broadcasting Company reported on Saturday.

According to the survey result, eight of ten economists interviewed by the Finnish Broadcasting Company felt that an upward trend of Finland's economy would appear during this year, probably in the fourth quarter.

The economists made the optimistic forecast assuming that Finland's ex-

port will benefit from euro zone's favourable situation, when German and French national output has turned to grow during the second quarter.

Besides that, the economists in Finland have also seen signs of recovery in increased activity in the retail sector and more orders coming in to the industrial sector.

According to these experts, however, there is still a great deal of uncertainty. The growth in unemployment will prevent households from consumption spending, and demand for Finnish exports will only pick up when global business investment needs strengthen.

Xinhua

Gunmen fire at bus, hurt two at US mine in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 13 Sept—Gunmen fired at a bus carrying workers of US mining giant Freeport on Saturday in Papua Province, wounding two Indonesian security guards, police said.

Ambushes near the world's largest gold mine since mid-July have left three dead, including a 29-year-old Australian, and more than a dozen wounded.

Around four gunmen ambushed the bus on its way to drop off workers for the Saturday morning shift, Papua police spokesman Lt Col Agus Rianto said.

A security guard was shot in the thigh and another was hurt by broken glass, but both were in sta-

ble condition at a nearby hospital, he said.

Police are searching for the gunmen, who fled into the jungle, Rianto said.

A Freeport spokesman could not immediately be reached for comment.

The Freeport mine has often been targeted by arson, roadside bombs and ambushes since production began in the 1970's in under-developed Papua, home to a low-level separatist movement of thousands of miles (kilometres) from the capital, Jakarta.

It is unclear if the rebels, who have been implicated in past attacks, were involved in the latest shootings.

Internet

Thousands alter their lives in flooded West Africa

FASS MBAO, 13 Sept—The only piece of furniture that survived the most recent flood in Fatou Dione's house is her bed. It's propped up on cinderblocks and hovers just above the water lapping at the walls of her bedroom.

The water stands a foot (more than 30 centimeters) deep throughout her house. She shakes off her wet feet each time she climbs into her bed. To keep it dry, she tries to place her feet on the same spot so that only one corner of her mattress becomes moist.

Torrential rains have lashed Africa's western coast for the past three months, killing 159 people and flooding the homes and businesses of over 600,000 others, according to the UN Office for the Coordination

of Human Affairs.

They include the patients of one of Burkina Faso's largest hospitals who had to be carried out on gurneys after water invaded the wards. They include those living on the banks of a river in northern Niger, whose homes were swept away

when a dike burst under the weight of the rain. And they also include tens of thousands of people like Dione whose homes took on a foot or less of water and whose ordeals are not a priority for the country's overwhelmed emergency response teams.—Internet



Horse cart drivers transport goods and passengers through deep flood waters in Sicap Mbaou, a neighborhood on the outskirts of Dakar, Senegal, on 12 Sept, 2009. Torrential rains have lashed Africa's western coast for the past three months, killing 159 people and flooding the homes and businesses of over 600,000 others, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs.—INTERNET



S Korea reports 5th death of A/H1N1 flu

SEOUL, 13 Sept—South Korea on Saturday reported its 5th death related to the A/H1N1 influenza.

According to the Ministry of Health and Welfare, a 73-year-old female patient, who suffered from high blood pressure, died earlier in the day due to complications related to the new flu, bringing

the country's death toll from the virus to five.

The woman, who visited the United States during the period on 13-23 Aug, was confirmed infected with A/H1N1 virus on 25 Aug, after showing symptoms of high fever and coughing and being admitted to hospital on 24 Aug.

The exact cause of the

death was still under investigation, health officials said.

South Korea reported its first death case from A/H1N1 flu on 15 Aug, and the 4th on 2 Sept. Another female A/H1N1 patient lapsed into brain death on 4 Sept.

The country reported its first new flu outbreak in early May, and more than 7,000 have been infected so far, according to health authorities. Health experts say the disease may spread more widely in the fall, and there is the possibility the death toll may rise.—Xinhua



Visitors take pictures during a food festival held in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 12 Sept, 2009. The 4th China Suzhou Food Festival, which was also the 1st China "Su Style" Moon Cake Cultural Festival, was opened at the gymnasium of Xiangcheng District in Suzhou on Saturday.—XINHUA

Shelling in Somalia kills 15, mostly ex-soldiers

MOGADISHU, 13 Sept—Mortars slammed into Somalia's capital, killing three civilians and at least 12 men at a home for disabled veterans, an official said on Saturday. Nearly a dozen other former soldiers were wounded in the attack.

Insurgents fired mortars on Friday night toward Mogadishu's port but the explosives landed in residential areas. One of the buildings hit was a residence for former army officers paralyzed or missing limbs from the country's 1977 war with Ethiopia, according to government spokesman Shiek Abdirisak Qeylow, who gave the death and injured toll.

Mohamed Abdi, 50, had moved to the army

home after a bullet paralyzed him in 1977.

"I was sitting in my wheelchair about 10 meters (30 feet) away from my friends when a mortar exploded and smoke and dust covered us all," he told *The Associated Press*.—Internet

Fire by the Thames : A "Fire Garden," designed by French fire masters Compagnie Carabosse, is opened to the public outside of the Tate Modern in central London as part of the Thames Festival.—XINHUA



Canada overhauls food inspection system

OTTAWA, 13 Sept—Canada has earmarked \$75 million to prevent a recurrence of a listeriosis outbreak that killed 22 and sickened hundreds more, authorities said. "One year ago we were reminded that the job of keeping Canadians safe is never done. There are always new opportunities to strengthen our food safety system," Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz said on Friday.

The government will implement all 57 recommendations made by independent investigator Sheila Weatherill, *The Toronto Star* reported Saturday. Weatherill's report recommended a third-party audit of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's resources after the agency was unable to say how many meat inspectors it employed, the *Star* reported.

Seventy of 166 new food inspectors will focus on ready-to-eat meats, such as the ones produced at Maple Leaf Foods in Toronto where the listeriosis outbreak began last summer, the *Star* reported.—Internet

Investment, cooperation needed for green economy promotion

DALIAN, 13 Sept—As green economy is widely believed to be able to bring a sustained growth for the world, it still faces various difficulties in promotion and development in an unbalanced world.

Barbara Judge, chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Au-

thority, said at the Summer Davos forum that investment was needed for the development of green economy.

At the three-day forum which ended on Saturday in Dalian, northeastern China's Liaoning Province, participants discussed a lot about the

green economy as the world's economy is seeing a slow and fragile recovery.

Liu Xiaoguang, president and chief executive officer of Beijing-based Capital Group, told *Xinhua* that the green economy was the requirement for the world economy to recover from the current financial crisis and would be a driver of sustained growth in the future.—Xinhua

The so-called superbug MRSA, a multiresistant strain of staphylococcus usually found in hospitals, has been discovered for the first time on US beaches, a study said.—INTERNET



Dangerous staph germs found at west coast beaches

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Sept—Dangerous staph bacteria have been found in sand and water for the first time at five public beaches along the coast of Washington, and scientists think the state is not the only one with this problem.

The germ is MRSA, or methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* — a hard-to-treat bug once rarely seen outside of hospitals but that increasingly is spreading in ordinary community settings such as schools, locker rooms and gyms. The germ causes nasty skin infections as well as pneumonia and other life-threatening problems. It spreads

mostly through human contact. Little is known about environmental sources that also may harbour the germ.

Finding it at the beach suggests one place that people may be picking it up, said Marilyn Roberts, a microbiologist at the

University of Washington in Seattle. "We don't know the risk" for any individual going to a beach, she said. "But the fact that we found these organisms suggests that the level is much higher than we had thought."

Internet



An employee displays a bacteria strain inside a petri dish containing agar jelly for bacterial culture in a microbiological laboratory in Berlin.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Hughes appeals for leniency for Adebayor

MANCHESTER, 13 Sept—Mark Hughes has appealed for leniency for his forward Emmanuel Adebayor, who is likely to be the subject of FA disciplinary action following Manchester City's 4-2 victory over the Togo forward's former club Arsenal. Adebayor had already appeared to stamp on the face of former team mate Robin van Persie when he scored a crucial third goal ten minutes from time. In the celebration that followed, he sprinted the entire length of the field and gestured in front of the Arsenal supporters who threw missiles onto the field and tried to storm their way past stewards and police to get at their former player. Hughes claimed not to have seen the van Persie incident and, citing the fact that his player issued a swift apology, added that he hoped the FA would not punish him for the provocative celebration. Hughes said: "People have asked me about the stamp but I haven't seen it so I can't really comment but Adie understands that celebrating like that was the wrong thing to do.—Internet



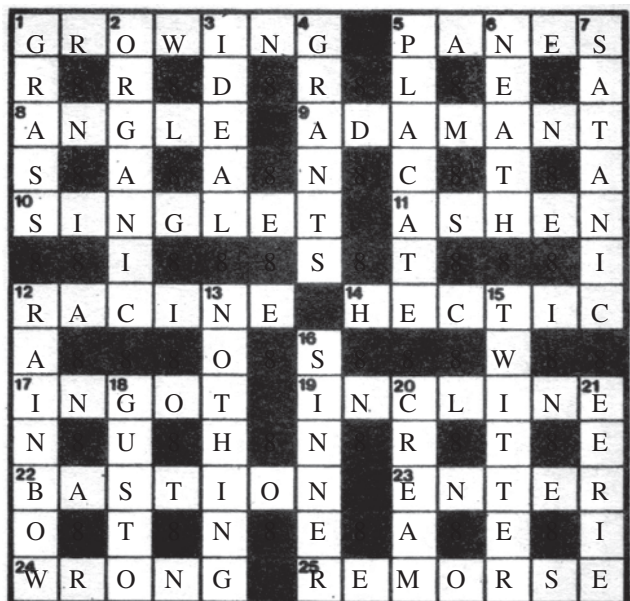
Manchester City's forward Emmanuel Adebayor (L) jumps for the ball against Arsenal's defender Thomas Vermaelen (R) during their English Premier League football match at The City of Manchester Stadium.—INTERNET

Bayern humiliates Dortmund 5-1, Hamburg on top

BERLIN, 13 Sept—German record champions Bayern Munich humiliated Dortmund 5-1 at the latter's Signal-Iduna Park on Saturday's Bundesliga powerful clash, while Hamuburg came back on the top of the table with a 3-1 win over VfB Stuttgart.

Bayern delivered further evidence of their return to form, dishing out a 5-1 drubbing to Borussia Dortmund to secure their first away win of the current Bundesliga campaign. The result moved the German record champions into the top third of the table following an indifferent start, ending Dortmund's 19-game unbeaten run at the Signal Iduna Park.—Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle



Ferguson backs United to sustain title bid

LONDON, 13 Sept—Sir Alex Ferguson has backed Manchester United to defy their critics and secure a fourth consecutive English Premier League title this season. United were widely seen as being severely weakened by the departures of Cristiano



Manchester United's midfielder Ryan Giggs (R) runs at Tottenham Hotspur's defender Ledley King during the English Premier League football match between Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United at White Hart Lane in London.—INTERNET

Ronaldo and Carlos Tevez this summer and the doubts mushroomed after an unconvincing start to the season, which included a defeat at newly-promoted Burnley. But Ferguson's side are now finding an ominous rhythm and, two weeks after crushing Wigan 5-0 at the DW Stadium, they chalked up another impressive victory on Saturday, ending Tottenham's unbeaten start to the new campaign with a 3-1 victory. "It's early in the season and too early to say, but I think we will be in the shake-up," Ferguson said.—Internet

Juve clear at top while Milan stumble again

MILAN, 13 Sept—Juventus maintained their 100 percent record at the start of the Serie A season with a 2-0 victory at previously unbeaten Lazio on Saturday. But fellow giants AC Milan suffered more misery as they were held 0-0 at promoted Livorno.

Martin Caceres scored his first goal for Juve and former France international forward David Trezeguet wrapped up the scoring deep into injury time to take the Old Lady of Turin three points clear at the top, for a day at least. Trezeguet made his first start of the season with Italy striker Vincenzo



Juventus' forward David Trezeguet celebrates after scoring against Lazio during their Italian Serie A football match at Rome's Olympic stadium.—INTERNET

Iaquinta rested following his midweek international exploits and the former Monaco man was lively early on.—Internet

Benitez expects Mascherano to return for Euro clash

LIVERPOOL, 13 Sept—Rafa Benitez is confident that Argentina midfielder Javier Mascherano will be fit for the start of Liver-

pool's Champions League campaign. Mascherano was missing as his side demolished Burnley 4-0 at Anfield on Saturday,

with his replacement Yossi Benayoun scoring the third hat-trick of his Liverpool career.

But Benitez expects Mascherano to be available for Wednesday's game against Hungarian side Debrecen at Anfield after the midfielder was given special permission to remain in South America for treatment. Mascherano suffered a pelvis injury playing for Argentina in their 1-0 World Cup qualifying defeat against Paraguay on Wednesday.

Internet

Kaka inspires Real to Espanyol win

MADRID, 13 Sept—Real Madrid kept pace with Barcelona at the top of the Spanish league table with Brazilian playmaker Kaka pulling the strings in a 3-0 win at Espanyol on Saturday. Kaka has yet to open his Real account since joining from AC Milan, but showed a touch of class to set up Esteban Granero for his first Real goal and create the second for stand-in captain Guti. Substitute Cristiano Ronaldo, the world's most expensive player, added a third in the final minute for his second goal in as many games.

"I don't think he (Ronaldo) has this enormous weight on his shoulders (due to the transfer fee)," said Real coach Manuel Pellegrini. "He scored against Deportivo (La Coruna) and again today. He is adapting to a new league and sometimes people just scrutinise him too much." It was

Espanyol's first competitive game at their new Cornellà-El Prat stadium and Real had some worrying moments before their class shone through to make it a maximum six points.—Internet



Real Madrid's midfielder Kaka (R) competes with Espanyol's forward Luis Garcia (L) during their Spanish League football match at the Cornellà-Prat Stadium in Barcelona.—INTERNET

Barcelona, Real Madrid enjoy away wins

MADRID, 13 Sept—Both reigning Primera Liga Champions FC Barcelona and Real Madrid won their respective league matches on Saturday night. Barcelona overcame a poor first half performance away to Getafe to win its second game in two matches. Real Madrid meanwhile won 3-0 away to Espanyol. The game was the inaugural Primera Liga fixture in Espanyol's new Cornellà-El Prat Stadium, but it was an unhappy start for the home side.—Xinhua

Bizarre ending to Serena's title defence at Open



Serena Williams (L) of the US congratulates Kim Clijsters of Belgium after Clijsters won their semi-final match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 12 Sept, 2009.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 13 Sept—Serena Williams walked toward the line judge, screaming, cursing and shaking a ball in the official's direction, threatening to "shove it down" her throat.

On match point in the US Open semi-finals Saturday night, defending champion Williams was penalized a point for unsportsmanlike conduct — a bizarre, ugly finish that gave a 6-4, 7-5 upset victory to unseeded, unranked Kim Clijsters.

The match featured plenty of powerful groundstrokes and lengthy exchanges. No one will remember a single shot that was struck, though, because of the unusual, dramatic way it ended.—Internet



A car is displayed on a wall next to the fair tower during preparation works for the international car show "IAA" in Frankfurt, 12 September, 2009.

INTERNET

China's gun salute battalion braces for National Day festivities

BEIJING, 13 Sept—The gun salute battalion of the Beijing Armed Police Corps is rehearsing hard as the 60th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China draws near.

A total of 56 guns stand in two lines. As soon as Geng Qing'an, who is in command of the battalion, shouts his order, the 112 policemen present arms. They have to complete the moves of unbolting the guns, taking the ammunition and then breeching it in synchronization in three seconds. This is a scene which can be seen almost every day in the battalion's camp.

The battalion was established in the early March, 1984. Then it had only eight manually-operated guns. The guns the battalion now uses are sixth-generation models, all are automatic. Firing intervals can be easily regulated.

"The new guns are an encouragement to the police officers, but they also entail tougher training requirements," said Geng.

The armed police have to unbolt a thousand times a day, and kneel down in the firing position another thousand times.—Xinhua

MRTV-3 Programme Schedule (14-9-2009) (Monday)

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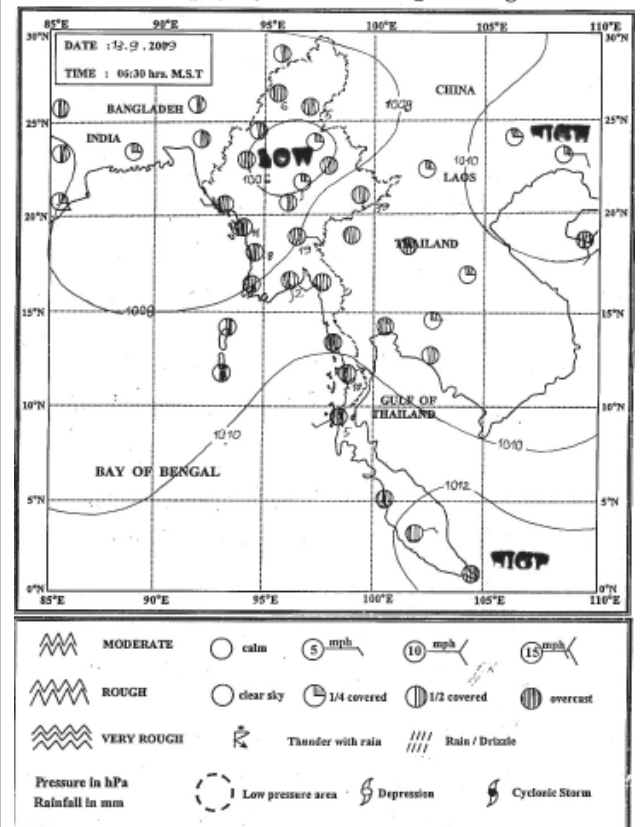
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- * Citrus Products of Shwe Kyin
- * Culture Stage
- * Current Affairs "US Dollar, IMF and Global Financial Crisis"
- * Myanmar Modern Song
- * An Educational Garden from Nay Pyi Taw (Soe San Training Centre)
- * Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Website: www.mrtv3.net.mm

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 13th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kayin State and Bago Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States, Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Yezin) (0.16) inch, Nay Pyi Taw (Pyinmana) (0.32) inch, Kyaikkhame (5.16) inches, Thaton (1.89) inches, Kengtung (1.73) inches, Tharrawady and Paung (1.57) inches each, Sittwe (1.50) inches and Monywa (1.07) inches.

Maximum temperature on 12-9-2009 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 13-9-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-9-2009 was 85 %. Total sun shine hours on 12-9-2009 was (3.6) hours approx.

Rainfall on 13-9-2009 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (94.33) inches at Mingaladon, (104.76) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (21:30) hours MST on 12-9-2009.

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

Special feather: According to the observations at (06:30)hrs M.S.T today, the tropical storm "Mujigae" over South China Sea (Gulf of Tonking) has crossed North Coast of Vietnam and weakened.

Forecast valid until evening of 14th September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Shan, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Kayin, Rakhine States and Yangon Division and isolated to scattered in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundry conditions in the Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Monday, 14
September
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

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

7:55 am

5. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

8:05 am

6. Cute Little Dancers

8:15 am

7. Songs of National Races

8:25 am

8. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:40 am

9. International News

8:45 am

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

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

5:00 pm

2. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခပဒေအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခပဒေ)

5:15 pm

3. Song for uphold National Spirit

5:20 pm

4. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ် (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

5:40 pm

5. စူပါတေးသံရှင်ရွေးချယ်ပွဲ

6:00 pm

6. Evening News

6:15 pm

7. Weather Report

6:20 pm

8. Sing & Enjoy

6:50 pm

9. အေးချမ်းသာယာ လောက်ကိုင်မှာ

7:00 pm

10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တစ်ရေးနိုးဖူးစာ" (အပိုင်း-၄)

8:00 pm

11. News
12. International News
13. Weather Report
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေ့မေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)



- ★ 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

Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence inspects development tasks in Sagaing Division

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Sept—Lt-Gen Tha Aye of Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Myint Soe and officials, inspected Strand road, tanks

of river water pumping station and upgrading of approach road to Sinbyushin Bridge in Monywa on 10 September and fulfilled the needs.

Afterwards, they looked into pumping of water at Paukinn (1) river water pumping station near Magyikhwa

Village of ChaungU Township, the construction of Pareinma-Kyaroh-Shwepankyun-Shwepan-Magyibok road, monsoon paddy plantations in Pareinma Village, the supply of water from Kwinkyee water pumping station and environs of Hsingaung Hill. (See page 10)

Electronic nose to return from space station



The ENose flew for six months on the International Space Station monitoring the air the astronauts breathed.

SCIENCE DAILY, 13 Sept — Sniffing out any potential contaminants on the International Space Station where it was stationed for the last six

months, the JPL-built electronic nose, or ENose, is homeward bound.

While on the space station, the ENose sampled the air with 32 sensors that can detect various odors and pinpoint which ones are dangerous to humans. The sleek, shoebox-sized ENose, the third generation of its kind, monitored the air for 10 contaminants continuously.—Internet

Engineers develop safer, blast-resistant glass

SCIENCE DAILY, 13 Sept—To protect from potential terrorist attacks, federal buildings and



Researchers are developing and testing a new type of blast-resistant glass that will be thinner, lighter and less vulnerable to small-scale explosions.

other critical infrastructures are made with special windows that contain blast-resistant glass. However, the glass is thick and expensive. Currently, University of Missouri researchers are developing and testing a new type of blast-resistant glass that will be thinner, lighter and less vulnerable to small-scale explosions.

Internet

What do dinosaurs and the Maya have in common?

SCIENCE DAILY, 13 Sept—One of the world's most famous asteroid craters, the Chicxulub crater, has been the subject of research for about twenty years. The asteroid impact that formed it probably put an end to the dinosaurs and helped mammals to flourish. Together with an Anglo-American team, an ETH Zurich researcher has studied the most recent de-



The main pyramid at Mayapan.

posits that filled the crater. The results provide accurate dating of the limestones

and a valuable basis for archaeologists to research the Maya.—Internet

Those who will help open democracy door to the Union

Many members of the 54-member Commission for Drafting the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar were legal experts of national races. Despite assorted destructive acts, the commission managed to complete the process of drafting the State Constitution.

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