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Farmers enjoying better life in Magway Township

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In Magway Division, a central part of Myanmar, edible oil and other crops well exceed the demands. So, it distributes surpluses of crops to other regions.

Last paddy season, the region put 151,023 acres under summer paddy, and 874461 acres, under monsoon paddy, totaling 1,025,484 acres.

The government has been implementing dam, sluice gate, river water pumping station and underground water pumping station projects across the nation to make effective encouragement to extensive cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy.

Our news crew was accompanied by Secretary of Magway District Peace and Development Council U Than Aung, Chairman of Magway Township PDC U Hla Shaung and Assistant Director U Thein Than Kyi of Magway District Water Resources Utilization Department on a car trip to Thaphanseik Dam.

Previously, whether corn farming for cow food would be successful or not in a year rested on the rainfall in the region. In contrast, I witnessed thriving monsoon paddy fields grown with irrigation water from Thaphanseik Dam along the project area.

After a fairly long drive, we arrived at Htonpauktaw Village-tract constituted with five villages — southern Htonpauktaw, northern Htonpauktaw, Kan, Alechaung and Thaphanseik villages.

We saw some young female workers transplanting paddy under the glare of the sun along with owners of the paddy field U Aung Shin and Daw Mya Kyin.

The chairman of the Township PDC introduced the farmer couple to us.

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Female workers at work in southern Htonpauktaw Village.

A thriving monsoon paddy field in Padigon Village.

How to gain wealth

For your wealth to endure
- Save it
- Accumulate it
- Associate with good friends, and
- Use it moderately.

These four are sure to bring you great wealth.

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**

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If you want to do politics

Peace groups will have to honour the commitments they made during the peace talks. They will be able to enjoy democratic rights the same as the entire people in accordance with the new constitution.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Extend networks of motor roads and railroads

The flow of goods increases in proportion to socio-economic development. The government is building networks of roads and bridges across the nation to cope with increased population and rapid urban and rural development.

Township development affairs committees are also building new roads in urban and rural areas. In 1988, there were more than 5,000 miles of roads but now the total length of roads reached over 30,000 miles. Moreover, as inter-district roads, new motor roads and railroads are being constructed in every region, networks of roads have increased.

Mountainous terrains of the Bago mountain range being natural barriers, travel between the regions east of the Bago mountain range and those west of it. takes a long time. Now, the Pyay-Paukkhaung-Ottwin-Toungoo road, which is going to be more than 100 miles long, is being upgraded and over 60 miles have been tarred.

In addition, the Pyay-Paukhaung-Toungoo-Nay Pyi Taw railroad project is about to be implemented and it is going to be about 120 miles long. Arrangements are being made to search the axis for the railway and the site for the construction of Paukkhaung station.

The motor roads and railroads have been built across the Bago mountain range, people will be able to travel the eastern and western parts of Bago Division easily and in a short time. Improvement in transport across the division will contribute a lot to health, education and economic status of local people.

If ministries concerned, regional authorities and organizations and workers try to meet the required standards in building motor roads and railroads across the Bago mountain range and work hard in concert to complete them within the target date, local people will soon be able to travel from one region to another all the year round and do their businesses quickly.

Talks on Computer Networking coming soon

YANGON, 16 Sept—With a view to improving of ICT and flourishing of Computer Networking subjects among Myanmar youths, NetInfo ICT Training Centre will organize a talk at Conference Hall of Myanmar InfoTech in Hline Township here on 19 September.

The talks with its topic "*Computer Networking Opportunity with Cisco CCNA"* focuses on how to get a certificate in internationally recognized CCNA Networking subject.

Those who have passed matriculation exam, computer science students and students specialized in engineering may attend the talks for free. For further information, contact NetInfo ICT Training Centre, Ph: 507045, 652248.—*MNA*

People's Desire

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

Court rules of conducts and rights of defendants

A Legal Observer

Having a look back at the historical background of the Myanmar judicial sector, the country has been adjudging cases with judges and tribunals in accordance with traditional code of laws, criminal laws, and court traditions since the time of monarchs.

After the British annexation of Myanmar, predominant legal practices were replaced with the legal systems of the British. After the release from the colonial rule, the nation continued to exercise the British legal systems, making necessary amendments to them to conform with the customs and traditions of the people as far as possible. Now, the country adjudges cases under existing laws such as Criminal Law, Penal Law, Civil Procedure Code, Evidence Law, and Privilege and General Law. In the process, the nation has constantly enacted and practised the right of defence and appeal as a fundamental legal principle.

Regarding cases, the plaintiff organization concerned has the rights to file a lawsuit to offenders in a cognizable offence; and the plaintiff concerned, to complain to the court in a non- cognizable offence. In a case, when the defendant appears, the court concerned has to examine the plaintiff or complainant and the plaintiff witnesses. Since the examination, the accused can argue in person or with a representative on his behalf. After examining the complainant and plaintiff witnesses, the court has to release the accused if he is not found guilty.

If there are some profound statements of the plaintiff witnesses that apparently prove the defendant guilty, the defendant is charged under the sections he has violated. If the defendant pleads guilty, he is sentenced to a reasonable term. And if he pleads not guilty, he can re-examine the plaintiff witnesses. Then, the court examines the defendant and the witnesses submitted by him, and hears the statements of the plaintiff and the defendant. If the defendant's arguments are found dominant over and refuting the accusations of the plaintiff, the defendant is acquitted. If the plaintiff is not satisfied with the judgment to acquit the defendant, he can appeal against the decree to the courts at different levels.

If the defendant is found guilty according to the statements of the plaintiff and plaintiff witnesses, and he cannot refute the accusations against him, he is to be sentenced to a reasonable punishment. Here, if the accused is not satisfied with the decree to punish him, he can submit an appealing or revision case to the higher court. The types of the decrees against which the defendant may submit an appealing or revision case are prescribed in Code of Criminal Procedure. That is the right bestowed upon the accused in line with the judicial principle and provisions of the law.

In appealing against the verdict, the defendant may submit an appealing case with an application form to the court concerned in person or with a representative on his behalf. If the defendant is already serving the prison term, he has to submit the appealing form through the officer in charge of the prison concerned. In this regard, the appealing form is to be attached with a duplicate of the court's decree.

When the tribunal receives an appealing form, it has to register the case in the appealing register book, and to ask the original court to send the case file to it. The tribunal has to fix a date on which it will have to decide as to whether it should accept the appealing case or not for the applicant or his representative. If the defendant is a prisoner, there is no need to summon him to the court for his statements. After hearing the argument submitted by a representative on his behalf, the court has to deliver an order that it accepts or dismiss the case. If the appealing case is accepted, the court has to hand down an order in line with the law, after hearing the argument submitted by his representative and the statement by the law officer concerned. In pronouncing a judgment, the defendant does not need to appear in the court if he is serving a term. Second para of Section (424) of Criminal Procedure Code says "unless the appellate Court otherwise directs, the accused shall not be brought up, or required to attend, to hear judgment delivered." According to the practices of the courts, any defendants are not sent to the tribunal.

If the court of appeal dismisses the appealing case, the defendant can submit a revision case to the higher court. And if the higher court dismisses the revision case, the defendant can submit a special appealing case under Section 7 of Judicial Law. If the Supreme Court decides to hear the special appealing case, the case is to be judged by a special court of appeal comprising at least three Supreme Court judges.

These points are the rights bestowed on those accused under Myanmar's Judicial Principle, Judicial Law and Criminal Procedure Code. Courts hear criminal cases in accordance with the existing laws, and the accused are given rights to argue, submit appealing cases and criminal provision cases. Therefore, it is fair to say that Myanmar's judicial practice meets the judicial principles.

Translation: MS

Applied Google Earth Course on 20 Sept

YANGON, 16 Sept—The Myanmar Credent Technology will conduct Applied Google Earth Course at the Myanmar Computer Federation at Room (4), Building (1), e-Learning Center, Myanmar Info Tech, Hline Township, Yangon, from 9 am to 4 pm on 19 and 20 September.

Those wishing to attend the course may sign up, dialing Ph: 652285 or 652286.—*MNA*

MCPA to give talks on "ITPEC Exam"

YANGON, 16 Sept —To develop the information and communication technology, talks on "ITPEC Exam" will be conduted at Myanmar InfoTech in Hline Township on 19 September.

The information technology examination and job opportunites for the ITPEC degree holders will be explained.

Anyone may attend the talks at 9.30 am on 19 September and more information for the talks is available at MCPA, Ph 652276.— *MNA*

Roadside bomb damages German forces' vehicle in Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 Sept—A roadside bomb damaged military vehicle of German troops in Takhar Province, northeast Afghanistan, an official with the German troops in the neighbouring Kunduz Province Nasir Alkozai said on Wednesday.

"The incident occurred late Tuesday evening outside provincial capital Taliqan next to an airstrip, as a result a military armored personal carrier was damaged," Alkozai told *Xinhua*.

Quoting a German brigadier Shcrghinj with Germany's Provincial Reconstructing Team (PRT) in Kunduz Province, Alkozai added that there were no casualties on the troops.—*Xinhua*

A destroyed vehicle is towed away following a car bomb close to the Iraqi health ministry in Baghdad. Nine people — including four members of a Sunni militiaman's family — were killed in Iraq in attacks that also left 38 wounded.—INTERNET

Roadside bomb wounds two in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 Sept—A roadside bomb struck one government vehicle in Heart Province west of Afghanistan on Tuesday, wounding two persons including a child, police said.

"It was 01:00 pm local time when a roadside bomb planted by rebels hit a car of Rural Development Department injuring the driver and a child," deputy to provincial police chief Dilawar Shah Dilawar told *Xinhua*.

Meantime, a shadowy militant group introduced itself as Al-Fatah claimed of responsibility.

Unknown man, who speaks for the group told media via telephone from undisclosed location, claimed that fighters loyal to Al-Fatah which is different from Taleban carried out the attack.

Xinhua

NATO invasion of US and allies kills, injures Iraqi people

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept— There has been daily casualties in Iraq since the US and its allies have invaded the country.

Casualties of Iraqi people

The total number of casualties as from the day they invaded the country to 16 September reached 698,702 and the total number of serious injured people reached 1,259,475, according to the news on the internet.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Death toll of Iraqi people	698,702
2.	The total number of seriously injured people	1,259,475

Internet

A relative of a wounded boy talks to him as he lies at a hospital after a bomb attack in Buhriz, about 60 km (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad, September 14, 2009. A roadside bomb killed one man and wounded a boy in Buhriz, police said.—INTERNET

Man killed after firing on US helicopter in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept—US and Iraqi forces killed one fighter, captured another and seized a truck loaded with weapons in an area of northern Iraq that remains an insurgent stronghold, the American military said on Monday.

American and Iraqi ground forces backed by a US helicopter attempted to stop a suspicious truck near Tal Abta, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of the volatile city of Mosul, said US military spokesman Maj Derrick Cheng.

The helicopter came under fire on Sunday and responded with rocket and small arms fire that disabled the truck and killed one of the insurgents, he said.

The American military says Mosul is the last urban battleground of al-Qaeda in Iraq and other Sunni extremists, and the level of violence there remains high, even as it has significantly dropped elsewhere in the country.

Internet

Cholera patients wait for a doctor at a Kabul hospital in 2002 Afghanistan has reported outbreaks of potentially lethal cholera in 10 provinces across the impoverished country.—INTERNET

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

KABUL, 16 Sept—The NATO troops led by the US have invaded Afghanistan and they are there for a long time.

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

Casualties of Afghan people

According to the Internet news, a total of 31,909 Afghan people were killed and 37,601 injured seriously as from the day when the NATO troops led by the US invaded Afghanistan to 16 September.

No.	Subject	Number
1.	Number of Afghan people killed	31,909
2.	Seriously injured Afghan people	37,601

Internet

Afghanistan war widows hold their CARE International ration cards for collecting monthly ration from the relief agency in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 14 Sept, 2009. INTERNET

Mortars hit Baghdad Green Zone during Biden visit

BAGHDAD, 16 Sept—Militants fired several mortars or rockets at Baghdad's fortified Green Zone government district on Tuesday shortly after US Vice President Joe Biden flew in, underlining the fragility of Iraq's security gains.

Iraqi police said one mortar round killed two Iraqi civilians and wounded five when it blasted an apartment block in the zone. Another two rounds landed near the sprawling US embassy compound, but did not hit it.

Police had no further reports of casualties.

Internet

*File photo taken on 14 Sept, 2008 shows two employees walking with their belongings out of the headquarters of Lehman Brothers on the eve of its filing for bankruptcy in New York, the US. —*XINHUA

Fatah accepts Egypt's proposal to end Palestinian strife

GAZA, 16 Sept— Fatah movement accepted an Egyptian proposal to delay general Palestinian elections to allow for more time for achieving Palestinian reconciliation, a Fatah official said on Tuesday.

The Egyptian proposal calls for holding general Palestinian elections by the middle of next year so as to boost reconciliation between Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party and the Hamas movement.

"Fatah has told Egypt that its proposal has been accepted," Abdullah Abdullah, a member of Fatah revolutionary council, told *Xinhua*.

"The Egyptian document stressed that the elections must be held by the middle of next year and this gives the factions more flexibility to set a suitable date for holding the elections," Abdullah said.

Abbas had called for the elections on 25 Jan, 2010 when Hamas' term in the parliament expires. Hamas won the parliament elections in 2006.

Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, promised to respond to the Egyptian initiative after the end of Muslim's fasting month of Ramadan.

Xinhua

US spends $75 bln a year on intelligence

WASHINGTON, 16 Sept— A US top intelligence official disclosed on Tuesday that the country has spent about 75 billion US dollars a year on intelligence.

Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair told reporters when he introduced his 2009 National Intelligence Strategy, that intelligence activities across the government and military cost a total of 75 billion dollars a year, which accounts for more than 10 percent of the annual US defence budget at 650 billion dollars or so.

The strategy includes the full budget figure for the national intelligence programme, including the government's 16 intelligence agencies and the military counterparts.

It was the first time for the US government to disclose the overall cost of intelligence activities including those related to the military.—*Xinhua*

Britain must cut spending to reduce debts

LONDON, 16 Sept—British Prime Minister Gordon Brown acknowledged for the first time on Tuesday that hard economic times will mean substantial cuts to government spending on the country's already strained public services.

The announcement, which reverses overly optimistic statements about economic growth, sets the stage for a bruising general election battle with the opposition Conservative Party over who can best manage the country's dwindling financial resources.

"Labour will cut costs, cut inefficiencies, cut unnecessary programms and cut lower priority budgets," Brown told a conference of the Trades Union Congress in the northern English city of Liverpool.—*Internet*

*A competitor makes a silver sculpture during a traditional handicraft competition in Kaili, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 15 Sept, 2009. —*XINHUA

North Korean ship fights off Somali pirates

KUALA LUMPUR,16 Sept—Somali pirates tried but failed to hijack a North Korean cargo ship when crew members fought back with molotov cocktails and sped away, a maritime official said on Tuesday. Separately, other Somali pirates released a Greek-managed ship with 22 Filipino crewmen after five months in captivity, officials in the Philippines said.

The North Korean ship was adrift off the Somali coast near Mogadishu on 5 Sept for engine work when the crew saw 10 pirates approaching in two speedboats, said Noel Choong, who heads the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting centre in Kuala Lumpur.—*Internet*

Shanghai company approved to mass produce A/H1N1 flu vaccine

SHANGHAI, 16 Sept— The Shanghai-made A/H1N1 flu vaccine has received the license for mass production from the State Food and Drug Administration, a must for government purchase and public use, company sources confirmed on Wednesday.

Ma Xianghu, head of bio-product center under the Shanghai Institute of Biological Sciences, told *Xinhua* on Wednesday that the city-made vaccine adopted state-of-the-art ether technique, with less residue and weak clinical side-effect.

Prior to the National Day on 1 Oct, the institute will produce 3 million bottles of A/H1N1 flu vaccine, and its output will reach 10 million bottles at the end of the year, according to Ma.—*Xinhua*

Fla student stabbed to death in fight at school

*Two women wait on word about their children from the Coral Gables High School after a student was stabbed to death and another taken into custody, on 15 Sept, 2009 in Coral Gables, Fla.—*INTERNET

MIAMI, 16 Sept—One student stabbed another to death during a fight on Tuesday in a courtyard at their suburban high school, authorities said.

School officials identified the victim as 17-year-old sophomore Juan Carlos Rivera. Police identified the attacker as 17-year-old Andy Jesus Rodriguez, who was taken into custody immediately after the stabbing at Coral Gables Senior High School.

He was charged with second-degree murder, according to an arrest affidavit.

School Superintendent Alberto Carvalho said a fight happened sometime after 9 am as students moved from first- to second-period classes.

He could not say what the two students were arguing about or how many others saw the stabbing.

Internet

*Fireworks explode over the Zocalo, the main square, during Independence Day celebrations in Mexico City on 15 September, 2009. Mexico celebrated the 199th anniversary of its independence from Spain on Tuesday.—*INTERNET

A chef adds seasonings to dishes made with tofu, or bean curd, a traditional Chinese food made of soybeans, in Huainan of east China's Anhui Province on 15 Sept, 2009. A tofu culture themed festival is now held in Huainan to promote both local culture and economy.—XINHUA

Doha Round talks not optimistic despite positive signs

GENEVA, 16 Sept—Many analysts are still pessimistic about the outlook of the Doha Round of global trade negotiations, despite recent positive signs.

Following a mini-ministerial meeting held on 3-4 Sept in New Delhi, senior officials of key WTO members agreed here on Tuesday on a work plan aimed at pushing forward the long-stalled negotiations in the next few months, which was claimed as a Doha Round breakthrough.

But many analysts see these positive signs as superficial, as the tough issues that have blocked the talks since their launch in 2001 are still unresolved and key WTO members are not moving their positions. The issues involve farm tariffs and subsidies as well as industrial market access. The meeting in New Delhi, which was attended by more than 30 trade ministers, reiterated a WTO goal to conclude the whole round of talks by the end of 2010.

As a follow-up to that meeting, senior officials from major WTO members gathered in Geneva on Monday and Tuesday, and they managed to map out a detailed plan for negotiations in the next three months, trade sources said.

The senior officials also pledged to reconvene in Geneva in October, November and December to advance the plan, the contents of which have not yet been disclosed.—*Xinhua*

EAC facing pressure to sign economic partnership agreements

KAMPALA, 16 Sept—The East African Community (EAC) is facing pressure to sign the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA) with the European Union (EU), a Ugandan senior government official said here on Tuesday. Rashid Kibowa, commissioner for Economic Affairs at the Ugandan Ministry of EAC Affairs, told *Xinhua* in an interview that the signing of the agreement between the EU and the regional economic bloc, the Common Market for East and Southern Africa, is making the EAC to expedite the negotiation process. "Other regional economic communities like COMESA and some countries in SADC (the Southern African Development Community) have already signed the framework agreement, if we don't sign, then they can always leave us out," he said.

"If we don't sign, then our exports to the EU will begin attracting a lot of duties," said the commissioner, adding that the EAC is studying the agreement signed between COMESA and the EU and is picking out the best provisions before signing. Kibowa noted the EAC is concerned about the supply-sided constraints the region is facing, which may not favor it even when the EU opens its markets. "We still have rigidities here which may not enable us to produce and tap into the opened market," he said.—*Xinhua*

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Visitors view building models at the Shenyang International Exhibition Center in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 15 Sept, 2009.—*Xinhua*

IATA predicts $11 bln loss for world airlines in 2009

HOUSTON, 16 Sept—World airlines are likely to post a worse -than-expected loss of 11 billion US dollars this year, as the global economic downturn takes a heavier toll than the 9/11attacks, an industry association said on Tuesday. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) also revised its loss estimates for 2008 from 10.4 billion to 16.8 billion dollars. The losses in 2008 and 2009 combined totaled 27.8 billion, giving the industry its worst two-year performance in history.

"The bottom line of this crisis ... is larger than the impact of 9/11," said Giovanni Bisignani, IATA's director general and CEO. Industry losses for 2001-2002 were 24.3 billion dollars.—*Xinhua*

APEC annual emergency management forum opens in Vietnam

HANOI, 16 Sept–The third annual forum on emergency management of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) opened here on Tuesday, *Vietnam News Agency* reported.

At the forum, entitled "APEC Emergency Management CEOs' Forum 2009", delegates will review recent activities and hold a discussion to outline additional steps to strengthen measures against natural disasters.

Addressing the forum, Vietnamese Agriculture and Rural Development Deputy Minister Bui Ba Bong said Vietnam, which is among the top five countries to suffer the most from climate change, considered emergency management as a very important task. Antony Charles Pearce, a representative of the CEO's Forum Steering Committee, said that progress in emergency management has been made by APEC members over the past year.

Xinhua

Eurozone labour costs rise by 4% in Q2

BRUSSELS, 16 Sept—Total hourly labour costs in the Eurozone rose by 4 percent in nominal terms in the year up to the second quarter of 2009, the European Union (EU)'s statistics bureau Eurostat said on Tuesday.

In the previous quarter, the Eurozone labor costs grew by 3.6 percent over a year ago, according to revised figures.

The two main components of labour costs are wages and non-wage costs. In the euro zone, wages and salaries grew by 3.9 percent in the year up to the second quarter of 2009, and non-wage costs by 4.2 percent, compared with 3.4 percent and 4.1 percent respectively for the first quarter of 2009

Xinhua

About 1,000 undergraduates in Shanghai form up to display the volunteer logo of Shanghai Expo, literally means heart, to celebrate the launching of an activity with the theme of collecting a million smiling faces among youngsters in Shanghai to greet the 2010 Shanghai World Expo, at Qingqingtang Square in Shanghai Jiao Tong University in Shanghai, east China, on 15 Sept, 2009.—XINHUA

S Korea's unemployment rate remains at 3.7% in August

SEOUL, 16 Sept—South Korea's unemployment rate stabilized at 3.7 percent in August, unchanged from a month earlier, but up 0.6 percent year-on-year, according to a report issued by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Wednesday.

The number of unemployed persons totaled 905,000 people in August, which rose 141,000 persons or 18.5 percent year-on-year, the report said.

On the other hand, the number of employed persons totaled 23.62 million persons in August, which went up 3,000 people year-on-year.

Xinhua

The new electric powered cars of Renault are seen on the first press day of the Frankfurt Auto Show in Frankfurt, Germany, on 15 Sept, 2009. The car fair run through on 27 Sept.—INTERNET

Automakers try to energize electric-car business

FRANKFURT, 16 Sept—The race is on among the world's auto companies to make electric cars go farther on a single charge, bring the price down to compete with gas-powered vehicles, and give drivers more places to recharge them than just the family garage.

Electric is the big buzz at the 63rd Frankfurt Auto Show this week, and nearly every major automaker has at least one on display. Renault introduced no fewer than four electric models, while Tesla, the only company producing and selling purely electric cars, handed over the keys to its 700th all-electric vehicle, a blue Roadster Sport, to a German buyer at the show.

If the models unveiled on Tuesday are any indication, the notion of electric cars as small, stunted boxes with little range is about to be junked.

"People have realized that ... electric vehicles don't have to be golf carts," said Diarmuid O'Connell, vice president of business development for Tesla Motors Inc "They don't have to be anemic little putt-putts."

Internet

HP upgrades notebook lines with thin, stylish models

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Sept—Hewlett-Packard Co (HP), the world's largest personal-computer maker, on Tuesday unveiled a number of new models across its notebook lines with the aim to feed consumers' strong appetite for portable computers during the economic downturn and to maintain its leadership on the global market.

The upgrades of HP notebook lines include the introduction of anew ENVY sub-brand, representing the company's expansion into the high-end notebook category. HP said it plans to launch two models, ENVY 13 and ENVY 15, in the United States on 18 Oct. with the starting price of 1,699 US dollars.

Each of the models is about 1-inch (2.54-centimeter) thin with the ENVY 13 weighing 3.74 pounds (1.7 kilograms), and looks very similar to Apple Inc's unibody MacBook Pro notebook. The ENVY 15, to use the future Intel Core i7 processor, is billed as HP's fastest consumer notebook. "HP ENVY includes the latest in materials and technology inside and out and pushes the technological and performance boundaries of what can be done in sleek, powerful and lightweight notebook PCs," Ted Clark, a senior vice president of HP, said in a statement.—*Xinhua*

UN General Assembly opens 64th session

UNITED NATIONS, 16 Sept—The United Nations General Assembly opened on Tuesday its 64th session here at the UN Headquarters in New York, with veteran Libyan diplomat Ali Abdussalam Treki at the helm.

"The United Nations must be reformed and must gain international legitimacy, ensuring that its voice is heard and respected and its resolutions applied," Treki told delegates at the opening session.

"It is vital to reform the Security Council and to re-reform the General Assembly so that they can comprehensively fulfill their roles," he said.

The GA president's speech also touched upon other key issues relating to the 192-member body's work, including counter-terrorism, the Middle East peace process, development, climate change and non-proliferation. "We have all condemned terrorism, which causes instability and endangers the international community," Treki said. "Yet despite our joint efforts and resolutions, terrorism continues to grow and spread."

"We must address its roots and take a close look at its causes and contributing factors. This is true of terrorism carried out by individuals, groups and states; state terrorism is the harshest form of terrorism," he stated.—*Xinhua*

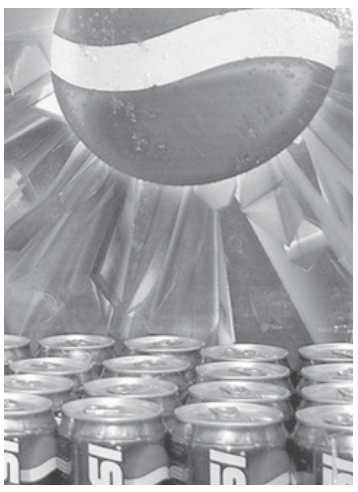
CO2 linked to Antarctic ice cap formation

CARDIFF, 16 Sept—UK and US scientists have linked, for the first time, declining carbon dioxide levels and the formation of the Antarctic ice caps 34 million years ago.

The team of scientists from Cardiff, Bristol and Texas A&M universities extracted microfossils in samples of East African rocks that show the level of CO2 in the Earth's atmosphere at the time of the formation of the ice-caps.

"About 34 million years ago the Earth experienced a mysterious cooling trend," said Cardiff University Professor Paul Pearson, who led the study. "Glaciers and small ice sheets developed in Antarctica, sea levels fell and temperate forests began to displace tropical-type vegetation in many areas. The period, known to geologists as the Eocene-Oligocene transition, culminated in the rapid development of a continental-scale ice sheet on Antarctica, which has been there ever since."—*Internet*

Frog in Pepsi can — it's the real thing



Pepsi Cola cans sitting under an ad poster. A Florida man who cracked open an ice cold can of Pepsi "indeed" found dismembered remains of a frog, the US Food and Drug Administration.

A Florida man who cracked open an ice cold can of Pepsi "indeed" found dismembered remains of a frog, the US Food and Drug Administration said on Thursday.

"It has been verified, and it was indeed a frog," Charles Watson, a spokesman at the US food inspection authority, told *AF*P from Florida, noting that the animal had been identified by an FDA lab.

Fred DeNegri of Ormond Beach told CNN television that he was taken aback by the "disgusting" blob he was not expecting in his drink.

DeNegri purchased the soda at a Sam's Club wholesale grocer, CNN said.

Artist creates world landmarks out of six mln toothpicks

Stan Munro's face is the picture of concentration as he painstakingly finishes off Cambodian temple Angkor Wat, and concentration is something he certainly doesn't lack after spending six years building famous landmarks from around the world — using six million toothpicks.

Stan Munro working on Cambodian temple Angkor Wat which he described as the most challenging to do.

The former television presenter used more than 170 litres of glue as he worked full time on buildings such as Big Ben, Tower Bridge and The Vatican.

He has also recreated Sydney's Opera House, the Taj Mahal and Cutty Sark in 1:164 scale.

The married 38-year-old can take anything from one day to six months to make each building.

NEWS ALBUM

Shotgun-wielding man Tasered after manure dispute

Police said a dispute over manure led to a man firing his shotgun near his neighbors and police later using a Taser to subdue him. *The Saginaw* News reported the man approached his neighbours in Huron County's Huron Township, about 110 miles north of Detroit, on Saturday as they spread lime and manure on their farm. Police said the 45-year-old fired his shotgun and then aimed the gun at the couple as they approached the fence in their tractor. Authorities said the disagreement over the placement of the manure had been ongoing.Officers responded and a Taser was used to subdue the suspect, who was held in the county jail pending charges.

Man cited for cursing in public under 1887 law

A man was cited for cursing in public under a local law created back in 1887. Police said a 19-year-old man was cited on Wednesday after he yelled obscenities at officers who had earlier given him a ticket for underage drinking. Officers said they could hear the man cursing at them from a block away. Several neighbours said they also heard the shouting.

Police normally issue disorderly conduct tickets in similar situations, but Deputy Police Chief Tom Williams said officers use discretion to choose the most appropriate charge.

Violating Winona's obscenity law is a misdemeanor, with a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and a $1,000 fine.

Guenter Grass, stands in front of a self-made sculpture in the northern German town of Luebeck on Sunday. The sculpture, which depicts a hand holding a fish, is part of an exhibition to mark the 50th anniversary of Grass' acclaimed book "The Tin Drum." The book, which chronicles the life of the young boy Oskar Matzerath in Grass's home town of Danzig, is considered one of the most significant postwar literary works.

Gravel Roads opened in Laymyathna, Hinthada

YANGON, 16 Sept— Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt on 14 September met with members of township social organizations, townselders, and members of ward Peace and Development Councils at the office of Laymyathna Township PDC.

The minister then attended the opening of gravel road section-1 of Aingthabyu-Neikban Road in Laymyathna Township undertaken by Laymyathna Township Development Affairs Committee and opening of gravel road in Hinthada Township section on Aingthabyu-Neikban Road built by Hinthada Township DAC.

The road section of Aingthabyu-Neikban Road in Hinthada Township funded by Development Affairs Department and Hinthada Township DAC is 13 miles long.

Consequently, locals from 75 villages of 8 village-tracts from Hinthada and Laymyathna Townships now have access to Laymyathna, Hinthada and Kyonpyaw any season and furthermore Pathein-Yangon Highway and Pathein-Monywa Highway become accessible via Ngathaingyoung and Yekyi.

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***Commander Maj-Gen Win Myint and wife being welcomed by Malaysian Defence Attache Col Sanusi Bin Hashim and wife at a ceremony to mark 76th Anniversary Malaysian Armed Forces Day on 16 September.*—MNA**

***Minister Col Thein Nyunt attends opening of gravel road in Hinthada Township section on Aingthabyu-Neikban Road.*—DAD**

EP No. 1 Minister inspects regional development tasks of Magway Township

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min, on 13 September, met with over 2,300 local people from villages in seven village-tracts of Migyaungye at Migyaungye Village Basic Education High School in Magway Township of Magway Division. The minister fulfilled the needs of rural development tasks and donated cash assistance to the funds of Migyaungye Village BEHS, and cash assistance and cement to Taungkwonohn Village.

Afterwards, the minister met with merchants at the office of Magway Division CCI.

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Regional development tasks supervised in Bago Division

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Sein Myint on 5 September met with local farmers in Anyadan Village of Nattalin Township and viewed thriving jute and roselle plantations in Monyo Township.

He also met with local people in Yeohzingon Village.

He inspected tasks of Jute and Fibre Enterprise in Pattaw Village tasks of pumping station and maintenance of Myitthapauk Bridge.

On 6 September, Brig-Gen Sein Myint looked into broadcasting of fertilizers and weeding at monsoon paddy plantation in Hteindaw Village-tract, tasks of water guard in Kunthidabin, maintenance of Tharawaw-Letpadan railroad section, thriving monsoon paddy plantations on both sides of the road and Wetpok Basic Education High School in Thegon Township.

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***Minister for Electric Power No.1 Col Zaw Min in meeting with local people from villages in seven village-tracts of Migyaungye at Migyaungye Village BEHS in Magway Township.*—MNA**

ICU newly renovated and medical equipment donated

YANGON, 16 Sept— i love Myanmar under Emmanuel Foundation carrying out the tasks in storm-affected regions, social welfares and regional development renovated the Intensive Care Unit of Yangon Children's Hospital and donated medical equipment to the unit today.

Chairperson Daw Livi Sap Naing Htan explained the purpose of the donations. Director U Dan Yal La Lin of Emmanuel Foundation and wife Daw Livi Sap Naing Htan handed over related documents to the unit and medical equipment worth K 200 million to Medical Superintendent of Yangon Children's Hospital Dr Aung Kyi Win. Next, the medical superintendent and the director spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, the director and wife and the medical superintendent formally unveiled the ICU and visited it. i love Myanmar renovated the ICU and donated two ventilentars, one central monitor, eight monitors, eight infusion pumps and eight syringe pumps to the unit.—*MNA*

Director U Dan Yal La Lin of Emmanuel Foundation and wife Chairperson of i Love Myanmar Daw Livi Sap Naing Htan and medical superintendent Dr Aung Kyi Win unveil renovated Intensive Care Unit of Yangon Children's Hospital.

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If you want to do politics

Tin Min Kyaw

A saying goes that those who are fighting a war know more about the evils of war. There is another which says that soldiers are the persons opposed to war most. These sayings may be truer for the Myanmar Tatmadaw that had driven out the colonialists, fought against the Fascists and warded off the internal armed strife. It has been for half a century since the Tatmadaw has been engaging in battles beginning from the time BIA was formed.

It is said that war is a follow-up of politics. Military means are sought when something cannot be solved through political means. Sometimes, there are political negotiations between the warring parties. The AFPFL government, the Caretaker government, the Revolutionary Council government and the Burma Socialist Programme Party government of Myanmar offered amnesty to armed groups and invited them to peace talks in 1958, 1963, 1974 and 1980. Only some factions of certain armed groups returned to the legal fold. No armed group made peace or returned to the fold as a whole.

Only after the Tatmadaw government assumed State duties on 18 September 1988 a large number of national race armed groups returned to the legal fold and made peace. But peace came only after a lot of fierce battles. The Tatmadaw government took over the State duties unavoidably to restore the rule of law and peace and stability in Myanmar where anarchy ruled resulting from the 1988 disturbances. At that time, the BCP and KNU raised their ugly heads again. The BCP drawing a conclusion that the Tatmadaw was weak during the time attacked Mongyan with a strong force on 23-9-1988. KNU launched an offensive against Methawaw region beginning 26-9-1988. The Tatmadaw amidst difficulties warded off enemy offensives sacrificing lots of blood, sweat and lives.

When, in 1989, Kokang, Wa, Shan, Akha and Kachin tribes rose against BCP (Burma Communist Party), the entire people, including national brethren of armed groups in the jungle, heard the echo of peace.

The Tatmadaw government promulgated the political parties registration law on 27-9-1988 when the BCP was attacking Mongyan. But it seems that the BCP did not notice the enactment of the law as it was concentrating its efforts on the military attack. Actually, the law paved the way for armed groups to apply political means instead of military means. It was the best time for an armed group to abandon its armed struggle line and return to the legal fold if its original political motive was correct. But the BCP was in a cycle of political, ideological and theoretical mistakes.

Because of those mistakes, the BCP fell within six months. Kokang national race under the BCP command rose up against the BCP at Mongkoe on 12 March 1989 and seized the Kokang district office. In succession, Wa, Laungwaw, Lacheikwaw, Shan and Akha national race armed groups broke away from the BCP.

From the military point of view it was an excellent time to crush the BCP at different places as the BCP forces were in factions existing in various locations after the weakening of the command. And that was the result of the loss of contact between the central and the lower levels. It is found that the Tatmadaw or the government gave priority to political and organizational outlook rather than to the military outlook in consideration of the nation's objective conditions and future.

The Tatmadaw since its assumption of the State duties has pledged to realize the public-desired multiparty democracy system and also made assurances to reach this end. Actually, the Tatmadaw is a nation's institution that wants democracy most. It is the Tatmadaw that abolished the one party system the people disliked. It paved the way for the democracy sympathizers to establish political parties in conformity with the law. It was the best time for national race groups that broke away from the BCP and its domination policy to abandon their armed struggle line and to launch political activities within the legal framework. The Tatmadaw discarded the military option and applied political and organizational means to enable national race groups to do so. It held peace talks with armed groups in the jungles.

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From 31 March 1989 to 6 April 1997, 17 major armed groups and over 20 small armed groups returned to the legal fold and made peace and joined hands with the government.

Initial negotiations with the armed groups were based on the following terms:

1. Whether they can accept Our Three Main National Causes

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2. Whether they can abandon the armed struggle line and return to the fold in principle
3. Whether they can never get involved in or encourage drug trafficking and production.

The government continued to discuss with them the following main facts only if they accepted the above-mentioned terms.

1. To abide by the existing law
2. Not to participate or make contact with underground and aboveground anti-government organizations
3. To reside and be active only in the designated places
4. To discuss politics only at the National Convention
5. Although they are permitted to hold arms, they will have to discard their arms when the new constitution comes into force

Only after the above-mentioned conditions had been agreed upon, negotiations were made for allocation of areas for national race armed groups to settle, cooperation for regional development and setting the time when cease-fire would come into effect. When agreements had been finalized after discussions, an announcement was made to withdraw the declaration of national race armed groups as unlawful associations. Then, the government rendered financial assistance and other supplies to the armed groups and they began to cooperate with the government for regional development.

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The national people who had to bear the brunt of internal insurgencies enthusiastically welcomed the peace overtures by the government and urged the armed groups to make peace with the government. Thanks to the efforts of peace envoys and local people's calls for peace, a large number of national race armed groups returned to the legal fold and made peace with the government.

MTA headed by U Khun Sa, the strongest of 17 major armed groups that returned to the legal fold, surrendered unconditionally. Later, Palaung People's Liberation Army (PSLA) also exchanged arms for peace once and for all. As is known to all, some small armed groups followed suit.

It is for twenty years now that national race armed groups have given up the line of arms struggle and returned to the legal fold to build peace. In other words, they have become used to living within the framework of the law. It was natural that peace groups had the right to carry arms for the security of their community and region. However, now that the new constitution has been approved by the majority of people, they will have to abide by the provisions of the new constitution.

Peace groups will have to honour the commitments they made during the peace talks. They will be able to enjoy democratic rights the same as the entire people in accordance with the new constitution. They know well that they have enjoyed full security during the past twenty years. They should not run away with the idea that it is because they have the right to carry arms. They should bear in mind that national races in other regions live in peace and security although they do not carry arms. It is due to prevalence of peace and stability and security measures taken by the government.

All the peace groups are to take into serious consideration whether they should continue carrying arms at a time when they are going to have equal right to go into politics in the interests of their respective races and regions in accordance with the constitution. As they have made up their mind from the very beginning to give up arms, there is nothing for them to fear. It is a welcome news that negotiations will be made to reconstitute KIO, which has returned to the legal fold, as a frontier force and that six Kachin national race leaders, including Vice-Chairman Dr Tuja, have been allowed to resign in order that they can form a political party and run in the 2010 election.

After KIO had returned to the legal fold, it held discussions with the Tatmadaw government in Myitkyina on 1 October, 1993. I remember that Vice-Chairman of KIO U Zaw Maing said during the discussions that they had already considered the fact that they would have to surrender arms when the constitution emerged out of the National Convention and they had to do so to engage in politics.

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Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivers an address at opening ceremony of basic English Proficiency Course (2/2009) and Advanced Course (1/2009) for officers and other ranks.—MNA

Basic, advanced English proficiency course opened

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The opening ceremony of Basic English Proficiency Course (2/2009) and Advanced Course (1/2009) for officers and other ranks of the Ministry of Transport was held at the ministry here yesterday, with an address by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe.

Altogether 20 trainees are attending at the four-month basic course and 13 trainees at the six-month advanced course.

MNA

International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer observed

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Organized by National Commission for Environmental Affairs (NCEA) under the Ministry of Forestry and with the cooperation of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the opening ceremony of sub-region level the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was held at Kyunshwewah hall of the Ministry of Forestry here today.

Chairman of NCEA Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered an opening address. Also present on the occasion were Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, deputy ministers and departmental heads of Working Committee for Environmental Affairs, representatives from Ministry of Forestry and international organizations, members of National Ozone Committee and Units, officials from UNFCC-INC project and the office of NCEA.

Afterwards, Mr Thanavat Junchaya, Regional Network Coordinator of UNEP, read out the message sent by the UN Secretary-General.

After that, Vienna News Release (VNR) video on preservation of the Ozone Layer was shown. The UNEP Regional Network Coordinator presented gift in commemoration of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. The ceremony came to an end after having documentary photos taken.

The paper reading session then followed.

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Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at the opening ceremony of sub-region level International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer.—FORESTRY

Myanmar Sign Language Conversation Book lanuched

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe makes a speech at the ceremony to launch distribution of Myanmar Sign Language Conversation Book.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Myanmar Sign Language Conversation Book jointly organized and published by Social Welfare Department of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and compiled by the deaf was launched in a ceremony at Golden Palace Hotel here today.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe spoke on the occasion and Mr Suzuka of Japanese Embassy gave a speech. Project long term expert Mr Mitsuto Ogawa explained process of compiling Myanmar Sign Language Conversation Book and a deaf person expressed gratitude with gesture.

Next, the minister and personnel presented copies of Myanmar Sign Language Conversation Book to organizations concerned. Secretary Daw Yadana Aung of Home for the youth deaf of Mandalay spoke words of thanks.

Social Welfare Department and JICA will distribute the copies of conversation book to the deaf and associated community for free and the books are available at Social Wlfare Department (Nay Pyi Taw) of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.—*MNA*

Training on Community-based Human Trafficking Prevention opened

YANGON, 16 Sept—The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the Central Committee for Drug Abuse and Control and UNIAP jointly organized Training on Community-based Human Trafficking Prevention at the office of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization today.

MWAF President Professor Dr Daw Myint Kyi and CEC members, the chairperson of Yangon Division WAO and members and 43 trainees attended the opening ceremony.

The MWAF president delivered a speech. The three-day course opens from 9 am to 5 pm till 18 September.

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MWAF President Professor Dr Daw Myint Kyi delivers a speech at Training on Community-based Human Trafficking Prevention.—MNA

Dedaye Township gaining development momentum

YANGON, 16 Sept—Member of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 13 September met with the chairman of Pyapon District Peace and Development Council and township-level departmental personnel at the office of Dedaye Township PDC and attended to the needs.

The minister inspected duck breeding station near Chaungpya village in Dedaye Township jointly organized and raised by Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and a social organization Care Myanmar.

The duck breeding station is being run with a total of 21,000 ducklings and every household will get 14 ducklings each. A total of 27,500 ducklings have been distributed to Pyapon, Dedaye, Kyaiklat, Bogale and Mawlamyinegyun townships so far.

The minister also inspected affiliated rural health care centre of the village.

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Manuscripts invited for short story contest

YANGON, 16 Sept—The short story manuscript contest for Doh Kyee Ywa journal published by the Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information will take place.

Any contestant may write a short story with any title, but depicting natural beauties of rural areas, cultures and traditions and rural life. The manuscript must be written not more than six pages of A-4 size.

The contest will choose first, second and third prize winners. The first prize is K 30,000, the second, K 20,000 and the third, K 15,000. The prize winning list will be announced in daily newspapers and the journal.

The manuscripts in line with the designated disciplines may be sent to the Deputy Chief Editor of Doh Kyee Ywa journal, No 228, Theinbuy road in Botahtaung township (Tel-201936 and 371342) not later than 4 pm on 15 November.—*MNA*

Myitkyina observes International Literacy Day

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—Myitkyina of Kachin State observed International Literacy Day at its town hall on 8 September. Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Soe Win addressed the ceremony and awarded students who won prizes in essay and poster contests.

After the ceremony, the Commander and guests viewed exhibition of International Literacy Day activities.

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Financial Proficiency Refresher Course (2/2009) opened

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept— Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint attended opening ceremony of Financial Proficiency Refresher Course (2/2009) at the ministry here yesterday and he gave an opening speech.

A total of 50 trainees are attending the course and it will last two weeks.—*MNA*

230 drug-related cases exposed in August

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—A combined forces exposed 230 drug-related cases in August 2009. Seizures of the drug-related cases were 60.3716 kilos of opium in 44 cases, 63. 8419 kilos of heroine in 65 cases, 0.8776 kilo of opium oil in 10 cases, 2.8365 kilos of low-grade opium in 10 cases, 7.7781 kilos of marijuana in 18 cases, 3261561 stimulant tablets in 61 cases, 27. 666 kilos of opium speciosa in 12 cases, 0.18 kilo of stimulant powder in one case, 1031.32 kilos of caffeine in two cases, 10. 0245 kilos of Ice in one case, 20 bottles of Buprinorphine in one case, 8000 tablets of Alprazolam in one case, three cases in failure and other one case. Action was taken against 355 persons – 298 men and 57 women – in cases.—*MNA*

Farmers enjoying better life in Magway Township…

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When asked about their paddy farm, U Aung Shin told the Kyemon Daily, "In the early rainy season, we grow sesame and corn, especially corn for cow food. We can grow paddy this year due to Thaphanseik Dam."

Green paddy plants in the field were found swaying in the breeze. At that time, the whole village was busy with paddy farming.

The township PDC chairman explained that in the past the farmlands were not much successful because of lack of irrigation water; and due to Thaphanseik Dam, the fields were irrigated adequately and many farmers had turned to growing monsoon paddy; and that up to that time, Htonpauktaw Village had grown 270 more acres of paddy.

U Thein Zaw, Member of southern Htonpauktaw Village Agricultural Organization Committee.

We visited another paddy field belonging to member of southern Htonpauktaw Village Agricultural Coordination Committee as well as farmer Ko Thein Zaw. He owns a four-acre field and grows paddy of Hsinthweyin strain for seed paddy.

Farmers U Aung Shin and Daw Mya Kyin telling to the Kyemon Daily.

In response to my question of the difference of agricultural farming between in the past and present, he with a smile said, "The only crop we could grow in the past was corn for cow feed. It was impossible for us to grow corn in the years when we faced drought. But now, we can grow corn whether it does rain or not. And it doesn't matter at all if it is drought or not. We can grow corn and paddy on a large scale due to the supply of sufficient water from the river."

Then, we visited Thamandaw Village-tract made up of southern Thamandaw, northern Thamandaw and Badigone villages, and visited the paddy field of U Khaing Saw Oo. He said, "I have grown paddy in place of other crops for five years. The paddy strain I use is Manawthukha. Most of the years, I got good harvest of paddy, and on average I got about 110 baskets an acre."

U Hla Shaung, Chairman of Magway Township Peace and Development Council.

He added, "Previously, crop yields were not very satisfactory, and on average an acre of farmland was priced at 400,000 to 500,000 kyats. Now, the farmlands have been changed into paddy fields, and so the price of an acre of paddy field has risen to 1.5 million to 2 million kyats.

The paddy sown acreage of Thamandaw Village-tract has increased by 680. He said that the village-tract sold paddy surplus; and that the village-tract had got two rice mills.

In Magway Township, Magway Division, 1436 acres of crops farmland have become paddy fields. And so far, it has grown 950 acres of paddy.

For the convenience of farmers, the government not only supplies irrigation water but also sells chemical fertilizers on credit. In 2008, it sold 1964 tons of inorganic fertilizers in the monsoon paddy season and 190 tons in the summer paddy season. So, local farmers get on with their agricultural farming.

In olden days, Magway and surrounding areas were the areas where water was scarce. Unlike in the past, local farmers can transform from crop into paddy farming owing to adequate irrigation water and seed paddy supplied by the government. So, local farmers enjoy higher incomes and living standard.

Paddy fields are irrigated through tributary canals of Thaphanseik Dam.

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Invitation To Tender

Sr No	Description	Qty	Issuing Date	Closing Date
1.	Dump Truck (FE)	12 Units	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
2.	Machinery Equipment (FE/Ks)	1 Lot	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
3.	Steel Lining Plate (Ks)	1 Lot	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
4.	Rail for Agitator (Ks)	14 Nos	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
5.	Heavy Equipment Spare Parts (Ks)	1 Lot	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
6.	3, Phase VS Motor with VS Controller (FE)	1 Lot	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
7.	Spare Parts for Production Machine (Ks)	1 Lot	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
8.	Raw Mills & Cement Mill Spare (Ks)	1 Lot	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
9.	110 Kw Air Compressor (Ks)	10 Items	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
10.	30 Tons Ball Mill Rubber Liner (Ks)	1 Set	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
11.	X Ray Fluorescence & P-10 Gas for Spectrometers (FE)	2 Items	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
12.	Steel Wire Mesh (Ks)	2 Items	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
13.	Non Control Items (Ks)	6 Items	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
14.	Machinery and Equipment (Ks)	20 Items	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
15.	Spare Parts for Sheet Machine (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	16.9.2009	12.10.2009
16.	Spare Parts for Diesel Engine Generator (Ks/FE)	1 Lot	16.9.2009	12.10.2009

Tender forms and documents are available at the Procurement Department, Myanma Ceramic Enterprise, Ministry of Industry (1), Office No. 41, Nay Pyi Taw, during office hours. Tender will be accepted only from Bidder who purchased Tender Documents officaially.

(For further details, contact telephone number. 067-408298)

Myanma Ceramic Industry

Judges mark dishes during a cooking competition greeting the 2010 Shanghai World Expo held in Wujiaochang in Yangpu District of Shanghai, east China, on 15 Sept, 2009, which attracted chefs from 16 catering companies joining in the competition. —XINHUA

Congo gorillas killed for bush meat

POINTE-NOIRE, 16 Sept—As many as 100 gorillas a year may be killed by poachers and sold for bush meat in a single region in the Republic of Congo, an environmental group says.

Endangered Species International said it conducted an undercover investigation in Kouilou, 60 to 80 miles up the Kouilou River from Pointe-Noire, the country's second-largest city and a major port.

If poaching continues at its current rate, gorillas could disappear from the region within a decade, the group's president, Pierre Fidenci, told the BBC.

Fidenci said the group's investigation began in the markets of Pointe-Noire, where observers spent a year examining what was on sale and talking to traders.

"Gorilla meat is sold pre-cut and smoked for about $6 per 'hand-sized' piece," he said. "Actual gorilla hands are also available."—*Internet*

Small electronic nose detects toxins

CHAMPAIGN, 16 Sept—University of Illinois scientists say they are developing a postage stamp-sized electronic sensor that can detect and identify poisonous gases and toxins.

The development of the electronic "nose" is being supported by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The device can indicate which gas or toxin it has detected by changing colours.

Researchers, led by Professor Kenneth Suslick, said once fully developed, the sensor could be useful in detecting high exposures to toxic industrial chemicals that pose serious health risks in the workplace or through accidental exposure. The scientists say they hope to be able to market a wearable sensor within a few years.

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S Korea reports 8th A/H1N1 death case

SEOUL, 16 Sept—South Korea on Tuesday reported its 8th death case related to A/H1N1 flu virus.

According to the Ministry of Health and Welfare, a 64-year-old woman from the northeastern province of Gangwon died earlier in the day, bringing the country's death toll from the new virus to eight.

The female patient was admitted to hospital on 27 Aug after showing high fever, chills and shortness of breath, and was initially diagnosed as pneumonia.

She was soon confirmed infected with the A/H1N1 flu virus. After receiving antiviral treatment, the patient was tested negative for the virus, but her health conditions kept deteriorating due to complications of pneumonia.—*Xinhua*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SINAR SOLO VOY NO (411)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SINAR SOLO VOY NO (411) are here by notified that the vessels will be arriving on 17.9.2009 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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TENDER INVITATION

Myanma Ceramic Industries, Ministry of Industry (1), is intended to establish a Cement Manufacturing Plant in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, adopting the wet process Cement Manufacturing and capacity of 700 ton per day, using kiln firing system with kiln burner of Coal and gas dual firing system.

Seal Tenders are invited from Cement Machinery Manufacturing Companies with machinery and Full-Turnkey Basis including technical services, machinery supply, erection, commissioning and supervisory services. The details can be obtained from the following contact office.

Myanma Ceramic Industries:
Building No (41) Nay Pyi Taw
Union of Myanmar
Tel 067-408386, 408296
Fax 067-408064
Tender Closing Date- 31.12.2009

Study links El Nino and 1918 flu pandemic

COLLEGE STATION, 16 Sept—US researchers say they've linked the 1918-1919 El Nino with the high mortality of the influenza pandemic of 1918.

El Nino is the periodic warming of surface waters of the eastern Pacific Ocean that affects global weather systems. The El Nino of 1918-1919 — among the 20th century's strongest — coincided with the start of the influenza pandemic that scientists say infected more than half a billion people around the world, killing 25 million to 100 million individuals. That H1N1 pandemic, often called the Spanish Flu, is the same strain formerly called swine flu that is of concern today.

Internet

Oxfam says 4 mln children under threat due to climate change

NAIROBI, 16 Sept— At least 4.5 million children could die unless world leaders deliver additional funds to help poor countries fight the growing impact of climate change, rather than diverting it from existing aid promises, Oxfam warned in a report released here on Wednesday.

The report titled Beyond Aid also warns that at least 75 million fewer children are likely to attend school and 8.6 million fewer people could have access to HIV/AIDS treatment if aid is diverted to help poor countries tackle climate change.

Without at least 50 billion US dollars a year in addition to the 0.7 percent of national income rich countries have already pledged as aid, recent progress toward the Millennium Development Goals could stall and then go into reverse, Oxfam said. "Funds must be increased — not diverted — to help poor countries adapt to climate change and this cannot be seen as a two for one deal by politicians. Rich countries must not steal money from poor hospitals and schools in order to pay their climate debt to the developing world," Oxfam International CEO Jeremy Hobbs said.

The warning comes as world leaders prepare to join President Barack Obama at his first UN address on climate change, at next week's Climate Summit in New York on 22 Sept.—*Xinhua*

Relatives of a man, part of a group of five men killed inside a car wash, react as soldiers and police officers guard the crime scene in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, on 15 Sept, 2009. Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas, is Mexico's deadliest city with more than 1,300 killings so far this year. The city is in the midst of an intense turf battle between the Juarez and Sinaloa cartels.—INTERNET

New Zealand scientists give new hope to heart patients

WELLINGTON, 16 Sept— The New Zealand Auckland University scientists have made a breakthrough that could save the lives of thousands of heart patients worldwide and eventually offer an alternative to heart transplants.Scientists from the university's Bioengineering Institute, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Department of Physiology have developed the technology to power a wireless heart pump, New Zealand Herald reported on Wednesday.Heart pumps keep sufferers of congenital heart failure alive as they await a donor heart. But current heart pump technology requires a wire cable to go through a patient's stomach and chest, which can cause serious infections or even death.

Xinhua

File photo of the city of Dalian in northeastern China's Liaoning province. Once a simple port city on China's northeast coast, Dalian is now the hub of the country's booming outsourcing and IT industries, with dozens of the world's top high-tech firms on site.

INTERNET

Mental illness more common than thought

DURHAM, 16 Sept— The prevalence of anxiety, depression and substance dependency may be about twice as high as the mental health community has thought, US researchers say.

Duke University psychologists Terrie Moffitt and Avshalom Caspi and colleagues from the United Kingdom and New Zealand used data from a long-term study of more than 1,000 New Zealanders from birth to age 32. The researchers say people vastly underreport the amount of mental illness they've suffered when asked to recall their history years after the fact, but self-reporting from memory is the basis of much of what is known about the prevalence of anxiety, depression, alcohol dependence and marijuana dependence.

Longitudinal studies like the study in New Zealand that track people over time are rare and expensive, Moffitt says.

"If you start with a group of children and follow them their whole lives, sooner or later almost everybody will experience one of these disorders," Moffitt, the Knut Schmitt-Nielsen professor of psychology and neuroscience at Duke University, said in a statement.—*Internet*

Pain cream may prevent heart attack damage

CINCINNATI, 16 Sept— A common, over-the-counter pain cream rubbed on the skin during a heart attack may prevent or reduce heart damage, US researchers said.Keith Jones, a researcher in the department of pharmacology and cell biophysics at the University of Cincinnati, and scientists in his lab found applying capsaicin to specific skin locations in mice caused sensory nerves in the skin to trigger signals in the nervous system.

The study, published in the journal Circulation, found these signals activate cellular "pro-survival" pathways in the heart which protect the muscle.

Capsaicin, the main component of chili peppers that produces a hot sensation, is the active ingredient in several topical medications used for temporary pain relief. Jones said he is working with Dr Neal Weintraub, a University of Cincinnati cardiologist and other clinicians are constructing a plan to test capsaicin in a human population."Topical capsaicin has no known serious adverse effects and could be easily applied in an ambulance or emergency room setting well in advance of coronary tissue death," Jones said in a statement.

"If proven effective in humans, this therapy has the potential to reduce injury and/or death in the event of a coronary blockage, thereby reducing the extent and consequences of heart attack."—*Internet*

Hispanics less likely than whites to develop cancer

HOUSTON, 16 Sept— US Hispanics are less likely than other groups to develop cancer, but more likely to be diagnosed at a later stage of the disease, according to a report released on Tuesday.

Though cancer is the second leading cause of death among Hispanics, responsible for 20 percent of overall death in Hispanics and 13 percent of death in Hispanic children, it causes less death among Hispanics than non-Hispanic whites, the report, compiled by the American Cancer Society, said.

Though the report found lower cancer incidence rates generally in Hispanics, it also found Hispanics have higher rates of several cancers, including cancers of stomach, Cervix, liver, gallbladder and acute lymphocytic leukemia.

For many cancer types, Hispanics are far more likely than whites to be diagnosed in a later stage of the disease, when the cancer is likely to be less treatable, according to the report.— *Xinhua*

Red Cross volunteers carry a migrant on a stretcher who arrived at Los Cristianos port on the Canary island of Tenerife, Spain, on 15 Sept, 2009. About 65 migrants were rescued by Spanish coast guards.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Winning start for Man United overshadowed by laser row

ISTANBUL, 16 Sept—Manchester United got their Champions League campaign off to a winning start, despite the efforts of a fan who targeted Sir Alex Ferguson's players with a laser.

Paul Scholes of Manchester United celebrates his goal against Besiktas during their Champions League Group B match in Istanbul. Manchester won 1-0.
INTERNET

After watching Paul Scholes head in a late winner against Turkish champions Besiktas, Ferguson confirmed that centreback Jonny Evans had been among United players targetted.

"It was in the first half, although thank fully the police did something about it," Ferguson said. "They managed to get the culprit, which is good because I noticed it particularly on Jonny Evans. It seemed to be on him all the time."

Internet

Real Madrid flatters to deceive in Zurich triumph

MADRID, 16 Sept—Real Madrid had to survive a second half fight back from Swiss side Zurich before claiming all three points in the opening game of the Champions League group stage.

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after he scored during their Champions League soccer match against FC Zurich (FCZ) at the Letzigrund Stadium in Zurich on 15 Sept, 2009.—XINHUA

Cristiano Ronaldo scored two free kicks, while Raul, Gonzalo Higuain and Guti added further goals in the Spanish side's 5-2 away win.

However, Real Madrid struggling to holding on to a 3-2 lead before Ronaldo and Guti scored late goals to give the final result a healthier look. After the weekend's 3-0 win away to Espanyol, coach Manuel Pellegrino brought Ronaldo back into the starting 11 along with central defender Pepe.—*Xinhua*

Bayern's birthday-boy Muller helps down Haifa

TEL AVIV, 16 Sept—German giants Bayern Munich got off to an ideal start in their opening Group A Champions League clash on Tuesday as birthday boy Thomas Muller scored twice to seal a 3-0 win over Maccabi Haifa.

Muller, who only celebrated his 20th birthday on Sunday with two goals against Dortmund in Saturday's 5-1 win over Dortmund in the Bundesliga, netted twice in the last few minutes here at Tel Aviv's Ramat Gan Stadium.

Internet

German Bayern Munich's Thomas Muller celebrates after scoring the second goal against Israeli Maccabi Haifa at the Ramat Gan Stadium near Tel Aviv. Bayern won 3-0.
INTERNET

Cypriot debutants APOEL hold Atletico

MADRID, 16 Sept—Atletico Madrid were held to a goalless draw in their opening Champions League group game against Cypriot debutants APOEL here on Tuesday.

Atletico Madrid's Argentinian forward Sergio Kun Aguero

Atletico owed their presence in the last 32 for the second year running to a 5-2 aggregate defeat of Greek side Panathinaikos in the play-offs, while APOEL put themselves on the European map by beating Copenhagen 3-2 over two legs. Atletico coach Abel Resino started Diego Forlan and Sergio Aguero up front while his opposite number, Serbian Ivan Jovanovic, was missing forward Nenad Mirosavljevic but welcomed back defender Altin Haxhi from suspension.

The visitors from Nicosia had the first chance of the match in the seventh minute from Maroin Zewlakow but it was virtually all one way traffic after that as Atletico dominated in attack without succeeding in breaking down APOEL's defence.

Internet

Petrova advances at Quebec tennis

QUEBEC CITY, 16 Sept—Nadia Petrova, who was coming off a shocking fourth-round loss to Melanie Oudin at the US Open, cruised to a 6-2, 6-0 win over Carly Gullickson in the first round of the WTA Bell Challenge.

Defending champ and top seed Petrova of Russia needed just 51 minutes to dispatch Gullickson at the 220,000 dollar indoor tournament on Tuesday.

Third seeded Aleksandra Wozniak also opened on a successful note by beating Corinna Dentoni by the same 6-2, 6-0 margin at the Laval University courts.

Last year's runner-up Bethanie Mattek-Sands defeated seventh-seeded Varvara Lepchenko 6-4, 7-5.—*Internet*

Nadia Petrova (pictured on September 7) cruised to a 6-2, 6-0 win over Carly Gullickson in the first round of the WTA Bell Challenge.—INTERNET

Ancelotti happy for Chelsea to win ugly

LONDON, 16 Sept—Carlo Ancelotti insists he is happy for Chelsea to win ugly as the Blues manager bids to lead his side to Champions League glory.

Ancelotti's team spluttered to an unconvincing 1-0 victory over Porto on their return to European action at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday.

Nicolas Anelka's superb finish early in the second-half was enough to clinch the points, but the Portuguese champions left west London rueing their failure to turn waves of pressure in the closing stages into an equaliser.

Internet

Chelsea's Nicolas Anelka (left) shoots during their UEFA Champions League, first leg football match against Porto at Stamford Bridge, London. Chelsea won 1-0.—INTERNET

Super-Pippo at the double to punish spirited Marseille

MARSEILLE, 16 Sept—AC Milan left their mediocre form in Italy's Serie A well behind them to beat Marseille 2-1 at the Stade Velodrome and strike a first blow in their Champions League group C on Tuesday.

Milan striker Filippo Inzaghi proved a thorn in the side of Didier Deschamps' side on a wet and rainy night in Marseille scoring a goal in either half of an entertaining match and coming close on several other occasions.

Marseille defender Gabriel Heinze (R) challenges AC Milan forward Pato during their European Champions League football match at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille, southern France. Milan won 2-1.—INTERNET

Marseille scored early in the second half through Argentine defender Gabriel Heinze but despite plenty of pressure from the hosts Leonardo's visitors held on to claim their first ever victory in Europe over the team that beat them 1-0 to win the trophy in 1993.

Internet

Federer has one more rival for top spot

NEW YORK, 16 Sept—World number one Roger Federer began the US Open fortnight with a new top rival for his tennis throne in Andy Murray and ended the year's last Grand Slam with yet another formidable challenger.

Juan Martin Del Potro joined the No. 1 conversation with a shocking 3-6, 7-6 (7/5), 4-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-2 victory over the Swiss star in Monday's US Open final, the 1.98 metre Argentine giant snapping Federer's five-year title run.

Internet

Bordeaux hold Juventus to Turin stalemate

TURIN, 16 Sept— French champions Bordeaux earned a deserved point in a 1-1 draw at Italian giants Juventus in Champions League Group A here on Tuesday.

Bordeaux defender Michael Ciani (R) fights with Juventus forward Vincenzo Iaquinta during their UEFA Champions League football match at Olympic Stadium in Turin.—INTERNET

Vincenzo Iaquinta gave the hosts the lead soon after the hour mark but Jaroslav Plasil equalised a quarter of an hour from the end for Laurent Blanc's team.

It was not the start Juventus had expected but will give Bordeaux confidence they can qualify from a group that also contains Bayern Munich and FC Zurich.—*Internet*

Prehistoric fish found again in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 16 Sept— A research team from Indonesia's Sam Ratulangi University, Indonesian Science Institution and Fukushima Aquamarine Japan on Monday once again found prehistoric fish called coelacanth at Talise waters of North Minahasa in 155 meter-depth. The fish was found during the first hour of the researchers' first day by a remotely operated vehicle (ROV). "The finding is very surprising. The fish was found live and free swimming in its habitat," said Prof Alex Masengi, the Sam Ratulangi University's dean of fishery and marine science faculty.

On June 27, 2007, the same team found a coelacanth fish at Malalayang waters of North Sulawesi's Manado Bay in 190 meter-depth. The second finding location in Talise is about 120 kilometer north of the first one. The coelacanth fishes' habitat is in depth of more than 180 meter with maximum temperature of 18 celcius degree inside underwater volcanic concaves.

The fishes only live in western South Africa waters and eastern Indonesian waters, called Latimeria chalumnae and Latimeria menadoensis, respectively.—*Xinhua*

***A baby girl was born Monday on a high-speed train linking Paris and Brussels, the first such case since the Thalys rail service was created in 1996, the company said Monday.*—INTERNET**

MRTV-3
Programme Schedule
(17-9-2009) (Thursday)

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

Local Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Vinyl Ads, a Symbol of Booming Business
* Central Glass Pavilion
* National Dance
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Myanma Endeavours Towards Water Resources Management (Part-I)
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

Europe/ North America Transmission

* Signature Tune
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights
* Vinyl Ads, a Symbol of Booming Business
* Central Glass Pavilion
* Welcome to Ngwe Hsaung Beach Resort
* National Dance
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Myanma Endeavours Towards Water Resources Management (Part-I)
* Songs on Screen
* Grow more Crops and carry out Afforestation Work
* Poem Garden "Stand Up"
* Yaw Clothes from Yaw Region
* "Current Affairs" Stylish Shwe Thway Jouranl
* Myanmar Modern Song
* Dried banded Snakehead
* Song of Myanma Beauty & Scenic Sights

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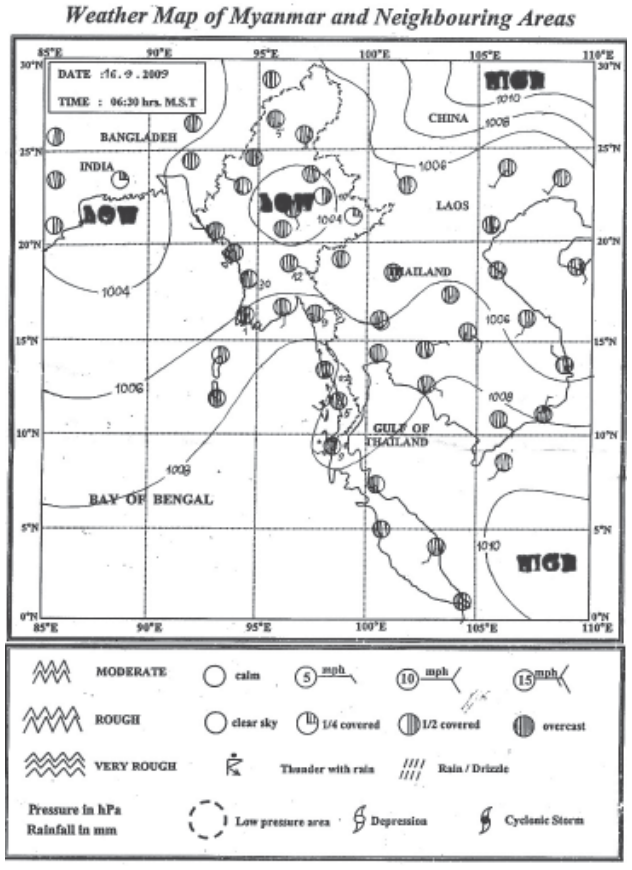
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 16th September, 2009

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Magway Division, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Belin (6.61) inches, Thaton (3.19) inches, Paung (2.95) inches, Palatwa (2.60) inches, Bago (2.52) inches, Hpa-an (2.40) inches, Kyaukpadaung (0.93) inch and Chauk (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-9-2009 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 16-9-2009 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 16-9-2009 was 93 %. Total sun shine hours on 15-9-2009 was (3.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 16-9-2009 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, Tr at Kaba-Aye and Nil at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2009 was (94.65) inches at Mingaladon, (104.84) inches at Kaba-Aye and (111.22) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (16:30) hours MST on 15-9-2009.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 17th September 2009: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread in Kayin and Rakhine States, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of thundery conditions in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 17-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-9-2009: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-9-2009: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainsty is (60%).

TV Myanmar

Thursday, 17 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၊ စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင့်အောင်)

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am
7. Cute little Dancers

8:20 am
8. Dance of National Races

8:30 am
9. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅-၁၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:45 am
10. International News

8:50 am
11. Musical Programme

4:00 pm
1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2009) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (မကွေး FC အသင်းနှင့် ရတနာပုံ FC အသင်း)

4:50 pm
2. အမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အခြေခံပညာကျောင်းများဝတ်ရွှတ် ပြိုင်ပွဲ(ပထမဆု)လသာရတနာဝတ်အသင်း၊အထက(၂)လသာ

5:10 pm
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

5:30 pm
4. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:35 pm
5. လူနတ်နှစ်လိတစ်ရစ်စီ ရွှေနတ်တောင်စေတီ

5:45 pm
6. ၂၀၀၉ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၇)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်အကြိုက်တေး)(ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)

6:00 pm
7. Evening News

6:15 pm
8. Weather Report

6:20 pm
9. ပျော်ရွှင်စေသောနေ့ရက်များ "ဓါတ်ပုံပေးနည်း" (အပိုင်း-၁) (သူရလင်း၊ ဟေမာန်အောင်အောင်၊ ခင်လေးဆွေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်သူရ)

6:20 pm
10. ထူးဆန်းထွေလာများကို သိပ်ဖြင့်ချဉ်းကပ်ခြင်း

7:00 pm
10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်ဆုံးတစ်ယောက်တည်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)

8:00 pm
12. News
13. International News
14. Weather Report
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာလမ်းဆုံ" (အပိုင်း-၅၈)
16. လွင်မိုးခရီးသွားနေသည် "မြိတ်ကျွန်းစုများဆီသို့" (အပိုင်း၁၁)
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မြူခိုးဝေဝေချစ်သက်တည်" (တတိယတွဲ) (အပိုင်း-၆)

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★ Only with stability and peace will the nation develop

★ Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful

★ Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy

★ Riots beget riots, not democracy

★ Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People's Desire

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

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

Perennial energy crops could be good for carbon savings and for wildlife

SCIENCE DAILY, 16 Sept—Growing the energy crops short rotation coppice (SRC) willow and miscanthus grass could help the UK to reduce carbon emissions and benefit wildlife, according to researchers from the UK Research Councils' Rural Economy and Land Use Programme.

Dr Angela Karp at Rothamsted Research led an interdisciplinary team from the universities of East Anglia and Exeter, the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust and the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, in a major research project to identify the effects of increasing the amount of land used to grow these new crops. Their calculations suggest that planting biomass crops to generate electricity does lead to net savings in greenhouse gases, compared with current emissions.—*Internet*

Fields of miscanthus in the English landscape.

Beans' defenses mean bacteria get evolutionary helping hand

SCIENCE DAILY, 16 Sept—Bean plants' natural defences against bacterial infections could be unwittingly driving the evolution of more highly pathogenic bacteria, according to new research published September 10 in Current Biology.

The study sheds new light on how bacterial pathogens evolve and adapt to stresses from host plants. This information could help researchers develop new ways of tackling pathogens that cause extensive and costly damage to beans and other food crops.

Internet

Bean plants' natural defences against bacterial infections could be unwittingly driving the evolution of more highly pathogenic bacteria.

Health Ministry raising awareness on prevention and control of New Influenza A(H1N1)

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Sept—The Ministry of Health is speeding up the preventive and control measures against pandemic New Influenza A(H1N1) as of 28 April. Up to now, a total of 41 infected patients have been found and no person has died in the infection of virus. Of them, 33 patients were discharged from the hospital because of recovery from their illness. The remaining eight patients are undergoing treatment and they are in good health.

With a view to preventing the infection of the virus among the people, the Ministry of Health called for strictly abiding by the warnings on New Influenza A(H1N1) and actively taking part in the preventive measures and control of the disease.—*MNA*

Htarwara teleplay to be on air on 18 September

YANGON, 16 Sept—A teleplay entitled "Htarwara" starring Academy Min Maw Gun, Nine Nine, Nay Toe, Myint Myat, Academy Eindra Kyaw Zin, Thazin, Moe Hay Ko, May Thet Khine and others artistes directed by Director Mee Pwar will be aired after 6 pm and 8 pm local news programme on Myanma Radio and Television and Myawady TV on 18 September (Friday).

MNA

Weather forecast on (17-9-2009)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Yangon and neighbouring areas: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Mandalay and neighbouring areas: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (16-9-2009)

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Hpa-an	2.40 inches
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Chauk	0.12 inch