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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing leave for PRC to pay State visit

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing left Nay Pyi Taw by special aircraft at 10.15 am today to pay a State visit to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of Mr. Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Prime Minister U Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye,

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Nyan Tun and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and wife, Minister for Home Affairs U Maung Oo, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, departmental heads and Acting Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China Mr Wang Zong Ying.

The Senior General and wife were accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Thura U Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Lt-Gen Min Aung Hlaing

of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce U Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Thein Nyunt, Minister for Transport U Thein Swe, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Zaw, Minister for Energy U Lun Thi, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Director of Medical Services Maj-Gen Than Aung of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe and departmental heads.

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing on departure for China to pay a State visit being seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of SPDC Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San. —MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Literacy programmes to gain higher momentum

The International Literacy Day falls on 8 September (today). Despite rapid advancements in science and technology, millions of people in the developing countries remain illiterate. Now, the number of adult illiterates around the world is over 700 million.

The United Nations General Assembly held in December 2001 reached a unanimous agreement to designate the decade from 2003 to 2012 as United Nations Literacy Decade.

In the post-independence period, 11 million of the Myanmar's population of 17 million were illiterate. The nation's literacy rate was 85 per cent in the times of monarchs. Since post-independence period, literacy campaigns have been implemented. In 2009, the literacy rate increased to 94.89 per cent. Now, Myanmar stands as one of countries with highest literacy rate in Asia and Pacific region.

To ensure every citizen is literate is a national task. The continuing education programme is in progress for illiterates to become literate people. It is required to open more and more community learning centres in wards and villages with favourable conditions as part of the post-literacy programme.

Today, the government has set up a massive number of rural libraries and community learning centres the length and breadth of the country. Therefore, literacy campaigns are to go on with momentum in order to maintain fine traditions under which considerable success is achieved in pursuing international literacy movements.

Myanma traditional Chinlon contests held

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — The seventh Sports Minister's trophy Myanma traditional Chinlon contest and the final match and prize-presentation ceremony of Yokpyo Cup Myanma traditional Chinlon contest were held at Yanggyi Aung gymnasium in Shwebo of Sagaing Region yesterday morning. Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint watched the contests and presented championship trophies.

Also among the spectators were responsible persons of Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation and Myanmar Chinlon Federation, guests, officials of Sagaing Region Sports and

Physical Education Department. After the matches, the minister and officials presented

championship trophies and prizes to the winning teams.—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

Tree-planting ceremony held in Patheingyi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Tree-growing ceremony took place at Yaytagontaung in Patheingyi Township on 4 September. It was attended by Chairman of Mandalay Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Ye Aung, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

The commander and the mayor planted saplings and so did those present.

The commander and the mayor scattered seeds from the platform of Yaytagontaung Sutaungpyae Pagoda and enjoyed tree-planting.

On arrival at integrated framing in Patheingyi Township, the mayor and officials reported to the

Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to Governor-General of Commonwealth of Australia

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—U Paw Lwin Sein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Commonwealth of Australia, presented his Credentials to Her Excellency Ms. Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, on 26 August 2010 in Canberra.—MNA

commander on farming and breeding. After that, the commander inspected breeding and gave necessary instructions.

The commander attended the opening of the office of Shwemintha Foundation (Myanmar) in upper Myanmar and donation ceremony and made an opening speech. The commander and donors made donations.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Ye Aung addresses opening of office of Shwemintha Foundation (Myanmar) in upper Myanmar and donation ceremony.—MNA

Concordia Int'l Co., Ltd to promote Fuji Xerox color printer

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Concordia Int'l Co., Ltd, a sole agent in Myanmar, sells Fuji Xerox copiers at Concordia showrooms in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay. It will take part in 1st Myanmar-Korea ICT Products & Solutions Exhibition 2010 to be held in Myanmar Info-Tech from 9 to 11 September.

A 0 size photo copiers, A 3 size photo and colour copiers, 3 in 1 and 4 in 1 copiers, A4 and A3 laser printers, colour laser printers, projectors and electronic



copy board will be available at the exhibition.

Up to 16 September, laser printer model DPC 1110 B will be sold at K 360,000 at computer sales centers.

For further information, contact Concordia Int'l Co., Ltd on third and fifth floors of Shwegon Plaza, Bahan

Township, Yangon (Ph: 01 73009221, 73009215, 73009216, 095062601 and 098031373 and Fax: 951 544199, No (5) on the ground floor of SY Building on 30 street between 77 and 78 streets in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay (Ph: 095067172, 0291001983, 02 36478 and 02 96303 and No (144) in Thiri Yadana Market, Nay Pyi Taw (Ph: 0949200948, 067 420819 and 421362). MNA

Minister Thura U Aye Myint presents championship trophy to Ministry of Industry-1 team. —SPED



1,000 homes evacuated in Colo fire

DENVER, 7 Sept—A wind-driven wildfire in the rugged Colorado foothills spread across 5 1/2 square miles Monday, destroying an unknown number of homes and triggering the evacuation of 1,000 others, authorities said.

No injuries have been reported.

Authorities didn't immediately know how many structures burned

in the 3,500-acre blaze. But at least some were houses, including four that belonged to firefighters battling the blaze, said Laura McConnell, a spokeswoman for the fire management team.

Video from KUSA-TV showed at least one home engulfed in flames.

The fire started Monday morning in Four Mile Canyon northwest

of Boulder, and erratic winds gusting to 45 mph spread the flames quickly, sometimes in two directions at once.

Tom Neur told KDVR-TV he had to drive through the fire after gathering up valuables in his house.

"I just drove through a wall of flames. The bumper is melted off in the front of the van," he said. His wife, Anna, left earlier with other



Kurt Rieder, in white hat, with his 9 year old daughter Lily watch the smoke plume from a wildland fire burning in the Four Mile Canyon area just west of Boulder Colo on 6 Sept, 2010.

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evacuees. "They said there was nobody going up there for him," she said. The Neurs said their house was destroyed.

"I don't care about

the house," Anna Neur told her husband. "I'm just glad you're OK." About 100 firefighters were on the scene, and the winds calmed enough

by late afternoon that three aerial tankers could start dropping fire retardant before darkness.

Internet



In this framegrab made from video provided by KTNV via APTN, wreckage of a single-engine Piper Cherokee on a residential street in Henderson, Nev. The small plane crashed and burst into flames on a street in a southern Nevada residential neighbourhood on Monday, killing one person and badly injuring three others, authorities said.—INTERNET

Plane crash on NV street kills one, injures three

HENDERSON, 7 Sept—A small plane crashed and burst into flames on a street in a southern Nevada residential neighbourhood Monday, killing one person and badly injuring three others, authorities said.

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Sgt John Sheahan said two males and two females were aboard the single-engine Piper Cherokee when it crashed in Henderson, just south of Las Vegas. He said it was a miracle no one on the ground was injured.

"I think we can attribute that to the pilot trying to put it down in a

safe place," he said. "You're talking the plane crashed maybe 20 or 30 feet (from the nearest home)."

The debris field is a block long, and one of the wings ended up in the backyard of a home, the sergeant said. The main body of the fuselage came to rest on Morning Mauve Avenue.

A witness, Robert Sutton, told KLAS-TV in Las Vegas that the flaming plane came to a rest upside-down, and he and other residents doused it with hoses before flipping it over to help two victims trapped inside.—Internet

Two blasts cause panic in Lahore, Pakistan

LAHORE, 7 Sept—Two blasts of late Monday night created panic in the eastern Pakistani City of Lahore, police said.

No one was hurt in both the blasts, police said.

The first blast took place outside the office of Deputy Superintendent of Police at Township area of the city, police said. The blast caused minor damage to the car of the police officer. The second cracker exploded near a religious seminary at the same area, the police said. The seminary "Minhaj-ul-Quran" is run by anti-Taleban cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri. No group claimed responsibility for the blasts and police said the blasts were aimed at creating panic in the city.—Xinhua

Senior Iraqi officer killed, 18 people wounded in Baghdad violence

BAGHDAD, 7 Sept—A high-ranking Iraqi army officer was killed and 18 people were wounded in separate bomb and gunfire attacks Monday morning, an Interior Ministry source said.

Gunmen with silenced pistols shot and killed Staff Brigadier Abdul Mehdi Kadhim, an officer of the Iraqi Defence Ministry, when he was driving his car in Baghdad's western neighbourhood of Ameriyah, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Separately, Mohammed Ghazi, a director general in the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture, was wounded when gunmen opened fire on him with silenced pistols in Baghdad's western district of Qadisiyah, the source said.—Xinhua

Train crashes into truck in Spain; tow dead, eight hurt



A helicopter flies over the site where a passenger train crashed into a heavy-duty dump truck near Carmonita, southwestern Spain on 6 Sept, 2010.

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MADRID, 7 Sept—A passenger train crashed into a heavy-duty dump truck in southwestern Spain on Monday, killing two people and injuring eight others, a government official said.

The collision occurred about 1 pm Monday near the town of Carmonita, 56 miles (90 kilometres) from the border with Portugal, a regional spokeswoman for Spain's Interior Ministry said.

The large truck was supporting work on Spain's bullet train link to Portugal when the three-carriage regional train slammed into it and lifted the truck partially onto its roof, she said. The impact caused all the carriages to derail.

Internet

Seven Somalis sentenced to five-year in jail in Kenya on piracy charges

NAIROBI, 7 Sept—Seven men of Somali origin who were facing piracy charges were sentenced on Monday to five years in jail by a Mombasa court.

The suspects breathed a sigh of relief when the judgment was delivered to them by Chief Magistrate Rosemelle Mutoka as that was seen as the "most lenient" punishment meted out against pirates since Kenya agreed to handle and prosecute piracy cases.

In 2006, the first group was sentenced to seven years while early

this year, another batch of seven were jailed for 20 years.

Xinhua



The seven suspected Somali pirates sit in the dock at the Mombasa Law courts on 6 Sept, 2010.—XINHUA

Science

Japanese stem cell researcher wins Balzan prize

MILAN, 7 Sept—A Japanese researcher who found a way to give adults cells certain characteristics of embryonic stem cells, a process scientists say could eventually lead to cures for spinal cord injuries and other ailments, has been awarded the Balzan Prize for biology.

Shinya Yamanaka's prize is one of four — two for sciences, two in humanities — awarded this year by the foundation, with the goal of highlighting new or emerging areas of research and to sustain fields of study that may have been overlooked elsewhere.

Yamanaka has used its finding to treat spinal chord lesions in mice, though the process has not so far been applied in humans, said Nicole Le Douarin, an honorary professor at the Collège de France who has written a book on stem cells, and who presented the citation.

The process allows adult cells that have already been differentiated into, say, kidney cells or neural cells, be transformed back into cells with the characteristics of embryonic cells — a breakthrough that could provide an alternative to the controversial use of human embryos in stem cell research.

Medical researchers value such cells because they are master cells that can turn into any tissue of the body, and they expect the research to eventually lead to cures for spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's disease and other ailments.

Yamanaka works at the Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences at Kyoto University, as well as the Gladstone Laboratory at the University of California, San Francisco.

Internet



China's icebreaker "Xuelong", or "Snow Dragon" sails on the northwest Pacific Ocean, on 5 Sept, 2010. The fourth Chinese Arctic scientific expedition team returned to northwest Pacific Ocean on Sunday by "Xuelong" after completing its tasks on the North Pole. The icebreaker is expected to arrive in Shanghai, east China, on 20 Sept.

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Colourful mix of Asteroids discovered, may aid future space travel

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—New research from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope reveals that asteroids somewhat near Earth, termed near-Earth objects, are a mixed bunch, with a surprisingly wide array of compositions.

Like the chocolates and fruity candies inside a piñata, these asteroids come in assorted colours and compositions. Some are dark and dull; others are shiny and bright. The Spitzer observations of 100 known near-Earth asteroids demonstrate that their diversity is greater than previously thought.

The findings are helping astronomers better understand near-Earth objects as a whole — a population whose physical properties are not well known.

"These rocks are teaching us about the places they come from," said David Trilling, assistant professor of physics and astronomy at Northern Arizona University, and lead author of a new paper on the research appearing in the September issue of *Astronomical Journal*. "It's like studying pebbles in a streambed to learn about the mountains they tumbled down."

One of the mission's programmes is to survey about 700 near-Earth objects,



This image, taken by NASA's Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous mission in 2000, shows a close-up view of Eros, an asteroid with an orbit that takes it somewhat close to Earth. NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope observed Eros and dozens of other near-Earth asteroids as part of an ongoing survey to study their sizes and compositions using infrared light.—INTERNET

cataloguing their individual traits. By observing in infrared, Spitzer is helping to gather more accurate estimates of asteroids' compositions and sizes than what is possible with visible-light alone.

Internet

Technology

QuickBooks 2011 to deliver multi-user functionality to Macs

WASHINGTON, 7 Sept—Mac users who've demanded the ability to have different people working on the same QuickBooks files at once will soon get their wish fulfilled when the next version of QuickBooks arrives for the Mac. Software maker Intuit says that the 2011 version of the accounting and small business management application will add multi-user functionality.

Intuit will announce



This photo taken in 2006 shows a web page from www.youtube.com displayed on a computer screen. Five puppies that were thrown into a river by their owner, sparking worldwide outrage after a video of the deed appeared on YouTube, have been rescued and put up for adoption, a Croat daily said on Monday.

INTERNET

QuickBooks 2011 for Mac on Tuesday. The finance application will be available for download or for phone and Web orders on 27 September, with copies arriving in retail outlets by October. When QuickBooks 2011 does arrive, it will bring with it the ability to let up to five employees simultaneously view and edit QuickBooks data files. The feature had been a much-requested one among Mac users of Intuit's accounting programme.

"It's been a long time coming," William Lynes, QuickBooks product manager, told *Macworld*.

In addition to multi-user functionality, QuickBooks 2011 users will also have the ability to set permissions in up to eight activity areas, spelling out what users do and don't have access to. Everything from invoices to customer information gets updated dynamically, so that users can see records as they're being created and updated.—Internet

AOL teaming up with Ellen DeGeneres online

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—AOL is adding talk show host Ellen DeGeneres to its family of Web properties as it looks for ways to draw more people to its sites.

The company will begin sharing traffic, content and promotions with the website for "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," starting on Tuesday. AOL sites such as KitchenDaily.com and Popeater will promote DeGeneres and provide links to her site, and vice versa.

No money is changing hands. The company that produces the TV show, Telepictures Productions, will still have control over what appears on the show's site and will sell the ad space next to it.

The deal is part of a strategy at AOL Inc of hitching itself to established brands that complement its own original content. That, AOL hopes, will help it replace revenue from its shrinking dial-up Internet business with online advertising sales.

In a similar arrangement, AOL launched a new site this summer called Cambio with the Jonas Brothers, the famed Disney trio. The company says it expects more deals along these lines this fall.

Telepictures Productions is a unit of Time Warner Inc, which spun off AOL into a separate company last year.

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GT Solar SDR(tm)400 CVD reactor can produce greater than 400 MTA of high purity polysilicon.—INTERNET

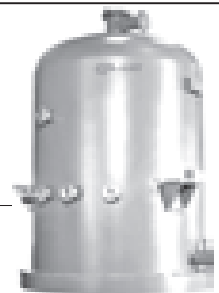
Nokia bets on new smartphones for recovery

HELSINKI, 7 Sept—Nokia, the world's biggest cellphone maker by volume, will introduce new smartphone models next week at its annual media and industry event, aiming to assure investors the company is on track to recovery. Nokia, whose profits and share price have dipped in the last few years, is now betting on the renewal of its line of smartphones, which could save the career of embattled CEO Olli-Pekka Kallavuo. The cellphone maker will unveil its new flagship model E7, which comes

with a large touchscreen and full keyboard, at the show in London, two sources with direct knowledge of Nokia's plans told Reuters.

Nokia will also introduce to the public its new N8 model, which is the first phone to use the new Symbian 3 software, along with other new smartphones, the sources said. The N8 — unveiled in April and due to go on sale later this month — stands out among its rivals for its 12 megapixel camera but has a slower processor than Samsung's top model Galaxy S and the latest iPhone.

"As the N8 starts shipping and other devices are unveiled, Nokia will be hoping that it can lay the foundation stones for its recovery given the onslaught of competitive products currently hitting the market," said Ben Wood, director of research at CCS Insight.—Reuters



Health

Obesity high among New York children

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—A new report found that two in every five children in New York City from kindergarten through eighth grade are either overweight or obese, according to *The New York Times* on Monday.

A whopping 22 percent have body mass indexes (BMI) high enough to be declared clinically obese, and another 18 percent are considered overweight. The study was based on the 2008-2009 data of 254,076 children gathered and analyzed by the City's Departments of Education and Health.

Evidence shows less-affluent neighbourhoods tended to have heavier children. The highest rate this year was in Corona, Queens, where 51 percent of schoolchildren were overweight or obese. Comparatively, just 12 percent of students were overweight or obese on the Upper West Side.

Cathy Nonas, who is responsible for NYC's physical activity and nutrition programmes, told the press she was "sorry to say the figure is in line with the nation." Across America, roughly 35 percent of six to 11 year olds are overweight or obese. "We're certainly working hard to get obesity down from here," she said.

Overcoming obesity among NYC's children will be tough. The city has already taken some useful measures, including replacing full fat milk with one percent fat

milk, and banning sugar-sweetened beverages from vending machines on school premises. Officials say they will try to prioritize and target physical exercise and nutrition programmes for schoolchildren better.

Xinhua



"Magic mushrooms" ease anxiety of terminal cancer patients

BEIJING, 7 Sept—US researchers said on Monday the "magic mushrooms" ingredient, hallucinogen psilocybin, proved beneficial to cancer patients as it eased the depression of terminal cancer patients.

The pilot study involved 12 cancer patients, who took a small dose of psilocybin — the active ingredient in "magic mushrooms."

After six months, the group's average score on a common scale used to measure depression had declined by 30 percent, according to the study

published in the *Archives of General Psychiatry*.

In follow-up interviews with the researchers, some patients said their experience with psilocybin gave them a new perspective on their illness and brought them closer to family and friends, according to health.com.

The study revives a field of study from the 1950s to the early 1970s that suggested some patients experienced powerful and sustained improvement in mood and anxiety from hallucinogens.

Internet

WHO wants faster, more flu vaccine production

HONG KONG, 7 Sept—The vaccine used to contain the recent swine flu pandemic was effective, but health authorities will need to ramp up the speed and volume of production during the next global outbreak, a World Health Organization official said on Monday.

The WHO declared last month that the swine flu pandemic that started in June 2009 was over, after it killed about 18,600 people worldwide, far less than the worse-case scenarios in which authorities said millions could die.

The widespread use of vaccines was critical in limiting the number of casualties, with studies showing they

offered protection in up to 95 percent of cases, WHO official David Wood said at a news conference on the sidelines of an influenza conference in Hong Kong.

Some 350 million doses of the vaccine were administered worldwide, according to WHO figures.

"That gives us considerable hope for the future, for the future pandemics, that the technologies that we have to actually make the vaccines are" effective, said Wood, the quality and safety team coordinator for the WHO's immunization and vaccines department.—Internet



CVS employee Mambo Muntanga, left, receives a flu shot from nurse practitioner Susan Brown, on 27 Aug, 2010, in Rockville, Md. It's flu-shot season again, and for the first time health authorities are urging nearly everyone to get vaccinated — and people 65 or older even can choose to try a new high-dose version.

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Business

Kia's top executive resigns after recalls

SEOUL, 7 Sept—The top executive at Kia Motors has resigned after the company recalled more than 100,000 vehicles worldwide over defective wiring, the automaker said on Tuesday.

Chung Sung-eun, vice chairman and CEO of South Korea's No 2 automaker, stepped down on Friday, according to company spokesman Michael Choo.

"His resignation comes in the light of the recent global recall issued by Kia Motors," Choo said, without elaborating. He said no successor has



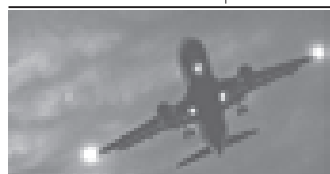
South Korean woman pass by an advertisement for Kia Motors' Soul concept crossover vehicle in Seoul, South Korea, on 7 Sept, 2010. The top executive at Kia Motors has resigned after the company issued a global recall for 100,000 vehicles over defective wiring, the automaker said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

been named. Chung was one of two Kia CEOs.

Kia Motors Corp is an affiliate of South Korea's top automaker Hyundai Motor Co. Together they form the world's fifth-largest automotive group.

Chung's resignation comes amid a wave of recalls that have shaken the global auto industry since Japan's Toyota Motor Corp began calling in vehicles in October last year. The world's top automaker has recalled more than 10 million vehicles for problems including faulty gas pedals and floor mats.

Internet



An A320 Airbus aircraft. The World Trade Organization will issue its long-awaited opinion on Europe's challenge to American subsidies to US aerospace giant Boeing next week, a source close to the matter said on Monday.

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S Korea's IT exports expand 26.5% in August

SEOUL, 7 Sept—South Korea's

information technology (IT) product exports expanded 26.5 percent in August from a year ago, on the back of a surge in semiconductor and smartphone shipments, the government said on Tuesday.

According to the Ministry of Knowledge Economy, the country's IT product exports totaled 13.4 billion US dollars last month, up from 10.6 billion US dollars tallied a year ago. Thanks to the strong exports, the country's trade surplus in the IT sector reached as high as 7.03 billion US dollars, up 37.3 percent from 5.12 billion US dollars tallied the previous

year.

The brisk IT exports came as outbound shipments of semiconductors soared 64.9 percent year-on-year to 4.74 billion US dollars. While the overall exports of mobile phones marked a decrease of 18.4 percent to 1.86 billion US dollars, those of smartphones sharply grew to 560 million US dollars, four times the amount of the previous year.

The accumulative amount of IT exports for the first eight months of 2010 totaled 51.52 billion US dollars, up 48 percent from 34.75 billion US dollars the same period last year.

Xinhua

WTO to issue Boeing subsidies verdict on 15 Sept

BRUSSELS, 7 Sept—The World Trade Organization will issue its long-awaited opinion on Europe's challenge to American subsidies to US aerospace giant Boeing next week, a source close to the matter said on Monday.

The interim panel report "will be given to both parties"—the European Commission and the United States —on 15 September, the source told AFP.

The upcoming report is the latest chapter in a long-running dispute between Boeing and European rival Airbus over multi-billion-dollar government subsidies, with both sides filing rival complaints with the WTO.

The WTO had been expected to issue its opinion on US subsidies to Boeing in July, but it decided to postpone the release.

Internet



Photo taken on 7 May, 2010 shows the natural beauty of Sand Lake in Yinchuan, capital of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region. Sand Lake is one of the best places for bird watching in China.—XINHUA

Drone attack kills five in Pakistan's tribal area

ISLAMABAD, 7 Sept—At least five people were killed on Monday when a suspected US drone launched an airstrike at North Waziristan in Pakistan's northwest tribal belt bordering Afghanistan, local sources told *Xinhua*.

The pilotless aircraft fired missiles targeting a vehicle in Datta Khel area of North Waziristan, the sources said, adding that the killed were not immediately identified.

It is the third time that the area has been stricken by the US drones over the last four days. On Friday night, a US drone strike killed 14 people including children and women.

A second attack on Saturday night killed another six. The US army has intensified the cross-border airstrikes from Afghanistan, intending to kill the militants hiding in the deep mountainous areas along the border, but many civilians were also mistakenly killed in such strikes.—*Xinhua*

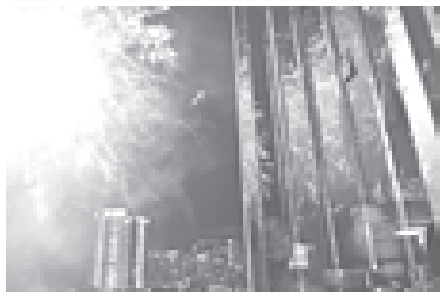


Photo taken on 6 Sept, 2010 in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province, shows fireworks which is set off to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishing of Shenzhen Special Economic Zone.—XINHUA

Six dead after consuming illicit liquor in southern India

NEW DELHI, 7 Sept—At least six people died and five others fell ill after consuming illicit liquor, popularly known as hooch, in the southern Indian state of Kerala on Monday, a senior police official said.

"The victims consumed hooch from a local shop at Kuttippuram. While bodies of two persons were found at Kuttippuram railway station, four others died at a hospital after getting admitted there. The others are undergoing treatment at the hospital," the official said.

"The manager of the toddy shop has been arrested. A probe has been ordered into the incident," he added.

Xinhua

United Nations Secretary-General's Message on International Literacy Day (8 September 2010)

Following is UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's message on International Literacy Day, observed 8 September, 2010:

This year's observance of International Literacy Day highlights the central role of literacy in the empowerment of women. Literacy transforms the lives of women, their families, communities and societies. Literate women are more likely to send their children, especially their girls, to school. By acquiring literacy, women become more economically self-reliant and more actively engaged in their country's social, political and cultural life. All evidence shows that investment in literacy for women yields high development dividends.

Women's literacy has gained greater prominence on political agendas over the past decade, ever since the World Education Forum, in Dakar, at which governments set the goal of halving the number of adult illiterates by 2015. The UN Literacy Decade, running from 2003 to 2012, has given further impetus to reducing illiteracy. Illiteracy rates are dropping, yet approximately one adult in six is still unable to read or write; two out of three illiterate adults are women.

The world needs increased funding and sustained advocacy for quality literacy programmes that empower women and ensure that girls and boys at primary and secondary level do not become a new generation of young illiterates. The International Literacy Prizes awarded by UNESCO today to programmes in Cape Verde, Egypt, Germany and Nepal are examples of excellence and innovation. Each is tangible proof of literacy's profound and positive influence on women living in very different circumstances—from rural environments to immigrant urban communities. Such programmes deserve to be widely replicated and expanded.

Every literate woman marks a victory over poverty. On this International Literacy Day I urge governments, donors, non-governmental organizations and all development partners to make literacy accessible to women everywhere. Literacy is an essential foundation for development and prosperity. Empowering women through literacy empowers us all.—UNIC

Message from Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO on the occasion of International Literacy Day (8 September 2010)

When a woman is literate, she can make choices to dramatically change her life for the better.

But ten years into the 21st century, two in every three of the world's 759 million illiterate adults are women. This is an intolerable situation reflecting one of the most persistent injustices of our times: unequal access to education.

There is no justification—be it cultural, economic or social—for denying girls and women an education. It is a basic right and an absolute condition for reaching all the internationally agreed development goals.

Illiteracy keeps women marginalized and constitutes a foremost obstacle to reducing extreme poverty in a technology-driven world where reading, writing and numeracy are indispensable for enjoying basic rights and opportunities.

For all these reasons, this year's International Literacy Day puts the spotlight on the highly influential role that literacy plays in empowering women.

Acquiring literacy skills gives women a sense of self-confidence and control over their life and future. This is what empowerment is about: gaining the knowledge to make informed decisions, sharing power in the household and in wider political life. Testimonies from newly literate women bear witness to the far-reaching transformation that new knowledge and skills have on all aspects of their lives.

As the first woman elected to the post of Director-General of UNESCO, I am profoundly committed to advancing the rights of girls and women everywhere, especially through education. Gender equality is one of our global strategic priorities because there can be no sustainable development when women do not enjoy equal rights and opportunities.

Investing in women's literacy carries very high returns: it improves livelihoods, leads to better child and maternal health, and favours girls' access to education. In short newly literate women have a positive ripple effect on all development indicators.

This international day aims to mobilize everyone's attention to the urgent need for increased commitment to literacy, especially for girls and women. UNESCO's International Literacy Prizes provide inspiring and creative examples of programmes that have had a profound impact on individuals and their communities. They show what works and how well.

Over the past decade, the gender gap in education has narrowed in many countries. Gender parity in literacy has also improved, but all too slowly. But far more has to be done.

I take this occasion to call upon governments, international organizations, civil society and the private sector to scale up their support to literacy. I am confident that the momentum exists to make women's literacy a priority: we have seen in the past months a bid to accelerate progress towards gender equality with the creation of UN Women.

Literacy gives women a voice—in their families, in political life and on the world stage. It is a first step towards personal freedom and broader prosperity. When women are literate, it is all society that gains.

UNESCO

Non-formal Education in Myanmar

Daw Ni Ni San (DMERB)

Background History of Literacy Movement

Education in Myanmar enjoys a favourable environment as the people have traditionally given education very high priority since the time of King Anawrahta (1044-1077 AD). Monastic Education has always played a major role in fostering basic literacy among people from all walks of life. This accounts for the solid tradition for education and the high literacy rate which Myanmar has had for centuries. During the British occupation of Myanmar, the western model of school education was introduced and monastic education assumed the role of a parallel non-formal education system. After independence, successive expansions of the school system were introduced making education increasingly accessible and equitable. As compared to the countries of South Asia, Myanmar relatively has a high literacy rate. However, the people suffered a great deal during the Second World War and education was also adversely affected. In order to combat the increased illiteracy rate, a nationwide literacy campaign was begun in 1965 and much success was gained. The Central Literacy and Coordinating Committee organized the Literacy Programme through mass campaigns in which entire townships in selected states/divisions became literate. This was recognized by UNESCO which awarded Myanmar two prizes — the Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Prize in 1971 and the Noma Prize in 1983.

NFE Programmes under the Ministry of Education

The term “Non-formal Education” has relatively been an unrecognized area of education in Myanmar till the year 1990. After the Jomtien Declaration of EFA in 1990, the EFA Central Coordinating Committee, headed by the chairman of Myanmar Naing-Ngan Education Committee was formed to give guidelines for EFA programmes. The executive arm of the Central Committee is the EFA Executive Committee, which is headed by the Minister for Education who is also the chairman of the Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO. Based on the “APPEAL Training Materials for Literacy Personnel (ATLP)” approach, Myanmar Education Research Bureau (MERB) in collaboration with the UNICEF and other related departments has initiated a pilot project on the “Development of Non-formal Functional Literacy Programme” in six townships which aims to bring literacy skills with functional contents to the out-of-school population ranging from 15 to 45 years of age. After a needs

assessment survey in the selected areas a curriculum grid was developed and 35 learning packages have been produced. During 1992 to 1995, volunteer instructors and supervisors were trained and deployed in the project areas.

In addition to non-formal functional literacy projects, Myanmar is also participating in a 10 countries UNESCO project on skills-based literacy for women. MERB, in collaboration with UNDP, UNESCO and other related departments, has carried out a project on “Skills-based Literacy Programmes for Women and Girls” in Twantay Township. The first workshop was held in January 1992, the second workshop was held in November 1992 and the third workshop was held in March 1993. In the 3 workshops, 12 packages of learning materials (level 1), another 12 packages of learning materials (level 2), and 8 packages of self-learning materials (level 3) were developed. To meet the set goal of EFA 2000, a Working Committee for EFA (NFE) was formed; and the expansion and extension of functional and skills-based literacy programmes were organized on the findings of literacy projects.

Continuing Education

In Myanmar, it is adopted that continuing education (CE) is a broad concept of education which includes all form of lifelong learning. UNESCO has recognized the need for continuing education as a follow-up to literacy training, and has produced a series of training manuals entitled the “APPEAL Training Materials for Continuing Education Personnel (ATLP-CE)” in 8 volumes. The six types of continuing education programmes as outlined in the ATLP-CE are as follows:

- (1) Post-literacy Programmes (PLP)
- (2) Equivalency Programmes (EP)
- (3) Income-Generating Programmes (IGPs)
- (4) Quality of Life Improvement Programmes (QLIP)
- (5) Individual Interest Promotion Programmes (IIPP)
- (6) Future Oriented Programmes (FOP)

Community Learning Centres

Community Learning Centres (CLCs) have been emerged as key institutions for the delivery of literacy and continuing education. A learning centre is defined under ATLP-CE volume 8, as:

“Local education institutions outside the formal education system, for villagers or urban areas usually set up and managed by local people to provide various learning opportunities for community development

and improvement of people’s quality of life.”

Establishment of Community Learning Centres (CLCs)

The concept of CLC was first introduced in Myanmar in 1995. A memorandum of agreement was made between the Department of Basic Education (DBE) and UNESCO to establish a pilot project. One village from each seven township was selected for the establishment of a CLC. Under Human Development Index (HDI) Education Project, CLCs were established with an aim to enlarge the knowledge horizon of the community for promotion of the socio-economic and cultural levels in general and education in particular. Human Development Index-Education (HDI-E) project continued the community learning centre (CLC) establishment programme, covering 11 townships, 5 in Shan State, 3 in Dry Zone, and 3 in Delta. In addition to 7 existing CLCs, 31 new CLCs were identified in 11 project townships.

Continuing Education (CE) through Community Learning Centres (CLCs)

Since 1990, MERB has collaborated with UNICEF, UNDP and ACCU to create an education model for NFE which is compatible with the existing situation in Myanmar. This collaboration has resulted in the production of Basic Literacy Packages 1, 2 and 3, Functional Literacy Packages, Skills-Based Literacy Packages, other supplementary books, posters, pamphlets, reading cards, audio-tapes, and video-tapes. Therefore, MERB observed that learning materials were quite sufficient to establish CLCs. The National Workshop on “Development of Strategies for Promoting Continuing Education through Community Learning Centres in Myanmar” was jointly organized by the Myanmar Education Research Bureau (MERB), Ministry of Education, and the Asia/Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) in cooperation with the UNESCO Principal Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (PROAP), the Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO, and the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO. The workshop was held at the MERB in Yangon, from 23 February to 4 March 1999. Three places from Nyaungdon township were chosen for field sites of CLCs. As the workshop outcomes, CLC manual and CE materials were developed based on needs assessment of respective villages.

Since 2000, workshops on Continuing Education through Community Learning Centres have been conducted yearly by MERB for the advocacy and implementation of Basic Literacy Programme and Continuing Education Programme and also for establishment of Community Learning Centres (CLCs) in cooperation with States and Regions EFA (NFE) Working Committees and other agencies. Up to 2010, there are (2574) CLCs throughout the country. In the Community Learning Centres, CE programmes including Post-literacy Programmes, Income Generation Programmes and better life programmes are offered by the local communities, the departments and NGOs. Mobilizing all resources can enhance the successfulness of organizing NFE programmes and CE programmes to provide opportunities for the youths and adults so that the goal of “Education for All” can be achieved.

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Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence...

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In the afternoon, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe arrived at the model agricultural special zone in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and met departmental officials and entrepreneurs. After attending to the needs, he viewed progress of works and cultivation of monsoon paddy at the special zone.

At special zone No. 1 and No. 2, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe heard reports on progress of cultivation tasks presented by officials. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe viewed quality paddy strains displayed at the hall and visited the special zone No. 1.

At the hall of the special zone No. 2, he fulfilled the requirements of the officials.—MNA



Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence views quality paddy strains planted at the special zone in Dagon Myothit (East) Township.—MNA

Industry-2 Minister receives Japanese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Minister for Industry-2 U Soe Thein received five Japanese MPs led by former member of House of Councillors of Japan as well as President of the Myanmar-Japan Friendship Association Mr Hideo Watanabe at his office here this afternoon.

The two sides held talks about industrial development and technology assistance.—MNA

Upgrading of PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road into tarred one

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected roadwork along PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road yesterday. Chief

Engineer U Myint Aung, who was discharged to take responsibility between mile post Nos. 11/1 and 11/2, reported on groundwork to the

minister.

The minister instructed responsible persons to try hard for emergence of smooth tarred road.

He later looked into progress in construction of retaining wall, roadwork and fulfilled the needs.

MNA

Labour Minister visits Training School (Yankin)



Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi visits Training School (Yankin) of Labour Department in Yankin Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi made a speech in meeting with the principal, course instructors, staff and trainees at Training School of Labour Department in Yankin Township here yesterday.

After hearing reports on courses presented by the principal, the minister

called for opening of more courses to be able to raise skills and expertise of workers, compete in labour market of ASEAN region and to meet the demand of industrial zones and companies.

The minister inspected learning of trainees at the school and gave necessary instructions.—MNA



Pyinnya Tanhsaung Literary Competitions invite enthusiasts

YANGON, 7 Sept—Literary Competitions of Pyinnya Tanhsaung Magazine, published since January, 1952, is held yearly.

Headmasters and headmistress of basic education schools including branches affiliated schools, education staff, teachers and trainees of Nationalities Youth Development University, Institutes of Education and Education Colleges, officers and other ranks including retired officers and other ranks of Education Planning and Training Department, Basic Education Department and Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau are invited to take part in translation contest, reading skill contest, article contest, Pyinnya Tanhsaung

U Than Nyunt Literary Award novella contest, one-page short story contest and poem contest of Pyinnya Tanhsaung Literary Competitions 2010 and to send manuscripts to Deputy Chief Editor of Pyinnya Tanhsaung Magazine at No. (6) on Yan Aung Street in Sangyoung Township, Yangon not later than 4 p.m. on 15 September.

Essay contest for basic education students will be held from 10 to 11 a.m on 19 September under the supervision of township education officers. Townships were informed by mail to send the best two manuscripts scrutinized by the committees not later than 11 October.

MNA

CENSTER brand Fuel Dispenser & Petroleum Equipment introduces

YANGON, 7 Sept—A launch of CENSTER brand Fuel Dispenser & Petroleum Equipment which is on the Top Brand list of China was held at

Sedona Hotel on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road here on 29 August.

Managing Director U Zaw Min Thant of PSH Petroleum Equipment made a greeting speech. Vice-General Manager Mr Yu Wei of CENSTER Science and Technology Co., Ltd explained facts about CENSTER company and Fuel Dispenser. After that, marketing manager U Kyaw Kyaw Htay explained station management software system and engineer Mr Tony Chen,

petrol station management software.

CENSTER fuel dispenser is more cost-effective and much better than normal dispensers. Gasoline and diesel as well as octane can be used in this dispenser. For more information, contact PSH Petroleum Equipment No.160, 10th road, Thirimon Yeiktha, Bayintnaung junction, Mayangon Township, here and dial ph-682989, 098020922 and 098619954.

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The ceremony to introduce CENSTER brand Fuel Dispenser & Petroleum Equipment in progress.

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Libraries in Pale Tsp on track to development



Minister U Kyaw Hsan donates books to Phu Pwint Wai library in Alebon Village in Pale Township. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept — Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan inspected self-reliant libraries in Pale Township in Monywa District, Sagaing Region, on 4 and 5 September and donated

books to them.

During the tour of Pale Township to assist in development of libraries, the minister inspected collection of books at the self-reliant libraries and donated

books and periodicals to the libraries.

On 4 September, the minister visited Pale Township Information and Public Relations Department and inspected tasks being

carried out by the department and systems of Pinyinna Alin Library of the department for sustainable development of the library.

Afterwards, the

minister proceeded to Alebon, Kabar and Monthwin Villages and inspected self-reliant libraries at the villages.

The minister visited self-reliant libraries at Pale,

Kantdaunt and Kyatyin Villages and donated books to the libraries. He also cordially greeted local people reading books at the libraries.

MNA



Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan cordially greets local people reading at Minthiha library in Kantdaunt Village, Pale Township. —MNA

Tanai, a naturally beautiful township...



The official in charge of Hukaung Sanctuary for Tigers explaining environmental conservation tasks.

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Being surrounded completely by mountain ranges and located in the Hukaung Valley, the township is a plain and has many creeks that rise on mountain ranges.

Tanai Township is surrounded by Naga mountain ranges in the west, Gyabubum and Bamabum mountain ranges in the south, Sumprabum, Kyawmungbum and Magyibum mountain ranges in the east, and Mt. Patqai and Dagubum, Sumprabum

and Palaungbum mountain ranges in the north.

So, it gets rainfall all year round. The average highest temperature of

the township is 38 degree Centigrade and the lowest temperature 9 degree Centigrade. It has average annual rainfall of 115 inches.

Last season, the total sown acreage of summer paddy was 450 as against the target of 100 acres. The harvest from 360 acres of summer paddy fields stood at 18,785 baskets, accounting for per acre yield of 52.18 baskets.

Not only that, sown acreage of monsoon paddy was 26,809, exceeding the target of 25,965 acres. The per acre yield of monsoon

paddy was 68.34 baskets, with the total output of 1,832,003 baskets.

Today, Kachin State is deemed to be the fourth largest granary in Myanmar. Tanai Township is in pursuit of the target of 26,829 baskets of monsoon paddy for 2009-2010 season.

The region could meet the targeted acreages of pigeon pea, beans and pulses, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, corn and sugarcane as scheduled. And it could put 5945 acres under edible oil crops such as sesame, niger, sunflower, mustard



A tipper lorry and a backhoe at work to upgrade road sections in Tanai Township.

and groundnut. Producing 249,320 viss of edible oil, the township gained edible oil sufficiency touched 243.33 per cent.

As to health care, the township has a 50-bed general hospital, a hospital in Shinbweyan, three rural health centres, 10 sub-rural health centres, one maternal and child welfare centre and one malaria control unit.

Tanai Township has a sanctuary with an area of 2460 square miles. The sanctuary administrative officer's office was opened on 30 June 2003.

Hukaung Wildlife Sanctuary has a sanctuary for tigers, and

biodiversity are conserved there. According to the photos taken with trap cameras, in last dry season, 186 species of birds inhabited, and 10 species of orchids, 12 new herbs and five species of bamboo are conserved in Hukaung Wildlife Sanctuary.

Hukaung Wildlife Sanctuary under the Environmental and Wildlife Conservation Department of the Forest Department of the Ministry of Forestry is proud to be the largest wildlife sanctuary in Southeast Asia.

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Paddy thrives in Tanai Township.

Trade fair a "golden opportunity"

BEIJING, 7 Sept—The Ningxia international investment and trade fair and the first Sino-Arabian economic forum will be held 26 to 30 September in Yinchuan.

Founded in 2006 as a local exhibition, the fair was recognized by the State and international corporations last year. The annual event has promoted development in Ningxia by leaps and bounds, said its organizing committee.

"It has created a golden opportunity for domestic and foreign guests to visit Ningxia, know Ningxia, and invest in Ningxia," committee officials said in a statement.

Last year's six-day session attracted more than 270,000 visitors from 81 countries and regions. Nearly 170 cooperative projects were signed.

The fair hosts commodity exhibitions, trade exchange events, invest-

ment talks and high-level forums. It is a bridge between China and the rest of the world, said organizers. Special attention will be given to promoting investment and friendly exchange with Arab League countries and Muslim trade areas.

This year's featured events include the China (Wuzhong) conference for Hui merchants and the Wuzhong summit for Chinese-Muslim entrepreneurs.

A variety of other events will emphasize Hui and Muslim cuisine and culture. Promotional activities are set for the Arabian states and China's provincial, municipal, and autonomous regions. The trade fair and Sino-Arabian forum are sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce, the China International Trade Promotion Committee and the Ningxia government.—Xinhua



A rainbow is seen over the Shapotou scenic area in Zhongwei, a city in northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 5 Sept, 2010.—XINHUA

Oil well capped, 'shrimp and petroleum' festival goes ahead

MORGAN CITY, 7 Sept—Eager to move past the devastating Gulf of Mexico oil spill and celebrate a local tradition, thousands of people flocked this weekend to Louisiana's annual Shrimp and Petroleum Festival.

The festival's unusual title reflects two of the region's main industries, both affected by the disastrous spill from BP's busted Macondo well.

But with US officials saying the capped and sealed well no longer poses a threat, an estimated 150,000 people turned out to celebrate the region's seafood and watch the blessing of the local fleet of boats.



Brennen Stone, 10, stands with a painted face in front of the the BP sponsored Childrens Village during the 75th Annual Shrimp and Petroleum Festival on 4 September, in Morgan City, Louisiana. The festival celebrates the oil and seafood industries coexisting in the Cajun Country of Louisiana.

INTERNET

Local shrimp has remained available in Morgan City despite the oil spill, which forced less fortunate Gulf coast communities to look elsewhere for their crustaceans as shrimping grounds were closed for fear of contamination. A less-than-obvious pairing for outsiders, the shrimping and oil industries are key employers here and celebrating both industries makes sense for locals. "It's a tradition," said theater worker Randi Falcon, who returned to her childhood home in Morgan City for the festival this year from Mississippi.

"It's something that brings us closer together, and if anything the oil has brought us even closer."

BP contributed 5,000 dollars to the festival this year, a fraction of the cost of the event, said festival president, Nathalie Weber, 1968's Shrimp and Petroleum Queen.—Internet



A worker decorates a large sign board at the International Conference & Exhibition Centre in Xiamen, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 6 Sept, 2010. The 14th China International Fair for Investment & Trade (CIFIT) will kick off at the center on 8 Sept.—XINHUA

Three suspects in Mexico migrant massacre found dead

MEXICO CITY, 7 Sept—The bodies of three men suspected of participating in the massacre of 72 migrants last month were found by the side of a road in northern Mexico after an anonymous caller told authorities where to find the cadavers, federal officials said on Monday.

Prosecutors' spokesman Ricardo Najera said authorities have no information on who made the call, but in the past suspects in especially brutal killings that draw too much attention to Mexico's drug gangs have been "handed over" to authorities.

Federal security spokesman Alejandro Poiré said the bodies of the three men — along with two women not identified as culprits — were found by marines last week after an anonymous caller on 30 Aug tipped authorities off to the presence of the bodies in Tamaulipas state. It was unclear why authorities waited almost a week to announce the discovery.

The caller said the dead people participated in the 23 Aug massacre. Poiré said a Honduran man who survived the slaughter and is currently under police protection in Mexico had identified the three men as having been among the killers.

A total of seven men have now been identified as suspects in the massacre. The only one still alive was caught in a raid on 24 Aug at the site of the killings, and identified by a survivor. Three other suspects died in a shootout with authorities at the scene of the killings.—Internet

Top Egyptian official to face trial over Van Gogh theft

CAIRO, 7 Sept—Egypt's first undersecretary of the Ministry of Culture and 10 other people will be put on trial over Van Gogh's painting theft from a Cairo museum, Egypt's MENA news agency quoted the country's top prosecutor as saying on Monday.

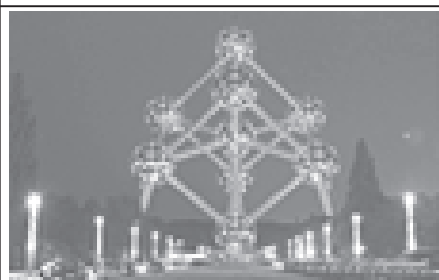
Mohsen Shaalan working as head of the Fine Arts Sector in the ministry and 10 others from the Mahmoud Khalil museum were charged with negligence, which led to the theft of a Van Gogh painting valued 50 million US dollars, said MENA.

According to investigations, Shaalan was well aware that surveillance cameras at the museum were out of order and that he failed to take any measure in this respect though he has an independent budget to secure the museum.

The museum's electronic gates and security cameras were all out of order at the time of theft.

The defendants will face up to three years behind bars if convicted in a trial that will start next Tuesday, state-run media said.

The painting, known as "Poppy Flower," was believed to be cut by knife out of its frame last month from Mahmoud Khalil Museum.—Internet



This photo taken on 6 Sept, 2010 shows a view of the lighted Brussels' landmark Atomium in Brussels, capital of Belgium.—XINHUA

"Red tide" found in New York harbour

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—A nearly 10-mile-long ribbon of "red tide" has been spotted on Monday in New York harbour, the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) reported on Monday. The "red tide" -- an accumulation of bacteria whose dense concentration turns the affected water a reddish brown color -- was found early Monday in New York Harbour and also in the Long Island Sound near Jones Beach inlet, according to the NBC report.

The algae concentration is moving from north to south, slowly drifting down the harbor and out to sea. The red tide stretches down the Hudson from the USS Intrepid Museum in Manhattan to Hoffman Island off Staten Island.—Internet



Tropical Storm Hermine threatens northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 7 Sept—Tropical Storm Hermine, now in the Gulf of Mexico, might make landfall on northeast Mexico state Tamaulipas, and cause heavy rains and a surge of water in major rivers

there, the National Meteorology Service (SMN) said Monday.

"We forecast Hermine will turn northeast and increase speed so that it will affect northeastern Mexico and southern

Texas in the early hours of Tuesday," the SMN said.

Hermine, the eighth named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, has sustained winds of 75 kilometres an hour (kph), with gusts reaching 90 kph. The tropical storm force winds extended out up to 165 kilometres from the storm's centre.

The SMN forecasts heavy rains in the centre, east, north and northeast of the nation, and moderate rains in Caribbean coast states. East coast state such as Tabasco, Tamaulipas, Veracruz and Yucatan will also experience strong winds.—Xinhua



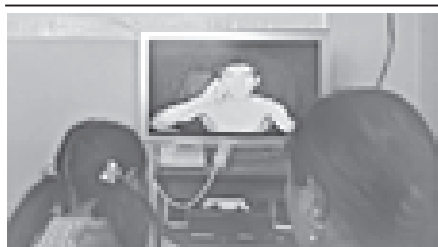
Rescue workers look for survivors at a mudslide area in Nahualla, western Guatemala, on 5 Sept, 2010. At least 54 people were killed after torrential rains caused mudslides in different areas of the country.—XINHUA

India to develop hypersonic cruise missile with Mach 6

MUMBAI, 7 Sept—India will develop the hypersonic cruise missile with the maximum speed of 6000 km per hour to boost aerial fast strike capability, local media reported on Monday.

The hypersonic cruise missile will be developed on the basis of the present supersonic cruise missile BrahMos, and Russia will offer the technical support, the Indian newspaper the *Times of India* reported, citing an official's saying of the Indian Defence Ministry. An agreement with Russia will be signed during the visit of Russian President Dmitry Medvedev to India in December, said the official. The existing supersonic variants of BrahMos could travel at a speed of Mach 3, half that of the hypersonic versions, and the hypersonic cruise missile would have more powerful target penetration capability than those supersonic versions, the official said. At present, only a few countries in the world are developing hypersonic cruise missiles, such as the US and Russia. On 26 May, the US Air Force test-launched a hypersonic cruise missile carried under a wing of a B-52 bomber in the Pacific Ocean. The missile reached a top speed of 6 Mach, but the flight only lasted about 200 seconds due to a vehicle anomaly.

Xinhua



Families talk to the trapped miners in Copiapo, Chile, on 4 September, 2010. The 33 men trapped deep below ground in a Chilean mine face a grim milestone Sunday, a month since the cave-in that stranded them, as officials warn it could take months more to rescue them.

XINHUA



Rear Admiral Zhang Wendan (L), commander of the visiting Chinese fleet, receives flowers from a staff member of the Chinese Embassy to Singapore, at Changi port of Singapore, 5 Sept, 2010. Two Chinese naval warships, destroyer Guangzhou and frigate Chaohu, part of the fifth Chinese naval escort flotilla, stopped over at Changi port of Singapore on Sunday.—XINHUA

Average inflation in Russia in August hits 0.6 percent

MOSCOW, 7 Sept—The average inflation in Russia in August hit 0.6 percent, announced the Federal Statistics Service Rosstat on Monday.

Since the start of the year, inflation rate has been 5.4 percent. In 16 regions the inflation rate was over 1 percent, and in the North Caucasus republic of Chechnya, the figure hit 2.1 percent with tariffs on services rising 15.4 percent in August.

In Chukotka, Far North, consumer prices fell by 1.6 percent, in Kaliningrad and Tyumen regions inflation rate also was negative by 0.1 percent each. In Moscow, prices rose 0.4 percent in August and 5.8 percent since the start of 2010.

Xinhua

Int'l lenders consider loans for Nabucco gas pipeline

BRUSSELS, 7 Sept—Three international financial institutions agreed on Monday to consider loans totaling 4 billion euros (5.1 billion US dollars) for the Nabucco gas pipeline, a key project to reduce EU dependence on Russian gas.

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Investment Bank (EIB), and the International Finance Corporation (IFC), as well as the Nabucco Gas Pipeline International GmbH and the shareholders of Nabucco, signed a mandate letter on Monday.

The letter formalized the conditions under which the three lenders would conduct their appraisal of the Nabucco project and decide whether to lend as much as four billion euros. The final decision was not expected until sometime next year.

Among the four billion euros, the EIB was expected to lend up to 2 billion euros (2.6 billion dollars) to the project, the EBRD up to 1.2 billion (1.5 billion dollars) and the IFC up to 800 million (1 billion dollars). The total cost of the Nabucco gas pipeline was estimated at 7.9 billion euros (10.1 billion dollars).

The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, welcomed the commitment by the three financial institutions.—Xinhua

5.2-magnitude earthquake rattles east New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 7 Sept—There were no reports of injury or damage after a magnitude 5.2 earthquake shook Hawke's Bay, in New Zealand's eastern North Island, on Tuesday morning.

The 15 km deep quake struck about 20 km southeast of Porangahau in the southern Hawke's Bay at 10.48 am local time (2248 GMT on Monday), GNS Science said.

It was felt widely in the Hawke's Bay. The National Crisis Management Centre said local Civil Defence authorities reported no damage or injuries.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre did not issue a tsunami alert after the quake.

The quake comes just days after a magnitude 7.1 quake devastated parts of central South Island's Canterbury region and left hundreds homeless.—Xinhua



A car lies under fallen rubble in Christchurch, New Zealand after a powerful earthquake struck much of New Zealand's South Island early Saturday on 4 Sept, 2010. — XINHUA

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Dated: 8 September, 2010.

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AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
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Tianshan's Crown Exploring the land of glaciers and snow leopards

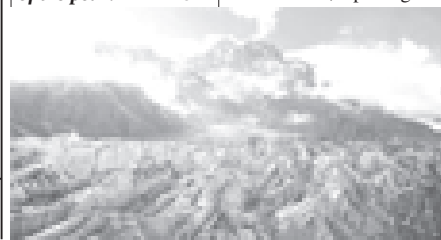
BEIJING, 7 Sept—The first Chinese expedition to Mount Tomur was politically driven: a move to declare the mountain part of China. It also confirmed Tomur as the highest peak in the Tianshan Mountains, opening the

way to scientific expeditions. The breathtaking region in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region contains some of the world's most extensive glaciers as well as rich wildlife, including the snow leopard. It is now a nature preserve.

Located in the county of Wensu (Onsu), Mt Tomur — meaning "iron" in Uygur — lies on the border with the former Soviet Union, an area that is now China's agreed border with Kyrgyzstan.

Xinhua

Mount Tomur is home to some of the most extensive glaciers in the world. Shown here is the Qiongtailan Glacier that covers the eastern slopes of the peak.—XINHUA



Invitation to Tender

Sr No	Description	Qty	Issuing Date	Closing Date
1.	Refractory Brick And Accessories	13 Items	7.9.2010	13.9.2010
2.	Raw Materials	3 Items	7.9.2010	24.9.2010
3.	Carbon Steel Bright Round Bar	3 Items	7.9.2010	24.9.2010
4.	Steel Product	1 Lot	7.9.2010	24.9.2010
5.	Roller Chain & Sprocket	1 Lot	7.9.2010	24.9.2010
6.	Ceramic Roller	200 Nos	7.9.2010	24.9.2010

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

Myanma Ceramic Industry

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Test launch of Danish amateur-built rocket fails due to mechanical glitch



The Danish-built, homemade rocket Tycho Brahe leaves Copenhagen Harbour towards the island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea on 31 August for a test launch, escorted by a submarine also built by Copenhagen Suborbital. The first launch attempt of the rocket built by two Danes failed on Sunday because of a technical glitch, according to Danish media.

The first launch attempt of "Heat-1X/Tycho Brahe," a private Danish rocket built by two amateur Danes, failed on Sunday because of a mechanical glitch. And the mission has been postponed indefinitely, according to Danish media reports.

Live footage of the launch off a metal platform in the Baltic Sea off the coast of Bornholm showed brown smoke coming out of the rocket after the countdown.

According to Ingenioeren.dk, the two rocket builders, Peter Madsen and Kristian von Bengtson, confirmed that it was a mechanical fault in the main valve on liquid oxygen tank. And they decided against a second launch and did not set a date for a new attempt.

During the day there have been several postponements due to adjustments in the launcher and various security checks.

A golf ball lies close to the cup. Three blind golfers are to test their skills against Asian Tour professionals during the inaugural Handa Singapore Classic in a bid to encourage more people with disabilities to tee-off.

Blind golfers to tee-up with pros on Asian Tour

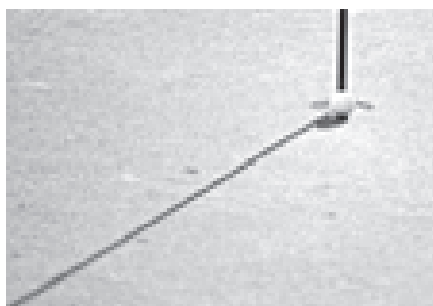
Three blind golfers will test their skills this week against Asian Tour professionals during the inaugural Handa Singapore Classic in a drive to encourage more people with disabilities to tee-off.

Australian David Blyth, England's Neil Baxter and Yam Ting Woo of Malaysia will play a three-hole challenge, each paired with a professional who will be blind-folded.

The initiative is the brainchild of Japanese philanthropist and businessman Haruhisa Handa, whose Tokyo-based company International Sports Promotion Society (ISPS) is the main tournament sponsor.

"It is really important that everyone can enjoy the sport regardless of their age or ability," he said.

"Blind golfers are an inspiration to me and professional players alike. They understand the course in different ways and it's amazing to see them strike the ball so well."



Edward Nino Hernandez walks with his mother Nohemi outside their home in Bogota on 6 September, 2010. Edward, 24, who is 70.21 cm (2 ft 3.46 inches), has been recognised as the world's shortest man in the upcoming Guinness World Records 2011 book.

News Album

"Steven Seagal Lawman" returning to A&E

LOS ANGELES, 7 Sept — Steven Seagal is back on patrol for a second season of his reality show "Lawman."

Production of the suburban New Orleans-based law enforcement show was shut down in April after the martial-arts star was accused of sexual harassment. The suspension order was given by deputy Seagal's boss, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff, who ruled the accusations would be a "distraction." After all, nobody is above the law.

But then the accuser dropped the lawsuit in July.

The eight episodes airing this fall were all previously shot. There's no decision on whether A&E will order additional episodes, and it's unclear if the sheriff's production ban is still in place.

"Steven Seagal Lawman" will return 6 October with back-to-back episodes at 10 pm. The actor is also co-starring the new Robert Rodriguez film "Machete."

Reuters



Models present fashionable styles designed by stylist Wang Gang during the 21st Dalian international fashion festival in Dalian, a coastal city in northeast China's Liaoning Province, on the night of on 6 Sept, 2010.

XINHUA

"Twilight" star settles \$300,000 RV lawsuit

LOS ANGELES, 7 Sept — "Twilight" star Taylor Lautner has settled his lawsuit against a California RV dealership that failed to deliver his \$300,000 trailer in time for the shoot of his latest movie.

According to US magazine.com, Mc Mahon's RV has agreed to pay \$40,000, which Lautner lawyer Robert Barta says will be donated to the Lollipop Theater Network, a children's charity supported by the actor.

McMahon's lawyer, Adam Obeid, declined to comment beyond confirming the basic details. The company probably got more than \$40,000 worth of publicity when owner Brent McMahon offered to settle the case with a push-up contest, drawing the immediate scorn of Lautner's lawyer.

Internet



A model presents fashionable styles designed by Pronovias at the world masters fashion show 2010 held in Dalian, a coastal city in northeast China's Liaoning Province, on the night of on 6 Sept, 2010.

XINHUA

Singer, actress Cheryl Cole is divorced

LONDON, 7 Sept — Singer, actress and dancer Cheryl Cole, who came to prominence with the London-based group Girls Aloud, says she was granted a divorce in 60 seconds.

Cole married soccer-player Ashley Cole in 2006. His cheating was the cause of their divorce, Britain's Daily Mail said on Monday. "There's no children. I'm very thankful for that," Cole said. She said her divorce in London last week was a "quickie" ceremony lasting 60



British singer-actress Cheryl Cole, shown at an awards show in London on 8 June, 2010.

INTERNET

seconds. In an interview in the October issue of Vogue magazine, Cole said she has plenty to be happy about.

"I've just got to be grateful that I've got so many good things going on I have. And there's no children you know? Some people's lives fall apart," she said in the Vogue interview. "Of course, it's heartbreak-ing, but it's not anything remotely like it could have been, and I'm very, very grateful for that."

Internet

Stewart feeling good about Chase after 1st Cup win



Tony Stewart holds the trophy after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race.—INTERNET

HAMPTON, 7 Sept—One more race to go until the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, and all of a sudden Tony Stewart looks like a serious contender.

Only it's not that sudden. Stewart has been steadily improving over the past couple of months, consistently running in the top 10 and seeming to find a little bit more speed every week. He figured it was just a matter of time before he finally got back to Victory Lane.

That breakthrough came on Sunday night, when Stewart claimed his first win of the season with a dominating performance at Atlanta Motor Speedway.—*Internet*

Norway's Riise out of Portugal match with concussion

OSLO, 7 Sept—Norway left-back John Arne Riise has been ruled out of his side's Euro 2012 qualifier with Portugal due to concussion sustained in training on Monday, the Norwegian football federation announced.

The Roma defender was hurt during

a training session behind closed doors at the Ullevaal stadium in Oslo and was taken to hospital for routine examinations. Riise, who is 29 and has 89 caps, injured himself in a collision with teammate Espen Ruud and remained dazed on the ground for several minutes, according to Norwegian daily *Verdens Gang*.—*Internet*



Roma defender John Arne Riise (front) fights for the ball with Cesena midfielder Ezequiel Matias Schelotto.—INTERNET

Maradona plans Naples birthday bash — despite tax bill

ROME, 7 Sept—Diego Maradona is planning a 50th birthday party in Naples next month, despite owing the tax man there 37 million euros.

The controversial former World Cup winner spent seven seasons at Napoli, heralding the greatest period in the club's history in which they won two Italian league titles.

And having been fired as Argentina coach following their disappointing World Cup campaign, Maradona now wants to



Argentina's coach Diego Maradona gestures during their 2010 World Cup quarter-final against Germany.—INTERNET

return to his second home to have a fiesta.

—*Internet*

SPORTS

Butt concedes defeat in Neuer 'keeper battle'

BERLIN, 7 Sept—Bayern Munich veteran Hans-Joerg Butt on Monday admitted he was unlikely to dislodge rival Manuel Neuer as Germany's first-choice goalkeeper.

"I have to be realistic,"



Germany's goalkeeper Hans Joerg Butt takes a goal-kick during his side's third-place play-off.—INTERNET

Butt, 36, told sport magazine *Kicker*.

"I'm not under any illusions about the Germany team. It's always something special to be selected again. And I'm happy to have been able to play a match at the World Cup."

Butt played for Germany in the third-place play-off match in South Africa, a 3-2 win over Uruguay.—*Internet*

Wozniacki upsets Sharapova, Kuznetsova exits at US Open

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—Top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki snapped former champion Maria Sharapova in straight sets on Monday to advance to quarterfinals at the US Open.

Another champion ousted on Monday was Svetlana Kuznetsova as the 11th-seeded Russian became the major casualty at fourth round

to Slovak Dominika Cibulkova, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4).

Wozniacki, last year's US Open runner-up to Belgian star Kim Clijsters at Flushing Meadow, took advantage of 36 unforced errors from Sharapova, the 2006 champion, to nail a 6-3, 6-4 victory in a little under two hours.

The weakest part of Sharapova's game was undoubtedly her serve, as she gave Wozniacki the only break of the opening set when, from leading 40-30 in the fourth game, she produced three consecutive double-faults.

Sharapova's serve failed her again in the second set when she double-faulted in the seventh game to provide Wozniacki with the only break. In all, Sharapova double-faulted nine times.—*Xinhua*



Caroline Wozniacki (R) of Denmark shakes hands with Maria Sharapova of Russia after winning their match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 6 Sept, 2010.—XINHUA

Hodgson's hands tied until ownership settled



Liverpool manager Roy Hodgson

LONDON, 7 Sept—Roy Hodgson has said his plans to revive Liverpool's fortunes are on hold until new owners take over the club.

The Reds boss told the League Managers Association (LMA) official magazine that until Liverpool found a buyer, he

would be forced to concentrate on hanging on to the players already at the club. So far Hodgson has successfully persuaded Steven Gerrard and Fernando Torres to commit their futures to Anfield, although he was powerless to prevent Javier Mascherano leaving for Barcelona.

"The club is up for sale and nobody knows what direction it will take if and when new owners are found," Hodgson told the LMA's *The Manager* publication.—*Internet*

Nadal, Clijsters progress at US Open, Murray out

NEW YORK, 7 Sept—Andy Murray was a major casualty at the US Open on Sunday but Rafael Nadal stormed through as did Kim Clijsters and Venus Williams in the women's tournament.

The 23-year-old Scot was out of sorts against Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka and his challenge to Nadal and Roger Federer ended in a crushing 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/4), 6-3, 6-3 loss.

"He played better than me. There's not a whole lot more to it," the defeated fourth seed said. "He had a chance to win the first set;



Top seed Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot to Gilles Simon of France during the US Open in New York.

—INTERNET

didn't take it. I had a chance to win the second set; didn't take it. I just struggled from then on." Nadal led a Spanish charge with five of their number making it through to the eight fourth-round slots available in the top half of the draw.—*Internet*

Podolski vows to keep place despite Kroos pressure

BERLIN, 7 Sept—Germany forward Lukas Podolski said on Monday that he intends to hold onto his starting place in the national team, despite Toni Kroos's stated ambition to displace him.

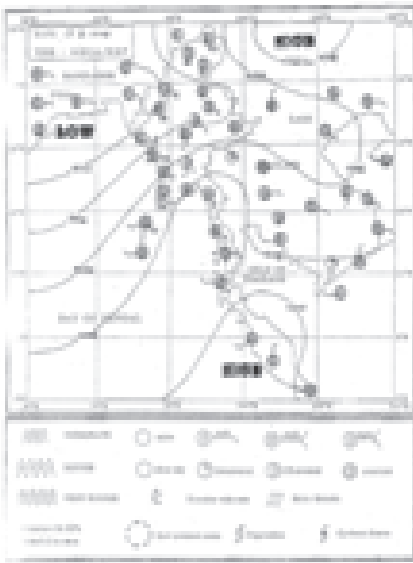
"I know that when I've rediscovered my optimal form, it will be difficult to get in front of me," Podolski said during a Press conference. "A starting place is never guaranteed and I know that there are good players behind me, but I'm convinced that as long as I'm at my best level, it'll be hard to get in front of me."—*Internet*



Germany striker Lukas Podolski smiles during a press conference in Cologne.—INTERNET



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 7th September, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Regions, scattered in Shan and Chin States, Bago and Yangon Regions, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Region and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with isolated heavy falls in upper Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (3.42) inches, Kyaikkhami (2.40) inches, Paletwa and MraukU (2.36) inches each, Putao (1.65) inches, Kyaikpyu (1.38) inches, Patheingyi and Machanbaw (1.14) inches each and Minbu (0.55) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 6-9-2010 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 7-9-2010 was 77°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-9-2010 was (84%). Rainfall on 7-9-2010 was (Tr).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 6-9-2010 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 7-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-9-2010 was (85 %). Total sunshine hours on 6-9-2010 was (1.7) hours.

Rainfall on 7-9-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon and Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (62.44) inches at Mingaladon, (70.28) inches at Kaba-Aye and (79.65) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum windspeed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 6-9-2010.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 8th September

2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and fairly widespread in Kachin, Kayah and Mon States and widespread in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of thundery conditions in the Northen Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-9-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-9-2010: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Palestinian smuggler electrocuted in Gaza tunnel

GAZA, 7 Sept—A Palestinian smuggler was electrocuted in a tunnel beneath the Gaza-Egypt border in southern Gaza Strip, an unnamed hospital official said Monday.

The dead was identified as Ahmed Al-Astal, 22, from Khan Younis City, an official at a hospital in the border city of Rafah said, noting Al-Astal had died from the electric shock before being brought to the hospital. The tunnel business flourished after Israel imposed a blockade on Gaza in 2007, but it is sagging as Israel eased the restrictions following its deadly raid on a Gaza-bound Turkish aid flotilla in May.

Human rights group in Gaza said more than 150 people were killed in the tunnels over the past three years, most of them by natural cave-ins.—Xinhua



At least 10 percent of athletes at the 2010 Winter Olympics sustained an injury and another seven percent fell ill, researchers reported in the British Journal of Sports Medicine on Tuesday. The most dangerous sports were bobsleigh, ice hockey, short track, alpine freestyle and snowboard cross, which notched up injury rates of between 15 and 35 percent depending on the discipline.—INTERNET

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (8-9-2010) (Wednesday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am~11:00am)MST
Oversea Transmission - (8-9-10 09:30 am ~ 9-9-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Myanmar's Traditions and Culture "The Mystique of Shwedagon Pagoda"
- * News
- * Record Album
- * Baungte: My Village
- * News
- * A Traditional Dish of Myanmar Lads
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- * Mularsheedi we Love!
- * News
- * Culture Stage
- * Living Myanmar Glazed Ceramics
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * Mrauk U, Treasure Trove of Rakhine Culture
- * News
- * Secret Places for Yummy Foods(Ep-2)
- * Myanmar Movie "On Getting Six Lives"



Wednesday, 8 September View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am
- 2. အောင်တော်မူ (စောမင်းနောင်စိုင်းညိုမင်း၊ တေးရေး-ဗိုလ်ကလေးတင်အောင်)
- 7:25 am
- 3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
- 4. Morning News
- 7:50 am
- 5. Nice & Sweet Song
- 7:55 am
- 6. မြန်မာ့ကြွယ်ဝသောကဏ္ဍအက

- 8:05 am
- 7. Dance Of National Races
- 8:15 am
- 8. "ရွှေခောင်းကျောင်းရောက်ပြီ"
- 8:25 am
- 9. Classical Songs
- 8:40 am
- 10. International News
- 8:45 am
- 11. Islands of Dhamma(1)
- 8:50 am
- 12. ဘဒ္ဒန္တဓမ္မာနန္ဒ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ)ဒုတိယ ဥက္ကဋ္ဌဆရာတော်နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ စစ်ကိုင်းစာသင်တိုက်၊ သင်္ကန်းကျွန်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းဒေသကြီးထဲမှ နတ်ဥပေါသထသီလ ခံယူဆောင်တည်ခြင်း။
- 3:30 pm
- 1. Myanmar National League MNL Cup (2010) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဒွတပင်ယူနိုက်တက် FC အသင်း နှင့် မနောမြေ FC အသင်း)

- 4:40 pm
- 2. Musical Programme
- 4:55 pm
- 3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းဒေသကြီး၊ အမှတ်(၃)အခြေစိုက်ပညာ ဦးစီးဌာန၊စတုတ္ထအကြိမ် မြောက်ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ် ပူဇော်ပွဲ(ဒုတိယဆု) (အထက (၄) တာမွေ) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)
- 5:20 pm
- 4. Songs For Uphold National Spirit
- 5:30 pm
- 5. ချွယ်ဖုံလင် အာဆီယံ အစီအစဉ်
- 5:40 pm
- 6. "လေးကျွန်းမာရ်အောင် ခေတ်တော်ကြီး"
- 6:00 pm
- 7. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
- 8. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
- 9. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်စွဲ

- 6:45 pm
- 10. ထက်မြတ်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်
- 7:15 pm
- 12. ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်
- 7:45 pm
- 12. အလင်္ကာဝတ်ရည် မြန်မာမူတေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း
- 8:00 pm
- 13. News
- 14. International News
- 15. Weather Report
- 16. ငါတို့ခွန်အား (မျိုးကြီးတေးရေး-လင်းလင်း) "နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ" "ချစ်တေးသံသာ" (အပိုင်း-၇၅)
- 18. ၂၀၀၉ ခုနှစ်(၁၇) ကြိမ်မြောက်မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အဇ္ဈေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ "တော်ဝင်ရုပ်စုံ" (ပထမဆု) (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းဒေသကြီး)
- 19. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက် နှာမေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများ ခြင်းတရားတော်



- ★ 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 killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of Ministry of Defence sees off Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team

YANGON, 7 Sept—Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence saw off the Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team at Yangon International Airport this morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Re-

gion Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, senior military officers and officials, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe met members of Myanmar Tatmadaw Track and Field Team at the lounge of the airport and gave

necessary instructions to them. The sports team will take part in the Half Marathon Race of Singapore Armed Forces to be held in Singapore on 12 September.

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Tanai, a naturally beautiful township in Hukaung Valley



The entrance to Tanai Township.

Byline: Reporter Tun Zaw (Sangyoung);
Photos: Reporter Myint Aung (Ahlon)

It was at daybreak on 4 September when we set out on a trip from Myitkyina Township in Kachin State to Tanai Township full of natural beauty.

Tanai Township is 119 miles and four furlongs from Myitkyina. Standing at an altitude of 675 to 688 feet, the region lies in Hukaung Valley northwest of Kachin State. It is bounded by Sumprabum Township in the east, Hkamti and Nanyun townships in the west, Phakant Township in the south and Putao Township in the north.

Stretching for 70.13 miles from east to west and for 68.06 miles from south to north, the region has an area of 4772.92 square miles.

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