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Maj-Gen Hla Min inspects construction of railroad sections in Maubin District

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — Maj-Gen Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Win and officials, met and cordially greeted officers and Tatmadawmen of Pathein Station and their families at Ayeyawady Hall of the station yesterday.

On arrival at the briefing hall of Pathein (Begret)-Einme railroad section of Yangon-Pathein railroad project, the in-charge engineer

reported to Maj-Gen Hla Min and party on the progress in construction of Pathein(Begret)-Einme-Pantanaw-Nyaungdon-Yangon railroad section. Maj-Gen Hla Min later inspected the construction of Einme River Bridge and left necessary instructions.

He also inspected the construction of Maubin-Maletto-Twantay railroad section and left necessary instructions.

He met officers, Tatmadawmen and families of Maubin Station; presented stationery and foodstuff; and cordially greeted them.—MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe attends opening of Junction Center (Maw Tin) and Junction Cineplex

YANGON, 18 Sept — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening ceremony of Junction Cineplex and Junction Centre (Maw Tin) at the corner of Lanthit Street and Anawrahta Street in Lanmadaw Township in Yangon West District this

morning.

It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of Yangon

City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin, departmental officials and guests.

The commander, minister, mayor and an official formally opened the Cineplex and Centre.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe unveiled the signboard of Junction Centre (Maw Tin) and Minister U Kyaw Hsan the signboard of Junction Cineplex.

Later, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe, the commander, the minister, the mayor and officials viewed the Junction Centre (Maw Tin) and Junction Cineplex.

MNA

Thriving teak plantations cover Thabeikkyin Township

During the visit to Thabeikkyin Township, we the news crew of Myanmar Alin saw green forest plantations along the entrance road to the town. All the plantations along both sides of the road are old and young teak plants.

While I was gazing at the teak plantations, Deputy Director U Kyaw Kyaw of Mandalay Region Forest Department explained, "These teak plantations are grown by the Ministry of Forestry."

Myanmar is covered with thick foliage of forest reserves and teak plantations. Nowadays, deforestations occur in the global countries due to various reasons, Myanmar completely conserves forests and sets up substitute forest plantations. All the Myanmar people are eager to establish forests and grow trees.

At Block 47 of teak plantation in Chaunggyi forest reserve in Thabeikkyin Township, we saw two years old teak plants.

"Block 47 of Chaunggyi forest reserve has 100 acres of teak plantation. A total of 60,000 teak plants are grown on the 100-acre block. Forestry personnel are working for conservation of the forests daily not to be depletion. Forest Department has grown 220 acres of teak plantations in Thabeikkyin Township. In addition, private entrepreneurs have also planted 250 acres of teak," the manager of

Thabeikkyin Township Forest Department said.

Before 1988, the township had 200 acres of teak plantation. At present, the township has grown 2000 more acres of plantations. Due to giving (See page 8)

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(Lanmadaw)



Thriving teak plants seen three miles from Thabeikkyin.

PERSPECTIVES

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Rural people benefiting from construction of inter-village roads

The main economy of rural areas relies on agriculture. So, measures are being taken to supply adequate irrigation water necessary for agriculture. With a large number of irrigation facilities built across the country, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy as well as double and mix cropping has been extended.

For better road transport in all regions, bridges spanning rivers and creeks and inter-village roads have been constructed in large numbers, enabling local people to travel easily and enjoy rapid commodity flow.

Maulaybin creek bridge, built by Maubin Township Development Affairs Committee in Ayeyawady Region, was opened on 13 September. With the emergence of the 105 feet long bridge, there has been a link between 30 villages in the township and one can travel from Yangon and Mandalay, and vice versa via Maubin-Twantay road.

Ayeyawady Region Development Affairs Committee is upgrading Maubin-Twantay section from Hlineta sluice gate to Khattiya Bridge. Similarly, Yangon Region Development Affairs Committee is building an earth road section from Twantay (Myago village) to Twantay Bridge. So, a 36-mile road linking Maubin and Yangon will emerge soon.

Regional development tasks are being carried out with the contributions of the government, regional bodies, social organizations and public wellwishers. As a result, building roads and bridges in rural regions has contributed to socio-economic growth of rural people.

City Mart Supermarket Shwe MyaYar branch, Shwe MyaYar Center reopened

YANGON, 18 Sept — Shwe MyaYar, the ninth branch of City Mart Supermarket, was established in 2007. Now, City Mart Supermarket Shwe MyaYar branch and



City Mart Supermarket Shwe MyaYar Branch.—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

Energy Minister inspects installation of Myitnge River crossing pipeline

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — Minister for Energy U Lun Thi visited the installation site of pipeline crossing Myitnge River of Myanmar-China Crude Oil and Natural Gas Pipeline Project implemented by Myanma Oil and Natural Gas Enterprise, CNPC and South East Asia Pipeline Company near Kywenapha village in Patheingyi Township in Mandalay Region yesterday.

He heard reports on progress in construction of the bridge bearing pipeline across Myitnge River submitted by officials at the briefing hall of the project. The minister called on completion of works on schedule with the effective use of machinery and manpower. He later inspected the construction site of the



Minister U Lun Thi views installation of pipeline crossing Myitnge River of Myanmar-China Crude Oil and Natural Gas Pipeline Project near Kywenapha Village of Patheingyi Township.—ENERGY

bridge.

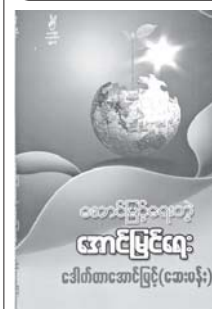
The bridge including its approach roads has the length of 804 feet and the height of 33 feet above the water surface. The construction implemented in three sections is expected to be completed in late June 2011.

On arrival at the

Compressed Natural Gas Shop No. (001) of Myanma Oil and Natural Gas Enterprise in Maha Aungmyayethazan Township in Mandalay this morning, the minister heard reports submitted by officials

and urged them to be aware of fire, to improve the proficiency of staff and to build a fine relationship with the public. The minister cordially greeted the drivers who were filling CNG at the shop.—MNA

Book titled 'Achieving success' comes out



(Achieving success) written by Dr Aung Myint (Hsay Mann) has been in circulation.

The book is available at Shwelethsaung Publishing House (U Aung Myint and Daw Thein Thein) of No.448, Shwebontha Street (Upper Block) and No.223/235, 32nd Street (Upper Block), Yangon (Ph: 389022, 375357, 374638).

YANGON, 18 Sept — The book titled 'Aung-myin-yay'

MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

MNA

Drill machine only 30 metres away from trapped miners in Chile

SANTIAGO, 18 Sept—By midday Friday the trapped Chilean miners are only 30 metres away from the T-130 drill machine, Chilean Presidency confirmed with *Xinhua*.

The rescue shaft of "Plan B" has drilled 630 metres in depth and has almost reached the workshop where the 33 miners were trapped since on 5 Aug. The Chilean presidency confirmed with *Xinhua* reporter that the drill T-

130, or "Plan B" still needs one day or two to actually reach the miners.

The 32 Chilean and one Bolivian miners have been trapped almost 700 metres underground after a collapse in the San Jose mine, in the northern desert of Atacama. Chilean Mining Minister told *Xinhua* on Thursday night that the miners are expected to be rescued by early November if no more obstacles are in the way.

"Everything is going a little bit better than anticipated," Laurence Golborne said while attending the celebration of Bicentenary of Chile outside the Presidential Palace "La Moneda".

He said that the rescuers are "optimistic that we will comply with our target date at the beginning of November and, if everything stays on path and we have no big problems, then it could be earlier."

Xinhua



A frame grab shows trapped miners as a drill bit of the T-130 drilling machine digs a 12-inch (30-cm) guide hole in a garage next to the refuge where 33 miners are trapped deep underground inside a copper and gold mine near Copiapo on 17 September, 2010.—INTERNET

Hurricane Karl strikes Mexican east coast, two killed

MEXICO CITY, 18 Sept—Hurricane Karl on Friday struck Mexico's east coast, killing two people and forcing the country to shut down the Laguna Verde nuclear power station, a local radio reported.

The storm, which quickly weakened and became a tropical depression later Friday, relentlessly hit two coastal towns in Veracruz state, Misantla and Martinez de la Torre, destroying phone facilities, electricity pylons and trees, Formato 21 radio said.

The storm had steady winds of 185 km per hour (kph) as it passed over the cities, according to data published by Mexico's National Meteorology Service (SMN) on its website.

The state-run Federal Electricity Commission (CFE) said that 30 municipalities lost power after the hurricane struck.

Meanwhile, the Mexican government declared maximum alert in Veracruz state, which could embrace heavy rain in the coming 24 hours.

Xinhua



A truck lies overturned on the edge of a highway in the aftermath of Hurricane Karl in Chachalacas 17 September, 2010.

INTERNET

Venezuela again rejects US ambassador

CARACAS, 18 Sept—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez again rejected on Friday the new US Ambassador to his

country, Larry Palmer. "That man was disqualified. If they (US) decide not to send an ambassador, do not send him. And if they want to withdraw our ambassador, do it. We are an independent nation and they are acting with imperial rudeness," said Chavez, during an official event of the ruling Socialist United Party of Venezuela (PSUV). During the event broadcast by the state-run TV channel Venezolana de Televisión (VTV), Chavez said the administration of US president Barack Obama was irresponsible.—*Xinhua*

Internet

Cement flows for permanent plug of BP's Gulf well



The Transocean Development Driller III, the rig responsible for drilling the main relief well at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil wellhead, is seen on the Gulf of Mexico near the coast of Louisiana, in this 14 Aug, 2010 file photo.

INTERNET

NEW ORLEANS, 18 Sept—Crews are pumping cement into BP's blown-out oil well thousands of feet below the sea bottom, working to permanently seal the runaway well.

Engineers initially had planned to

pump in mud before the cement, but a BP spokesman said that would not be necessary. There was no pressure building inside the well, so the mud wasn't needed.

BP expects that the well will be completely sealed and declared permanently dead sometime Saturday. The catastrophe began 20 April, when an explosion killed 11 workers, sank a drilling rig and led to the worst offshore oil spill in US history.



People seen at the explosion site after a roadside bomb attack killed a number of people travelling aboard a minibus near the village of Gecitli in the rugged Hakkari Province bordering Iran and Iraq, Turkey, on 16 Sept, 2010.—INTERNET

Kabul hit by rocket hours before voting

KABUL, 18 Sept—A rocket has struck Kabul just hours before voters in Afghanistan are due to cast their ballots in parliamentary elections on Saturday.

Local police said the pre-dawn attack Saturday on the capital was an apparent attempt of militants to scare people from going to the polls.

About 2,500 candidates are vying for 249 seats in the lower house — Wolesi Jirga.

Xinhua

One NATO soldier, three Taliban militants killed in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 Sept—A soldier with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed on Thursday, while three Taliban militants were killed in a multi-day Afghan and ISAF joint operation in Taliban birthplace Kandahar Province, the military alliance said in press releases issued here on Friday.

"An International Security Assistance Force servicemember died following an militant attack in southern Afghanistan today," the press release said. However, it did not disclose the nationality of victim, saying "It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities."—*Xinhua*

Five killed in attacks across Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 Sept—Five people were killed in attacks across Iraq on Friday, among them four civilians who died when a booby-trapped bicycle exploded near a police patrol, security officials said. Nine people, including a policeman, were wounded in that attack in the town of Hawijah, 230 kilometres (145 miles) northeast of the capital in oil-rich Kirkuk Province, police Colonel Fatah al-Khafaji said.

In Baghdad itself, an army officer named as Major Jihad Ghazi was killed when a magnetic bomb attached to his vehicle detonated in the western Mansur area of the city, an interior ministry official said.—*Internet*

Science

Jupiter making closest approach in nearly 50 years



The planet Jupiter is seen in an undated handout file image provided by NASA, released on 9 Sept, 2009, taken by the refurbished Hubble Space Telescope. Jupiter will pass 368 million miles from Earth on 20 Sept 2010, its closest approach since 1963.—INTERNET

CAPE CANAVERAL, 18 Sept—Better catch Jupiter next week in the night sky. It won't be that big or bright again until 2022. Jupiter will pass 368 million miles from Earth late Monday, its closest approach since 1963. You can see it low in the east around dusk.

Around midnight, it will be directly overhead. That's because Earth will be passing between Jupiter and the sun, into the wee hours of Tuesday.

The solar system's largest planet already appears as an incredibly bright star—three times brighter than the brightest star in the sky, Sirius. The only thing brighter in the night sky right now is our moon. Binoculars and telescopes will dramatically improve the view as Jupiter, along with its many moons, rises in the east as the sun sets.

"Jupiter is so bright right now, you don't need a sky map to find it," said Tony Phillips, a California astronomer under contract with NASA. "You just walk outside and see it. It's so eye-catching, there it is."

Phillips has never seen Jupiter so bright. "To an experienced observer, the difference is notable," he said Friday.

Coincidentally, Uranus also will make a close approach the same night. It will appear close to Jupiter but harder to see with the naked eye. Through a telescope, it will shine like an emerald-coloured disk less than one degree from Jupiter.—*Internet*



A labour harvests bio-grown cacao bean pods on plantation in Toumokra, some 250 kms north of capital Abidjan. Scientists have sequenced the genomes of two trees that produce cocoa beans, the basic ingredient in chocolate and a crop which millions depend on for a living, researchers said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

Losing a gene makes mice remember

ATLANTA, 18 Sept—Deleting a certain gene in mice can improve learning and memory by unlocking a mysterious area of the brain though to be inflexible, US researchers say.

Scientists at Emory University's School of Medicine say mice with a disabled RGS14 gene can remember objects they'd explored and learn to navigate mazes better than regular mice, a university release said on Friday.

The study suggests RGS14's presence limits some forms of learning and memory, researchers say.

John Hepler, professor of pharmacology at Emory, says he and his colleagues have been jokingly calling it the "Homer Simpson gene."

The gene operates primarily in one particular part of the hippocampus, a region of the brain known for decades

to be involved in consolidating new learning and forming new memories.

However, that region of the brain has not been extensively studied, and it's not clear what its functions are, Hepler says.

Researchers say they believe RGS14 is a key control protein for signals in the brain known to be important for learning and memory.

"A big question this research raises is why would we, or mice, have a gene that makes us less smart — a Homer Simpson gene?" Hepler says. "I believe that we are not really seeing the full picture. RGS14 may be a key control gene in a part of the brain that, when missing or disabled, knocks brain signals important for learning and memory out of balance."

Internet

Technology

High-tech cow earrings mark new path for Brazil

PORTO ALEGRE, 18 Sept—Years after India broke into the hi-tech business with information technology and China by way of manufacturing, Brazil may find its entrance in an unusual place — a cow's ear.

The South American giant is preparing to use its first locally-designed microchip in cattle earrings, a device that could eventually help authorities crack down on destruction of the Amazon rain forest caused by roaming herds.

Produced by state-funded firm Ceitec, the "Chip do Boi" or "Cow Chip" is part of home-grown innovation efforts that Brazil hopes will help it overcome challenges in its sprawling economy and over time make it an exporter of niche technology.

While commodity exports and increasingly affluent consumers have made Brazil's economy an emerging-markets darling alongside China and India in recent years, it trails those nations in the high-value areas of technology and science.

"Brazil has competitive advantages in areas like agriculture and clean energy, and it makes sense for the country to maintain those advantages through technological innovation," said Ceitec chief executive Cylon Silva, a theoretical physicist with a PhD from the University of California, Berkeley.

"There's no way that a country of Brazil's size and influence can go without an electronics industry."—*Reuters*



An employee works in a clean room at a production plant of Brazil's Ceitec company in Porto Alegre on 19 May, 2010.—INTERNET

Samsung takes aim at Apple's iPad, iTunes

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept—South Korea's Samsung took aim at Apple's iPad and iTunes on Friday with the US launch of its new Galaxy tablet computer and an online entertainment hub for movies and television shows.

Samsung said US wireless carriers AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon will sell the Galaxy Tab, which was unveiled at the IFA electronics trade fair in Berlin, Germany, in early September.

Samsung said the Galaxy Tab would be available in the United States in the "coming months" but did not provide pricing details of the touchscreen device seen as its answer to the iPad. The South Korean electronics giant said the Galaxy Tab will offer access to "Media Hub," a new content service at Samsung.com.

MTV Networks, NBC Universal and Paramount are among the partners in Media Hub, which Samsung said will offer a "robust library" of movies, including new release films, next day television episodes and full TV show seasons.—*Xinhua*

Oracle shares hit 9-year high on robust tech spending hopes

BANGALORE, 18 Sept—Shares of Oracle Corp (ORCL) catapulted to a nine-year high on Friday, a day after the software giant reported solid quarterly results that eased investor concerns about tech spending, prompting at least 9 brokerages to raise their price targets on the stock.

Shares of the Redwood City, California-based company rose 7 percent to \$27.09 on Nasdaq. Nearly 70 million shares changed hands more than double its normal trading volume.

"ORCL remains an attractive large-cap software investment, given new product introductions, actions to drive higher profitability and growth in the Sun business," Jefferies said in a note to clients.

For the first quarter, the company posted a 25 percent surge in software sales and a pickup in its new hardware business.

FBR Capital Markets said Oracle can deliver better-than-expected revenue and exceed its goal for Sun to deliver \$1.5 billion of operating income in its first year.—*Reuters*



Samsung's latest tablet device the Galaxy Tab is on display at the 50th edition of the "IFA" on 2 September in Berlin.—INTERNET

Health

Many don't have good 'health literacy'

COLUMBIA, 18 Sept— Almost half of US adults don't understand health information such as dosage and timing of prescription medicine, researchers find.

Researchers at the University of Missouri School of Health Professions in Columbia, Mo., say confusing medical directions and failure to understand prescription directions can lead to serious consequences, including health setbacks, inappropriate hospital admissions and even death.

Diane Smith and four occupational therapy graduate students conducted a pilot study focusing on the "health literacy environment" of two healthcare facilities — a rehabilitation facility and an independent senior-living facility.

"Health literacy," defined for the study, is a patient's ability to understand health information provided to by health professionals. At the independent living facility, paperwork was written at a college-sophomore reading level but the researchers recommend medical information be written at a fifth- to eighth-grade reading level in a larger font.

At the rehabilitation facility, healthcare professionals rarely asked patients if instructions were clear, and oral communication problems worsen if other languages are used and no translator is available. The researchers suggest healthcare professionals should use plain language, not professional jargon and ensure a patient understands directions.—*Internet*



This illustration photo shows sailing boats participating in a race. Australian officials cancelled a three-day yachting event on the southern island of Tasmania on Saturday after a sailor died in rough conditions in the opening leg.—INTERNET

Popular joint pain remedies may not work

BERN, 18 Sept — Two supplements — glucosamine and chondroitin — taken to remedy joint pain do not work, a Swiss researcher says.

Peter Juni at the University of Bern in Switzerland says the supplements taken singularly or in combination to reduce the pain caused by

osteoarthritis in hips and knees are not dangerous.

Juni and colleagues see no harm in having patients continue taking them as long as they perceive a benefit and pay for treatment themselves.

"Health authorities and health insurers should not cover the costs for these preparations, and new prescriptions to patients who have not received treatment should be discouraged," Juni says in a statement.

The researchers analyzed the results of 10 published studies involving 3,803 patients with knee or hip osteoarthritis and assessed changes in pain after patients took either or both versus a placebo.

Internet

Internet

Milk drinkers may be thinner

BEER-SHEVA, 18 Sept— Milk drinkers may have the advantage over others when losing weight, an Israeli researcher says.

Danit R Shahar of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, in Israel and colleagues say milk contains key nutrients such as calcium and vitamin D that help in weight loss.

Shahar and colleagues tracked 300 overweight or at-risk men and women ages 40-65 who were either

on a low-fat, Mediterranean or low-carbohydrate diets for two years. The researchers found participants on either diet with the highest dairy calcium intake six months into the study averaging about 580 milligrams per day, or the amount in about two glasses of milk lost about 12 pounds at the end of the two years compared to about 7 pounds for those with the lowest dairy calcium intake about 150 mg or about one-half glass.

Internet

Business

IBM to manage IT for Bharti Africa operations



The sign at the IBM facility near Boulder, Colorado is seen with the Boulder Flatiron mountains in the background, September 8, 2009.—INTERNET

NEW DELHI, 18 Sept—Bharti Airtel has selected IBM to manage computing technology and services that power its mobile networks in 16 African countries in a 10-year planned agreement, the companies said on Friday.

An agreement would be finalized in the fourth quarter, the companies said in a statement.

Bharti was the first Indian mobile operator to outsource its network to save on costs, a strategy that helped it on its way to become the country's top mobile operator.

IBM already manages Bharti's IT

infrastructure in India in a 10-year deal that began in 2004. The deal had an initial value of about \$750 million, but is estimated to have grown manifold as it is linked to Bharti's subscriber and revenue growth.

"Bharti Airtel plans to replicate the success of its relationship with IBM by lowering the barrier to entry for the people of Africa to own a mobile device," the statement said.

Reuters

Dell to invest 100 billion dollars in China by 2020

NEW YORK, 18 Sept— Computer giant Dell plans to open its second centre in China next year as it eyes a 100 billion dollar investment in the world's fastest growing market over the next decade, a spokesman said Friday. The Texas-based computer company said the new center in the city of Chengdu in the western

Chinese province of Sichuan will include manufacturing, sales and services to support its rapid growth in the region, David Frink said. The new centre is expected to be operational in 2011 and will employ up to 3,000 team members in addition to the 6,000 Dell already employs in China, he said.

Dell's total spending in facilities, employment, research and development and purchases from suppliers in China "is estimated to be greater than 100 billion US dollars over the next decade," the company said in a statement.

The choice of location of the new center also supports the government's policy of developing western areas as the coastal regions are becoming increasingly expensive for companies.

Xinhua



United States computer giant Dell launches its computer printers, during a ceremony in Beijing 2004.—INTERNET

"The strong Chengdu workforce and our new operations there will better position Dell for additional growth opportunities in western China," said Amit Midha, president of Dell China. Dell, the number two supplier of computers in China, said its revenues in the country increase 11 folds over the past decade.

Internet

Regional countries to sign gas pipeline project on 20 Sept

ISLAMABAD, 18 Sept— Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Turkmenistan will sign a multi-billion gas pipeline project in the Turkmen capital Ashgabat on 20 Sept, Pakistani Petroleum Ministry said Friday. Pakistan Petroleum and Natural Resources Minister Syed Naveed Qamar will represent his country in the signing ceremony of the Gas Pipeline on Framework Agreement (GPFA) of Turkmenistan- Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline, a ministry statement said.

The TAPI gas pipeline project is being planned to bring natural gas from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan to Pakistan and India. The state heads of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) for joint oil and gas pipeline projects between the three countries in 2002.

UN calls for 1.6 billion US dollars of aid for Pakistan

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Sept—Another extra 1.6 billion US dollars is required to fund a new humanitarian appeal that was launched here on Friday to help Pakistan, which was hit by the most devastating floods in a century in July.

"Every dollar is required to save lives," UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said at the launch of the Revised Emergency Response Plan, calling the Pakistan floods "the worst natural disaster the UN has responded to in its 65 year history."

Adding the first 459 million US dollars of the first flash appeal which was launched on 20 Aug, the total of the UN Emergency Response Plan comes to 2 billion US dollars, the

largest yet UN disaster appeal.

"Eighty percent of the first appeal is funded as of today," Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Valerie Amos told reporters here.

India, during a plenary meeting on Friday, pledged 20 million US dollars of relief aid for the UN's Pakistan Floods Emergency Response Plan, and an additional 5 million US dollars to the World Food Programme. Other member states have stated that they intend to increase their contributions, Amos said.

"Pakistan is not facing one humanitarian crisis, but many at once, different responses are required," Ban said in his speech.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 16 Sept, 2010 from a Chinese military helicopter shows the aerial view of tanks and armored vehicles in a camp of troops attending "Peace Mission 2010" joint anti-terror drills.—XINHUA

Yemen foils Somali pirates hijack attempt on foreign ship

SANAA, 18 Sept—Yemen's coast-guard foiled an attempt of Somali pirates to hijack a foreign merchant cargo ship in the strategic Red Sea Strait of Bab al-Mandab, the country's Defence Ministry said on Friday.

"Four Somali pirates onboard a high-speed boat tried to seize a foreign merchant cargo ship off the Yemeni island of Meion in Bab Al-Mandab," the ministry's website said.

"The Yemeni coast-guard forces, who were in charge of escorting the sailing cargo ship when passed through the Yemeni regional waters, fired hail of bullets towards the pirates and forced them to flee the scene," it added.

The ministry did not reveal when the botched hijack attempt occurred or identify the nationality of the ship. Bab Al-Mandab Strait is located between the waters of Yemen and Somalia.—Xinhua

Seychelles, Spain to join hands in fighting Somali piracy

VICTORIA, 18 Sept—Spanish Defence Minister Carcem Chacon and Seychelles Interior Security Minister Joel Morgan signed a "Declaration of Intention" to fight Somali piracy in the Indian Ocean waters, local media reported on Thursday.

The signing ceremony took place in the Spanish capital Madrid on Wednesday, witnessed by Seychelles President James Michel and his host Spanish Prime Minister Luis Zapatero. On Wednesday, Michel ended his two-day official visit to Spain at the invitation of Zapatero.

The signing of the document is a very important step in the fight against the piracy and it comes at the onset of northeast monsoon winds which promote piracy activities.

Piracy is a threat to some maritime routes in the Indian Ocean, which are mostly used by the Seychelles to import merchandise. Owing to piracy, the cost of maritime insurance has gone up hence making imported products very expensive in Mauritius.

Xinhua

Two tornadoes struck NYC during storm



A television crew does a stand up on 17 Sept, 2010 next to a tree that fell on a car and blocked the street during Thursday's fierce storm in the Park Slope neighbourhood of the Brooklyn borough of New York.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 18 Sept—The storm that churned through New York City spawned two destructive tornadoes and a fierce macroburst with wind speeds up to 125 mph that barreled across a large swath of Brooklyn and Queens, authorities said on Friday.

The storm on Thursday evening toppled trees, peeled away roofs and killed a woman in a car who had just swapped seats with her husband.

The fury of wind and rain that pummeled the area was New York City's ninth and 10th tornadoes since 1950, the National Weather Service said Friday night.

Kyle Struckmann, a meteorologist with the agency, said it was amazing that only one person died. "It's practically a miracle considering the population that was affected by this," he said.

Internet

US airplane makes emergency landing in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, 18 Sept—A US military airplane made an emergency landing at an airport in the Pakistani capital due to technical glitch, the airport administration said on Friday.

All the 176 Passengers on board the C-17 aircraft of US army were safe, but there was no further comments from the Pakistani aviation authorities and the US embassy in Islamabad.

The plane was airlifting flood-affected people from north Pakistan and was returning to Islamabad from the resort city of Skardu in Gilgit.

Flight operation at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport was temporarily suspended and several flights coming to Islamabad were diverted to other cities.

Xinhua



Storm cuts power, lifts roofs in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 18 Sept—Thousands of people remained without electricity on Saturday morning after a stormy night which battered many parts of New Zealand, lifting roofs, bringing down trees and cutting power, *New Zealand Press Association* reported on Saturday.

Power company Vector said about 30,000 customers around Auckland lost power at some stage during the storm, caused by trees falling on lines and a large lightning strike at about 8:30 pm.

Some 2,000 were still without power on Saturday morning, of which about half were in west of the city. The storm tailed off about midnight was the biggest in Auckland since mid-2008. The Coastguard said hurricane-force winds of more than 140 km/h were recorded at the Manukau Heads.

West-bound lanes on the north-western motorway were closed for a time because of damage to overhead signs.

Several roads are still affected by slips and debris, while snow has closed South Island highways.

New Zealand MetService forecast a 6 meter swell off the North Island's west coast and said the weather was expected to improve on Sunday.

Xinhua

Toys are exhibited during the 18th Specialty Advertising & Promotional products fair at the Crocus Expo International Exhibition Centre in Moscow, Russia on 16 2010.—XINHUA



The "mother" feeds its baby emperor penguin at the polar house of the Laohutan Ocean Park in Dalian, a coastal city in northeast China's Liaoning Province, 15 Sept, 2010. The baby emperor penguin was born through artificial multiplication technology on 17 Aug, the first successful case in China.—XINHUA

Let's harmoniously shape future of the new nation

Myat Phone Lu

Nowadays, the existing government serving national interest is striving for fulfilling the desires and future aspirations of the people. While creating the better transitional way to the multi-party democracy system in accord with the wish of the entire people, the government has transformed the Socialist economic system into the market-oriented economic system. In 1995, the political, economic and social objectives of the State were adopted and are being realized at the national level harmoniously.

The existing government made strenuous efforts for all-round development of the nation based on the Tatmadaw which is the national political force that has been safeguarding the national politics not to be derailed and the national interest not to be harmed. The government has been giving first priority to the prevalence of law and order and peace and stability of the areas since it unavoidably took over the responsibility of the State. Moreover, the national level plans were adopted and implemented systematically to develop the infrastructures in political, economic and social sectors with the aims of ensuring national reconsolidation and emergence of a modern and developed nation with strengthened national economy.

As all-out efforts were made for ensuring proper evolution of multi-party democracy system in the political sector and the market-oriented economic system in the economic sector, unprecedented development can now be witnessed in Myanmar. While the investment at home and from abroad increases year by year, the domestic market is getting wider due to links with ASEAN market, Asian market and international market. Border trade could be launched as the new sector while local production, trade and service of the nation are on a par with that of global countries. All-round development can be seen in the transport through land route, waterway and aviation services, information and communication technology and communication works, health care services and education sectors. For instance, a large number of roads, bridges, dams, hospitals, dispensaries, schools, universities and colleges have emerged one after another. Due to enhancing agriculture and technology, the industrial zones and economic zones are booming with momentum day by day. Sector-wise development helps emerge developed human society constituted with national entrepreneurs of the market-oriented economic system, the middle-class, scholars, farmers of mechanized farming and skilled workers.

Furthermore, the State's seven-step Road Map was adopted made known to the world and is being realized along with the sound foundations of national development. At present, the fourth step of the State's seven-step Road Map has been completed successfully, and marching towards the goal of the fifth step is gaining momentum.

The existing government did not adopt the State's seven-step Road Map secretly and kept it in clandestine implementation. The government formally declared the seven-step Road Map to the world. All the Myanmar people accepted it as well as the United Nations, the global countries and all ASEAN member nations recognized the seven-step Road Map as the best and correct way for democracy development process of Myanmar. The National Convention, which is the first step of

the seven-step Road Map, has been held successfully. Over 1000 representatives from eight delegate groups including most of the national race delegates representing all the national races had participated in the discussions on a wider scale. They have adopted the basic principles and detailed basic principles unanimously. Based on these basic principles, the citizen scholars including national race legal experts completely drafted the State Constitution.

To be able to seek the approval for the State Constitution, the Referendums were successfully held on 10 and 24 May 2008. A total of 98.12 per cent of 27,288,827 eligible voters throughout the nation cast votes for the Constitution. Of them, a total of 92.48 per cent of voters cast their vote in favour of the constitution. Hence, the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar could be approved through the Referendum on 29 May 2008.

The approval of 92.48 per cent 'yes' votes is not only to approve the Constitution but also to give mandate to continue the ongoing process of the seven-step Road Map. In addition, the people expressed that they actually accept the Constitution as well as wholeheartedly believe the present State Peace and Development Council and its endeavours. The unanimous approval of the entire people for the Constitution became a great turning point in the Myanmar history and it creates a good opportunity of democracy for all the people.

However, internal and external destructionists criticized and opposed the new Constitution through various ways and means. Although they targeted to protest against the existing government. The people themselves were decision-makers. It can be said that their act amounts to insult the decision of the people and opposed the people's desire.

For successfully holding the general elections, the fifth step of the seven-step Road Map, on 7-11-2010, permission for forming political parties and canvassing and the right to stand for election have been granted in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules. Moreover, systematic pre-election measures are being taken to ensure free and fair elections by issuing election laws and forming the election commission and sub-commissions.

Those who have been chosen in the elections through the public vote will have the right to participate as Hluttaw representatives in respective Hluttaws, the sixth step of the Road Map. Then, those Hluttaw representatives will be able to discuss, negotiate and decide freely on legislative affairs, including political, economic and social affairs to the Hluttaws. Besides, they will have the right to do so in a democratic way. By forming administrative, judicial and legislative bodies, the goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation, the seventh step of the Road Map, will be realized.

The State's continued implementation of the seven-step Road Map by attaching great importance to the public desire, indeed, is representing the people in accord with the constitution approved by the people. Amid such efforts for practising long-term genuine democracy in line with the seven-step Road Map and for gentle transition to democratic system, internal and external destructive elements are attempting to disturb

the nation in various ways.

Now, an old party that has been dissolved automatically in accord with the existing law is inciting the people to boycott the elections. Its motive is to disrupt the implementation of the Road Map and tarnish the image of the elections by getting the people to boycott the elections. The right to vote and not to vote in the elections have been prescribed in Hluttaw election laws. I have noticed that inciting the people to protest the elections and not to cast votes although one has his own right to vote has undue influence to prevent a person from exercising his voting right amounts to violation of Article 57 of the Hluttaw Election Law. In addition, that party should have understood the provisions of Article 58 (d) of the Hluttaw Election Law stating whoever is found guilty of giving speeches at meetings, instigation, writing, distributing or using posters or attempting by other means to disturb the voting or such acts shall, on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both.

What's more, the party is protesting the Union Election Commission for its revocation of some political parties, including that party, in accordance with the law. It is claiming that the commission has no authority to announce the dissolution of an old political party and the party has not been dissolved at all. Indeed, it is a great danger that that party is turning a blind eye to the provisions of the law prescribed by the commission and attempting to cause misunderstanding among the people. Such irresponsible acts are contrary to the Law Protecting the Peaceful and Systematic Transfer of State Responsibility and the Successful Performance of the Functions of the National Convention against Disturbances and Oppositions issued by the State Law and Order Restoration Council as Law No.5/96. That party should have noticed that punitive action could be taken against it for its acts.

Anti-government groups used to incite the people to cast 'no' vote in the national referendum for the State constitution by shouting slogans 'vote-no, no-vote'. However, the majority of the people did cast 'yes' vote of their own accord. Those anti-government groups had the right to vote against the constitution. It was clear that when the public decision came out, the people no way accepted the instigation of the anti-government groups.

The people of today no longer are those of 1990. They have been well-informed about political, economic and social affairs as well as international affairs. They can distinguish between right and wrong with correct views and outlooks. They no longer are the ones who believed whatever politicians said and thought highly of their personal fame. They will accept what is right and reject what is wrong.

Relying on the existing government's effort in the long-term public and State interests, the people are fully supporting the government's national cause. However the anti-government groups make instigation, all eligible voters will not only support the new constitution but also shape a new nation by choosing Hluttaw representatives who are capable of serving the best interest of the State and the people with national outlook in the upcoming elections.

Translation: TTA+ST



Maj-Gen Hla Min of Ministry of Defence looks into construction of Maubin-Maletto-Twantay road section.

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South-East Asia Archery Championship kicks off

YANGON, 18 Sept — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint addressed the opening of Fourth South-East Asia Archery Championship at Archery Shooting Range of Kyaikkasan Sports Grounds here this morning.

It was attended by

officials from the Ministry of Sports, Vice-President of International Archery Federation (FITA) Mr Sanguan Kosawinta and officials, Vice-President of Asian Archery Federation (AAF) Honourable President of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe, Secretary of South-East Asia Archery Federation (SEAAF) Ma-

jor Baharuddin Jamil and executives, athletes of Myanmar, Laos, India, Thailand and Mongolia, guests and fans. The FITA vice-president, the AAF

vice-president and the SEAAF secretary extended greetings.

The minister cordially greeted athletes and

presented commemorative gifts. He then presented cash to those who performed in the kick off of archery competition. A total of 31 archers from Myanmar, 4

from Laos, 10 from India, 6 from Thailand and 4 from Mongolia are competing in the game which will be held till 22 September.

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MOC Chairman Minister for Sports Thura U Aye Myint attends opening of 4th South-East Asia Archery Championship at Archery Shooting Range of Kyaikkasan Sports Grounds. —NLM

Thriving teak plantations cover Thabeikkyin...

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encouragement to cultivation of forest plantations to the private entrepreneurs, a total of 50 acres of teak plantations were grown in 2008-2009 financial year, 100 more acres in 2009-2010 and another 100 acres in 2010-2011. As such, everybody can see thriving teak plan-

tations along both sides of the road.

"The plan is under way to establish 400 acres of teak plantations in the township in 2010. The township has 13 forest reserves, and efforts are being made to extend the teak plantations year after year," the township manager explained.

A total of 20-



Teak thriving along both sides of the road to Thabeikkyin.



Photo shows five years old teak plantation in Thabeikkyin Township.

acre seed extraction area and 70-acre quality seedling area have been established in the township for growing valuable teak plants.

Myanmar teak is famous in the world. Its quality is the best across the globe. Myanmar achieves sufficiency of

teak timber and exports its surplus. As Myanmar teak is higher demand in the international market, the teak plantations in the nation are really valuable one for Myanmar.

Translation: TTA

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**Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe,
Commander Brig-
Gen Tun Than,
Minister U Kyaw
Hsan and Mayor
U Aung Thein Lin
visit Junction Center
(Maw Tin) and
Junction Cineplex.
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Brightex Wood Coating Paints displayed at Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair

YANGON, 18 Sept— Brightex Wood Coating Paints made in Singapore are put on display at Booth No. D51-52 of the Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair 2010 at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall, here, from 16 to 19 September.

The wood coatings can be used for teak, ironwood and other wood product furniture, wood decoration and garden furniture.

Of the coatings displayed at the fair, windshield is the best one with weather resistance. The natural wood oil that can clean grimes on the surface of furniture is also sold at the booth.

Brightex Paints are available at the paint shops across the nation. Those wishing to buy the paints may contact BHI Int'l Ltd, No. C/G-1, Waizayanta

Road, Waizayanta Housing, Thingangyun Township, Tel: 01-564054, 01-564349 and Fax: 01-572059.—MNA

Brightex Wood Coating Paints made in Singapore on display at Booth No. D51-52 of the Yangon Lifestyle Furniture Fair 2010.—MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Tun Than, Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan and Mayor U Aung Thein Lin and officials formally open Junction Centre (Maw Tin) and Junction Cineplex. (News on page 1)—MNA

A trip to Mawlamyine, capital...

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and Public Relations Department. It was in the early morning. We looked round Mawlamyine because the government offices were not opened. The scenic view of flowery plants at the heart of the town and extended strand road symbolize the beauty of the town.

We went to Mawlamyine Township Development Affairs Committee in order to ask

facts about the cleaning and beautifying tasks. We interviewed Executive Officer of Township DAC Deputy Director U Myint Aung about it. He said, "Mawlamyine being the capital of Mon State, Township DAC has to carry out cleaning and beautifying tasks so as to keep it clean. Especially, traffic islands are decorated with flowers. Arrangements are being made to be better entrance roads and to keep markets

and roads in the wards clean."

According to the figures of 2009-2010 financial year, urban roads including 85 miles and 1.84 furlongs of tarred road, six miles and 4.10 furlongs of gravel road, 11 miles and 3.71 furlongs of laterite road, 68 miles and 7.12 furlongs of earth road, have been built and so did roads--10 miles and 5.6 furlongs of rural roads, 11 miles and 1.29 furlongs of laterite roads and 14 miles and 7.99 furlongs of earth roads. For 2010-2011 financial year, 34 per cent out of four miles and 0.71 furlongs of tarred road targeted to pave have been completed. The most hustle and bustle place of Mawlamyine is Daungmin ward. Daungmin ward market connects No.1 Market in lower road and No.2 Market in upper road.

It is always busy with buyers and sellers. There being brokerage,



Roundabout seen at the heart of Mawlamyine.

bus terminal, railway station and jetty, local people are now enjoying the job opportunities.

There exist Mawlamyine University, University of Computer Studies and Technological University. Now, local youths have easy access to education opportunity. In the past, they had to learn their university education only in Yangon and Mandalay. Thanks to the arrangement of the government, local youths can



Mawlamyine-Mudon-Thanbyuzayat highway in Mawlamyine.

learn their education in the region. Mawlamyine is now becoming developed in all aspects together with peace and stability.

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Swanoak roundabout at the centre of Mawlamyine.

Study shows Breastfeeding mothers need help

BRISBANE, 18 Sept—An Australian researcher says mothers need real help breastfeeding, not to be made to feel guilty for not breastfeeding.

Joy Parkinson of the Queensland University of Technology in Australia says a more supportive approach might be helpful in promoting the practice.

Parkinson and colleagues looked at almost 1,400 women in Australia and the United States and found support and encouragement from family and friends to persevere with breastfeeding was the key to boosting breastfeeding rates — especially when

the going got tough.

"Breastfeeding rates in developed countries such as Britain, Australia and United States are typically lower than World Health Organization goals," the researchers say in a statement. Parkinson says women know breastfeeding is good for their baby but they say they needed the tools to help them to breastfeed longer. "Governments and breastfeeding advocates across the globe have tended to focus on a campaign of fear and guilt to push women to breastfeed and in Britain it's no different," Parkinson says.—Internet



This photo illustration made available on 11 Aug, 2010 by United Airlines and Continental Airlines shows changes to the visual branding for the new global airline. Continental shareholders approve combination with United to form world's biggest airline, 17 Sept, 2010.—INTERNET

UAL, Continental shareholders approve airline deal

NEW YORK, 18 Sept—The biggest airline in the world will have the United name, Continental's globe logo and potentially far-reaching effects on air travel.

Shareholders who approved combining the two companies Friday hope the new airline attracts more top-dollar corporate travelers with its larger network while reducing costs. Some industry watchers say the deal will lead to higher fares, but United and Continental say there's enough competition from low-cost airlines to keep prices from rising. The vote for the deal topped 98 percent at both companies, which expect the \$3 billion stock swap to close in the next two weeks after loose ends are tied up. Regulators in the US and Europe have already signaled approval. With the voting over, the real work begins. Passengers won't notice changes immediately, but behind the scenes the airlines will be combining two separate groups of highly unionized workers, merging reservations systems and putting new paint jobs on the planes. The companies expect it will be at least a year before federal authorities approve their request to fly as one airline.—Internet



A Chinese-made Geely electric car on display at the Beijing Auto Show in April. China is drawing up a new plan to become a leader in eco-friendly cars that could include forcing foreign automakers to share key technologies for access to its market, the Wall Street Journal says.

INTERNET



Sri Lankan soldiers are seen standing guard at a Karadiyanaru police station in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka which was the site of an explosions blast on 17 September.—INTERNET

Greece's unemployment rate hits 11-year high

ATHENS, 18 Sept—Greece's unemployment rose to 11.8 percent in the second quarter of this year from 11.7 percent the previous quarter, hitting an 11-year high, the National Statistical Authority said on Friday.

The number of jobless stood at 594,032 during April-June, also a year-on-year increase of 34.2 percent, compared with 8.9 percent a year earlier.

Labour union representatives voiced fears that the figures would deteriorate further before they could improve. EU

experts predict that unemployment in Greece would rise to 11.8 percent by the end of this year and exceed 13 percent next year.

According to the annual report of the Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers (GSEE), more than 175,000 more jobs could be lost in Greece by 2012, pushing the total number of unemployed to approximately one million, or 20 percent of the workforce.

Xinhua

Cellphone talk distracts bystanders

ITHACA, 18 Sept—Cellphone conversations are irritating to people close enough to hear only half of the conversation, US researchers say.

A Cornell University psychology graduate student says overhearing someone talking intermittently does not provide the predictability of hearing a two-way exchange, and thus proves inherently unsettling, Science News.com reported Friday.

That makes it harder to focus on one's own immediate business, whether it is reading a book, contemplating a work presentation or driving a car, Lauren Emberson says. The results raise the unsettling possibility

that drivers operate vehicles poorly not only while talking on cellphones but also when passengers are using their phones.

"Drivers should be aware that one's attention is drawn away from current tasks by overhearing someone on a cellphone ... and that this effect is beyond conscious control," Emberson says.

Overhearing a whole conversation while focusing on something else does not drain listeners' attention, researchers say. Individuals who overhear cellphone chatters often try to guess what the unheard talker has just said or thought, contributing to distraction, another researcher says.

Internet



General Motors' president and managing director for China operations, Kevin Wale (third left) takes part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the company's advanced technical center in Shanghai in June. China is drawing up a new plan to become a leader in eco-friendly cars that could include forcing foreign automakers to share key technologies for access to its market, the Wall Street Journal says.

INTERNET

Amoeba blamed in two more organ transplant deaths

ATLANTA, 18 Sept—US health officials say two Arizona organ transplant recipients died of an infection from a microscopic parasite they got from their organ donor. The deaths are the second confirmed cluster of transplant-related encephalitis caused by *Balamuthia mandrillaris*, an amoeba found in soil. It is especially dangerous to people undergoing organ transplants and who have weakened immune

systems. The first cluster occurred in Mississippi last year.

The donor, a 27-year-old male landscaper, died in Arizona in July from what doctors believed was a stroke. A 56-year-old male liver recipient died on 17 Aug. A 24-year-old male kidney and pancreas recipient died on 30 Aug. Two other recipients, one who got a heart and another a kidney, are alive and without symptoms.

Internet

Number of poor in US jumps to record 43.7 million



A homeless man holds a sign as he panhandles for spare change in San Francisco, California. The number of people living in poverty in the United States leapt by nearly four million last year to 43.7 million, the highest number since the US Census began collecting data on America's poor 51 years ago, officials said on Thursday.—INTERNET

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One in seven people lived below the poverty line in 2009 in the world's richest nation, or on less than 22,000 dollars a year for a family of four.

That put the poverty rate at 14.3 percent, the highest level since 1994, said David Johnson, head of the US Census Bureau's housing and household economic division.

The number of people without health insurance also reached a sorry record, sweeping past the 50 million mark last year for the first time, Johnson said as the Census Bureau released its annual report on poverty, income and health insurance coverage.

Internet

Hong Kong gold hits record high



Visitors are seen looking at a tower of gold bars at a shopping mall in Beijing. The price of gold struck a record high above 1,280 US dollars an ounce in Hong Kong trade on Friday.—INTERNET

HONG KONG, 18 Sept—The price of gold struck a record high above 1,280 US dollars an ounce in Hong Kong trade on Friday.

The precious metal rose to 1,280.20 US dollars an ounce in

afternoon trading, after opening at 1,274.00-1,275.00 dollars.

It has marked up a series of record highs this week, hitting almost 1,278 dollars on Thursday.

Traders moved into the safe haven on rising

concerns for the global economy after the European Union warned Monday that fears of a resurgent eurozone debt crisis were likely to stunt the region's economic growth prospects this year.

And on Thursday, analysts said that the US economy remained fragile despite a drop in the number of people claiming jobless benefits in the world's biggest economy.

The rise also came amidst speculation that the United States may revert to crisis-era spending measures to boost the country's economy as fears grow of a fresh slowdown there.

Analysts expect gold to break the 1,300 dollar mark before the end of the year, although they said recent gains could be pared back as investors lock in profits.—INTERNET

Turkey, Iran agree to open new border gates

ISTANBUL, 18 Sept—Turkey and Iran signed a series of agreements, which included the establishment of new border gates as well as cooperation in higher education, culture and youth, the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported on Friday.

The report said the agreements were signed in a meeting between Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Iranian First Vice President Mohammed Reza Rahimi in Istanbul on Thursday.

The two leaders held a joint press conference following their meeting. Erdogan was quoted as saying that Iran's nuclear programme was in a sensitive period.

There are excellent opportunities to resolve Iran's nuclear programme issue peacefully. Ankara did not want nuclear weapons in the region but was not against use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, he said.

Rahimi said that Turkey's and Iran's special status can help develop peace and security in the region. Turkey and Iran were two powerful countries in the region with a special status.

Xinhua

German producer prices gain less than forecast

FRANKFURT, 18 Sept—German producer prices, the cost of goods at the factory gate, rose by less than expected in August despite higher metal and energy prices, figures released on Friday by the national statistics office showed.

Prices gained 3.2 percent from the same month a year earlier and were essentially unchanged from July 2010, the Destatis office said.

Analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires had forecast an annualised increase of 3.5 percent and a rise of 0.3 percent on the month.

The 12-month rate in July was a markedly higher 3.7 percent, Destatis noted.

In August, intermediate goods such as



File picture shows German steel company Thyssen Krupp's coking plant in western Germany. German producer prices, the cost of goods at the factory gate, rose by less than expected in August despite higher metal and energy prices, figures released on Friday by the national statistics office showed.

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metals and chemicals used in the production of final products posted the strongest increases, along with energy prices. Intermediate goods prices gained 5.6 percent

and energy cost 4.8 percent more on the year.

A breakdown of the former revealed that metal prices leapt by 17.5 percent.

Internet

A performer takes part in a show "The House of Dancing Water" at the City of Dreams resort in Macau 15 September, 2010. The HK\$2 billion (\$256 million) water-based show, created and directed by Franco Dragone, is inspired by the "seven emotions" principle derived from classical Confucian beliefs in Chinese culture.—INTERNET



Magnitude-6.3 earthquake jolts north Pakistan, Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, 18 Sept—A magnitude-6.3 earthquake struck north Pakistan late on Friday night, said the country's meteorology office. The tremor was felt in Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar and other cities in the northwest Khyber-Paktunkwa province and the east Punjab Province, local residents said. The quake lasted 15 seconds and some people fled homes, they added.

There were no immediate reports of casualty or damage. Meanwhile, the US Geological Survey (USGS) reported that the quake had jolted Hindu Kush region of Afghanistan.

The temblor occurred at 11:51 pm local time (1921 GMT), at a depth of 199.7 km. The epicentre was 75 km south-southeast of Faizabad, Afghanistan and 115 km northwest of Chitral, Pakistan, said the USGS on its official website.—Xinhua

Italy's art gallery opens amid splendor, forgotten masterpieces

ROME, 18 Sept — Italy's Cultural Heritage Minister Sandro Bondi on Thursday inaugurated the national gallery of ancient art, set to become the Italian version of the Louvre and one of the world's leading museums.

"This is a memorable day for Italian culture, an important step towards further boosting Rome's tourism," said Bondi, who praised the excellent work done by the center-right government of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi in finalizing the restyle and opening the gallery to the public.

After decades of restoration works, Rome's baroque Palace Barberini (once owned by a famous papal family) thus regained its splendor amid forgotten masterpieces of Italian painters.

Xinhua



Emre Kadir Cevik from Turkey bends himself during a performance at a shopping mall in Hong Kong, south China, on 16 Sept, 2010. — XINHUA



Performers of China's Dong ethnic group sing a folk song during the opening ceremony of the Culture Scares China 2010 in Basel, Switzerland, on 16 Sept, 2010. — XINHUA

Study shows Austrian kids getting fatter

VIENNA, 19 Sept — Austrian kids are getting much fatter and the country is becoming a "sick society" is the summary of a sports medicine expert of a study his institute released on Thursday. IMSB Director Hans Holdhaus was commenting on a marked rise in obesity between studies the medical and sports consulting firm carried out between 2004 and 2006 and another study done early this year.

The 2004-2006 research found one in every four children aged 10 to 12 had a body fat percentage of more than 20 percent. Early this year, IMSB Austria examined 1,100 kids of the age group again, finding that the percentage of children of normal weight had declined from 52 to just 34 percent and the share of overweight children had risen from 24 to 44 percent.

Internet

Child death rate down by a third since 1990

UNITED NATIONS, 17 Sept — The number of children who die before reaching their fifth birthday has fallen by a third since 1990, the United Nations said on Friday, but the decline is still way off a globally agreed target to be met by 2015. Data from the United Nations' children's fund UNICEF showed the total number of under-five deaths decreased to 8.1 million per year in 2009 from 12.4 million per year in 1990.

The United Nations Millennium Development Goal 4 (MDG 4) calls for a two-thirds reduction in the mortality rate among children under five between 1990 and 2015. According to UNICEF's figures, which were published in a special edition of The Lancet medical journal, the global under-five mortality rate has dropped by a third since 1990, from 89 deaths per 1,000 births to 60 in 2009. — Internet

New spider species found in Indonesia's Kalimantan

JAKARTA, 18 Sept — The discovery of four new species of spider in Kalimantan was announced recently, adding to Indonesia's already rich catalog of fauna, local media reported on Friday. The findings, by Cahyo Rahmadi, a zoology researcher at the In-

donesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), and two colleagues, Mark S. Harvey, from the Western Australian Museum, and Jun-ichi Kojima, from Japan's Ibaraki University, were published in *Zootaxa*, a taxonomy journal.

The four new species of whip spiders, or tail-less whip scorpions, known here as kala cemeti, were found in the Sangkulirang caves in East Kalimantan and around Mount Muller in Central Kalimantan. One of the species was named *Sarax yayukae*, in honor of Yayuk R Suhardjono, an Indonesian scientist specializing in cave biology who helped the researchers during their work. — Internet

Artificial pancreas offers hope to diabetics

LONDON, 18 Sept — A researcher has developed an artificial pancreas that she says could revolutionize the treatment of diabetes. The device, developed by Professor Joan Taylor, from De Montfort University, Leicester, could put an end to daily injections diabetics have to endure to regulate glucose levels.

Glucose levels are normally controlled by the hormone insulin, released by the pancreas when required.

People who have diabetes either do not produce

insulin, do not produce enough insulin or the insulin they do produce does not work properly. The new artificial pancreas, invented and patented by Prof Taylor, is made of a metal casing containing a supply of insulin kept in place by a gel barrier.

When the body's glucose levels rise, the gel barrier starts to liquefy and lets insulin out. The insulin feeds into the veins around the gut then into the vein to the liver, mimicking the normal process for a person

with a healthy pancreas.

As the insulin lowers the glucose level, the gel reacts by hardening again and stopping the supply.

Prof Taylor said this means the right amount of insulin would be released automatically when the body needed it.

The artificial pancreas, which is undergoing pre-clinical trials, would be implanted between the lowest rib and the hip and topped up with insulin every few weeks.

Internet



Chimpanzees munch on leek at Tokyo's Tama Zoo in 2009. Local wildlife experts in Sierra Leone on Thursday highlighted what they called a "grave threat to the chimps population" in the west African state. — INTERNET

Expert calls for innovation in China's interventional neurosurgery

HOUSTON, 17 Sept — A Chinese medical expert on Thursday called for his Chinese counterparts to make efforts in innovating technologies to make the country a real world leader in the field of interventional neuroradiology. China is leading the world in terms of the number of surgeries and in surgical skills in the interventional neurosurgery, Liu Jianmin, head of the neurosurgery department of Changhai Hospital in Shanghai, said on the sidelines of an interventional neuroradiology conference.

However, Liu said Chinese neurologists should play a more active role in technological innovation and in turning their clinical experience into theory and technologies. Changhai Hospital alone carries out

more than 1,500 interventional neuroradiology surgeries a year, making the hospital one of a handful of hospitals in the world which can carry out such a large number of surgeries a year, he said.

Internet

Researchers find part of brain we reflect with

LONDON, 18 Sept — Scientists have identified the part of the brain that appears to control introspection — the ability to think about what you are thinking. The discovery could lead to an understanding of one of the key ingredients of human consciousness and could help to treat certain brain injuries where people lose their ability to reflect upon their own thoughts and actions.

Internet

Body parts found in shark 'belong to missing sailor'

LONDON, 18 Sept — Body parts which were found inside a shark appear to belong to a man who disappeared off a Bahamas beach where one of the *Jaws* movies was filmed. Police say fingerprints match those of Judson Newton, who swam for shore after his boat broke down in August. The 3.6-metre (12ft) tiger shark was caught on 4 September by a local investment banker who was deep-sea fishing. Whilst reeling it in, he said he saw a leg poking out of the shark's mouth.

After cutting the creature open, defence force officers found a torso, two severed arms, and a right leg. Authorities say they are still waiting for DNA

tests to confirm they belong to Newton. The 43-year-old had been out boating with friends off New Providence Island on 29 August when their boat stalled.

Internet



The shark was caught by an investment banker who was deep-sea fishing. INTERNET



This is an undated Guinness World Records handout photo made available on 16 Sept, 2010 of Swallow, right, an 11-year-old cow from Yorkshire posing next to Freddie the bull. The minuscule cow with a taste for contemporary music has been named the world's smallest by the Guinness World Records book. Guinness says the sheep-sized bovine from the West Yorkshire region of northern England measures roughly 33 inches (84 centimetres) from hind to foot. At 33 inches she has been named the world's smallest cow.

News Album

Fluffy, a reticulated python, is the "Longest Snake" from the Guinness World Records 2011 book. She is 24 feet long and lives at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in Powell, OH.

Man made kite look like UFO

A Minnesota man cited for disorderly conduct for allegedly tying lights to his kite at night to make it appear to be a UFO said that was not his intention.

St Paul police said they knew the Monday report of unidentified lights in the sky was a kite being flown by Ernest Sawka Jr, 34, who was arrested on an unrelated warrant while flying his kite on 20 Aug, the St Paul Pioneer-Press reported.

"Our officers asked him if he was trying to get a rise out of the public by flying his kite at night

and he nodded yes," St. Paul police spokesman Andy Skoogman said. "He may think it's funny, but we think it's a waste of our resources."

Sawka was cited for disorderly conduct, public nuisance and being in a playground after hours.

However, Sawka denies nodding yes to the officer's question and said he never intended to fool the public with his kite. He said he plans to fight the citation.

"Hopefully, the judge will say, 'You're here for flying a kite?' and drop the case," he said.



Australian Aborigines 'world's first astronomers'



This file photo shows sunrise over Uluru (Ayer's Rock), the largest single rock monolith in the world, in central Australia.

An Australian study has uncovered signs that the country's ancient Aborigines may have been the world's first stargazers, pre-dating Stonehenge and Egypt's pyramids by thousands of years. Professor Ray Norris said widespread and detailed knowledge of the stars had been passed down through the generations by Aborigines, whose history dates back tens of millennia, in traditional songs and stories.

"We know there's lots of stories about the sky: songs, legends, myths," said Norris, an astronomer for Australia's science agency, the Commonwealth Scientific and Research Organization (CSIRO).

"We wondered how much further does it go than that. It turns out also people used the sky for navigation, time-keeping, to mark out the seasons, so it's very practical. "People were nomadic so when Pleiades (the Seven Sisters star cluster) was up they would move to where the nuts and berries are. Another sign and it would be time to move to the rivers to fish for barramundi, and so on."

Oprah picks another Franzen book for club



Oprah Winfrey and Oscar De La Renta arrive for the Metropolitan Museums of Art's Costume Institute Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York on 3 May, 2010.
INTERNET

CHICAGO, 18 Sept—US talk-show host Oprah Winfrey has chosen Jonathan Franzen's novel "Freedom" for her next book-club discussion, The New York Times said.

Winfrey selected the author's book "Corrections" for her book club in 2001, but cancelled Franzen's scheduled appearance on her show after he said in interviews he was afraid the distinction of being a Winfrey pick might scare away male readers.

He later apologized for his remarks.—Internet

Archer sells TV, film rights to 10 books

LONDON, 18 Sept—British author and former Tory peer Jeffrey Archer has sold the film and television rights to 10 of his books, the Daily Telegraph said.

Among the works that could be adapted as movies or TV shows are "A Matter of Honour,"

"As the Crow Flies" and "Honour Among Thieves."

The newspaper did not say how much Archer was paid in the deal.

"We look forward to developing these exceptional literary properties across film and television to excite

Jeffrey Archer's enormous worldwide fan base and new audiences alike resulting in productions with that must-see factor," the Telegraph quoted Jeffrey Steiner, the Canadian businessman who bought the rights, as saying.

Internet

Lohan investigated on drug test

LOS ANGELES, 18 Sept—Law enforcement officials are looking into whether Lindsay Lohan failed a drug test since leaving a drug rehab programme, the Los Angeles Times reported on Friday.

Citing three sources it did not identify, the newspaper said investigators had not determined whether Lohan has used drugs since being released from rehab last month. The newspaper reported one of its sources said the judge and prosecutor in Lohan's case were given "unofficial" notification the investigation was being conducted.

The 24-year-old star of "Freaky Friday" and "Mean Girls" went into rehab after serving nearly two weeks this summer in a solitary jail cell for violating probation in a 2007 driving-under-the-influence case. Her 90-day sentence was cut short

because of good behaviour and jail overcrowding.

Lohan could be sent back to jail if it is determined she failed a drug test.

Internet



Actress Lindsay Lohan surrenders in court to begin serving a 90-day jail term for violation of probation in Beverly Hills, California on 20 July, 2010.
INTERNET

Hollywood needs more minorities

NEW YORK, 18 Sept—Taraji P Henson agrees that minorities were not represented enough at the Emmys and there are too few working in Hollywood.

Henson says "there were several times when I didn't even want to watch the Emmys because I mean, who am

I looking at?"

Henson made the comments when asked on her thoughts about fellow actress Regina King's 3 Sept blog post for the Huffington Post.

In it, the black actress criticizes the Emmys for under-representing minorities in its main categories. King also writes that she was offended after a member of the media confused her with actress Rutina Wesley of HBO's "True Blood."

Internet



Actors Terrence Howard and Taraji P Henson pose for a portrait on 16 Sept, 2010 in New York.—INTERNET

Tottenham Hotspur 3-1 Wolves

LONDON, 18 Sept— Steven Fletcher tapped in Kevin Foley's cross to give Wolves the lead at the end of a first half Spurs had bossed. Wolves held firm until Stephen Ward's foul on Alan Hutton allowed Rafael van der Vaart to score a penalty.

With three minutes to go, substitute Roman

Pavlyuchenko side-footed in to put Spurs ahead before Hutton scored a fortuitous third.

The result was hard on the visitors, who once again proved determined and stubborn opponents, but was reward for a home side who created the greater number of chances throughout.—*Internet*



Van der Vaart scored his first Tottenham goal from the penalty spot.—*INTERNET*

Birmingham hit by McFadden blow

LONDON, 18 Sept — Birmingham's Scottish international striker James McFadden faces a lengthy spell on the sidelines after suffering anterior cruciate ligament damage in training on Friday.

"Birmingham City can confirm that James

McFadden sustained anterior cruciate ligament damage to his left knee in training today," said a club statement.

"McFadden will see a specialist on Monday with a view to surgery and will be out of action for the foreseeable future."



Parker pounced to put West Ham in front but his team could not hold on.—*INTERNET*

Hughes plans to keep Schwarzer at Fulham

LONDON, 18 Sept — Fulham manager Mark Hughes is convinced a new deal will help persuade Australia goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer to stay at Craven Cottage.

Schwarzer was linked

with a four-million pound move to Arsenal in the summer and Hughes knows that once the transfer window reopens in January, the 38-year-old World Cup keeper will once again be a target.

"If we could tie Mark down to a longer contract that would be the ideal for me," said Hughes.

"It might not be an option open to us as he is well within his rights to look at his options in January.

"I want him to stay and would be more comfortable and think that I have a chance of winning if Mark was playing."
—*Internet*



Birmingham's Scottish international striker James McFadden, seen here in March 2010, faces a lengthy. *INTERNET*

Valencia may return to Man U team in February

MANCHESTER, 18 Sept — Sir Alex Ferguson expects Antonio Valencia to return to action for Manchester United as soon as February following the winger's ankle surgery.

The Ecuador international, 25, suffered a dis-

located and fractured ankle, as well as ligament damage, in the goalless draw with Rangers in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Ferguson had initially feared that the former Wigan player's season was over and compared Valencia's injury to that suffered by Alan Smith at Liverpool in 2006.

But, following his operation, that United have now confirmed that Valencia suffered a clean break and could be on the sidelines for only five months.

The United manager thinks that the likes of Nani, Ryan Giggs, Ji-Sung Park, Gabriel Obertan and Bebe will provide adequate cover for the injured right winger.—*Internet*

Australia's goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer makes a save during the Group D first round 2010 World Cup.—*INTERNET*



Djokovic out of Davis Cup semi-final

BELGRADE, 18 Sept — Novak Djokovic was forced to withdraw from the opening day of the Davis Cup World Group semi-final between Serbia and Czech Republic on Friday due to stomach problems, a statement said.

Victor Troicki, world ranked 47, will replace Djokovic in the first rubber against Czech Radek Stepanek, ranked 35th, a statement on the Davis Cup website said.

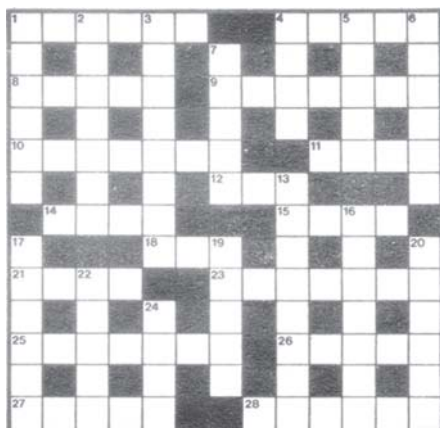
It was unclear whether Serbia's top player, who had only returned from US Open early on

Wednesday where he lost in the final to Rafael Nadal, would be able to play in a singles match on Sunday.—*Internet*



Serbia's Novak Djokovic, seen here in 2007. Djokovic was forced to withdraw from the opening day.—*INTERNET*

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Church district
- 4 New growth of plant
- 8 Abandon
- 9 Idle talk
- 10 Schoolbag
- 11 French cheese
- 12 Excavate
- 14 Central European river
- 15 Impetuous
- 18 Domestic animal
- 21 A single thing
- 23 Fish
- 25 Infectious disease
- 26 Small and mischievous
- 27 Artificial ilk
- 28 Tempestuous

DOWN

- 1 Sheen
- 2 Responded to stimulus
- 3 Pastor
- 4 Nine inches
- 5 Division of target
- 6 Small tower
- 7 Rebuke
- 13 Degree of slope
- 16 Hoaxer (sl)
- 17 Season
- 19 Spectre
- 20 Emaciated
- 22 European country
- 24 Design

S P O R T S

Vidic gets United captaincy nod for Liverpool clash

MANCHESTER, 18 Sept — Serbian defender Nemanja Vidic will skip Manchester United in Sunday's clash against Liverpool at Old Trafford, manager Sir Alex Ferguson confirmed.

With Gary Neville and Ryan Giggs not playing every week, Rio Ferdinand

has been the regular stand-in over the past few years and was captain on Tuesday when Vidic missed the Champions League opener with Rangers.

But the United boss confirmed that Vidic will again lead the team out against Liverpool, as he has done in all four Premier League matches so far this season.

—*Internet*



Serbia's defender Nemanja Vidic takes part in a training session at the Mbombela Stadium in Nelspruit.—*INTERNET*

Keselowski wins pole, Johnson a career-worst 25th

LONDON, 18 Sept — Brad Keselowski crashed the party at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, winning

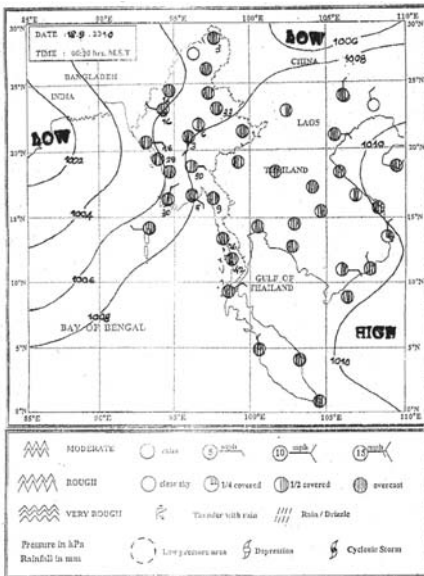
the pole for the first race in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Keselowski broke Juan Pablo Montoya's year-old qualifying record with a lap of 133.572 mph on Friday to earn the top starting spot Sunday. The Penske Racing driver nudged championship contenders Clint Bowyer and Tony Stewart, who qualified second and third for the first event in the 10-race Chase.—*Internet*



NASCAR driver Denny Hamlin inserts his earplugs at the start of practice for Sunday's NASCAR Sylvania. *INTERNET*

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 18th September, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Region, scattered in Kachin State and Mandalay Region, fairly widespread in Chin State, lower Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with locally heavy falls in Mandalay Region and isolated heavy falls in Chin State, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (Lewe) (2.08) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (pyinmana) (0.63) inch, Mindat (4.29) inches, Thayawady (3.11) inches, Nyaungdon (3.05) inches, Hinthada (2.92) inches, Taungdwingyi (2.56) inches, Shwegu (2.32) inches, Kalaywa (2.24) inches, and Paung (2.01) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 17-9-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 18-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-9-2010 was (85%). Rainfall on 18-9-2010 was (0.08) inch.

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 17-9-2010 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 18-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-9-2010 was (82%). Total sunshine hours on 17-9-2010 was (4.8) hours.

Rainfall on 18-9-2010 was (0.16) inch at Mingaladon (0.23) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (68.19) inches at Mingaladon, (79.17) inches at Kaba-Aye and (85.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (14:30) hours MST on 17-9-2010.

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

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 19th September

2010: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Bago Regions and widespread in the remaining States and Regions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Region. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of thunder conditions in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-9-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-9-2010: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Moderate quake rocks North Sulawesi, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 Sept—A moderate earthquake measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale struck off North Sulawesi in Indonesia on Saturday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

The US Geological Survey reported on its website that a 5.2 magnitude earthquake hit the North Sulawesi Region.

The quake occurred at 02:34 am Jakarta time Saturday (1934 GMT Friday) with the epicentre at 126 km southeast of Melonguane of North Sulawesi and with the depth of 10 km under sea bed.

Xinhua



This picture taken on 18 Sept, 2010 shows a general view of the athletes' village of the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, capital of India. The Commonwealth Games village will accommodate more than 7000 athletes from 53 countries during the games.—XINHUA

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (19-9-2010)(Sunday)

Transmissions

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Overseas Transmission - (19-9-10 09:30 am ~ 20-9-10 09:30 am) MST

Times

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Pleasant Taunggyi
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Special Son-in-Law"
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- * Avian Antivenom Rewarding Achievement of DMR
- * News
- * "Myanmar's Traditions and Culture"
- * Myanmar's Secret Beautifier
- * Music Gallery
- * News
- * The Land of Silver Mountains (Kayah State)
- * News
- * Good Friends for Good Future
- * Myanmar Movie "Who really won"?

Myanmar

TV

Sunday, 19 September View on today

- 7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ဝရိတ် တရားတော်
- 7:15 am
2. အဝံ့လေမဝံ့လေ (ယဉ်ပေယဉ်နိုး၊ တေးရေး-ဝိတ်စာဆိုမျိုးနွယ်ဆွေ)
- 7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:30 am
4. Morning News
- 7:40 am
5. Nice & Sweet song
- 7:55 am
6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (ဂေါ်မြာမဂလာ)
- 8:10 am
7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 am
8. "ညောင်မယ်ဖို"
- 8:40 am
9. International News
- 8:45 am
10. Musical Programme
- 11:00 am
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
2. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am
3. Round Up Of The Week's International News
- 11:30 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတွဲ "မပြည်သောချစ်ခြင်း၊ ဖခင်သောမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၄၄)
- 12:30 am
5. Golf Magazine (TV)
- 12:50 am
6. မြန်မာ့ဗီဒီယိုတော်လမ်း "ချစ်တတ်ပါ" (လူမင်းနန္ဒာလှိုင်မေသန်းနု) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ညီညီကွန်းလွင်)

- 2:35 pm
7. "မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်တော်မြောက်ရေး ကြိုးပမ်းဆောင်ရွက်မှုများ"
- 2:50 pm
8. International News
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
2. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:15 pm
3. Song Of National Races
- 4:20 pm
4. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm
5. အတေးသံတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ချစ်ခြင်းသဘောထားသင်တန်းစာပေမဂ္ဂဇင်း (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာမူလွှဲ အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 4:45 pm
6. Songs To Uphold National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
7. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ
- 5:00 pm
8. "လူကွန်းမျိုးကွန်းမှတော်မယ်"
- 5:15 pm
9. Sing & Enjoy

- 6:00 pm
10. Evening News
- 6:15 pm
11. Weather Report
- 6:20 pm
12. တာဝန်းအစီအစဉ် "BUGS" ADVENTURES" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)
- 6:35 pm
13. တစ်မျက်နှာတစ်ကွက်စာ "ရွှေတောတောင်ချစ်ကြတယ်" (တော်သိမ်း) ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ ရန်နီနီ၊ ခင်မျိုးအေး၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မေတင်) (MMG)
- 7:00 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတွဲ (အတိတ်ရဲ့ရိုသ်) (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 8:00 pm
15. News
16. International News
17. Weather Report
18. "အရက်ဦးမှားမှားသည့်ကြာ" (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စာရေးဆရာတင်သန်းဦး)



- ★ 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

A trip to Mawlamyine, capital of Mon State

The last time I visited Mawlamyine was 20 years ago. Now, the city is totally different from the past and gaining development momentum. Mawlamyine is endowed with flora and fauna. The main reason of the development of Mon State including Mawlamyine is due to better transport. Thanks to 11,575 feet long Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), the biggest and longest of its kind in Myanmar which links Mottma and Mawlamyine, Mon State now sees the development.

Myanma Alin daily left Yangon for

**Byline: Myo Min Thein
(Mayangon);
Photos: Lay Nwe (Mingaladon)**

Mawlamyine of Mon State by Shwemyaingthu Express.

When I took a look from the Bridge, I saw signboard reading Welcome to Mawlamyine. At bus terminal, we were welcomed by deputy staff officer U Saw Chit Than of Mon State Information (See page 9)



Photo shows extended Thanlwin strand road.

Talk for development of library

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept—Jointly organized by Gangaw District Information and Public Relations Department and the village library supervisory committee, an educative talk on development of library was held at Pyinnya Lwinpyin Library in Hanthawady Village on 14 September.

At the talk participants discussed matters to be taken for development of the library.

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INSIDE

The people of today no longer are those of 1990. They have been well-informed about political, economic and social affairs as well as international affairs. They can distinguish between right and wrong with correct views and outlooks. They no longer are the ones who believed whatever politicians said and thought highly of their personal fame.

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