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Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe meets servicemen, family members at Hmawby Station

YANGON, 20 Sept — Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to present gifts to patients at Defence Services Orthopedic Specialist Hospital in Mingaladon Township here yesterday.

It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Region Peace and Development Council Commander of

Yangon Command Brig-Gen Tun Than, senior military officers, departmental officials, wellwishers and guests.

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and officials presented gifts to patients and cordially greeted them.

Next, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe and the commander presented equipments to the hospital through an official. (See page 8)

Political parties submit lists of party members to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Political parties are to submit lists of their party members organized in line with Article 13 (a) of Political Parties Registration Rules to the Union Election Commission within 90 days from the date they have been granted permission to register.

Unity and Democracy Party of Kachin State (UDPKS) and Khami National Development Party submitted lists of their members to the UEC today. So far, there have been 34 parties that submitted lists of their members.—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

Myaukyama Creek Bridge in Yinmabin Township opened

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—The opening of Myaukyama Creek Bridge on Section (3) of Pathein-Monywa Road in Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Region, was held at the pavilion near the bridge on 18 September.

Chairman of Sagaing Region Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Soe Lwin

delivered an address.

Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint presented facts about the facility.

The minister and officials formally opened the bridge. The commander, the minister and departmental officials posed for documentary photos together with the attendees.

The commander unveiled the stone



Commander Brig-Gen Soe Lwin and Minister U Khin Maung Myint stroll along Myaukyama Creek Bridge.—MNA



Photo shows Myaukyama Creek Bridge on Pathein-Monywa Road in Yinmabin Township.—MNA

plaque of the bridge.

Thanks to the bridge, people can ply by car in a short time between Pathein and Monywa, passing Ayeyawady, Bago, Magway and Sagaing regions.

The regions along the road will soon be able to enjoy greater development in the economic, social, administrative, education and health sectors.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Railroad networks on western bank of Ayeyawady River

It costs less to travel by train. A large number of people and huge amount of goods can be transported by train in a short time. So, the government has been building more and more railroads across the nation.

Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad, 320 miles long, is one of the railroads designed to form railroad networks for trade development. Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad is an artery in the regions on the western bank of the river Ayeyawady.

So far, road sections between Kyangin, Otshinpin, Kanma, Thayet and Minhla along with the Pakokku-Kyungyaung section of the railroad have been put into service, thus contributing towards the transport of the region. Minhla-Minbu section of Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad was inaugurated on 18 September. Therefore, Pathein is now directly accessible by train from Minbu through Kyangin.

The 25-mile long railroad section emerged as a result of the plan to open Kyangin-Pakokku Railroad section-wise. Now, people and commodities can be transported with convenience between Minhla and Minbu townships.

Having vast arable lands, the regions along the western bank of the river Ayeyawady serve as a source of edible oil crops, beans and pulses and many other crops. Long ago, the area was in no position to enjoy swift commodity flow and lagged behind other regions in development in consequence of poor transport.

Today, there have emerged several bridges over the Ayeyawady River, linking the eastern and western banks together in terms of transport. Besides, many more railroad networks are being built, and they are being commissioned section-wise. Owing to a growing number of railroad sections, the regions on the western bank of the river have potential for rapid economic growth with brisk trade with other regions.

STI to organize workshop on Logistics and Supply Chain Management

YANGON, 20 Sept — STI Education, which has been conducting Diploma in Logistics Management and Diploma in Supply Chain Management since 2007, will organize a workshop on Logistics and Supply Chain Management jointly with Singapore Institute of Materials Management (SIMM) at Strand Hotel here from 1 to 5 pm on 2 October.

The SIMM is a mega non-profit organization which is sharing international experiences in the field.

SIMM Deputy Director Mr Jasni Hambali will give talk on "Global Trends in Logistics & Supply Chain Management" at the workshop.

Those wishing to enlist for the workshop at the STI Education at No (377), Shwebontha Road (Upper Block), Pabedan Township and at Campus (4), Room (7), Myanmar Info-Tech, Hline Campus, Hline Township (Ph: 250056, 700273, 507048, 507151 and 507152).—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

Information Minister inspects Myanmar Alin Daily



Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan meets with officials and staff of Myanmar Alin Daily.—MNA

YANGON, 20 Sept—Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan visited the Myanmar Alin Daily under the News and Periodicals Enterprise on Natmauk Street (1) in Bahan Township, Yangon East District, here, yesterday.

In meeting with the staff, the minister discussed

publication of the newspaper. He inspected the functions of the daily.

During his visit to the printing press, photo litho section, and editorial section, the minister underscored security, constant vigilance against unscrupulous persons, and staff welfare.—MNA

GMS Working Group meets for Trans-boundary Haze Pollution



NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept — Sixth Meeting of Technical Working Group of Greater Mekong Sub-region on Trans-boundary Haze Pollution was launched at Lake View Hall of Aureum Palace Hotel here today.

Secretary of National Commission for Environmental Conservation Director-General of Planning and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Forestry U San Lwin delivered an opening speech.

It was attended by officials from ASEAN

Sixth Meeting of Working Group of Greater Mekong Sub-region on Trans-boundary Haze Pollution in progress.

MNA



Secretariat, Greater Mekong Sub-region countries Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Lao, Singapore-based ASEAN Specialized Meteorological Centre (ASMC) and respective ministries.

The implementation of ASEAN Agreement on Trans-boundary Haze Pollution, the follow-up programmes for getting rid of forest fire and haze pollution in the sub-region, the potentials for cooperation to deal with forthcoming difficulties were discussed at the meeting which winds up tomorrow.—MNA



Kids without food in Pakistan floods face death



In this 13 Sept, 2010 photo, a Pakistani father carries his ill child at the Civil Hospital in Sukkur, Sindh Province, southern Pakistan.

INTERNET

SUKKUR, 20 Sept—Suhani Bunglani fans flies away from her two baby girls as one sleeps motionless while the other stares without blinking at the roof of their tent, her empty belly bulging beneath a green flowered shirt.

Their newborn sister already died on the ground inside this steamy shelter at just 4 days old, after the family's

escape from violent floods that drowned a huge swath of Pakistan. Now the girls, ages 1 and 2, are slowly starving, with shriveled arms and legs as fragile as twigs. More than 100,000 children left homeless by Pakistan's floods are in danger of dying because they simply do not have enough to eat, according to UNICEF. Children already weak from living on too little food in poor rural areas before the floods are fighting to stay alive, as diarrhea, respiratory diseases and malaria attack their emaciated bodies.

Doctors roaming the 100-degree camp that reeks of urine and animal manure have warned Bunglani three times to take her children to the hospital, or they will die.

The mother says she knows they need help, but she cannot leave the tent without her husband's consent. She must stay until he returns, even if it means risking her daughters' lives.

Internet

Eight killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 20 Sept—At least eight people were killed and two others injured in a US drone strike launched Monday afternoon in Pakistan's northwest tribal area of North Waziristan, reported local media.

According to the report, the US drones fired four missiles in the area of Tehsil Shawa in Miranshah of North Waziristan which borders Afghanistan and one of the missiles reportedly hit a vehicle carrying five local welfare workers and all of them were said to be killed.

There are also reports saying at least four foreign militants belonging to Hafiz Gulbahadur group were killed in the strike.

Monday's strike is the second of its kind over the last 24 hours. On Sunday night, the US drone fired three missiles targeting at a house

and a car in the Datta Khel area of North Waziristan, killing six Hafiz Gulbahadur militants.

Located along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border area, North Waziristan is considered to be a major stronghold of militants in the country.

Despite the fact that the US drone strike is mainly targeting at the militants active in the area, many innocent people have also been mistakenly killed in such strikes and this has led to a strong resentment against the United States among the local people.

Analysts here believe that with the step-up of the US drone strikes against the militants in Pakistan, more retaliatory actions will also be taken by the militants in the country in the near future.

Xinhua

Iran presses US as freed American returns

NEW YORK, 20 Sept—Iran has urged the United States to free eight Iranians as a "humanitarian gesture," while freed American hiker Sarah Shourd made an emotional plea for the release of two compatriots.

"Iran was the country that released Sarah. We haven't even received a note from the United States on that," President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad complained in an interview with ABC's "This Week," calling Shourd's release "a huge

humanitarian act."

"It would not be misplaced to ask that the US government should take a humanitarian gesture to release the Iranians who were illegally arrested and detained here in the United States."

Ahmadinejad did not elaborate on the identity of the Iranians he said were being held by the United States.

But in comments to Iranian state television on Friday, he referred to "several Iranians it (the United States) has caught

in Thailand, Georgia and elsewhere, or inside the US for exporting certain goods."

Shourd, 32, arrived at Dulles International Airport outside Washington days after being released on 500,000 dollars bail by Iran, which is still holding two other US hikers more than a year after they were detained along with Shourd.

She later drove up to New York, after Ahmadinejad arrived there ahead of the United Nations General Assembly.—Internet

World leaders seek new ways on Millennium goals

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Sept—World leaders are kicking off a summit to hammer out new ways to meet ambitious targets set a decade ago to cut poverty, millions of avoidable deaths and improve equality by 2015.

US President Barack Obama, President Nicolas Sarkozy of France, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad are among the leaders who will put rival plans to get the badly behind schedule Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

back on track.

Most experts say it will be impossible to meet any of the goals, which range from cutting the number of people in extreme poverty by half and the number of children who die before reaching five by two thirds, to fairer trade and spreading the internet to the world's poor.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon says more money and political will is needed to give new life to the MDG campaign.

The European Union is expected to announce one billion dollars of

MDG funds and the World Bank 750 million dollars for education, according to aid groups.

That still leaves more than 120 billion dollars to be found over the next five years. And the financial crisis has undermined much of the global community's ability to find new funds.

"I know there is skepticism but this MDG is a promise, a blueprint, by the world leaders to lift billions of people out of poverty. This must be met and delivered," Ban said in an interview with AFP ahead of the summit.—Internet

Iraqis inspect a crater caused by a suicide car bomb targeting a crowded commercial area near an AsiaCell store, one of Iraq's biggest mobile phone providers in Baghdad, Iraq on 19 Sept, 2010.

INTERNET



Hurricanes cause major damage in Caribbean nations and Mexico

BEIJING, 20 Sept—Hurricanes Igor and Karl have caused major damage and injuries in several Caribbean nations and Mexico.

Huge waves pounded Bermuda's beaches as residents rushed to board up windows, fill sandbags and stock up on water, food and other necessities. The US National Hurricane Centre, says Igor is expected to pass over, or very close to, Bermuda late Sunday or early Monday. High surf, kicked up by the storm, has already swept two people out to sea in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

In Mexico, residents are cleaning up from flooding and wind damage, caused by Hurricane Karl, which killed at least seven people, after it came ashore Friday. Many people complain they've received little support from authorities.

Xinhua

A forest fire burns in the Aguas Emendadas National Park Ecological Station, north of Brasilia, Brazil on 9 Sept, 2010. Dry weather, drought and heat has been causing fires across the country and put about 70 percent of the country at risk of fires.

XINHUA



Science



Human unconscious is transferred to virtual characters.

INTERNET

World powers to tackle climate amid skepticism

NEW YORK, 20 Sept—The 17 nations responsible for 80 percent of carbon emissions blamed for global warming will seek to unblock stalled climate negotiations this week but analysts expect little progress. The two-day Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate kicks off Monday and will include top government envoys, including US special envoy for climate change Todd Stern. US President Barack Obama launched the

meetings to facilitate climate talks in the wake of last year's disappointing United Nations conference in Copenhagen.

The successor conference to the Copenhagen meet is set for this November in Cancun, Mexico.

"I don't think anyone is expecting any major announcement," said Michael Levi, an analyst with the Council on Foreign Relations.—*Internet*



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Cyborg astronauts needed to colonize space

NEW YORK, 20 Sept—Scientists have warned for decades that humans are straining the Earth. The global population is increasing, economies are expanding and consumption doesn't appear to be slowing.

While save-the-planet campaigns are asking people to save energy, conserve water, recycle and even go vegetarian, some scientists are thinking literally out of this world by suggesting that humans may eventually have to consider leaving Earth if they are to survive as a species. In the September issue of *Endeavour*, senior curator at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Roger Launius takes a look at the historical debate surrounding human colonization of the solar system and how human biology will have to adapt to such extreme space environments.—*Internet*



Ships work near the site of the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill in August 2010. US officials finally declared BP's broken oil well in the Gulf of Mexico "dead" on, five months after the deadly explosion that set off one of the costliest and largest environmental disasters ever.

INTERNET

Earth's measurers say US needs more tools for task

NEW YORK, 20 Sept—Call it Mother Earth if you like, but "Little Brother" might be a more appropriate nickname for our messy, squirmy and unpredictable planet.

The shape and orientation of Earth are constantly changing. Sometimes the transformation is dramatic, wrought by violent earthquakes and volcanoes. Sometimes, as with the minute

gravitational fidgeting that wiggles the planet on its axis, the transformation passes relatively unnoticed.

No matter the scale, the geological tantrums and hiccups that provoke changes in the planet's shape and position can have far-reaching effects, and scientists are trying to keep track of all these changes through a discipline called geodesy.—*Internet*

Technology

Hackers hit Hollywood's piracy watchdog

LOS ANGELES, 20 Sept—The Web site run by the Motion Picture Association of America, the lobbying arm of the major Hollywood studios, was temporarily brought down Saturday by pirates enraged by an escalation in anti-piracy efforts.

MPAA.org and the Web site of AiPlex Software, a company the MPAA hired to target sites where piracy was rampant, were incapa-citated for much of the day, according to the piracy blog Torrentfreak. "The MPAA is aware of the illegal attack and has taken measures to mitigate the effect of any denial-of-service attack," said an MPAA spokes-man, noting the organization was able to get its site back online.—*Internet*

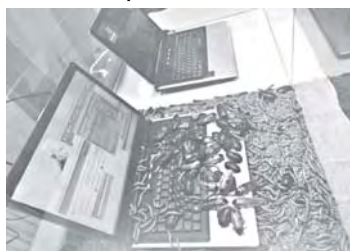
A night with the moon: skywatchers savor lunar views in global event

MOFFETT FIELD, 20 Sept—At first it seemed like rain would spoil everything. But despite early threats of foul weather, the clouds parted right on time and 8-year-old Alexandra Chin – along with hundreds of other skywatchers – took a long, deep look at the moon on Saturday "It looks even closer when you get to see the craters," Alexandra said.

Chin and her family were just a few of the 500 people who turned out

here at NASA's Ames Research Centre to peer through telescopes, picnic on the grass and listen to talks about the moon during the first International Observe the Moon Night, a global skywatching event to spur public interest in the moon with almost 400 venues scheduled in 30 different countries. "This is fantastic," said Sandra Chin, Alexandra's mother. She had brought her three children to the Ames centre from nearby Foster City to see the moon. "The kids are amazed. They're very surprised that they can see planets, not just the moon." Alexandra and her siblings observed the moon through one of the 25 or so telescopes set up by amateur astronomers on a big patch of grass. At Ames, in the heart of Silicon Valley, clouds hung around for much of the afternoon, threatening to cast a pall over the moon and the event. But the sky cleared around dusk, yielding brilliant views of the moon, Jupiter and Venus that were only occasionally spoiled by a white Farmers Insurance blimp cruising overhead.—*Internet*

Caterpillars, roaches and worms crawl on a computer, which represents an infected computer, next to a clean one, in a display that illustrates computer safety at Hacktivity, in Budapest. The major hackers' conference wrapped up in Hungary Sunday after highlighting protection against increasingly sophisticated computer piracy as the Internet becomes ever more present in daily life.—INTERNET



A man walks past an advertisement for mobile devices in Hanover, Germany. Regulators will bid on Monday to extend mobile Internet access to Europe's farthest flung outposts by opening up commercial rights to the analogue broadcasting spectrum.—INTERNET

Facebook denies plans to build its own phone

LOS ANGELES, 20 Sept—Social networking website Facebook said on Sunday it is pushing deeper into the mobile phones sector, but denied an Internet report that it will build its own phone.

Privately held Facebook has more than 500 million users worldwide and the company already has applications on a number of mobile phones that tie into its social networking website. But Jaime Schopflin, a spokesman for Facebook, said the privately held company "is not building a phone." Facebook's current projects include "deeper integrations with some manufacturers," he said. TechCrunch.com said Facebook wants to integrate deeply into the contacts list and core functions of a mobile phone, which it can only do if it controls the phone's operating system. Facebook, for its part, cited Facebook Connect, a service to allow members to log onto third-party websites, for Apple Inc's iPhone, and contact syncing on its iPhone application as projects it has already undertaken.—*Reuters*



Health

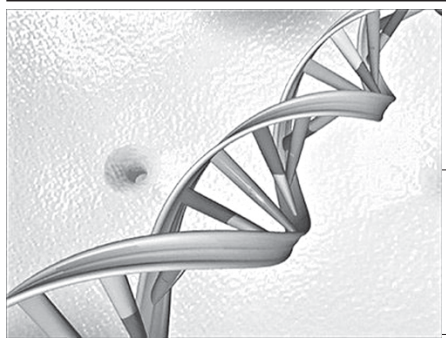
Health Tip: Recognizing Hypothyroidism

The thyroid gland, found in the front of the neck just below the voicebox, produces a vital hormone that helps control your body's metabolism. When it doesn't produce enough of this hormone, the condition is called hypothyroidism.

The US National Library of Medicine says the following symptoms may indicate hypothyroidism:

- * Greater sensitivity to cold.
- * Constipation.
- * Depression, feeling weak or fatigued.
- * Pain in the joints and muscles.
- * Above-normal bleeding during menstruation.
- * Unexplained weight gain.
- * Dry or pale skin.
- * Thin, brittle hair and nails.

Internet



Scientists ID 5 gene variants linked to ovarian cancer

DUKE, 20 Sept— New genetic variants linked to ovarian cancer risk have been identified by an international consortium of scientists.

The researchers analyzed the DNA of more than 10,000 women with ovarian cancer and more than 13,000 women without the disease. They found five genetic variants in regions of the genome (chromosomes 2, 3, 8, 17 and 19) associated with ovarian cancer risk.

Four out of five of these variants were more common in women who had serous ovarian cancer, the most common and aggressive form of the disease.

"These latest findings raise the possibility that in the future, women in the general population who are at the greatest risk of developing ovarian cancer because they carry these newly discovered DNA variants can be identified and given closer surveillance to look for early signs of ovarian cancer when it is most treatable," Dr Andrew Berchuck, head of the steering committee of the international Ovarian Cancer Association Consortium, said in a Duke University Medical Center news release.—Internet

This undated illustration shows the DNA double helix. Gene detectives said on Sunday they had netted a clutch of tipoffs to help identify women with a higher inherited risk of ovarian and breast cancer, dubbed "silent killers" for the stealthy way they claim lives.—INTERNET



An volunteer shows the antiretroviral drugs she delivers to HIV positive patients in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Countries in sub-Saharan Africa, the region worst afflicted by AIDS, are leading a decline in new HIV infections, according to UNAIDS.
INTERNET

Gene study adds to research of breast cancer risk

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept—Newly identified gene mutations may affect breast cancer risk in some women, an international team of researchers has found. It is already known that BRCA1 gene mutations substantially increase the risk of breast and ovarian cancer. This new study looked at whether other gene mutations might modify or alter that breast cancer risk. The Mayo Clinic-led team first studied genetic mutations in 1,193 women with BRCA1 mutations who had invasive breast cancer and 1,190 women with BRCA1 mutations who didn't have breast cancer. They then used those findings to study a larger sample of women in each group. The investigators eventually identified five gene mutations in the region of chromosome 19p13 that modify breast cancer risk in women with BRCA1 gene mutations. But these mutations do not affect ovarian cancer risk in these women, the researchers noted.

Internet

Business

BofA may test new pricing packages for its customers

BANGALORE, 20 Sept— Bank of America Corp (BAC.N) plans to test different pricing packages in a bid to recover some of the \$4.3 billion in revenue it expects to lose from new restrictions on bank and credit card fees, the *Financial Times* said.

The largest US retail bank may create a tiered price system that rewards its best customers for maintaining a minimum current account balance, using credit cards a certain number of times per month, or conducting all banking transactions

electronically.

Customers who do not adhere to certain rules will be charged a higher fee, the newspaper said.

"We are not guaranteeing that we will recover all of the revenue lost as a result of the new regulations, but over several years we think we will get back a good share," Joe Price, head of BofA's consumer bank, told the paper. Bank of America could not immediately be reached for comment by *Reuters* outside regular US business hours.

Reuters



Bank of America will charge clients new monthly fees if their accounts do not meet a minimum balance.
INTERNET



Bundled euro banknotes. Estonia launched a media campaign Sunday to introduce euro banknotes and coins to Estonian public ahead of the country officially joining the eurozone next January.
INTERNET

Nissan to double China capacity to tap hot market

ZHENGZHOU, 20 Sept—Japan's Nissan Motor Co Ltd (7201.T) plans to double its capacity in China to 1.2 million units by 2012, as it aims for a 10 percent share of the world's biggest auto market, its top executive said on Monday.

The new plan is 20 percent above Nissan's earlier production target, underscoring the car maker's strong interest in China, which has been a major bright spot for many automakers as the global industry struggles to recover from a steep downturn.

Nissan, 44 percent held by France's Renault SA (RENA.PA), runs an auto venture with Dongfeng Motor Group Co Ltd (0489.HK), which on Monday announced the opening of its first sport utility vehicle (SUV) plant in the central

Chinese City of Zhengzhou. Separately, Nissan-Renault has no plan to buy shares in General Motor's (GM.UL) upcoming initial public offering, Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn told *Reuters* on the sidelines of the opening ceremony for its new SUV plant.

Ghosn also told reporters that Nissan was expanding its other two production bases in China. "Our three key manufacturing bases in Zhengzhou, Huadu and Xiangfan, we will nearly double Nissan's current production capacity in China to 1.2 million vehicles by 2012," he said at the opening ceremony. "This is 200,000 more cars than we announced at our year-end results this past May."

Internet

Oil inches to near \$74 as traders eye US economy

SINGAPORE, 20 Sept—Oil prices hovered below \$74 a barrel Monday in Asia as traders look to indicators on the US economy and crude inventories for clues about the strength of demand. Benchmark crude for October delivery was up 27 cents to \$73.93 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 91 cents to settle at \$73.66 on Friday. Oil has traded in the \$70s for most of the past year as strong demand from commodities in emerging economies is offset by a sluggish recovery in developed countries. In day-to-day trading, oil prices often follow stock markets and currencies as crude investors look for guidance on overall investor sentiment.

Internet

Chinese business creating jobs and boosting trade in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 20 Sept—It was a blistering Saturday mid-day and everyone at China City Mall in downtown Johannesburg was at position of production.

John Chimbaira, 28, was busy revising his fork-lifter up and down loading commodities. Casper Magena, 30, a security guard at the main entrance, was busy opening the gates for the in and out going vehicles and pedestrians. Across the road

was a group of men and women each awaiting optimistically to get job. They were confident that one or two was going to be employed by the end of the day. Along the street was a fleet of private taxis some dropping customers, some ranking waiting for customers from the mall carrying big plastic bags known in South Africa as “China bags” because they carry large quantities.

The China City Mall, run by the Chinese has created booming business for taxis owners and employment for hundreds job seekers in Johannesburg and other parts of South Africa. Among those marketing jobs, anyone who is not luck for that day will be at the same spot tomorrow morning hoping for the best. One can spend one or two weeks coming everyday without getting a job.

Internet

Singapore expands national drive to makeme seniors IT-wise

SINGAPORE, 20 Sept—A national program to get Singapore senior citizens to be more acquainted with technology and use it in their daily lives will get a boost, local media reported on Monday.

Singapore will raise its funding for the Government's Silver Infocomm Initiative by two-thirds to 4.2 million Singapore dollars (3.2 million US dollars), local daily *The Straits Times* reported.

More IT training centers running subsidized IT courses for the elderly will be set up, and more internet hot spots will provide the seniors with free access to computers and the Internet.

More intergenerational IT “bootcamps” will also be run to bring the young and old together as they learn tips and handles on, for example, using social networking sites while strengthening familial ties.

Internet



A mosquito symbolizing dengue fever is displayed on a pickup truck during a health campaign by medical personnel in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 20 Sept, 2010.—INTERNET

Dengue kills 19 in central Nepal in one month

KATHMANDU, 20 Sept—At least 19 persons have died in a month and more than 7,000 have been afflicted with dengue and viral fever in Chitwan in central Nepal, *The Himalayan Times* daily reported on Monday.

According to Mahendra Prasad Shrestha, District Public Health Officer, nine persons have died of dengue and viral fever in Chitwan Medical College (CMC), six in Bhara tpur Medical College and four in Bharatpur Hospital since the spread of the diseases in the district in the last week of August.

He estimated that more than 7,000 others had been suffering from the diseases. According to Dr Shital Adhikari, head of Medical Department of CMC, 40 patients of dengue fever were visiting the hospital daily and at least 12 of them had test positive for dengue. The disease spreads with mosquito bite and begins with common cold and fever, he said. According to health workers, once a person is afflicted with the dengue virus, he becomes susceptible to the disease in the future too. The locals, however, accuse the local authorities of being apathetic towards controlling the diseases. Dr Adhikari pinned the blame for the spread of diseases on the government's failure to spread awareness against the diseases and urged to treat all such patients in a separate hospital.—Internet

Chinese security personnel inspect the port at the coastal town of Jinjiang, in China's Fujian Province. China warned of flash floods and landslides as Typhoon Fanapi made landfall on the mainland on Monday.

INTERNET

Two radio stations in Mogadishu taken over by rebels

MOGADISHU, 20 Sept—Two independent radio stations in Mogadishu were on Sunday taken off air and their equipment were also confiscated by rebels, station staff said.

The stations, HornAfrik Radio and Global Broadcasting Corporation (GBC) were separately raided by heavily armed fighters from the two groups of Al Shabaab and Hezbul Islam respectively. “We were ordered to switch off the radio and the management was told that the station would be under the control of Hezbul Islam,” Ahmed Abdi Hassan, a reporter with GBC told *Xinhua*.

Fighters from Al Shabaab group have also stormed the station building of HornAfrik radio in the insurgent stronghold of Mogadishu and forcibly taken away the FM equipment and computers in the station studio.

It was not immediately clear why the groups have raided stations in the section of the Somali capital where they control.

Neither group nor station owners has officially commented on the surprise takeover of the two independent radio stations.

One of the stations, HornAfrik, has been off the air for few days before the news of its takeover emerged on Sunday. Some reports suggest that differences between the station management have led to its closure after one side sought the intervention of fighters from Al Shabaab.

Xinhua

Passengers to sue Airbus for computer malfunction

CANBERRA, 20 Sept—Passengers on a Qantas flight from Singapore to Perth of Australia, which twice plunged hundreds of meters, injuring more than 100 people, confirmed Monday that they will sue manufacturer Airbus over a computer malfunction that caused the mishap. The *Airbus A330* had to make an emergency landing in Learmonth in West Australia's northwest in 2008 after the mayday alert.

Many passengers and crew-members on board suffered trauma and physical injury.

US lawyer Floyd Wisner is representing 76 people in the compensation claim against Airbus and other companies that make the computer system that malfunctioned. “It was a mechanical defect caused by the manufacturer,” Wisner told *Australian Associated Press* on Monday. Wisner said he was confident that the compensation claim would be successful.

In a separate claim, a lawsuit for about 20 people is being filed in Australia against Qantas.

Lawyer Peter Carter has been working with the US lawyers, and has already finalized some passenger claims with Qantas. Carter said Qantas had a primary liability to the passengers under federal law.

Xinhua



Military history fans reproduce the scene of the Kulikovo Battle that occurred on 8 September, 1380 between Russia and Golden Horde at the Kulikovo Field near the Don River (Now Tula Oblast), in Tula, central Russia, on 18 Sept, 2010.—XINHUA

BP's spill costs reach 9.5 billion US dollars

HOUSTON, 20 Sept—British oil giant BP said Sunday its costs to clean up the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico amounted to about 9.5 billion US dollars. That figure included the cost of the spill response, containment, relief well drilling, static kill and cementing, grants to the Gulf states, claims paid and federal costs, the company said in a statement.

BP in June announced an agreed package of measures, including the creation of a 20 billion-dollar escrow account to satisfy certain obligations arising from the oil and gas spill.

Meanwhile, the company said it has paid hundreds of millions of dollars in claims for damages to Gulf Coast residents.

US officials announced Sunday that the leaking oil well in the Gulf of Mexico was “effectively killed,” after a weekend of pouring cement into the base of the well. Pressure tests show that the cement was holding, they said.—Xinhua



Village becomes lab for curing Africa's problems

DERTU, 20 Sept—This village of straw huts sits on a sea of sand 100 kilometres (60 miles) from the nearest paved road. Camels and girls with jerrycans crowd around the watering holes. There's little electricity and not a single TV.

But on the edge of Dertu stands a shimmering sign of progress—a new cell phone tower. And that means farmers no longer have to travel for hours to learn the latest market prices; they can get them by text message.

It's one of many innovations that have come to some 6,000 people in eastern Kenya and to 13 other such villages scattered around 10 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. They are called Millennium Villages, designed to show how aid and smart, simple technology can advance the UN's Millennium Development Goals of dramatically reducing global poverty and boosting

education, gender equality and health by 2015.

The UN is hosting a summit in New York starting Monday to review progress since the goals were set 10 years ago.

About 70 percent of Dertu's people earn less than \$1 a day, and most depend on food aid. The two-room hotel charges \$1.25 a night. Generators and solar energy provide some basic needs, like charging cell phones, but the school's nine donated computers aren't yet connected to the Internet.

Not surprisingly, the advent of Millennium Village status four years ago generated exaggerated expectations, and now some villagers feel disappointed. There is also sharp debate between supporters and detractors about whether the idea can be "scaled up" into sweeping solutions for the world's poorest region.—*Internet*



File photo shows children studying under a tree in a makeshift settlement outside the village of Dertu in northeastern Kenya. Dertu looks no different from thousands of villages that dot the impoverished landscape of sub-Saharan Africa, except for the cell phone tower that keeps it in touch with the outside world. This is one of 14 'Millennium Villages' envisioned as launch pads for a mass leap out of poverty, one of the targets which the UN set itself a decade ago, and which will be reviewed at a summit opening on 20 Sept, 2010, in New York.

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Two Canadian children watch a Canadian-made Tiger Moth airplane during the Vintage Wings of Canada Air Show in Gatineau, Quebec, Canada, on 18 Sept, 2010. The fifth annual event paid tribute to three recipients of Canada's Victoria Cross medals during World Wars One and Two.—XINHUA

Dutch arrest alleged UK terror suspect at airport

AMSTERDAM, 20 Sept—Dutch police on Sunday arrested a British man of Somali ancestry at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport for possible links to a terrorist group, a spokesman for the Dutch prosecutors said.

The man was arrested after flying in from Liverpool, England, and before he flew out to Uganda, prosecutors' spokesman Evert Boerstra said, without specifying what terror group was involved. His name and age have not been released.

"He was arrested on the tip-off from British authorities," Boerstra said.

Dutch state broadcaster NOS reported that the suspect is allegedly linked to Somalia's most dangerous militant group, al-Shabab, which has claimed responsibility for suicide bombing attacks at UN facilities and other targets, including July attacks in Uganda's capital during the World Cup final that killed 76 people.

Al-Shabab said those blasts were in retaliation for civilian deaths caused by African Union troops in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, and the group has called for Uganda to withdraw its peacekeeping forces from Somalia.—*Internet*

Landslides, monsoon floods kill 47 in north India

LUCKNOW, 20 Sept—Heavy monsoon rains and landslides swept the hilly areas of northern India over the weekend, killing at least 47 people, officials said Monday.

Twenty-four people died Sunday as falling boulders crushed their homes in three villages in Almorah district in Uttarakhand state, said Prashant Kumar Tamta, a state government spokesman.

Another 23 people were either swept away by floodwaters or died when homes collapsed in landslides in Pitthoragarh, Champawat and Uttarkashi regions of state Saturday and Sunday, Tamta said. Rains continued to lash the region on Monday, threatening dozens of villages near Tehri Dam whose water level was nearing the danger level.

The area is 250 miles (400 kilometres) southwest of Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh state.

20 dead in India train crash

BHOPAL, 20 Sept—Two trains collided in bad weather in central India on Monday in an early morning accident that left 20 dead and dozens injured, railway and police officials said.

The crash occurred in the Shivpuri District of Madhya Pradesh, about 350 kilometres (220 miles) from state capital Bhopal, when a goods train smashed into a passenger train waiting at a station in heavy rain.

"So far 20 people have been found dead and as many as 50 injured," local railway manager Ghanshyam Singh told AFP. "Relief operations are on while the injured are being admitted to nearby hospitals."

Television pictures showed several badly damaged carriages, one of which had been lifted up off the tracks by the force of the accident. A rescuer could be seen cutting into the mangled steel with a blowtorch. India's state-run railway system—still the main form of long-distance travel despite fierce competition from new private airlines—carries 18.5 million people daily.

There are hundreds of incidents on the railways every year, with two major crashes this year.

In May, nearly 150 people were killed when a Mumbai-bound high-speed passenger express from Kolkata veered off the tracks into the path of an



A man tries to protect himself from rain with plastic sheets as he sits in a pavement in New Delhi, India, on 19 Sept, 2010. Monsoon rains are active this year in most parts of India.—INTERNET

On Friday, a boat carrying mostly schoolchildren capsized in a flooded river near Faizabad, a town in Uttar Pradesh state, drowning 15 people, said Surendra Srivastava, a police spokesman. The annual monsoon season from June to October brings rains that are vital to agriculture in India. However, monsoon rains take a heavy human toll in South Asia every year.

In August, flash floods killed at least 175 people in the remote and mountainous Ladakh Region of the Indian portion of Kashmir.—*Internet*



An Indian labourer works beside flaming tar to be poured on a railway platform in Mumbai. Two trains collided in bad weather in central India on Monday in an early morning accident that has left 20 dead and dozens injured, railway and police officials said.—INTERNET

oncoming freight train after the track had apparently been sabotaged.

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Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe meets servicemen, family...

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Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe accompanied by officials inspected agriculture and breeding works of the local battalion in Tatgyikon village-tract in Hmawby Station this morning and fulfilled the requirements in meeting with servicemen and their family members.

At local battalion

in Hsathwadaw village-tract in Hmawby Station, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe presented sets of TV to family members of the local battalion.

After inspecting agriculture and breeding tasks and welfare of the local battalion, Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe gave necessary instructions and attended to the needs. — MNA

Maj-Gen Tin Ngwe

presenting aids to patients at Defence Services Orthopedic Specialist Hospital.

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World Maritime Day-2010 observed



Minister for Transport U Thein Swe addressing ceremony to observe 62nd World Maritime Day 2010.—MNA

YANGON, 20 Sept—Organized by International Maritime Organization under the United Nations, 62nd World Maritime Day 2010 was observed at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road in Dagon Township here today.

Minister for Transport U Thein Swe addressed the ceremony. Resident Representative Mr Bishow B

Parajuli of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) read out the message send by IMO Secretary-General Mr Efthimios E Mitropoulos.

The minister and officials awarded Captain Zaw Aung and Myanmar seafarers of MTM Princess Ship who rescued four English citizens facing danger while cruising in Atlantis Ocean 350 miles north-west

offshore Spain on 10 June 2010.

Captain Zaw Aung recounted rescue works rescue.

The minister, heads of departments and departments viewed photos reflecting the motto of 62nd World Maritime Day "2010 Year of the Seafarer".—MNA



The UNDP Resident Representative reads out message send by IMO Secretary-General Mr Efthimios E Mitropoulos.

MNA

Energy Minister inspects main oil storage installation B-class (Mandalay)

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Minister for Energy U Lun Thi arrived at main oil storage installation B-class (Mandalay) of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise in Mandalay yesterday. The general-manager of (Main Mandalay) reported to

the minister on distribution of oil. The minister gave instructions on no waste of oil, distribution of oil and preventive measures against fire.

Today, the minister inspected CNG filling station (Paleik) of Myanma Oil and Gas

Enterprise in Singaing Township in Mandalay Region and fulfilled the needs.—MNA

Minister U Lun Thi visits CNG filling station (Paleik) of MOGE in Singaing Township.—ENERGY



High tide warning

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—The public are hereby informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.1 feet to 20.2 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 24 to 27 September. It is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.9 feet high above datum in the year 2008 and 2009, and the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.

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MST to launch essential network engineering course

YANGON, 20 Sept —MST Computer Centre will conduct Essential Network Engineering Course with the aim of nurturing networking professionals needed for ICT development in Myanmar.

The three-month

course will be launched on 27 September and open on week days. The seat is limited to 12. One may enrolled at MST Computer Centre, No (111), First Floor, 40th Road, Botahtaung Township Yangon, (Ph: 01-392165, 09-5126108).—MNA

MDR-TB research seminar held

YANGON, 20 Sept — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe attended a conference on MDR-TB research held at the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) in Dagon Township, here, yesterday morning.

At the seminar, Director (Research) Dr

Thaw Zin of the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar), Dr Wah Wah Aung and Dr Daw Khin Chit discussed research findings and successes.

The deputy minister then gave a speech and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA



Chinese delegation concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept — At the invitation of Member of the State Peace and Development Council U Tin Aye, Chinese delegation led by Secretariat Member of Communist Party of China Central Committee of the People's Republic of China Deputy Secretary of CPC Central Commission of Discipline Inspection Mr. He Yong arrived in Yangon by air on 16 September and visited Shwedagon Pagoda in the evening.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Chinese delegation at Sedona Hotel.

On 17 September morning, the delegation arrived here and visited Hluttaw Building in the afternoon.

On 18 September morning,

they visited Gems Museum and Myanmar International Convention Center and observed development of Nay Pyi Taw. They left here for Mandalay on the same day.

In the evening, they attended a dinner hosted by Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor U Phone Zaw Han.

The visiting Chinese delegation visited Mya Nann San Kyaw Shwe Nanndaw, Culture Museum and Yadanabon Bridge, Kuthodaw Pagoda, Mandalay Hill and Mahamyatmuni Pagoda in Mandalay yesterday.

The delegation left Mandalay for the People's Republic of China by air this morning.

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Chinese delegation led by Secretariat Member of CPC Central Committee of the People's Republic of China Deputy Secretary of CPC Central Commission of Discipline Inspection Mr. He Yong views Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Pata Bridge, 245th of its kind in Kawkareik Tsp emerges



Kayin State PDC Chairman Brig-Gen Zaw Min unveils stone inscription of Pata Bridge.

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NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Pata Bridge on Nabu-Yaypu-Paingkyon Road in Kawkareik Township, Kayin State, was inaugurated at the pavilion near it on 18 September.

There was an attendance of over 3000 residents at the opening of the bridge, which was built by Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.

Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Zaw Min delivered a speech. Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe presented facts about the facility.

The Kayin State PDC chairman and the deputy minister posed for documentary photos together with the attendees.

The Kayin State PDC chairman unveiled the stone plaque featuring facts about the bridge. They took a stroll along the bridge to put it into service.

MNA

Aussino, OSIm showrooms at Junction Maw Tin Centre

YANGON, 18 Sept—Junction Maw Tin Centre located at the corner of Anawrahta and Lanthit Streets in Lanmadaw Township was opened today.

Nat Ray Co Ltd puts on display at Aussino and OSIm booths at the centre.

Aussino is kept open at saleroom No. 117 on the ground floor

to sell Aussino brand mattresses at 10% to 15% discount. Dunlopillo mattresses are being sold at special price. Customers may dial 218155, Ext: 1117.



Booth of OSIm of Nat Ray Co Ltd at Junction Maw Tin Centre.

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The sale promotion period is up to 30 September.

OSIm Healthy Lifestyle Products booth is opened at room-307 on the third floor. It sells OSIm brand massage chair, foot massagers, slimming belt imported by Nat Ray Co Ltd. Up to 30 September, the products are being sold at 10% to 30% discount. Buyers may dial 218152~5 (Ext: 1307).

Aussino and Dunlopillo brand mattresses are available at Casabella showroom No. 22, Pyay Road, 9th Mile, Yangon and 3rd floor of Lapyawun Plaza in Dagon Township. OSIm brand health-aid equipment at the Traders Hotel and Grand Meeyahtar Hotel in Yangon.—MNA

MES to conduct paper reading session

YANGON, 20 Sept—Hailing the annual general meeting of Myanmar Engineering Society to be held in January, 2011, a paper reading session will be held at the building of MES here.

Those who want to take part in the paper reading session are to submit their abstracts not later than 15 November and their full papers 7 December to the committee for observance of paper reading session of MES at Universities (Hline Campus) in Hline Township, Yangon

(Email: mes@mptmail.net.mm, mes.asre6@gmail.com and may browse detailed programme and guide line at MES Website-www.mes.org.mm. For further information, contact Head of Office Daw Aye Aye Maw of MES (Ph: 519854, 519676 ext- 205).

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All this needs to be known

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

Periodicals to serve democratization process as national interest-based fourth estate

YANGON, 20 Sept — Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan met CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association at the meeting hall of the association at Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township here yesterday.

It was also attended by departmental heads under the ministry, officials, MWJA Acting Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) and CEC members.

First, the MWJA acting chairman and Secretary U Ko Ko (Ko Ko Sethmu Tetkatho)



Information Minister U Kyaw Hsan meets CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association.—MNA



reported to the minister on ongoing process and works to be done.

In his address, the minister said that the MWJA is expediting its tasks, and so, the

ministry would attend to the needs. He urged the members to take part as the fourth estate in democratization in national interest, to make greater efforts to broaden

the horizons of local people, and accelerate post-literary programme, to mobilize more participation of the people in Rural Library Foundation established

with community-based funds and to ensure that the association achieves the objectives of Journalism Course.

Next, the secretary and CEC

members made supplementary reports and the minister gave necessary instructions.

The minister cordially greeted CEC members.—MNA

DHF preventive measures taken in Pale

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—Preventive measures against dengue hemorrhage fever were taken under Pale Township Peace and Development Council in urban wards in the

township on 11 September.

The chairman of the township PDC, township level departmental officials, social organizations and staff for the township

Department of Health educated local people DHF prevention door to door.

Educative programme on prevention of DHF is carried out on Saturdays.—MNA

Primary school (branch) opened in Ohbo Village, Pale Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Sept—The opening of basic education primary school (branch) of Ohbo Village in Mindaingbin Village-tract, Pale Township, Monywa

District, Sagaing Region, took place at the education institution on 13 September.

After formally opening the school, Chairman of the township

Peace and Development Council U Aung Kyaw Soe delivered a speech and Township Education Officer U Htein Min made clarification to academic matters.—MNA

Minywa River Water Pumping Station improves ...

(from page 16) farmers were educated about advanced agricultural methods; that they launched a pilot summer paddy plantation of 50 acres; that the region's paddy

sown acreage and per acre paddy yield were increasing thanks to all-round assistance provided the whole season by the township agricultural committee; that up to 1988, food

sufficiency of Yesagyo Township was only 15 per cent; that in its time, the Tatmadaw government had built five dams and seven river water pumping stations in the township; and that as a result, the township's food security increased

to 59.93 per cent in 2009-2010.

Staff Officer U San Kyaw Win, Staff Officer of Minywa River Water Pumping Station, three furlongs from Hsinbyushin Bridge on the road to Mandalay, said that the project started in 2000-

2001 and was completed in 2003-2004; that the water source for the project was the river Chindwin; and that the project benefited some 3000 acres of farmlands.

Staff Officer U Khin Maung Htwe of the township Settlements and Land Records Department said that the region had sandy soil; and that the township's monsoon paddy sown acreage was 2000 in 2009-2010 as against only 503 in 2004-2005.

On our way to paddy fields along the main canal, Manager U Than Sein of the township Myanma Agriculture Service said that unlike in the past, the township could grow paddy thanks to the river water pumping station built in compliance of the guidance of the Head of State; that the soil of

the township was not fertile, and so they were seeking all possible ways to boost agricultural production; that in recognition of the government's goodwill, local farmers were working hard in their farming; that the region's soil would get fertile because a lot of silt came with the water pumped from the river; and that the paddy fields were hopeful of becoming productive farmlands in the near future.

So, it is fair to say that Minywa River Water Pumping Station is a force behind contribution to the region's economic growth and boosting agricultural production.

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Irrigation water is supplied to paddy fields through the secondary canal.



Residents desert Delhi ahead of Commonwealth Games

NEW DELHI, 20 Sept— With the Commonwealth Games just two weeks away, many in New Delhi are in no mood for celebration, with grumpy residents set to jet off in their droves rather than stay home to enjoy the spectacle.

All schools and colleges and a few government offices have been ordered to close for the duration of the 3 to 14 October event in a bid to reduce congestion on the city's already overloaded roads.

The opportunity to take holidays has been eagerly seized by middle class Delhiites, many of whom see the unpopular games as a symbol of excess, corruption and public incompetence.

The daily English language newspapers are filled with advertisements from travel agents offering "Commonwealth Escape Packages" to Thailand, Malaysia or Europe.

"We've seen a 60-70 percent rise in bookings," said Pratima Thakar, a senior manager for the makemytrip.com online travel agency. "Clients have



This photo taken on 13 September, 2010, shows a view of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at dusk in New Delhi.

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booked holidays in October since they know the city is going to be closed during the Games." Others are choosing to explore destinations in India, leaving the construction sites and last-minute rush to finish sporting venues in New Delhi behind. "Goa, Kerala and neighbouring places like Jaipur and Shimla are hugely popular," Rajji Rai, president of the Travel Agents Association of India said.—Internet

ST Aerospace wins two T'Way Air contracts worth \$S85m

SINGAPORE, 20 Sept— ST Aerospace, a subsidiary of ST Engineering, has won two contracts worth \$S85 million by T'Way Air.

T'Way Air is South Korea's first official low-cost carrier and is presently owned by Shinbo Investment Corporation. The first contract will see ST Aerospace providing a 10-year Maintenance-By-the-Hour component, which includes repair management for some of T'Way Air's fleet of Boeing 737-800 aircraft. The second contract will provide engine maintenance support for the same type of aircraft. Both contracts, stretching over 10 years, will start immediately. Currently, ST Aerospace provides airframe, component and engine support for airlines in the Americas, Asia Pacific and Europe. First established in 2005 as Hansung Airlines, T'Way Air will resume operations under its new name this month.

T'Way Air now operates two Boeing 737-800 aircraft.—Internet

Air Zimbabwe wants two new Airbus planes

HARARE, 20 Sept— Air Zimbabwe, wants to buy two Airbus A340 planes for about 400 million dollars, state media said Sunday.

"The country is expected to take delivery of the aircraft soon and operational modalities have already been completed," said the government mouthpiece *Sunday Mail*, quoting an unnamed source.

"Staff, including engineering experts that had been sent for training in Germany, is now returning, but it should be noted that Airbus is prepared to send some of the crew to be attached to the planes for a two-year period," it said. The paper said the plans would cost a total of 400 million dollars, but Air Zimbabwe chairman Jonathan Kadzura said he was not aware of the order. "I have also heard about it, but to be frank, I am not aware of it," Kadzura told the paper. But the report was likely to inflame tensions with the embattled airline's pilots, who went on strike on 8 September saying they have not been paid their full salaries.

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A Zimbabwean policeman stands at Harare Airport.

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A man takes part in a car-free activity in Athens, capital of Greece, on 18 Sept, 2010. Athens on Saturday took part in the European Mobility Week, aimed at promoting sustainable transport in urban areas and letting local residents enjoy a car-free day.

XINHUA



Italian carrier Alitalia to cut up to 1,400 jobs

ROME, 20 Sept— Italian carrier Alitalia is considering cutting as many as 1,400 jobs by the end of the year and may not renew the contracts of 600 temporary staff, Italian media reported on Sunday.

The head of the airline, Rocco Sabelli, hinted at a reduction of 1,200 to 1,400 positions on 2 September during a meeting with staff, in which he discussed "outsourcing and improvements in efficiency" under a restructuring plan, *Corriere della Sera* reported. The ongoing restructuring plan calls for Alitalia to reduce staff numbers to 12,600, a reduction of 1,400 from the current level.

Sabelli also discussed plans to save 108 million euros (141 million dollars) in the second half of the year by selling off maintenance services and equipment, the newspaper



Aliitalia's terminal in Fiumicino, Rome's main airport. Italian carrier Alitalia is considering cutting as many as 1,400 jobs by the end of the year and may not renew the contracts of 600 temporary staff, Italian media reported on Sunday.

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reported citing a dossier presented by Sabelli. After risking bankruptcy, Alitalia was taken over in 2009 by a group of prominent Italian business leaders and merged with Italy's number two carrier Air One, as Air France-KLM acquired 25 percent of the company.

Internet

Chinese navy ships receive warm welcome in Sydney

SYDNEY, 20 Sept— Lion dancers, a naval band and throngs of smartly dressed Chinese locals turned out to welcome two Chinese warships to Australia on Monday.

The training ship *Zhenghe* and the frigate *Mianyang* arrived at Garden Island, in Sydney's east, about 11 am (local time).

The ships are in Sydney as part of an exercise aimed at strengthening defence ties between Australia and China.

There are 580 sailors, including 200 naval cadets and three Chinese admirals on board. They are welcomed with a warm reception from about 150 smartly dressed members of Sydney's Chinese community, who waved them in with

dozens of Australian and Chinese flags.

The Chinese locals also welcomed the navy with confetti, chanting and a Chinese lion dance.

When the Chinese rear admirals disembarked the *Zhenghe*, the mood was even more delighted, with many jostling to shake their hands.

Over the next few days the Chinese navy will visit naval bases including HMAS Watson and HMAS Penguin. At the same time an Australian ship, HMAS Warramunga, is visiting two Chinese ports.

"This visit is a sign of the growing maturity in our defence relationship with China," the Commander Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral Stephen Gilmore said.—Xinhua

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD

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

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Two surf dogs wipe out during the annual Surf City Surf Dog competition at Huntington Beach in California.

XINHUA

**Renowned archeologists agree on tomb of ancient Chinese legendary ruler**

ZHENGZHOU, 20 Sept—More than 120 renowned Chinese archaeologists on Sunday agreed that an ancient tomb belonged to Cao Cao, a cunning general and ruler who lived some 1,800 years ago, amid doubts about its authenticity."After discussions about excavated items from the tomb, a consensus has been reached that it belongs to Cao Cao", Bai Yunxiang, deputy director of the Institute of Archaeology of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), told a symposium after a brief study of the tomb in

Xigaoxue Village of Anyang, Henan Province, and some excavations on Saturday, along with some 120 archaeologists.
"The location of tomb does not contradict the historical records," said Han Lisen, director with the Archaeological Institute of Hebei Province. Although no written materials were excavated, that does not mean the tomb cannot be identified as Cao Cao's, said Jiao Nanfeng, a researcher with the Archaeological Institute of Shaanxi Province, who had conducted three field studies in the tomb.—Xinhua



People visit a luminaires cultural festival in Shantou, south China's Guangdong Province, on 18 Sept, 2010. The Shantou Luminaires Cultural Festival opened here on Saturday, exhibiting various kinds of lamps.
XINHUA

Missing boy found safe in Canada

CORNER BROOK, 20 Sept—A 6-year-old Canadian boy was found safe in a wooded area on Sunday, the day after he was reported missing, authorities said. A helicopter spotted Cody Peddle about a half mile from his home in Curling near Corner Brook, Newfoundland, about 20 hours after he disappeared, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported. Hundreds of volunteers had scoured the thick woods in search of the boy, including some who searched through the night.

Police said rescuers found Cody, who is hard of hearing, "safe but hungry" following his night out in the woods after wandering away from his family's mobile home, the CBC said.—Internet

Scientists prune list of world's plants

LONDON, 20 Sept — More than 600,000 plant species have been deleted from the dictionary of life after the most comprehensive assessment carried out by scientists. For centuries, botanists from different parts of the world have been collecting and naming "new" plants without realising that many were in fact the same. The humble tomato boasts 790 different names, for example, while there are 600 different monikers for the oak tree and its varieties.

The result was a list of more than 1 million flowering plant species. Although experts have long known that it included many duplicates, no one was sure how many. Later this year, the study



A dahlia in full bloom. Scientists estimate the total number of flowering plant species around the world to be around 400,000.— INTERNET

team, led by UK and US scientists, will announce that the real number of flowering plant species around the world is closer to 400,000.

Internet

Jordan's trade deficit jumps by 9.3 pct in first seven months of 2010

AMMAN, 20 Sept—Jordan's trade deficit rose by 9.3 percent during the first seven months of 2010 compared with the same period in 2009, official figures showed on

Sunday. The country's trade deficit reached 3.275 billion Jordanian dinars (about 4.6 billion US dollars) during the January to July period of 2010 compared with about

2.995 billion dinars (4.224 billion dollars) during the same period in 2009, according to figures released by Department of Statistics (DoS) on Sunday.
Xinhua

Fighter jet crashes in Russia's Far East, no one hurt

VLADIVOSTOK, 20 Sept—A Sukhoi Su-27 fighter jet crashed in Russia's far eastern region of Primorye on Monday, with both pilots aboard having been rescued unharmed, news agencies reported.

The plane crashed at 01:30 pm local time (0230 GMT) at Vozdvizhenka airfield, during a routine mission after repairs.

The pilots had detected malfunctions and ejected themselves at around 01:09 pm local time (0209 GMT). No specific details on the malfunctions of the aircraft were given. The crash has earlier been confirmed by Russian emergencies ministry.—Xinhua

Woman bags 1,025-pound alligator in SC lake

A Massachusetts woman has a remarkable souvenir from South Carolina. Maryellen Mara-Christian bagged a 13 1/2-foot, 1,025-pound alligator in Lake Moultrie. Mara-Christian said Friday that she is an experienced hunter, but this was her first gator.

The 48-year-old former bank marketing officer from Fitchburg, Mass., was hunting Wednesday with her husband, who is a firefighter and a part-time hunting guide. It took about two hours to secure the gator before they could shoot it.

The .22-caliber gun they used wasn't powerful enough to put the animal down, so Mara-Christian used a knife to sever the alligator's spinal cord.

Meat processor Steve Drummond said the gator had so much fat that only about 40 pounds was usable meat. He will stuff the animal for Mara-Christian to display.



A cart with beer barrels takes part in the Parade of the Landlords and Breweries during the opening of the 177th Oktoberfest in Munich on 18 September, 2010. Millions of beer drinkers from around the world will come to the Bavarian Capital over the next two weeks for the world's biggest and most famous beer festival, the Oktoberfest, which celebrates its 200th anniversary this year.

British grandmother wants cucumber record

A grandmother in Britain grew two huge cucumbers but was in a pickle when the largest decomposed before Guinness World Records could verify its size.

Clare Pearce's largest cucumber was at least 47 inches long; Frank Dimmock of Thame, in Oxfordshire, set the current Guinness cucumber record of just over 41 inches more than two years ago, *London's Sunday Telegraph* reported.

However, Pearce's smaller cucumber, at 42 inches, could set a new record if its size can be verified before it decomposes, the newspaper said.

Pearce, 78, said she didn't do anything special to grow the vegetables.

"I've never grown cucumbers before, but I knew it was massive. My daughter contacted the Guinness World Records but apparently we needed a horticulturist to verify it, and we didn't know one," Pearce said.

NH chicken's painting auctioned on eBay

It's not Picasso but a New Hampshire woman hopes a piece of art painted by a chicken will raise money to rebuild a playground. The 8.5-by-10-inch painting called "Feathered Fire-works" is being auctioned on eBay.

Wendy Thomas of Merrimack says she created the piece by dipping the chicken's feet in paint then placing the hen on canvas.

WMUR-TV said Thursday that bidding started at \$9.99. The proceeds will help rebuild the Kids Kove playground in Merrimack.

News Album

Kitten survives 70-mile drive under truck

A Washington state man says a 6-week-old kitten with a bad leg made a 70-mile trip hanging onto the undercarriage of his truck and lived to meow about it.

"I never knew she was there till I heard the faintest, tiniest meowing," Rod Thomas told *The Wenatchee World Sunday*. "It was a real surprise."

Thomas, 45, was on his way to a morning sales trip from East Wenatchee to Moses Lake when a bird flew into the path of his Ford F-150 pickup. He says he didn't see the bird's remains on the highway and decided to take a look when he got to his destination.

At Moses Lake Thomas checked the grill and

although he didn't find the dead bird he noticed a thin, furry tail sticking out from behind the skid-plate protecting the truck's transmission, the newspaper reported.

"I gently tugged on it," Thomas said. "It pulled away, was gone for a second, and then a blur, then this little fuzzy head peeks out."

It took five minutes for Thomas and his sales associates to coax the kitten out. "She was spooked, that's for sure, but we got the poor thing out and made a place for her in the back of the pickup," he said. Thomas is allergic to cats but may keep "Lucky," as the kitten has been dubbed, as a barn mouser.

Home where Marilyn Monroe died sold for \$4M



A clip from a home movie in which the late US actress Marilyn Monroe is seen smoking what a friend says was a marijuana joint in an undated video frame-grab.

INTERNET

BRENTWOOD, 20 Sept—The Brentwood, Calif., home where American cinematic sex symbol Marilyn Monroe died has been sold for nearly \$4 million.

The "sprawling and authentic" 1929 hacienda with four bedrooms, three bathrooms and a swimming pool sold for

\$255,000 above its asking price of \$3,595,000, the *Los Angeles Times* reported Saturday.

The one-storey, 2,624-square-foot home sits on more than half an acre of land and boasts thick walls, citrus trees and beamed ceilings, the newspaper said.

Internet

Australia's Wiggles still on song after 20 years

SYDNEY, 20 Sept—They went from student project to global fame, out-selling Kylie Minogue, but Australian children's band The Wiggles say they're amazed by their success as they prepare to celebrate 20 years. "All we wanted was to (make) really great theatre for children, great music for children," says Blue Wiggle Anthony Field. "But it wasn't a career, we didn't want to make money from it, we had no vision to travel."

The colourful quartet,



'The Wiggles,' (from left) Sam Moran, Jeff Fatt, Murray Cook and Anthony Field, are seen performing after announcing their 20th birthday exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney.—INTERNET

dressed in their trademark blue, red, yellow and purple high-necked shirts, are so beloved by children they can fill Madison Square Garden and reap tens of millions of US dollars in annual sales. Their success made them Australia's most profitable entertainers for four years in a row, outstripping Minogue, Keith Urban and rockers AC/DC, and made household names of characters Dorothy the Dinosaur and Wags the Dog.—Internet

"King's Speech" wins top Toronto film fest prize



L-R: Director Tom Hooper, actor Colin Firth and actor Geoffrey Rush arrive at "The Kings Speech" premiere held at the Roy Thomson Hall during the 35th Toronto Film Festival on 10 September.

INTERNET

TORONTO, 20 Sept—"The King's Speech" won the top award at the Toronto International Film Festival on Sunday, giving the Tom Hooper-directed film some early momentum heading into Oscar awards season.

The film, which stars Colin Firth as Britain's reluctant King George VI and

Geoffrey Rush as his speech therapist, captured the festival's People's Choice award.

Other films that won that prize — "American Beauty," "Crash," and "Slumdog Millionaire" — later walked off with best picture Oscars.

Internet

Growing Asian middle class fuels theme park boom

SINGAPORE, 20 Sept—When Singapore first announced it was building a Universal Studios theme park, sceptics wondered if the complex would draw enough crowds to be commercially viable.

But just six months after opening, Universal Studios Singapore has already welcomed more than one million visitors,

Visitors take pictures on the opening day of Resorts World Sentosa Southeast Asia's first Universal Studios movie theme park in Singapore in March 2010.—Internet



and other countries in Asia are building even bigger theme parks.

Asia has become the new frontier for large-scale outdoor entertainment

complexes thanks to growing affluence in large emerging economies like China, India and Indonesia, and cheaper air travel.—Internet

Ancelotti's joy tempered by bigger tests ahead

LONDON, 20 Sept — Carlo Ancelotti admits the true test of his Chelsea side lies ahead after the Blues defeated Blackpool 4-0 to extend their perfect start to the season.

Two goals from Florent Malouda and strikes from Salomon Kalou and Didier Drogba handed Chelsea a fifth successive Premier League victory four days after they had opened their Champions League campaign with a 4-1 win over MSK Zilina.

So far the season could hardly have gone any better for Chelsea, although the manager concedes the fixture list — Chelsea have so far faced only teams expected to feature in the bottom half of the table — has meant they



Chelsea's midfielder Florent Malouda (L) celebrates scoring with teammate Salomon Kalou.—INTERNET

have not yet been fully stretched. But with Chelsea set to visit Manchester City next weekend, Ancelotti is hoping the early momentum built up by his side will allow them to continue their winning streak.—INTERNET

Mourinho a frustrated figure despite Real form

MADRID, 20 Sept — Jose Mourinho's positive start to the season at the helm of Real Madrid has left the charismatic Portuguese coach throwing water bottles around the dug-out in frustration.

Real have two wins and a draw in the Spanish league and have won their Champions League opener in midweek, but Mourinho is far from happy with the fixtures list, or being denied the chance to help his native Portugal.

Mourinho watched Real grind out a fortunate 2-1 win at Real Sociedad on Saturday to make it seven points from nine in the league. So far, Real are unbeaten under Mourinho.

Although happy with the win, Mourinho's temper got the better of him in the closing stages of the match and he was seen throwing a water bottle at the glass cover in the dug-out as Real threatened to concede a second equaliser.

Internet



Jose Mourinho's positive start to the season at the helm of Real Madrid has left the charismatic Portuguese coach.—INTERNET

Schalke slump continues as Dortmund go third

BERLIN, 20 Sept — Japan midfielder Shinji Kagawa scored twice in Dortmund's 3-1 win over arch-rivals Schalke on Sunday in the Ruhr valley derby to inflict a fourth-straight defeat on the Royal Blues.

Despite signing Spain striker Raul and Dutchman forward Klaas-Jan Huntelaar, Schalke have big problems in defence and are bottom of the league after four games.

"This is the worst day for me since I have been at Schalke," fumed coach Felix Magath in his second season in charge, having won the Bundesliga with both Wolfsburg and Bayern Munich. "I have



Dortmund's midfielder Shinji Kagawa (L) celebrates after scoring during their German first division.—INTERNET

never experienced such a start to the league, the defeats have left their marks on us.

"The group has lost all confidence, I have never seen that before in a team."—INTERNET

Cesena go top as Inter, Juventus show ominous form

ROME, 20 Sept — Little Cesena went top of Serie A on Sunday on a weekend that saw impressive wins for Inter Milan, Juventus and Brescia.

The Serie A newcomers lead the Italian pack after defeating Lecce 1-0 despite playing most of the match with 10 men following the controversial sending off of Giuseppe Colucci on 38min.

Albanian Erjon

Bogdani, who had scored in the victory over AC Milan two weeks ago, struck the decisive goal on 55min.

"We are not looking at the table. We just want to stay up," said coach Massimo Ficcadenti, whose side are the only one yet to concede in Serie A.

"It's great that we are getting points. There's no particular secret - we are playing with amazing sac-

rifice, will and team spirit," he added.

Internet



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Results of EPL, Laliga, Serie A and Bundesliga on 19 September

EPL			
Manchester U.	3 - 2	Liverpool	
Wigan Athletic	0 - 2	Manchester C.	
Chelsea	4 - 0	Blackpool	
Italy - Serie A			
Bari	0 - 0	Cagliari	
AS Roma	2 - 2	Bologna	
Cesena	1 - 0	Lecce	
Chievo	0 - 1	Brescia	
Parma	1 - 1	Genoa	
Udinese	0 - 4	Juventus	
Palermo	1 - 2	Inter Milan	
Sampdoria	1 - 2	Napoli	
Spain - Primera Division			
Hercules	1 - 2	Valencia	
Levante	1 - 2	Villarreal	
Racing Santander	2 - 0	Zaragoza	
Atletico Madrid	1 - 2	Barcelona	
Malaga	1 - 2	Sevilla	
Germany - Bundesliga I.			
St. Pauli	1 - 1	Hamburger SV	
Bayer Leverkusen	0 - 0	Nurnberg	
Schalke	1 - 3	Borussia Dortmund	

Lyon left groggy by vintage Bordeaux

PARIS, 20 Sept — French league giants Lyon were handed a rude wake-up call Sunday thanks to a 2-0 defeat to Bordeaux which left the former seven-time consecutive champions fourth from bottom of the table.

Lyon midfielder Yoann Gourcuff had provided much of the pre-match buzz following his shock move to the Stade Gerland from Bordeaux two weeks ago.

But despite calmly brushing off the jeers of some disgruntled fans, the versatile France international failed to light up a match which left his new coach, Claude Puel, covering his face in despair.



Bordeaux' midfielder Jussieu (L) shoots to score during their French L1 football match against Lyon.

INTERNET

In the end, goals by Bordeaux midfielder Alou Diarra and a last-minute gem from Brazilian striker Jussieu left Lyon with only one win, and five points, from six games.

Puel admitted that his side's lack of success is starting to tell.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Austria's Paszek wins Bell Challenge

QUEBEC CITY, 20 Sept — Tamira Paszek, of Austria, won the 220,000 dollar Bell Challenge for her second WTA Tour title, beating American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 7-6 (8/6), 2-6, 7-5 on Sunday.

Paszek, who earned 37,000 dollars in prize money, won her first tour title at Portoroz in 2006 at age 15 and was runner up at Bali, Indonesia two years ago.

Paszek needed two hours, 47 minutes to top the American at the indoor event at Club Advantage Multi-Sports de Quebec.

Mattek-Sands was making her second career final appearance, having also finished as the runner-up here in 2008. It was the first meeting between the two players.

Internet



Tamira Paszek of Austria, pictured on 2 September, won the Bell Challenge for her second WTA Tour title.—INTERNET

Celtic keep pace with Rangers in SPL

GLASGOW, 20 Sept — Celtic made it five wins out of five to stay level on points with Rangers at the top of the Scottish Premier League on Sunday after coming from a goal down to beat Kilmarnock 2-1.

Neil Lennon's men had gone into the game looking for maximum points and a clean sheet as they hoped to secure Celtic's best start to a domestic campaign since 1906 — five wins and no goals conceded.

However Kilmarnock ended the visitors' hopes within seven minutes,

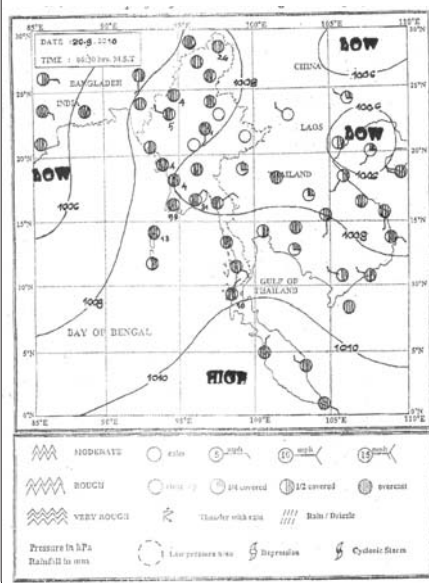


Celtic's midfielder Shaun Maloney

Conor Sammon netting for Killie after being put through by Alexei Eremenko. Celtic were in control for the remainder of the half however and deservedly drew level four minutes before the break.—INTERNET



Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 20th September, 2010

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the North Bay and the Central Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Magway Regions, scattered in Kachin State, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions, fairly widespread in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States and Taninthayi Region, widespread in the remaining States and Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwegyin (2.87) inches, MraukU (2.36) inches, Patheingyi (2.32) inches, Haka (2.01) inches, Zalun (1.65) inches and Hmawbi (1.54) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw Weather

Maximum temperature on 19-9-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 20-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-9-2010 was (92%). Rainfall on 20-9-2010 was (Nil).

Yangon (Kaba-Aye)

Maximum temperature on 19-9-2010 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 20-9-2010 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-9-2010 was (84%). Total sunshine hours on 19-9-2010 was (4.5) hours.

Rainfall on 20-9-2010 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (1.22) inches at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2010 was (68.19) inches at Mingaladon, (80.39) inches at Kaba-Aye and (85.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 19-9-2010.

Bay Inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until afternoon of the 21st September 2010: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Region, scattered in the remaining States and Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-9-2010: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Taleban attack kills NATO soldier in Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 Sept—Taleban attack against NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) left a soldier dead on Monday, a press release of the alliance issued here said.

"An International Security Assistance Force service member died following an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan today," the press release said. However, it did not reveal the nationality of the victim, saying it is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities.

Troops mostly from US, Britain, Australian and Canada are stationed in south Afghanistan. More 510 NATO soldier with majority of them Americans have been killed in Taleban-linked activities so far this year in Afghanistan.—Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) shakes hands with his Ghanaian counterpart John Evans Atta Mills during a welcoming ceremony he holds for Mills at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China on 20 Sept, 2010.—XINHUA

Iranian ambassador sees great potential for Iran-China co-op

BEIJING, 20 Sept—Iran and China, with different economic advantages, could complement each other in many areas, the Iranian ambassador in China has told Xinhua.

In an interview with Xinhua late Sunday, Ambassador Mahdi Safari said there was great potential for Iran-China cooperation.

"The relations between Iran and China went back to more than 2,000 years. The two nations got to know each other, especially through the Silk Road," he said, referring to the ancient route of commerce and trade, which starts from China and makes its way westward to reach as far as the Mediterranean region.

"The two countries did not have (common) border, but the relations came through trade and commerce," said Safari, a senior Iranian diplomat who had been one of Iran's deputy foreign ministers before he took office as Iranian ambassador to China earlier this year.

Safari said Iran and China have already enjoyed good relations in various areas, adding that he would try to sustain the relationship and boost it to a "fantastic" level.

Xinhua



Visitors enjoy the Oktoberfest in front of the St Pauls church during the second day at the beer festival in Munich, southern Germany on 19 Sept, 2010.—INTERNET

Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championship starts in Moscow

Moscow, 20 Sept—The official competition of the 30th Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships kicked off here on Monday. The first day of the qualifying round for individuals started with exercises on rope and hoop, according to the official website of the International Gymnastics Federation.

A total of 148 individual gymnasts representing 50 countries and regions were currently competing at the championships. The Championships will last for 10 days.—Xinhua

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL Programme Schedule (21-9-2010)(Tuesday)

Transmissions

Times

Local - (09:00am ~ 11:00am) MST
Oversea Transmission - (21-9-10 09:30 am ~ 22-9-10 09:30 am) MST

Local Transmission

- * Opening
- * News
- * Working & Living in Myanmar (Transportation)
- * Exquisite Silver Jewellery
- * News
- * Music Gallery
- * Inlay Traditional Cotton Clothes
- * Mother of Pearl Arts and Handicrafts
- * News
- * A Souvenir of Patheingyi
- * News
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- * All Lives Under The Sky: "Catch of Fish by Cooperation of Fisherman and Dolphin"
- * News
- * "Myanmar's Traditions and Culture" Novicehood in Myanmar
- * VCD Centre
- * News
- * A Day in Bagan
- * News
- * Be What you Want to Be
- * Myanmar Movie "Wither Flower"



- ★ 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

Minywa River Water Pumping Station improves socio-economic status of local people

Byline: *Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)*; Photos: *Tun Lu*



Main canal of Minywa River Water Pumping Station.

Minywa River Water Pumping Station in Yesagyo Township is as a result of the drive the government has been in pursuit of, exploiting rich water sources, for improving the living conditions of local residents and economic growth of rural areas.

In an interview at the Township Peace and Development Council, Chairman of the council U Zaw Soe said that Minywa was adjacent to Sagaing Region; that the irrigated area of Minywa River Water Pumping Station covered seven villages; that Minywa, being of sandy soil, pigeon pea was the only crop local farmers could grow in the past; that after the project was completed in 2003-2004, local (See page 10)