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Workshop No (3/2011) on Impact of Hydropower Projects in Ayeyawady basin on Ayeyawady River and natural environment held

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—The Workshop No (3/2011) of the Ministry of Electric Power No (1) on Impact of Hydropower Projects in Ayeyawady basin on Ayeyawady River and natural environment was held at the ministry here this afternoon.

Union Ministers, deputy ministers, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, departmental heads, resource persons, entrepreneurs, journalists and guests attended the workshop.

Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min in his address explained the purpose of organizing the seminar and introduced six papers to be read out at the seminar. He also invited suggestions and discussions over the papers.

Chairman Dr Htin Hla of Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association (BANCA) read out the paper on impact on natural and social environments; CPI Chairman Mr Li Guanghua, on Ayeyawady basin hydropower projects are strategic selection for Myanmar electric power industry; Director-General of Hydropower Planning Department U Kyee Soe, assessment on economic benefits; Chairman of Kaung Kyaw Say Company U Tun Naing Aung, on How CDM projects enhance in developing Myanmar; Director U Hla Maung Thein from the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, on forest conservation and administration to reduce environmental degradation along Ayeyawady River; Director U Ko Ko Oo from the Ministry of Transport, on report of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems Department to conserve and effectively use Ayeyawady River.

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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

***Union Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Zaw Min addresses Workshop No (3/2011) on Impact of Hydropower Projects in Ayeyawady basin on Ayeyawady River and natural environment.*—MNA**

IT developers, investors invited for Online Application, Network Infrastructural Development sectors

***Chairman of Myanmar Computer Science Development Council Union Minister for CPT U Thein Tun delivers an address at 2011 anniversary ceremony of Myanmar Computer Federation and computer associations.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — Only with capacity for having easy access to information, will the nation bring about improvement to socioeconomic status of the people, thereby contributing towards rapid development of socioeconomic sector of the entire nation. Myanmar Computer Science Development Council is trying hard to keep abreast with other countries in information and communication technology sector in cooperation with Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, Computer Industry Association and Myanmar Computer Enthusiast Association harmoniously under the leadership of government institutions.

Thanks to government leadership and efforts of computer associations, a large number of computer companies emerge generating job opportunities for experts and technicians of the field, said Chairman of MCSDC Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun at 2011 anniversary ceremony of Myanmar Computer Federation and affiliated associations held at Myanmar Info-Tech in Yangon, this morning.

In his address, the Union minister called on IT developers and investors for fully participation in the drive for development of online application and network infrastructure that has demanded cutting-edge technology and considerable investment. Only with participation of private sector in the sectors of technology and investment, can development of ICT sector be realized as soon as possible, thereby contributing towards national development, he added.

Next, MCF President U Thein Oo explained works and duties of the federation and follow-up tasks.

Then the Union minister, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win presented certificates to those who passed Fundamental IT Engineer (EE) and Information Technology Passport (IP) examinations, jointly-organized by MCF and Information Technology Professional Examination Council (ITPEC).

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PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 18 September, 2011

Broaden horizons of people with traffic knowledge

While enjoying fruits of better social economic status in three major cities namely Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay, people residing both in urban and rural areas have been facing increased number of road and traffic accidents due to using larger number of vehicles as well as motorbikes.

Relying on wide, smooth and straight roads as networks in the entire nation, people drive their vehicles with high speed. Due to careless activities, they unexpectedly offend traffic rules. In consequence, traffic accidents occur, leaving dead and injured person.

Most of the traffic accidents are caused by careless drivers and jaywalkers. Likewise, roads, unfavourable conditions of weathers and weakness of vehicles may cause traffic accidents.

In addition to disseminating educative activities on traffic rules to the people to be free from traffic accident through newspapers, journals and TV, the departments concerned have organized educative talks to the people. However, there remained the increasing number of traffic accidents.

In general, capsize of vehicles and traffic accidents are the results of careless driving. Mostly, drunk driving, driving under the influence of drugs, unsafe lane changes, speeding and reckless driving are the causes.

Thus, all the people including drivers, passengers and pedestrains are to abide by traffic rules with systematic driving and walking so as to reduce traffic accidents.

Business Plan Contest worthy US $ 1000

YANGON, 17 Sept—CIESF group of Japan and Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will jointly organize Business Plan Contest.

The contest has two levels—Level (A) for participants under 23 years old, and Level (B) for those under 28. Level (A) can be formed with four competitors at most, but Level (B) with at most three.

Level (A) is worth US $ 1000 for the first prize and US $ 3000 goes to Level (B).

Those interested may send their Business Plan in line with the rules of the contest, not later than 26 September.

Any one may catch talks about the contest at RUMFCCI office at 9 am on 17 September (Saturday).

For further information, dial 214344~49, Ext.108.

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Union A&I Minister visits high-yield paddy plantations in Dekkhinathiri Township

***Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing views cultivation of paddy through mechanized farming system in Dekkhinathiri Township.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept—The change from conventional farming to mechanized farming will be carried out step by step, starting from the farmlands around Nay Pyi Taw, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said while meeting with officials in Bonigyi 20-hectre plot of Mechanized Farming in Chai village in Nay Pyi Taw Dekkhinathiri Township this morning.

The Union Minister also said that this would help farmers generate more incomes with less production costs and help the State realize rural development.

He also visited 10-acre farmer education high-yield paddy plantation in Aung Thu Kha village in Kyabin village-tract and 40-acre farmer education high-yield paddy plantation near Chai village where he called farmers for planting paddy strains which could generate 100 baskets per acre and viewed thriving paddy plantations.

By transforming from conventional farming to mechanized one, scientific agricultural methods could be applied, G.A.P technique was applied in 0.3 million acres of farmland of the country, including 3012 acres in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, and G.A.P technique guarantees over 100 baskets per acre yield.—*MNA*

Myanmar puppeteers on tour of Europe

HtweOo Myanmar traditional marionette troupe seen at Yangon International Airport on 15 September before their departure for European countries.

YANGON, 17 Sept—HtweOo Myanmar traditional marionette troupe left here for Frankfurt of Germany on 15 September evening, to tour Europe with puppet show, with a view to introducing Myanmar traditional puppetry to the world.

The troupe comprises founders director U Khin Maung Htwe and manager Daw Tin Tin Oo, and puppeteers U Tun Kyi (a) Dawn Yin, U Maung Kyi, Daw Nan Tin Myint (a) Nan Tin and Daw Cho Cho San, all of who are gold medalists of Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions at State-level.

The troupe will perform at 16th International Puppet Festival to be held on 18, 19 September in Charleville Mezieres of France and tour 12 cities in Germany, Holland, Austria and France with about 30 puppet shows.

The troupe had sent five Thungedaw (royal page) marionettes holding open-ended drum, short drum, bamboo clappers, cymbal, and oboe in July at the request of Die Kiste Das Augsburger Marionette Museum in Augsburg of Germany for permanent display of Myanmar puppets in it.

Translation: TKK

Thungedaw (royal page) puppets to be performed at Die Kiste Das Augsburger Marionette Museum in Augsburg of Germany by HtweOo marionette troupe.

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept— According to the (12:30) hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk has reached (1119) cm exceeding by (49) cm (about 1.6-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today, announced by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—*MNA*

Death toll in Pakistan suicide attack rises to 46

***Pakistani paramedics help an injured bomb blast victim at a hospital in Sammar Bar on 15 September, 2011. The death toll from a suicide bombing that targeted members of an anti-Taleban militia attending funeral prayers in northwest Pakistan has risen to 46, police said Saturday.—*INTERNET**

ISLAMABAD, 17 Sept—The death toll from a suicide bombing that targeted members of an anti-Taleban militia attending funeral prayers in northwest Pakistan has risen to 46, police said Saturday.

The bomber blew himself up Thursday in the middle of mourners as they gathered for prayers on open ground in Jandol town in the District of Lower Dir, 100 kilometres (60 miles) from the once Taleban-infested Swat Valley.

"The death toll in the attack has now risen to 46 after six more people died of their wounds in different hospitals," senior police official Salim Khan Marwat told *AFP*. He said 52 people were still being treated for injuries in hospital while six were in critical condition. Another senior police official, Akhtar Hayat Gandapur, confirmed the new toll.

The blast came two days after four boys connected to another northwestern anti-militant group were killed in another explosion that was claimed by the Pakistani Taleban.—*Internet*

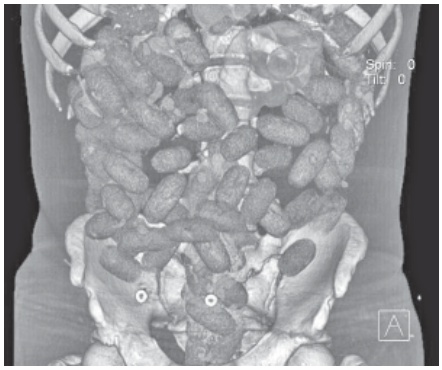
Irish man arrested in Brazil with cocaine in gut

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 Sept—Brazilian federal police say an Irish man has been arrested with nearly two pounds of cocaine in his gut. Police identified the 20-year-old suspect only by his initials, PBK. Investigators said in a news release Friday that he tried to board a flight in Sao Paulo, headed to Brussels.

Officers became suspicious because the man appeared nervous. When questioned, he admitted he'd swallowed capsules of cocaine.

He was taken to a hospital, where he expelled 72 capsules containing 1.8 pounds (830 grams) of the drug. The hospital released a CT scan showing the man filled with oval-shaped capsules. He was arrested on suspicion of international drug trafficking. If found guilty, he would face five to 15 years in prison.

Elsewhere in South America, Bolivian authorities said a 30-year-old Spanish woman died when seven of 97 capsules filled with drugs burst inside her. Hugo Cuella, coroner in the eastern city of Santa Cruz, told the Unitel network that poisoning by the drug caused the woman's heart to stop Thursday while she was at the airport. He identified her as Esther Rodriguez Roy of Spain.—*Internet*



***In this 12 Sept, 2011 image of a CT scan released by Brazilian Federal Police on 16 Sept, 2011, bags loaded with cocaine are seen inside the body of a man after he was arrested at the Congonhas airport in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Monday. According to a federal police press release, the man is identified as a young Irish male who tried to board a flight to Brussels after swallowing 72 capsules containing a total of 830 grams (1.82 pounds) of cocaine.—*INTERNET**

Hackers attack Mexico's official websites

MEXICO CITY, 17 Sept—Several Mexican official websites, including that of the Defence and Public Security Ministry, were out of service Thursday after attacks by a hacker group called Anonymous.

The ministry's websites and those of several local governments went offline Thursday afternoon and could not be accessed so far.

"The website of the Defence Ministry is temporarily out of service and will be restored during the day," a spokesman for the ministry said, without confirming whether it had been a target of cyber attack.

Meanwhile, the congress website of the country's western state Nayarit, also could not be accessed, with a poster saying "offline service: maintenance." Anonymous, which has targeted financial and government websites around the world, said in its Twitter page that it would continue their website attacks during the celebration of Mexico's independence day from Thursday to Friday this week.

The group said they launched the attacks to highlight the Mexican public's increasing worries about domestic violence and insecurity.—*Xinhua*

***File picture shows cargo being loaded onto a C-17 aircraft at Davis Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. The US air force base was put on lockdown for nearly five hours Friday after a report suggested a gunman was holed up inside the facility, but it turned out to be a false alarm, officials said.* INTERNET**

US air base locked down by false alarm

TUCSON, 17 Sept—A US air force base was put on lockdown for nearly five hours after a report suggested a gunman was holed up inside the facility, but it turned out to be a false alarm, officials said.

All traffic in and out of the Davis Monthan air base in Tucson, Arizona, was stopped after the "reported sighting of an armed individual entering an office building," said a base statement.

A SWAT team and bomb squad were scrambled to the scene, local media said, while at least one nearby school was also on lockdown.

"The base remained in lockdown from approximately 10:30 am until approximately 4:00 pm when a floor-by-floor, room-by-room search of the building in question was completed," said the statement.

"Local and federal law enforcement personnel in concert with base security forces conducted a sweep and secured the building, where the alleged gunman was reported.

But it said: "No gunman or weapons were found. The building was declared secure and an orderly release of personnel followed."

And it added. "All reports of threats regarding the safety and security of our Airmen and their families are taken seriously.—*Internet*

12 militants killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 17 Sept—The Afghan police during operations in different parts of the country have killed 12 militants over the past 24 hours, said a statement issued by the Afghan Interior Ministry here on Saturday. "Afghan National Police (ANP), backed by Army and Coalition Forces, have killed eight armed militants in two joint operations in surrounding areas of the Kandahar and Helmand Provinces," the statement said.

Two wounded militants were also captured by ANP and a handful of weapons were also discovered and seized by the police during the raids, it said.

Four more militants were killed and one wounded on Friday when a group of militants came in contact with the Afghan local police and coalition patrol in Chamkani District of eastern Paktia Province, it said. In another development, two children were killed and one injured when an explosive device went off in a neighbourhood in vicinity of Gardez, the provincial capital of eastern Paktia Province on Saturday morning, spokesman for the local government Rohullah Sammon told *Xinhua*.—*Xinhua*

***Afghan National Army soldiers stand next to a damaged bus after an explosion took place on the Afghan National Army bus in Herat City, west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 17 Sept, 2011. At least two Afghan National Army soldiers and one civilian wounded in the explosion.—*XINHUA**

Health Tip: Is it Arthritis that's irritating your knee?

Arthritis can affect any joint, but weight-bearing joints such as the knee are particularly vulnerable.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons mentions these common symptoms of knee arthritis:

* Swelling and stiffness.
* Trouble straightening or bending the knee.
* Pain that tends to worsen in the morning, after resting, or after activities such as climbing stairs, kneeling or walking.
* Pain and stiffness that seem to coincide with changes in weather.

Internet

A nurse feeds a baby in the neonatal intensive care unit at the Virtua Health facility in Vorhees, New Jersey, 19 November, 2009. INTERNET

Global stocks rally on Europe hope, euro slip

Business

Traders are pictured at their desks in front of the DAX board at the Frankfurt stock exchange 15 September, 2011.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 17 Sept—Global equities rose for a fourth straight day on Friday, but the euro slid as hope Europe was finally getting a grip on the region's debt crisis was offset by lingering fears Greece is still at risk of default.

The Nasdaq stock market posted its biggest weekly advance since July 2009, and gains elsewhere in global equity markets suggested risk aversion has dissipated.

The euro headed for its best week in eight against the US dollar, even as it slipped 0.7 percent to $1.3785 on Friday. The announcement on Thursday that the world's leading central banks will boost short-term dollar funding for European banks facing a dollar shortage buoyed the euro.

A sharp decline in French and Italian banking stocks, along with the euro's slide, showed caution still lingers despite encouraging signs of growing efforts to resolve the debt crisis.

The Dow Jones industrial average <.DJI> closed up 75.91 points, or 0.66 percent, at 11,509.09. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index <.SPX> gained 6.90 points, or 0.57 percent, at 1,216.01. The Nasdaq Composite Index <.IXIC> added 15.24 points, or 0.58 percent, at 2,622.31.

MSCI's all-country world equity index <.MIWD00000PUS> rose 0.7 percent, while the FTSE Eurofirst index <.FTEU3> of top regional European shares closed up 0.6 percent at 937.85.

A rally in banks stocks lost steam, however, and the STOXX Europe 600 Banks index <.SX7P> finished up 0.3 percent after paring earlier strong gains.—*Reuters*

Cost of solar installations dropping

Business

BERKELEY, (Calif) 17 Sept—The cost of solar systems in the United States has declined significantly in the last two years with the drop in photovoltaic module prices, a report says.

An annual cost-tracking report released by the Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory said the average installed cost of residential and commercial PV systems completed in 2010 fell by roughly 17 percent from the year before, a Berkeley Lab release said Thursday. The decrease is due in large part to a dramatic reduction in the price of the modules, researchers said.

"Wholesale PV module prices have fallen precipitously since about 2008, and those upstream cost reductions have made their way through to consumers," Galen Barbose of the lab's Environmental Energy Technologies Division said.

Non-module costs, such as installation labour, marketing, overhead and the other components of the systems, also fell for residential and commercial PV systems in 2010, the report said.—*Internet*

"The Biggest Loser" trainer Bob Harper conducts a fitness seminar sponsored by a health insurance company in Santa Monica, California in this 10 August, 2011 publicity photo released to Reuters on 15 September, 2011. The 46-year-old trainer sat down with Reuters to talk about the upcoming season of the show, why he stopped being vegan and his best friend obsession.—INTERNET

Vitamin D not tied to fibrillation

Health

NEW YORK, 17 Sept—Despite some research linking low vitamin D levels to heart disease, a new study suggests that lacking D does not increase one's risk of an irregular heartbeat known as atrial fibrillation.

Researchers followed nearly 3,000 middle-aged and older adults in the long-running Framingham Heart Study for roughly 10 years and found that 425 people developed atrial fibrillation.

But, Dr Michiel Rienstra of Massachusetts General Hospital and his colleagues found there was no difference in the likelihood of getting the condition between people with the highest vitamin D levels in their blood and those with the lowest.

Atrial fibrillation stems from a malfunction in the heart's electrical system, which causes the irregular heartbeat. That can lead blood to pool in the heart, increasing the risk of blood clots, which in turn may cause strokes. Treatment often includes blood thinners taken to prevent clots.

"I think the study was done well," said Dr. Michal Melamed, who studies vitamin D at the Einstein School of Medicine in New York and was not involved in the research. It shows that this one vitamin doesn't have an effect on all heart diseases, which is a good thing, she said. A 2008 study of the same group of Framingham participants found that vitamin D levels were associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease.

"We think that low vitamin D affects the architecture of the heart, but I'm not sure that it affects the electrical system of the heart," Melamed told *Reuters* Health. Published in the American Heart Journal, the study included roughly equal numbers of men and women, ranging in age between about 54 and 76.—*Internet*

BofA keeping Countrywide bankruptcy as option

Business

NEW YORK, 17 Sept—Countrywide Financial's lawsuit losses could compel parent Bank of America Corp (BofA) to put up the unit on the bankruptcy block, Bloomberg reported citing four people with knowledge of the firm's strategy.

The bankruptcy option exists because the bank maintained a separate legal identity for the subprime lender after buying it in 2008, said the people, who declined to be identified because the plans are private.

However, a filing is not imminent and the executives are aware that the move could backfire and cast doubt on the largest US bank's financial strength, Bloomberg cited the people as saying.

Charlotte, North Carolina-based Bank of America has lost more than $22 billion from its consumer mortgage division in the last four quarters, in large part because of loan losses and legal settlements linked to Countrywide.

An ATM machine at a Bank of America office is pictured in Burbank, California 19 August, 2011.—INTERNET

In August, American International Group Inc sued BofA for over $10 billion, saying the bank was liable for Countrywide's mortgage bonds as its legal successor.—*Reuters*

US satellite may crash back to Earth on 23 Sept

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept —A 20-year-old satellite that measured the ozone layer is expected to crash back to Earth late next week, but NASA said it still does not know where it will fall.

The US space agency stressed that the risk to public safety from the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite (UARS) is "extremely small," and said that most, but not all, of the gear will burn up on re-entry into Earth's atmosphere.

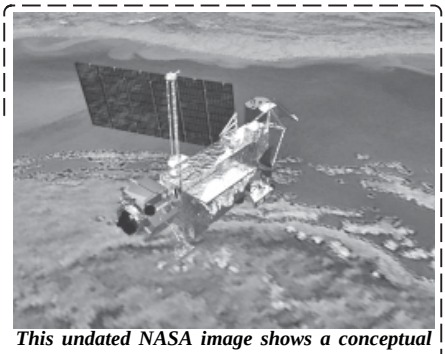
"Re-entry is expected on 23 Sept, plus or minus a day. The re-entry of UARS is advancing because of a sharp increase in solar activity since the beginning of this week," NASA said in a brief update on its website on Friday.

"Safety is NASA's top priority," it added, noting that throughout history, there have been "no confirmed reports of an injury resulting from re-entering space objects."

The decommissioned satellite could land anywhere between 57 degrees north latitude and 57 degrees south latitude, a vast swath of populated territory. Predictions will only get more precise as the landing approaches.

The UARS satellite was sent into orbit in 1991 by the space shuttle *Discovery*.

The 35 by 15 foot (three by 10 meter) spacecraft weighed 13,000 pounds (5,900 kilograms) and toted 10 scientific instruments for measuring wind, temperature and ozone chemistry. It was officially decommissioned in 2005.—*Internet*



This undated NASA image shows a conceptual image of the Upper Atmosphere Research Satellite (UARS), launched in September 1991, by the space shuttle Discovery. Originally designed for a three-year mission, UARS measured chemical compounds found in the ozone layer, wind and temperature in the stratosphere, as well as the energy input from the sun.— **INTERNET**

Android App Tablet Review: Dual Screen Browser

NEW YORK, 17 Sept—On paper, Dual Screen Browser sounds like a great idea. It's a web browser – but with two screens! In practice, unfortunately, it's a bit of a choppy mess that struggles with loading and scrolling, and isn't really as useful as it could be.

Dual Screen Browser lets you multitask by reading two sources at once, and is particularly useful with Facebook and Twitter. Unfortunately, the app just doesn't do these things well. Scrolling is delayed by loading, and there is no clear way to input URLs, which means everything has to be done by searching. It just seems inconvenient for no reason.

It's hard to complain about Dual Screen Browser because it's not a bad idea and the web pages look great on tablet screens. On top of that, it's free. If you have a use for two browser windows at once, by all means, check it out.

Just don't expect it to revolutionize web browsing on a tablet.

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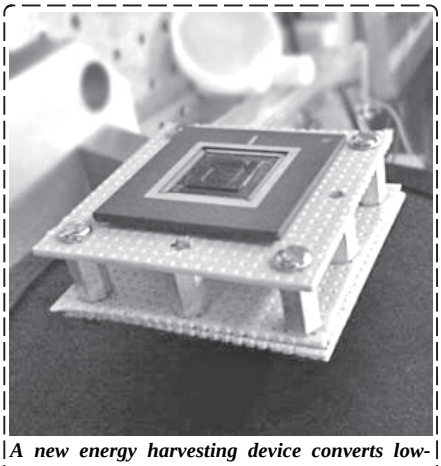


A new energy harvesting device converts low-frequency vibrations into electricity. The device, the size of a US quarter, is shown mounted on a stand.— **INTERNET**

Balloon experiment to study gamma rays

DURHAM, 17 Sept—US researchers say they'll send a balloon up 130,000 feet to measure radiation from the remains of a supernova explosion 6,500 light years from Earth.

The first opportunity in a week-long launch window at NASA's balloon facility in New Mexico will come Sunday, a University of New Hampshire release said Friday.

The balloon will carry a 1-ton instrument intended to gather gamma ray data on the supernova remnant known as the Crab Pulsar.

Astrophysicists say they hope the data will provide a better understanding of a phenomenon known as particle acceleration, a ubiquitous and important but poorly understood process that generates radiation and occurs throughout the universe, found in everything from Earth's magnetic field to pulsars and black holes.

High-altitude balloons, with a volume of up to 30 million cubic feet of helium, have been used to carry NASA experiments to the edge of space for more than 50 years, the university said, and provide a vastly cheaper and less time-consuming approach than satellite-based missions.

"We should be doing some very useful science on the Crab Pulsar during this flight and we only need 24 hours to do that," Mark McConnell, chairman of the UNH department of physics, said.

Internet

AT&T takes wraps off wireless data network

NEW YORK, 17 Sept—Unbeknownst to most customers, AT&T Inc has fired up a new wireless data network in five cities in the last few months, offering roughly double the speeds of its older network for a handful of devices.

On Sunday, the phone company will start marketing the network in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. It won't be selling a new data plan — use of the new "4G LTE" network will be a perk thrown in with existing plans, AT&T Inc network architecture and planning executive Kris Rinne said Friday.

Rinne said the network will provide downloads speeds of 5 megabits to 12 megabits per second. That's enough to download a DVD-quality two-hour movie in 15 minutes. It's in line with the speeds on Verizon's LTE network, which launched late last year with separate data plans. AT&T's older "4G" network provides top download speeds around 6 megabits per second.

The LTE-capable devices AT&T sells are a tablet — the HTC Jetstream — two USB data sticks and a "mobile Wi-Fi hotspot." They're sold with the standard AT&T non-phone data plan, which provides 5 gigabytes of data for $50 per month, except for the tablet, which comes with a $35 plan with 3 gigabytes of data.

Internet

This product image provided by AT&T, shows the HTC Jetstream tablet.— **INTERNET**

People visit the Tokyo Game Show in Chiba, east of Tokyo, on 15 Sept, 2011. Tokyo Game Show opened Thursday in Chiba Prefecture. **XINHUA**

Just show me: How to pin a programme to your taskbar in Windows 7

NEW YORK, 17 Sept—Welcome to Just Show Me on Tecca TV, where we show you tips and tricks for getting the most out of the gadgets in your life. In today's episode we'll show you how to pin a programme to your taskbar in Windows 7.

The taskbar is the long bar that shows your active applications on the bottom of your screen. If you have an often-used application, you can pin it to the bar for quick and easy access. Great programmes to pin include your preferred web browser, email client, or your favorite game. It's easy to do with just a few clicks of the mouse, and we'll show you how in our video.

You can also pin programmes to the top of the start menu, which we show you how to do in a separate video.

As usual, if you have any requests for something you'd like Just Show Me to cover, we want to know about them! Please be sure to let us know in the comments what you want to know.

This article originally appeared on Tecca.—*Internet*

At least three killed, over 75 injured in plane crash at Nevada Air Race

LOS ANGELES, 17 Sept—At least three people were killed and 75 others were injured when an airplane crashed near grandstand at Reno Air Races in Nevada on Friday, local TV reported. The pilot was confirmed dead.

Stephanie Kruse, spokeswoman for the Regional Emergency Medical Service Authority, said 25 people were critically injured and another 25 people were seriously injured in the crash, local TV KRNV reported. She added that the critically injured were considered to have life-threatening injuries.

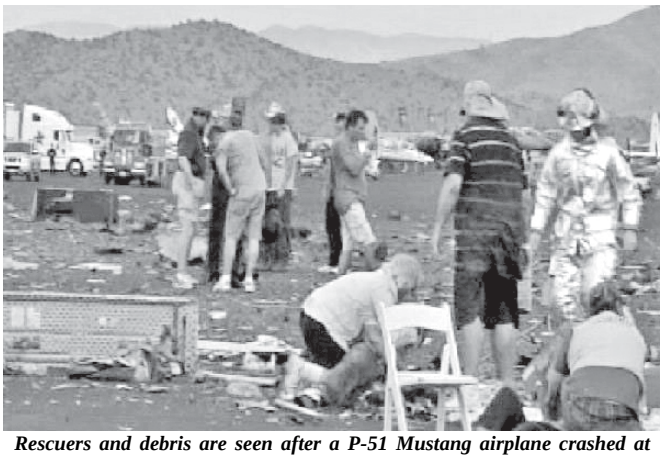
"This is a mass casualty situation," Mike Houghton, president and chief executive officer of the Reno Air Races, was quoted as saying.

The plane was an Unlimited P 51 mustang and the pilot was identified as Jimmy Leeward from Florida, according to KRNV.

Race spokesman Mike Draper said the World War II era fighter plane plunged into a box seat area at the front of the grandstand at about 4:30 pm local time during the popular annual air show, leaving a horrific scene of bodies and wreckage.

Airport personnel and military evacuated other spectators, and several emergency vehicles were headed to the scene. The National Championship Air Races draws thousands of people every year in September to watch various military and civilian planes race.

Xinhua



Rescuers and debris are seen after a P-51 Mustang airplane crashed at the Reno Air show on 16 Sept, 2011 in Reno Nev. The plane plunged into the stands at the event in what an official described as a "mass casualty situation."—XINHUA

Corps pegs '11 flood damage at $2B

In this 24 June, 2011 file aerial photo, flood waters from the Souris River flow over sandbags and earthen levees and continue to rise and consume neighbourhoods in Burlington, ND—INTERNET

KANSAN CITY, 17 Sept—The Army Corps of Engineers estimates it will cost more than $2 billion to repair the damage to the nation's levees, dams and riverbanks caused by this year's excessive flooding, a sum that dwarfs $150 million it currently has to make such repairs and that doesn't account for damage from Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee.

Floodwaters that raged down the nation's rivers this year have strained dams, eroded riverbanks, filled harbours with silt and ripped football field-sized holes in some earthen levees protecting farmland and small towns. The damage estimate, confirmed Thursday to *The Associated Press* by corps officials, promises to be more significant than with a typical flood in which high water recedes quickly. The estimate does not factor in flood damage caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, and the corps does not have an estimate of the damage from those storms yet.

Along some stretches of the Missouri River, levees have been holding back floodwaters since 1 June as the corps lowered water levels from upstream dams that had filled to overflowing with record runoff from rain and winter snows. That water ultimately proved too much for many levees downstream in states such as Iowa and Missouri. Record high water levels also created havoc along the lower Mississippi from Missouri to Louisiana. "I'm really nervous about it," Tom Waters, chairman of the Missouri Levee and Drainage District Association, said of the limited resources. "I think the corps is real nervous about it, too."

The Senate is considering a $7 billion emergency disaster relief bill, but only $1.3 billion of that would go to the corps. A competing House bill would allocate $3.7 billion to overall disaster aid, $226 million of it to the corps, although Congress could provide more money in future legislation.

Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin said he is working with senators in neighbouring states to urge support for the emergency relief.—*Internet*

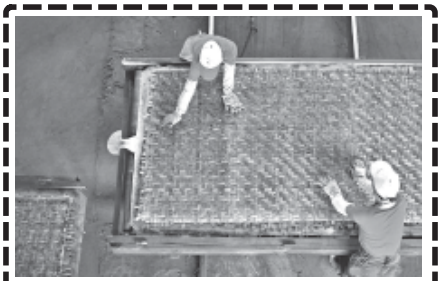
Nine killed, 47,000 evacuated as torrential rains batter NW China

XI'AN, 17 Sept—Persistent rains have killed nine people and forced 47,200 to evacuate their homes in the northwestern Province of Shaanxi during the past two weeks, local authorities said Saturday.

Torrential rains have been pounding nearly 60 of the province's counties since 4 Sept, triggering mountain torrents and landslides, the province's civil affairs department said in a statement. Over 5,000 homes collapsed in the rain and more were damaged, according to the statement.

The rain also affected over 61,360 hectares of crops, among which 6,400 hectares were completely ruined, it said. Direct economic loss caused by the rain was estimated at 724 million yuan (113 million US dollars).

The department has started an emergency response plan and sent work teams to the disaster-hit regions to assist the relief operations. More rains are expected to hit Shaanxi through Monday, according to a statement issued late Friday by the provincial flood control headquarters which asked local governments to guard against rain-triggered disasters.—*Xinhua*



Workers make bamboo plywood in Chongyi County, east China's Jiangxi Province, 15 Sept, 2011. Regarded as "Bamboo's Hometown in China", Chongyi County possesses 39,000 hectares of bamboo forest. A total of 108 local factories are engaged in bamboo industry.

XINHUA

Huge chemical fire breaks out in Canberra of Australia

CANBERRA, 17 Sept—Australian fire fighters on Friday are battling a massive chemical fire at an industrial estate in Canberra, ordering mass evacuations over fears that toxic smoke plumes from the fire.

The fire broke out in Energy Services International, a chemical factory, at Dacre Street in the suburb of Mitchell in the city's north at about midnight.

The fire lit up the suburb with flames leaping hundreds of meters in the air. A column of smoke was billowing toxic fumes up more than 800m in the air.

There are reports that there were about 400,000L of toxic chemicals in the building. However, authorities said all chemicals had been contained at the site and no material had leaked into the storm water system.

Australia Capital Territory State Emergency Services Commissioner Mark Crossweller warned there could be further explosions inside the factory as firefighters battled to contain the blaze.

Atmospheric tests of the smoke plume have found almost undetectable levels of phosgene which is contained in the by-product of the substance being burned, PCB. Phosgene is known to cause irritation to skin and eyes, sore throat, nausea, headaches and dizziness, vomiting, chest pain and difficulty breathing.

Testing will continue throughout the day, but Crossweller believes exposure to dangerous chemicals is low.—*Xinhua*

Seven dead in west Nepal's landslide

KATHMANDU, 17 Sept —At least seven people were killed and over a dozen injured in a landslide Saturday morning in west Nepal, local news reported.

According to local news website ekantipur.com, the victim's houses were hit by landslides triggered by torrential rainfall in Ruinibang bazaar in Rolpa District, some 270 km west of capital Kathmandu.

Six houses were buried due to the landslides.

At least 18 persons who were trapped in their houses following the collapse were rescued alive. The security personnel have been trying to excavate the dead bodies, ekantipur.com reported, citing local police as sources. Additional security personnel from both Nepal Police and Nepal Army have reached the incident site for rescue operation, police said.

As some of the buried houses were lodges, it has been suspected that some of the deceased could be guests of the lodges.—*Xinhua*

Thriving Myanmar valuable teak plants through plant thinning (1)

By Maung Maung (Kyauktan)

Thriving teak plants seen at South Nawin forest reserve in Paukkhaung Township.

Recently, I made a trip to Paukkhaung and Kyangin townships for writing bylines on clearing teak plantations underbrush out of private forest plantations under management of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry.

Gazing at lush and green paddy plantations along the road, I created images of teak plantations in my mind.

Trees omit oxygen after breathing carbon dioxide to be clean and fresh the air. The leaves dropped from the trees increase better fertility for the world. Shade of the trees protects living things against the heat of sunshine as a cold the environment. Trees and forests create harmonious environments.

Due to logging of trees for use of wood and fuel, the global people are facing degradation of the large area of forests and fertile soil areas. In consequence, environmental degradation causes declining of crops production and deterioration of pasture lands.

The whole country of Myanmar is covered with about 50 per cent of forests. Various species of trees including teak and ironwood plants are thriving in the forests. Myanma teak is famous across the world and it is one of the most valuable woods. Teak grows in India, Thailand and Laos only in addition to Myanmar.

During the British colonial era, forests were established in Myanmar. German Botanist Dr Brandis was hired to manage establishment of 14 acres of teak plantation which was first cultivation of its kind, in Attaran forest area in 1856. At present, such plantation is located in Block 87 of Thangannyinaung forest reserve of Kawkareik District in Kayin State.

On arrival at South Nawin Forest Reserve in Paukkhaung Township, I saw thriving teak plants in the seed production area and took photos. In the forest area, I took many photos of thriving teak plants at Phyo Sithu private teak plantation.

The next day, Assistant Director U Win Myint of Forest Research Department gave lectures on techniques of teak thinning to staff and workers of Paukkhaung Township Forest Department and Phyo Sithu private teak plantation at the camp of the plantation. Officials then participated in practical works of plant thinning together with trainees at the plantation.

Thriving young teak plants seen at Phyo Sithu private teak plantation in South Nawin forest reserve in Paukkhaung Township.

Personnel and trainees working together at plant thinning at teak plantation.

Assistant Director U Win Myint explained that plants are to be nurtured through thinning with the aim of acquiring the developed plants; and stunted plants are to be removed from the plantation so as to open larger vacant area, fertilizer and light for the remaining plants.

If the stunted plants are not removed, most of the plants cannot develop with regular rate. If the plantation has thick foliage, weeds and bamboo cannot grow under the trees. In consequence, it is difficulty to maintain fertile soil in erosion.

Myanmar uses two technique of plant thinning. First of two is mechanical thinning. Such system is to be applied to remove the plants or lines alternatively. For example, a total of 50 per cent plants from the whole plantation are to be removed. The technique is to be applied at the young plantations. U Win Myint explained that it is necessary to take care of thinning the plants leaving the best ones for the first time of thinning.

The second technique is Silvicultural thinning. In so doing, the plants are to be classified depending on their development. Mostly, Myanmar forests are nurtured through mechanical thinning technique only by removing stunted and small plants. However, the skilled workers have to know the classifications of the plants before thinning them.

Students of local farmers learning education at Basic Education Primary School branch built by Phyo Sithu private teak plantation.

In the past, Dr Brandis gathered the forest statistics by drawing the maps when there was no forest map. Based on his maps, the plant thinning technique was applied not to waste precious teak plants. So far, such technique has been famous as Burma Selection System across the world. Indeed, it is sure that plant thinning can contribute to thriving and developing the Myanmar teak plantations.

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Translation: TTA

Workshop No (3/2011) on "Impact of Hydropower Projects…

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Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, deputy ministers, experts, scholars and Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives made suggestions.

Chairman Dr Htin Hla of Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association reads paper on impact on natural and social environments.

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Director-General U Kyee Soe of Hydropower Planning Department reads paper on scrutiny of cause effect of economy.

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Chairman Mr Li Guanghua of CPI reads paper on Ayeyawady Basin Hydropower Projects are Strategic Selection for Myanmar Electric Power Industry.

MNA

Officials replied to the questions raised by journalists and the Hluttaw representatives.

Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Committee Union Minister for Industry-1 and for Industry-2 U Soe Thein made suggestions.

Union Minister U Zaw Min said in his concluding address that papers of today's seminar are fruitful results for the ministry. He thanks all including Hluttaw representatives who attend the seminar and made suggestions.

The "natural environment report" was made by 250 scholars from six organizations including BANCA. The report will be submitted to the newly-reconstituted Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry. Remarks fingered by the scholors of that ministry will be studied and reported. The change of environment and its impact will be studied while implementing the project and operating plants as it is changing constantly.

The project will proceed in accord with the decision of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry. Ayeyawady River will be studied from its origin down to Delta region. Now, the study is going on up to Thabeinkyin.

"Natural Environment Law" will be drafted as there were suggestions that the study will not be complete as it is done with own technology, experience and knowledge with no law. There will be a standard in the study of natural environment.

Regarding events along Ayeyawady River, it is needed to carry out environmental conservation and river management through national level plan involving the people, organizations under the arrangement of the State and drafting the law, if necessary, will be carried out. The Ministry of Mines will control gold mining in Ayeyawady River in regard to environmental conservation. No more permits will be given for existing gold mines after the current permits expire.

Companies implementing the projects will take responsibility for impacts of the project on upper basin areas and lower basin areas. The fact that adequate measures will have to be taken for environmental impacts is included in JV contract.

It is needed to encourage and study renewable energy production in compliance with Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) as it can reduce global warming and carbon emission and give economic benefits.

According to the report of CPI Company, the structures in Myitsone project will be designed and built systematically to have the resistance of the worst flood in 1000 years and the earthquake of eight Richter Scales.

Report and guarantee of the company are recorded and quality control will be done constantly while implementing the project. A suggestion to conduct a time-consuming inspection by government-formed independent engineer group to ascertain whether projects on Ayeyawady are technical strong will be taken in consideration.

He went on that hydropower projects along Ayeyawady river were worthwhile for increased generation of power for domestic consumption and industrial development; however, impact of Myitsone Project on environment and safety was a hot topic among people and that it was an appropriate suggestions **to minimize impact of Myitsone Project on environment and to ensure the project poses no danger** by changing the design of tunnel, lowering the height of the dam and reducing water storage capacity, changing the site location to the upstream of the river, and making feasibility study on proposed Chepwe Project upstream of the river first while re-assessing the design of the dam, and collecting data for environmental impact assessment. Future works depend on environment report of ECF Ministry and study report of the engineer Group.

He went on that since the establishment of Ministry of Electric Power No (1) in 2006, power projects were permitted to local entrepreneurs, along with foreign investments with a view to increase generation of electric power in the nation in short period of time; such activities were being done under scrutinized permit of Myanmar Investment Commission, Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, and the Attorney-General's Office under the agreement of the government; so, within five years from the establishment of the new ministry, there had emerged a considerable number of hydropower projects implemented with domestic and foreign investment, inviting the national entrepreneurs to make investments in hydropower projects.

He noted that today, the nation had seen total installed capacity of 3360 megawatts and over 1500 megawatts electricity was being generated according to resistance of power lines and demand; it was expected that the annual power demand may increase by 10 per cent; more electric power will be enjoyed following installation of more power lines and improvement of power supply system; construction of power lines depended on budget and it took time; in the five-year term of the present government, nine projects Shwegyin, Kun, Pyu, Thaukyekhat (2), Nankhio, Upper Paunglaung, Belu Creek (3), Upper Belu Creek, Chipwenge—could be completed, contributing additional 655 megawatts to national grid; people may enjoy more electricity depending on fund division for completion of projects, installation of power lines, and power supply system.

He added that the government was implementing hydropower projects for long-term benefit of the nation and its people in line with adopted policies and laws; likewise the ministry had to implement such projects in accordance with the policies and decisions of the government as assigned by it; now as respective Hluttaws constituted with peoples' representatives had emerged, the ministry would continue implementing power supply projects in conformity with decision of the Hluttaws, and adopted policies of the government within the framework of law. The Union minister then promised that his ministry would work its best for implementation of power projects according to the assignment of the Hluttaw and goverment.—*MNA*

Talks on Sports and TB given

YANGON, 17 Sept— The Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) of the Sports and Physical Education Department and the Population Service International jointly organized an educative talk on facts about sports and tuberculosis at the Pyidaungsu Hall of Kyaikkasan Grounds, here, at 1.30 pm today.

Dr Nan Nyo Nyo Win of Population Service International gave talks on sports and tuberculosis, and dos and don'ts and replied to queries raised by trainees. The talk will be held on 23 September.

MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

Myanmar swimming contingent leaves for PRC

YANGON, 17 Sept— A 17-member Selected Myanmar swimming contingent including manager and coach left for Nanning in Guangxi Province of the People's Republic of China to undergo joint training from 17 September to 22 October by air this afternoon. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by the Vice-President of Myanmar Swimming Federation and officials.—*MNA*

Special Refresher Course for basic education teachers…

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were to serve the public with a willing heart playing respective roles; teachers were responsible for transforming the nation into a continuous learning society ensuring each and every citizen was literate; they were committed to promote formal education, non-formal education and self-study as a national duty; the main task for rural development and poverty reduction was elimination of illiteracy.

The Union Minister then awarded outstanding trainees and presented certificates to trainees.—*MNA*

Union EP-2 Minister meets ROK delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — Union Minister for Electric Power No-2 U Khin Maung Soe received a delegation of the Republic of the Korea led by Chairman Mr Lee, Young-soo of Korea Myanmar Development Company (KMDC) and President & CEO Mr An, Seung-kyoo of KEPCO E & C at his office here yesterday.

They held discussions on installation of power line and matters related to cooperation in electric power sector.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Khin Maung Zaw of Electric Power Department, Managing Director U Myint Aung of Electricity Supply Enterprise and officials.—*MNA*

Union Sports Minister receives Asian Sports officials

Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan receives Asian Karatedo Federation President Mr Kuang Huei Chan and Asian Karatedo Federation Referee Council Chairman Mr Lim Chee Jin.

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NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept— Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan received Asian Karatedo Federation President Mr Kuang Huei Chan and Asian Karatedo Federation Referee Council Chairman Mr Lim Chee Jin at his office here yesterday morning.

The meeting concentrated on stainable efforts of Myanma Karatedo athletes to pluck achievement in 26th and 27th SEA Games.

Also present the call were Deputy Sports Minister U Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik and officials concerned.

MNA

China to have 800,000 franchised outlets in 5 years

BEIJING, 17 Sept— The number of franchised outlets in China is likely to reach 800,000 over the next five years, creating more than 10 million jobs, an official with China Chain Store & Franchise Association (CCSFA) said on Friday.

The country's franchising market is heading towards standardization, CCSFA secretary general Pei Liang said ahead of the 2011 International Franchising Expo, which will be held from 17-19 Sept in Shanghai.

"Franchisers are more conscious of intellectual property protection," and "more rational when making investment decisions," Pei said.

The franchising industry plays an important role in driving private investments and creating jobs. The country's franchising market still fosters great potentials and will make further contributions to employment and consumption in the future, Pei added.

Data from the Ministry of Commerce show that the country currently has a total of 1,600 registered franchisees.

Xinhua

Coord meeting of Public Works held

***Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint speaking at meeting with superintending engineers of Region/ State and special project groups.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Sept — A work coordination meeting of the Public Works under the Ministry of Construction was held at the hall of the ministry here yesterday, attended by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Lwin and U Soe Tint, Officer on Special Duty Thura U Sein Thaung, departmental heads and officials.

The Union Minister called for systematic use of funds, abiding by financial rules and regulations, storage of construction materials and constant supervision on maintenance works for smooth transport.

Next, deputy ministers gave necessary instructions.

Then Region/State Superintending Engineers reported to the minister on works being carried out, situation of roads and bridges which are under construction through B.O.T system and repair works.

MNA

Tenn mom tells police she smothered newborn twins

HENDERSONVILLE, 17 Sept—A young mother charged with murder has told police she hid her pregnancy, gave birth to twin sons at her family's home and killed the infants by smothering their cries so her parents wouldn't hear them.

Police in the Nashville suburb of Hendersonville arrested Lindsey Lowe, 25, on Wednesday after her father discovered one baby's body in a laundry basket. According to a police affidavit, the young mother said she didn't tell her family she was pregnant, but believes she got pregnant in January and never visited a doctor. Police said on Thursday they were trying to identify the father of the twins.

This undated booking photo provided by the Sumner County Sheriff's Office in Gallatin, Tenn shows 25-year-old Lindsey Lowe.

INTERNET

Police said they interviewed Lowe who said she went into labor Monday evening while on the toilet at her parent's home. She said the first baby fell into the toilet and began to cry.

"Lowe stated that the baby was crying and Lowe did not want her parents to hear and find out about the child," police wrote in the affidavit.

"Lowe stated that she put her hand over the child's mouth and she stated that she kept it there until the child was dead, which was a couple of minutes." Lowe said she never checked the sex of the child.

A few minutes later, the affidavit says, she gave birth to the second child, who also fell in the toilet. She again put her hand over the baby's mouth and held it there until the baby died, which she said took less time than the first child.

She put both babies in the laundry basket and covered them up with blankets.

Internet

Man, 19, charged in Calif toddler shooting

This image provided by the San Bernardino Police Department shows Nylah Franco-Torrez who died after a suspect fired into a house, killed this 3-year-old girl and critically injured a pregnant woman and her toddler. INTERNET

SAN BERNARDINO, 17 Sept—A man was charged with murder and attempted murder Thursday after police say he fired a volley of bullets onto a front porch where young children were playing, killing a 3-year-old and critically injuring a pregnant woman and her 3-year-old daughter.

Brandon Taray Barnes, 19, of San Bernardino was arrested late Wednesday after police connected him to the shooting through witness interviews, said San Bernardino police Lt Gwendolyn Waters.

He was charged with one count of murder and seven counts of attempted murder in the Monday shooting, one for each of the individuals who were relaxing on the porch when the shooting occurred, District Attorney Michael Ramos said at a news Conference.

Ramos called the shooting "horrendous" and a "cowardly act," and vowed justice in the case. "We will not allow this to happen to our citizens, especially our babies," he said.—*Internet*

Fire crews dig a fire line on the southern edge of the Pagami Creek Fire, north of Isabella, Minn and just south of the BWCA border on 14 Sept, 2011. The fire in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is one of the largest on record in the state, and just under half of the access points into the wilderness were closed to campers by midday Wednesday. Less than 50 buildings, including cabins, had been evacuated.—INTERNET

Scientists make fish-rescuing efforts in drought-stricken Texas

HOUSTON, 17 Sept—American scientists are rescuing rare minnows from a shrinking river in drought-plagued US state of Texas, local media reported on Friday. Wildlife biologists collected thousands of smalleye and sharpnose shiners from the Brazos River, the longest river in Texas, and would take them to the state's fish hatchery, according to the newspaper Houston Chronicle.

The lack of water means the fish do not have the 100 miles of river they need to reproduce. Both smalleye and sharpnose shiners, which are found only in the Brazos River, are candidates to be listed as threatened or endangered species, the newspaper said.

Earlier, scientists already made a fish rescue effort in Texas.

Large fish rescues could become more common for fish, reptiles and amphibians as the drought persists in Texas, a state that is home to 86 endangered or threatened species. Texas continued to be suffering from historic drought, as wildfires raged through the state and water shortages devastated crop production and livestock herds.

The big agricultural state is going through the longest dry period on record with losses estimated at more than 5 billion US dollars.

Xinhua

40 students stabbed with needle in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, 17 Sept—A 14-year-old girl went on a playground rampage with a hypodermic needle, stabbing 40 classmates, Puerto Rican officials said Thursday. "She would stab one, run, stab another, run, like it was some sort of joke," Education Secretary Jesus Rivera Sanchez said about Tuesday's lunch-time attack on 12- to 14-year-olds at the Jose de Choudens middle school in the southern coastal town of Arroyo.

Health Department spokeswoman Margarita Casalduc said it was unclear if the syringe contained anything and further tests were needed to determine if it was contaminated. But the victims, accompanied by their shaken parents, gathered at a convention centre to be tested for HIV and hepatitis C and to be given preventive medications. Sanchez said counselors also were helping the victims and their parents.

Social workers were interviewing the alleged attacker to try to determine a motive, Justice Department spokesman Fidel Rodriguez said. He said no charges had yet been filed, but officials said she had been suspended from school.—*Internet*

About a thousand people come to the refuge camp of Dadaab in northeast Kenya July, 2011. It reaches over 400 thousand people in the refuge camp and the number keeps rising. INTERNET

Venezuela's Chavez says to start 4th round of cancer treatment

CARACAS, 17 Sept—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Friday that he expected to start a new round of chemotherapy this weekend to continue his cancer treatment, the official VTV television reported.

"Most probably I will start a fourth round of chemotherapy very early Sunday and then be on my way to full recovery," Chavez said in a telephone interview with the VTV. He hoped he would be recovered to host a summit of Latin American and Caribbean leaders on 2-3 Dec in Caracas.

The comments came less than a week after Chavez canceled a cabinet meeting last Sunday as doctors recommended that he rest at home until fully healed from a sore throat with a clean bill of health by doctors.

The throat infection is believed to have been caused by Chavez' weakened immune system after the first three rounds of chemotherapy he has received since July, which followed surgery in Cuba in June where he had a cancerous tumour removed. It is unknown what kind of cancer the 57-year-old president is being treated for. But Chavez has on numerous occasions expressed confidence that he can beat the cancer and reaffirmed he will enter for the country's presidential elections in 2012.—*Xinhua*

Finnish police investigates terror-related case in Finland

HELSINKI, 17 Sept—Finnish police are looking into the first ever terrorism-related case in Finland and two people have been taken into custody, Finnish media reported on Friday.

According to the report, the two individuals were arrested by Finnish police on 7th September and have been remanded into custody.

One of the two is suspected of funding terrorism, and the other is under suspicion of recruiting for the commission of terrorist acts. Both are of non-Finnish ethnic background. Following their arrests, police carried out searches of several homes in Helsinki and found evidence.

The start of the formal investigation followed a long period of intelligence gathering carried out by the Finnish Security Intelligence Service. Responsibility for the case was shifted to the Finnish National Bureau of Investigation in May.

Xinhua

Alleged renegade UBS trader Kweku Adoboli, centre, walks to be taken away in a security van flanked by police officers after appearing at the City of London Magistrates Court in London, 16 Sept, 2011. The alleged renegade trader accused of losing Swiss bank UBS about $2 billion in unauthorized trading was ordered held in prison custody Friday charged with fraud and false accounting. Adoboli, 31, will be held until another court appearance on 22 Sept, presiding magistrate Carolyn Wagstaff said.—INTERNET

Two houses lie in the sea off a village near the Onagawa nuclear power plant in Japan on 20 March, 2011. A strong 6.6-magnitude undersea quake and a series of aftershocks hit off the coast of Japan's Honshu island Saturday, not far from the area ravaged by a huge March quake and tsunami, geologists said.

INTERNET

Series of quakes hit off Japan disaster zone

TOKYO, 17 Sept—A strong 6.6-magnitude undersea quake and a series of aftershocks hit off the coast of Japan's Honshu island Saturday, not far from the area ravaged by a huge March quake and tsunami, geologists said. There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties and no widespread tsunami warning, although the initial earthquake was followed by five more quakes of magnitude five or above, one of them measuring 6.2.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) said the first, 36.2-kilometre (22.6-mile) deep quake hit 108 kilometres east-south-east of the coastal town of Hachinohe, 574 kilometres from Tokyo, at 4:26 am (1926 GMT Friday). The Japan Meteorological Agency said the initial quake jolted Iwate Prefecture, an area badly hit by the 9.0-magnitude earthquake and tsunami on 11 March that left almost 20,000 dead or missing and sparked the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl.

The 6.6-magnitude quake was followed by two smaller magnitude-five tremors within an hour in the same area east of Hachinohe. The fourth quake struck at 7:08 am (2108 GMT Friday), with a magnitude of 6.2 at a depth of 20.2 kilometres, 137 kilometres east-south-east of Hachinohe. Again, no widespread tsunami warning was issued.

During the next two hours there were two more magnitude-five tremors nearby, the second one with its epicentre only five kilometres deep, the USGS said.—*Internet*

New York City smoking rate hits all-time low

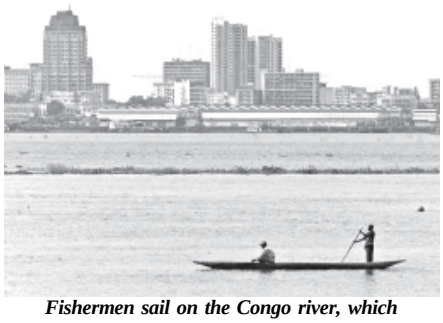
NEW YORK, 17 Sept—Some 450,000 New Yorkers have quit smoking since 2002, reducing the smoking rate to a low of 14 percent, thanks in part to graphic anti-smoking ads, public smoking bans and higher cigarette taxes, officials said on Thursday.

Some 35 percent of adult smokers have quit since 2002, including 100,000 from 2009 to 2010, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. That leaves 850,000 adult New Yorkers who smoke.

"Smoking is the leading cause of preventable, premature death in New York City and the nation today, and we're proud that a record number of New Yorkers are saving their own lives by quitting," Bloomberg said. The decline followed a 2002 ban on smoking in bars and restaurants in the city and a pair of state cigarette tax increases, of 35 percent in 2002 and 58 percent in 2010. The city's Health Department has also aired a series of television ads depicting diseased organs, dramatizing the impact of lung cancer, or telling the real stories of former smokers who were disfigured by smoking-related surgery.—*Reuters*

*In this 15 Sept, 2011 photo, a firefighter stands next to a downed plane in Noblesville, Ind. The single-engine plane crashed into a golf course which winds through a neighbourhood along Morse Reservoir in Noblesville. Both people inside the plane were killed, but no injuries were reported on the ground._*INTERNET

Bridge between the Congos study gets green light



*Fishermen sail on the Congo river, which separates Brazzaville, Congo, from Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).—*INTERNET

CONGO, 17 Sept—Financing has been found to carry out a long-delayed feasibility study for a bridge over the Congo linking Kinshasa and Brazzaville, the world's closest capitals, an official said Thursday.

"Financing has now been collected for a study on building the road/rail bridge between Brazzaville and Kinshasa," Republic of Congo planning ministry official Apollinaire Itoua said. The official said around 5.7 million euros (7.9 million dollars) had been found by his country, the neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo and the African Development Bank for the feasibility study.

Brazzaville and Kinshasa are only four kilometres (2.5 miles) apart, but only ferries cross the Congo river.

Itoua said the second phase of the project would involve extending the rail network on the DRC side by up to 1,000 kilometres (600 miles) to further improve bilateral and "strengthen sub-regional integration."

Internet

Rescue under way to free four trapped in Welshmine

LONDON, 17 Sept—Emergency services were carrying out a major rescue operation on Thursday after four miners became trapped following a flash flood in a coal mine in south Wales. Specialist teams from across Britain including cave divers and a mines rescue team have been brought in to try to locate the men, trapped 90 metres below the surface in the small Gleision Colliery in the Swansea Valley.

Three other miners managed to escape, although one is now in hospital and said by media to be in a critical condition. "They just said they could hear the water come in, they turned round and they ran," said Chris Margetts from the Mid and West Wales Fire Service. The miners who escaped said a wall to an old working had failed, which had flooded the main 250 metre route into the mine.

Rescuers said they were hopeful that the trapped men would head into old shafts and tunnels where there would be pockets of air.

Reuters

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV MOROTAI VOY NO (YF 163R)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (YF 163R) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.9.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Monterrey casino arson attack policeman's family killed

MEXICO CITY, 17 Sept — Gunmen in northern Mexico have shot dead three relatives of a police officer being held over a deadly arson attack on a casino last month. The officer's father, stepmother and stepbrother were killed in their home in the city of Monterrey. Police believe it was an act of revenge by the Zetas drugs cartel, after the officer named gang members allegedly involved in the casino attack.

The blaze killed 52 people and caused revulsion across Mexico. Police officer Miguel Angel Barraza is one of six suspects detained in connection with the 25 August arson attack on the Casino Royale in Monterrey. The other five are all alleged to be members of the Zetas cartel, which is thought to have torched the casino after its owners refused to pay protection money.

The murder of the family came on a day of violence in and around Monterrey, in which at least 15 people were killed. Monterrey and the state of Nuevo Leon have seen rising bloodshed as the Zetas and Gulf cartels vie for control of trafficking routes to the US.

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The casino blaze was seen as a new low in Mexico's battle with organized crime.
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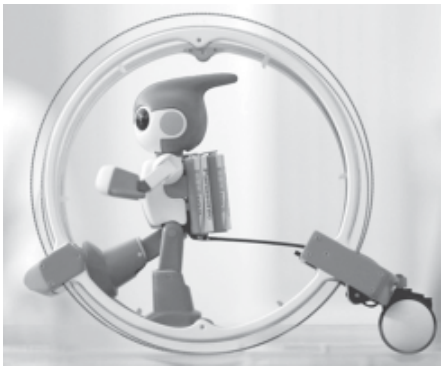


Panasonic's "Evolta" run robot, powered by the company's Evolta rechargable batteries, is demonstrated during a news conference in Tokyo on 15 Sept, 2011. The company said three types of Evolta robots, developed to swim, bike and run, will challenge to complete an Ironman triathlon course in Hawaii, a total of about 230 km, within one week or 168 hours from 24 October, 2011, powered by three AA-size rechargeable Evolta batteries, the company said.
INTERNET

Passenger tries to open plane door at 36,000 feet

NEWCASTLE, 17 Sept—A British plane passenger was being questioned by police on Thursday after he tried to open the aircraft's doors at 36,000 feet.

The 22-year-old man was 45 minutes into a flight from the Spanish island of Majorca to Newcastle in northeastern England on Wednesday when he began pulling on the emergency doors shouting, "It's OK we are just on a simulator," passengers told the *Newcastle Chronicle*.

Cabin crew managed to restrain the heavily-built man and tie him up with eight seatbelts, while the pilot diverted the flight to London's Gatwick Airport. The unnamed man, from the northeastern town of Ashington, was arrested by six police officers when the flight landed.

He was being questioned on Thursday on suspicion of endangering the safety of an aircraft.

Internet

Surgeon vindicated in boob-boosting cream row

LONDON , 17 Sept—A leading plastic surgeon who was threatened with libel action after questioning the claims made for a breast-enhancement cream has been vindicated after a watchdog found no evidence that the product increased bust size. Dr Dalia Nield of The London Clinic said it was "highly unlikely" the £125 (+142) cream, named 'Boob Job', could increase a woman's bust size by 2.5cm without the need for surgery, as advertised. Manufacturers Rodial said the effect could be achieved if women rubbed the cream into their breasts for 56 days. Users were said to include Scarlett Johansson and Victoria Beckham. Dr Nield, who also questioned the safety of the treatment, was threatened with legal action by Rodial after her comments were quoted in a newspaper.

Dr Nield, the latest in a line of scientific figures to be threatened with legal action after speaking out on matters of public health, said she had a "duty to speak out when products making these claims are not backed up by evidence". Yesterday the Advertising Standards Authority ruled that claims that the cream significantly increased the volume and firmness of breasts were misleading as there was no evidence to back them up. A colleague of Dr Nield said: —*Internet*

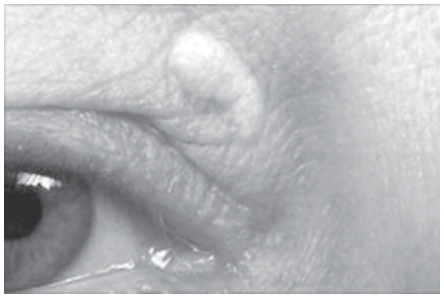
Eyelid marks warn of heart attack

COPENHAGEN , 17 Sept —Yellow markings on the eyelids are a sign of increased risk of heart attack and other illnesses, say researchers in the Denmark. A study published on the BMJ website showed patients with xanthelasmata were 48% more likely to have a heart attack.

Xanthelasmata, which are mostly made up of cholesterol, could be a sign of other fatty build-ups in the body.

Cardiologists said the findings could be used by doctors to help diagnose at-risk patients. The research team at the Herlev Hospital in Denmark started following 12,745 people in the 1970s. At the start of the study, 4.4% of patients had xanthelasmata.

Thirty three years later, 1,872 had had a heart attack, 3,699 had developed heart disease and 8,507 had died — and the data showed that those with the yellow markings around the eyes were at greatest risk. hose with the markings were 48% more likely to have a heart attack, 39% more likely to have developed heart disease and 14% more likely to have died during the study.



Xanthelasmata are mostly made up of cholesterol.—INTERNET

The authors believe patients with xanthelasmata may be more likely to deposit cholesterol around the body. A build up of fatty material in the walls of arteries — known as atherosclerosis — leads to stroke and heart attack. For both men and women in several age groups, the data said there was a one in five chance of developing heart disease in the next decade if the patient had xanthelasmata.

The authors said such patients were "generally considered to be at high risk" and should have "lifestyle changes and treatment to reduce [bad] cholesterol."

Internet

Oktoberfest draws millions to Munich

Munich, Germany, is expecting about 6 million people to attend the upcoming Oktoberfest, with many having made reservations a year in advance.

The two-week festival, which begins Saturday, regularly draws crowds of millions to the city's Theresienwiese site, and experienced Oktoberfest-goers recommend making travel and accommodation reservations at least a year in advance, *The Daily Telegraph*, Britain, reported on Friday.

A tourist takes photos in front of the field of the 178th Munich Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany, on 16 Sept, 2011. The construction work of all beer tents and entertainment facilities has been finished for the upcoming kick-off of the Oktoberfest at noon on 17 Sept.

Oktoberfest, which offers free admission but charges $12 for a liter of beer at its 14 tents, began in 1810 as a celebration of the 12 Oct wedding between Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen.

The celebration became an annual event that continued for decades.

Woman was arrested for sitting

A physically disabled Atlanta woman, who said she was thrown to the ground and arrested for refusing to get out of her chair, is seeking compensation.

Dan Grossman, an attorney for Shequita Walker, 40, said she was sitting 21 April on a metal chair in the vacant lot next to her home, where she often sits on hot afternoons, when police officer Kenneth Thomas approached and asked her to move, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reported Friday.

Grossman said Walker, who suffers from severe joint pain and has a limited range of motion, told the officer she was within her rights to sit outside and Thomas then twisted her arm, causing her to fall to the concrete.

Walker was treated for a shoulder injury sustained when she hit the ground before spending the night in jail on a disorderly conduct charge, which was later dropped. The Atlanta Citizen Review Board examined a complaint from Walker and determined the officer should be disciplined.

Grossman said he is hoping to obtain compensation for Walker without having to file a lawsuit against the city.

Two men barhopped with corpse

Two Denver men face abuse of a corpse charges for attempting to re-enact the movie, "Weekend at Bernie's," police said.

Robert Jeffrey Young, 43, and Mark Rubinson, 25, allegedly loaded Jeffrey Jarrett into a car after finding him unresponsive at his southeast Denver home 27 Aug. The two then allegedly went to Teddy T's bar and grill and Sam's No 3, leaving Jarrett in Rubinson's Lincoln Navigator, while they drank — on Jarrett's tab, *The Denver Post* reported. They also allegedly used Jarrett's bank card to get money out of an ATM.

Later, they took Jarrett's body back home, went out for a meal, withdrew $400 more and headed for a strip club, police said.

"This is a bizarre and unfortunate crime," Denver police spokesman Sonny Jackson said. "This isn't anything you want to have happen to a loved one. You want them treated with respect in death."

News Album

Children play with an exhibit during the exhibition of dinosaurs in Belgrade, Serbia, on 9 Sept, 2011. A total of 52 dinosaur models, which are reconstructed according latest science discoveries of German Paleontology Exploring Centre, are displayed on the exhibition which lasts from 3 Sept to 1 Nov.

Kirstie Alley loses 100 pounds

NEW YORK, 17 Sept—US actress Kirstie Alley, who has famously battled weight issues for years, says she has lost 100 pounds in recent months.

Alley, 60, is best known for her work on TV's "Cheers," "Veronica's Closet" and "Dancing with the Stars," as well as in the "Look Who's Talking" movies. "I've lost 100 pounds," she told "Entertainment Tonight" in a segment which aired Tuesday. "I feel like I'm back in my element," she added. "I honestly didn't even realize what I looked like."—*Internet*

Kirstie Alley

Recording artist Paul McCartney, right, and Nancy Shevell.

Paul McCartney, Nancy Shevell to wed in London

LONDON, 17 Sept—Paul McCartney is set to tie the knot at the venue where he first married more than 40 years ago.

Officials said Friday that the former Beatle and fiancee Nancy Shevell have posted a notice of intention to marry at London's Marylebone Town Hall. Westminster Council, which oversees the venue, said the notice was posted Wednesday, meaning the couple could marry anytime after 30 September. They have a year to hold the ceremony.

The document lists the musician under his full name, James Paul McCartney, and describes him as a "business executive." It gives the couple's address as McCartney's London home.

Alison Cathcart, Westminster Council's superintendent registrar, said she would be officiating and was "delighted that Paul and Nancy have chosen Marylebone Town Hall for their special day."

Internet

'Hunger Games' shoot wraps up

SANTA MONICA (CALIF), 17 Sept—Principal photo-graphy on the film adaptation of Suzanne Collins' novel "The Hunger Games" has wrapped up in North Carolina, Lionsgate said.

Starring Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth, the film is to be released on 23 March, 2012. It will be the first in a series Lionsgate is making based on Collins' book trilogy.

"The locations spann-ed from a dense forest in which the arena that hosts the games themselves was created to a town that stood in for Katniss' home, District 12, to a sound stage that was the platform for the fantastical sights and sounds of The Capitol, the futuristic capital city of the nation of Panem," the studio said in a news release. "Principal photography on the 84-day production began on 23 May." The cast includes Woody Harrelson, Elizabeth Banks, Lenny Kravitz, Stanley Tucci, Donald Sutherland, Wes Bentley and Toby Jones.

Internet

Jennifer Lawrence

(L-R) Zoe Kravitz, Kevin Bacon, January Jones, James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender. INTERNET

'Class' tops DVD sales, rental charts

LOS ANGELES, 17 Sept—The superhero movie "X-Men: First Class" is the top-selling DVD and No 1 rental in the United States, Rentrak reported Thursday.

Coming in at No 2 on the DVD sales chart for the week ending 11 Sept is "Hanna," followed by "The Office: Season 7" at No 3, "Madea's Big Happy Family" at No 4 and "Sons of Anarchy: Season Three" at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are "Rio" at No 6, "Laugh to Keep From Crying" at No 7, "Fringe: The Complete Third Season" at No 8, "Two and a Half Men: The Complete Eighth Season" at No 9 and "Dexter: The Fifth Season" at No 10.

The No 2 DVD rental for the week ended 10 Sept. is "Hanna."

"Priest" is No 3, "Something Borrowed" is No 4, "Paul" is No 5, "Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family" is No 6, "Everything Must Go" is No 7, "Rio" is No 8, "Limitless" is No 9 and "Blitz" is No 10.

Internet

Ortiz has exciting style for Mayweather fight

LAS VEGAS, 17 Sept — Victor Ortiz knocks people down, and he's done it every time he has stepped into the ring. He also goes down, twice in his last fight alone. It's a pattern that can make for exciting fights.

It's also a style that plays right into the hands of Floyd Mayweather Jr. Mayweather returns to the ring for the first time in 16 months on Saturday night, facing Ortiz in a fight for a piece of the welterweight title.

His experience and great defense make him a big favorite, but Mayweather vows this fight will be entertaining from the opening bell.

"I'm coming straight ahead," Mayweather said. "This fight is not going the distance." In most instances, Ortiz would be seen as little more than a tuneup for a possible Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao fight next spring. But the 24-year-old is young and strong and coming off a huge win over Andre Berto that not only made him a champion at 147 pounds but, more importantly, got Mayweather's attention.

Internet

Floyd Mayweather, left, and Victor Ortiz square off for a photo after a boxing news conference, on 14 Sept, 2011, in Las Vegas.—INTERNET

Ferguson: Chelsea lurking dangerously

LONDON, 17 Sept — Manchester United's Sir Alex Ferguson expects Chelsea to be in the thick of the Barclays Premier League title battle . With both Manchester clubs blazing a trail at the top of the table — City and United have yet to drop a point between them — Chelsea are sitting in the shadows. But Ferguson believes that will suit new Stamford Bridge manager Andre Villas-Boas down to the ground. For, while the Etihad Stadium and Old Trafford attract all the publicity, the top flight's youngest coach can acclimatise himself to the new surroundings.

And, when Chelsea head to United on Sunday, Ferguson anticipates United will be taking on one of their biggest rivals. "They will be there at the end of the season, there is no doubt about that," he said. "At the moment, of course, the two Manchester teams are enjoying the publicity that comes from the predictions that they are going to be involved in the winning of the league. "In the background lurks Chelsea. They don't need the publicity. They will be enjoying being out of the profile at the moment."

Chelsea had enjoyed the better of recent confrontations between the teams until last season, when United recovered from losing the opening meeting between the teams to win three on the trot in just over a month, including both legs of a Champions League quarter-final. "It will be a fantastic game," Ferguson said.

Internet

Sir Alex Ferguson says Chelsea will be major rivals for the title

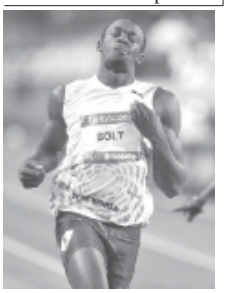
Bolt marks season best at Brussels Diamond League

BRUSSELS, 17 Sept—World record holder Usain Bolt marked the fastest 100m of the season on Friday, clocking 9.76 seconds at the Diamond League. Bolt, 25, bettered the previous season best time of 9.78 seconds set by compatriot Asafa Powell in Lausanne on 30 June.

Olympic champion Bolt saw compatriot Yohan Blake take his world 100m title in Daegu of South Korea last month after his false start, but still collected gold in the 200m and 4x100m.

He arrived in Belgium straight from Zagreb where he ran 9.85 seconds on Tuesday, his best time of the season until Friday.

Xinhua



Usain Bolt of Jamaica sprints during the men's 100m race competition at the Diamond League athletics meeting in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 16 Sept, 2011.—XINHUA

Wilson, Rose tied for lead at BMW

LEMONT, 17 Sept—Coming off his best round of the year, Justin Rose figured it couldn't get much better in the BMW Championship.

He was good enough Friday for a 3-under 68 and a share of lead with Mark Wilson. Rose felt flat at times, especially early on the back nine at Cog Hill on a cool, overcast day in the Chicago suburbs. But a 3-iron into 30 feet for an eagle on the par-5 15th woke him up, and not even a bogey on the last hole changed his outlook on the day or the weekend of this FedEx Cup playoff event.

Internet

Justin Rose

Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon

Agent says Buffon to finish his career in Juventus

ROME, 17 Sept—Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon will finish his career at the Turin club, his agent Silvano Martina revealed on Friday.

The 33-year-old has enjoyed a stellar career in Turin and despite being tipped to leave Juve after the Calciopoli scandal, he decided to cling to the club, garnering praise from his representative, the goal.com reported.

"Buffon will end his career at Juventus," Martina told Radio Mana Mana Sport. "If he then goes on to win the Scudetto, who'll be able to move him from Turin?

Xinhua

Brazil starts 1,000-day countdown to World Cup

SAO PAULO, 17 Sept — Brazil on Friday launched its countdown to the 2014 World Cup, ticking off the 1,000 days before it hosts the top international football tournament. Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff kicked off the event in the city of Belo Horizonte by announcing new infrastructure investments and renewing her pledge that her country would be ready, despite facing a formidable list of problems and being behind schedule.

"Investing in infrastructure is a way of saying no to the international crisis affecting countries in the eurozone and the United States," said Rousseff, who was accompanied by retired football great Pele, named as Brazil's World Cup ambassador. Brazil's *O Globo* newspaper noted that, within the next 1,000 days, the country has to complete 52 major works, 12 stadiums, change several laws and decide its team's selection.—*Internet*

Brazilian former football star Ronaldo is greeted by children during the inauguration of the chronometer, which makes the countdown to the start of 2014 Brazil FIFA World Cup, at the building work of the new stadium of Corinthians team, Itaquerao, in Sao Paulo, Brazil.— INTERNET

Dalglish won't rush Gerrard

LIVERPOOL, 17 Sept — Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish will take a common sense approach to Steven Gerrard's long-awaited return from injury. It seems the captain is unlikely to be ready to face Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane on Sunday but could be brought back for his first appearance since March in the Carling Cup tie at Brighton and Hove Albion on Wednesday.

The England midfielder has not featured since having a groin operation six months ago and then suffering a setback with an infection in his rehabilitation in pre-season. —*Internet*

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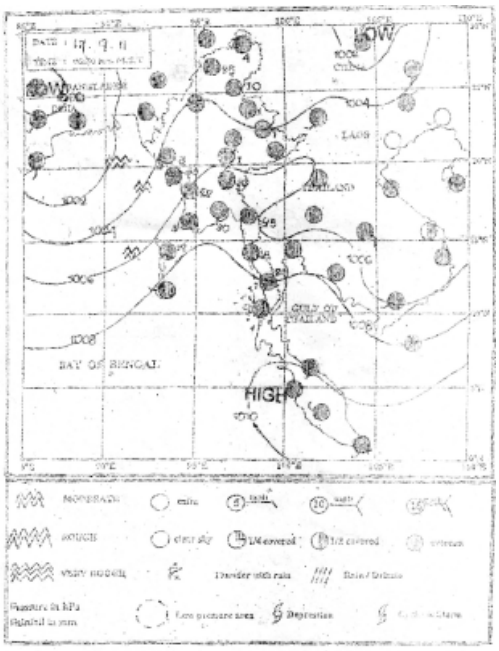
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 18th September, 2011

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
2	Kayah	29/84	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
3	Kayin	28/82	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
4	Chin	19/66	12/54	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
6	Lower Sagaing	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
7	Taninthayi	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (Isolated Heavyfall)	80%
8	Bago	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
9	Magway	35/95	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
10	Mandalay	35/95	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
11	Mon	29/84	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (Isolated Heavyfall)	80%
12	Yangon	31/88	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
13	Rakhine	32/90	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
14	Southern Shan	24/75	17/63	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
15	Northern Shan	29/84	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
16	Eastern Shan	30/85	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	80%
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	80%
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	25/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	25/77	One or two rain or thundershowers	80%
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	80%

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, weather has been party cloudy in Kayan State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Sagaing and Magway Regions, scattered in Mandalay Region and Shan State, fairly widespread in Chan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkayeik (3.07) inches, Ye (2.56) inches, Paletwa (2.44) inches, Nyaungtone (2.20) inches, Taungkok (1.85) inches, Mawlamyine (1.82) inches. Kyauktaw (1.65) inches and Kyaikmaraw (1.75) inches.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Condinuation of thundery conditions in Northern Myanmar areas.

Arsenal own-goal misery as Blackburn triumph

LONDON, 17 Sept— Arsenal's miserable start to the Premier League season continued on Saturday as two second-half own goals helped Blackburn score a 4-3 victory at Ewood Park.

Arsenal, looking to build on their unconvincing 1-0 win over Swansea last week, looked to be on course for victory in the first half when they went ahead twice with goals from Gervinho and Mikel Arteta. However, the Gunners' age-old defensive problems returned to haunt them as two goals from Ayegbeni Yakubu and own goals from Alex Song and Laurent Koscielny put Blackburn 4-2 up. Substitute Marouane Chamakh ensured a nervous finish for Rovers when he headed in Robin van Persie's cross to pull one back for Arsenal on 85 minutes, but the home side hung on for their first win of the season.

The defeat leaves Arsenal with four points from five games, just two points above the relegation zone, and eight points behind leaders Manchester United, who face Chelsea on Sunday.—*Internet*

Sat, 17th Sept, 2011.

Blackburn	4-3	Arsenal
A Villa	1-1	N'castle
Bolton	1-2	Norwich
Everton	3-1	Wigan
Swansea	3-0	WBA
Wolves	0-3	QPR

Arsenal's Mikeal Arteta (right) vies with Blackburn's Steven N'Zonzi during their premier league match on 17 Sept, 2011.

Myanmar TV

Sunday, 18 September View on today

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw -Uppatasanti Paritta

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning News

7:40 am
4. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
5. Nice & Sweet Song

8:00 am
6. Health Programme

8:10 am
7. (38) Phyar Mingalar

8:20 am
8. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing arts Competitions

8:30 am
9. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011)(Modern Song Classical) (Higher Education Level) (Women)

8:40 am
10. International News

8:45 am
11. 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. TV Drama Series

12:30 pm
5. Myanmar Video Feature

2:00 pm
6. One Village & One Product

2:10 pm
7. Teleplay (Forest)

2:40 pm
8. Music Heritage

2:50 pm
9. International News

4:00 pm
1. Martial Song

4:10 pm
2. Musical Programme

4:20 pm
3. Dance Of National Races

4:30 pm
4. Teleplay (Health)

4:45 pm
5. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Physics)

5:00 pm
6. Songs for Upholding National Spirit

5:10 pm
7. Selected Songs for 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) (Modern Song Classical) (Higher Education Level) (Women)

5:20 pm
8. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm
9. Evening News

6:15 pm
10. Weather Report

6:20 pm
11. Cartoon series

6:40 pm
12. Tamyethnar Takwetsar

7:00 pm
13. TV Drama Series

8:00 pm
14. News
15. International News
16. Weather Report
17. 18th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2011) Interview (Song)
18. Cartoon series
19. TV Drama Series

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL
Programme Schedule
(18-9-2011) (Sunday)

Transmissions		Times
Local	-	**(09:00am ~ 11:00am)MST**
Overseas Transmission	-	**(18-9-11 09:30 am ~ 19-9-11 09:30 am) MST**

Local Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Me N My Travel "Night Market of Pyay"
* News
* Youth and Their Role in Our Future
* News
* Grand Charity Event (Part-I)
* News
* Grand Charity Event (Part-II)

Overseas Transmission
* Opening
* News
* Me N My Travel "Night Market of Pyay"
* News
* Youth and Their Role in Our Future
* News
* Grand Charity Event (Part-I)
* News
* Grand Charity Event (Part-II)
* News
* Working and Living in Myanmar "Tea House and Internet Cafe"
* News
* Picture Decorate With Seashells And Gemstones
* Kaung Mhu Lon and its Spectacular Surround
* News
* Record Album
* Free of Charge Art Trainees 4th Exhibition
* News
* Kambozathadi: Palace of Conquerors
* Serenely Pleasant Pindaya
* Myanmar Movies "Shwe Nanthar House"

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Attasammapanidhi ca; to establish oneself rightfully; this is the way to auspiciousness

Special Refresher Course for basic education teachers No (76) concludes

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint addresses concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No (76) for Basic Education Teachers at CICS (Phaunggyi).—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Sept—Special Refresher Course for Basic Education Teachers No (76) concluded at Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint.

Also present at the concluding ceremony were Member of Union Civil Service Board Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay and personnel, and a total of 1498 trainees.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Aye Myint said that Our Three Main National Causes was a national duty every citizen had to uphold and safeguard; to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes, it needed three powers— political, economic and defence, which were based on human resources development of the nation; education play a key role in developing human resources; an individual or a society or a nation may strive for advancement based on education; as Myanmar is blessed with both natural resources and manpower, it will be a developed nation if we make efforts for human resources development using all of their intellectual and physical power; as the government was building political, economic and social foundations in line with national objectives, teachers in different regions

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Union Minister meets Township education officers, BEHS heads in PyinOoLwin, Patheingyi

Nay Pyi Taw, 17 Sept— Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye held a meeting with Township Education officers, heads of Basic Education High Schools at No. 1 Basic Education High School in PyinOoLwin in Mandalay Region, at which he left instructions on school management and teaching techniques and implementation of educational rules laid down.

The Union Minister made a donation for basic education schools in PyinOoLwin Township through Township Education officer and officials concerned.

The Union Minister met township education officer and heads of basic education schools at the assembly Hall of Basic Education High School in Patheingyi Township, where he donated vinyl and exercise books for students.—*MNA*

Union A&I Minister visits high-yield paddy plantations in Dekkhinathiri Township

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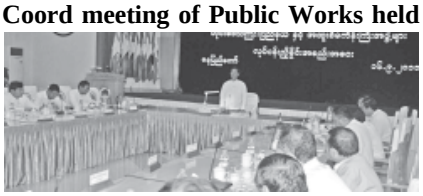
Coord meeting of Public Works held



Union Sports Minister receives Asian Sports officials

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Nadal can't blame Davis Cup for busy calendar

Cordoba, 17 Sept—Rafael Nadal shouldn't blame the Davis Cup for the crowded tennis schedule after playing the event infrequently in recent years, the head of the International Tennis Federation said Saturday.

Nadal was again critical of the busy schedule Friday after winning the first match in Spain's 2-0 Davis Cup semifinal lead over France. It came four days after he lost the US Open final in New York to Novak Djokovic. Asked if players could strike over the convoluted calendar, Nadal did not rule out "strong action."

But ITF president Francesco Ricci said Nadal's argument was "inconsistent." "Nadal has all the right to feel tired after playing 70 matches this year, but that's not the fault of the Davis Cup, which he has played only three times in the past two years," Ricci said at Cordoba's bullring.

Nadal helped Spain lift the Davis Cup trophy in 2009. "Nadal says we don't listen to the players but the date of the Davis Cup was changed against the wishes of the ITF and its president," Ricci said. "We still feel the dates, especially those in September, are not right."—*Internet*

Spain's Rafael Nadal plays a shot during a Davis Cup semi-final tennis match against France's Richard Gasquet in the bullring in Cordoba, Spain, on 16 Sept, 2011.—Internet