

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Nation now has rich education environment that opens door for every person

International Literacy Day marked in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day 2006 at the Ministry of Education here at 9 am today.

Also present on the occasion were the ministers, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the deputy ministers, members of Myanmar Education Committee, diplomats of foreign missions to the Union of Myanmar, resident representatives of UN agen-

cies, the Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, directors-general and rectors of departments and boards under the Ministry of Education, principals of Education Colleges, chairmen of social organizations, township educa-

tion officers in Nay Pyi Taw, school heads, prize winners and guests.

Eighth standard students Ma Yin Lè Oo and Ma Aye Thuza Maung of Pyinmana BEHS No 2 acted as MCs. Students of Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 6 sang the song entitled 'Our Strength'.

MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address.

He said that today, the

government is in the process of implementing national education promotion projects with the high aim of creating a lifelong learning society, in which basic literary skills for every citizen and reading power enhancement are the pivotal sector.

At a time when the people are building their own country with their own strength for the emergence of peaceful, mod-

ern and developed nation, a requirement arises to keep advanced sciences and technologies in all sectors in the right direction and to produce qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia in every field of knowledge that will effectively accelerate national development. In addition, every citizen should have at least basic education.

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Due to the yearly promotion of the formal education and the non-formal education in harmony, learning is no longer within the bounds of the classroom, but reaching the area beyond the classroom where learning opportunities for communal, regional and national development are flourishing.



Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 9 September, 2006

Myanma Railways to fulfil transportation requirements

The government has been putting into action many transportation projects to ensure smooth and secure transport, to further enhance friendship and national solidarity among national races, and to make commodity flows smooth and swift.

It has also placed emphasis on better transport between two commercial cities — Yangon and Mandalay — while it is expanding railway link between Nay Pyi Taw, the centre of the nation, and other parts of the nation. The Yangon-Mandalay special express train launched its maiden trip on 4 September this year.

Mandalay is the junction of Sagaing-Myitkyina railroad, Shan State (North) railroad, Madaya railroad, Myingyan-Bagan railroad and Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon railroad. It is also the junction of two most passenger-packed railroad sections — Yangon-Mandalay section and Mandalay-Myitkyina section. In addition, vegetables and rice needed for Mandalay and salt and the most of meat and fish from Mon State are transported by train.

Yangon, the commercial hub of the nation, is the transit for the goods produced in the lower Myanmar to be transported to various parts of the nation as well as the centre where railroads of Rakhine State, Taninthayi Division, Mon State, Ayeyawady Division, Kayin State and Bago Division meet.

The Ministry of Rail Transportation is fulfilling the requirements of transportation of passengers and loads such as construction of more railroads, launching more train schedules and running express freight trains and express greens trains for controlling commodity prices.

The Myanma Railways is now running 222 passenger trains and 24 wagon trains and operating 185 circular train schedules across the nation. It is believed that the Myanma Railways will continue to fulfil all the requirements of transportation of passengers and commodities.

Tailoring Courses open in Myawady, Kawkareik

YANGON, 8 Sept — The Education and Training Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs opened the Basic Tailoring Course No 28 and the Advanced Course No 15 on 4 September at the hall of Women's Vocational Training School in Myawady, Kayin State.

Brig-Gen Myint Naung of Thingan Nyinaung station made an opening speech, and Principal Daw Nyo Nyo Myint explained the purpose of opening the courses.

Chairman of Myawady District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Maw Maw presented a water cooler to the training school through the principal.

The principal expressed thanks, and the trainees from Myawady and Kawkareik districts are attending the 14-week course. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Dagon Myothit (South) Township USDA holds annual general meeting



CEC member Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko delivers an address at the annual general meeting of Dagon Myothit (South) Township USDA. — MNA

YANGON, 8 Sept — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko delivered an address at the annual general meeting of Dagon Myothit (South) Township USDA this morning.

The CEC member accepted 120 membership applications from No 5 Agricultural Equipment Factory.

Next, the CEC member and officials accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. The CEC member and officials awarded prizes to outstanding students of the township.

At the annual general meeting, Secretary of Township USDA U Zaw Oo presided over the meeting and spoke on the occasion. Afterwards, the report of the executive committee was submitted to the meeting, and the participants took part in the discussions. Later, the meeting chairman gave the concluding remarks. — MNA



Deputy Director-General Dr Than Daing addresses Training Course on Biosecurity and Good Farming Practice for Poultry Farmers.— L & F

Farmers to improve biosecurity, farming knowledge

YANGON, 8 Sept — As part of an effort to prevent and control avian influenza, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and UNICEF jointly organized the Training Course on Biosecurity and Good Farming Practice for Poultry Farmers here today.

The opening ceremony of the training course was attended by officials of WHO, FAO, UNICEF and veterinarians from Mandalay, Sagaing, Yangon and Bago Divisions.

Dr Kanarat Harintharanon and Dr Pranee Panichabhongse of Department of Livestock Development of Thailand and Deputy Director-General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Than Daing will give lectures at the training on biosecurity and use of disinfectant to control the spread of bird flu. — MNA

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South African agency welcomes space coop with Russia

CAPE TOWN, 7 Sept—The agreement between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his South African counterpart Thabo Mbeki to cooperate for a space development programme was hailed by local space agency on Wednesday as a step to give a vital momentum to the country's space initiatives.

Bart Cilliers, CEO of SunSpace and Information Systems, said, "The agreement between the two countries will facilitate liaison for the launch of locally manufactured satellites."

SunSpace is the South African manufacturer of satellite systems and an affiliate company to Stellenbosch University.

The company develops and supplies micro-satellites for remote-sensing and telecommunications services. SunSpace has, among others, been commissioned to build Sumbandilasat, the satellite over which was part of the high-level discussions on Tuesday.

The South African Government announced last October that 26 million rand was to be spent on the development of Sumbandilasat.

MNA/Xinhua



An exhibitor demonstrates the technique of woven-paper painting during a tour merchandise exhibition held in Quanzhou, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 6 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

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Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi speaks at the Symposium for Multinational Corporations during the 10th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) in Xiamen, a coastal city in southeast China's Fujian Province, on 7 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

Ex-Iranian President says US action in Mideast backfiring

WASHINGTON, 7 Sept—Former Iranian president Mohammad Khatami warned that US military action in the Middle East had backfired, producing greater terrorism, imperiling the future of Iraq and damaging America's long-term interests, the *Washington Post* reported on Wednesday.

The danger of even greater instability in the region will ultimately prevent the United States from launching military strikes against Iran over disputes about its nuclear intentions, Khatami said in a wide-ranging inter-

view in New York on Tuesday.

Although an attack on Iran would create "great damage", "prudence and wisdom" are likely to prevail because of the incalculable "detriment and damage" it would cause to both the region and the United States, Khatami said.

"America will not make the mistake of attacking Iran," Khatami said, adding "Iran is not Iraq."

In an interview with the *USA Today* on Monday, Khatami urged Teheran and Washington to

resolve the dispute over Iran's nuclear programme through negotiations and also rejected the idea of imposing sanctions on Iran.

Khatami, who now heads a group called the International Centre for Dialogue Among Civilizations, is on a private visit to the United States and

he is scheduled to make a speech on dialogue among civilizations at Washington's National Cathedral on Thursday.

The US State Department said that during his stay in the United States, there were no plans for the government officials to meet with him.

MNA/Xinhua

British MP nominated by Fiji for UNSG

UNITED NATIONS, 7 Sept—A British parliamentarian with a Sri Lankan passport has been nominated by Fiji as a candidate for UN Secretary-General, according to letters obtained on Wednesday.

The candidate, Niranjan Deva-Aditya, 58, who also goes by the name of Nirj Deva, represents a British Conservative Party constituency in southeast England and is a member of the European Parliament.

He has dual citizenship in his native Sri Lanka, which has nominated another candidate, Jayantha Dhanapala, to succeed Secretary-General Kofi Annan, whose 10 years in office expire at the end of this year.

Fiji's Foreign Minister Kaliopate Tavola first wrote the nomination letter on 18 July but did not release it until Monday, saying it was prudent that the council "firstly undertakes its deliberation to reduce the field of candidates".—MNA/Reuters

Fastest supercomputer to be built

LONDON, 7 Sept—Computer giant IBM will build the world's most powerful supercomputer at a US government laboratory.

The machine, codenamed Roadrunner, could be four times more

potent than the current fastest machine, BlueGene/L, also built by IBM.

The new computer is a "hybrid" design, using both conventional supercomputer processors and the new "cell" chip

designed for Sony's PlayStation 3.

Roadrunner will be installed at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico.

The laboratory is owned by the US Department of Energy (DOE). Eventually the machine could be used for a programme that ensures the US nuclear weapons stockpile remains safe and reliable, the DOE said in a statement.

Using supercomputers to simulate how nuclear materials age negates arguments for the resumption of underground nuclear testing.

The new machine will

be able to achieve "petaflop speeds," said IBM. One petaflop is the equivalent of 1,000 trillion calculations per second.

Running at peak speed, it will be able to crunch through 1.6 thousand trillion calculations per second.—Internet



Currently, BlueGene/L is the most powerful computer in the world.—INTERNET

An actor dressed as a German soldier shows the use of the Enigma machine in Bletchley Park Museum in Bletchley, central England, on 6 Sept, 2006. INTERNET



Indonesia makes all efforts to take seat in UNSC

JAKARTA, 7 Sept — Indonesia is making all efforts in an attempt to become a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), according to local media Wednesday.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirayuda said his office sent special envoys and letters to almost all members of the UN since early this year as part of the effort to win a seat in

the Council.

"We have lobbied most UN members during the first half of the year... and have secured commitments of support from many countries," the minister was quoted by

The Jakarta Post newspaper as saying.

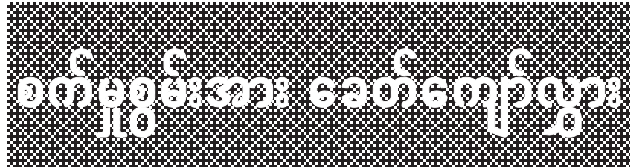
Indonesia was confident of election to the UNSC to be further enhancing its position in international politics, he said.

The UNSC election will take place during a UN meeting on 16 October this year.

Hassan said Indonesia's chances of taking a seat in the Council next month increased following South Korea's recent withdrawal from the race.

The only other contender for the seat, which is reserved for an Asian nation, is Nepal.

MNA/Xinhua



Citizens view a healthy diet pyramid at the Center for Disease Prevention and Health Care of Canglang District in Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 6 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA



Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle (R), President of the Senate of Chile, awards a medal to Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, after their meeting in Valparaiso, central Chile, on 6 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

India mine blast 'traps dozens'

LONDON, 7 Sept—Officials in India's eastern state of Jharkhand say work to rescue more than 50 miners trapped inside a coal mine is being hampered by poisonous gases. The miners were trapped after an explosion at the Bhatdith colliery which is run by the state-owned company Bharat Coking Coal Limited.

Authorities say the chances of the men surviving are slim. Jharkhand, which has India's largest coal deposits, has suffered a number of mining accidents in recent years. This is an unprecedented situation and the chances of their survival are zero.

The BBC's Salman Ravi in the Jharkhand state capital, Ranchi, says only five miners who were working at the upper levels of the 460m-deep (1,500-foot) mine in western Jharia region have emerged after an explosion rocked the mine on Wednesday evening.

"The explosion was so powerful that I was thrown off my feet and I saw a trolley loaded with coal get ripped apart and break up," said Nunu Lal, a miner who managed to come out. —Internet

Iraqi speaker's nephew abducted in northern Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 7 Sept — A nephew of Iraqi Parliament Speaker Mahmoud al-Mashhadani was kidnapped on Wednesday night in northern Baghdad, a police source told *Xinhua*. The abduction occurred at about 10:30 pm (1830 GMT) when the car of Ahmad, al-Mashhadani's nephew, was intercepted by unidentified gunmen in a district north of Baghdad, the source said on condition of anonymity.

The gunmen kidnapped Ahmad and left the scene immediately, the source said.

Iraqi Parliament reopened its second legislative term on Tuesday after a month-long recession amid mounting sectarian violence. — MNA/Xinhua

57 pupils poisoned by diarrhoea-causing bacteria in S-W China

CHENGDU, 7 Sept—Medical experts have confirmed that 57 pupils of a primary school who were sent to hospital after eating lunch at their school on the first day of the new semester in southwest China, were suffering from food poisoning caused by a diarrhoea-causing bacteria.

Health authorities in Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province, announced on Wednesday that clinical diagnoses show that 33 others have symptoms of food poisoning.

Experts say they found shigella bacteria in the food. The 33 pupils will undergo lab tests.

As of 6 pm Tuesday, 606 pupils, including the

57 confirmed cases and the 33 clinical cases, had undergone medical checks at the local hospital.

At press time, 516

pupils were still under medical observation, said Liu Jun, deputy director of the Chengdu Health Bureau.

MNA/Xinhua



Men stands behind a cow artwork displayed as part of an art festival entitled 'Cow Parade Tokyo' in Marunouchi business district in Tokyo on 7 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Bolivian leader pays surprise visit to Fidel Castro

HAVANA, 7 Sept—Bolivian President Evo Morales made a surprise half-day visit to Cuba on Wednesday to visit convalescing Cuban leader Fidel Castro, Cuban television said.

Morales spent two hours with Castro, who is recovering from emergency surgery to stop intestinal bleeding which forced him to cede power temporarily to his younger brother on 31 July.

He is the second leader to visit the bed-ridden Castro. Venezuela's left-wing President Hugo Chavez, Castro's closest ally, has visited him three times.

Morales, an indigenous leader who rose from Bolivia's coca farmers movement to the presidency, lunched with Raul Castro and met with Bolivians studying medicine in Cuba before departing for La Paz on

Wednesday evening.

Morales said he would be back in Havana next week for the summit of the Non-Aligned Movement of 116 developing nations.

It is not certain whether Fidel Castro will be able to host the summit, but he said on Tuesday he would receive visiting dignitaries in private. Cuba expects some 50 heads of state or governments to attend.

MNA/Reuters



The "Qingdao," a guided missile cruiser, and the "Hongzehu," a refueling ship, arrive at Pearl Harbor on 6 Sept, 2006 for four-day visit.—XINHUA

Iran criticizes Bush's call for "a different choice"

TEHERAN, 7 Sept—Iran on Wednesday criticized US President George W Bush's latest remarks urging the Iranian leadership to "make a different choice" in its nuclear issue.

In a statement sent to *Xinhua*, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said that the United States "tries to create a negative atmosphere against us in order to achieve its illegitimate goals".

"The repetitive and baseless remarks of Mr. Bush have no other purpose but to divert the world's consciousness from the facts concerning Iran's peaceful nuclear programme and put his allies under pressure," he added.

On Tuesday, in a speech on the war against terrorism, Bush vowed not to allow Iran to get nuclear weapons and urged the Iranian leadership to "make a different choice".

"I am not going to allow this to happen. And no future American President can allow it, either," the US President said. "Their choice is increasingly isolating the great Iranian nation from the international community. It is time for Iran's leader to make a different choice," Bush said—MNA/Xinhua

Labour MPs resign to protest against Blair's reign

LONDON, 7 Sept—Seven Labour members of Parliament quit their government posts on Wednesday in protest against Tony Blair's refusal to set a timetable for his departure as both Labour leader and British

prime minister.

Tom Watson quit as a Junior Defence Minister and was followed by six Parliamentary Private Secretaries including Khalid Mahmood, Wayne David, Ian Lucas, Mark Tami, Chris Mole and

David Wright, *Sky news* reported.

They said it was not "in the interest of either the party or the country" for Blair to remain in office.

Four of the group said in a joint statement that

Blair had "not ended the uncertainty over when he intends to leave office, which is damaging the government and the party."

"I share the view of the overwhelming majority of the party and the country that the only way the party and the government can renew itself in office is urgently to renew its leadership," Watson wrote in his resignation letter.

He was also among a group of MPs who had earlier signed a confidential letter to Blair urging him to name a date for his departure.

The Sun newspaper on Wednesday published a front-page story screaming that Blair will resign on 31 May as party leader and depart as Prime Minister on 26 July next year. There has been no official comment from Downing Street.

MNA/Xinhua



Miss Venezuela beauty pageant contestant Maryury Suarez from the state of Anzoategui makes herself up after a body expression lesson in Caracas on 5 Sept, 2006.

INTERNET



A recent undated X-Ray shows a cell phone in a Salvadoran prisoner's lower intestine. Four men, all members of the Mara Salvatrucha street gang, were caught with cell phones, a charger, and spare chips which they had inserted so far up their rectums that they reached their intestines, according to authorities at Zacatecoluca prison, 65 km (40 miles) from San Salvador, on 7 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Israel begins lifting blockade on Lebanon

JERUSALEM, 8 Sept — A spokesman for Israeli Foreign Ministry on Thursday said that Israeli Army began lifting the blockade on Lebanon at 6:00 pm (1500 GMT).

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev told media that the Army began lifting the air blockade shortly after 6:00 pm, but failed to give the time for completion.

Meanwhile, Miri Eisen, spokeswoman for Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, also confirmed the end of aerial blockade on Lebanon, but said that the planned end to a siege on sea ports has been postponed for 48 hours.

"What starts at 6.00 pm is a gradual process, it could take hours or a day (to complete)," Eisen was quoted by Israeli media as saying.

On Wednesday, Israeli Government announced that Israel to lift its naval and aerial blockade on Lebanon on Thursday evening.

Israeli Prime Minister's Office also said in a statement that international forces would take control of Lebanese seaports and airports as soon as Israel lift its blockade on Thursday evening.—MNA/Xinhua

Nation now has rich education environment that opens door...

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The nation now has rich education environment that opens the door for every person thanks to the government's efforts for progress of every citizen's access to basic education and public education qualifications corresponding to ensuring equal opportunities in choosing and pursuing various branches of knowledge and subjects in accord with the needs.

Due to the yearly promotion of the formal education and the non-formal education in harmony, learning is no longer within the bounds of the classroom, but reaching the area beyond the classroom where learning op-

Mass movement school administration campaign of the formal education sector for cent per cent enrolment of all school age children and for all students to complete basic education, the national school enrolment rate in 2006-2007 academic year is 97.84 per cent, up from 91 in 1999-2000.

In addition to the nation's support for children to finish primary school education, it has opened 6,003 post primary schools in encouraging students to complete their middle school education. Multimedia rooms have been opened in 1,671 schools, and the number of e-learning centres has increased to 734.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views a booth opened to mark International Literacy Day for 2006. — MNA

mobile schools for children who are facing difficulties to attend classes and who

erate adults there is the literacy and continuing education programme.

83 per cent in 1996 to 94.1 per cent in 2005 and then 94.35 per cent in 2006. So

have improved significantly. Like other countries of the world that are



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein shakes hands with diplomats at International Literacy Day commemorative ceremony. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prize to AL Dr Than Win of YU in professional article contest. —MNA

portunities for communal, regional and national development are flourishing.

The government has extended the non-formal education programmes and

have passed the school going age. As for the illit-

As a result, adult literacy rate increased from



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gives away second prize (Institute of Education and college level essay contest) to Ma Su Sandi Win. — MNA

far, 896 community learning centres have been established, and constant learning programmes are being carried out to promote reading, earn more money and improve the quality of life. Therefore, not only the socio-economic life of the people but also the health, social and economic sectors of the respective regions

focusing on eliminating poverty and diseases, ensuring literacy and improving the socio-economy of their peoples, Myanmar is also implementing rural development tasks as a special project. The five rural development tasks, laid down by the Head of State himself, are: uplift of the

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health of rural people, improvement of the economy of rural people, improvement of the transport sector, supply of safe drinking water and uplift of education standard. Implementing the rural development tasks also involve the improvement of the educa-

literacy, knowledge, health and social ethics will surely facilitate the development of their socio-economic life as well as their regions. That is why the entire mass of people are urged to actively participate in the literacy movements so as to improve the education and socio-economy of the people and



Rector of Yangon Institute of Education Dr Khin Zaw reads out the message sent by the Director-General of UNESCO.
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tion sectors such as ensuring enrollment of school-age children, completion of primary education, continued pursuit of middle and high school education, creating education opportunities for over-school-age children, improving the reading speed of new literates and earning more income. These are indeed a fundamental factor and play a very crucial role.

The Secretary-1 said the improvement of the people's

catch up with the international community in international literacy movements.

Mr Tang Zhenping, Acting Resident Coordinator of the UN, read the message in commemoration of the International Literacy Day sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan.

General Secretary of Myanmar UNESCO National Commission Dr Khin Zaw, Rector of Yangon Institute of Education, read the



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prize to Ma Thida Htwe, third prize winner in Basic Education High School Level Essay contest. — MNA

message sent by the UNESCO Director-General. Schoolgirls of Pyinmana BEHS No 1 sang

the song entitled "Zartiman".

Next, MEC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein



Mr Tang Zhenping, Acting Resident Coordinator of the UN reads the message sent by the UN Secretary-General.
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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prize to Ma Su Hlaing Tun, first prize winner in Basic Education Middle School Level Poster Contest. — MNA

Sein presented certificates of honour to first, second and third prize winners — seventh standard student Ma Su Hlaing Tun of Tamway BEHS No 4, sixth standard student Maung Aung Thura of Aungmyethazan BEHS No 1 and seventh standard student Ma Thun Shweyi Win of Patheingyi BEHS No 2 respectively in the basic education middle school level poster contest.

He also awarded certificates of honour to first, second and third prize winners to eighth standard student Maung Kyaw Khaing Htet of Patheingyi BEHS No 1, ninth standard student Maung Thant Aung Phyoo of Myeik BEHS No 2 and ninth standard student Ma Thida Htwe of Mudon BEHS No 2 respectively in the basic education high school level essay contest.

The Secretary-1 also gave certificates of honour

to first, second and third prize winners to second year student Ma Hnin Oo Yi of YIE, second year student Ma Su Sandi Win of UDNR of Sagaing, and second year student Ma Nay Nwe Hlaing of Dawei Education College respectively in the Institute of Education/ Education College level essay contest.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented certificates of honour to first, second and third prize winners to Assistant Lecturer Dr Than Win (Maung Than Win-YU) of Myanmar Department of YU, Nurse Officer Lt Daw Tin Zar Maw (Mya Chu Ein) of Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed), and U Kyaw Tun (Aphyaukmyay Maung Swe Mon) of Zalun respectively in the professional level article contest.

Next, the documentary video was presented to the audience. Students of Nay Pyi Taw BEHS No 5 sang the song entitled "Education for All".

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 greeted diplomats led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Madame Phoebe A Gomez, resident representatives of UN agencies, prize winners and guests.

Later, the Secretary-1 and party together with guests viewed the booths and posters to mark the International Literacy Day 2006, prize winning essays, articles and posters displayed at the hall of the Ministry of Education. — MNA

MMCWA (Central) Vice-President donates delivery room equipment, medicines in Thazi

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) donated delivery room equipment and medicines to the delivery room of Thazi Township MCWA yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and party, local authorities, members of Division and District MCW Supervisory Committees and wellwishers.

Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint gave a speech and presented delivery room equipment and medicines to Township MCWA Chairperson Daw Tin Nu. Secretary of MMCWA (Central) Daw Wai Wai Tha also donated K 50,000 to the pre-primary school of the township association to the Township Chairperson.

At the town hall, the Vice-President and party explained the aim and goal of the association, and future tasks. At the delivery room, they presented cash assistance and refreshments to the expectant mothers.

CEC members of the association presented cash to the fund of the township association and MMCWA (Central) Secretary Daw Wai Wai Tha, cash to the evening school.

While in Thazi Township, they presented toys to children at the pre-primary school, and Vice-Presi-

dent Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, K 50,000 as educational assistance to Hlinet Model Village.

The Vice-President and party paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Uttama of Shweyinhmyaw Dakhinayama Monastery of Ywagyi Village.

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Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint of MMCWA (Central) hands over medicines and medical equipment to Chairperson of Thazi Township MCWA Daw Tin Nu. — RAILWAY

The conspiracy of some US Congressmen and axe-handles against Myanmar

Soe Mya Kyaw and Saw Mya Aung

The US Ambassador to UN John Bolton submitted a letter to the UN Security Council on 1 September 2006, saying that as Myanmar's situation reached the level of posing a threat to international peace and security, a senior official of UN Secretariat should explain Myanmar's conditions for the matter to be discussed formally at the UNSC.

However, the obvious thing is that the demand of the US ambassador is nothing more than a repeated political ploy to apply pressure on Myanmar while ignoring all the objective developments and changes taking place in the country. For more than a decade the successive US Administrations have been trying to dominate Myanmar politically, economically and socially. Beginning late September 1988, the US government has downgraded the country's political, economic and social relations with Myanmar with the intention of Americanizing her and installing a puppet government, with democracy and human rights as fine excuses.

A thorough study of the matter reveals that the group that called itself NCGUB led by expatriate Sein Win and Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung initiated the attempts to present Myanmar affairs to the UNSC. Sein Win and Pyithit Nyunt Wai fled Myanmar, and they in collusion with terrorist organizations outside Myanmar have been constantly perpetrating destructive acts inside the country. Some expatriates settled down in America; they started to use the country as the base for NCGUB; and in 2003 they issued a paper suggesting that the UNSC deal with Myanmar issue. The paper faded away as there was no one who accepted the suggestion.

The US issued the Proclamation 6925 signed by President Clinton on 3 October 1996 and the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 signed by President Bush on 28 July 2003 to further intensify its lopsided sanctions against Myanmar. The Act prohibits issuance of US visas for all senior officials of the Tatmadaw government. The Clinton-signed Executive Order 13047 issued on 20 March 1997 forbids US citizens and companies from investing in Myanmar, while the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 of the US Congress bars all exports from Myanmar. The Executive Order 13310 signed by Bush on 28 July 2003 forbids all remittance and money transfers to Myanmar and international monetary organizations against providing financial assistance to the country.

In addition, the expatriate terrorist group in a bid to reactivate its abortive attempts cooperated with some congressmen using ex-Czech president Havel and Bishop Tutu to issue a paper on 20 September 2005 asking the UNSC to act on Myanmar. Actually the paper was

compiled by DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, an international legal organization for Havel and Tutu. Facts presented in the paper did not reflect Myanmar's objective conditions and ignored her developments, as they were based on the information sent by expatriate Sein Win and his group and other terrorist insurgents. Many foreign experts versed in Myanmar affairs questioned the credibility and authenticity of the paper's contents. However, because of the two so-called compilers' popularity, there were some people who were interested in it.

Later, the US government slandered Myanmar concerning money laundering, narcotic drugs, human trafficking and religious freedom. But the neighbouring and regional countries knew that those slanders were nothing more than lopsided attacks totally void of truth. Despite the attacks to cause political, economic and social hardships, the people are enjoying the fruits of economic and social developments resulting from unity and collective efforts of the entire nation.

The US government continues to give trouble to Myanmar in one way or another for the country never yields to its wishes and domination. Expatriate groups taking advantage of the situation in collusion with influential US senators and congressmen are urging the US government to initiate Myanmar issue to be included in the agenda at the UNSC. The main players of the American accusations against Myanmar are US Congressman Mitch McConnell and his associates. The US Congressmen Mitch McConnell, Dana Robercher, Dianne Feinstein and Tom Lantos wrongly believe the one-sided accusations of the expatriate traitors living in their constituencies as true, so they are trying to table the motions demanding the imposition of lopsided sanctions against Myanmar.

Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who is the Senate Majority Whip, handled the matters of putting sanctions on Myanmar as his own case.

In reality, Myanmar is enjoying peace more than ever before, and there is nothing to compare her situation with the world nations including those of the Middle East facing conflicts, wars, starvation or epidemic. It is natural that like other developing countries in the time of democratic transition and economic transformation, Myanmar will face difficulties as usual. However, anyone who studies Myanmar will see the energetic efforts of the government and the people to overcome those hardships and her peace and stability much better than some other nations like her. The real problems do not lie in Myanmar: they are the consequences of outside pressure and lopsided sanctions. It is a heart-rending fact that the US government has been making decision in favour of some influential Congressmen to handle Myanmar affairs as they wish for just winning their support in drawing policies and bills on political, defence and economic sectors.

US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Eric John in his report to the international relations committee of the Congress said that beginning October 2005, the US government was making arrangements to present Myanmar agenda to the UNSC based on the paper compiled by Havel and Tutu to heighten its attack on Myanmar. The US organized its allies in the UNSC through pressure and assistance to decide the matter through votes at the Security Council.

On the other hand, there were also UNSC member nations that wished to act according to the UN Charter and had the view that Myanmar's situation did not pose a threat to the regional stability. Under US pressure, UN Under-Secretary-General Mr Gambari had to explain Myanmar affairs at the Security Council in accord with

the majority agreement. Because of Mr Gambari's constructive report, American faced others' displeasure instead of getting what it wanted.

At a Congress hearing on Myanmar held on 9 February 2006, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hay expressed belief that the UNSC would continue to give priority to the issue of Myanmar in its discussions; and that all the participants would have to think about the future plans of the agenda. His statements reiterated the fact that the US had not given up its hope to make Myanmar affairs an international issue.

At the invitation of Foreign Affairs Minister of Myanmar, UN Under-Secretary-General Mr Gambari visited the country from 18 to 20 May this year. Thanks to the efforts made by the Myanmar government Mr Gambari declared his visit successful and the opening of a new area of UN-Myanmar cooperation.

Because of the pressure of the American envoy, Mr Gambari made an informal clarification of his Myanmar visit at the UNSC on 30 May 2006. His clarification was constructive. The wish of the US government was not fulfilled again because Mr Gambari told the meeting that his visit was successful.

Myanmar's neighbouring countries as well as the countries of Non-Aligned Movement welcomed the success of his visit. The 116-member NAM sent letters to all UNSC member nations, saying that Myanmar was not a threat at all to international peace and security; and that presenting Myanmar affairs at the Security Council was against the Article 24. NAM stood correctly by Myanmar.

Neighbouring countries, ASEAN nations, Asian nations and NAM countries, understanding Myanmar's history, internal situation and gradual development and the public stance, are cooperating with and standing by Myanmar. Even Australia and some European nations have changed their attitude on Myanmar and cooperating with and supporting her. Hence, the US changed its tactics using the International Labour Organization and the Human Rights Commission/Council as tools in taking action against Myanmar at the UN meetings.

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In his letter sent to the UNSC chairman, the permanent US representative to the UN and at his interview with journalists said that because of the refugee problem, drug problem, HIV/AIDS and other deadly infectious diseases and Tatmadaw columns, Myanmar had become a threat to international peace and security. We should study the sources of the information to decide whether the accusations are right or wrong.

Some political parties inside the nation including the National League for Democracy and certain ex-students who called themselves '88' generation instead of lending a constructive hand to the government in building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state, are trying to grab power through short cut by resorting to destructive means of the 1988 unrest. They see America's sanctions and the UN moves to take action against Myanmar as the opportunity to grab power. Hence, they are creating, collecting and

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sending fabricated and exaggerated information concerning Myanmar to some foreign embassies and spreading rumours. Similarly, terrorist insurgents, terrorist groups and expatriate groups taking refuge in the so-called refugee camps at the border are making and distributing slanderous information to disgrace Myanmar. Expatriate Sein Win and Maung Maung and groups are sending those slanders to American Congressmen, global organizations and NGOs to present Myanmar's image as an ever deteriorating society in the eyes of world countries and to tarnish her international prestige.

Besides, they are making groundless accusations that in Myanmar, human rights condition is shockingly bad and the number of political inmates is more than 1,000. In fact, in Myanmar, no one has been sentenced a prison term under a political crime. But in the prisons are prisoners who contravened one or more existing laws and terrorists who harmed stability and security and peace of the State and they were sentenced in accordance with the laws. Myanmar is not the only country to do so, and all the sovereign countries take action in line with the laws against those who have violated the existing laws of respective countries and terrorists. Branding such offenders as political inmates means totally ignoring true events and providing a smokescreen to the acts of the perpetrators and terrorists.

Maybe, among the US Congressmen, international organizations and NGOs that are calling for sanctions against Myanmar and putting forward Myanmar's situations to the UN Security Council are some who are good-hearted and really want to see democracy flourishing in the nation. However, it is discouraging that terrorist groups and terrorists are exploiting and making use of good volition of such persons. If they really want to see the development of Myanmar, they should pay a visit to Myanmar to have firsthand experiences of the nation's improving political, economic and social sectors.

Furthermore, it is required to make a comparative study of the nation's conditions before 1988 and the present to be able to assess objectively the accusations that Myanmar situations are posing a threat to regional and international peace and security.

Conflicts between Tatmadaw and national race armed groups

During the period from 1988 to 1992, various insurgent groups took a stronghold along the border line and committed crimes such as smuggling natural resources out of the nation, cultivation of poppy and production of narcotic drugs, and purchasing weapons from black markets. At that time, border areas were not under the complete control of the government. So, such areas were largely rife with illegal trade of arms and narcotics. In consequence, the insurgents' military camps in those areas and surrounding areas often saw brigade level battles and large-scale combats in which supporting fire of heavy weapons and air-to-ground attacks in addition to the divisions had to be used. Now, all the insurgents' large military camps are no more in Myanmar. Seventeen major national race armed groups and 18 small armed groups have returned to the legal fold. The three remnant armed groups are now living in so-called refugee camps in the neighbouring country and are hardly active. In all the border areas, combats have been replaced with peace and stability. Myanmar never faced an accusation that its situations posed a threat to regional and international peace even in such precarious conditions during the period from 1988 to 1992. Ironically, today Myanmar is under such accusations although it has enjoyed an unprecedented headway in restoring peace and stability, prevalence of law and order and all-round development. So, it is obvious that such accusations are not totally within reason.

Outflow of refugees

Since 1992, peace and stability has been restored in border areas, and the refugees and villagers who fled to the neighbouring country returned home and resettled. The national race armed groups who have returned to the legal fold are joining hands with the government in the tasks for the development of their own regions. The government formed a separate ministry to beef up the border areas development tasks.

The insurgent groups and renegades have billed as refugees the people, who illegally entered neighbouring countries for earning their living, with the intentions of tarnishing the image of the government, misleading the international community into believing that Myanmar's internal affairs is very serious, and receiving assistance from various international organizations. In reality, such people who illegally entered neighbouring countries for jobs are to be regarded as illegal workers. The Ministry of Labour is cooperating with the officials of the countries concerned for the convenience of those nationals who want to earn money in the neighbouring countries. In addition, the ministry is working together with the countries concerned in addressing the issues about problems of such illegal national workers abroad. Those who are living now in the so-called refugee camps in the neighbouring country are insurgents and their relatives. It is their bad habit that terrorist insurgents make groundless accusations against the government so that their people would be granted permission to live in the places under the name of refugee camps in the neighbouring country and to use international assistance for their groups. The receiving of the insurgents without reviewing their baseless accusations and fabrications implies conspiring with the insurgents.

Narcotic drugs

It has been known to the international community including the UN and the US that the Myanmar government is now in the process of implementing the 15-year drug elimination plan. In this context, Myanmar is not working alone, but in cooperation with neighbours through bilateral agreements along with the UN, other nations such as the US and the Russian Federation, and international organizations. According to the survey jointly conducted with the US, it had been recognized that Myanmar's poppy cultivation fell drastically. Diplomats, international organizations and foreign news agencies have been invited many times to the ceremonies to witness Myanmar's achievement in its drug elimination drive. And the government has arranged tours many times for them to study the regions where poppy was grown in the past. During the trips, clarifications were made with compelling evidence for their knowledge concerning which groups grow poppy, and produce and smuggle narcotic drugs. Besides, diplomats of embassies of West bloc countries to Myanmar, and officials of UN agencies have made study tours of border areas several times. Therefore, such organizations and officials have realized that totally flagrant is the accusation that Myanmar's narcotics problem poses a threat to regional security.

Outbreaks of HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria

In its drive to implement the national health care plan, the Ministry of Health is combating HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria through preventive measures, educative talks and effective medical treatments. In the process, it is working together with international organizations and international NGOs. Here, I would like to explain how Global Fund that provided assistance for the fight against the three diseases left the nation. After reaching the agreement to grant an assistance of 98 million US dollars to implement the tasks in Myanmar for five years, Global Fund presented US\$ 6.9 million to fight TB on 1 January 2005, US\$ 19 million to fight HIV/AIDS on 13 June 2005, and US\$ 9.4 million to fight malaria on 1 March 2005. In spending the cash assistance on the plans, the UNDP played a major role, and the Ministry of Health served as chairman of the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM). On 18 August 2005, the experts from Global Fund terminated unilaterally the plans under the pretext that they could not make field tours of project areas. According to the announcements of the UNDP, WHO, UNAIDS and UNICEF, their reasons were found illogical and lame. Their decision also failed to win the support of the international community. So, the plan has been replaced with the 3D Fund project. It was clear that Global Fund had to yield to the political pressure of the US that contributed most to the funds. Meanwhile, the NLD and the group of old university students started resorting to political tricks by manufacturing invented stories locally and globally, saying that the government had failed to provide care for AIDS patients, and so they had to give a hand to the programme. They also attempted to exploit politically the AIDS patients, and called for

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international assistance through them to fight the three diseases. However, in practice, the Ministry of Health had already launched the tasks on self-reliant basis in cooperation with the people in the fight against the three diseases before receiving the international assistance. So, those who want to contribute towards the plans will have to honour the agreements and rules and regulations, through which Myanmar is cooperating with international organizations and international NGOs in the drive. According to the statistics issued by the WHO, the outbreak of the three diseases was on the decrease, less than that of its neighbours. Hence, it was merely an exaggeration that the outbreak of the three diseases spread to neighbouring countries.

And Myanmar's HIV/AIDS outbreak was just 1.3 per cent according to the figures issued by UNAIDS, and 1.2 per cent by UNDP in 2006. It was also stated that the outbreak of a neighbour of Myanmar was 1.9 per cent. So, the accusations of the US was totally different from the true events.

There is also an unjust accusation that Myanmar government gets engaged in narcotics production and trafficking. As a matter of fact, narcotic drug problem was just the evil legacy the colonialists intentionally left in the nation. The Myanmar government is putting tremendous efforts into the drug eradication campaigns regarding it as a national task. It has also laid down and is implementing necessary policies to reach narcotics-free nation by 2014. It is concentrating on its drug elimination targets to achieve the national task. On 26 June 2006, Yangon witnessed its 20th ceremony to destroy seized narcotic drugs, that proved the government meant business. The total street value of the drugs destroyed up to the 20th time was 14,809,971,077 US dollars. In the annual report (2005) of the UNODC, it is said that the poppy cultivation declined by 60 per cent during the period from 2001 and 2005. The Counter Narcotics and Crime (CNC) of the US said that Myanmar's poppy cultivation fell by 80 per cent and poppy production, by 88 per cent if compared with that in 1996. Showing total disregard for the Myanmar's earnest efforts, the US sticks to its accusation against Myanmar, that indicates its incentive to continue political pressure on Myanmar.

Therefore, **it is apparent that the US government is attempting to install a puppet government in Myanmar because its calling on the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar due to the fact that Myanmar's internal affairs poses threat to regional and international peace is not based on true events and prevailing situations.**

In particular, at a time when Myanmar is actively cooperating with such regional organizations as ASEAN, BIMSTEC and international organizations like NAM, such an accusation that Myanmar's internal affairs is posing grave threats to regional security is totally illogical. Such unfair accusations are none other than wilful attempts some US Congressmen in collusion with internal and external groups of lackeys and terrorist groups in exile are attempting to make good use of the UNSC for political power.

In other words, the attempts are a huge conspiracy plotted in complicity by alien masters and national traitors. So, Myanmar's internal affairs do not call for the intervention of the UNSC, and such unnecessary attempts are the very threats to already-gained peace, stability, prevalence of law and order, national solidarity, all-round development and democratic transition of Myanmar as well as to regional and international peace and security.

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Myanmar will soon be able to...

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Ministry of Health is placing emphasis on enriching the nutrient of the people. The activities of the Nutrition Week were launched with the aim of

lated projects such as giving multivitamin tablets to children aged from six months to 5 years and breastfeeding mothers and giving folic acid tablets to pregnant women. In the

ciency while imparting knowledge on taking nutritionally balanced diet to the people.
To promote nutrient among children the Ministry of Health in coopera-



President of MAAF Daw Than Than Nwe presents gift to a child.—MNA

accelerating the momentum of iodized salt consumption, of maintaining the high coverage of giving Vitamin-A tablets, of enabling the women to better understand the advantage of taking folic acid tablets, of cultivating the habit of having nutritionally balanced diet ac-

past, a large number of developing nations had to suffer from Vitamin-A deficiency that leads to blindness in children.
In the past, Iodine deficiency led to retarding the cerebral development in foetus and infants. The problem can easily be prevented without costing

tion with other ministries is drawing a work programme on foods and nutrient in Myanmar for 2006-2010. Regarding this, it is enlisting the help of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Education and

creasing public awareness of iodine deficiency. As of 2002, Nutrition Promotion Week has also been organized across the country. Besides, measures will be taken this year to test quality of iodized salt, to feed Vitamin-A tablets to children, to distribute folic acid tablets to women and to raise awareness of feeding nutritionally balanced food to children aged under five.

Myanmar could manage sustainable

achievement in iodine deficiency elimination activities due to Nutrition Promotion Week campaign.

In addition, preventive measures against obesity, diabetes and cardiac disease will be taken in Myanmar.

In conclusion, Lt-Gen Thein Sein thanked Ministry of Mines, UNICEF, WHO and NGOs who joined hands with Ministry of Health to improve nutrition of mothers and children in

Myanmar.
Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party viewed documentary photos on Nutrition Promotion Week, Iodine Deficiency Week, Vitamin-A tablets feeding activities, measures on preventions against anemia and production of iodized salt by Ministry of Mines. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and officials of social organizations later gave Vitamin-A tablets and presented gifts to children.
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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein observes sample of iodized salt at the ceremony to mark the Nutrition Promotion Week.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the ceremony to mark the Nutrition Promotion Week.—MNA

cording to age, of cultivating the habit of giving nutritionally balanced diet to children under 5 and of ensuring high coverage of giving the anti-worm tablets to children aged from 2 to 5 two times per year and pregnant women.
In its effort to ensure nourishment of the people the Ministry of Health is implementing tasks for reducing the malnutrition, cultivating the habit of consuming wholesome food among the people and preventing diseases related to over-nutrient.
At the same time, it is implementing health re-

much. Most of the nations have been practising the habit of taking iodized salt as their long-term tactics. Thanks to the collective efforts of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Mines, all the citizens in Myanmar have been able to fully consume iodized salt and Myanmar will soon be able to declare itself as a country free from iodine deficiency.
The Ministry of Health is taking measures for the people to be imbued with the knowledge on nutrient and to fully realize the advantage of taking iodized salt and the danger of iodine defi-

NGOs.
The activities on giving Vitamin-A to children launched in 2000 are securing almost 100 per cent coverage. Meanwhile, project on iodized salt consumption has made 90 per cent achievement due to co-operation of salt entrepreneurs. Therefore, Myanmar will soon be able to declare itself as a country free from iodine deficiency.
Efforts of Myanmar from 1999 to 2001 to alleviate iodine deficiency met with success thanks to the active participation of people, UN agencies and NGOs. Moreover, these activities could result in in-



President Daw Khin Khin Win of MMCWA presents gift to a child.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Command puts nearly 500,000 fingerlings into dam

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — Nay Pyi Taw Command puts nearly 500,000 fingerlings including 40,000 prawns into Yezin Dam here today.

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command

Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, officials, members of Pynmana district and township Women's Affairs Organizations and Maternal and Child

Welfare Associations put fingerlings into the dam.

As part of an effort to supply meat and fish sufficiently to the region, Nay Pyi Taw Command targets to breed 1 million fish in the dam. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein put fingerlings into Yezin Dam in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Vice-President of MMCWA tours Kangyidaunt Township

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — Vice-President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Aye Aye and responsible persons, together with Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, wife of the commander, Daw Than Than Nwe, met with MCWA members, social organization members and local people at the hall of Kangyidaunt Township on 3 September.

Vice-President Daw Aye Aye gave a speech, and Joint Secretary-1 Dr Daw May Marlar explained the community based health care services.

Next, they held discussions with those present.

At Kangyidaunt Township Hospital, MMCWA Vice-President Daw Aye Aye presented medicines, iodized salt and sanitary items to the responsible persons.

While in Kangyidaunt, they paid

homage to Lawkahmanku Pagoda and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimala of Thiri Mingalayama Monastery.

They visited the tailoring course and the midwifery course being conducted at Ayeyawady Division MCWSC Office and Division Women's Affairs Organization Office.

Executive Director Prof Dr Tun Yi gave a lecture on health knowledge to the trainees.

They viewed herbal plants of Division MCWSC and WAO.

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ASEAN+3 meeting focuses on environmental cooperation

YANGON, 8 Sept — The 3rd ASEAN+3 Senior Officials Meeting on Environment was held at the Sedona Hotel, Mandalay, today.

Chairman of the ASEAN Senior Officials

on the Environment (ASOEN) Mr Hj Mohd Said extended greetings and the senior officials of China, Japan and Republic of Korea made opening remarks.

At the meeting,

participants discussed potential areas of environmental cooperation between ASEAN-China, ASEAN-Japan, ASEAN-Korea and the meeting concluded in the afternoon. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay being welcomed by Pakistani Defence Attache Col Zafar Jamil and wife at the reception to mark the Armed Forces Day of Pakistan on 6 September at Pakistani Embassy.—MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for Finland

YANGON, 8 Sept — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win left Nay Pyi Taw this morning by air to attend the 6th Asia-Europe Summit Meeting (ASEM 6) to be held in Helsinki, Finland, from 10 to 11 September 2006.

Minister U Nyan Win was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and the officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The minister was accompanied by Assistant Director U Win Zeya Tun of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

After attending the 6th Asia-Europe Summit Meeting, Minister U Nyan

Win will attend the 14th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement from 11 to 16 September 2006 to be held in Havana, Cuba. The minister will also attend the 61st United Nations General Assembly in New York. An advance team including U Nyan Lynn,

Director-General of the Political Department, Adviser U Aung Than and Deputy Director U Soe Lynn Han of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs left for the Senior Officials' Meeting to be held in Helsinki on 8 September 2006 to prepare for the (ASEM 6). — MNA



Minister U Nyan Win being seen off by officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—MNA

H&T Minister receives foreign ambassadors

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing received Philippine Ambassador Mme Phoebe A Gomez, Laotian Ambassador Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane, Malaysian Ambassador Mr Shaharuddin bin Mohd Som, Bruneian Ambassador Pehin Datu Inderasugara Brig-Gen (B) Dato Hj Mohd Yusuf bin Abu Bakar and

Charge d Affaires ai Mr Philemon Arobaya of Indonesian embassy at the minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Present also were

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and departmental officials.

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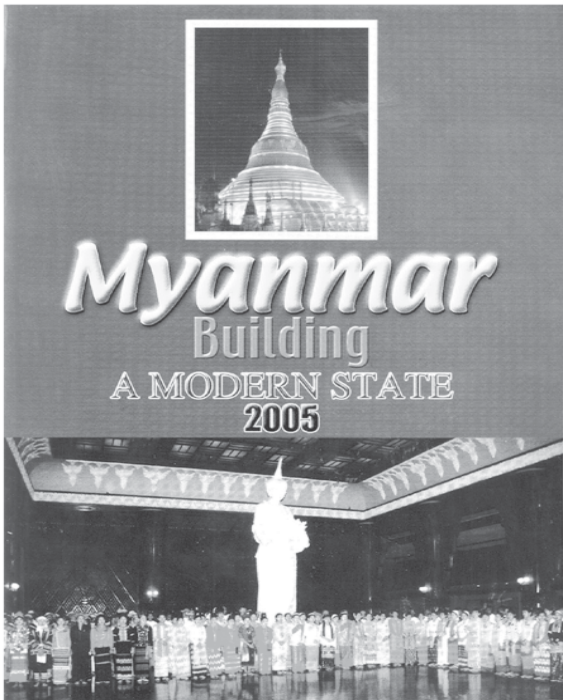
China, Uruguay agree to strengthen military exchanges

BEIJING, 7 Sept—China will make joint efforts with Uruguay in stepping up military exchanges and cooperation, said a senior Chinese military officer here Tuesday.

Chief of the General Staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Liang Guanglie made the remarks when meeting with Alejo Diaz, general commander of Uruguayan Army, and Heber Fernandez, general commander of Uruguayan Navy.

"We are happy to see the good momentum and bright prospect of the development of bilateral military relations in recent years," Liang said. "We hope to push forward the friendly relations between the two Armed Forces," Liang added.

MNA/Xinhua



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PM says Pakistan-China relationship promotes regional stability

ISLAMABAD, 7 Sept—Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Wednesday said that the all-weathered strategic relationship between Pakistan and China is a source of strength and stability for the region.

The Prime Minister was talking to Jin Zhuanglong, Vice-Minister Commission of Science and Technology and Industry of National Defence (COSTIND) of China, who called on him along with a delegation here at the PM House.

Aziz expressed satisfaction over the progress on *JF-17 Thunder* aircraft and *F-22* Frigate project. He said Pakistan will start receiving the *JF-17 Thunder* aircraft during the first quarter of next year.

The Prime Minister said that the strategic partnership between Pakistan and China is based on principles, trust and shared perceptions.

Both Pakistan and China are working for peace in the region and progress and prosperity of their people, he added.

He said there is also a great potential of cooperation between Pakistan and China in the field of energy as the ports of Karachi and Gwadar provide the shortest link to western China for import of oil and gas.

Jin said that China-Pakistan relations are multifaceted, deep rooted and time-tested and there is great scope for further cooperation between the two countries.

He said he held useful discussions with Pakistani authorities during his stay in Pakistan, which will lead to further strengthening of cooperation between the two countries in the fields of defence, security and science and technology.

MNA/Xinhua

Blair looks set to give departure timetable

LONDON, 7 Sept—British Prime Minister Tony Blair looked set to bow to intense pressure from disgruntled loyalists on Thursday and lay out a timetable for his departure within a year.

With Labour Party colleagues running scared about Blair's growing unpopularity, a junior minister and seven government aides resigned on Wednesday after calling on him to step aside.

Media speculation was rampant that Blair, facing one of the toughest crises in his nine years of power, was now widely expected to cave in to demands from rebels and outline his departure plans in much more detail.

But Blair officials refused to confirm the next move by the embattled premier after a day of intense political drama underlined the fragility of his leadership.

His popularity has tumbled in opinion polls after government scandals over sleaze and mismanagement were compounded by controversy over the wars in Iraq and Lebanon.

"What he will be remembered for is his stance on foreign policy and he will be remembered negatively for that and that really, really pains him," said Colin Hay, Professor of Political Analysis at the University of Birmingham.

"I think sadly that desire to be remembered positively in history has been the key determinate of him holding onto power this long," he added.

Finance Minister Gordon Brown is widely expected to take over from Blair, who led the bickering Labour Party out of the political wilderness to land three consecutive election wins.—MNA/Reuters

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Revellers covered in grease climb a mountain during the annual "Cascamorras" festival in Baza, southern Spain, on 6 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

World's tallest wooden Pagoda greets 950th birthday

YINGXIAN, (Shanxi), 7 Sept— Sakyamuni Pagoda, believed to be the world's tallest wooden structure, celebrated its 950th anniversary on Tuesday amid concerns from architects that it is tilting.

The streets in front of the Fogong Temple, where the pagoda is housed, were swamped with 30,000 people and draped in red flags, silk banners, pumpkin-shaped lanterns and coloured balloons.

Among the attendees were more than 200 monks and Buddhists who travelled all the way from

Taiwan for the celebration held in Yingxian County in northern Shanxi Province.

Built in 1056 and located some 380 kilometres from Beijing, the nine-storey Buddhist pagoda is a superb example of ancient China's building and carpentry techniques.

However, there is an obvious tilt between the first and second floors and

cracking of the interior wooden columns, according to Chai Zejun, a specialist in ancient architecture.

There are also 300 places in the pagoda that are in need of repair, said Chai. "We are worried about the ancient pagoda's safety," he added.

A special committee is preparing a plan to repair and protect the structure.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistani doctors remove forceps to save woman

KARACHI, 8 Sept— A Pakistani woman has had a pair of forceps removed from her abdomen a year and a half after they were left there during a Caesarean operation, a doctor said on Thursday.

The mother of four was admitted to hospital in the city of Karachi last week complaining of severe

abdominal pain. Surgeons removed the forceps on Wednesday.

"We have removed the forceps but they caused some damage to her intestines," said Shaukat Rajput, a doctor at the Liaquat Hospital.

MNA/Reuters

NASA postpones launch of space shuttle "Atlantis"

CAPE CANAVERAL, 7 Sept— NASA postponed the launch of the space shuttle *Atlantis* on Wednesday because of a problem with a power system aboard the ship, officials with the US space agency said.

The launch of *Atlantis* on NASA's first construction mission to the International Space Station since the 2003 *Columbia* accident had been planned for 12:29 pm (1629 GMT) Wednesday. The next opportunity to fly would be at 12:03 pm (1603 GMT) on Thursday. "We're delayed for 24 hours," NASA spokeswoman Kim Newton said. Managers learned of the problem as they met early Wednesday to review launch preparations and consider whether or not to fuel the shuttle for a launch attempt. They delayed the start of fuelling to allow time for technicians to trouble-shoot a power problem with one of the three systems aboard the shuttle that produce electricity during flight.

MNA/Reuters



A polar bear named Inuka looks out from his enclosure at the Singapore Zoological Gardens in this 25 Feb, 2004 file photo. The Singapore Zoo is looking for a new home for its male polar bear, Inuka, and will no longer bring animals from the North or South Poles to tropical Singapore, on 7 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Majority of 9/11 first responders suffer lung problem

NEW YORK, 7 Sept— Nearly seven out of every ten first responders suffered some sort of lung problem during or after their work at the World Trade Centre site, according to a report released Tuesday by Mount Sinai.

The hospital released the results of what it calls the largest and most inclusive study of the health effects first responders suffered at the WTC site.

According to the report, nearly 70 per cent of first responders have a new or worsened respiratory symptom since working at the site.

Among those who had no health problems before 11 September, 61 per cent developed symptoms after

exposure to the toxic dust.

One third of those tested have abnormal lung function, with the rate of abnormality double that of the general population.

Mount Sinai's five-year-long study is based on findings from medical exams conducted between July of 2002 and April of 2004 among 9,500 rescue workers. The report suggests that people who responded right after the attacks experience the worst health effects.

Meanwhile, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced a series of initiatives to help those first responders who suffer from lung problems. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Brazil says deforestation in Amazon rainforest slowing in 2006

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Sept— The Brazilian Government said on Tuesday that the rate of deforestation in the Amazon rainforest is declining in 2006.

The rainforest lost 16,700 square kilometres between 2005 and 2006, a decrease of 11 per cent over the year before, the Environment Ministry said, citing preliminary figures gathered by the National Institute of Space Research. "We are now, once again, seeing a declining trend, this shows that it's not something sporadic but something

that is continuing over many years," Environment Minister Marina Silva said, adding that the government has to combat illegal deforestation.

It is the first significant fall in deforestation levels since 1997. In 2002, deforestation in the Amazon rainforest region saw a increase of 27 per cent. The minister said studies also showed that destruction levels are expected to continue to fall this year, thanks to strengthened law enforcement and stringent environmental regulations. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Residents, affected by the toxic waste which was dumped around Abidjan, wait to consult doctors at the main hospital of Cocody in Abidjan on 7 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Werder the one outsider capable of causing Real upset

BERLIN, 8 Sept — Werder Bremen face a daunting task in a group featuring Barcelona and Chelsea but no one who has seen them in action over the last couple of seasons would write off their chances of causing a Champions League upset.

Under Thomas Schaaf, Werder have played the best attacking football in the Bundesliga, running riot at times against even the best of defences.

After winning the German title in 2004, they have not quite shown the necessary consistency to challenge Bayern Munich

but at their best they have been as entertaining a side as any in Europe.

They have also done well in the Champions League, making it through to the knock-out phase of the competition in each of the last two seasons.

In 2004-05, they suffered a humiliating 10-2 aggregate defeat by Olympique Lyon in the last 16. Last season, they came within a whisker of knocking out Juventus at the same stage, with only a calamitous late mistake from Tim Wiese costing them a quarterfinal spot.

MNA/Reuters



Andy Roddick of the US reacts after his win over Lleyton Hewitt of Australia in their match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on 6 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Strange, Pagunsan share Singapore Open lead

SINGAPORE, 8 Sept — Australia's Scott Strange birdied the last two holes to record a four-under-par 67 for a share of the lead with Juvic Pagnusan of the Philippines after the opening round of the 3 million US dollars Singapore Open on Thursday. Teeing off in the morning, the 29-year-old Strange offset two dropped shots on the front nine with six birdies to post a target for the afternoon starters that only Pagnusan could match. The 28-year-old Pagnusan, who earned his Asian Tour card this season through Qualifying School, stormed up the leaderboard with two birdies on the front and back nine in a bogey-free round.

India's Jyoti Randhawa stands alone in third place on three-under, one ahead of a group of five players that includes Argentine

world number 23 Angel Cabrera, 28th-ranked Nick O'Hern of Australia and Japan's Shingo Katayama.

Defending champion and world number six Adam Scott lurks three shots back after an opening 70, one clear of South Africa's Ernie Els.

Asian Tour player Strange, who won the Philippine Open in May, holed a sand wedge from a greenside bunker on the 17th before following that

up with a sublime approach shot to within five feet on the last. Making the most of fortunate breaks is something the Australian feels is vital to firing a low score on the testing par-71 Serapong Course hosting the Asian Tour's flagship event.

Cabrera, one of eight of the world's top 50 players in the field this week, was delighted with his start on a scorching day with almost no wind.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's Mikhail Youzhny plays a shot to Spain's Rafael Nadal during their match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, on 6 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



Robin van Persie of the Netherlands (C) celebrates his second goal against Belarus with his team mates Dirk Kuyt (L), Wesley Sneijder (2nd L) and Nigel de Jong (R) during their Euro 2008 group G soccer qualifying soccer match against Belarus in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, on 6 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

Davydenko recovers to subdue Haas

NEW YORK, 8 Sept — Russian Nikolay Davydenko produced a stirring comeback as he recovered from two sets down to beat German Tommy Haas 4-6, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 to reach the US Open semifinals on Thursday.

The seventh seed was outplayed for two sets but Haas, who won back-to-back fifth-set tiebreaks to reach the last eight, tired as the match wore on and Davydenko held his nerve to reach the semifinals in New York for the first time.

Focusing on Davydenko's forehand, Haas won four straight games to win the first set

and looked on course for his first semifinal at Flushing Meadows when he took the second on a tiebreak. But Davydenko refused to give in and one break in each set helped him to level the match.

MNA/Reuters



England's Peter Crouch, center, who scored only goal for his team receives congratulations by Macedonia's Vlade Lazarevski, left, during their Group E Euro 2008 qualifier soccer match in Skopje, Macedonia, on 6 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Barcelona soccer club to help children with AIDS

UNITED NATIONS, 8 Sept — The Barcelona soccer club and the UN children's agency, UNICEF, announced a deal on Thursday in which the team will donate 1.9 million US dollars (1.5 million euros) a year over the next five years to help poor children with AIDS in developing countries. The first installment of the club's money will pay for AIDS programmes in Swaziland, a tiny, impoverished country in southern Africa where some 40 per cent of adults are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The money will fund efforts to prevent mother-to-child transmission and infection among adolescents and to support and care for children orphaned by the disease. As part of the deal, the Spanish and European champion's scarlet and blue jersey will have UNICEF's logo on its front, the first time in the club's 107-year history it has allowed such an arrangement.

MNA/Reuters



Vijay Singh of Fiji watches his drive on the seventh hole at the Canadian Open Golf tournament in Hamilton, Ontario, on 7 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Clash averted over FIFA plan to cut leagues to 18 clubs

STRASBOURG (France), 8 Sept — A possible clash between soccer's world governing body FIFA and Europe's top leagues over plans to cut them to 18 clubs next year was averted following a meeting of both sides on Thursday.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter's idea to reduce numbers from the start of the 2007-08 season was endorsed at a FIFA Congress in June and immediately sparked a row between Blatter and the leagues in countries such as England, Spain and Italy.

However, after initially threatening to fight Blatter over the issue, the leagues — represented by the European Professional Football Leagues (EPFL) — have decided to work with FIFA to find a solution af-

ter being told the decision was not binding.

"FIFA has stated that an imposition for leagues to reduce to 18 clubs does not exist," the EPFL said in a faxed statement to *Reuters*.

"It is rather an open discussion being considered by a FIFA task force within the context of a review of the international match calendar."

The EPFL added that they had accepted an offer by FIFA to have a representative on the task force. It is the first time that this has happened.

MNA/Reuters

Pirlo extends Milan deal

MILAN, 8 Sept — Italy's World Cup winning midfielder Andrea Pirlo has extended his contract with AC Milan until July 2011.

Pirlo's current deal with Milan ran until 2008 but the club said on Thursday that he had signed a new three-year extension.

The classy central midfielder joined Milan from city rivals Inter in 2001 after spells with Brescia and Reggina.

Earlier this week Milan's Georgian defender Kakha Kaladze also signed up to an extended deal, also until 2011.

MNA/Reuters

Swans fitted with transmitters in bird flu fight

TORONTO, 8 Sept — Outfitting swans with super-light Teflon backpacks containing solar-powered GPS satellite transmitters is the latest way scientists and researchers are trying to fight the spread of avian influenza.

Ten whooper swans were captured in far eastern Mongolia, near the

borders of Russia and China, by an international team of scientists in early

August as part of a study to shed light on how wild birds may be involved in

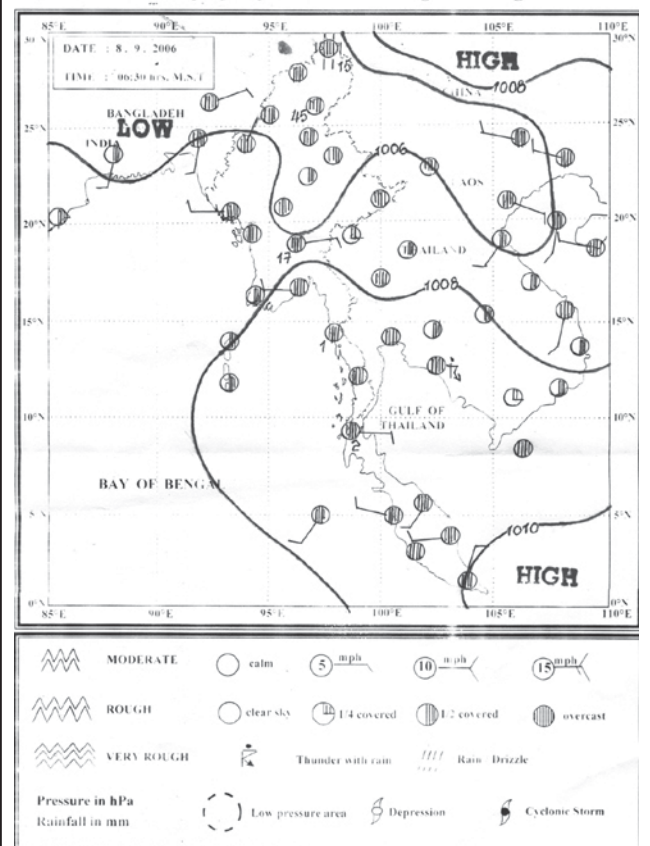
spreading bird flu.

The whooper swans were chosen for the experiment because large numbers of the species have died in Mongolia and western China in the past two years. Tests verified that some of them were infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The H5 and H7 types of avian influenza cause very high death rates in poultry and are blamed for the vast majority of bird flu cases in humans, with the H5N1 bird flu strain killing an estimated 141 people.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 9 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, southwest monsoon has withdrawn from northern Myanmar area. Rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kayin State and isolated in Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myitkya (1.77) inches, Hkamti (1.54) inches, Thipaw (0.83) inch and Yamethin (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 7-9-2006 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 8-9-2006 was 79°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 8-9-2006 was (72%). Total sunshine hours on 7-9-2006 was (9.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 8-9-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (83.07) inches at Mingaladon, (93.90) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.70) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (21:30) hours MST on 7-9-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 9-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Shan, Rakhine States and Bago Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of continuation of thundery activities in Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 9-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 9-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 9-9-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather Outlook for Third Weekend of September 2006: During the coming weekend, isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:00 hr MST on 8-9-2006)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (1116) cm. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today.



Sony Computer Entertainment said on 6 Sept, 2006, the European release of its PlayStation (PS3) will be delayed until next March, because of problems with producing a key component.

XINHUA

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Saturday, 9 September
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am

5. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. ဟင်းရွက်ရေလှောင်တံ

8:15 am

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Grammar made easy

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:15 am

2. Musical programme

11:30 am

3. News

11:40 am

4. Games for children

12:05 pm

5. Round up of the week's TV local news

12:20 pm

6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ဆည်းဆာ”

(အပိုင်း-၁၅)

1:00 pm

7. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ

စာပဒေသာ

1:10 pm

8. “လက်တွေ့ပြချင်လို့” (ဖြိုးစွေဦး

မြတ်ကေသီအောင်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ- ကြည်စိုး)

1:20 pm

9. ကမ္ဘာ့ရှေးဦးပြုစုခြင်းနေ့ ဆိုင်ရာ

သိကောင်းစရာ

1:30 pm

10. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

1:45 pm

11. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား ကျွန်းတော

တံတား

2:00 pm

12. Dance of national

racers

2:20 pm

13. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:35 pm

14. “အလံလေးတော့ကိုင်ပြပါ”

(စွန့်ခိုင်း၊ ရတနာခင်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ- မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

2:45 pm

15. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold

National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for everyday

use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

-တတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒ

အထူးပြု) (ရူပဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

6. Musical programme

5:25 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:35 pm

8. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက်

မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊

အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ

ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန်

(ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့် ကာလ

ပေါ်တေး) (ပညာရှင်အဆင့်)

(အမျိုးသား)

5:45 pm

9. ငါ့သရောက ရေလှောင်တံ

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. Discovery

6:50 pm

13. ကူးလူးဆက်သွယ် ချစ်ကြီးနွယ်

(ကရင်၊ မွန်)

7:05 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ပာမာန်ဆောင်း၏နေ့ရက်များ”

(အပိုင်း-၅)

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်”

(အပိုင်း-၁၇)

20. The next day's

programme

Myanmar will soon be able to declare itself as a country free from iodine deficiency

Secretary-1 attends ceremony to mark Nutrition Promotion Week

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Sept—A ceremony to mark the Nutrition Promotion Week jointly organized by the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Mines, UNICEF and WHO was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health here this morning with an address by Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

It was also attended by the ministers, the deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the heads of department, the departmental officials under the Ministry of Health, the resident representatives of UN agencies, those from social organizations and



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gives a child Vitamin-A tablets and presents a gift to him.—MNA

Efforts of Myanmar from 1999 to 2001 to alleviate iodine deficiency met with success thanks to the active participation of people, UN agencies and NGOs.

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In reality, Myanmar is enjoying peace more than ever before, and there is nothing to compare her situation with the world nations including those of the Middle East facing conflicts, wars, starvation or epidemic. It is natural that like other developing countries in the time of democratic transition and economic transformation, Myanmar will face difficulties as usual.

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NGOs, members of the Nutrition Week Organizing Leading Committee and guests.

In his address, Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that in an effort to bring about all-round development in the nation healthy and educated citizens play a pivotal role. In this regard, the Ministry of Health has laid down and is implementing

relevant objectives for each and every person to fully enjoy longevity and to be free from disease.

The Ministry of Health under the supervision of the National Health Committee is taking steps for prevention of disease, providing medical treatment and enhancement of the health standard of the people. To more effectively carry out those tasks, the

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Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw Soccer Tournament 2006 opens

YANGON, 8 Sept — The opening ceremony of the 22nd Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy U-21 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy

and Air) Soccer Tournament for 2006 was held at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), here, this evening, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the

Ministry of Defence.

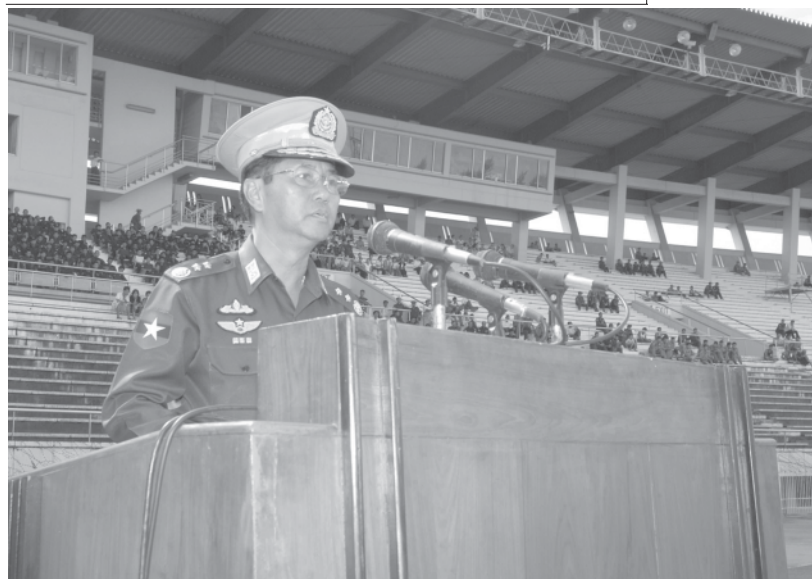
Among the spectators were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of

Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, senior military officers, military attaches, the officials of the Ministry of Sports and football fans.

First, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence made a speech.

In the opening match, Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence team beat South-East Command team 2-1.

The first round matches will be played from 13 to 22 September in Mawlamyine, Patheingyi, Monywa, Mandalay and Tounghoo.—MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe addresses the opening of 22nd Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Soccer Tournament.—MNA

