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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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends Vijata Mangala ceremony

YANGON, 10 Sept — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended Vijata Mangala ceremony marking the 78th birthday of Hman Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Pannajota at Thayettaw Monastery in Lanmadaw Township, here this morning.

Sayadaws led by Chairman of Lanmadaw Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandadhaja, departmental personnel, social organizations, invited guests and disciples were present.

The ceremony was opened with the recitation of Namotasa three times. The congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandadhaja.

Sayadaws recited parittas. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party presented offerings including robes to Hman Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Pannajota and all other monks.

Hman Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Pannajota delivered a sermon. The congregation shared the merits gained.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence donates provisions to Hman Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Pannajota. — MNA

INSIDE

No need to protest: No means other than to express wish

Now, protests are no longer fashionable and stances are expressed for flourishing of democracy even in the big democracies. So, in Myanmar, the people have to prepare themselves to express their stances to approve the principles the National Convention has adopted. And it is required of the people to catch up with the processes so that they can have their wishes that will derive from the stances fulfilled. They also have to try to accomplish the processes step by step.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards wider use of farm machinery

For the development of the agricultural sector the government is making all-out efforts for transforming the conventional farming into mechanized farming.

Most recently, paddy harvesting, winnowing, ploughing and transplanting ceremonies were held at Thaiktu Model Village, Thongwa Township, Yangon South District, with the aim of promoting the extended use of farm machinery in the agricultural sector.

At the ceremonies, the use of different kinds of locally produced farm machinery in harvesting and winnowing, drying paddy and making fertilizer were demonstrated. Furthermore, the systematic use of power tillers of Leya-16, Leya-22 and other kinds of power tillers was also demonstrated at the ceremonies.

At present, the Myanma Agriculture Development Bank is providing farmers with necessary assistance so that they can purchase farm machinery for boosting agricultural production.

For wider use of farm machinery altogether additional 11,475 tractors, 103,287 power tillers and other farm machinery were used in the 2006-2007 paddy cultivation season.

Therefore, farmers on their part are to widely use farm machinery in the drive for boosting agricultural production and development of the agricultural sector.

Six resigns from Taikkyi and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Townships NLD

YANGON, 10 Sept—Six members including U Myo Nyein, U Hla Win, U Thet Maung Soe, U Than Zaw and U Win Naing of Taikkyi Township National League for Democracy in Yangon Division and U Nyi Nyi Lwin(a)U Bo Bo of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township NLD, resigned from the party of their own accord, sending their letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned on 29 and 30 August.

In the letters sent to Taikkyi Township and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township Multiparty Democracy Election Subcommissions, they said that they quit the NLD of their own volition as they no longer had trust and confidence in NLD and its leaders. — *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**

Minister meets officials of MEB and departments in Chauk

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun meeting with employees of Myanma Economic Bank in NyaungU District.— F & R

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and officials inspected Myanma Economic Bank in Chauk Township, Magway Division on 8 September.

Managing Director of Myanma Economic Bank U Myat Maw and bank branch manager reported on banking services. In meting with officials concerned the minister gave instructions on providing effective banking services for regional economic progress, loyalty and sincerity to the State.

On 9 September, the minister met officials of MEB, Internal Revenue Department, Myanma Insurance, Myanma Small Loans Enterprise and Customs Department. They reported on work done.

The minister spoke on collecting of taxes, proper undertakings in connection with monetary functions and working in the interest of the State.—*MNA*

Horizon League Open Basketball Tournament commences

YANGON, 10 Sept — Myanmar Basketball Federation and Horizon International Education Center jointly organized the Horizon League Open Basketball Tournament at Kyaikkasan Gymnasium yesterday afternoon. A total of 17 men's teams and five women's teams are taking part in the round-robin matches on Saturdays and Sundays.

The competition will last up to May 2008.

Arrangements have been made to present K 500,000 to the first prize winner, K 300,000 to the second and K 200,000 to the third in the men's event, and K 150,000 to the first, K 100,000 to the second and K 75,000 to the third in the women's event.

In September and October, the matches will be held at Kyaikkasan Gymnasium, and the remaining matches will take place at Horizon International Education Center as of November. — *NLM*

Players of Filipino and WHO jumping for a ball in Horizon League Basketball torunament in Kyaikkansan Gymnasium. — NLM

Development tasks in YeU, Taze Townships supervised

YANGON, 9 Sept — Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe together with officials of Sagaing Division and YeU Township Development Affairs Committees inspected market and tubewell of Tinteinyan model village in YeU Township, Sagaing Division on 4 September and gave instructions on sanitation and beautifying tasks for the market and supply of water in the village.

Next, the deputy minister and party looked into development of the township and tarmacking of Min Ye Kyawswa road and gave necessary instructions.

At the office of Taze Township DAC, the deputy minister heard reports of the officials and left necessary instructions.

Next, he inspected the nursery of the committee, construction of gravel and earth roads and dredging of ditches in the township.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UK withdrawing 500 troops from Iraq

LONDON, 9 Sept — The British Defence Ministry announced on Saturday that 500 British troops are being withdrawn from Iraq as part of its planned reduction in forces as Iraqis assume control of their own security in the south of the country.

The first combat unit, the Kings Royal Hussars Battle Group, which has about 250 members, will return to Britain over the next four weeks, according to a statement released by the Defence Ministry.

The other 250 troops will be withdrawn in the coming months as part of ongoing reviews.

The Defence Ministry said "This reduction has been our stated aim for a long period, and there has not been any change in our policy with respect to our support for the Iraqi forces."

The withdrawals will reduce the British force in Iraq to 5,000, mostly based around Basra, Iraq's second-large city.

The announcement comes six days after 500 British troops pulled back from the Basra Palace base to an airfield outside the city. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Director Ang Lee holds the Golden Lion award for best film at the Venice film festival on 8 Sept, 2007. Lee won for "Lust, Caution", a World War Two espionage thriller set in Shanghai. — XINHUA

A Miskito Indian man repairs his house, damaged by Hurricane Felix, in the small town of Krukira on the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua on 6 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Floods in N-E Mexico cause 50,000 casualties

MEXICO CITY, 9 Sept — The passing of Hurricanes Dean, "Felix" and "Henriette" through Mexican territory has brought heavy rainfalls and widespread floods, causing around 50,000 casualties.

Inhabited zones and farmed land in the eastern Mexican state of Veracruz, northeastern states of Tamaulipas and San Luis Potosi in central Mexico were flooded, with the National Water Department (CNA) saying on Friday that "a very delicate situation is underway" in the region.

At least 10,000 homes were inundated in northern Veracruz since the main rivers in the Gulf-of-Mexico region were overflowed.

The level of the Panuco river, the most important in Veracruz, keeps rising as the highland witnesses continuous heavy rainfalls.

Local reports said the river's water level had increased 400 per cent. It width, who normally stands at six metres, reached 22 at midday on Thursday.

At least 11,500 people are in towns isolated by the floods. State officials have asked the federal government to declare disaster zones in seven of the hardest hit municipalities, including El Higo, Temporal, Panuco and Pueblo Viejo.

Veracruz's governor Fidel Herrera said at least 30,000 people lost their homes and all their belongings, of whom 25,000 are lodged in shelters provided by federal, state and municipal governments.

MNA/Xinhua

Two British soldiers killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 9 Sept—Two British soldiers were killed and two others were seriously injured on Saturday in the southern Afghan province of Helmand, the Ministry of Defence said. The soldiers were taking part in a pre-dawn operation to disrupt the Taleban when their patrol came under attack.

A number of Taleban were also killed in the clash, the ministry said. The injured British soldiers were airlifted out by helicopter. No further details were released.

MNA/Reuters

An Indonesian youth participates in a traditional bull race called 'karapan sapi' in Pamekasan, Madura island, Indonesia, on 9 Sept, 2007. The race is held annually after harvest season. — INTERNET

New York female transit officer shot in Bronx, suspect killed

NEW YORK, 9 Sept — A New York female police officer was shot and her assailant was killed after a subway platform shootout in the Bronx district on Friday afternoon.

Officer Anne Marie Marchiondo was shot three times around 5:15 pm (2115 GMT) after she and two partners stopped a pair of riders travelling between subway cars on the downtown Number 4 platform.

The officers detained Juan Calves, 51, and another suspect, then took them onto the platform at the 176th Street station in Mount Hope.

Police say Calves then grabbed Marchiondo, and fired five shots, hitting her three times.

The other officers returned fire — killing Calves.

Marchiondo, a 17-year-old veteran of the New York City Police Department, is in stable condition at Saint Barnabas. She was hit in the ankle, foot and side. "Officer Marchiondo and police officers like her are the reason why New York City subways are the safest in memory," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

MNA/Xinhua

48 passengers killed in two auto accidents in Nigeria

LAGOS, 9 Sept— Forty-eight people lost their lives in two separate auto accidents in Nigeria, according to local media report on Saturday.

On Friday, 30 people were burnt to death, among them nine youth corps members serving in Zamfara State in a motor accident around the NNPC depot on Gusau-Sokoto road, while another 18 passengers lost their lives and two sustained serious injuries in another accident which occurred at Darhi village, Dutsinma Local Government area of Katsina State.

The Gusau mishap, which occurred around 1:30 pm on Friday involved a Peugeot J5 bus and an 18-seater Toyota bus.

An eyewitness told the *News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) that the accident followed a collision when one of the drivers swerved in an attempt to avoid a stray animal.

"Few seconds after the accident, the J5 burst into flames and killed all on board," the witness said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese artists encouraged to create more life-oriented products

BEIJING, 9 Sept — Chinese senior official encouraged literary artists to create more life-oriented products at a ceremony awarding model artists on Friday.

Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, awarded eight top prize winners of a public cultural popularization campaign at the ceremony.

The top prize winner's productions include movies, TV series, and dramas and another 260 productions with 25 organizations were also awarded with prizes.

Li encouraged the artists to create more products close related to Chinese people's lives and based on realistic society which could bring positive effect to audience.

Literary productions should also meet the cultural need of most common people and keep in line with the Party's policy in literature and culture circles, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

In this photo released by the US Coast Guard, an injured California gray whale swims on 8 Sept, 2007 in Neah Bay, Washington, after being shot with a machine gun and harpooned off the western tip of Washington state.
INTERNET

Pre-war Jewish cemetery found under Polish tramline

WARSAW, 9 Sept—Repair work on a tram line has come to a halt in the Polish city of Lodz after workers uncovered the remains of a pre-World War Two Jewish cemetery, a Polish newspaper said on Saturday.

The daily *Rzeczpospolita* said it was the oldest Jewish cemetery in the city and dated from 1811, but had been buried under a housing estate by communist authorities after the war, which devastated Poland.

Poland's chief rabbi said he hoped a compromise could be found to respect the Jewish ban on disturbing human remains and the city's need to upgrade one of its main transport routes.

"Our goal is to find a solution that will enable respecting the dead whilst doing good for the living," the American-born rabbi, Michael Schurdrich, said.

Poland had a Jewish population of about 3.5 million before World War Two, some three million of whom, were killed in Nazi Germany's Holocaust. Many of the survivors left during the communist era. Pre-war Lodz was nearly one-third Jewish.

MNA/Reuters

25 fishermen missing as four trawlers capsize in Bay of Bengal

DHAKA, 9 Sept—Twenty-five Bangladeshi fishermen went missing as four fishing trawlers capsized in the Bay of Bengla on Thursday night due to bad weather, private news agency *UNB* reported Friday.

Survivors said the four trawlers, carrying 50 fishermen, sank in the Bay as they were hit by strong currents.

A nearby trawler rescued 25 of the fishermen, but the rest 25 remained missing till filing of the report at about 4:30 pm.

Meanwhile, hundreds of fishermen were coming back to safer places, as the sea remained very rough.

MNA/Xinhua

Two giant pandas from China arrive in Spain

MADRID, 10 Sept—A pair of giant pandas from China arrived Saturday in Spain as a goodwill gesture from Beijing following Spanish King Juan Carlos' state visit to China earlier this year.

The pair, a 7-year-old male, Bing Xing, and a 4-year-old female, Hua Zui Ba, arrived at Madrid's Barajas Airport, having left their home in the Chinese southwest city of Chengdu on Friday. They stayed overnight in Shanghai before the long flight.— *MNA/Xinhua*

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Turkish dancers dressed in traditional Turkish costumes pose for a group photo during the opening ceremony of the 11th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) in Xiamen, southeast China's Fujian Province, on 8 Sept, 2007.—XINHUA

Tropical depression forms off US southeast coast

MIAMI, 9 Sept—Tropical Storm Gabrielle formed on Friday off the US mid-Atlantic Coast with top sustained winds of 45-mile per hour (72 kilometes per hour), but was not seen strengthening in the next 24 hours, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Gabrielle, the seventh named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, was about 385 miles (625 kilometres) southeast of Cape Lookout, North Carolina, the Miami-based hurricane centre said in its first advisory on the tropical storm at 11 pm (0300 GMT on Saturday).

"Little change in strength is forecast during the next 24 hours," the hurricane centre said. Top winds must reach at least 74 mile per hour (119 kilmetre per hour) for a tropical storm to become a hurricane.

A tropical storm watch was issued for portions of the North Carolina and South Carolina coasts. Gabrielle was moving west-northwest at near 10 mile per hour (16 kilo per hour).

Computer models used to forecast future storm tracks indicated the weather system would most likely head northwestward toward the coast of North Carolina before looping around to the northeast and cooler waters.— *MNA/Reuters*

A passenger airplane from Scandinavian Airlines lies on its side after an emergency landing at the Aalborg Airport, Denmark, on 9 Sept, 2007. A turboprop plane with 76 passengers on board crashed on Sunday as it landed in western Denmark when its landing gear failed, but no one was injured, police said.—INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Intel starts building $2.5b chip plant in China

DALIAN, 9 Sept—US computer chip giant Intel Corp began on Saturday to build its first chipset plant in Asia, which involves 2.5 billion US dollars in the first stage investment. Intel Chairman Craig Barrett attended the ground breaking ceremony of the plant, which is located in the Dalian Economic and Technological Development Zone in northeast China. Barrett said at the ceremony that Intel chose Dalian because it's a perfectly suitable location for the plant. "Intel will use its advanced equipment and technology to build an environment-friendly computer chip factory in the city, and promote the semiconductor manufacturing industry in China," he said.

Steel structures and other framework projects have been in place at the factory covering 160,000 square metres.

Kirby Jefferson, general manager of the plant, said they have started recruiting staff from China and overseas, and are concentrating efforts on constructing the new plant. The project, which was announced in March this year, is Intel's first chipset factory in Asia and part of its network of eight such factories worldwide. The plant will go into production in 2010.

MNA/Xinhua

Cast members Viggo Mortonsen (L), Naomi Watts and Vincent Cassel (R) pose with director David Cronenberg (2nd R) at the premiere for their film 'Eastern Promises' during the 32nd Toronto International Film Festival, on 8 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

The sea off the rocky base, at Port Blair in the Andamans. India on Saturday said it will try to link Singapore and Thailand to the Andamans by air by March 2008 but added the archipelago needed a makeover to sell itself to tourists.—INTERNET

COMESA organizes workshop to help women explore export market

LUSAKA, 9 Sept—A workshop aimed to help Malawian women to explore the export market has opened in Blantyre, Malawi with the sponsorship of regional economic bloc COMESA, according to a report published on Friday on the website of *Malawi's Nation* newspaper.

Top on the agenda of the workshop held on Thursday and Friday are business management, export and import management issues.

Malawian women have the potential to break into the regional market with locally made good and products, said Evans Lwanga, consultant of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) secretariat.

"There is a lot of potential. These women are very hard working, the challenge has been that they lack information about the markets. COMESA has come in to build capacity so that the women are aware of the trade agreements in the region and also to operationalise the trade agreements," he was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

China Int'l Fair for Investment, Trade opens

XIAMEN, 9Sept—China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT), the 11th of the kind, opened here on Saturday, as Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi used a symbolic key to open a door to a hall at the main venue of CIFIT, where diverse rounds of business talks will be carried out.

A grand ceremony was held on Saturday to mark the start of the fair, with the presence of foreign dignitaries, Chinese central and local government officials, as well as Edmund Ho Hau Wah, Chief Executive Office of Macao Special Administrative Region, and John Tsang Chunwah, financial secretary of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. While addressing the opening ceremony, Ma Xiuhong, Vice Minister of Commerce, said the 11th CIFIT highlighted greater international feature and grew larger in size as well, attracting nearly 10,000 business people from more than 100 countries around to attend.

MNA/Xinhua

HK Customs seize illicit cigarettes

HONG KONG, 10 Sept—A transnational cigarette smuggling attempt was foiled in Hong Kong, 13 million illicit cigarettes seized and one man arrested, according to news from the Information Services Department of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region government on Saturday.

It was the largest seizure in Hong Kong this year, the news said.

The Customs officers on Friday inspected two containers in Kwai Chung in the New Territories. The containers' declarations said they were carrying wooden furniture from a ship from Malaysia.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Cambodia can earn $174m from oil production in 2011

PHNOM PENH, 9 Sept—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has predicted Cambodia could earn 174 million US dollars from oil production in 2011, with the windfall rising to 1.7 billion US dollars after 10 years, said the latest issue of the *Phnom Penh Post* published this weekend.

The IMF said in its new report that 2011 is a realistic date to assume that US oil giant Chevron would begin production given that oil is already produced on both sides of Cambodia's waters in the Gulf of Thailand, the newspaper said.

It projected that after 10 years of production Cambodia's share of oil revenues would peak in 2021 at 1.7 billion US dollars. Then revenues would begin to decline.

The IMF called the report a "moderate scenario", which was based on a variety of assumptions, such as oil production sharing agreements, size of recoverable resources and oil prices.

MNA/Xinhua

A model presents a creation by Indian fashion designers Falguni and Shane Peacock at the Wills India Fashion Week in New Delhi, India, on 9 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

UN system adds $6m to assist flood affected people in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 9 Sept — The United Nations system in Bangladesh has mobilized additional funds of six million US dollars to alleviate the sufferings of the flood affected people of the country.

This is in addition to UN system assistance of approximately 11 million dollars since the flood started at the end of July.

This support was made possible through a grant from the Central Emergency Respond Fund (CERF), a global initiative to enhance UN's response to emergencies, said a Press release from the office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator on Friday.

The funds will be channeled through World Food Programme, United Nations Children's Fund, Food and Agriculture Organization, World Health Organization, and United Nations Development Programme, mainly in the form of food, but also including nutritional supplements, medical services, shelter support, non-food items and actions to prevent the loss of livestock.

The UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Renata Dessallien welcomed the grant, and emphasized that the UN system stands by the people of Bangladesh in their hour of need.

"Although we hope that the worst of the floods are over, many people are still in dire need of assistance to make ends meet. Many have returned home to find no home at all, as well as their sources of livelihood destroyed," said Dessallien.

"The new UN system assistance will be used to complement the good work of the government, and will be targeted at the most vulnerable and impoverished groups," Dessallien said.

MNA/Xinhua

Singer Joss Stone performs at the Maxim Oasis pre -MTV VMA bash at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas on 8 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

"APS" says car bomb killed 17 in Algeria

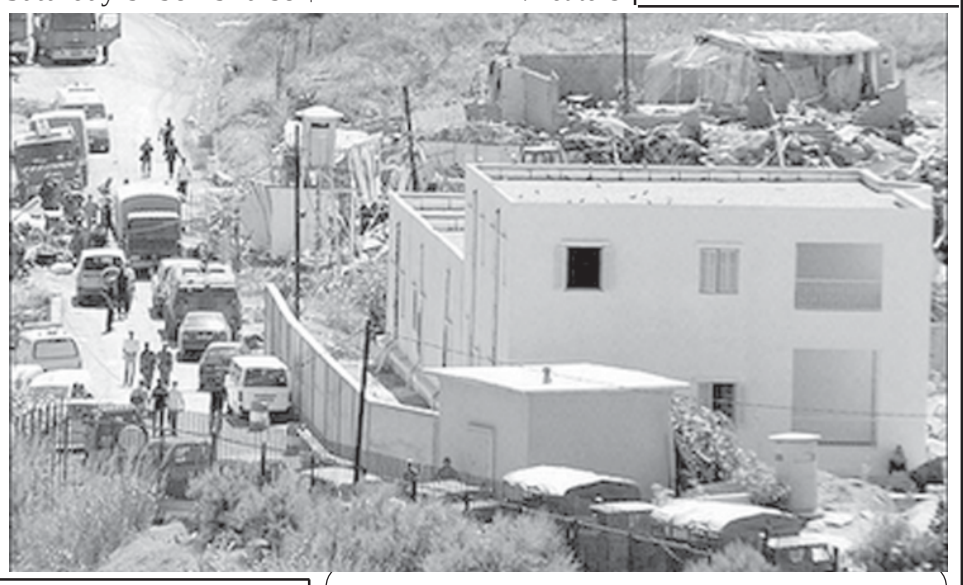
ALGERIA, 9 Sept— A car bomb killed 17 people in eastern Algeria on Saturday, the official *APS* agency said, two days after a suicide blast condemned by the government as a rebel bid to wreck efforts to end political violence.

Residents in the Mediterranean port town of Dellys 100 kilometres (62 miles) east of Algiers reported hearing a large explosion."I heard a big blast at about 8 this morning and I found out that it targeted the port of the city, probably a military facility there," Saeed Hamdaoui, 28, said. "Then we heard ambulances."

There was no immediate confirmation a military target had been attacked. *APS* news agency, quoting hospital sources, said Saturday's bomb also wounded about 30.

The blast happened two days after a suicide bombing in Batna Town that killed at least 20 people including the attacker.

MNA/Reuters



Algerian policemen and soldiers inspect the rubble of military navy barracks of a coastal guard unit after a suicide bombing in Dellys, some 70 kms from Algiers. Algeria was rocked by its second suicide bombing in three days on Saturday as an explosion ripped through a naval barracks in the northeast of the country, killing at least 30 people. — INTERNET

Brooklyn woman tests positive for West Nile virus

NEW YORK, 9 Sept— The Health Department of New York City on Friday confirmed the season's first human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in a 41-year-old Brooklyn woman.

The city urges New Yorkers, especially those aged 50 or older, to take precautions against mosquito bite.

The patient began feeling ill in mid-August with symptoms including fever, headache, fatigue, weakness and muscle pain.

She was hospitalized on 25 August, and is now home for recovering.

Because she travelled outside of New York City during the two weeks preceding her illness, she may have been exposed to WNV either in New York City, or elsewhere, the Health Department warned.

So far this summer, the Health Department has identified WNV in 139 mosquito pools citywide. The virus has been detected in all five boroughs.

The agency is continuing mosquito surveillance, responding to standing water complaints, and conducting larviciding and spraying as needed.

West Nile virus made its first appearance in the United States in 1999, killing seven people and seriously sickening 55 others. — *MNA/Xinhua*

A father and child travel on a boat in the flooded Kokormara village, about 55 km (34 miles) west of Guwahati, the major city of India's north eastern state of Assam, on 9 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

Animal liver fluke outbreak warned in south Philippines

MANILA, 9 Sept — Veterinary officials in the southern Philippines warned a potential outbreak of liver fluke diseases as tests showed an abrupt surge in the number of positive cases among large livestock in the area during the past weeks, the *Philippine Star* reported on Saturday.

Dr Lorna Lamorena, veterinarian in South Cotabato Province, said laboratory tests on samples recently taken from cows, water buffalos, and horses in the province's 10 towns showed the level of infection at 89.5 per cent.

"This is already very alarming because at that rate we can already consider that there is an outbreak of Fasciolosis (or liver fluke diseases)," the paper cited her as saying.

Lamorena blamed the erratic weather condition as the cause of Fasciolosis infection surge.

The sudden changes of the weather from dry to wet are considered as among the risk factors that favour the spread of the disease, she said.

Fasciolosis is a worm infestation caused by the parasite that settles in the biliary ducts of the livestock and even humans, a report from the Department of Science and Technology website noted. It said clinical signs of this disease in cattle showed it could eventually cause loss of weight, muscle atrophy, fatigue, weakness and significant loss of appetite.

The disease may be fatal if it remained untreated.

There are no reports of human infection so far.

MNA/Xinhua

Sweden to abandon research of new-generation weapons

STOCKHOLM, 10 Sept — The Swedish Government has decided to cut defence spending by five billion kronor (715 million US dollars) in the coming years and abandon research into new-generation weapons, local media reported on Saturday.

The cuts will result in the curtailment of the development of such weapons as new-generation warships, missiles and torpedoes, and over 1,000 people working in military-related industrial enterprises will be laid off, media reports said.

Though the military authorities deem that surface warships are as important as submarines, the development of surface warships will be one of the projects to be abandoned in the coming years.

Another project to be discontinued will be the "torpedo, mine and sensor" (TMS) project being carried out by the company Saab Underwater Systems.

Lars Tossman, CEO of Saab Underwater Systems, expressed regret at the government's decision.

The TMS project is a research programme that Sweden has been conducting for some 100 years. Sweden has been playing a leading role in the world in this research field, he noted.

The government said the cuts are part of efforts to modernize the Swedish military. Media reports also said the government made the decision after considering weapons useless in peaceful times.

MNA/Xinhua

A woman standing in a fountain holds a sign urging a stop to the Iraq War on 8 Sept, 2007 in Sydney, Australia.

INTERNET

UN sees Afghan suicide bombings at record in 2007

KABUL, 10 Sept — Afghanistan is on course for a record number of suicide bombings in 2007, a top United Nations envoy said on Sunday, the sixth anniversary of the first such attack in the insurgency-racked country.

Militants carried out 103 suicide attacks between January and the end of August this year, compared to 123 attacks during the whole of 2006, according to a new UN report.

Suicide bombings were unheard of in Afghanistan until al-Qaeda operatives assassinated anti-Taleban Mujahideen commander Ahmad Shah Masood in 2001, two days before the 11 September hijacked aircraft attacks on the United States.

"Most probably we will end up with a higher number than 123 for the whole year," UN special representative for Afghanistan Tom Koenigs told reporters ahead of the report launch.

"Suicide attacks are an increasingly common and potent weapon of the insurgency."

MNA/Reuters

Agnieszka Lotocka of the "Oceanexplorers" diving team makes a decompression stop after breaking Poland's women's technical diving depth record of 154m in Blue Hole in Dahab on 9 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

5 die of unknown disease in remote villages of W Nepal

KATHMANDU, 10 Sept — At least five persons have died and more than hundred fallen ill due to an unknown disease at remote villages of western Nepal over the week, reported the local media house's website ekantipur.com Saturday.

Those died due to the disease in northeastern part of Bajura District, situated some 420 kilometres west of the capital city Kathmandu, have been identified as Jasee Kaila, Mane Buda, Kala Giri, Dev Bahadur Shahi and an unidentified youth of Wai Village Development Committee (VDC), said Man Bahadur Rokaya, a local resident who has just arrived at the district headquarters.

Other local residents informed that the unknown disease has spread to the neighbouring Sappata and Jukot VDCs as well.

The patients have not been able to get any medical treatment since there is no medicine in the only health post in Wai VDC, they complained.

"Headache, fever, vomiting and fainting are some symptoms of the disease," Rokaya said. "The people die within a few days after contracting the disease."

Head of the District Health Office, Dr Dilip Shah said that though he has heard that a few people have died in the region following an outbreak of an unknown disease, the local health posts have not formally notify him about it.

However, he said that a medical team had been dispatched to the affected areas.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippine Navy rescue passengers on distressed vessel in Sulu

MANILA,10 Sept — Philippine Navy ship rescued on Saturday night at least 82 passengers and crew on board a vessel whose engine broke down at waters off an island in Sulu, 900 kilometres south of Manila, said the military on Sunday.

Navy spokesman Commander Giovanni Carlo Bacordo said the distressed vessel, *Ml Medwina,* was beginning to take in seawater when the Navy ship, BRP Artemio Ricarte, arrived and picked up all the passengers.

The Navy ship was sent after Naval Forces Western Mindanao commander Rear Admiral Emilio Marayag received a distress call, said the spokesman.

"The distressed vessel was on its way to Zamboanga, coming from Mapun Island, when the engine malfunctioned and the ship began to take in seawater," said Bacordo.

MNA/Xinhua

Residents from a fishing village gather around a whale shark which washed up on shore, on 9 Sept, 2007 in Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia. Whale sharks are the largest known species of fish, and can reach up to 15 metres (about 45 feet) in length. — INTERNET

At least 15 killed in India flyover collapse

NEW DELHI, 10 Sept — At least 15 people were killed when part of a flyover under construction collapsed in India's southern IT hub of Hyderabad, the *Press Trust of India* reported on Sunday.

Another 10 people were injured. Local television showed cars crushed under slabs of concrete.

The flyover was located in a busy commercial area of the city, local television said. — *MNA/Reuters*

No need to protest: No means other than to express wish

Maung Deh Doe

"A party worth one kyat cannot negotiate with a party worth 25 pyas." (One kyat is equal to 100 pyas).

I still remember the expression. Once, I thought it was a brilliant expression. The expression came out from the world of party politics during the time when the 1990 elections results were broadcast from TV and radio every day.

Oh... a party worth one kyat and a party worth 25 pyas.

Why there was political discrimination? It is not strange that a party with class discrimination view has totally lost public recognition today. There is no place for those who invented the undemocratic words in the democracy initiation period of Myanmar as they are getting further away from democracy they do not deserve.

In reality, they are punished by the public subconscious mind. It is frightening even to imagine that it will discriminate the entire Myanmar public in terms of social class if it wins the State power. As everyone knows, the party that has used the expression is NLD.

Greedy for power

NLD that was so greedy for power due to the election result said "A party worth one kyat cannot negotiate with a party worth 25 pyas" meaning that it had no reason to negotiate with any other party in its attempts to forcibly convene the Hluttaw and to write a Constitution at a single sitting.

What the NLD wished to say was that a party worth one kyat was valuable and a party worth 25 pyas was less worth. But the one-kyat-worth party will have to pay a very high price for a majority mistake that fails to distinguish between right and wrong. Because of such mistakes there come out proverbs saying, "You also go mad if all have already gone mad" and "If there is general consensus, the word E can be read as B".

Here, I would like to present an event in which Socrates gave his life for democracy as an example.

I assume that people who are interested in and practicing democracy already know about it. There may be some who are pretending that they do not know what democracy is. I am not trying to exaggerate the matter.

I am just presenting the matter as food for thought.

According to Western calendar, records say that direct democracy was flourishing in Greek city states in BC 750. Many historians have said that Athens was the first city state to adopt democracy.

Socrates was born and brought up in Athens, the cradle of democracy. I have studied about Socrates whose thoughts and ideas have good influence till in the 21st century. Historians say that Socrates was born in BC 500. So, democracy had been flourishing in the city state 250 years before the birth of Socrates.

Original place of democracy

But sadly, Socrates who tried to find the truth through self-assessment never got the permission to present and explain his ism freely. He could not document his philosophy even with a word. And that was in a country which is the original place of democracy.

The philosophy of Sophists which said that only that means to make collective negotiations in a reasonable way was democratic. As Sophists were democratic, they were clever in speaking. They preferred heated debates rather than rational debates to get what they wanted. You can find more about them in Myanmar Encyclopedia.

As Sophists were majority in Athens during the time, they would be the one-kyat-worth. As Socrates had only two students — Xenophon and Plato — he would be a 25-pya-worth person.

"Everyone is equal before the law"

Socrates never believed anything easily or unreasonably and asked every person regardless of class or possession everything he wanted to know. Sophists said that Socrates' thoughts might lead to wrong way and might harm democracy. The one-kyat-worth Sophists of that time gave the death sentence to 25-pya-worth Socrates at the court by referring the principle "Everyone is equal before the law". According to the punishment, Socrates had to swallow poison by himself.

The philosophy of Socrates who was just a 25 -pya-worth person 2500 years ago is still flourishing in the 21st century. In whose minds is the philosophy of the one-kyat-worth Sophists flourishing? It is food for thought.

In my opinion, Socrates sacrificed his life to give a lesson concerning democracy to future generations that danger loomed large and unnecessary losses occurred if the majority wish that was unable to distinguish between right and wrong was strong and overwhelming.

If we understand this lesson, we will have to think about the proper way towards democracy in our country.

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In the majority's view, NLD is prohibited from participating in the Tatmadaw government-sponsored political programme. So, I will explain the matter to make it clearer.

National force

There is firm historical record that as NLD has assumed itself one-kyat-worth party from the beginning the Tatmadaw government welcomed it to participate as "a national force".

If NLD says to start and solve the political problems through negotiations at once, we will have to assess whether its words are sincere or not.

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Assuming itself one-kyat-worth party

The Tatmadaw government has already told the party that won the largest number of votes in the election to lead in drafting a new Constitution. Ignoring the rights of other parties, NLD assuming itself one-kyat-worth party said that it had already written a Constitution.

The NLD declared that it would convene the Hluttaw and accept power in accord with its own Constitution. What I present in the article is based on historical facts. Moreover, former NLD members have also revealed those plots. As for the Tatmadaw government, it wanted to make preparations in all aspects and angles to draw a Constitution and the systematically formed Hluttaw to share the State power.

The situation deteriorated gradually to the degree that the leader of the NLD said, "I will write the State Constitution of my own. If it is desired to achieve national reconciliation, just give me a call, and everything will be all right, then". It is a true story. What she said meant that the NLD would make amendments to the Constitution by itself after power was handed over to it.

Then, the Tatmadaw government released Order 1/90 with the intention that representatives-elect would participate in the formulation of the State Constitution.

It is fair to say that the NLD accepted and agreed to Order 1/90 initially because its representatives were among the persons responsible for drawing the State Constitution.

Considering itself to be one-kyat worth party

However, it continued to consider itself to be the one-kyat worth party and it did not want to be called the follower of the government. So, it released a statement in order that the elements that were aiding and abetting it, could breathe a sigh of relief. It meant that the party had to choose that way just to survive. The NLD agreed to the ratios of representatives of the parties the Tatmadaw government had designated to attend the National Convention. And it attended the National Convention till the 104 fundamental principles were laid down. Then, the NLD representatives walked out of the NC because the party leader was not happy with the party representatives' attending the National Convention.

Apparently, the government did not get rid of the NLD from the National Convention but instead gave it a place through Order 1/90.

Correct trend towards democracy

A high-ranking official who played a leading role in the process of the National Convention said, "The democracy-based State Constitution the National Convention will draft cannot be achieved with only one stroke. The work we have done now in this regard is just the very first step". His speech implied that the process had been adopted already that democratic transition would be implemented step by step in order that some principles could be amended in a democratic way if necessary.

The trend of democracy that came into being more than 2000 years ago has not reached its destination yet. It reflects that it is still just a process involving changes and amendments practised by almost every nation.

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Myanmar's democratic trend that was launched less than 20 years ago has more requirements. To be able to have their wishes fulfilled and enjoy the rights fully, people should express their stances and grievances through the ways that are prescribed democratically. Therefore, they do not need to take to the streets.

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Attention to be paid to even small matters

United Nations Under-Secretary-General Mr Gambari who had visited Myanmar two times presented his view that steps for national reconciliation were to be launched only on a small scale. So, the members with attachment to the party should notice that attention is to be paid to even small matters.

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Now, many groups formed with political purposes are holding talks across the nation spending their own expenditures. Various forms of pamphlets and booklets featuring their programmes, announcements, and their representatives' speeches are in circulation now. Through the pamphlets and booklets, they are expressing their open views about prevailing situations of the nation.

To view activities with positive attitude

Here, people should not misunderstand that they are given such opportunities to hold press conferences throughout the nation because they are pro-government groups. In this regard, people should view with positive attitude that such activities are initiatives to help achieve transition to discipline-flourishing democracy.

I would like to urge the people to study and evaluate the pamphlets and booklets that carry a lot of political comments. If so, it can be found clearly that they avoid two extremes and take a systematic approach in making their comments. They also made comments on the government with regard to high fuel prices.

Actually, those who exploited the situation of high fuel prices to incite protests are the ones who hate to see Myanmar enjoy a prosperous future with flourishing discipline.

World filled with emotional feelings, satisfied or dissatisfied

In the world, people from all strata of life and classes have their own emotional feelings, satisfied or dissatisfied. No one has all his wishes fulfilled. Today, the world is filled with a variety of dissatisfactions, so it is reasonable that a person expresses his discontentment.

However, even the US and Britain that are said to be democracy pioneers do not accept the concept that demands must be fulfilled for the stances expressed through protests.

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In these countries, the governments do not recognize and take any action however much thousands of their people stage demonstrations for invasions such as Vietnam war and Iraq war, and economic crises they face sometimes.

To restrict activities of their governments

Moreover, the governments take action to restrict their invasion of other countries, cut military expenditures, and reduce the number of the troops stationed in other countries only when their people present their stances through the representatives they have elected to decide on vote in the parliaments.

Now, protests are no longer fashionable and stances are expressed for flourishing of democracy even in the big democracies. So, in Myanmar, the people have to prepare themselves to express their stances to approve the principles the National Convention has adopted. And it is required of the people to catch up with the processes so that they can have their wishes that will derive from the stances fulfilled fully. They also have to try to accomplish the processes step by step. Myanmar's democratic transition is in its infancy, so the nation should take great care to avert possible undesirable consequences that are similar to that faced by Socrates.

Opportune time people expressed their stances

I think the protesters will know the truth if they study the points I present in this article. I wish they would know that demonstration is no longer popular and successful even in the democracies, and expressing stances is a useful means. Now, the National Convention has helped designate the period in which the people will have to express their stances.

There is a western saying that says, "Look before you leap". So, I would like to remind the people about the demonstrations lest the nation will be stepping towards the abyss.

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Myanmar top group-B deserving 1-0 win over Thailand in AFF Women's Championship

YANGON, 10 Sept — Host Myanmar topped in the group-B after a deserving 1-0 win over visitors Thailand in YTC (Thuwunna) at 3.30 pm today.

Among the spectators were offcials of the Ministry of Sports, President Daw Aye Aye of Central Work Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and members, senior military officers, President U Zaw Zaw of Myanmar Football Federation and executives and fans.

After the match, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and President of MFF U Zaw Zaw awarded cash money K 1 million each to Myanmar women's selected team.

In the other match, Laos won over Singapore with 3-1 in Aung San Stadium at 3.30 pm. *MNA*

***Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents cash award to players of Myanamr team.*— NLM**

Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing visits…

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units at Hsinshweli model research 10-acre sugarcane plantation in Tatkon Station and gave instructions on applying quality strains, transforming agricultural methods to be scientific, use of effective ratio of natural fertilizer and chemical fertilizer and emphasis to be placed on minimizing waste and loss.

Afterwards. Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and party inspected thriving model research sugarcane plantation and extended 100-acre plantation.

Hsinshweli model research 30-acre sugarcane plantation grown in Tatkon and Taungnyo Stations can produce 1,500 to 2,000 tons. Good quality strains of sugarcane and agricultural methods are available. *MNA*

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Next, the minister gave away awards to one 3-distinction winner who also secured third in division level mathematics Olympic contest, a first prize winner of division level essay competition to mark the 62nd Anniversary Armed Forces Day who also clinched first in English contest and first prize winner in mandolin contest of Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions. — *MNA*

HPID & CGGC sign agreement

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Hydro Power Implementation Department of the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 and China Gezhouba Water & Power Group Co Ltd (CGGC) of the People's Republic of China signed an agreement to purchase hydraulic steel structures, electrical & mechanical equipment for Shwegyin Hydro Power Project.

The signing ceremony was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Electric Power No 1 here on 7 September.

Also present on the occasion were Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, the directors-general of the ministry and Vice Director Mr Jiang Xiaobing of CGGC.

First, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and the vice director of CGGC delivered addresses.

Director-General U Aung Koe Shwe of the HPID and Chief Engineer Mr Wang Yimin of CGGC inked the agreement and exchanged the documents.

Under the agreement hydraulic steel structures, electrical & mechanical equipment for Shwegyin Hydro Power Project will be purchased.

On completion of the project, it will generate 262 million kwhs annually.— *MNA*

San San Maw, a Captain of Myanmar team, and a player of Thai team fighting for a ball in AFF Women's Championship at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna).

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JDS invites scholarship

YANGON, 9 Sept —Under the Programme of Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) 2008, the MBA, MBA (IT Concentration) and MA (Eco) courses will be opened in Japan from 2008 to 2010. Members of Myanmar Computer Scientist Association and Myanmar Computer Industrialist Association can apply for the courses not later than 22 September.

More information is available at Myanmar Computer Federation of Myanmar Info-Tech in Hline University Campus (Tel: 01-652307).—*MNA*

***Director-General U Aung Koe Shwe and Chief Engineer Mr Wang Yimin sign the agreement.*— ELECTRIC POWER NO 1**

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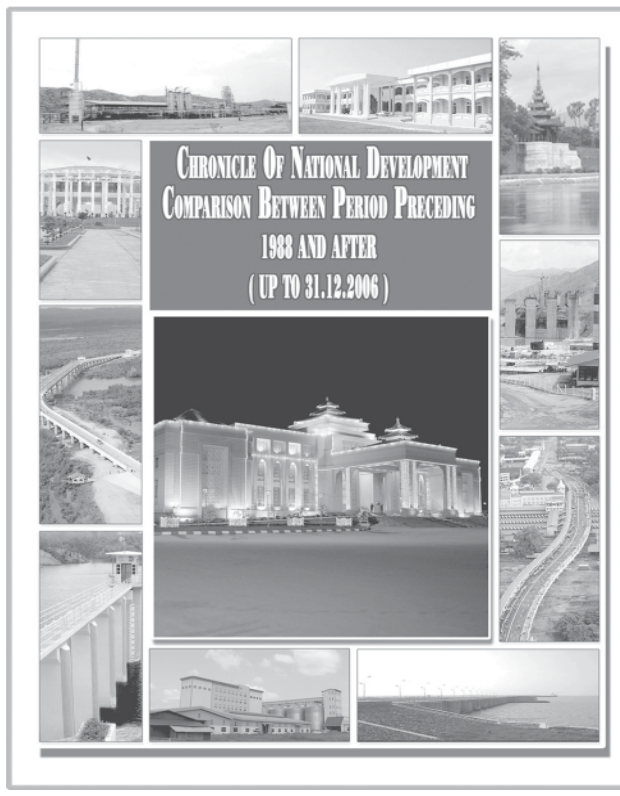

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Parents of missing Madeleine to return to Britain

PRAIA DA LUZ (Portugal), 9 Sept—British couple Kate and Gerry McCann, named as suspects in the disappearance of their four-year-old daughter Madeleine in Portugal, will return home on Sunday, a family spokeswoman said.

"Kate and Gerry will be returning home to the UK this morning as originally planned," Justine McGuiness said in a statement issued in the early hours of Sunday.

Kate McCann, mother of missing four-year-old Madeleine McCann, arrives at East Midlands International airport, central England on 9 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

"It is emphasized that their return is with the full agreement of the Portuguese authorities and police," she said.

Portuguese police declared the McCanns formal suspects on Friday after questioning them but have so far filed no charges against them, according to the couple's lawyer.

Declaring the McCanns suspects indicated police believed they might have been involved in a crime but did not necessarily mean they would be detained.

No conditions were imposed on the McCanns, which meant they were free to travel abroad, their lawyer said.

"They can travel whenever and wherever they like," lawyer Carlos Pinto de Abreu told *Reuters*, adding that the McCanns could remain at their home in England as the police investigation continued.

Gerry McCann rejected any suggestion he and his wife were responsible for their daughter's death.

"We did not kill Maddie," he told the British Sunday newspaper *News of the World* .

"We're entirely innocent and we will clear our name," he said in an interview with the tabloid.

MNA/Reuters

Three die in western Nepal landslides

KATHMANDU, 9 Sept—Three persons were killed by landslides triggered by incessant rainfalls in western Nepal on Saturday, local leading media group's website eKantipur reported.

Two persons died near the Lake Side area in Pokhara, while another one died in Sarankot near Pokhara sub-metropolis of Kaski District, some 140 kilometres west of capital Kathmandu.

The dead are Nara Bahadur Kunwar, 55, and Rekha Timilsina, 15, residents of Seri village near the Lake Side, and Bishnu Maya Thapa of Sarankot, the local police said.

The landslides falling down from nearly 500 metre height from the Gasti hill swept away 15 houses and damaged another dozen houses in Seri. Among the injured, four are undergoing treatment at the Westernal Regional Hospital in Pokhara.

A local unit of the Red Cross has provided relief packages to about 50 affected families.

Dozens of people have died and hundreds have been injured due to monsoon-propelled landslides in different parts of the country in this monsoon.

MNA/Xinhua

Panama to eradicate illiteracy by 2009

PANAMA CITY, 10 Sept— Panama will eradicate illiteracy in the country by 2009, Panamanian Social Development Minister Maria Roquebert announced on Saturday. The Panamanian Government has approved an extra budget of 300 million US dollars for the illiteracy eradication plan that will help 5000 illiterates learn to read and write, Roquebert said while attending activities of the International Anti-illiteracy Day held on 8 September every year.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia, Indonesia sign forestry agreement

SYDNEY, 10 Sept— Australia and Indonesia on Sunday signed a multi-million-dollar forestry agreement with the aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by a great amount.

The agreement was signed by Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer and his Indonesian counterpart Hassan Wirajuda on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders Meeting being held here.

The Kalimantan Forests and Climate Partnership, worth 100 million Australian dollars (82.3 million US dollars), aims at cutting greenhouse gas emissions by about 700 million tons over 30 years, Downer said. It aims to preserve 70,000 hectares of peat land forests in Indonesia's Kalimantan region.

The agreement will also help re-flood 200,000 hectares of dried peat land and plant up to 100 million new trees on rehabilitated peat land for conservation purposes. The signing of the agreement was witnessed by Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who is in Sydney for the APEC leaders meeting.

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APEC economic leaders conclude meeting in Sydney

SYDNEY, 10 Sept—Leaders of the 21 member economies of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) wrapped up their annual meeting here Sunday, agreeing to further promote trade and improve energy efficiency for the region's sustainable development.

Australian Prime Minister, the host, announced the closing of the two-day meeting at a Final Declaration Ceremony here.

The leaders, after discussions under the theme of "Strengthening our community, building a sustainable future," issued a leaders declaration, promising to demonstrate strong leadership in pursuing the region's long-term prosperity and enhancing human security. —*MNA/Xinhua*

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Early risers more likely to have heart problems

BEIJING, 7 Sept — Getting up early in the morning is the good habit of many people for centuries, but early risers are actually at a higher risk of developing heart problems, according to media reports Friday quoting a new Japaese study.

The study was presented at the World Congress of the World Federation of Sleep Research and Sleep Medicine Societies held in Cairns, Australia.

People who habitually rose before 5 am had a 1.7 times greater risk of high blood pressure and were twice as likely to develop hardening of the arteries as those who got up two to three hours later, the study found. The study, of 3,017 healthy adults aged 23 to 90, also found a possible link between vascular disease and early birds who began the day with vigorous exercise.

"Rising early to go to work or exercise might not be beneficial to health, but rather a risk for vascular diseases," said the study.

The study, conducted by researchers from several universities and hospitals in the western Japanese city of Kyoto, revealed a link between wake-up times and a person's cardiovascular condition. The study also noted that early risers were usually older. "The results are contrary to the commonly held belief that early birds are in better health," said Mayuko Kadono, a physician at Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine, who led the study. "We need to find what the causes of this are, and whether exercising after waking early is beneficial."

Cardiovascular disease, which includes heart attack, stroke and hypertension, is the biggest cause of death globally, according to the World Health Organization, which estimates 20 million people may die from cardiovascular disease every year by 2015, compared with about 17.5 million a decade earlier.

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Tibetan girls wearing tradtional dresses perform during a quiz competition on India and Tibet held inside Kalchakra Monastery at Salugara village on the outskirts of northeastern Indian city of Siliguri on 9 Sept , 2007. More than three hundred school students participated in the quiz competition organized by Himalayan Buddhist cultural association, the secretary of the association said. — INTERNET

Study: depression more damaging than chronic diseases

BEIJING, 7 Sept — Depression does more damage to a person's health than chronic diseases, media reported on Friday quoting a research paper.

Mental illness has more impact on sufferers general well-being than angina, arthritis, asthma, and diabetes, the paper published in medical journal The Lancet concluded.

Combing through self-reported health data on 245,404 adults from 60 countries collected by the World Health Organization (WHO), researchers found that an average of 3.2 percent of those surveyed had experienced depression over a one-year period.

This was a bit lower than for asthma (3.3 percent), arthritis (4.1 percent), and angina (4.5 percent), and higher than for diabetes (2.0 percent.)

On a scale of 0 to 100, with 0 indicating worst health and 100 indicating best health, sufferers of depression had an average score of 72.9. This compared with 80.3 for asthmatics, 79.6 for angina sufferers, 79.3 for arthritis sufferers and 78.9 for those with diabetes.

The main findings showed that depression impairs health state to a substantially greater degree than the other diseases, the papaer wroted. The mental disorder often comes hand-in-hand with other chronic illnesses, and as the world's population lives longer, it is expected to become more and more common. — *Internet*

A musician from Thailand performs as she attends the federal Swiss traditional music festival in Stans on 8 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

UNSG strongly condemns new terrorist attack in Algeria

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Sept — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon strongly condemned Saturday's terrorist attack in Algeria and appealed for peace and national reconciliation in the North African country.

In a statement released Saturday by his spokesperson, Ban said he is "deeply shocked and saddened by the escalation of terrorist violence in Algeria." A suicide bombing rocked Saturday the Mediterranean port town of Dellys, 100 kilometres east of the capital of Algiers, leaving at least 30 people dead and 47 others injured. The attack was the second to hit the country in three days.

Another suicide bombing attack struck the eastern Algerian city of Batna Thursday, killing 19 people and wounding 107 others. The Secretary-General, who is paying a visit to Libya, expressed his solidarity and sympathy with the people of Algeria and particularly the families of the victims.

MNA/Xinhua

China reports HIV/AIDS cases on rise

ZHENGZHOU, 10 Sept — China reported 18,543 new cases of HIV carriers and 4,314 cases of full-blown AIDS in the first half of this year.

Two thousand and thirty-nine peopled died of the disease in the first six months of the year, said Han Mengjie, assistant to the director of the office with AIDS Control Work Committee of the State Council.

By late July, the accumulated number of AIDS/HIV patients in China totalled 214,300, of which people with full-blown symptoms of the disease numbered 56, 758, and 18,246 had died of the killer disease, Han said at a recent symposium sponsored by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the office with AIDS Control Work Committee of the State Council, the Ministry of Civil Affairs, and Henan Provincial Government in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province.

MNA/Xinhua

Tens of thousands of rubber ducks make their way toward the finish line in the last Great Singapore Duck Race in Singapore on 9 Sept, 2007. The race with 85,000 rubber ducks, which raises funds for seven charities in Singapore, will be the last one down the Singapore River before it is turned into a reservoir as part of the Marina barrage project.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Russia's Ksenia Semenova (C), Anastasia Liukin of the United States (L) and China's Yang Yilin pose for photos during the awarding ceremony of the Uneven Bars Final of the 40th World Artistic Gymnastics Championships held in Stuttgart, a city of southwest Germany, on 8 Sept, 2007. Semenova claimed the title with a result of 16.350 points.
XINHUA

Woods turns 60 with clinical BMW triumph

LEMONT (Illinois), 10 Sept — Tiger Woods produced a flawless final round 63 to win his 60th career PGA Tour title by two shots at the BMW Championship on Sunday.

The win moved Woods to the top of the FedExCup standings heading into the Tour Championships next week at the East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, which will be limited to the top 30 players. The 1.26 million US dollars winner's cheque pushed Woods's career earnings over 75 millionUS dollars. The 31-year-old American will have a chance to add what is being billed as sport's single biggest pay day next week in Atlanta where a 10-million-US-dollar bonus in deferred compensation will go to the overall points champion.

Woods's 60th victory also left him just two behind Arnold Palmer for fourth on the all-time list.

"I never, ever would have dreamt that this would happen so soon," Woods told reporters after becoming just the fifth player to record 60 PGA Tour wins. "I've been out here 11 years, my 12th season and to have this many wins...I never could have foreseen that.

MNA/Reuters

Silver medallist Aljaz Pegan (L) of Slovenia, gold medallist Fabian Hambuechen of Germany and Hisashi Mizutori (R) of Japan pose for photographers after the men's final at the 40th World Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Stuttgart on 9 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Ronaldinho strike lifts Brazil to victory over US

CHICAGO, 10 Sept — Ronaldinho scored the decisive goal from a free kick as Brazil came from behind to beat a feisty United States 4-2 in a friendly on Sunday.

The Barcelona forward curled the ball through a gap into the wall to put Brazil 3-2 ahead in the 75th minute, two minutes after Clint Dempsey had scored for the hosts to make it 2-2 in an entertaining game on a hot afternoon. A last-minute penalty converted by substitute Elano completed Brazil's win in a match between the respective Copa America and CONCACAF champions.

Brazil head coach Dunga said the game against an improving American side had been a good test for his team, who begin World Cup qualifiers in October.

MNA/Reuters

Dechy, Safina win women's doubles at US Open

NEW YORK, 10 Sept — France's Nathalie Dechy won her second consecutive US Open women's doubles title on Sunday as she and Russian Dinara Safina beat fifth seeds Chan Yung-jan and Chuang Chia-jung of Taipei 6-4, 6-2.

The seventh seeds won a tight first set and then survived a few nerves in the second, when the Taiwan pair hit back from 5-0 to 5-2, to clinch the title.

The win gave Dechy, who won the mixed doubles at the French Open in June, her third grand slam title while it was Safina's first, having lost in the final to Dechy and Russian Vera Zvonareva 12 months ago.

"It's unbelievable," Dechy told reporters. "I was saying to my husband, Can you believe it's the second time (in a row) that I'm winning this trophy?"

Safina said their partnership came about at the last minute.

"I was supposed to play doubles with (Tatiana) Golovin, but then she got her injury," the Russian said.

"She's like, 'I'm not going to play'. I was in New Haven. (Maria) Kirilenko said to me 'I think Nathalie, she's just texted me, she wants to play doubles with me. You should text her'.

MNA/Reuters

Ballack still unclear about recovery time

BERLIN, 10 Sept — Germany captain Michael Ballack remains unclear about when he will be fit again after ankle surgery towards the end of last season.

"It's getting better but I still can't play or take part in training," the Chelsea midfielder told the German Football Association's Web site (www.dfb.de).

"I can't give you a prediction about when I'll be back."

With all the uncertainty about Ballack's fitness, Chelsea left him out of their squad for the group phase of the Champions League.

"Of course I'm disappointed about that," Ballack said of the decision. "I just have to accept it and concentrate on getting back fit. Then I can start thinking about other things." — *MNA/Reuters*

Justine Henin of Belgium holds up the trophy after her women's singles final match against Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, the United States, on 8 Sept, 2007.
XINHUA

Henin crushes Kuznetsova to win US Open

NEW YORK, 10 Sept — Belgian Justine Henin demolished Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1,6-3 on Saturday to win her second .. Open title and seventh grand-slam crown.

The top seed was right on top of her game, scorching to victory in one hour, 22 minutes to become the first woman to win the title without losing a set since Serena Williams in 2002.

"This one is maybe the most important one for me," Henin told reporters. "The quality I've played at in the last few matches was amazing.

"I didn't lose a set in Toronto and then here. It's great what I did and I'm really proud of it."

With 2004 champion Kuznetsova struggling, Henin broke in the opening game of the match and never looked back, breaking twice more to surge ahead.—*MNA/Reuters*

Federer holds nerve to win US Open title

NEW YORK, 10 Sept — Roger Federer beat Novak Djokovic 7-6,7-6, 6-4 in a tense battle on Sunday to win his fourth successive US Open crown and take his grand-slam tally to 12.

Third seed Djokovic had five set points in the opening set of the final and two in the second but world number one Federer dug deep when he needed to and held his nerve to win the title.

Djokovic, bidding to become the first player representing Serbia to win a grand-slam title, served for the first set at 6-5 and had five set points, only to allow Federer to break back and win the tiebreak 7-4.

The third seed led 4-1 in the second and had two set points on the Federer serve at 6-5, but the top-seeded Swiss hit back to win the tiebreak 7-2 and broke in the 10th game of the third to clinch victory.— *MNA/Reuters*

Mexico friendly rained off at halftime

PUEBLA (Mexico), 10 Sept — Mexico's friendly at home to Panama was called off at halftime on Sunday after a torrential downpour left the pitch waterlogged.

Mexico, with 18-year-old Barcelona forward Giovani Dos Santos making his international debut, were leading 1-0 after Panama defender Felipe Baloy put through his own goal in the 33rd minute.

"I didn't expect this to happen on my debut, it's very sad, but the pitch is unplayable and I think it's impossible to play," Dos Santos told Mexican television.

Mexico coach Hugo Sanchez said he agreed with the decision to halt the match, played in front of a capacity 30,000 crowd at the Cuauhtemoc Stadium.

MNA/Reuters

Aree Song of Thailand watches her tee shot at the ninth during the first round of the LPGA Tour's NW Arkansas Championship golf tournament at Pinnacle Country Club, on 8 Sept, 2007, in Rogers, Ark. — INTERNET

First China-made 8,530-TEU container ship delivered

BEIJING, 10 Sept—The first 8,530-TEU container ship, of which China owns the full intellectual property rights, had been delivered to China Shipping Container Lines Co, Ltd (Shanghai) and left for its maiden voyage to the United States on Sunday.

It has made China the fourth country in the world, after the Republic of Korea, Japan and Denmark that is able to design and build such giant container ships, said experts.

The ship, named "New Asia", is the first of five container ships of the same type to be designed and built by Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding (Group) Co, Ltd for the China Shipping Container Lines Co, Ltd.

The 101,000-dwt container ship, 335 metres long and 42.8 metres wide, can sail at a speed of 25 knots an hour.

The Shanghai-based shipbuilding company spent six years to build the ship, the largest container ship independently designed and built by China.

It is one of the mainstream type of container ships in the world.

So far the company has confirmed nine orders for its 8,530-TEU container ships, including four for the Greek Costamare Shipping Co.

MNA/Xinhua

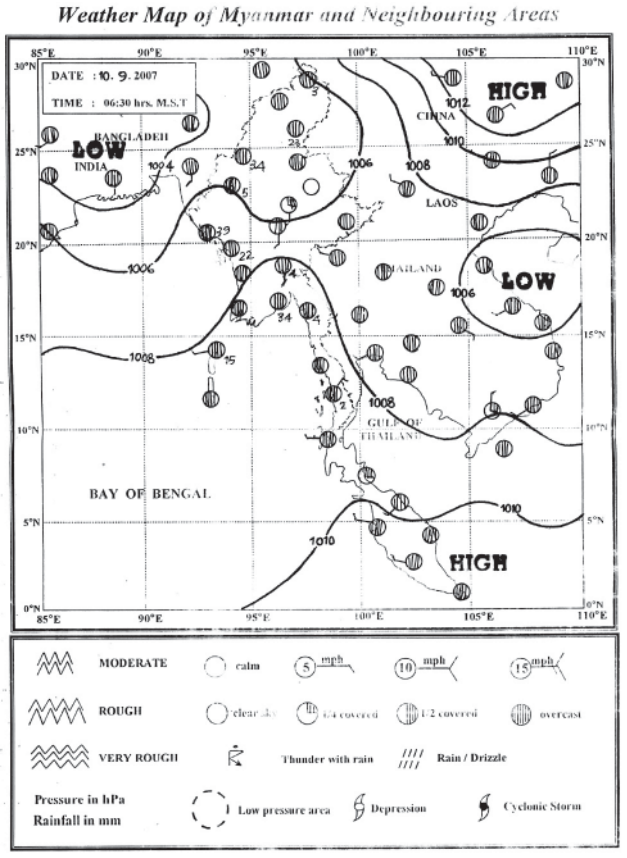
Flood Bulletin
(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 10-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observations today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Homalin (2966) cm, Mawlaik (1398) cm, Kalewa (1682) cm and Monywa (1025) cm are exceeded (66) cm at Homalin, (168) cm at Mawlaik, (132) cmat Kalewa and (25) cm at Monywa above their respective danger levels. The water levels may remain above the danger levels of Homalin (2900) cm, Mawlaik (1230) cm, Kalewa (1550) cm and Monywa(1000) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (768) cm is exceeded (18) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

A Bangladeshi woman uses a raft to cross a flooded field in Sirajgonj district of Bangladesh recently. More than 100,000 Bangladeshis have been displaced or marooned, some for the second time in as many months, after heavy rains brought fresh floods to the country. — INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 10 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions and rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Rakhine and Mon States and Yangon Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kayin State and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.26) inch, Kayan (4.57) inches, Hkamti (3.42) inches, Thandwe (2.48) inches, Sittway (2.25) inches, Pyinmana (1.97) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.58) inches, Ye (1.53) inches.

Maximum temperature on 9-9-2007 was 90ºF. Minimun temperature on 10-9-2007 was 70ºF. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 10-9-2007 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 9-9-2007 was (6.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 10-9-2007 was (1.30) inches at Mingaladon, (1.58) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.63) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (104.57) inches at Mingaladon, (107.52) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.53) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (16:20) hours MST on 9-9-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 11-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Magway Divisions and Kayah State, scattered in Chin, Shan and Kayin States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 11-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 11-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 11-9-2007: Likelihood of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood Warning
(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 10-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti is (1355) cm. It may exceed above its danger-level (1360) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.

TV Myanmar

Monday, 11 September
View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃ မဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓေမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓေ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဥဒ်ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. "ပေါင်းတည် မြတ်စွယ်တော် ပူဇော်ပွဲ"

8:00 am
5. Nice and sweet song

8:15 am
6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:30 am
7. International news

8:40 am
8. Islands of Dhamma

8:45 am
9. ဘဒ္ဒန္တတေဇနိယ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဓောတိကဓ)ဒုတိယဥက္ကဋ္ဌ ဆရာတော်၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ ရွှေတောင်ပါဠိတက္ကသိုလ် ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ရေနံချောင်းမြို့ မကွေးတိုင်းထံမှ နဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလ ခံယူ ဆောက်တည်ခြင်း

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. အမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ စတုတ္ထအကြိမ်မြောက် ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (တတိယဆု)(အထက(၂)ဒဂုံ) (အမျိုးသမီး ဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

4:50 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ –ပထမနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သချိာ အထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)

5:00 pm
5. Dance of national races

5:05 pm
6. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊အရေး၊အဝတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (အခြေခံပညာ ၅–၁၀နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

5:15 pm
7. Sing and Enjoy

6:00 pm
8. Evening news

6:30 pm
9. Weather report

6:35 pm
10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm
11. အာဟာရပြည့်လျှင် ရောဂါစင်၊ ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာစိတ်ချမ်းသာ

7:00 pm
12. ဆောင်းပါးရှင် ကျော်ရဲမင်း၏ အမေရိကန်၊ ဗြိတိန်တို့၏ မြန်မာ့နိုင်ငံရေး၌ ဝင်ရောက် နှောင့်ယှက်စွက်ဖက်မှုများ (အပိုင်း–၅)

7:10 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောရွှေနေခြည်" (အပိုင်း–၁၁)

8:00 pm
14.News
15.International news
16.Weather report
17.နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပြိုးလှည့်ပါချစ်သူရယ်" (အပိုင်း–၅)
18.မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
19. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Monday, 11 September
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
-Do you know what I mean
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
-Walking on the sun
8:50 am National news/ Slogan
9:00 am Music:
-Say what you want
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music
-Turn my head
1:30 pm News / Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-She's the one
-You've got a way
9:00 pm English Speaking Course
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Weekly sports reel
9:30 pm Listening pleasure
-This is love
-To much heaven
9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

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Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing visits Hsinshweli model research sugarcane plantations in Taungnyo and Tatkon stations

Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of Ministry of Defence inspects Hsinshweli sugarcane plantation in Tatkon Station. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Hsinshweli model research 10-acre sugarcane plantation in Taungnyo Station on 7 September.

At the plantation, plantation in-charge Col Tin Aung Myint briefed Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing on the per acre yield of Hsinshweli model research 10-acre sugarcane plantation would be exceeded against the target of average 50 tons because sugarcane plant is 18 feet in height and four inches in girth. Nay Pyi Taw Command is distributing quality strains of sugarcane to peasants as well as regiments and units.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing stressed the need for peasants and regiments and units to extend Hsinshweli sugarcane strains that suit the region, boost the per acre yield of crops, disseminate agricultural techniques to them, distribute quality strains of sugarcane to them, necessary assistance to be provided to them. After meeting with the peasants, he added that the peasants are to choose good quality strains of sugarcane and grow them systematically and use natural fertilizer which is available in the region.

At the local battalion near Kyaungsu Village, plantation in-charge Col Khin Maung Oo briefed Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and party on pilot cultivation of Hsinshweli model research 10-acre sugarcane plantation started after reclaiming virgin and vacant lands in Pyinmana region that produces a great deal of sugarcane. Experts expects per acre yield of Hsinshweli sugarcane would exceed the target of 50 tons because of growth rate of the sugarcane meeting the set standard. Nay Pyi Taw Command is distributing Hsinshweli sugarcane to local people and regiments and units.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing urged the local people to help sugarcane growers in their plantations to generate more income for raising their living standard, and regiments and units to establish model sugarcane plantations . On 8 September, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and party met with sugarcane growers and those in-charge of regiments and

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Hsinshweli model research 30-acre sugarcane plantation grown in Tatkon and Taungnyo Stations can produce 1500 to 2000 tons. Good quality strains of sugarcane and agricultural methods are available.

Township USDA Annual General Meetings held in Bago Divison

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — Patron of Bago Division Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and USDA CEC Member Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min attended Bago Township USDA Annual General Meeting for 2007 at Thirihantha Hall in Bago Division yesterday.

At the meeting, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Maj-Gen Aung Min made speeches on the occasion. Next, Secretary U Ye Myint Tun of Township USDA briefed them on accomplishment of the tasks of the Township USDA this year.

Next, the commander presented prizes to two 6-distinction winners, five 5-distinction winners of 2006-2007 matriculation examination and outstanding organizers of ward and village USDAs and the minister to five 5-distinction winners.

Similarly, the minister attended Kawa Township USDA AGM for 2007 at Kawa Township Hall in Bago Division and Secretary U Aye Naing of Kawa Township USDA briefed him on accomplishment of the tasks of the Township USDA this year.

Next, the minister presented prizes to three 4-distinction winners and four 3-distinction winners of 2006-2007 matriculation examination and outstanding organizers of ward and village USDAs.

Afterwards, the minister attended Thanatpin Township USDA AGM for 2007 in Bago Division and made a speech on the occasion. Secretary U Phoe Zaw of Thanatpin Township USDA briefed him on accomplishment of the tasks of the Township USDA this year.

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***Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presents prize to an outstanding student in Bago Township.*— MNA**