

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

Provisions donated to 102 monasteries of seven townships in Mandalay Div

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — The fourth donation of provisions to Maha Wisitayon Monastery in Aungmyethazan Township was held at Sasana Hitakayi Monastery in Mandalay Division this morning.

Present were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, officials, wellwishers and religious organizations.

The commander and the mayor and wellwishers took the Eight Precepts from State Ovadacariya Shwegyin Sasanabaing Maha Withokdayon Taikthit Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Agghiya.

The commander and the mayor and wellwishers presented robes and offertories to the members of the Sangha.

Altogether 5,950 viss of edible oil were donated to 102 monasteries of seven townships.

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Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw presents offertories to a Sayadaw of Maha Wisitayon Monastery in Mandalay.

MNA



Commander and Minister attend coord meeting on boosting exports of Taninthayi Division



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein addresses the meeting on boosting of marine products export.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept — Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and CEC Member of USDA Taninthayi Division In-charge Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein made speeches while attending the coordination meeting on boosting exports of Taninthayi Division at the meeting hall of

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 12 September, 2007

Irrigation water to be used most expeditiously

So far, the government has constructed 202 dams, sluice gates and diversion weirs wherever needed across the nation. The regions in the arid zone have got a large number of dams, big, medium and small. As a result, farmers who had to rely on rains to cultivate crops are now benefiting from the irrigation facilities.

In some regions, local farmers efficiently use the water from the dams and sluice gates, so they are stepping up growing of crops by reclaiming vacant and fallow lands and low-lying areas. In addition to monsoon and summer paddy, they can grow cold season crops.

The irrigation facilities benefit more than two million acres of farmlands throughout the country. Besides, mixed crops and multiple crops are cultivated extensively. Efforts are being made to achieve the targeted per acre yields of beans and pulses, edible oil crops, cotton, sugarcane and corn.

Now, dams are designed to irrigate electric power with the use of small generators, and the electric power is supplied to rural areas around the irrigation facilities.

Paddy and other crops are in surplus thanks to the growing number of irrigation projects the length and breadth of the nation. The irrigation facilities make magnificent contribution towards regional greening. In addition, more rural regions have access to electric power owing to the low-cost generators produced on a small scale with the innovations of relevant departments and regional organizations.



In memory of late parents U Ba Han and Daw Khin May, U Khin Maung Than of No 324 Castle Marina Road, Chester MD 21619, USA, and wife Daw Shwe Zin Ei of Hledan 1 Lane, Kamayut Township, recently donated K 250,000 for the three-storey building through Secretary Maj Aung Than (Retd) of Hninzigon Home for the Aged. — H

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

USDA CEC member attends annual general meetings in Kayah State



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung meeting with townselders and departmental officials in Loikaw. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Sept — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, accompanied by Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Col Nyunt Tin and officials on 8 September attended the annual general meeting of Loikaw Township USDA held at Kayah State USDA Office in Loikaw and made a speech on the occasion.

The USDA CEC member also presented prizes to outstanding teachers and students.

On 9 September, he offered provisions to members of the Sangha led by Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Paññasami of Shwedaung Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Loikaw.

After that, the USDA CEC member attended the

annual general meeting of Pruhsso Township USDA held at Pruhsso Basic Education High School and made a speech on the occasion. He also presented prizes to outstanding students.

At the opening ceremony of a new school building for Hsaungdu Village BEPS in the township the minister presented K 1.5 million donated by departments and well-wishers to the funds of the school.

Next, the minister met departmental personnel and local people at the City Hall in Loikaw and presented K 2 million donated by well-wishers for construction of the home for the aged.

Later, the USDA CEC member proceeded to Minkyaung and Shwekyauung Pariyatti Sarthintaiks and presented offertories to members of the Sangha. —MNA

Development tasks looked into in Budalin, Dabayin Townships

YANGON, 10 Sept — Accompanied by Director U Khin Maung Swe of Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Byar No and officials concerned, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe arrived at the meeting hall of Budalin Township DAC Office on 4 September.

At the meeting hall, executive officer U Soe Lwin and engineer in-charge U Naing Win briefed the deputy minister and party on beautifying tasks for the township, condition of roads and bridges in rural and urban areas and tasks for supplying water.

After hearing the reports, the deputy minister gave necessary instructions on special emphasis to be placed on supplying drinking water to the local people in summer.

Next, the deputy min-

ister and party went on an inspection tour of Pebyit village tube well and gave instructions on tasks to be carried out for maintenance of the tube well. Afterwards, they looked into beautifying tasks for

Dabayin Township and Cherry graveled road in the township.

After that the deputy minister gave instructions on sanitation tasks for proper flow of drainage. —MNA



Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe visits construction task of Cherry graveled road in Dabayin. — DAC

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuela, Bolivia sign four cooperation agreements

CARACAS, 10 Sept—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and his Bolivian counterpart Evo Morales on Sunday signed a range of cooperation agreements on forestry, mining and petrochemical and cement production.

Under one of the

agreements, a mining and steel-making company will be created on Mutun Mountain in the southern Bolivian province of Santa Cruz. The mountain has a 65-square-kilometre iron and manganese deposit, which has an estimated reserve of 42 billion tons

and ranks one of the largest in the world.

Under two other deals, a petrochemical complex will be built in the Bolivian city of Cochabamba and a joint-venture company will build two cement factories. The two countries will also work on joint forestry projects.

Morales, who arrived in Venezuela Saturday for a short visit, was delighted to have signed the accords.

Chavez said Bolivians will go to Venezuela for training and the agreements will help transfer Venezuelan know-how in these areas to Bolivia.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven dead, 23 injured in northwest China bus accident

XI'AN, 10 Sept—Seven people were confirmed dead and 23 others were injured when a bus veered off the road and hit a mound on Saturday in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, the local government said.

A brake failure caused the bus carrying 30 people to veer off a country road in Heyang county, dash onto State Highway No 108, and hit the mound on one side of the highway at 4:30 pm, a spokesman with the county government said.

He said four people were killed on the spot and three others died in hospital on Saturday night.

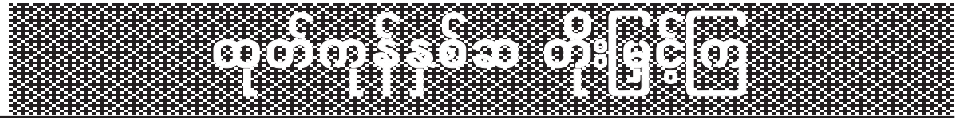
The county's health bureau got together the best doctors and nurses from four local hospitals to ensure adequate treatment for the injured, he said.

The victims were all construction workers with the railway authorities in the provincial capital Xi'an and were on their way from work at a railway station along the route linking Xi'an with Hancheng, a city 240 kilometres from Xi'an.

Police have launched an investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

A girl shows a solar-energy-powered toy at a store in Huaibei, east China's Anhui Province, on 9 Sept, 2007. This kind of toys are beam inductive so they can turn the sunlight and lamplight into electricity.—XINHUA



Super gigantic container vessel "Xin Ya Zhou," meaning "New Asia," China's first with complete proprietary intellectual property rights, is delivered to the owner in Shanghai, east China, on 8 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

Science minister calls for enhancement of energy-saving awareness

BEIJING, 10 Sept—Chinese Minister of Science and Technology has called for enhancement of citizens' awareness on energy-saving in a campaign recently held

to publicize energy-saving knowledge.

In the campaign, the ministry has distributed booklets named Manual on Promoting Energy Conservation and Emis-

sion Reduction which provide readers with advices and measures to reduce energy consumption.

The advice and measures were given by illustrations with specific data covering 36 species of daily-life activities. "Any figure times 1.3 billion (people) will result in a huge number," Minister Wan Gang said during the campaign, noting that any inappreciable behaviour by each Chinese could have great impact on the whole country. According to the manual, 554 million liter gasoline will be saved and 1.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide will be reduced each year if China's total 12.4 million private cars are not used for one day in every month.

MNA/Xinhua



Children display a 100-metre-long stroll to mark the upcoming 23rd Teacher's Day at a square in Fuyang, East China's Anhui Province on 9 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

Howard says APEC climate pact step towards post

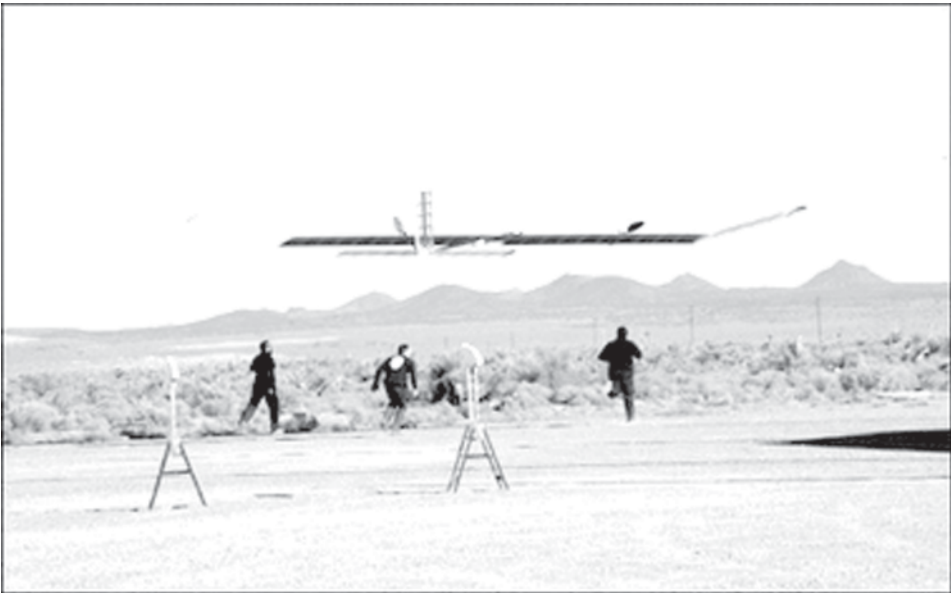
SYDNEY, 10 Sept—An Asia-Pacific climate change agreement was a milestone because it marked the first time the world's biggest polluters had pledged to cut greenhouse gas emissions, Australia's Prime Minister said on Sunday.

"This is the first such agreement involving the major polluters — the United States, China and the Russian Federation," John Howard told a news conference following the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit.

"And (it) is therefore a very important component, along the hard march of mankind towards reaching a sensible, workable, international agreement to cover the period post-Kyoto, that is 2012 onwards," he said.

Pacific Rim leaders, including US President George W Bush, China's President Hu Jintao and Russia's Vladimir Putin adopted a "Sydney Declaration" on climate change that calls on members to commit to a voluntary, non-binding global target to cut emissions.

MNA/Reuters



The Zephyr — a lightweight, solar-powered plane built by British defence and security technology company QinetiQ — has broken a world record for unmanned flight by staying aloft for 54 hours.—INTERNET

Eyes look at different letters when reading

BEIJING, 10 Sept — A new study shows when we read our eyes lock on to different letters in the same word instead of scanning a page smoothly from left to right as previously thought, media reports said Monday from a meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Using sophisticated eye tracking equipment, researchers looked at letters within a word and found that people combined parts of a word that were on average two letters apart, said Simon Liversedge, a cognitive psychologist at the University of Southampton, UK.

“What I’m trying to understand is the relationship between the physiological processes that underpin human written language comprehension and their relationship with eye movements people make to read sentences,” Liversedge said.

Over the past 40 years

scientists have studied eye movements and reading, with a general consensus that people look at the same letter within a word with both eyes, Liversedge said.

The findings could lead to better methods of teaching children to read and offer remedial treatments for those with reading disorders such as dyslexia, said Liversedge,

who presented his work at a meeting organized by the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

The findings also add to a wealth of information about eye movements that scientists have built up over the years as they seek a better grasp of how we understand written language, Liversedge said. — *Internet*



Chefs slice a giant mooncake measuring 8.15 metres in diameter and weighing approximately 22.5 metric tons for sale at a store in Shenyang, northeast China’s Liaoning Province on 9 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Passenger plane crashes in Denmark, no deaths

COPENHAGEN, 10 Sept — A turboprop plane with 73 people on board crashed on Sunday as it landed in western Denmark, but no one was seriously injured, the airline said.

Television images showed the plane, a Scandinavian Airlines <SAS.ST> flight from Copenhagen to Aalborg,

swerving sharply on the runway after its right landing gear buckled.

The right wing and right propeller plowed through the ground, spinning the aircraft around to a shuddering stop as fire crews raced to the scene of the accident.

An SAS spokeswoman said there were 69

passengers and four crew members on the plane. Initially, local police had put the number of passengers at 76.

Eleven people were taken to the hospital to be treated for cuts and whiplash, Danish news agency Ritzau said.

According to the SAS website, the airline uses a De Havilland Canada

DHC-8-400 plane on the Aalborg route.

Popularly known as the Dash 8, the twin-engined turboprop is produced by Canada’s Bombardier <BBDb.TO>. Its Q400 version can seat between 68 and 78 passengers, depending on configuration.

MNA/Reuters

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Australian, Japanese PMs discuss climate change, energy security

SYDNEY, 10 Sept— Australian Prime Minister John Howard and his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe held talks here Sunday on climate change and energy security on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders meeting.

In a joint statement, the two leaders said they agreed that climate change and energy security are priority issues that require sustained, effective and global action.

“We have agreed that the APEC Sydney Declaration is a major step towards a new international framework in which all major emitters participate and which balances environmental protection with economic growth,” they said in the statement.

“We will work together in the Asia-Pacific Part-

nership and other groupings to support new technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while meeting energy security and economic growth objectives,” they said.

The leaders also agreed that reducing deforestation and forest degradation is a key component of global action on climate change.

Meanwhile, Australia and Japan are both committed to the peaceful

use of nuclear energy, they said.

“We have agreed that long term responses to climate change include the use of nuclear energy and that Australia and Japan should cooperate to promote nuclear power generation in a manner that ensures nuclear non-proliferation, safety and security, and develops clean, zero-emission energy sources,” they said.

MNA/Xinhua

ICRC recovers 11 bodies in Colombia probe

BOGOTA, 10 Sept— The International Committee of the Red Cross said on Saturday it had recovered 11 bodies from the area where Colombia’s FARC guerrillas indicated they would find the remains of lawmakers killed in June after five years in rebel captivity.

Recovering the bodies would help authorities end a bitter dispute over the deaths by determining if the victims were caught in cross-fire during a failed rescue attempt, as the FARC says, or killed by the rebels, as the government charges.

“We have spoken with the families about the discovery of the remains of 11 people and we are going to do everything possible to ensure they are transferred soon, the Red Cross said in a statement.

Authorities must conduct tests to determine whether the bodies are those of the local lawmakers, kidnapped by the FARC from a local assembly in Cali in 2002, and investigate how they died. — *MNA/Reuters*



India’s Jhulan Goswami holds the trophy after she was named the Women’s Cricketer of the Year during the ICC Awards ceremony in Johannesburg on 10 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

2008 APEC Leaders Meeting to be held in Peru

SYDNEY, 10 Sept—Australian Prime Minister John Howard, chairman of the 15th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders Meeting, said here on Sunday the 16th APEC Leaders Meeting will be held in Peru next year.

Singapore, Japan, the United States and Russia will host the following annual APEC meetings, Howard announced at a

closing ceremony of the APEC Leaders Meeting.

The 2007 APEC Leaders Week started on 2 September in Australian city Sydney with a series of meetings, including Senior Officials Meeting, Ministerial Meeting and Leaders Meeting of APEC. An APEC Business Advisory Council Meeting and an APEC Business Summit were also held during the week.

APEC has 21 members: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, China's Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, the United States and Vietnam. The chairmanship rotates among its members.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors look at Toyota Motor's Lexus vehicle at a showroom in Tokyo. Toyota should hit its target of 5-percent US sales growth this year despite a recent slowdown and building concerns about the knock-on effect of the subprime mortgage crisis, the automaker's chief financial officer said on 10 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

UAE telecom company to join Nigerian telecom venture

ABU DHABI, 10 Sept—Etisalat, the telecom giant of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will enter a strategic partnership with a UAE investment company to provide telecom services in Nigeria, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Sunday.

Mubadala Development Company, a strategic investment and development vehicle established and wholly-owned by Abu Dhabi Government, obtained in March a 15-year renewable telecom licence in the western African country.

Mubadala has been

allowed to offer mobile, fixed-line, voice, data services and to establish an international gateway in Nigeria.

“Based on our understanding of the market, we believe Etisalat is in the strongest position to bring maximum value to the operations leveraging their international footprint and operating experience in Africa,” Mubadala's chief operating officer Waleed Al Mokarrab Al Muhairi said.

Etisalat will hold 40 per cent of shares in the telecom company to be established by Mubadala to operate its telecom

business in Nigeria. Mubadala will hold 30 per cent of shares in the company while the remaining shares will be held by Nigerian investors.

MNA/Xinhua

Dimas says carmakers missing CO2 target face fines

BERLIN, 10 Sept—European Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas warned in a newspaper interview on Sunday that carmakers will face sanctions if they fail to meet new rules on reducing emissions.

Dimas told *Bild am Sonntag* newspaper before this week's international car show (IAA) in Frankfurt that carmakers will be punished if they fail to meet targets, and dismissed complaints from manufacturers that the targets are unrealistic.

“We're fully aware that European manufacturers have very different types of cars in their fleets,” he said. “That's why we'll have rules that will enable us to reach our climate goals in a way that the car industry can live with.”

“But the law must be obeyed,” Dimas added. “In the event that a company does not obey the requirements, there will be corresponding sanctions.” The Commission plans to introduce legislation next year to have emissions from new cars cut to an average 130 grammes per kilometre by

2012. That would contribute to an overall aim of 120 grammes per kilometre by 2012, against current levels of 163 grammes per kilometre.

Car makers have criticized the move as unfair and unrealistic, and called on the executive body of the European Union to push the deadline back to 2015 to give them more time. “As the public debate has become more intense, we've suddenly seen what can be achieved,” Dimas said. “Just about every carmaker is now bringing out low-emission vehicles on the market — and that is true for every segment.”

German carmakers have long resisted pressure and legislation to make less polluting cars. They have been relatively slow to cut cars' carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions and improve fuel efficiency.

MNA/Reuters



The model of the Chinese-made Xinzhou-60 plane is seen during its debut ceremony in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, on 10 Sept, 2007. Indonesia's state-owned Merpati Nusantara Airlines (MNA) held two debut ceremonies of Chinese-made Xinzhou-60 passenger planes in Jakarta and Surabaya simultaneously on Monday.—XINHUA



A Komatsu “Micro Shovel PC01”. Japan's core machinery orders, a key gauge of corporate capital spending, jumped by 17.0 percent in July from June, chalking up the highest growth in 45 months, the government said on 10 Sept, 2007.

INTERNET

Jordan sets up fourth economic development zone

AMMAN, 10 Sept—Jordan's King Abdullah II on Sunday launched a plan to establish an economic development zone in the southern governorate of Ma'an.

The to-be-constructed zone will be the fourth one in Jordan. The three others are the Aqaba Special Economic Zone, the Mafraq zone and Irbid development zone.

The total cost of infrastructure projects for Ma'an economic development zone is estimated at 200 million US dollars. According to the plan, the industrial zone is expected to provide 7,000 of direct job opportunities by the end of 2025.—MNA/Xinhua



Young performers give their all in the colourful opening ceremony for the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup soccer tournament at Hongkou Football Stadium in Shanghai on 10 Sept, 2007. FIFA President Joseph S Blatter, China's General Administration of Sport Director Liu Peng, State Councilor Chen Zhili, Shanghai Party Secretary Xi Jinping and Mayor Han Zheng attended the opening ceremony before the match between Germany and Argentina at the Hongkou stadium. —INTERNET

Zimbabwe, Brazil seek to enhance trade relations

HARARE, 10 Sept — Zimbabwe and Brazil are set to hold a high-rank meeting later this year to explore bilateral trade opportunities, *New Ziana* reported on Saturday.

The meeting, set for December, would help strengthen the cordial relationship that exist between Zimbabwe and Brazil, as well as propel the two countries to work together in various fields such as education and culture, said foreign affairs deputy minister Reuben Marumahoko on Friday at a reception to mark Brazil's 185th independence anniversary in Harare, according to the report.

The legal framework

for cooperation between Brazil and Zimbabwe has already been established by the signing of the Technical Cooperation and Joint Permanent Commission agreement in Ro de Janeiro on September 10, 2006, he

said. Brazilian Ambassador to Zimbabwe Rul de Taunay said his country was looking forward to the cooperation as both countries possessed vast business and trade opportunities.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia Papua to accommodate Russian satellite's launching

JAKARTA, 10 Sept — Frans Kaisepo Airport in Biak Numfor district, Papua province of Indonesia, has been designated as the location from where a Russian satellite will be launched in 2010, Indonesian Antara News Agency reported on Saturday.

"The Russian satellite will be launched using an air launch system. And this will certainly require a huge investment," Biak Numfor, District Chief Yusuf Melianus Maryen, was quoted as saying.

As the location chosen for the satellite's launching, Biak Numfor would be built with high-tech facility and modern infrastructure by that time, which has positive impact to the local economy and promotion of technology, Yusuf said.

Frans Kaisepo Airport is one of a few international airports in the eastern part of Indonesia.

The designation was finally made when Russian President Vladimir Putin had his first visit to Indonesia and reached bilateral agreement with Indonesia on space technology cooperation on 6 September according to the report. —MNA/Xinhua

Paris Hilton arrives at the MTV Video Music Awards at the Palms Hotel and Casino on 9 Sept, 2007, in Las Vegas. — INTERNET



Singapore to invest \$11b in petrochemical projects in Vietnam

HANOI, 10 Sept — Singapore's SP Chemicals has planned to pour 11 billion US dollars into building a petrochemical complex and supporting facilities in Vietnam's central Phu Yen Province, according to local newspaper *Young People* on Monday.

Under a memorandum of understanding signed by SP Chemicals and the Phu Yen People's Committee on September 8, the 1,300-ha complex in Dong Hoa District, which will house petrochemical plants, is scheduled to come into operation in 2014. The company will also build a seaport, capable of receiving 250,000-ton ships.

Vietnam is building its first oil refinery called Dung Quat with investment of some 2.5 billion US dollars in

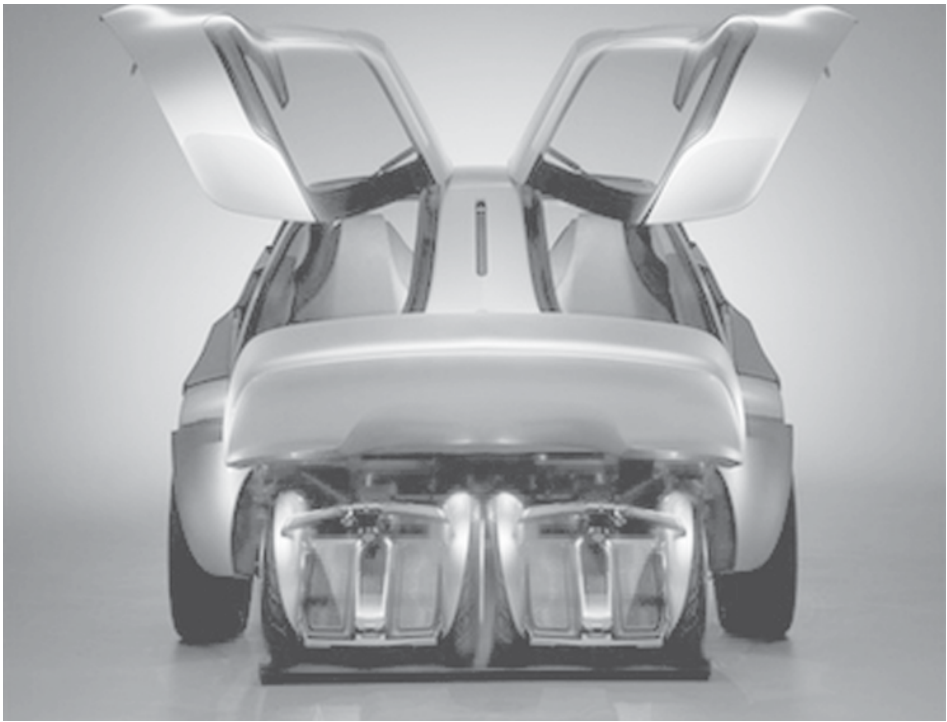
central Quang Ngai Province, and making preparation for the construction of its second oil refinery named Nghi Son in northern Thanh Hoa

Province.

The Dung Quat refinery with an annual refining capacity of 6.5 million tons of crude oil will become operational in late

2008 or early 2009, said Vietnam's state-owned National Oil and Gas Group (Petro-Vietnam), the project's investor.

MNA/Xinhua



On the eve of the Frankfurt Auto Show, Segway Inc and General Motors Europe revealed the Opel Flextreme concept car with integrated Segway(R) Personal Transporters (PTs). It is the first functional automotive concept to feature an onboard storage and charging system for two Segway PTs. — INTERNET

Five killed as river sweeping away bus in southern Nepal

KATHMANDU, 10 Sept — At least five persons were killed when a microbus carrying a marriage procession was swept away in southern Nepal on Saturday night, reported the local media house's website THT online on Sunday.

The microbus carrying

the marriage procession was on its way to Kathmandu from Dhan-kuta District, situated some 215 kilometres east of the capital city, when it was swept away by Dhansar river along the border of Rautahat and Bara Districts, some 100 kilometres south of

Kathmandu.

Narottam Rajbhandari, his wife Sami, Jayanti Jyoti, Jivan Jyoti and Indrayani Prasai of Kathmandu were killed when the river swollen after incessant rainfall swept away the microbus, police said.

Five others who were

also swept away by the river, however, managed to swim across the river. Microbus owner and the driver were among those who managed to swim across the river.

The microbus was carrying the bride from Dhankuta to Kathmandu.

MNA/Xinhua

Success achieved in generating cost-effective power from dam water

Article and photos by Thaung Win Bo

Villages in the surrounding areas of Ma Mya Dam now get electricity thanks to the reservoir that is generating power by harnessing the water it is releasing through its sluices. The project is part of the endeavour of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to supply electricity to the villages lying in the nearby areas of the dams it has built.

Mhyin-wataung is the first village to get power generated by Ma Mya Dam. Director U Kyaw Myint Hlaing and engineers of construction

receive their power from wheels that are turned by the pressure of the water coming from the sluice.

They are hydro-run machines that need no fuel to generate electricity. The wheels are turned by the force of water flowing down from feeder canals.

The machines innovated and produced by the division cost K 255,000 for a 2KW-AMP 9 that can generate power to light 40 four-foot fluorescent lamps or 80 two-foot fluorescent lamps or run nine TVs. They can be made with iron sheets of pressed metal barrels.



2KW-AMP machines are generating power to light the whole Mhyin-wataung village lying near Mya Mya Dam.



Ma Mya Dam releases water through a canal to run turbines for rural power supply.

The cost of a 3KW-AMP 13 that can generate power for 60 four-foot fluorescent lamps or 120 two-foot fluorescent lamps or 13 TVs is K 300,000.

A 5KW-AMP 20 is priced at K 580,000 and it can power 100 four-foot fluorescent lamps or 200 two-foot fluorescent lamps or 22 TVs.

Ma Mya Dam was commissioned into service on 7 June 2007. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Irrigation Department has been making efforts to supply electricity to villages along its canal.

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division 9 of the Irrigation Department installed small-scale turbines with the help of members of the Village Union Solidarity and Development Association to supply power to Mhyin-wataung.

After Mhyin-wataung, the construction division 9 continued to give light to Nyaungkhon, Ngabatkyia and Letpankwin villages in accord with its slogan — To supply electricity to villages along the canals by tapping water from the dams.

Turbines innovated by engineers of construction division 9

Irrigation Department has innovated and produced turbines on self-reliant basis at low cost.



Course on safety of maternal life opens



Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint addresses course on safety of maternal life.— MCWA

YANGON, 11 Sept— A course on safety of maternal life jointly organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Health Department and IPPF was opened at the meeting hall of MMCWA yesterday morning.

Also present were Vice-President Dr Daw Tin

Lin Myint of MMCWA spoke on the occasion.

The course is being attended by 45 trainees from project townships—Dalla, Dawbon and North Okkalapa.

The course continues up to 14 September.

MNA

Instructors' course for surveillance and controlling bird flu opens



Deputy Director-General Dr Than Tun speaks at instructors' course for surveillance and controlling bird flu. — L & F

YANGON, 11 Sept — Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, OIE and FAO organized instructors' course for surveillance and controlling bird flu at Sedona Hotel here today.

Deputy Director-General Dr Than Tun and Deputy Head of Asia-Pacific region Dr Shiro Yoshimura of OIE delivered addresses on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Khin Maung Aye of Fisheries Department, Managing Director Dr Than Shwe of Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise, Director Dr Kyaw Moe of Medical Research Department, Vice-Presi-

dent U Win Sein of Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation, Resident Representative Mr Tang Zhengpping of FAO, officials of WHO, UNICEF, OIE, USAID and JICA.

At the course, the experts of OIE, FAO, EU and Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department lectured on surveillance for bird flu, study of spread of the disease and giving educative talks to the public until 13 September. — MNA

Vietnam thump Indonesia 8-0, Malaysia beat Philippine 2-1

YANGON, 11 Sept — The last group matches of the Third AFF Women's Championship hosted in Myanmar continued in YTC (Thuwunna) and Aung San Stadium at 3.30 pm today.

Vietnam advanced into the semifinal thumping Indonesia with 8-0 in YTC (Thuwunna). Malaysia also moved up to the semifinal sinking Philippine with 2-1 in the group-A in Aung San Stadium. — MNA



Vietnam team playing against Indonesia team in AFF Women's Championship.— NLM

Provisions donated to 102 monasteries...

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Chairman of Mandalay Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Myataungtaik Shwewawin Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Sasanabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, wife Daw Khin Khin Yi and service personnel of the ministry donated alms to 420 members of Sangha of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Mandalay) led by Rector Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Pandita Warabhivamsa in Aungmyethazan Township.

The Minister presented K 523, 704 for a day meal to officials.—MNA

Commander and Minister attend coord meeting...

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the office of Division PDC in Myeik on 9 September.

At the meeting hall of Taninthayi Division USDA Office, the CEC member met with executives at the levels of division, district and township USDA and faculty members and gave instructions on beefing up the public welfare tasks and attended to the needs.

Next, the commander and the minister attended the coordination meeting on increased production of marine products and boosting exports held at the meeting hall of Taninthayi Division Fisheries Department in Myeik on 10 September.

After head of Taninthayi Division Fisheries Department U Myo Aung had briefed the commander and the minister on measures taken for exceeding the target and increased production of marine products carried out by the companies and entrepreneurs, they made arrangements to fulfill the requirements.

Next, they inspected progress in building research laboratory of Taninthayi Division Fisheries Department and attended to the needs.

At the meeting hall of Ahlon Township Fisheries Department, the minister met with service personnel and instructed them to tighten security at branch offices. — MNA

Sixty resign from Kengtung Township National League for Democracy

YANGON, 11 Sept — Sixty members including U Sai Mont, U Aik Naw, U Aik Yi, U Sai Nwe, U Sai Pyan, U Sai Tip, U Sai Maing, U Sai Lon, Daw Kyi Kyi Win and Daw Nan San Phu of Kengtung Township National League for Democracy in Shan State (East) resigned from the party of their own volition, sending their letters of resignation to NLD Headquarters and respective authorities concerned on 3 September.

In their letters sent to Kengtung Township National League for Democracy and Kengtung Township Multiparty Democracy Election Sub-commission, they said the NLD in collaboration with internal and external destructive elements is undermining State stability though various means. Ignoring the government's nation-building tasks, the NLD is also making the nation and its people to be held in servitude. That was why they resigned from the party of their own accord.—MNA

Indian goodwill delegation led by General Officer Commanding-GOC 3 Corps Lieutenant General MS Dadwal, AVSM, VSM and wife arrives Yangon

YANGON, 11 Sept — The Indian goodwill delegation led by General Officer Commanding-GOC 3 Corps Lieutenant General MS Dadwal, AVSM, VSM and Madame arrived here by air this morning to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

The Indian goodwill delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun and wife, senior military officers, Indian Military Attaché to Myanmar Colonel Manoj Mukund Narvane



General Officer Commanding-GOC 3 Corps Lieutenant General MS Dadwal, AVSM, VSM and wife donate cash through Board of Trustees of Shwedagon Pagoda.—MNA

and embassy staff.

The goodwill delegation visited Shwedagon

Pagoda in the evening, offered flowers, water, light and joss sticks to Buddha

Image, signed in the visitors' book and made cash donations. — MNA

Director-General of DAD inspects development tasks in two townships

YANGON, 9 Sept — Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and officials inspected development tasks in Myeik and Taninthayi Townships on 6 September.

At Myeik Township development affairs committee, executive officer U Soe Win reported on work done in 2007-2008 fiscal year.

The Director-General inspected arrangements for landscaping of the entrance to the airport, vegetable plantation, staff quarters and roads.

Next, he inspected streets, township hall and market of Taninthayi Township, and met the staff of the township development affairs committee.

On 7 September, the Director-General met with staff of division/townships level of Taninthayi Division development affairs committee. —MNA



Director-General U Myo Myint visits nursery of Myeik Development Affairs Committee. — DAD

UMFCCI president meets entrepreneurs of Kachin State

YANGON, 11 Sept — Member of the Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry President U Win Myint met executive members of Kachin State Chambers of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs at Kachin State PDC office on 10 September.

Secretary U Maung Maung Win of Kachin

State PDC gave a speech. Next, executive members of Kachin State Cham-

ber of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs discussed related matters.

UMFCCI President U Win Myint gave conclusion remark.—MNA

President U Win Myint of UMFCCI meeting with executives of Kachin State Chambers of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs.
UMFCCI



Service personnel urged ...

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After the commander and the minister had inspected loading up the vessels with goods at No 1 Phaungdawgyi Jetty and durability of the jetty, they made arrangements to fulfill the requirements.

At Rakhine Branch Office of Sittway Inland Water Transport, Managing Director of IWT U Soe Tint briefed them on runs of vessels, and departmental officials on runs of vessels and earnings from the shipping and repairing vessels at the dock.

After attending to the needs, the commander and the minister looked into repairing vessels at the dock. Next, they attended a ceremony to meet service personnel at the dock and made speeches on the occasion and made arrangement to fulfill the requirements. — MNA

Employees of F & R offer meal to monks



Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein hands over cash to Deputy Director Maj Soe Min Tun. — F & R

YANGON, 10 Sept — Under the aegis of Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win, service personnel of the ministry offered a day meal and provisions to the Sayadaws and 413 monks of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) at Mogok refectory in Kaba Aye today.

Also present were Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and wife Daw Khin Thwe Thwe Myint, the vice-governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar and officials.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from the Rector of the University Sayadaw Agga Maha Panditta Agga Maha Gandavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vanita. The governor of the Central Bank and the departmental officials donated provisions to the Sayadaw. Afterwards, Governor U Than Nyein presented K 400,000 for a day meal to Deputy Director Major Soe Min Tun of the Department of Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana. After the donation, they shared merits gained. —MNA

MEA to launch paper reading session

YANGON, 11 Sept — Myanmar Engineers Association will organize a paper reading session at Universities (Hline Campus) in Hline Township from 9 am to 12 noon on 15 September.

President U Sein Thaung Oo of Myanmar Chemical Engineer Group (1) will read papers with the titles 'facts about petrol-substitute bio ethanol should be known' and 'practical research on production and utilization of bio ethanol' during the paper reading session. — MNA

EU says web search for bomb recipes should be blocked

BRUSSELS, 11 Sept — Internet searches for bomb-making instructions should be blocked across the European Union, the bloc’s top security official said on Monday.

Internet providers should also prevent access to any site giving instructions on how to make a bomb, EU Justice and Security Commissioner Franco Frattini said in an interview.

“I do intend to carry out a clear exploring exercise with the private sector ... on how it is possible to use technology to prevent people from using or searching dangerous words like bomb, kill, genocide or terrorism,” Frattini told Reuters.

The EU executive is to make this proposal to member states early in November as part of a raft of anti-terrorism

proposals.

These include the screening of private data of passengers flying into the 27-nation bloc and the creation of an early warning system to alert police forces to thefts of explosives.

Representatives of the Internet industry are meeting the EU on Tuesday, the sixth anniversary of al-Qaeda’s 11 September attacks on the United States, at a European Security Research and Innovation Forum.

The Internet has taken on huge importance for militant groups, enabling them to share know-how and spread

propaganda to a mass audience, as well as to link cell members.

Asked whether a plan to block searches for bomb instructions or for the word ‘terrorism’ on Web search engines could infringe on the rights to expression and information, Frattini said in the phone interview:

“Frankly speaking, instructing people to make a bomb has nothing to do with the freedom of expression, or the freedom of informing people.

“The right balance, in my view, is to give priority to the protection of absolute rights and, first of all, right to life.”

MNA/Reuters

One US soldier killed, 3 injured in Kosovo road accident

TIRANA, 11 Sept — One US soldier was killed and another three injured in a car crash outside Pristina, the capital of Serbia’s southern province of Kosovo, news reaching here from Pristina said on Monday.

The accident happened on Sunday at the village of Caglavica, where the vehicle

in which the soldier travelled skidded off the road and overturned. No civilians were involved or injured in the crash.

The man was pronounced dead in a Pristina hospital, and the three injured were airlifted to a military hospital in the US Bondsteel base in southern Kosovo, and

were in a stable condition, it was reported.

US troops are among about 16,000 peacekeepers serving in the NATO-led mission in Kosovo since June 1999 when NATO forces drove out Serbian forces fighting ethnic Albanian rebels.

MNA/Xinhua

Reports say US not ready for bird flu, other disasters

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — An incident in which a tuberculosis-infected man walked past US border controls in May shows how poorly the country is defended against importing infectious diseases, according to a report released on Monday.

The report from the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security is one of three published on Monday that fault US Government preparations against pandemics and other potential disasters.

A second report, from the General Accountability Office, shows various US agencies have still not fully worked out who would make decisions in case of a pandemic, while a study

from the National Association of County and City Health Officials shows federal funding for disasters has shrunk.

The case of Andrew Speaker, who is being treated for multi-drug resistant TB, showed holes in border and aviation security as well as in public health, the Homeland Security Committee report said, adding that it was “handled ineffectively and inefficiently”.

“The government has numerous plans and policies in place to secure our communities, but they just didn’t follow the playbook,” committee chairman Representative Bennie Thompson, a Mississippi Democrat, said in a statement.

“This certainly raises

questions about our homeland security if the government had this much trouble countering TB, let alone countering terrorism.”

MNA/Reuters



Wearing a warm blanket 1-month-old elephant Malti wanders out to meet the public for the first time at the Calgary Zoo in Calgary, Canada, on Monday, 10 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

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WHO calls for world attention to suicide problem

GENEVA, 11 Sept — With almost 3,000 people commit suicide every day worldwide — one victim in every 30 seconds, the World Health Organization (WHO) called for world attention here on Monday to solve the problem.

In a statement marking the World Suicide Prevention Day, the UN agency said that the world should pay more attention to suicide problem, which is becoming more and more serious, especially in developing countries.

“Today, too many people of all ages needlessly take their own lives... For every person who completes a suicide, 20 or more may attempt suicide,” the statement said.

According to the WHO, worldwide suicide rates have increased by 60 per cent over the last 50 years, and the increase has been particularly marked in developing countries.

Although reported suicide is now among the three leading global causes

of death among young people aged 15-34 years, the majority of suicides are reported in adults and older adults including 60 years and older.

The WHO said the focus of World Suicide Prevention Day this year is on suicide prevention from youth to old age.

“World Suicide Prevention Day is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in commitment and action to ensure that suicides are prevented,” the statement said.

The WHO said that suicide should no longer be seen as a taboo or an

acceptable result of personal or social crises.

Rather, it should be seen as “a health condition influenced by psycho-social, cultural and environmental risk factors which can be prevented through national responses which address the main local risk factors for suicide”, it said.

“If we build networks and alliances to promote common approaches which support governments in planning and implementing their national responses, we will find that suicide is a huge but largely preventable public health problem,” it added. — MNA/Xinhua

One shot dead in LA crackdown on marijuana planters

LOS ANGELES, 11 Sept — Police killed one man on Monday during a shoot-out in an operation to uproot marijuana plants near Los Angeles.

At least three people dressed in camouflage and armed with automatic weapons had been camping at the site and fired on police as they approached the field they planned to uproot, Sergeant Rick Ells said.

Two alleged accomplices in the shoot-out are sought, police said. Police

shot and killed one camouflage-clad gunman during the shoot-out with suspects protecting the marijuana crop in mountains near Los Angeles, officials said.

At least 40 deputies, aided by a helicopter, are searching for the other men.

They estimate the field contained about 2,500 marijuana plants worth an estimated six million dollars on the streets.

MNA/Xinhua

Most Americans do not trust Iraq report

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — As General David Petraeus reports to the Congress on Iraq situation, most Americans do not trust what he says and support setting a timetable to withdraw US troops from Iraq, a latest poll has found.

A USA TODAY/Gallup Poll released here Monday finds that a White House push to spotlight progress in Iraq, including President George W Bush's surprise stop in Anbar Province last week, has not fundamentally changed attitudes toward the war.

While a third of those surveyed say the "surge" of US troops this year has made them more confident the United States will accomplish its goals, a majority calls the invasion a mistake and predicts the

war will be lost.

A record 60 per cent say the United States should set a timetable to withdraw forces "and stick to that timetable regardless of what is going on in Iraq."

"The President's message has been offset by a stream of credible analyses that things are in pretty bad shape," says Richard Eichenberg, a political scientist at Tufts.

He notes Pessimistic assessments released last week by the Government

Accountability Office and a commission of retired generals.

Asked about Petraeus' testimony, 53 per cent of those surveyed say the top commander of US forces in Iraq will deliver "a biased report that reflects what the Bush Administration wants the public to believe."

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese calligrapher performs handwriting during the Chinese Culture Festival in Stockholm, Sweden, on 9 Sept, 2007. The festival held on Sunday attracted many Swedish visitors. —INTERNET

Pentagon planning base near Iraq-Iran border

NEW YORK, 11 Sept — The Pentagon is preparing to build a military base near the Iraq-Iran border to try to curtail the flow of advanced Iranian weaponry to Shiite militants across Iraq, the Wall Street Journal reported on Monday in its online edition.

Quoting Major General Rick Lynch, the commander of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, the Journal said the Pentagon also plans to build fortified checkpoints on major highways leading from the Iranian border to Baghdad, and install X-ray machines and explosives-detecting sensors at the only formal border crossing between the two countries.

The base will be located about four miles from the Iranian border and will be used for at least two years, according to the report. US officials

told the paper it is unclear whether it will be among the small number of facilities that would remain in Iraq after any future large-scale US withdrawal.

The report comes on the same day the top US commander in Iraq and US Ambassador Ryan Crocker present a progress report to Congress on the war.

US President George W Bush, under mounting pressure to change course in Iraq, plans a prime time speech on the war this week. He is unlikely to unveil a major shift in strategy in the four-year-old war that has claimed the lives of more than 3,700 US troops and tens of thousands of Iraqis.

MNA/Reuters

Mexican oil gas pipelines hit again by explosions

MALTRATA (Mexico), 11 Sept — Six explosions caused by sabotage hit pipelines in Mexico on Monday, disrupting oil and natural gas supplies and forcing thousands from their homes, following similar attacks in July by leftist rebels.

Flames shot up 30 feet (10 metres) and black smoke billowed from one explosion at the Balasterra gas pipeline near the town of Maltrata in Veracruz State, as firefighters struggled to control the blaze there.

Mexico's state-owned energy monopoly Pemex said there were no injuries from the six blasts, most of which were in Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico.

State civil protection authorities said 15,000 people had been evacuated from neighbouring villages and towns.

In July, the Popular Revolutionary Army, a leftist guerilla group known by its Spanish initials EPR, staged four bomb attacks on Pemex pipelines carrying natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, crude oil and gasoline.

Since then, Mexico has deployed soldiers and federal police to protect pipelines but President Felipe Calderon has said it is almost impossible to completely secure the vast network.

The worst damage from Monday's blasts was to two 48-inch (122-centimetre) diameter natural gas pipelines, but one major 30-inch (76-centimetre) oil pipeline was also hit. Pemex said exports would not be affected. — MNA/Reuters



Models present creations during the ninth Nanjing International Fashion Show held in Nanjing, East China's Jiangsu Province on 7 Sept, 2007. The show featuring fashion designers and creativity attracted more than 300 enterprises from home and abroad. — INTERNET

Mugger in Germany foiled by blind judo expert

BERLIN, 11 Sept — A blind judo expert astounded a mugger by pinning him to the ground after he tried to steal his cigarettes, police said on Monday.

The assailant, a 17-year-old man of Asian origin, spotted the 33-year-

old, who police identified only as Emil E, at a train station in the southwestern town of Giessen and thought he would be easy prey, police spokesman Rolf Wellershausen said.

But what the attacker did not know, the spokesman said, was that

his victim was a world-class blind judo wrestler.

The 17-year-old threatened the blind man, then punched him in the face, at which point the martial artist flipped him and held him down until police arrived.

MNA/Reuters

Colombia's top cocaine boss captured

BOGOTA, 11 Sept — Colombia's most notorious cocaine trafficker, Diego Montoya, was captured on Monday after a long manhunt in which the United States offered 5 million US dollars for information leading to his arrest, the government said.

Montoya, called "Don Diego" or the "Boss of Bosses" in Colombia's underworld, is accused of smuggling hundreds of tons of cocaine for the US market. He was on the US Federal Bureau of Investigation's "Ten Most Wanted" list.

Colombia's DAS security agency said the Army caught Montoya in the west of the country, but gave no further details. The 230-pound Montoya, known for his heavy build and links to right-wing paramilitary militias, helped found the Norte del

Valle cartel based near the city of Cali.

It is the only remaining Colombian gang to control the trade from the cultivation of coca plants, to production of cocaine and its exportation.

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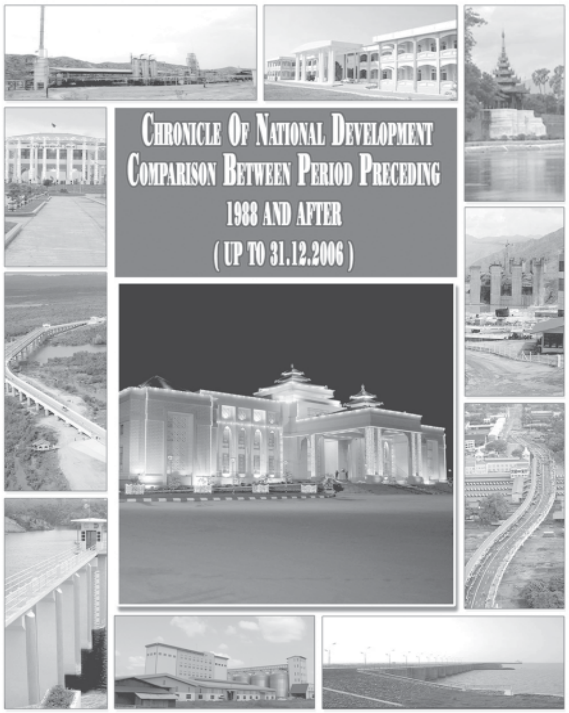


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A Mexican soldier stands near a fire caused by an explosion at a gas pipeline belonging to state oil monopoly Pemex near Maltrata in the eastern Mexican state of Veracruz, on 10 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET



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Nigeria to host int'l HIV“AIDS”- fighting conference

ABUJA, 10 Sept—More than 200 scientists and experts are expected to converge in Abuja on Tuesday for the annual Harvard AIDS Prevention Initiative in Nigeria-Plus (APIN+) conference, according to a statement released here on Sunday.

The conference, under the US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, will feature delegates and partners from Botswana, Tanzania and the US-based Harvard University teams based in Boston and Chicago.

The statement was issued by Akin Jimoh, the programme director of development communication network, in Abuja, saying APIN+ currently provides HIV care and support to more than 100,000 patients in Nigeria. Jimoh said at least 100,000 Nigerians are currently benefiting from HIV care and support provided by the annual Harvard PEPFAR Tri-Country Conference.

He said the week-long conference would provide experts the platform to share progress and lessons learned, as well as to promote best practices.

The Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) in partnership with Nigerian governmental and non-governmental agencies and universities initiated the APIN programme in 2001. The APIN Harvard-Nigeria programme has supported over 30 projects in Nigeria's Lagos, Oyo, Plateau and Borno States.—MNA/Xinhua

China's auto industry stands WTO tests

TIANJIN, 10 Sept—China's auto industry has been developing vigorously to withstand challenges posed by the country's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO), said an official of China's top economic planner on Sunday.

Zhang Guobao, Vice-Minister of the National Development and Reform Commission, attributed the good performance of China's auto industry to three factors: the country's sound economic environment, its solid industrial foundation and sharpened

competitive edge in the global market for improved product quality.

Statistics show the nation's auto output have maintained fast growth for six consecutive years. From 2001 to 2006, the average annual growth rate of the auto sector reached 26 per cent. In 2006, the country's auto output and sales increased by 22 per cent and 23 per cent to 4.5

million and 4.4 million units respectively.

China's auto industry, however, is still obsessed with three problems including overcapacity, underdeveloped auto part industries and unsatisfactory services, said the vice-minister at an international forum on China's auto industry held in north China's Tianjin Municipality.—MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia donates for flood victims in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 10 Sept—Indonesia has donated 100,000 US dollars to the Bangladesh for the country's flood victims. Foreign Adviser Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury received a cheque for the amount from Indonesian Ambassador in Dhaka Warmas Hasan Saputra on Sunday, private news agency UNB reported Sunday quoting a Foreign Ministry release.

They also discussed follow-up action following the bilateral meeting in Manila recently between Dr Iftekhar Ahmed and his Indonesian counterpart Hasan Wirajuda.

"Bangladesh and Indonesia are two large Muslim countries and there is much we can do together for mutual benefits. We are both committed to doing just that," the foreign adviser said to the media afterwards.

Bilateral and multilateral donors have made commitments to providing emergency flood assistance worth about 68.37 million US dollars so far for relief operation and rehabilitating the people affected by the recent deluge in Bangladesh.—MNA/Xinhua

Iran-Turkey pipeline blast cuts gas flow

ANKARA, 11 Sept—A large explosion on a pipeline bringing natural gas from Iran to Turkey halted supplies late on Sunday, a Turkish energy official said.

Officials hoped to resume full gas flows by Tuesday, he told *Reuters* on Monday.

He said the cause of the explosion was not immediately known. "An explosion has occurred five kilometres (three miles) inside Turkey and the gas flow has been stopped," said the official, who declined to be named.

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Astronaut Barbara Morgan, left, and Canadian Space Agency Astronaut Dave Williams, answer questions from local students during an education session at Epcot Centre, during NASA Space Day at Walt Disney World, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla on 10 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

China says trade relations with Costa Rica promising

XIAMEN, 10 Sept— Trade and economic cooperation between China and Costa Rica enjoy a rosy outlook as the two countries are strongly complementary in economic development, a senior Chinese trade official said on Sunday.

“China boasts a huge market, cost-effective products and a growing number of companies that wish to invest overseas,” said Jiang Zengwei, vice minister of commerce,

during a seminar on investment in Costa Rica on the sideline of the 11th China International Fair for Investment and Trade that opened Saturday in Xiamen.

Costa Rica, on the other hand, enjoys political stability, rich human resources, lower tariffs as well as preferential policies towards investors, he said.

Jiang said investment and cooperation between China and Costa Rica enjoy massive potential for expansion as the two countries established

diplomatic ties only three months ago.

China and Costa Rica, a country with 4.2 million people, set up diplomatic ties at ambassadorial level on 1 June, after the central American country agreed to break official ties with China’s province of Taiwan. During the seminar, Marco Vinicio Ruiz, Costa Rica’s minister of foreign trade, briefed Chinese businesses on his country’s investment environment and a series of infrastructure construction projects. — MNA/Xinhua

Microsoft, Siemens to develop automotive infotainment

BEIJING, 10 Sept — Microsoft and Siemens will join forces to develop in-car entertainment and navigation products which will go into production in 2009, media reported Monday.

The two companies said the products should make it easier for consumers to connect devices such as mobile phones and music players.

The rise of portable media players and content downloadable from the internet is forcing carmakers and their suppliers to rethink their offerings, which have until recently centered on standalone audio systems.

The market for automotive infotainment products is set to grow to about 54 billion US dollars by 2012 from 38 billion dollars currently, according to research group iSuppli.

Siemens automotive unit VDO, which is being bought by car-parts maker Continental (CONG.DE) for 11.4 billion euros (15.6 billion dollars), said using the Microsoft Auto platform would give it more room to concentrate on its core competencies. — Internet



A woman holds a Sphynx cat during a local cat show in Almaty on 9 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Nine killed in traffic accident in northern Philippines

MANILA, 10 Sept— A six-wheeler truck overshot a road and fell into a ravine in a mountain town in the northern Philippines on Saturday, killing nine people and seriously injuring another, police said on Sunday.

Police Superintendent Arnidean Emock said the driver of a white Elf truck ferrying people from Tanudan town to Tabuk lost control of the vehicle Saturday afternoon and plunged on a 100-metre deep ravine in the village of Magabangon in Tabuk, Kalinga Province, after its steering wheel malfunctioned.

Emock said the fatalities, mostly hitchhikers in their teens, 20s, and others above 50, died on the spot, as a survivor, who was retrieved from the wreck, was rushed to a nearby hospital.

Vehicles commonly overshot zigzag routes in the northern mountain provinces of the country due to slippery roads, if not negligence of reckless drivers.

MAN/Xinhua

Apple to offer 99-cent TV show downloads

BEIJING, 10 Sept — Apple will cut the price of TV show downloads at its iTunes Store to 99 cents, media reported Monday.

With the exception of some PBS offerings, TV shows sell for 1.99 US dollars per episode at iTunes.

That’s been the price since Apple first added TV downloads to its online digital content store in 2005.

Apple initially began with three shows ABC and two from the Disney

Channel; these days, iTunes features 550 shows from 58 broadcast network.

Apple is arguing to entertainment companies that a lower price will help drive an increase in digital downloads of their programming, but that media companies don’t want to jeopardize sales of DVD box sets.

The end result could be tiered-pricing for TV programming similar to what iTunes offers for movie downloads, where new releases sell for

14.99 dollars, or 5 dollars more than older titles.

Digital music still makes up the bulk of the business for iTunes, which ranks as the No 3 music retailer behind only Wal-Mart and Best Buy. iTunes boasts a catalog of some 6 million songs for sale.

Apple announced last Friday that it would stop offering NBC shows—the entertainment giant says its shows will stay on iTunes through early December. — Internet



Archaeologists exhume the body of a Viking queen, hoping to solve a riddle about whether a woman buried with her 1,200 years ago was a servant killed to be a companion into the afterlife, at the Oseberg mound in Norway on 10 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Stingy Sao Paulo win again in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 Sept — Sao Paulo completed their ninth game without conceding a goal and secured a 2-0 win at Vasco da Gama to maintain their nine-point lead at the top of the Brazilian championship.

The defending champions, who have given away only seven goals in 25 matches and taken 54 points, also ended Vasco's one-year unbeaten record at their Sao Januario Stadium.

Amaral and Julio Santos twice hit the Sao Paulo crossbar in the first half before the visitors stung their opponents on the break in the second.

Dagoberto made the breakthrough with a shot from the edge of the penalty area in the 61st minute and Hernanes finished off a counter-attack in stoppage-time for the second goal.— MNA/Reuters

Messi tired of Maradona comparison

MELBOURNE, 11 Sept — Lionel Messi has played down comparisons with Argentina hero and compatriot Diego Maradona ahead of his country's friendly against Australia in Melbourne on Tuesday.

Despite the presence of Carlos Tevez, Gabriel Heinze and Hernan Crespo in Alfio Basile's party for the clash at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the diminutive Barcelona forward has been unwittingly dominating the focus of local media.

Even though Maradona has hailed the roaming playmaker as the heir to his crown, the 20-year-old insists the comparisons are premature and misguided.

"I have answered this question so many times around the world," Messi told reporters through a translator in Melbourne on Monday.

MNA/Reuters

Ferdinand praises recalled Heskey after England win

LONDON, 10 Sept — England defender Rio Ferdinand praised the recalled Emile Heskey for his outstanding performance in Saturday's 3-0 win over Israel in their Euro 2008 Group E qualifier.

Ferdinand, who said last week he would "have to go underground" if England failed to make the finals next year because he could not stand the ridicule he would face from his Scottish boss Alex Ferguson at Manchester United, was far more optimistic after the game.—MNA/Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates winning his match against Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the men's final of the US Open tennis tournament in Flushing Meadows, New York, on 9 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

Venezuela stage late rally to beat Paraguay 3-2

PUERTO ORDAZ (Venezuela), 10 Sept— Venezuela scored three times in the last 25 minutes to hit back from two goals behind and beat Paraguay 3-2 in a friendly on Saturday.

Cristian Riveros scored twice to put the visitors in command, snapping up a rebound in the 37th minute and heading in a second in the 65th as both teams warmed up for the 2010 World Cup qualifiers which start next month.

However, Paraguay had Enrique Vera sent off in the 58th minute for a bad tackle and Venezuela made the most of their numerical advantage.

Daniel Arismendi began the fightback in the 67th minute when he scored from close range.

Giancarlo Maldonado equalized with a long-range shot in the 76th minute and Alejandro Guerra scored the winner with another shot from outside the area in the last minute. —MNA/Reuters



Tiger Woods hits out of a bunker onto the second green during the final round of the BMW Championship PGA golf tournament, on 9 Sept, 2007, in Lemont, Ill. Woods finished 14-under. — INTERNET

Ecuador hammer five past 9-man El Salvador

QUITO, 10 Sept — Striker Cristian Benitez scored twice to help Ecuador to a crushing 5-1 win over nine-man El Salvador in a friendly on Saturday.

The visitors, beaten by the same score in Bolivia on their previous visit to South America last November, had Victor Merino sent off in the 45th minute for stamping on an opponent and Eduardo Campos dismissed in the 61st for a two-footed challenge.

Ecuador, warming up for the 2010 World Cup qualifiers which start next month, went ahead in the 13th minute when Cristian Lara smashed in a shot from outside the area.

Mexico-based Benitez headed in from a free kick in the 29th minute and another free kick led to Felipe Caicedo scoring from close range one minute before halftime.

Eliso Quintanilla replied for the visitors in the 36th minute.

Benitez eluded several defenders to score an individual goal four minutes after the re-start and won the penalty from which midfielder Patrico Urrutia completed the rout five minutes later.

MNA/Reuters



Asafa Powell of Jamaica acknowledges cheers from fans after winning the final of the 100 metres dash running 9.78 seconds at the Rieti Grand Prix, Italy, on 9 Sept, 2007. Previously Powell bettered his world record running 9.74 seconds in the second of two heats to reach the 100 final. Powell, who has run 9.77 three times, finished third in the 100 last month at the world athletics championships in Osaka, Japan. —INTERNET

Arsenal not for sale but chairman will meet billionaire

LONDON, 11 Sept — Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood has ruled out following the likes of Chelsea, Manchester United and Liverpool by selling out to foreign owners. "The major shareholders have no intention of selling and wouldn't welcome an offer," Hill-Wood told the BBC on Monday.

However he did not rule out talking to Russian billionaire Alisher Usmanov, who bought a 14.58-per-cent stake in the club last month from former vice-chairman David Dein.

"We will have a dialogue with any principal or major shareholder," Hill-Wood said. "If they've got some sensible proposals we'll listen to them."

Dein, who believes Arsenal need foreign investment to compete for the game's big prizes, quit the club in April because of his support for US billionaire Stan Kroenke. Kroenke bought a 12-per-cent stake in the club.

Hill-Wood said he had no problem with foreign investors in the Premier League but said Arsenal would continue to be run on traditional business lines.

"We have always run Arsenal as a business and kept within reasonable bounds," he said.—MNA/Reuters

Germany hammer Argentina 11-0 in women's World Cup opener

SHANGHAI, 11 Sept — A pair of German hat-tricks and a double of Argentine goal keeper's own goals helped defending champions Germany slaughter Argentina 11-0 in the opening match of the 2007 Women's World Cup at the Hongkou Stadium Monday night. In the lop-sided match of Group A, the stronger and faster Germans dominated the field throughout, showing impressive attacking power and speed over the Argentine team, champions of South America.

The first goal of the tournament was scored in a dramatic manner when Argentine goalkeeper Vanina Correa swerved Melanie Behringer's corner into an own goal in the 12th minutes. The goalkeeper proved nothing impossible, making the same mistake in a same way in the last minute of the game,

The first goal launched the German's scoring spree in the rest of the game. — MNA/Xinhua

Vancouver sees series of restaurant shootings

OTTAWA, 11 Sept — Vancouver, one of the world's most beautiful cities, is seeing series of restaurant shootings lately, sending warnings about the city's security situation.

Two masked gunmen opened fire inside an upscale restaurant on the city's west side Saturday,

injuring a woman and a man, reports reaching here said on Sunday.

The shooting happened Saturday night at Quattro on Fourth, an award-winning Italian restaurant. Police alleged the male victim has possible gang connections.

MNA/Xinhua

Strong 6.8 earthquake hits near Colombia west coast

BOGOTA, 11 Sept — A strong 6.8-magnitude earthquake hit near the west coast of Colombia on Sunday night, the US Geological Survey said, but there were no immediate reports of serious damage.

Authorities in coastal Narino Province said they had no reports of damage or

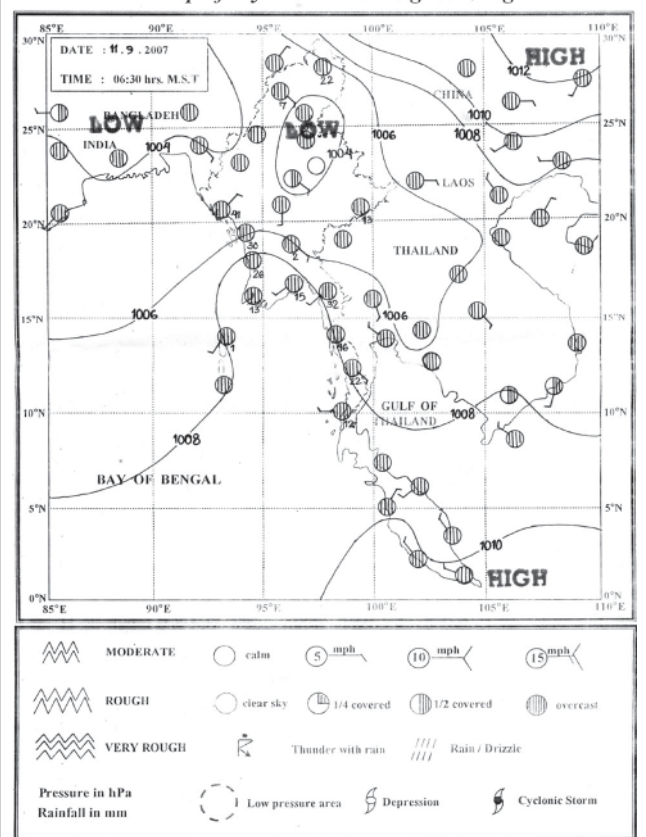
injuries, but they were still contacting remote rural areas. Residents told local radio the shock knocked out electricity in some areas.

Vindell Hsu, a geophysicist with the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre in Hawaii, told Reuters by telephone: "At this moment we are not giving any warning to any area. There might be small waves locally."

The quake occurred at a depth of 6.2 miles (10 kilometres) and its epicentre was 95 miles (155 kilometres) southwest of the Colombian port city of Buenaventura, the USGS said.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 11 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavy fall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungtau (3.12) inches, Katha (2.67) inches, Machanbaw (2.13) inches, Dawei (1.81) inches, Mawlamyine (1.73) inches, Kyauktaw and Sittway (1.61) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 10-9-2007 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 11-9-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-9-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 10-9-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 11-9-2007 was (0.75) inch at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.43) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (105.32) inches at Mingaladon, (108.11) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.96) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (21:20) hours MST on 10-9-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 12-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kayah and Chin States, fairly widespread in Kayah State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. 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 12-9-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 12-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 12-9-2007: Likelihood of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 11-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti is (1366) cm is exceeded (6) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1360) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.



A bus plies through a flooded road in 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. Rains have triggered fresh floods in the Indian states of West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh, officials said.

INTERNET

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Service personnel urged to provide good service to public



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspect No 1 Phaungdawgyi jetty in Sittway.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Sept—Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Shein and CEC Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Rakhine State In-charge Minister for Transport

Maj-Gen Thein Swe held a meeting with departmental officials and staff under the ministry at the office of Sittway Myanma Port Authority on 9 September.

First, Managing Director U Thein Htay of MPA briefed the commander and the minister on

completion of building No 1 Phaungdawgyi Jetty, runs of coastal vessels, earnings realized and officials and those in-charge on departmental functions.

After hearing the reports, the minister urged service personnel to make efforts to become qualified ones, strive for offering good service to the public and discharge duties assigned with might and main.

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Flood victims provided with relief in Pantanaw and Kyaunggon

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung inspected the road condition and monsoon paddy plantations along Patheingyi-Yangon Road on

20 August.

Upon arrival at Pantanaw, he proceeded by boat along the Ayeyawady River. On the vessel, Director (Project) U Thein Hlaing of the Ministry of Electric Power (2) and Division Engineer (Electrical) U Thein Htay reported on

the site chosen for construction of a 230 KV power station; and local authorities and officials, on current of Ayeyawady River and preventive measures against bank erosion on Pantanaw side. The commander gave instructions on the tasks.

The commander ad-

dressed the ceremony to provide relief to the flood victims held at Yintaikkon school in Minthakyun village, Pantanaw Township and presented K 6.51 million donated by Division PDC to the victims through an official.

Police Col Thura Tin Hla presented 217 blankets donated by the Myanmar Red Cross Society to the victims through the chairman of Tawkyang Village PDC, and Manager U Myo Wai of Division Myanma Agriculture Service, foodstuff through the chairman of Yaypaw Village PDC.

The commander also attended a similar ceremony held at Kyaunggon Township People's Hospital. The chairman of Township PDC reported on the natural disaster and relief services. The commander gave instructions and provided 86 bags of rice and 580 noodle packages for the victims.

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Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung donates cash to the flood victims of Minthakyun Village in Pantanaw.— MNA

INSIDE



Ma Mya Dam was commissioned into service on 7 June 2007. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Irrigation Department has been making efforts to supply electricity to villages along its canal.

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