

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

Commander looks into production of factories in Mandalay Industrial Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw arrived at Value-added Wood Product Factory of Jewellery Luck Co Ltd on 62nd Street in Mandalay Industrial Zone in Pyigyidagun Township on 22 August morning.

General Manager U Naing Naing Lin reported on production of wood gas through by-products and running of engine with the use of wood gas.

The commander viewed production process of the factory, and Managing Director U Kyaw Sein and officials briefed the commander on production process from raw materials to the finished goods. The commander also viewed manufacturing of Formica plywood and gave necessary instructions.

At Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Co Ltd at the corner of 51st and Po Yazar Street in Pyigyidagun Township, the commander looked into manufacturing of 3-kw dynamos and physic nut oil stoves at the Foundry Shop. The commander observed operating of MR-072 physic nut mill and viewed machine parts displayed at the showroom.

MR-072 physic nut mill can crush 2.25 baskets of physic nut seeds per hour, and the mill can extract physic nut oil after crushing the seeds.

At the hall, the commander met with Chairman of Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Co Ltd U Aung Win Khaing, members of BOD and responsible per-



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspects machine parts manufactured by Mandalay Tawwin Industrial Co Ltd in Mandalay. — MNA

sons and gave necessary instructions.

While in Pyigyidagun Township, the commander also visited Mann Star Automobile Factory and inspected assembling of automobiles. After hear-

ing the reports on production and distribution of automobiles to the market presented by entrepreneur U Myint Swe, the commander attended to the needs.

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Announcement for Matriculates to apply university entrance

YANGON, 14 Sept — The students who have already passed the matriculation examination for 2007 academic year are to take out list of marks, grade of record of marks, guide book on university entrance and application forms in person from the supervisors of their respective examination centres (principals of basic education high schools) as from 6 October.

The application forms can be directly sent to Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) from 6 to 21 October. For further information, inquiries can be made at Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) on Thaton Street, Kamayut Township, Yangon (Ph: 502258, 525612).

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Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 14-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Homalin (2950) cm and Monywa (1026) cm are exceeded (50) cm at Homalin and (26) cm at Monywa above their respective danger levels. The water levels may remain at Monywa above their respective danger levels. The water levels may remain above danger levels of Homalin (2900) cm and Monywa (1000) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing this noon.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (784) cm is exceeded (34) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 15 September, 2007

Preserve and enhance standard of Myanma culture

Myanma fine arts are subtle, elegant and of high standard. The fine arts have flourished impressively up to date as they have been preserved by ancestors who had valour, awareness and diligence.

At present, the government is engaged in preserving and enhancing the standard of national culture. And it is taking systematic measures in handing down the legacy of Myanma culture to new generation artistes.

The Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions held yearly have contributed a lot to raising the national prestige and integrity and nationalistic spirit and fervour. In the meantime, artistes are to prevent alien culture and lifestyles from infiltrating into the nation, while enhancing the standard of national culture.

The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will soon be held in Nay Pyi Taw. In this regard, songs prescribed for the competitions have already been announced. The performing arts competitions at state, division and district levels are being held for choosing artistes who are to take part in the central level performing arts competitions.

All the maestros and participating artistes are urged to show their creative and artistic skills in line with performing arts that have flourished in successive eras at the competitions. Only then, will they be able to show the essence of Myanma culture of high standard.

Respects paying ceremony of Pazundaung BEHS No 2 on 25 November

YANGON, 14 Sept — The third ceremony to pay respects to retired teachers who served from 1966 to 1992 will be held at Teza Hall of No 2 Basic Education High School in Pazundaung on 25 November.

Those who are wishing to donate cash and kind can contact Saya U Hla Pe (Ph: 666427), Sayama Daw Tin Nwe (Ph:296268), Sayama Daw Khin Aye Mya (Ph: 0951 24347), U Aung Khin (Ph: 0950 00750), U Tun Zaw (Ph: 572288), U Aung Kyaw Myint (Ph: 291553), U Aung Win (Ph: 0950 01482), U Zaw Min Oo (Ph: 0950 04371), Daw Khin Ma Ma (Ph: 0951 27710), U Kyi Sein (Ph: 0950 40399), Daw Tin Tin Oo (291576), Daw Tin Myo Kyaw (Ph: 292086) and Ko Tun Lin (Ph: 0980 21599). — 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

Production of Paper and Pulp Factories inspected in Yeni

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected 80-ton Brown Paper Factory and 50-ton CTMP Pulp Factory Project (Yeni) of Myanma Paper and Chemicals Industries in Yedashe Township this morning.

At the hall, Managing Director U Nyunt Aung of MPCCI reported on progress of the project and arrival of machinery and Managing Director U Aye Mauk of Myanma General and Maintenance Industries on construction of buildings and installation of power lines. The minister instructed officials to strive for timely completion of the project.



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects 80-ton Brown Paper Factory and 50-ton CTMP Pulp Factory Project (Yeni). — INDUSTRY-1

At No 2 Paper Factory (Yeni), the minister viewed production process of paper and operat-

ing of machines. The minister inspected preparation for supply of water from Sittoung River

to the project site and left necessary instructions.

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Minister for Health receives Deputy Chairman of Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Jilin Province

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received Deputy Chairman Mr Yang Qing'ai and party of Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Jilin Province of the People's Republic of China and party at the ministry, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, directors-general and officials.

The leader of the

Chinese delegation discussed exchange of technologies on traditional medicines and conducting of training courses.

The minister explained upgrading of Institute of Traditional Medicine to the University of Traditional Medicine, conducting

of traditional medicine course at Universities of Medicine, organizing of Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and development of traditional medicine sector.

Director-General Dr Tin Nyunt of Traditional Medicine Department also explained

opening of 12 traditional medicine hospitals (16-bed) and two 50-bed hospitals in addition to 237 traditional medicine clinics.

Furthermore, nine herbal plantations are being set up in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint receives Deputy Chairman Mr Yang Qing'ai and party of Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Jilin Province of PRC.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Putin nominates new PM candidate

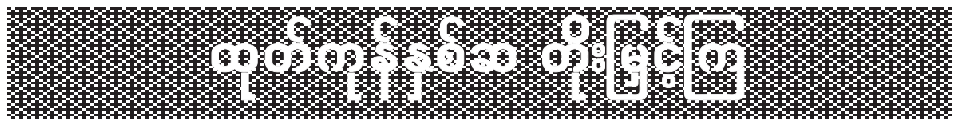
Moscow, 13 Sept—Russian President Vladimir Putin has nominated financial intelligence chief Viktor Zubkov as candidate for prime minister on Wednesday, hours after he dissolved the government at the request of Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov.

Russia’s State Duma, the Lower House of the parliament, may gather for an urgent session next week to consider the candidate for Prime Minister, said First Deputy Speaker Oleg Morozov.

According to Russian law, the President will appoint a new Prime Minister after reaching an agreement with the State Duma, which will consider the president’s candidate within a week after it is submitted to the Lower House.

Fradkov told Putin in a meeting that his request was related to the upcoming Parliament and presidential elections and he hope “to give the President a free hand in decision-making, including personnel appointments,” *ITAR-TASS* reported.

Putin also thanked Fradkov for his work and asked him to stay in office until the State Duma has approved of his successor. The Parliament election was slated for early December and the presidential election was expected to be held next March. The 57-year-old Fradkov was appointed as prime minister in 2004.—*MNA/Xinhua*



A view of damaged DHC 8-400 airplane of Scandinavian SAS is pictured in Vilnius Airport on 12 Sept, 2007. A plane with 52 people aboard crash landed in Lithuania on Wednesday but none of the 48 passengers or 4 crew was hurt, the airport said, in the second such accident this week involving a turboprop of the Scandinavian SAS airline. Following a crash of the same type of SAS plane on Sunday in Denmark, also due to landing gear problems, the airline said it was grounding the Canadian DHC-8-400 aircraft and cancelling 112 flights. — INTERNET



French climber Alain Robert, known as “Spiderman,” climbs a symbolic building designed by French in Barcelona, Spain, on 12 Sept, 2007. XINHUA

Russia launches military satellite

Moscow, 13 Sept—Russia has launched a military satellite on Tuesday in a bid to build up its orbital group used for military purposes, news agencies reported.

The *Cosmos-3M* carrier rocket, with a *Cosmos* class defence satellite atop, was launched from Russia’s northern cosmodrome Plesetsk at 5:05 pm (1305 GMT), said a spokesperson of Russia’s Space Troops.

The launch was carried out in a scheduled regime

and was under the supervision of Space Troops Commander Colonel-General Vladimir Popovkin, *ITAR-TASS* reported.

Russia is believed to have a network of about 60-70 military reconnaissance satellites, though many of them have suffered from short of funding in the 1990s. The country is striving to reinforce its military muscle thanks to soaring economy in recent years.

MNA/Xinhua

Top US Democrat vows to block possible Bush nominee

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept—Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid vowed on Wednesday to block former US solicitor general Theodore Olson from becoming attorney general if President George W Bush nominates him to replace Alberto Gonzales.

Congressional and administration officials have described Olson as a leading contender for the job as chief US law enforcement officer, but Reid declared, “Ted Olson will not be confirmed” by the Senate.

“He’s a partisan, and the last thing we need as an

attorney general is a partisan,” Reid, a Nevada Democrat, told *Reuters* in a brief hallway interview on Capitol Hill. Reid and other Democrats argue that after Gonzales’ stormy tenure the Justice Department needs to become less political.

Gonzales resigned last

month, effective next Monday, amid a series of congressional investigations into his firing of federal prosecutors and his handling of Bush’s domestic spying programme. White House Press secretary Tony Snow, amid word that Bush was nearly ready to pick a new attorney general, said, “We don’t have a decision yet.” Snow brushed off Reid’s opposition, saying, “The President will pick who he thinks is best.”

Current and former administration officials said they did not expect a decision until next week at the earliest.

“Something happened. I don’t know what,” said one official, who had earlier expected an announcement this week.—*MNA/Reuters*

One killed, 11 US soldiers wounded in bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 13 Sept—One foreign national was killed and 11 US soldiers were wounded on Wednesday morning by an indirect fire attack on a US military camp in southwestern Baghdad, a US military said.

“One third-country national was killed and eleven Coalition Forces

members were wounded on 12 September in an indirect fire attack on Camp Victory,” the statement said.

The indirect fire refers to the mortar or rocket attacks in the terms of the US military statements.

The statement did not provide further details about the incident in the

Camp Victory, which is a US military base situated roughly five kilometres from Baghdad International Airport.

Some 3,774 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures.

MNA/Xinhua



A crack runs down the centre of a street in Lais, after an earthquake rocked Sumatra Province, on 13 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Strong earthquake hits off Sumatra, Indonesia again

BEIJING, 13 Sept—An earthquake measuring 8.3 magnitude hit the sea area near southern Sumatra, Indonesia at 7:49 am Thursday Beijing Time, according to China’s Seismological Monitoring Network (SCMN). The epicenter was at 2.5 degrees south Latitude and 100.9 degrees east Longitude.

Wednesday night, an earthquake measuring 8.5 magnitude occurred in the sea area near southern Sumatra, according to CSMN. The epicenter was at 4.4 degrees south Latitude and 101.5 degrees east Longitude. —*MNA/Xinhua*



Japan launched an H-2A rocket carrying the Selenological and Engineering Explorer, the country's first lunar probe satellite, on Friday from the Tanegashima Space Center in southern Kagoshima Prefecture. — XINHUA

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Bhumibol opens Bangkok landmark in rare appearance

BANGKOK, 13 Sept—Thailand's revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej made an increasingly rare public appearance on Wednesday, presiding over the celebration of Bangkok's newly renovated landmark, the 223-year-old Giant Swing.

The renovation of the twin 21-metre (69 feet) teak poles, repaired over two years using six

century-old teak trees, was done as part of celebrations to mark his 80th birthday in December.

King Bhumibol, the world's longest serving monarch who marked 60 years on the throne last year, and Queen Sirikit were greeted by thousands of Thais at the Buddhist-Brahmin ceremony, many waving national flags and shouting "Long Live the

King".

The King moved slowly during his 45-minute stay at the ceremony near the Giant Swing, built after a new royal dynasty was established in Bangkok in 1782.

King Bhumibol has cut back his public appearances since undergoing a back operation in July 2006.

MNA/Reuters

“Doulos” holds floating book fair in HK

HONG KONG, 13 Sept — Doulos, the world's oldest active ocean-going passenger ship recognized in the Guinness World Records, made its 8th and probably last visit in Hong Kong Tuesday, welcoming the public onboard to the world's largest floating book fair.

Doulos arrived in Hong Kong Monday. The ship visited Hong Kong in 2000 last time and will be berthed at Ocean Terminal, Harbour City, from 11 September to 7 October this time.

The 93-year-old ship, at 130.35 metres long and 16.6 metres wide, is

recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest ocean going passenger ship, and is planned to retire in 2010.

Since 1978, the ship owned by a non-profit charity organization based in Germany, has visited more than 100 countries and welcomed almost 20 million visitors onboard in Latin America, Africa, Europe, Middle

East, Asia and the Pacific, promoting good education through its floating book fair and cultural exchange programmes.

The book fair of Doulos has a selection of more than 6,000 book titles, covering a wide range of subjects such as sports, cookery, educational and children books.

Doulos is currently manned by a crew of 320 volunteers from more than

50 countries and regions, including two members from Hong Kong and one from Taiwan. Each volunteer must find a sponsor for their daily life expenses and pass interviews before becoming a crew member on the ship. Most of the crew members join the ship for two years and also participate in various community activities when visiting different countries.—MNA/Xinhua



The new Lamborghini Reventon is seen on the second press day at the International Auto Show (IAA) in Frankfurt, Germany, on 12 Sept, 2007.

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Belgian far-right leaders arrested at banned demonstration

BRUSSELS, 13 Sept — Belgian police arrested leaders of an extreme right

party, Vlaams Belang, on Tuesday after they joined a banned anti-Islamist demonstration in Brussels.

The demonstration, organized by the “Stop the Islamization of Europe” campaign group, was timed to coincide with the sixth anniversary of al-Qaeda's 2001 hijacked plane attacks in the United States.

It had been banned as a threat to public order.

Frank Vanhecke, head of the anti-immigrant Vlaams Belang (Flemish Interest), was hand-cuffed by anti-riot police and taken to a police van, a

Reuters photographer at the scene said. Another top party official was also detained.

There was unusually heavy security in Brussels' European district.

Police threw up barbed-wire barricades around the European Parliament building and a water cannon truck was parked in a side-street.

But demonstrators were outnumbered by reporters and police. Critics of the demonstration said the organizers had an anti-immigrant and anti-Islam agenda. —MNA/Reuters



A visitor looks at art piece ‘Moor with Emerald plate’, manufactured 1724 by Balthasar Permoser, in the Historical Green Vault in Dresden, Germany, on 13 Sept, 2007. The Dresden State Art Collections announced that 320,000 visitors have seen the exhibition at the Royal Palace since the reopening in September 2006. —INTERNET

Bangladeshi aid worker, Turkish engineer killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 13 Sept — A Bangladeshi aid worker and a Turkish engineer were killed in Afghanistan, the police said Wednesday. Two gunmen killed one Bengalese, who was working for an agency providing small financial support for locals, in the northeastern Badakhshan Province on Wednesday afternoon, local police officer Fazil Ahamad Nazali told Xinhua.

Some locals said another Bengalese was injured, but the police did not confirm. No one has claimed responsibility, and the motivation for the attack was not immediately known. But the police said one suspect was arrested.

Meanwhile, one roadside bomb killed a Turkish engineer and injured another besides killing one policeman in Zurmat District of the eastern Paktia Province on Tuesday night, Paktia provincial government spokesman Din Mohammad Darwish said.

MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

Indian software exports up by 32%

NEW DELHI, 13 Sept— India's software and services exports are estimated to have grown 32 per cent to 31.3 billion US dollars in 2006-07, the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) reported, quoting the Indian information technology department.

During 2006-07, electronics and IT exports went up to 35 per cent

over the previous fiscal, the PTI said.

India's software and services export was estimated 31.3 billion US dollars in 2006-07, compared to 23.6 billion US dollars in 2005-06, an increase of over 32 per cent in dollar terms and 36 per cent in Indian rupee terms, the department said.

In its forecast, IT

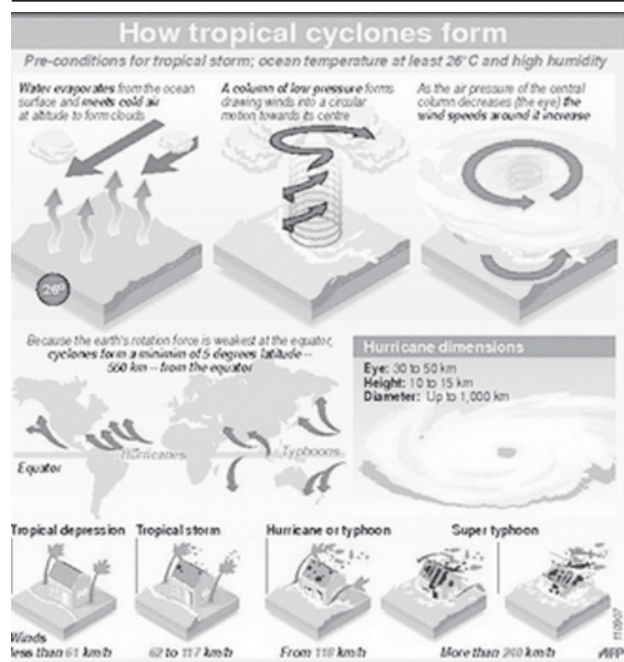
association Nasscom has said India's revenues from software and services will reach the 50 billion US dollar mark in 2007-08.

The industry recorded a revenue of 39.6 billion US dollars in 2006-07, exceeding an earlier forecast of 27 per cent, to register a growth of 30.7 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua



A combination of six pictures shows a variety of mooncakes with different fillings being displayed for the camera at a hotel in Singapore on 13 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET



A graphic on the formation of tropical cyclones. Seeding a hurricane with microscopic dust could sharply reduce its force, according to a study which calculated that the technique might have spared New Orleans from the devastating power of Katrina in 2005.—INTERNET

Vietnam's plastic export revenues surge in first eight months

HANOI, 13 Sept— Vietnam gained plastic export turnovers of 442 million US dollars in the first eight months of this year, rising 49.4 per cent over the same period last year.

In August alone, the country shipped abroad plastic products worth 65 million dollars, according to the Vietnam Plastics Association on Wednesday.

To boost plastic export, producers in the country should sharpen their products' competitive edges, better use material sources, renew technologies, build up information networks and strengthen linkages among them, the association said.

They should also further tap such big markets as the European Union, the United States and Japan, and penetrate into potential markets, including South Africa, the Middle East and India, it said. Plastic ware producers should manufacture more products used in automobiles, motorbikes, electronic appliances, and drainage and oil industries, the association said, noting that local plastic packages currently account for some 80 per cent of the total export volume. —MNA/Xinhua

Crude prices settle above \$80 a barrel for the first time

NEW YORK, 13 Sept— Crude prices settle above 80 dollars a barrel for the first time Thursday as Hurricane Humberto hit Texas. Crude oil futures touched 80 dollars a barrel for the first time Wednesday on shrinking US inventories and storm concerns.

On Thursday, light, sweet crude for October delivery settled at a record

80.09, up 18 cents on the New York Mercantile Exchange, topped its previous record close set a day earlier of 79.91 dollars.

Hurricane Humberto, the first hurricane to hit the United States in two years, sneaked up on southeast Texas overnight and crashed ashore Thursday with heavy rains and winds, killing at least

one person. Some refineries included Valero Energy Corp's facility, Total SA's plant and Motiva Enterprises LLC's refinery, were effected due to the storm.

Exxon Mobil Corp. said its 350,000 barrel-per-day Beaumont, Texas, refinery suffered a minor production outage but remained up and running.

Traders were also

concerned about the Atlantic storm, which the National Hurricane Center is calling Tropical Depression Eight.

The storm formed Wednesday far in the open Atlantic, about 1,130 miles east of the Lesser Antilles. It had maximum sustained winds near 35 mph and was moving west-northwest at about 12 mph. Shrinking US inventories

Crude prices have surged Wednesday as the Energy Information Administration reported a huge draw on the nation's crude inventories. Crude stockpiles sank by 7.1 million barrels last week, while gasoline inventories fell by 700,000 barrels. Analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires had expected crude oil inventories fell 2.7 million barrels while gasoline inventories fell 500,000 barrels last week.

Internet

Mercedes to sell fuel-cell car from 2010

FRANKFURT, 13 Sept— Mercedes-Benz will begin serial production within three years of a small car powered by a hydrogen fuel cell, the premium brand of DaimlerChrysler said on Tuesday.

"The small-scale series production of the B-Class F-Cell will begin in early 2010," the carmaker said in a statement at the Frankfurt International Motor Show. "The engine for this innovative vehicle will be a new generation of fuel-cell engine that is much more compact and yet at the same time more powerful and completely practicable for everyday use." It did not say how much the car will cost or how many it intended to sell.

Fuel cells use the interaction between

hydrogen and oxygen to generate electricity that powers the car while emitting only water. They have not yet become commercially viable because of their high cost and limited durability. The new B-Class car's electric

engine will generate top output of 136 horsepower and perform on par with a two-litre petrol engine, the company said. It will consume the equivalent of 2.9 litres of diesel fuel per 100 kilometres driven.

MNA/Reuters

A Royal Jordanian aircraft prepares to take off. National carrier Royal Jordanian said it plans to launch its first flights to Hong Kong starting in January in a bid to bolster tourism and trade between the kingdom and China.—INTERNET



Putin dissolves government

Moscow, 13 Sept — Russian President Vladimir Putin has dissolved the government at the request of Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov, Russian news media reported on Wednesday.

Fradkov told Putin in a meeting that his request was related to the “forthcoming major political events in the country and the wish to give the President a free hand in decision-making, including personnel appointments”. ITAR-TASS reported.

“The country is on the eve of major political events, the elections to the State Duma and the presidential election...I would like you to have the full freedom in making decisions, including staff-related ones.” Fradkov was quoted as saying.

Putin replied that it was true the country was steering towards parliamentary elections, to be followed by the presidential polls.

“You are quite right, we all should give thought to how best to build the structure of power and control, how best to make them match the election periods and to prepare the country for the periods immediately following the elections to Parliament and the presidential elections in March 2008,” Putin said.

He also thanked Fradkov “for the results

achieved in his work” and asked him to stay in office until the State Duma has approved of his successor.

Russia’s State Duma, the Lower House of the Parliament, may gather for an urgent session next week to consider candidate for Prime Minister, First Deputy Speaker Oleg Morozov said Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



The leib-guard battalion of the Preobrazhensky regiment (L) and the Musikkorps of the Bundeswehr perform during the dress rehearsal of the Kremlin Zoria military band festival on Red Square in Moscow on 12 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Two Romanian military officers wounded in Iraq

BUCHAREST, 13 Sept— Two Romanian military officers from the NATO mission of training the Iraqi forces were wounded in a missile attack on Tuesday afternoon, Romanian Defence Ministry announced here in a Press release.

According to the release, Lieutenant-Colonel Dorin Petrut’s left leg was wounded.

He had surgery at the hospital of the Multinational Coalition in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

Major Iulian Daniliuc, who had a wound at his shoulder, was taken care at the base. He need not to go to hospital.

The attack occurred on base Camp Victory, near Baghdad, around 15:45 local time (1245 GMT), the Press release said.

The Romanian Army is participating with three officers in NATO Training Mission in Iraq under the command of the North-Atlantic Alliance.

Romania has 1,612 soldiers deployed abroad, of which 600 are in Iraq, the rest in Afghanistan and Kosovo.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO says cholera afflicts 7,000 in Iraq, water tested

GENEVA, 13 Sept — Nearly 7,000 people in northern Iraq have been afflicted with cholera in past weeks, and 10 have died from the diarrhoeal disease, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

Fadela Chaib, a spokeswoman for the United Nations agency, said the precise source of the outbreak spanning three governorates — Sulaimaniya, Kirkuk and Erbil — was not yet clear, though polluted water was

thought to be the cause.

All public water systems in the affected areas have been chlorinated, and samples are being regularly collected and tested to ensure potable water standards are met, she said. “In controlling the spread of cholera WHO does not recommend any special restrictions to travel or trade to or from affected areas,” the Geneva-based agency said in a statement.

According to WHO figures, more than 3,000 people in Sulaimaniya fell

ill with acute water diarrhoea linked to cholera between 23 August and 6 September. Nine people there died.

Kirkuk had more than 3,700 cases of acute diarrhoeal disease, and one related death, between 29 July and 2 September. Kirkuk has its first case of cholera confirmed on 14 August, and six laboratory-confirmed cases of cholera have been recently reported in Erbil, the WHO said in a statement.

The International Committee of the Red Cross, Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), and United Nations agencies including UNICEF and the UN Development Programme have joined WHO efforts to respond to the cholera epidemic.

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier checks Iraqi men during a patrol at an area known as New Baghdad, southeast of Baghdad on 13 Sept, 2007.

INTERNET



Flood-affected people return to their homes on a boat in Gangachara on 12 Sept, 2007. A second spell of floods in less than a month has spread across parts of Bangladesh, killing seven people and leaving thousands stranded, officials said on Monday.— INTERNET

Vietnam exports to EU to surge 23.1% this year

HANOI, 13 Sept — Vietnam is estimated to earn 8.5 billion US dollars from exporting goods to the European Union (EU) in 2007, a year-on-year rise of 23.1 per cent, local newspaper Youth reported Wednesday.

Local exports to the EU is expected to post high growth this year include

seafood, woodwork, garments, textiles, rubber products, mechanical goods, electrical home appliances, and information technology items, the paper quoted sources from the Vietnamese Ministry of Industry and Trade. Vietnam earned nearly six billion dollars from selling products to

the market in the first eight months of this year.

The country made total export revenues of 39.6 billion dollars in 2006. In the year, the United States remained Vietnam’s biggest export market, followed by the EU, the Association of South-East Asian Nations, Japan and China. — MNA/Xinhua

Myanmar and the Sangha today

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

Today, there are round about 400,000 Buddhist monks in Myanmar. These monks are learning Pariyatti and practising Patipatti in the interest of the Sasana. Laypersons are providing four kinds of requisities—alms food, robes, accommodations and medicines to the members of the Religious Order to the best of their ability.

In return, the members of the Sangha or monks are teaching laypersons to stay away from committing evil deeds and to do good deeds, distributing religious knowledge to them and sharing the merits for their good deeds.

Hence, monks are advised to avoid acts that have adverse impacts on the interest of others, community and the nation, while doing only the good deeds that benefit others, community and the nation.

Currently, we are hearing the agitation and protests of spoilers, with rising fuel prices as red herring. We are also tired of hearing foreign radio stations encouraging those destructionists.

Meanwhile, local media are quick in featuring news reports and articles for the public to see the plots and evil steps of saboteurs.

But those saboteurs were able to trick only ten or 15 ordinary civilians. The people took actions against the saboteurs as they have never accepted them. In that situation, saboteurs wickedly tried to trick members of the Sangha.

As those spoilers dare not penetrate people, they are trying to organize and deceive monks. Their perpetration had spoiled the pure mind of some young monks who started to make street protests that are against the Sangha principles. So we will have to call those destructionists “devils”.

Young monks’ daily life includes rising up very early in the morning, going around for alms food, cooking meals, learning religious treatises, reciting religious verses and sharing merits. It is so disgusting that those destructive elements have tried to tarnish the noble and pure minds of young monks. Now all monks loathe those spoilers.

Thanks to the encouragement and support of the Tatmadaw government, monks are able to learn Pariyatti and practise Patipatti to the best of their ability. As regards Pariyatti, monks can now sit for Pathamapyan, Dhammacariya and Nikaya examinations and attend BA and MA Buddhism courses. Suitable religious titles have been conferred on the lecturer Sayadaws every year. The Tatmadaw government has been building four- and five-storey monasteries and Pariyatti schools for monks in addition to donating provisions, medicines and other necessities to them.

Monks of all the monasteries in every place of the nation now have adequate amount of basic necessities as the government has been promoting the religious sectors in every aspect.

Annually, the Tatmadaw government is presenting religious titles to monks who are practising vipassana and who are propagating the Buddha Dhamma in every part of the nation and missionary monks.

In addition, it is also conferring titles on wellwishers who make large donations to the Sasana.

If a monk or some monks try to oppose the government that is promoting the religious sector as never before, we surely know who is wrong.

At present, over 400,000 monks are

striving for purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana under the leadership of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. The people are also marching with momentum to reach a new peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation under the leadership of the government.

At this time, it is the duty of all persons who love and cherish the motherland to generate ideas and opinions and suggestions and to hold discussions in carrying out the religious affairs and the national affairs with greater unity.

Moreover, we all should have greater awareness as disturbances and obstacles created by spoilers from inside and outside the nation, who are against Myanmar’s development, have not totally died down yet.

Nowadays, the government has been implementing the seven-step Road Map with firm resolve till completion. It is doing so as it wishes to peacefully and stably transfer State power to civilians.

As the nation is at the crucial juncture in marching towards future, no one should do even a single bad deed.

A bad deed or a wrongdoing of a person will invite a lot of troubles, confusions, difficulties and sufferings. So we should not tolerate any bad deeds and wrongdoings at this time.

Hence, all the monks should be reinvigorated with their constructive mind, while using their intellectual ability in assessing and considering the present time and situation.

(Translation: TMT)

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Russia’s new PM says could stand for president

Moscow, 14 Sept — Russia’s surprise choice for new prime minister said on Thursday he did not rule out running for president next year, adding to the uncertainty over who will replace Vladimir Putin when he steps down.

Putin nominated Viktor Zubkov, the little-known head of a money laundering watchdog, on Wednesday as the new premier in a move that confounded analysts who had expected a political heavyweight to be chosen.

Most observers predicted Zubkov, a virtual unknown who spent part of his career running a collective farm, would have a caretaker role while Putin endorsed a more high-profile figure to take over the Kremlin top job.

Putin gave nothing away when he said he sacked Mikhail Fradkov as Prime Minister and nominated Zubkov to ensure stability through a potentially turbulent election cycle.

“I expect all these changes will lead to the system of government in Russia functioning without hitches in the election period and after the election period,” Russian television showed Putin saying at a dairy farm in Belgorod region.

Zubkov, speaking to reporters in Parliament where he was meeting lawmakers, was asked whether he planned to run in an election next March to choose Putin’s successor.

“If I achieve something as Prime minister then I do not rule out that possibility,” Zubkov told reporters. The Parliament, dominated by Putin loyalists, is expected to confirm Zubkov’s appointment on Friday.

However, an official who did not want to be named, played down the significance of Zubkov’s comment, saying he may have been flustered by the television cameras.

MNA/Reuters

British scientists develop non-stick chewing gum

LONDON, 14 Sept— British scientists have developed a non-stick chewing gum that can be easily removed from pavements, shoes and clothes.

The new gum, the result of polymer research at the University of Bristol, could be launched commercially in 2008, its backers said on Friday.

“The advantage of our Clean Gum is that it has a great taste, it is easy to remove and has the potential to be environmentally degradable,” said Terence Cosgrove, a professor of chemistry who helped found a company called Revolymer to commercialize the technology.

Today’s chewing gums are made from synthetic latex, which is resistant to the weather and is strongly adhesive. The new gum adds a special polymer to modify its properties, making it far less sticky.

In two street trials, leading commercial gums remained stuck to the pavement three out of four times, while Clean Gum came away naturally within 24 hours in all cases, Revolymer said. — MNA/Reuters

A&I Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Deputy Chairman Mr Yang Qingai of the Standing Committee of Jilin Provincial People's Congress of the People's Republic of China at his office, here, yesterday afternoon.

Also present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enter-prises under the ministry.

They discussed cooperation in agricultural sector, exchange of quality strains, technological cooperation and generating of hydropower from dams.

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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Deputy Chairman Mr Yang Qingai of Standing Committee of the People's Congress of Jilin Province and party.

A&I

Indian Army delegation on study tour of Monywa, Yangon

YANGON, 14 Sept — The visiting Indian delegation led by General Officer Commanding GOC 3 Corps Lieutenant General MS Dadwal, AVSM, VSM, and wife left Bagan-NyaungU by air yesterday and arrived at Mandalay International Airport. They were welcomed there by senior military officers and officials of North West Command and Central Command.

Next, the delegation went to Monywa by car and studied U Ba Hmin and Daw Khin Lay's Silversmith in Sagaing. The guests then visited Bawdhitthaung Religious Region in Monywa in the afternoon and paid homage to the Standing Buddha Statue.

They also visited Moenyin Thanbude Pagoda. On arrival at North West Command, the Indian guests were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and wife. The guests were briefed on developments of the division and were hosted lunch. The commander and Lieutenant General MS Dadwal, AVSM, VSM exchanged gifts.

In the evening, the commander also hosted a dinner in honour of the guests. This morning, the Indian delegation arrived here by air via Mandalay and visited Myanma Gems Emporium. — MNA

General Officer Commanding GOC-3 Corps Lt-Gen MS Dadwal, AVSM, VSM and wife and party visit Standing Buddha Image in Monywa Bawdhitthaung Religious Region. — MNA



Forestry Minister receives Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung received Mr Yang Qingai, Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee of Jilin Provincial People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, and party at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were the directors-general, the managing director and the deputy director-general. They held discussions on development of value-added wood based industries, investment for establishment of forest plantation and cooperation in technology transfer and mutual interests. — MNA

Deputy Minister supervises maintenance of railroads

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than, accompanied by Managing Director U Min Swe of Myanma Railways, inspected maintenance of the approach railroad to Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) on 9 September.

The deputy minister and party also inspected the building of Mottama Station. At the hall of Mottama Sleeper Factory Project, the deputy minister heard reports on slat-out plan of the

factory and progress of construction presented by Project Engineer U Htay Hlaing. The deputy minister gave instructions on timely completion of the project.

On 10 September, the deputy minister viewed Bantbwaygon quarry and Zingyaik Station in Paung Township.

On 11 September, they inspected maintenance of Sittoung (Myitkyo)-DaikU railroad.

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Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than inspects construction of Mottama Sleeper Factory. — MR



Law students to pay respects to former faculty members

YANGON, 14 Sept — The 8th respects paying ceremony and get-together dinner of Law Students (1968 Academic Year) of Yangon Arts and Science University will be held at Universities Dhammayon on 10 November (Saturday). Those wishing to donate cash and kind can contact Danubyu U Soe Myint (Ph: 0951 50418), U Maung Maung (Ph: 564487), U Zaw Thein Tun (Ph: 0950 00690), U Maung Maung Ohn (Ph: 610724), Daw Khin Hla Myint (0952 02939) and Daw Khin Swe Yi (Ph: 394268).

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13th ISD Sepak Takraw Tournament open

YANGON, 14 Sept — Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the 13th Inter-State/Division Sepak Takraw Tournament for 2007 at Aung San Gymnasium, here, this afternoon and opened the tournament.

First, Defending Champions Taninthayi Division, Ayeyawady Division and Sagaing Division Teams handed championship trophies to the minister.

Next, the tentatively selected players demonstrated their skills.

Later, the first-day matches of the tournament followed. The tournament will continue up to 22 September.

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Seinlè Kantha Journal Vol (IV), No 19 comes out

YANGON, 14 Sept—Seinlè Kantha Journal Vol (IV), No 19 is in circulation today. The journal features a variety of current local and international news stories along with articles and comedies.

Manuscripts may be sent for the journal to the chief editor, 228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township (Tel: 382070).—MNA

YU organizes blood donation ceremony

YANGON, 14 Sept — Yangon University Red Cross Society organized the 48th blood donors honouring ceremony for 2007, the collective blood donation ceremony at Universities' Hospital, here, on 12 September.

Chairman of Yangon University Red Cross Society U Myo Thant (Associate Professor of Myanmar Department), In-charge of National Blood Unit Dr Daw Thida Aung and Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Mya Than of the hospital gave speeches. Officials and well-wishers presented certificates of honour gifts and cash assistance to the blood donors.

At the ceremony, 63 faculty members, students and family members of YU and Yangon Institute of Education donated blood at the ceremony.

Later, the ceremony to honour Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Mya Than who will take retirement soon was held at the hospital. — MNA

Shwe Naing-ngan Journal Vol (IV) in circulation

YANGON, 14 Sept—Shwe Naing-ngan Journal Vol (VI), No 8 came out today. The journal features a variety of current local and international news stories and articles.

Writers may send manuscripts for the journal to the editorial section, Printing and Publishing Enterprise (Head Office), 228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township (Tel: 01-382070).

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On-job training course on export marine products and jetty upgrading concludes

YANGON, 14 Sept—The on-job training course on export marine products and jetty upgrading sponsored by the Development and Research Division of the Fisheries Department concluded at the Fisheries Institute in Insein Township, Yangon Division this morning with an address by Director-General of FD U Khin Maung Aye.

Next, a responsible person of Myanmar Millennium Group Jetty (MMG Jetty) spoke words of thanks for the opening of the course.

After that, the director-general presented completion certificates to trainees.

The 3-week course was attended by 43 staff from the MMG Jetty.—MNA

Torrential rain hits Thabeikkyin, leaving two dead, five missing

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept—Two were dead and five missing in the floods owing to the raging creek near Chaunggyi Village in Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Division, while it was pouring with rain yesterday.

On the morning of 13 September, it rained heavily and the creek was swollen rapidly. At about 2 pm the same day, 41 houses located in the low-lying area on the north bank of the creek were swept away with the current. Four male and three female victims were carried away,

and the bodies of two male victims were found near the site at about 11 am. Five missing victims are Maung Ye Lin, 25, Maung Ye Win, 21, Daw Nwe, 42, Ma Moe Moe Zaw, 4, and Ma Moe Myint Sandar Maw, seven months.

The chairman of Township Peace and Development Council, officials and social organizations opened a relief camp in the village and provided the victims with relief aids. Yesterday evening, the flood water subsided.

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Chief Engineer (Overseas) U Zaw Tint of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications presents cash for a day meal for monks of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) through an official. —COMMUNICATIONS

Alms food offered to State Pariyatti Sasana University (YGN)

YANGON, 14 Sept—The Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs offered a day's meals and alms to Sayadaws (Academic) and 413 student members of the Sangha at a ceremony held at Mogok Refectory on Kaba Aye Pagoda Hill here this morning.

Heads of department from the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and the Directorate of Telecommunications

donated offerings to the monks.

Chief Engineer U Zaw Tint of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications offered K 250,000 for a

day's meals to Deputy Director of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana.

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Educative talks on school health

YANGON, 14 Sept—As part of the school health project of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, educative talks on school health and systematic dispose of garbage was given at

Yangon Institute of Education Practicing High School on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township here.

Among the audience were Head of MWAFF Management Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, Leader of social and culture working group Dr Daw Sandar Aung, MWAFF secretariat member Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin and leaders of respective working groups and others.

First, Dr Nandar Tun made an opening speech and the educative talks on school health and systematic dispose of garbage were held.

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UMFCCI officials meet Malaysian delegation

YANGON, 14 Sept — General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary -1 Dr Maung Maung Lay, CEC members and executives met Malaysian delegation led by Financial Consultant Mr Chandranmani of Ambridge Bima Sdn Bhd at the office of the federation this afternoon.

They discussed promotion of mutual trade, opportunities for cooperation in investment and construction and export and import matters. — MNA



UMFCCI officials meet Malaysian guests. — UMFCCI

Moscow’s oldest monastery gets bells back from US

Moscow, 14 Sept — The first of 18 church bells sold off as scrap nearly 80 years ago by Soviet authorities was returned to Moscow’s oldest monastery by Harvard University on Wednesday.

The bells were stripped from the Danilovsky monastery as part of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin’s anti-religion campaign that also led thousands of Russian Orthodox priests to be executed or sent to prison camps.

For decades, the bells have hung in a tower at the prestigious American university and their return is a powerful symbol of Russia’s drive under President Vladimir Putin to reconnect with traditions shattered by the Bolshevik revolution.

“The monastery bells will again call believers to prayer and will tell them about the beauty of orthodox church services and orthodox traditions. They will call people to peace,” the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Alexy II, said as he blessed the first of the bells to return.

US Ambassador William Burns, speaking in Russian, said “this first bell has made a very long journey and it took a lot of time before it arrived back home”.

“I hope that in the coming months I will have the pleasure to hear all the 18 bells ringing, after they return to their motherland.”

MNA/Reuters

UNICEF says child deaths down sharply since 1990

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — Global efforts to promote childhood immunization, breast-feeding and anti-malaria measures have helped cut by nearly a quarter the death rate of children under age five since 1990, UNICEF said on Wednesday.

Strong improvements in China and India helped drive a decline in worldwide child mortality, but children still died at very high rates in large regions of Africa

south of the Sahara, United Nations Children’s Fund figures showed.

UNICEF said 9.7 million children under the age of five died worldwide in 2006. Nearly half, 4.8 million, were in Sub-Saharan Africa, said Dr Peter Salama, UNICEF chief of global health.

He said war and the AIDS virus hampered progress in Africa.

“There’s overall progress in reducing child mortality, but clearly 9.7 million children dying



Participants look at an apple-formed 2008 Beijing Olympic Games logo during a fruit promotion fair in Xianyang, Northwest China’s Shaanxi Province on 12 Sept, 2007. Fruit farmers capitalized on the early-awaited Beijing Games in a bid to seek profit. — XINHUA

Gem diamond’s finds 18th largest diamond in Lesotho

LONDON, 14 Sept — London-listed mining company Gem Diamonds

Ltd said on Thursday it had discovered the 18th biggest diamond ever found, a 494 carat gem, at its Letseng Mine in Lesotho.

“This remarkable diamond, which is yet to be named, is believed to rank as the 18th largest rough diamond. The diamond is an excellent colour and has high clarity,” Gem Diamonds said in a statement. The find “confirms the Letseng Mine’s reputation as the leading producer of large gem quality diamonds”, Chief Executive Clifford Elphick said. Letseng, 70 per cent owned by Gem Diamonds and 30 per cent by Lesotho, has produced three of the world’s top 20

Smallpox immunity lasts decades after vaccination

NEW YORK, 14 Sept — Immunity against smallpox is retained and can be still be detected for at least 20 years after vaccination. Even people vaccinated in the 1950s may still have a robust immune response after exposure to this serious virus, a research team reports in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*.

Routine inoculation against smallpox was discontinued after the disease was considered to be eradicated in 1972, but it was re-initiated at the end of 2002 in reaction to

the possible threat of biological warfare.

It was not known if people who were vaccinated earlier were still protected against infection, so individuals vaccinated before 2002 were advised to undergo a repeat immunization.

Since smallpox inoculation campaigns have been renewed, health-care providers should be aware of the variety of responses among previously vaccinated individuals and those who have never been vaccinated, Dr Eric L Simpson and associates at the Oregon Health and Science University in Portland advise.

The research team therefore evaluated the immune responses of 23 healthy adults after they received a smallpox vaccine using vaccDryvax (Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Madison, New Jersey). Nine subjects had never been vaccinated and the other 14 subjects were immunized 24 to 50 years ago, but still had a detectable immune response against the virus.

The current vaccinations were successful and all of the subjects produced a skin sore where the vaccine was injected, which is characteristic of an immune response.

MNA/Reuters



Residents look at the wreckage of a vehicle used in a car bomb attack in Baghdad on 13 Sept, 2007. Five people were killed and eight wounded when a car bomb exploded near a police patrol near the entrance to the Shi’ite Sadr City district of northeastern Baghdad, police said. Other police sources said four people died. Police had earlier said there were two separate bombings in that area, but they later said there had been one. — INTERNET

Iraq urged to fight terrorism in line with int’l commitments

ANKARA, 14 Sept — Turkey on Wednesday called on Iraq to fulfil its international commitments, especially the UN Security Council’s resolutions in regard to fighting against terrorism.

Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a statement that, “Turkey expects Iraq to fulfil its international commitments within the scope of existing good neighbourly relations between the two countries.”

“Turkey also monitors the steps that will be taken by Iraq on this matter,” the ministry added, referring to Iraq’s efforts to help combat the outlawed Kurdish Workers’ Party (PKK).

The statement came after Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said his government refused to sign an anti-terror agreement with Turkey because it was not properly drafted.

Zebari said in an

interview with a Turkish TV channel that Turkey’s unwillingness to deal with the Kurdish administration in northern Iraq was also behind Iraq’s rejection to ink the agreement. Turkish Foreign Ministry said Zebari’s some expressions during the interview did not coincide with the developments before and during Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki’s visit to Turkey on 7 August.—MNA/Xinhua

Less meat, less heat—fewer steaks may save planet

LONDON, 14 Sept—Eating too much red meat is not only bad for your health — it is also bad for the planet, according to scientists.

Worldwide, agricultural activity accounts for about a fifth of total greenhouse-gas emissions and livestock production has a particularly big impact because of the large amount of methane emitted from belching cattle.

Tony McMichael of the Australian National University in Canberra and John Powles of Britain's University of Cambridge, writing in the *Lancet* journal, said worldwide

average meat consumption could be realistically reduced by 10 per cent.

This would help in the battle against global warming and also reduce health risks associated with excessive consumption of red meat, they said.

Global average meat consumption is currently 100 grammes per person a day but there is a tenfold variation between high-consuming and low-consuming populations.

MNA/Reuters

UN says climate change spreading deserts

MADRID, 14 Sept—Climate change has become the prime cause of an accelerating spread of deserts which threatens the world's drylands, the United Nations' top climate official said on Wednesday.

Yvo de Boer said that, although growing populations in dry areas were putting serious stress on the environment through over-grazing, water demand, deforestation and other activities, climate change was the greater threat.

"Climate change will change weather patterns even more ... especially in Africa, rainfall is decreasing and climate change is exacerbating

desertification. Climate change is probably the biggest factor," said de Boer, who was speaking on the sidelines of a UN desertification conference in Madrid.

Drylands, including many in crop producing areas, cover 41 per cent of the world's land surface, of which 10-20 per cent are already degraded.

De Boer added that desertification would, in turn, speed up climate change. — *MNA/Reuters*

Robber shot dead in Hampshire bank raid

LONDON, 14 Sept — A robber has been shot dead and another injured during an attempted raid on a bank in Hampshire, BBC and Sky television reported on Thursday.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) said two men had been shot by Metropolitan Police officers.

Hampshire Police said officers had gone to an incident outside a branch of HSBC bank in Chandlers Ford, north of Southampton, in a joint operation with the Metropolitan Police's Flying Squad at around 10 am. An HSBC spokesman confirmed the incident happened outside its branch and that no staff or customers were injured. The IPCC said it would be conducting an independent inquiry. — *MNA/Reuters*

Three dies in US military helicopter crash

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — A US military helicopter crashed in Skyline in the US state of Alabama later Tuesday after hitting a power line, killing all three persons on board, the CNN reported Wednesday.

Heavy fog was blamed for the incident, which took place around 6:15 pm, according to the report.

No injuries or property damages were reported.

The helicopter was based at Fort Campbell, home of the 101st Airborne Division.

The US military has launched an investigation but is withholding details of the accident, including identities of the victims and what kind of the mission the helicopter was on at the time. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Flood death toll in Bangladesh hits 874

DHAKA, 14 Sept — Flood situation in the south-central part of Bangladesh continued deteriorating as death toll from snakebite, drowning, diarrhea and respiratory diseases rose to 874 so far since the flooding started late July.

According to Food and Disaster Management Ministry showed that over 12 million people in 46 out of the country's 64 districts have been affected by the ravaging floods that also damaged over 2.1 million houses either completely or partially.

Crops on some 730,000 hectares of land, 30,000 kilometres of roads and nearly 8,500 educational institutions were damaged either completely or partially. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Office workers wait at an open area outside their building in Jakarta's business district after tremors were felt from an earthquake. A massive 7.9-magnitude earthquake has struck off the west coast of Indonesia's Sumatra Island on 12 Sept, 2007, toppling buildings and briefly triggering a tsunami alert across the Indian Ocean region. — XINHUA

Uruguay invites Russia to attend MERCOSUR summit

MONTEVIDEO, 14 Sept — Uruguayan President Tabare Vazquez Wednesday invited Russia to take part in the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) Summit to be held in Uruguay's capital Montevideo in December this year.

Vazquez sent the invitation during a formal ceremony to welcome visiting Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

Uruguay currently holds the rotating presidency of Mercosur, a trade bloc which groups Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay.

"We are very interested in coming," Lavrov said later at a Press conference.

During the visit, Lavrov and his Uruguayan counterpart Reinaldo Gargano issued a joint statement saying they wished for stronger diplomatic ties.

The statement also said "both governments are committed to raising the level of political consultations between Russia and MERCOSUR".

The two sides supported the idea of beginning negotiations on economic relations between the two countries, it said.

The statement also reiterated the two countries' commitment to state sovereignty, the equality and self-determination of the people, respect for human rights, peaceful settlement of controversies and an increasingly just international order based on international law.

They called on the United Nations to reform its systems to create greater efficiency and restated their standpoint that the UN should play a central role in fighting terrorism. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Thailand safe from tsunami

BANGKOK, 14 Sept—Thailand's southwestern coast is safe from tsunami danger now, the country's National Disaster Warning Centre (NDWC) chief assured Thursday following a powerful earthquake shook western Indonesia on Wednesday and brought panic to residents in Thailand's southern Andaman coastal provinces.

NDWC Chairman Smith Dhammasarote, quoted in an interview with *Thai News Agency*, told people in six provinces on Thailand's southwestern coast to stay calm, as there has been no sign of tsunami in Thailand despite some moderate and powerful aftershocks on Thursday morning. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A Jersey City fire boat sprays red, white and blue water in the Hudson River across from the former site of the World Trade Center during a 11 Sept, memorial ceremony in Jersey City, NJ, on 11 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

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India on drive to attract Malaysian travellers this year

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Sept— India is expected to welcome an additional 50,000 Malaysian travellers to its shores this year, a 50 per cent increase from 100,000 in 2006, as the second most populous nation promotes the country more aggressively, local media reported on Wednesday.

“A proactive tourism strategy has been taken since April 2007 by the Indian High Commission and India Tourism in Singapore,” the acting High Commissioner of India to Malaysia, Sanjay Panda, said after the launch of the Incredible India Travel Fair in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua

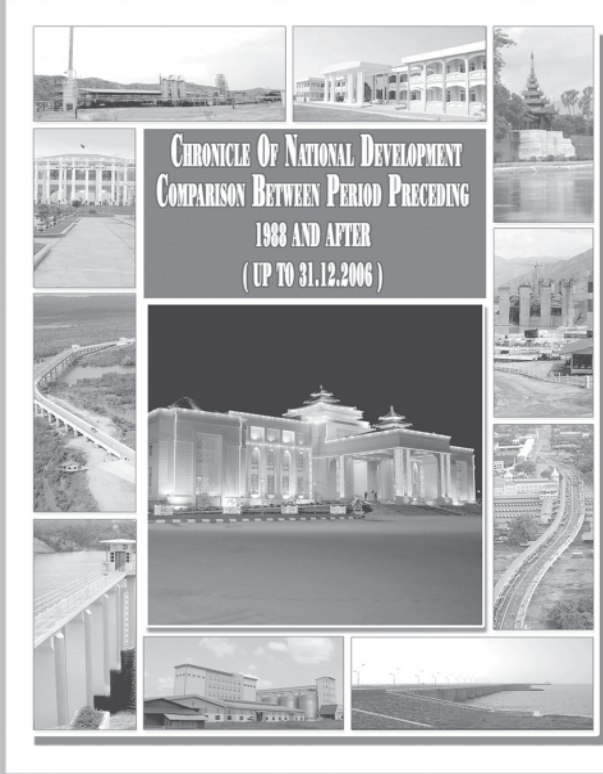
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Tennessee executes child killer in electric chair

NASHVILLE (Tennessee), 13 Sept— Tennessee used its electric chair for the first time in 47 years on Wednesday to execute a man who killed his three sons and their half-sister.

Daryl Holton, 45, was pronounced dead at 2:25 am EDT/0625 GMT at the Riverbend Maximum Security Institution after receiving two jolts of electricity, prison authorities said.—MNA/Reuters



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Beijing Museums train staff in seven foreign languages for Olympics

BEIJING, 13 Sept— Museums in Beijing are trying to train their staff in seven foreign languages to serve tourists during the 2008 Olympic Games.

Thirty museums in the capital will provide services in English, Japanese, French, German, Spanish, Arabic and Korean, according to the Beijing Municipal Administration of Cultural Heritage. Currently, major museums in Beijing offer

services in Chinese, English, French and Japanese.

“Several large museums like the Palace Museum (Forbidden City) have started the training programmes,” Ha Jun, an official from the administration's museum department, told Xinhua on Wednesday.

But museums of different types will have their own focus, he said. Museums like the Capital

Museum might provide services in more than seven foreign languages while the Confucius Temple and the Imperial Academy, favoured by East Asian tourists, will have more Korean and Japanese-speaking staff.

A total of 11,900 museum employees will receive language training.

“It will be rather tough to develop the multilingual crew in one year. Big museums will recruit

volunteers and others will provide audio guides in different languages,” Ha said. Besides language training, the museums are also working to improve facilities for the disabled.

The Palace Museum has installed lifts for wheelchair users and seven museums of ancient Chinese architecture like the Zhihua Temple have equipped themselves with barrier-free facilities.

MNA/Xinhua

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Contraceptive pill may reduce cancer risk in women

BEIJING, 13 Sept — A medical study shows taking the contraceptive pill does not increase a woman's chance of developing cancer and could even reduce the risk of getting the killer disease by 12 percent, media reported Thursday.

Researchers in UK who studied the records of 46,000 women over a 36-year period found that taking the oral contraceptive for up to eight years did not lead to an increased risk of cancer over a woman's lifetime.

Researchers found that there was no overall increased risk of cancer among pill users and that taking the pill could cut the risk by up to 12 percent in some cases.

"It is pretty small, but if you take that across 3 million women in Britain and 100 million women throughout the world actually a small risk translates into major benefits," said Philip Hannaford of Aberdeen University in Britain.

"Many women, especially those who used the

first generation of oral contraceptives many years ago, are likely to be reassured by our results," the authors of the report said.

Evidence also suggested that women were protected from the risk of developing cancers for at least 15 years after stopping.

Since its introduction in the early 1960s, more than 300 million women are thought to have used oral contraception, often for prolonged periods.

Internet



Miss Venezuela contestants rehearse on the eve of the beauty pageant in Caracas on 12 Sept, 2007. The winner of will take part in the Miss Universe contest, the first runner up in Miss World contest and second runner up in Miss International contest.— XINHUA

NASA says "Cassini" gets close-up views of Iapetus

WASHINGTON, 13 Sept — Spacecraft Cassini completed its closest flyby of Saturn's odd moon Iapetus on Monday, NASA announced on Tuesday.

The spacecraft flew about 1,640 kilometres from Iapetus' surface and is returning amazing views of the bizarre moon. NASA released the latest 500 raw, or unprocessed, Iapetus images taken by Cassini at its Jet Propulsion Laboratory website on Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua

Sony selects FotoNation to incorporate new technology

LOS ANGELES, 12 Sept — FotoNation, Inc, a world-leading imaging solutions company for the digital photography industry, announced Wednesday that it has been selected by Sony's Professional Printer Group to incorporate new digital technology.

FotoNation will provide its award winning digital Red-Eye Correction technology for new professional Sony photo printers, Picture Station Kiosks, and photo application products.

Sony's first professional products to incorporate FotoNation's Red-Eye Correction technology will include Sony's PictureStation's Digital Photofinishing System version 4700.

FotoNation is a world-leading independent provider of embedded imaging solutions for the digital camera industry. — Internet



Sony Corp's Organic Electroluminescence (EL) televisions are displayed at the Display 2007 in Tokyo on 11 April, 2007 file foto. — XINHUA

First Rockhopper penguin chicks hatch in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Sept — Two Rockhopper penguin chicks were hatched at Underwater World Langkawi (UWL) in Malaysia on Sunday and Tuesday, the national news agency Bernama reported on Thursday.

The chicks, measuring 47 cm high, weighing three kilograms and sporting a crest, were healthy, said UWL in a statement on Thursday.

At UWL, Rockhopper penguins build nests in an open space unlike African penguins which build nests using three branches and corals.

The Rockhopper penguins originate from Tristan de Cunha islands, South Africa. The first batch of 19 penguins arrived here in December, 2003.

The hatching of two Rockhopper penguins are UWL's second success after it successfully bred and hatched 11 African penguins last year.

UWL senior curator Tan Ean Kok said over 7.2 million people had visited UWL since it started operations in August, 1995 and the success of hatching penguin chicks was expected to draw more visitors.

The Rockhopper penguin, is a small, aggressive, crested penguin.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysian school students take one-day study on train

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Sept — The longest train in Malaysian history carried the highest number of passengers ever, 28 coaches with 1,400 passengers on Tuesday, local media reported on Wednesday.

Unlike the normal train service, this was special as all passengers were students of Sekolah Menengah Teknik Selangor in Sungai Buloh, central state of Selangor.

They were accompanied by teachers, school support staff and representatives from the parent-teacher association and the school's alumni.

It was a day trip from Sungai Buloh to Ipoh, capital city of northern Perak State, and back. They even had lessons on board the train.

The students had Malay language and Islamic or moral lessons in the morning and on their return trip, it was History.

The programme was initiated by the school in conjunction with the nation's 50th Independent celebrations.

"This is a unique effort by the school. I am sure nobody has done it before," said its headmaster Mohd Ghazaly Haroun.

MNA/Xinhua



China's largest Ding, a stone tripod, is unveiled in eastern China's Shandong Province, on 10 Sept, 2007. — XINHUA

SPORTS



Italy's soccer players, right, celebrate their second goal against Ukraine during their Euro 2008 qualifying soccer match in Kiev, Ukraine on Wednesday. Italy won 2-1. — INTERENT

Italy's Donadoni rewarded for dropping big guns

MILAN, 14 Sept — Roberto Donadoni's decision to shuffle his pack came up trumps on Wednesday when Italy won 2-1 in Ukraine in their Euro 2008 qualifier to move into second in Group B.

The Italian coach was under pressure after the world champions lost 3-1 to Hungary in a friendly last month and drew 0-0 with group rivals France in Milan on Saturday.

Juventus striker Alessandro Del Piero was well off the pace in the goalless draw, while fellow World Cup winner Daniele De Rossi was sloppy and AC Milan striker Filippo Inzaghi failed to really trouble the French defence. Faced with a tricky trip to Ukraine, already devoid of the injured Luca Toni and Marco Materazzi, Donadoni could have been forgiven for playing his top names again in Kiev.

Instead he dropped the three who struggled at the San Siro and brought in Udinese striker Antonio Di Natale, Juve forward Vincenzo Iaquinta and Milan midfielder Massimo Ambrosini.

The coach also selected 34-year-old Christian Panucci in place of inconsistent right back Massimo Oddo and stuck by inexperienced Palermo centre back Andrea Barzagli. — MNA/Reuters

Northern Ireland FA probing incident between its players

DUBLIN, 14 Sept — Northern Ireland's football association said on Thursday it was investigating a reported fight between its own players following Wednesday's 2-1 defeat in their Group F Euro 2008 qualifier against Iceland.

Local media said two players had exchanged blows as they boarded their flight from Reykjavik on Thursday morning and that other squad members had intervened to break them up. The Irish Football Association (IFA) declined to comment beyond saying it was aware of the situation and would investigate.

"An incident occurred today between team members of the senior Northern Ireland squad of which the president and chief executive are aware," the IFA said on its website.

"Both the president and the chief Executive will investigate the situation and take appropriate action. There will be no further comment at this stage."

Wednesday's defeat, sealed with a Keith Gillespie own goal in the final minutes, leaves the Irish struggling to qualify for next year's finals following a defeat courtesy of another own goal against Latvia at the weekend. — MNA/Reuters

Turkey keep on track with win over 10-man Hungary

ISTANBUL, 14 Sept — Turkey beat 10-man Hungary 3-0 in their Euro 2008 qualifier on Wednesday to stay firmly in the race to qualify from Group C for next year's finals.

Turkey piled on the pressure right from the start but the turning point came in the 63rd minute when Hungarian forward Zoltan Gera was sent off for a second yellow card, awarded for a dive in the penalty area.

Turkey took full advantage, breaking the deadlock five minutes later when young forward Gokhan Unal headed home a cross from Tuncay Sanli from the left wing.

Four minutes later, Emre Belozoglu fed the ball through for Brazil-born Mehmet Aurelio to make sure of the points. Halil Altintop hit the third in stoppage time.

It was Turkey's first match at home in the Euro 2008 qualifiers after having to play three games behind closed doors on neutral territory due to a FIFA ban imposed for a brawl after a World Cup qualifying playoff with Switzerland in November 2005 in Istanbul.

The result leaves Turkey third in the group with 17 points, just behind Norway, also on 17 but having played a game more. Holders Greece are top with 19 points, while Hungary are a distant fifth on nine points. — MNA/Reuters



Nikolay Davydenko of Russia serves at the US Open tennis tournament in Flushing Meadows, New York, on 8 Sept, 2007. Davydenko was bounced out of the second round of the China Open by Croatian teenager Marin Cilic on Thursday, losing 6-3 6-4 in the first upset of the tournament. — INTERNET

Australia rout Ghana to get first Women's World Cup win

HANGZHOU, 14 Sept — Australia sealed their first ever FIFA Women's World Cup victory with a comprehensive 4-1 win over Ghana at the Dragon Stadium here on Wednesday.

Australia have taken part in the past three World Cup, only laboured out two draws and seven defeats. And the Aussies handed Ghana their first World Cup victory four years ago during a 2-1 group match defeat.

"The Australians are better than us in seizing opportunities," said Ghana coach Isaac Paha.

"They have very fast forwards, and make fully

use of their speed in every chance. We also created good chances, especially in the first half, but could not catch them."

"Ghana have good skills and showed some good passing ability, but we created more chances and seized them. we are now in a good position to qualify for the 1/4 finals," commented Australia boss Tom Sermanni.

"The difference between the 2003 and 2007 team is that we have a much better squad with a group of mature players. We can keep possession better and play some good passing football."

Lively striker Sarah



China's Pan Lina (L) vies with Denmark's Maiken Pape during a Group D match at the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 12 Sept, 2007. China won 3-2. — XINHUA

Norway fight back to beat Canada 2-1 at Women's World Cup

HANGZHOU, 14 Sept — Norway fought their way back with a 2-1 thrilling victory over a physical Canada side at their first Group C game in the FIFA Women's World Cup here on Wednesday.

"We were not so happy with the first half, the Canadians were well organized and it was hard for us to find space," commented Norway boss Bjarne Berntsen.

"But we improved a lot in the second half, we had very good movement in the middle, we had good team spirit. We kept going and we had the belief that we could come back. We added more players in the middle, and became more aggressive in the Canadian box, which proved to be successful."

Canada coach, former Norway women's national team boss Even Pellerud was suspended for disputing a ball in Canada's last qualifying match. His assistant coach Ian Bridge replaced him to attend the after match Press conference.

"As a team we played an excellent first half. But the Norwegian team is technically great and a little bit stronger than us. In the second half they gradually get into the game and were better when dealing balls inside the box," said Bridge.

Canada went ahead on 33 minutes when midfielder Candace Marie Chapman fired a powerful left-foot shot into the upper corner. — MNA/Reuters

Walsh drilled in a sharp shot inside the penalty area following forward line partner Caitlin Munoz's nice back pass in the 15th minute.

Substitute forward Lisa De Vanna comfortably made a brace in the

57th and 87th minute. Left midfielder Heather Garriock made a fine header ten minutes later to seal victory.

Ghana only took a consolation goal in the 70th minute by skipper Adjoa Bayor. —MNA/Reuters

Bugaev goal earns Moldova 1-0 win over Bosnia

SARAJEVO, 14 Sept — Moldova earned their first win of their Euro 2008 qualifying campaign on Wednesday, beating Bosnia 1-0 away in Group C.

Igor Bugaev scored in the 22nd minute in front of a crowd of only 3,000 in Sarajevo.

Bosnia were unlucky, hitting the crossbar twice in the second half. Captain Dzemal Berberovic then went close in the 90th minute but his shot rebounded off the post.

MNA/Reuters

American confesses to dutch axe murder over Iraq war

AMSTERDAM, 14 Sept— A former member of the US Air Force has confessed to axing a Dutch student to death in a random attack to protest against Dutch support for the US-led war in Iraq, prosecutors and Dutch media said on Wednesday.

A spokeswoman at the office of Dutch defence lawyer Peter Gremmen confirmed that Carlos Hartmann, 41, was in custody and suspected of murdering the student last Saturday.

“The suspect has already provided a confession,” Dutch prosecutors said in a statement.

“The Prosecutor’s office stresses that there no relationship has been established between the suspect and victim,” it said.

Hartmann, a US citizen, first sought out a Dutch soldier in the southern Dutch city of Roosendaal, but could not find one and turned his axe on a student waiting

for a train on a platform at the city’s station, Dutch new agency ANP reported.

BN/De Stem, a local newspaper, said Hartmann was looking for a victim in

order to punish the Netherlands for its support of the war in Iraq. The paper identified the slain student as Thijs Geers.

MNA/Reuters

El Salvador hit by 5.2 Richter Scale earthquake

MEXICO CITY, 14 Sept — A 5.2 Richter Scale earthquake shook on Thursday El Salvador’s central region, so far neither victims nor material damages have been reported.

According to Press reports from San Salvador city, the earthquake occurred at 9:47 am local hours (1547 GMT) and its epicentre was located at 95 kilometres south of El Majahual beach, in the central La Libertad department.

The earthquake’s depth was 41 kilometres and it was felt in most of Salvadoran territory, El

Salvador’s National System of Territorial Studies (SNET) informed.

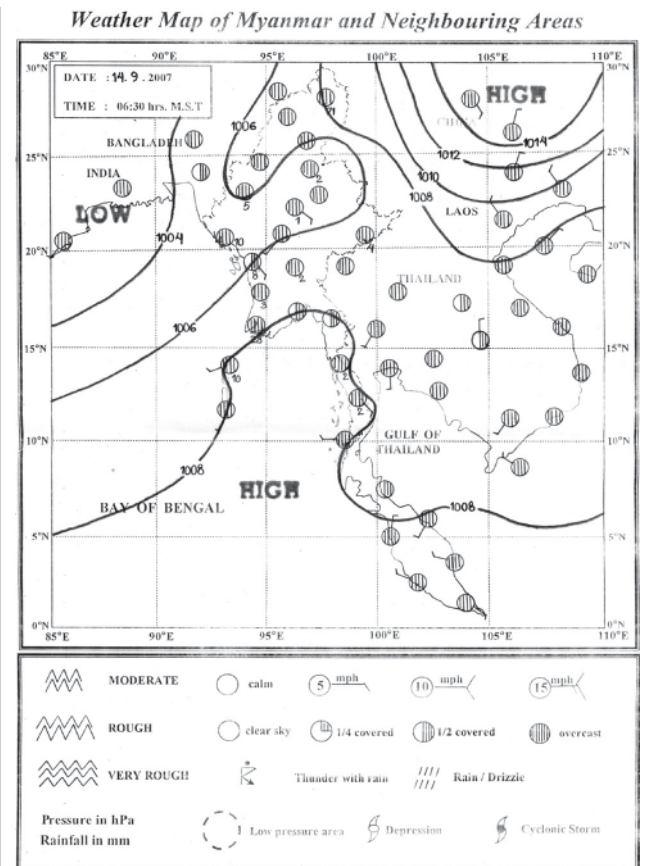
The earthquake only caused fear among inhabitants, according to the first emergency-squad teams’ reports.

MNA/Xinhua



Sybil, the new cat at 10 Downing Street, London, explores the garden of the British Prime Minister’s home, on 11 Sept, 2007. A cat is living in 10 Downing Street for the first time in 10 years.

XINHUA



WEATHER

Friday, 14 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin States, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State, Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inch, Shwebo (3.23) inches, Putao (2.80) inches, Machanbaw (2.40) inches and Mawlaik (1.97) inches.

Maximum temperature on 13-9-2007 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 14-9-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 14-9-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 13-9-2007 was (1.10) hours approx.

Rainfall on 14-9-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (106.02) inches at Mingaladon, (108.74) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 13-9-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Chin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining area. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 15-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 15-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 15-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for second weekend of September 2007: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Yangon Division, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 15 September
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

6. သင်ပုန်းရေလှောင်တစ်

8:15 am

7. Musical programme

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Grammar made easy

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:15 am

2. Musical programme

11:30 am

3. News

11:40 am

4. Games for children

12:05 pm

5. ကြံတောင်သူတွေ ဝင်ဇွဲသုံးဆ တိုးဖို့ ဆင်းရဲလိကြံစိုက်ကြဖို့ (အပိုင်း-၃)

12:20 pm

6. “ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ် ဒီအိုတီအက်စ်” (လွင်မိုး၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်ဇင်၊ ခင်သန်းနွယ်)(ဒါရိုက်တာ- စိုးကျော်ဆန်း)

12:45 pm

7. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ (ပြဇာတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆွေးနွေးခန်း)(အပိုင်း-၁)

1:05 pm

8. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

1:20 pm

9. အာဟာရပြည့်လျှင်ရောဂါစင် ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာစိတ်ချမ်းသာ

1:35 pm

10. Dance of national races

2:00 pm

11. ရထားလမ်းသာပြီနော် ချောက်မှနေပြည်တော်

2:15 pm

12. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး

2:30 pm

13. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (ရွှင်ကော်စီ)

2:45 pm

14. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song for uphold national spirit

4:30 pm

3. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

4:55 pm

4. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

5:10 pm

5. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး) ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း အဆင့်)

5:20 pm

6. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် အာဆီယံ ချန်ပီယံရှစ် အမျိုးသမီး ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဗိုလ်လုပွဲ)(မြန်မာနှင့်ထိုင်း)

7:30 pm

7. သက်တောင့်သံစဉ်

8:00 pm

8. News

9. International news

10. Weather report

11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စရာပျိုကညာ” (အပိုင်း-၃)

12. The next day’s programme

Outstanding students honoured in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District Union Solidarity and Development Association organized the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students who had passed the matriculation examination for 2007 with flying colours at Kandaw Mingala Hall, here, this morning.

USDA CEC member In-charge of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivered

an address. He presented prizes to one six-distinction winner and three five-distinction winners.

Chairman of District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw, Mandalay Division USDA executive U Bo Ni and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District USDA Secretary U Khin Maung Htay presented prizes to

nine four-distinction winners.

The CEC member presented cash assistance to Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township USDAs through the respective secretaries.

Wellwishers also donated cash to the funds of the District USDA.

MNA

USDA CEC member In-charge of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District USDA Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe awards an outstanding schoolgirl.—MNA



Electric Power No 1 Minister meets Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min received Deputy Chairman Mr Yang Qingai of the Standing Committee of Jilin Pro-

vincial People's Congress of the People Republic of China and party at his office, here, yesterday.

Present also at the call were Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, the di-

rectors-general and departmental officials.

They discussed matters on investment and production of hydropower.

MNA

Beautifying and sanitation tasks supervised in Thingangyun, South Okkalapa Townships

YANGON, 14 Sept —Chairman of Yangon City Development Com-

mittee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accompanied by officials looked

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin views the dredging of a drain on Paw San Hmwe Street in Thingangyun Township.—YCDC

ditches and sanitation on Paw San Hmwe street and drains near National Football Training Camp in the township, and left necessary instructions.

Next, the mayor viewed extended building of ditches and sanitation for proper flow of water along Thu Mingala and Thitsa Streets in South Okkalapa Township and fulfilled the requirements.

Later, CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Yangon Division In-charge Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected progress of the construction of new building donated by Yangon Division USDA for No 5 Basic Education Primary School and attended to the needs.

Next, the mayor inspected school buildings and environs of No 6 Basic Education Middle School in the township and gave necessary instructions.

MNA



NLD leaders political opportunists with less political experience

50 members resign from Sagaing Township NLD

YANGON, 14 Sept — A total of 50 members of Sagaing Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division including U Sein Tun and U Han Aye of Kyarminy Village, U Tin Maung of Hsintat Village, U Po Chan of Thazin Village, U Nyunt Hlaing of Nyaungbinzin Village, U Htay Chan, U Sein Win and U Maung Tin of Yinmakyin Village, U Maung Yi of Ywama Village, U Po Kan of Hsinmyay Village, U Thaung Hla of Taeinte Village and U Thaung Hla of Sagyin Village resigned from the party of their own accord on 6 September, sending letters of resignation to NLD

Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

In their letters sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said that the NLD (HQ) has no exact political programme. Leaders of the party are disunited, and the party does not participate in regional development task. Furthermore, the party leaders are sticking to the power with selfishness. It can be witnessed that the party leaders have less political experience, and that they are just political opportunists. That is why they resigned from the NLD of their own volition, they said. — MNA

into construction of box culvert, extended building of ditches and garbage collection at Ward-23 in Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township this morning and gave instructions on sanitation task for proper flow of water. The mayor also inspected dredging of

Weather Forecast for 15-9-2007

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