

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

Construction tasks of Kunchaung hydropower project supervised

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min together with Director-General U Aung Koe Shwe of Hydropower Implementation Department went on an inspection tour of Kunchaung hydropower project being implemented in Pyu Township by Construction Group No 3 yesterday.

Accompanied by Project Director U Maw Tha Htwe and officials, the minister inspected earth work to build the power (See page 8)



Minister Col Zaw Min inspects construction tasks of Kunchaung Hydropower Project.— E P - 1

Weather Forecast for (20-9-2007)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas

One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas

Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

CEC Member looks into poultry farms, tea, rubber plantations

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept — CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung

Maung Thein went on an inspection tour of the poultry farm of Livestock, Feedstuff and Dairy Enterprise Zeebingyi of PyinOoLwin Township on 15 September.

At the briefing hall, Poultry Farm Manager Dr Htay Zaw Oo and General Manager Dr Pyae Sone briefed the minister on breeding tasks. After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on arrangements to be made for meeting the targets of the production and emphasis to be placed on micro-organism security.

Upon arrival at the poultry farm in Chemyitpin village of Nawngkhio Township

of Shan State (North), concerning the reports presented by Dr Myint Swe, the minister gave instructions on striving for growing numbers of laying rate and focusing on preventive measures against bird flu. In connection with the reports presented by Deputy General Manager U Myo Thet Shwe, the minister gave instructions on immediate measures to be taken for establishment of the poultry farms. Next, the minister looked into progress of the poultry farms.

Afterwards, the minister inspected tea plantation of Seinlanmyay Company Limited in Kyaukme Township of Shan State

(North), a 300-acre tea plantation project of Seinwuthmon Company Limited in Lashio and a 4000-acre rubber plantation project of Bala Min Htin Company, USDA (Central) Lunge Arman Rubber Cultivation Service and Seinwuthmon Company and gave instructions on growing of tea that can earn more income than rubber.

At 5000-acre highland reclamation project of Lashio Township USDA, the minister urged project manager U Khin Maung Myint to grow rubber and pigeon pea. Next, the minister inspected pig farm and Feedstuff Factory in Napha village of Lashio.

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Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12.30 hr MST on 19-9-2007)

According to the (06.30) hr MST observations today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Sagaing (1161) cm is exceeded (11) cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger levels (1150) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

According to the (06.30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Ayeyawady River at Minbu (1733) cm and Magway (1720) cm are exceeded (33) cm at Minbu and (20) cm at Magway above their respective danger levels. The water levels may remain above the danger levels of Minbu and Magway (1700) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

According to the (0630) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada (1365) cm is exceeded (33) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1342) cm during the next (72) hours commencing noon today.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 20 September, 2007

Work hard in concert for development of industrial zones

The government is taking steps such as establishment of industrial areas and industrial zones and extensive construction of factories and plants for industrial development that lies at the centre of national development.

Of the industrial zones in various regions, Taunggyi Ayethaya Industrial Zone, Mandalay Industrial Zone and Monywa Industrial Zone have built modern foundry plants and forging shops with the assistance of the government. The development of the industries that produce ironware makes a dominant contribution towards the development of other private industries.

Now, the foundry plants in some industrial zones have begun production of quality products. Iron is now in high demand owing to an increase in the number of industries.

Myaungdagar Steel Industrial Zone is now under construction in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, to manufacture ironware. Getting sufficient electricity, the 1000-acre zone is easily accessible. Lands have been allocated to the industrialists and construction work is under way.

Officials of the industrial zone and industrialists have to make earnest efforts in concert to ensure rapid development of the steel industrial zone, operation of the factories and plants ahead of schedule, and production of import-substitute items.

Industrial areas and industrial zones across the nation manufacture a wide range of machines, foodstuff and consumer goods. So, those responsible are to work hard to achieve high quality of the products and operation of the factories at full capacity so as to meet local demands.



U Han Zaw and wife Daw Thwin Thwin Aye Hmi of Yinmar Myaing 2nd Street in Ward 23, Thuwunna recently donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged to mark the 36th anniversary of their wedding. Member of Executive Committee U Chit Myaing accepting the donation.— 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



Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents K 1 million to Myanmar Taekwondo Federation through President U Htay Myint. (News reported) MTF

D-G of SPED meets Myanmar Volleyball Team

YANGON, 19 Sept — General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department gave necessary instructions to Myanmar Men's Volleyball Team led by Myanmar Volleyball Federation Vice-President U Thein Win at the hall of Aung San Stadium, here, this morning.

As part of preparations for competing in the XXIV SEA Games, the Myanmar volleyball team will undergo training together with the Sichuan Province Volleyball Team of the People's Republic of China and will play friendly matches on



Myanmar Volleyball Team seen at Aung San Stadium.— NLM

21, 24, 26 and 27 September. The volleyball team comprised Ye Min Aung, Kyaw Soe Aung, Kyaw Swa Win, Kyaw Shwe, Sai Nyi Lay, Win Tun Oo, Ye Yint Tun, Myat Kyaw Tun, Zaw Lin Oo, Saw Hein Thu, Kyaw Kyaw Htwe and San Shwe Maung under coaches U Myo Myint and U Nyi Nyi Lwin. NLM

Training on air quality monitoring opens

YANGON, 19 Sept — Ministry of Health and Health Department of the World Health Organization jointly organized the air quality monitoring

course at the Health Department (branch) in Ahlon Township yesterday. Also present on the occasion were officials of Health Department and WHO and guests.

Director Dr Soe Tint of the Health Department (branch) delivered an opening address. The tasks of air quality monitoring will be measured in January 2008 aiming at helping health.

A total of 40 trainees are attending the three-week course. — NLM

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Large areas in Israel have excessive ozone levels in 2006

JERUSALEM, 18 Sept—Israel's Ministry for Environmental Protection announced that large areas in the country had excessive ozone levels in 2006, local daily *Ha'aretz* reported on Monday.

According to the report, the area most heavily affected was Gush Etzion, a group of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, south of Jerusalem. The ministry found the

bloc was contaminated with excessive ozone levels for 260 days in 2006.

Other Israeli cities, such like Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Be'er Sheva, Modi'in and Carmiel, also showed excessive levels from 45 days to 140 days.

Ozone, when found at ground level and not in the upper atmosphere, can damage the respiratory system and the heart.

The World Health Organization states that people should not be exposed to more than 100 micrograms of ozone per cubic metre of air for more than eight hours. Higher concentrations were found in all the area and cities listed above, said the report.

Low-level ozone, or ground-level ozone, is not emitted directly by engines or factories. It is formed when sunlight causes hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides in the air to react, and then usually drifts with the wind.

Ha'aretz said in Israel, low-level ozone finds its way to the interior of the country. This is why areas like Gush Etzion were found to have higher levels of ozone than more industrialized areas in the coastal plain.

MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bomber kills eight in southern Afghanistan

KANDAHAR (Afghanistan), 18 Sept—A suicide bomber blew himself up inside a local government compound in southern Afghanistan on Monday, killing four policemen and four civilians and wounding seven, the district chief said.

He said the attack took place in the Naadali District of Helmand Province, which has seen some of the worst violence between the resurgent Taliban on one side and Afghan and foreign troops on the other. The compound houses both the local government and police headquarters. "The suicide bomber entered the compound dressed in civilian clothes and blew himself up when he got close to the police," Naadali District chief Mahboob Khan told *Reuters*.

The suicide attack came after Taliban insurgents vowed to launch massive operations across the country during the holy month of Ramadan.

A Taliban spokesman said 15 to 20 policemen had been killed in the attack.

Elsewhere, a foot patrol by troops from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force came under attack on Friday in a mountainous area 40 kilometres (25 miles) east of Kabul, an ISAF spokesman said.

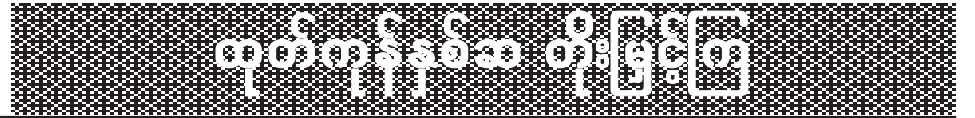
MNA/Reuters

Chinese and Spanish navies line after conducting joint military exercise in the Atlantic Ocean near Spain's southern port city of Cadiz, on 18 Sept, 2007.

XINHUA



Zeno, a robot boy created by David Hanson makes one of his many expressive faces at Hanson's office in Richardson, Texas, on 6 Sept, 2007.
INTERNET



Sun Qin (2nd L, Front), chief of the China Atomic Energy Authority, and Tang Guoqiang (1st L, Front), China's permanent representative to the United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna, attend the 51st annual regular session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), in Vienna, Austria, on 17 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

Venice to ban rice at weddings to keep pigeons away

VENICE, 18 Sept—Throwing rice at newlyweds will soon be banned in Venice as the city steps up its fight against pigeons soiling its squares and chipping away at monuments.

The mayor of the canal

city is preparing a measure to stop pigeons banqueting outside the central Palazzo Cavalli, where civil weddings are celebrated, municipal police chief Marco Agostini said on Monday. "Throwing rice at the bride and groom

brings hordes of pigeons who then wait around until the next ceremony. The situation has become unbearable," Agostini told *Reuters*.

Another measure in the pipeline is a ban on the sale of grain to feed the pigeons in St Mark's Square, the only place in the city where it is still allowed. But the 18 licenced sellers do not want to go and animal rights activists have also expressed concern.

"The square is not a hen-house and you can't have pigeon's droppings all over the place," Agostini said. "The square is washed and cleaned up weekly but it's not enough." Droppings are only part of the problem.

MNA/Reuters



Saudi Arabia says signs \$8.84b UK Eurofighter deal

RIYADH, 18 Sept—Saudi Arabia said on Monday it had signed an agreement with the British Government to buy 72 Eurofighter Typhoon jets from BAE Systems for 4.43 billion pounds (8.84 billion US dollars).

"A contract was signed between the two governments to buy the plane on Tuesday, *Shaaban* 29 (11

September) at a cost of 4,430 million pounds sterling," a statement on official news agency SPA said, attributed to a Defence Ministry official.

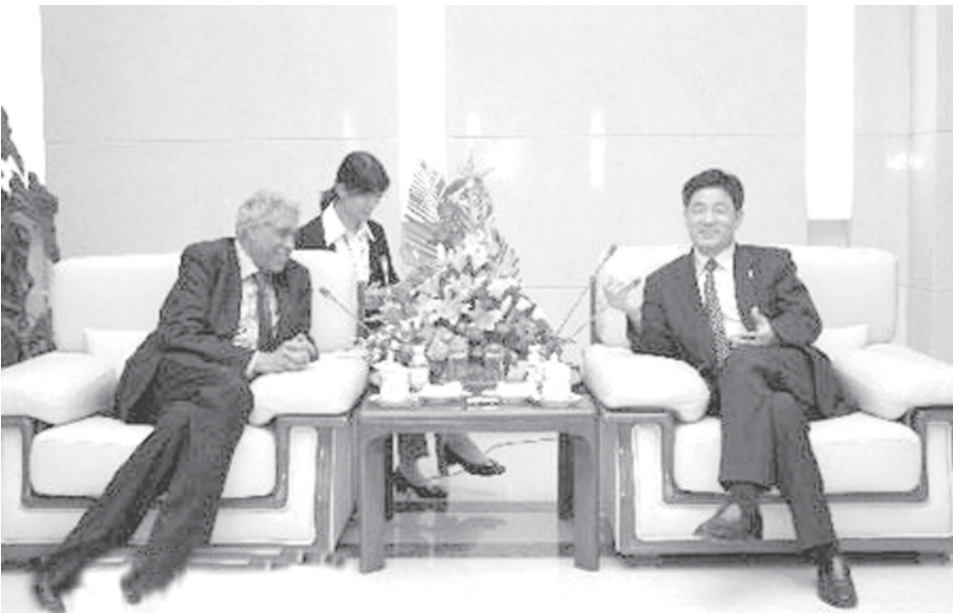
A deal including the jets as well as weapons and long-term maintenance of the aircraft is expected to raise its value to 20 billion pounds, analysts say.

Saudi Arabia will pay

the same price per jet as those sold to Britain, the statement said.

It cited a preliminary agreement in December 2005 in which Britain pledged to transfer technology and investment to the Saudi defence industry, as well as to train Saudi pilots. It gave no more details.

MNA/Reuters



Tian Congming (R), president of the Xinhua News Agency talks with visiting South African Minister in Presidency Essop Pahad in Beijing, China, on 17 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

Lightning strikes kill 659 in China

BEIJING, 19 Sept— Lightning strikes have claimed 659 lives in China, said head of China Meteorological Administration (CMA) Zheng Guoguang at a conference here Tuesday.

According to the CMA, lightning had claimed 403 lives by 27 July and killed 109 in August. In the first 18 days of September, 147 people died of lightening strikes. Due to global warming, the number of strong typhoons is increasing and more areas are vulnerable to the attack to typhoons, he said.

According to the official, China’s temperature averaged 21.6 degrees Celsius in August, the second highest in years since 1951. The Qinghai Province in northwest China experienced the hottest summer in 56 years.

To fight lightning strikes, the China Association for Science and Technology and the CMA jointly launched a programme this month to raise people’s awareness on threats caused by bad weather.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese, British warships hold joint rescue drill in east China

QINGDAO, 18 Sept— A missile destroyer of the Chinese Navy and a frigate of the British Navy held a joint rescue exercise in the sea area off Qingdao City in east China on Sunday.

The Chinese destroyer Qingdao and the British frigate HMS Monmouth carried out drills on communications, manoeuvring, and offshore rescue.

During the exercise, a helicopter from the British frigate rescued an “injured sailor” from a wrecked vessel to the HMS Monmouth with its winch, while a helicopter from Qingdao sent cables and technicians to the wrecked ship. Over 500

Chinese and British Navy officers and soldiers participated in the offshore exercise, which lasted more than three hours.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE to launch first satellite in 2008

ABU DHABI, 18 Sept — A scientific research body of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced on Sunday that it will launch the country’s first satellite DubaiSat-1 in 2008.

The Emirates Institution for Advanced Science and Technology (EIAST), established by the Dubai government, unveiled the timetable of the execution of DubaiSat-1 project at a Press conference held in Dubai on Sunday, a Press release by the institution said.

According to the EIAST, DubaiSat-1 aims to position the UAE among the advanced nations in the world in science and technology development through the application of global best practices and cooperation with the world’s

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“Power Summit 2007” starts in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 18 Sept — The “Power Summit 2007” is being held in Nepali capital Kathmandu to encourage foreign investment in hydropower projects from Monday.

Over 200 people from around the world are

expected to attend the conference, including regional and foreign multinationals companies, are taking part in the summit.

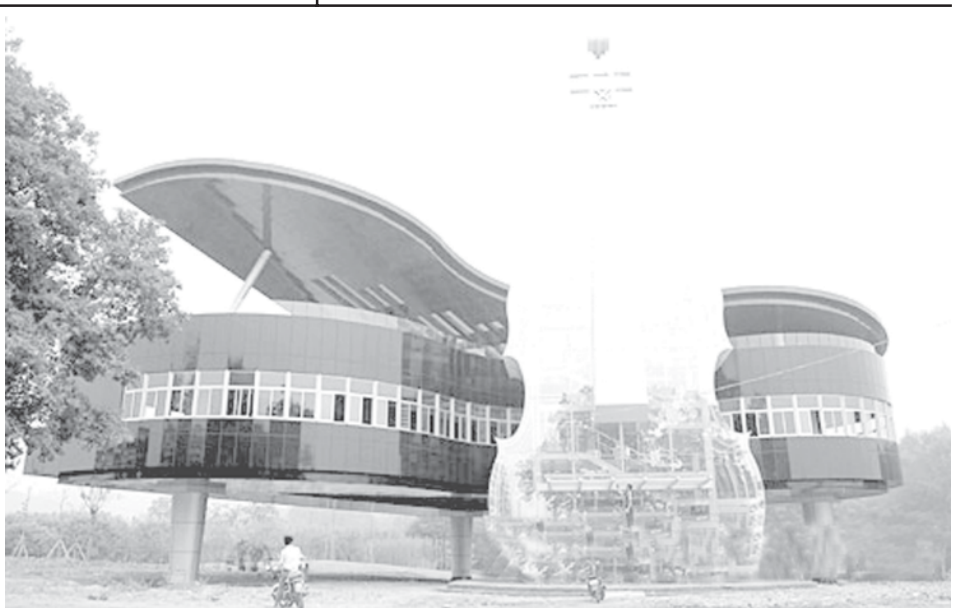
According to a leading website, eKantipur.com, the objective of the conference is to create a favourable environment for foreign investment in hydropower projects and to reduce power outage.

Various government and non-government

organizations from India, Australia and Norway are attending the summit.

The summit organized jointly by Indian Government’s energy broker company Power Trading Corporations, representative of Nepalese banks, Nepal Bankers Association, and Nepal’s independent energy producing organization will continue till Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua



The photo shows a Piano-shaped building in Huainan city, An’hui Province, China, on 18 Sept, 2007. The building is like a piano, and its stairs is in violin shape. —XINHUA

World’s oldest Japanese man turns 112, wants to live forever

TOKYO, 19 Sept— The world’s oldest man celebrated his 112th birthday with two bashes

at his home in southern Japan on Tuesday, then declared that he wants to live forever.

Tomoji Tanabe held his first celebration on receiving 100,000 yen (870 US dollars) and flowers from the local mayor, and the second when he was joined later by his children.

“I want to live forever. I don’t want to die,” Tanabe was quoted as saying by Kyodo News agency.

Tanabe, recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest living male in June 2006, is “extremely healthy”, said an official

at his hometown of Miyakonojo, about 900 kilometres (560 miles) southwest of Tokyo on the island of Kyushu.

Tanabe, whose meals mainly consist of vegetables, said the key to longevity was not drinking alcohol.

Instead, he drinks milk every day and takes walks on his own in the area around his house, where he lives with his son.

The Japanese are among the world’s longest-lived people, with the number of those aged 100 or older expected to reach a record of more than 32,000 by the end of the month.— MNA/Reuters



An aerial view of Baghdad is seen through a window, on 16 Sept, 2006. A car bomb outside the Health Ministry in central Baghdad killed seven people and wounded 23 on Tuesday, police said. —INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

China's GDP growth to hit 11.2%, CPI to top 4% in 2007

BEIJING, 18 Sept — Brisk exports, strong investment and buoyant consumption will lift China's economic growth to 11.2 per cent this year, up from an earlier estimate of 10 per cent, with the inflation rate breaking 4 per cent, says an Asian Development Bank (ADB) report released here on Monday.

"The faster than expected growth momentum built up this year is expected to carry into 2008," said Zhuang Jian, senior economist of ADB's China Resident Mission, at a news conference.

The new ADB report also forecasts that China's GDP growth in 2008 will reach 10.8 per cent, revising from the 9.8 per cent in an ADB report published in March.

Zhuang said China's economy grew at a faster-than-expected 11.5 per cent in the first half of 2007, which is the highest rate since 1994.

According to Zhuang, China's fast economic growth was led by industry, especially in such sectors as steel, electricity, chemicals, and oil processing.

Strong profitability, buoyant sales and still-low

lending rates also drove investment during the period.

The ADB report said investment administered by local governments grew by 28.1 per cent in the first six months, nearly doubling the equivalent central government rate.

China's inflation barometer—the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is estimated to hit 4.2 per cent this year and 3.8 per cent in 2008 as against the previous forecasts of 1.8 per cent and 2.2 per cent respectively, according to the ADB report.

MNA/Xinhua



The Boeing 787 Dreamliner sits outside the Boeing assembly plant in Everett, Washington. Boeing Co said on 18, Sept 2007, that China will require 3,400 new airplanes worth about \$340 billion over the next 20 years, raising its forecast for the country's booming aviation arena.—INTERNET

World Chinese entrepreneurs convention concludes in Osaka

OSAKA (Japan), 18 Sept — A three-day convention gathering more than 3,000 global ethnic Chinese entrepreneurs concluded in Osaka on Monday.

The Chinese entre-

preneurs came "for friendship, for cooperation, for peace and for development", said Sun Xiaohua, vice-president of Chambers of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce at the closing ceremony of the 9th Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention, noting that the convention was a success.

"The convention is not only a get-together of the ethnic Chinese business persons, but also an important opportunity to exchange and mingle with the Japanese economic circle," said Xu You-sheng, vice-minister of the Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs of the State Council.

Together with Japanese business personages and scholars, Chinese entrepreneurs, famed scholars and cultural figures from different countries discussed a wide

range of topics including overseas Chinese economy and the Japanese economy, modern Asia and the ethnic Chinese, city development and lifestyle in Asia, disaster prevention and corporate activities and others.

During the convention, senior officials of organizing committees of Beijing 2008 Olympics and World Expo 2010 Shanghai also launched presentations in Kobe, to attract more attention for the two global events in China.

Exhibitions on Chinese history and culture, concerts, seminars were launched during the convention. In Nankin Machi, Kobe's China Town, traditional Chinese lion and dragon dances were performed in specially decorated streets, attracting many visitors.

MNA/Xinhua

China, Zambia seal deal on stadium project

LUSAKA, 18 Sept — China and Zambia on Monday inked the contract for the construction of a 40,000-capacity stadium donated by the Chinese Government in Lusaka.

Head of the Chinese architecture delegation Zhang Zijun signed on behalf of his team and the Chinese Government while Permanent Secretary of Zambia Works and Supply Ministry Bizwayo Nkunika signed on behalf of the Zambian Government.

Speaking after the signing ceremony, Chinese Ambassador to Zambia Li Qiangmin said the project is a real testimony of the friendship between the two countries and the two peoples, adding that Zambia is one of the biggest beneficiary countries enjoying Chinese donations.

Li reiterated his government's support to Zambia's development programmes and urged more cooperation between China and Zambia.

"It's just one step of the long march," Li said, "we need more understandings".

MNA/Xinhua



The stone-made mooncakes are showed at Guan Yuan Jewellery Store in Beijing, on 17 Sept, 2007. The mooncakes are made of Shoushan Stone by Chinese artist Shu yue.—XINHUA



Toyota Motor Corp President Katsuaki Watanabe speaks during a news conference unveiling its new fully redesigned "Land Cruiser" in Tokyo on 18 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

AMD to sell 3-core desktop computer chip before April

BEIJING, 18 Sept — AMD on Monday announced it will sell before April a three-core version of its quad-core Phenom desktop processor.

Otherwise identical in every respect to the quad-core version, with 512KB of level 2 cache per core and 3MB of shared level 3 cache, the new processor is yet to be named. AMD is also yet to reveal pricing or power and performance details. "It will fit between

dual- and quad-cores, but not exactly in the middle," said Giuseppe Amato, AMD's European technical director for sales and marketing. AMD said shipments of quad-core processors only represented 2 per cent of all desktop computer shipments for the three months ended 30 June, suggesting there's a place for triple-core. "We believe that triple core is the right product at the right

time to serve a broad swath of market," said Bob Brewer, AMD's corporate vice president and general manager of the desktop division. The new processor was primarily intended for consumer desktops and that it would work in all existing quad-core-compatible motherboards without modification, Amato said, adding it will be available in the first quarter of 2008.

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China's top political advisor Jia Qinglin (L) meets with Japan's Hokkaido Governor Harumi Takahashi (C) and Sapporo City Mayor Fumio Ueda(R), in Sapporo, Japan, on 16 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

Olmert says open to talks with Syria

JERUSALEM, 18 Sept — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said on Monday he respected Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and was prepared to hold peace talks with him, following reports of an Israeli air raid on Syria this month.

Israel has refused to comment on what US officials and diplomatic sources have described in news reports as a raid inside Syria that may have targeted weapons headed for Hizbollah guerrillas in

Lebanon or a suspected nuclear site.

Syria said it could retaliate for the 6 September violation of its territory and has denied reports that Damascus may have received North Korean nuclear aid. North Korea has also denied any such cooperation.

"Like I said in the past, we want to make peace with anyone who is willing to make peace with us," Olmert told a group of reporters in Jerusalem when asked about Syria. "We are

willing to enter negotiations with Syria with no preconditions," Olmert said in his first public comments since the incident. "We have much respect for the Syrian leader and the Syrian policy. They have internal problems but this is no reason not to enter into dialogue with them."

A spokesperson for Olmert played down the comments, saying they were similar to what he has said repeatedly in the past. — MNA/Reuters

Road accident kills 11, injures 12 in N-W China

YINCHUAN, 18 Sept — Eleven people died and 12 others were injured when a truck collided head-on into a tractor in northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, police said on Monday.

The accident occurred at around 7:20 am on Sunday in the Hanjiao-shui Township, Zhongning County, Zhongwei City, killing five instantly, a spokesman for the county police said.

Six others died on their way to hospital.

Twelve people were injured in the accident and are being treated at a hospital in Tongxin County, Wuzhong City.

"The injured people are all stable now," said Ma Denghai, head of the Tongxin hospital.

Initial investigations show the truck veered into the lane of the oncoming tractor.

MNA/Xinhua

EU court upholds antitrust decision against Microsoft

LUXEMBOURG, 18 Sept — The European Union (EU)'s second-highest court on Monday essentially upheld an antitrust decision against Microsoft by the European Commission (EC) in 2004, keeping the record fine of millions of euros in place.

Dressed in their formal black robes, the 13 judges of the Grand Chamber of the European Court of

First Instance (CFI) were all present.

It only took the presiding judge Bo Vesterdorf less than four minutes to read out the main passages of the 248-page written verdict, bringing the nearly decade-old case to a new climax.

"The court considers that the Commission was correct to conclude that the work group server operating systems of Microsoft's competitors must be able to inter-operate with Windows domain architecture on an equal footing with Windows operating systems if they are to be capable of being marketed viably," the court said in its verdict. — MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia's AirAsia X ready for China, Australia

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Sept — Malaysia's first long-haul budget carrier, AirAsia X, will start flights to China and Australia with the arrival of its first Airbus A330, local media reported on Tuesday.

The plane, which is on a six-year lease, touched down at the low-cost carrier terminal in Sepang, near the capital of Kuala Lumpur, on Sunday from the United States.

AirAsia X chief executive officer Azran Osman Rani said the inaugural flight would probably be in the middle of next month.

The landing rights for both destinations had been obtained, but AirAsia was

still waiting for the final air operating certificate from the Department of Civil Aviation, Azran said. Its first destination will depend on which country gets the final

paperwork done first.

The flight schedule has yet to be released, but Azran said the plane would alternate between China and Australia.

MNA/Xinhua



A 35-metre-wide and 50-metre-long huge Olympic flag has been finished by Zhang Dagong, a volunteer from Beijing, in Shandong's Weifang on 15 Sept. It is the largest of its kind in the world and will apply for the listing of Guinness World Records.—INTERNET

Typhoon Wipha lands in east China

WENZHOU (Zhejiang), 19 Sept — Typhoon Wipha packing winds of 45 metres per second landed in Cangan County, Wenzhou of east China's Zhejiang Province at 2:30 am Wednesday.

More than 2 million people in east China have been relocated before the landfall of Wipha, which might be the most destructive typhoon in a decade.

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Super typhoon Wipha sweeps across Fuding city, Fujian Province, southeast China, on 19 Sept, 2007. Wipha was downgraded to a severe typhoon on Tuesday evening with wind speed at its centre reduced from 198 km per hour at 4 pm to 180 at 8 pm, according to the Fujian meteorological bureau. —INTERNET



UNGA opens with calls for multilateral action

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Sept — The 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly opened here Tuesday amid calls for multilateral solutions to global challenges.

Srgjan Kerim, president of the General Assembly, said climate change, financing for development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals, countering terrorism, and reforms aimed at improving the management, effectiveness and coherence of the world body are among the top priorities during the session.

"More than ever before, global challenges demand multilateral solutions," Kerim said in his opening remarks. "The United Nations is the appropriate multilateral forum to take action. This is why the revitalization of this General Assembly deserves our highest attention."

A number of high-level events will be held on the sidelines of the current session of the general assembly on such issues as climate change, Iraq, Afghanistan, Darfur,

and the Middle East.

"The General Assembly must take the initiative and strengthen its central position in the multilateral system," Kerim said. "We must forge a lasting consensus — a global alliance for action — by bringing together member states, the private sector, nongovernmental organizations and civil society."

He said by working together, the international community can also help overcome the underlying misunderstanding between cultures and religions that is "at the core of many of today's problems".

Kerim called for courage and "bold compromises" to address the many challenges facing the world.

"If we want the United Nations to play its full role,

we will have to do more and do it more effectively — both operationally at the country level, and management at headquarters," he said.

Earlier Tuesday, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon also expressed hope at a Press conference that world leaders attending the session would "bring with them a renewed interest in multilateral resolution to challenges facing the world".

MNA/Xinhua



OJ Simpson (second L) is escorted from Las Vegas Metropolitan Police offices as he is taken to the Clark County Detention Centre in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 16 Sept, 2007. Former football star Simpson, who was acquitted in 1995 of murdering his ex-wife, has been arrested in connection with an alleged armed robbery last week in a hotel room in Las Vegas, police said on Sunday. — INTERNET

US company recalls tainted salad

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept — The US Dole Food Co said on Monday that it has issued an international recall of bagged salad after a sample taken from a store in Canada tested positive for E coli.

The voluntary recall applies to all packages of Dole's Hearts Delight salad mix sold in the United States and Canada with a "best if used by" date of 19 September, 2007, and a production code of "A24924A" or "A24924B", Dole said.

The product was sold in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces in Canada and in Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee starting around

8 September, said Marty Ordman, a Dole spokesman.

The product may have been available in other US states wholesalers distributed to, Ordman said.

There have been no reports of illness, according to the company officials.

"Our overriding concern is for consumer safety," said Eric Schwartz, president of the Dole Fresh Vegetable division, in a statement. He said the company was working with US and Canadian

health agencies, as well as those in various states.

The romaine, green leaf and butter lettuce hearts that went into the blend were grown in California, Colorado and Ohio, then processed at Dole's plant in Springfield, Ohio on 6 September, according to Ordman.

Eighty-eight cases — or 528 bags — were distributed in Canada and 755 cases containing 4,530 bags in the United States, he said.

The company's move came a day after the Canadian Food Inspection Agency warned consumers not to eat Hearts Delight.

There have been a series of food-tainted cases in the United States this year. Last year, an E coli outbreak traced to bagged baby spinach was blamed for the deaths of three people and for sickening hundreds more across the country.

MNA/Xinhua

World Vision sends aids to quake-hit Bengkulu, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 19 Sept — World Vision Indonesia has sent 2,000 packages of non-food relief aid to quake-hit Bengkulu Province in Sumatra Island, the manager of the organization Jimmy Nadapdap said in a Press release here Tuesday.

The manager said that the aid packages included sarongs, blankets and sleeping mats.

"We expect the goods to arrive in Bengkulu Tuesday afternoon and we hope to be able to start our distribution on Wednesday," he said.

Fadli Usman, one of the World Vision staff conducting assessments in Bengkulu, said that a number of villages in the province were among the hardest-hit by the quake last week.

"Some villages here have still not received any support yet because they are located so far away from the main road," Fadli said.

The National Development Planning Agency said on Sunday the number of houses and other properties damaged in Bengkulu and West Sumatra provinces reached over 15,000.

However, reports from the fields were much more severe. Bengkulu Governor Agusrin M Najamuddin estimated on Sunday that the total number of houses destroyed or damaged had now reached almost 30,000 in Bengkulu alone, according to the organization.

Twenty-three people were killed in a powerful earthquake of 7.9 Richter Scale last week in Bengkulu Province of Sumatra Island.

MNA/Xinhua



A model displays an outfit by Spanish designer Agatha Ruiz de la Prada during the Spring/Summer 2007-08 Pasarela Cibeles fashion show in Madrid on 17 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET

Four US soldiers killed in Iraq on Tuesday

BAGHDAD, 19 Sept — Four US soldiers were killed and at least three others injured in an explosion and a vehicle accident in Iraq on Tuesday, the US military said.

According to the latest statement of the military, three American soldiers were killed and three more injured in an explosion in Iraq's Diyala Province northeast of Baghdad on Tuesday.

The incident occurred when the Task Force Lightning soldiers triggered an explosion near their patrol, the military said in the statement, without giving details on the type of explosion.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border, has long been the hotbed of insurgency and sectarian violence since the US-led invasion in 2003.

Meanwhile, another Task Force Lightning soldier also died Tuesday in a vehicle accident in the northern Ninevah Province, according to the military.

The latest death brings the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to at least 3,785 since the outbreak of the Iraqi war in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures. — MNA/Xinhua

Sports equipment provided for basic education schools in Yangon Division



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win delivers an address at a ceremony to present sports equipment to basic education schools in Yangon Division.—MNA

YANGON, 19 Sept — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Myanmar Football Federation donated football equipment to basic education schools in Yangon Division and presented cash award to Champion Myanmar Women's football Team at BEHS No 2 in Dagon Township this afternoon.

Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw handed five home-made footballs, one foreign-

made football and one home-made volleyball ball each to 1,784 basic education schools through officials.

Leading Patron of Yangon Division Women's Sports Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai presented K 2.5 million to Champion Myanmar Women's Football Team through Manager Daw Myat Myat Oo.

On the occasion, Yangon Division PDC donated 8,920 home-made footballs and 1,784 home-made volleyball balls, and MFF President U Zaw Zaw, 271 foreign-made footballs. — MNA

Construction tasks of Kunchaung hydropower project supervised...

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station and progress in digging the tunnel. Next, the minister looked into progress in digging the approach tunnel No 1 and power intake channel. Afterwards, Project Director U Maw Tha Htwe and Assistant Director U Toe Lwin briefed the minister on work procedures.

After hearing the reports, the minister oversaw installation of steel pipelines, concrete laying tasks, earth work of the main embankment, building of power intake structure and approach bridge to the power intake structure.

After inspecting the construction tasks of the control tower and spillway, the minister instructed officials concerned to make efforts to accomplish the construction tasks of the project earlier as targeted, constantly monitor preventive measures against natural disasters, assign duties for carrying out the project tasks widely, gear up the tasks in open season, stockpile construction materials in advance, handle machinery with care, minimize wastage and loss and take measures for occupational safety.

A 57.7 per cent of Kunchaung hydropower project has been finished so far and upon completion, the project will generate 60 megawatts. — MNA

CEC Member looks into ...

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After that Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Aung Than Htut and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein looked into the pasteurized feedstuff, milch cow farm and poultry farm in the integrated farm of the command and fulfilled the requirements on 16 September.

Next, the minister and party paid homage to Maha Yan Aung Myin Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vilasa. On 17 September, the minister met with service personnel of departments under the ministry at the meeting hall of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay Division and gave instructions on future tasks to be carried out for the development of meat and fish sector and then visited feedstuff factory of U Tin Myint. — MNA

Leading Committee for Organizing National Immunization Days 2007 meets

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Sept — The meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing National Immunization Days 2007 was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health this morning, attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, members of the leading committee and departmental officials.

First, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint made an opening speech on the occasion, saying that the leading committee will have to distribute vaccines and supplies, educative aids and medical items across the nation in time; radio and television programmes are to be aired on organizing matters and announcements are to be issued to the public in a synchronized way; Motion Picture, Thabin and Music Asiayons are to be engaged in the immunization activities and subcommittees are to raise funds widely.

Next, departmental officials under the ministry and leading committee members discussed procedures to be followed on the days of national immunization 2007 and the minister made concluding remarks.

MNA

Symposium on Food-borne Disease and Food Safety 22 September

YANGON, 19 Sept — The Microbiology Society of Myanmar Medical Association will conduct the Symposium on Food-borne Disease and Food Safety at Auditorium-A of the association on Theinbyu Road, here from 9 am to 12 noon on 22 September.

Dr U Kyaw Lin, Dr Daw Khin Myat Nwe, Professor Daw May Kyi Aung, Associate Professor U Win Myat Aye and Dr U Zaw Than Tun will give talks on Food-borne Disease and Food Safety.

All interested persons may attend the symposium. —MNA

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint speaks at the meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing National Immunization Days 2007. — MNA



Nutrition Week marked in Nay Pyi Taw



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo view nutritious food made by the participants in nutritious food cooking contest.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Sept — The activities to mark Nutrition Week and nutritious food cooking contest were launched at People's Hospital (25-Bed) in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township today, attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo.

First, the commander and wife viewed the booths of wall magazine and medicines and they gave vitamin A tablets and nutritious food to the pregnant mothers and children.

They also viewed the

performances of the participants in the cooking contest.

At the prize presentation, the commander delivered an address and Head of Township Health Department Dr Soe Soe Naing explained activities of nutrition week.

Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Than Than Sein accepted 250 membership applications of villages in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township.

Afterwards, Daw Swe Swe Oo presented first, second and third prizes to



Police Captain Daw Ohnma Yin Mie gives talks on prevention against human smuggling and trafficking.—MNA

the outstanding teams in the contest.

After the prize presentation, the commander and wife inspected the pharmaceuticals shop, wards, medicine store and x-ray unit and provided cash to patients.—MNA

Paper-reading session on energy slated on 22 Sept

YANGON, 19 Sept—Organized by the Energy and Renewable Energy Committee of Myanmar Engineering Society, the Paper-reading session on Energy and Renewable Energy (02/2007) will be held at Seminar Room on the ground floor on

Universities (Hline Campus), Hline Township, from 9 am to noon on 22 September.

At the paper-reading session, resource person U Tun Aung Naing of KKS Engineering Co Ltd will read the paper on The Guide of Choosing Best

Suitable RE and Energy Security and Managing Director U Tin Win of San Engineering Co Ltd on Bio Energy and Small Hydropower Utilization in Integrated Farming. The interested persons may attend the session at the venue.—MNA

MWAF holds educative talks

YANGON, 19 Sept — The Nationalities Affairs Working Group of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized the educative talks at the Central Training School of Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Ward 51 of

Dagon Myothit (North) Township on 17 September.

It was attended by 193 trainees of the Advanced Vocational Course No 16, the Wicker Works Course No 4 and the Clerical Courses No 48, No 49 and No 50 and staff families.

Wife of the Minister for PBANRDA Leader of the Working Group Daw Kyin Khaing made a

speech.

Prof Daw Mya Mya Yin, member of State Service Personnel and Intellectuals and Intelligentsia Group, gave talks on women and mental health, and Police Captain Daw Ohnma Yin Mie of Anti-Human Trafficking Special Squad of MPF, on prevention against human smuggling and trafficking.—MNA

Driving rain causes floods in Pyigyidagun Township

YANGON, 19 Sept—It rained heavily in Mandalay and its surrounding areas in Mandalay Division on 15 and 16 September,

causing flash floods in some wards of Pyigyidagun Township while the Parantaw Creek was raging.

The depth of the

floods in the wards reached from one foot to one and a half feet. Now, some flooded households have been evacuated to safe places.—MNA

ASEAN Customs Capability Development Working Group meets

YANGON, 19 Sept—The second meeting of ASEAN Customs Capability Development Working

sponsored by the Customs Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was opened at Summit Park View Hotel here yesterday morning.

It was attended by Director-General of CDU San Thaung and officials, representatives from ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN nations, guests and others.

Director-General U San Thaung made a speech

on the occasion, and the opening ceremony ended.

Next, Director-General U San Thaung had a documentary taken together with representatives from ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN nations.

This was followed by the second session of the meeting.

The meeting continued today.

MNA

Director-General U San Thaung speaks at 2nd meeting of ASEAN Customs Capability Development Working Group.

MNA



Teheran condemns French FM's remarks over possible Iran war

TEHERAN, 19 Sept — Iran on Monday condemned French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner's warning that the world should brace for a possible war over the Iranian crisis, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"Kouchner's claims are not only in contradiction with EU's macro policies on the Islamic Republic of Iran but are also aimed at questioning credibility and competency of the International Atomic Energy Agency," Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad-Ali Hosseini said.

Hosseini added that using "convulsive words" is contrary to the historical, cultural and civilizational dignity and position of France.

"Alignment of such words with the futile strategies of the US officials indicates the influence of others' unrealistic insinuations and false information and it would not serve interests of France," Hosseini said.

In an interview on the French television station

LCI late on Sunday, Kouchner said: "We must prepare for the worst ... (and) the worst is war."

The United States has been seeking to impose tougher sanctions on Iran through the UN Security Council on the grounds that Teheran is developing a nuclear weapon programme under the guise of a civilian-use

programme.

Iran has insisted that its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes and voiced hope for talks to defuse the nuclear stand-off.

The United States has never ruled out military action against Iranian targets for Teheran's suspicious nuclear programmes. — MNAXinhua



A man passes in front of a logo for "Dubai Cares", a charity campaign, during a news conference presented by Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, ruler and prime minister of the United Arab Emirates, in Mina Al Salam, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 19 Sept, 2007. —INTERNET

Report says humans main cause of financial security breaches

LONDON, 19 Sept — People are the cause of most breaches in banking security, a report shows.

Employees and customers are the key sources of security breaches, according to a survey of financial services companies by business

advisory firm Deloitte.

Around 91 per cent of those questioned said they are concerned about risks to security arising from within their organizations.

Almost a third of respondents said they had suffered security breaches

by employees, either through misconduct or error.

Some 65 per cent of senior information technology executives at many of the top 100 global financial services organizations also reported external security breaches.

The survey found that customers are the cause of breaches in security due to poor awareness and failing to have anti-virus protection on their computers.

Many problems centre on viruses and worms, e-mail attacks, such as spam, and attacks focused directly on the customer, such as identity theft, Deloitte said.

But, despite financial services firms being aware of a rising threat to security, less than two thirds have an information security strategy in place.

MNA/Reuters

New FMD cases suspected in south England

LONDON, 19 Sept — All the sheep on a farm in southern England will be slaughtered after blood tests suggested they had contracted foot and mouth disease, the British Agriculture Ministry said on Monday.

The sheep are on a farm inside the protection zone west of London set up last week when a new outbreak of the disease was discovered and hundreds of pigs and cattle were culled.

"Initial blood tests on clinically healthy sheep on a farm within the Protection Zone suggest exposure to FMD (foot and mouth disease)," the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said in a statement on its website.

"These animals were identified as part of the surveillance work that is being carried out in the area. All animals on the premises are being slaughtered on suspicion. Further laboratory tests are ongoing," it said.

MNA/Reuters



The 'Tribute in Lights' shines on the skyline of lower Manhattan as the sixth anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center is observed in New York, on 11 Sept, 2007. The plaintiffs in more than a third of the remaining suits filed by relatives of 11 September victims seeking compensation from airlines and their security contractors have agreed to settle a week before the first case was to be heard in court. — INTERNET

Annan to launch forum to tackle climate change

GENEVA, 19 Sept — Former United Nations secretary-general Kofi Annan said on Monday that he would officially launch a new forum on 17 October aimed to tackle climate change and natural disasters.

One major task of the Global Humanitarian Forum will be to look at ways of helping the communities around the world that are most vulnerable to the effects of climate change, Annan, who himself will be the president of the Geneva-based organization, told reporters in Geneva.

"Environmental change

and natural disasters already displace more people than armed conflict," said the former UN secretary-general, who stepped down at the end of last year.

"We need to do more to address the needs of the most vulnerable people and communities," he added.

Annan explained that his forum, which is based

on an initiative put forward by the Swiss Foreign Ministry, would have a different philosophy from other similar organizations.

The Global Humanitarian Forum aims to boost dialogue between all parties involved in humanitarian aid, acting as a catalyst, and build bridges between areas that otherwise had little

contact.

"We want to bring together people from the civil society, governments, the academic world and military authorities," Annan said.

He believed humanitarian aid was often too segmented, and one of the forum's goals would be to help improve the system.

MNAXinhua



A model wears a creation from the Javier Larrainzar Spring/Summer 2008 collection during the Cibeles Madrid International Fashion Week, Madrid, on Tuesday, 18 Sept, 2007. — INTERNET



Downtown Los Angeles is seen on 18 Dec, 2006. the Los Angeles metropolitan area led the nation in traffic jams in 2005, with rush-hour drivers spending an extra 72 hours a year on average stuck in traffic, according to a study released on Tuesday. — INTERNET

US traffic congestion continues to worsen

LOS ANGELES, 19 Sept — Traffic congestion in the United States has continued to worsen, creating a 78-billion-dollar annual drain on the US economy, according to a report released on Tuesday.

Because of the congestion, Americans lose 4.2 billion hours and waste 2.9 billion gallons of fuel annually, said the 2007 Urban Mobility Report by the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI).

“Congestion is a far more complex problem than is apparent at first glance,” said Tim Lomax, a research engineer at TTI and a co-author of the report, which is based on data from 2005.

“The better the data we use to define the problem, the more successful we will be in addressing its root causes,” Lomax said.

The report also found that motorists in two California counties—Los

Angeles and Orange counties—face worse rush-hour traffic congestion than those in 13 other “large urban areas” of the country.

“Large urban areas” refer to those with populations greater than three million.

The report said the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana area had the largest “travel time index” — a comparison of travel time during peak traffic conditions versus travel time during “free flow” conditions.

The report found that congestion causes the average motorist in the region to spend an extra 72 hours a year on the road, wasting an average of 57 gallons of gas. The national average was 38 hours and 26 gallons in a year. The Chicago area had the second-highest travel time index, followed by San Francisco/Oakland, New York/Newark and Miami.

MNA/Xinhua

Dozy burglary suspect caught napping in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 19 Sept — A man who failed to open a safe during an attempted burglary in a Cyprus bank was found asleep by a cleaning lady in the morning, police said on Monday.

The 23-year-old was caught by police after running off.

He had failed to get money out of a cash dispenser outside the bank and then climbed a ladder to break in through a window.

“It seems the suspect tried to open up the safe and, after failing that, took an orange juice out of the fridge, sat down at a desk and fell asleep,” said a police source.

The suspect was remanded by a Nicosia court for eight days. — *MNA/Reuters*

Car bomb strikes east Beirut

BEIRUT, 19 Sept — A car bomb has exploded in a predominantly Christian area of Sin el-Fil in Beirut, the Lebanese capital, killing at least five people, according to a security source.

Antoine Ghanem, a member of parliament with the Phalange party, is thought to have been killed in the blast on Wednesday.

“The explosion took place in the Sin el-Fil area near the Metropolitan hotel,” a security source said.

Zeina Khodr, Al Jazeera’s correspondent in Lebanon, said: “We are not sure who was targeted, whether or not it was a politician - but it comes at a time of heightening political tensions.”

“We do know it was a big explosion. We have not seen any explosion in Lebanon since 14 June, when a member of parliament was assassinated in Beirut.” She said Ghanem was believed to have been travelling to a meeting in the district.

Nayla Moawad, the Lebanese minister of social affairs, told Al Jazeera: “It is clearly an attempt to diminish the number of members of parliament from the majority and of the March 14 Forces.

“It proves that there is a mainstream, led by Iran and Syria, against Lebanese sovereignty.

“It is the end of any dialogue. We will not dialogue with murderers and we will dialogue on the blood of our martyrs.”

The bomb attack comes amid continued differences between the parliamentary majority

It also said the Cabinet supported an Interior Ministry decision to “halt the licence” for Blackwater, which provides security to the US Embassy and its diplomats, and launch an immediate investigation into the shooting.

“Cabinet affirmed... the need to review the

situation of foreign and local security companies working in Iraq, in accordance with Iraqi laws,” Ali al-Dabbagh said in a statement after an Iraqi Government meeting.

“This came after the flagrant assault conducted by members of the American security

company Blackwater against Iraqi citizens,” Dabbagh said.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice telephoned Iraq’s Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki on Monday to express regret over the death of innocent civilians in the incident, which the State Department said occurred during an attack on a US convoy. Iraq’s Interior Ministry said the Blackwater contractors opened fire at random after mortar rounds landed near the convoy. It said 11 people were killed in the shooting. — *MNA/Reuters*

Peruvians get sick from apparent meteorite crater

LIMA, 19 Sept — Dozens of people living in a Peruvian town near Lake Titicaca reported vomiting and headaches after they went to look at a crater apparently left by a meteorite that crashed down over the weekend, health officials said on Tuesday.

After hearing a loud noise, people went to see what had happened and

found a crater 65-feet (20-metre) wide and 22-feet (seven-metre) deep on an uninhabited plateau near Carancas in the Puno region.

Experts from Peru’s Geophysical Institute are on their way to the area 800 miles (1,300 kilometres) south of Lima to verify whether it was a meteorite.

“We’ve examined

about 100 people who got near to the meteorite crater who have vomiting and headaches because of gasses coming out of there,” Jorge Lopez, health director in Puno, told *Reuters*. “People are scared,” he said. Lopez said people went to the site after hearing a crash that they thought might be an airplane.

MNA/Reuters



A view of the crater caused by a meteorite crash in the southern Peruvian town of Carangas, near the border with Bolivia, on 16 Sept, 2007. Dozens of people living in a Peruvian town near Lake Titicaca reported vomiting and headaches after they went to look at a crater apparently left by a meteorite that crashed down over the weekend, health officials said on Tuesday. — INTERNET

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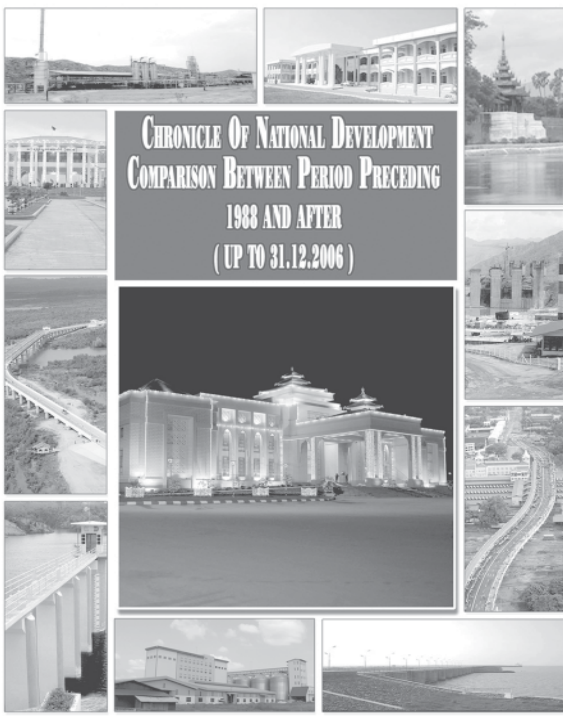
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Participants compete in the load-carrying race during the 5th Provincial Farmers' Sports Meeting in Dandong, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 16 Sept, 2007. —XINHUA

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18 Iranian tourists killed in Thai crash

PHUKET (Thailand), 8 Sept—Eighteen Iranian tourists were among 89 people killed when a Thai budget airliner crashed on the resort island of Phuket on Sunday, an Iranian diplomat said.

The dead, among 24 Iranians on a tour, included four children and two couples on their honeymoon, Safdar Safiee, an Iranian consular official in Thailand, told Reuters on Tuesday. The six survivors were in hospital, he said. —MNA/Reuters

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Smoking can harm long-term effects of some oral surgery procedures

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept—A study released Tuesday in the September issue of the Journal of Periodontology found that smokers had less desirable long term results following periodontal plastic surgery than non-smokers.

The study followed 10 smokers and 10 non-smokers for two years to evaluate the effects of cigarette smoke on the long term outcomes of a treatment to help soft tissue reattach to the root surface of the teeth.

After two years, residual gum recession around the area which received the surgery was greater in

smokers as compared to non-smokers.

Studies have shown that smoking can impair the body's ability to heal itself immediately after surgery. But this most recent study also showed that when a patient has periodontal plastic surgery, smoking can damage the ability of that procedure to stay intact over a long period of time.

"People who smoke and have had some sort of periodontal plastic surgery should be aware of the negative side effects of smoking. It can be costly to have to repeat a surgery because the desirable

outcomes might have been undone by smoking," said Preston Miller, President of the American Academy of Periodontology.

"Therefore, it is important patients and doctors agree to a smoking cessation program prior to any periodontal surgery. This will help a patient's chance of achieving optimal results," said Miller.

Internet



An employee of the Picasso Museum in Paris retouches the frame of a Picasso's painting, on 17 Sept, 2007. They are part of the exhibition 'Picasso Cubiste' that will be shown to the public from on 19 Sept, 2007 to 7 Jan, 2008, at the National Picasso Museum in Paris.—INTERNET

Astronomers discover warm south pole on Neptune



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WASHINGTON, 18 Sept—An international team of astronomers has discovered that Neptune's south pole is much hotter than the rest of the planet, NASA's jet propulsion laboratory (JPL) reported Tuesday.

"The temperatures of south pole are so high that methane gas, which should be frozen out in the upper part of Neptune's atmosphere, the stratosphere, can leak out through this region," said Glenn Orton of NASA's JPL.

Orton is lead author of a paper appearing in the Sept. 18 issue of the journal Astronomy and Astrophysics.

These findings were made using the Very Large Telescope, located in Chile, operated by the European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere (known as ESO).

In the paper, Orton and his colleagues report that the temperature at Neptune's south pole is hotter than anywhere else on the planet by about 10 Celsius degrees. The average temperature on Neptune is about minus 200 Celsius degrees.

Neptune, the farthest known planet of our solar system, is located about 30 times farther away from the sun than the Earth is. Only about one thousandth of the sunlight received by our planet reaches Neptune. Yet, the small amount of sunlight Neptune does receive significantly affects the planet's atmosphere.

The astronomers found that these temperature variations are consistent with seasonal changes. A Neptunian year lasts about 165 Earth years. It has been summer in the south pole of Neptune for about 40 years now, and they predict that as winter turns to summer at the north pole, an abundance of methane would leak out of a warm north pole in about 80 years.—Internet

Cuban scientists find 18-20 million-year-old fossils

HAVANA, 17 Sept—Cuban scientists have found a series of fossils they believe to be between 18 and 20 million years old in the central Cuban province of Sancti Spiritus, the island's Caving Society said on Monday.

The fossils are the remains of dugongs and giant crocodiles that lived in the area in the Miocene period, the fourth era of the Tertiary age, which began 23 million years ago and ended 5 million years ago, it said.

The fossils were found in a cave close to the banks of the Cayajana River, 350 km east of Havana. The scientists made the find 30 meters below the slope eroded by the river, considered a highly valuable area by scientists seeking fossils.

The Caribbean's oldest fossils, including a giant sloth, giant ostriches, a shark and several dugongs, were also found by the same research group in the 1970s in Domo Zaza, a paleontological site also in Sancti Spiritus province. —Internet

A student at a women's college in Patna, India on 14 Sept holds up a seedling that will be planted on World Ozone Day, 16 Sept, to protest global warming and support the theme of "greening our earth."



INTERNET

NASA administrator discusses value of "space economy"

WASHINGTON, 18 Sept—NASA Administrator Michael Griffin kicked off a lecture series honouring the agency's 50th anniversary with an address Monday describing the critical role that space exploration plays in the global economy.

The emerging "space economy" was estimated at 180 billion US dollars in 2005, according to the latest report by the US Space Foundation. Over 60 per cent of that figure came from commercial goods and services.

"NASA opens new frontiers and creates new opportunities, and because of that (NASA) is a critical driver of innovation," Griffin said. "We don't just create new jobs, we create entirely new markets and possibilities for economic growth that didn't previously exist." — MNA/Xinhua



Dayana Mendoza smiles after being crowned Miss Venezuela 2007 in Caracas, recently.

INTERNET

SPORTS



Belarus' tennis player Max Mirnyi returns the ball during a training session in Lima, on 18 Sept, 2007. Peru will face Belarus for the Davis Cup world group play offs next 21 Sept.—INTERNET

Milan start defence with 2-1 win over Benfica

MILAN, 19 Sept — AC Milan opened the defence of their Champions League crown with a stylish 2-1 win over Benfica in Group D on Tuesday thanks to first-half goals by Andrea Pirlo and Filippo Inzaghi.

Pirlo bent a free kick into the top corner on nine minutes and Inzaghi, who scored both in Milan's 2-1 win over Liverpool in last season's final, grabbed his 43rd in this competition on 23 minutes after a run from Kaka and Pirlo's unselfish pass.

The goal was also Inzaghi's 60th in European club football and the 34-year-old former Juventus striker is fast approaching Gerd Mueller's record of 62, with Chelsea's Andriy

Shevchenko also on 60.

Benfica scored with the last kick of the game when substitute Nuno Gomes slid in to score and the Lisbon club also had their moments earlier with tall striker Oscar Cardozo hitting the post with a header.



AC Milan's Kaka (R) challenges Luis Felipe of Benfica during their Champions League first round first leg Group D soccer match at San Siro stadium in Milan on 18 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

ting the post with a header.

Milan were generally comfortable throughout though and could have scored several more with Inzaghi missing three good chances inside the box.— MNA/Reuters

Villa's strike gives Valencia win over Schalke

GELSENKIRCHEN (Germany), 19 Sept — David Villa struck with one of only two chances Valencia created to give the Spanish club a 1-0 win over Schalke 04 in an uninspiring Champions League Group B opener on Tuesday. Villa beat the German defence to a long diagonal pass from Miguel, took the ball round keeper Manuel Neuer and tucked in the only goal in the 63rd minute.

Schalke had twice come close in the space of a minute in the first half through Kevin Kuranyi.

Substitute Peter Lovenkrands should have equalized when he lashed over from close range at the end, otherwise there was little to excite a 54,000 full house at the Arena AufSchalke in a game of misplaced passes, overhit crosses and niggling fouls.

"I'm delighted for the players," Valencia coach Quique Sanchez Flores told a news conference. "We had great team spirit and we looked good on the ball."

Schalke, who failed to get past the group phase in their two previous Champions League appearances, just missed out on the Bundesliga title last season and after an encouraging draw at Bayern Munich on Saturday they started with enthusiasm.— MNA/Reuters

Van Nistelrooy, Raul give Real win over Werder

MADRID, 19 Sept — Real Madrid continued their excellent start to the season by beating Werder Bremen 2-1 in their Champions League Group C opener on Tuesday.

Raul put the home side in front with a header after 16 minutes, taking his record haul in the competition to 57, but the lead only lasted a minute before Werder's Boubacar Sanogo levelled on a swift break.

Netherlands striker Ruud van Nistelrooy set-

tled the game in Real's favour 16 minutes from time, making up for a host of missed chances.

Real dominated throughout and celebrated their 300th game in Europe's elite competition with a fourth consecutive win of the season.

It was a cagey opening in the Bernabeu with Real controlling possession and the visitors looking to counter-attack quickly.

The game opened up when Van Nistelrooy cut inside his man on the left of the area, and crossed low for Raul to stoop and head inside the near post.

But Real were caught flat-footed a minute later when Dusko Tosic broke down the left and crossed into the area, for Sanogo to poke the ball past Iker

Casillas with an outstretched boot.

Werder's Markus Rosenberg forced Casillas to save with his foot soon after, but the pressure was soon back down the other end.

Twice Van Nistelrooy was dispossessed with the ball at his feet in front of goal, and Gonzalo Higuain shot narrowly wide, as Real linked up well with some slick passing.

MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's Raul Gonzalez (R) is substituted by Arjen Robben during their Champions League Group C soccer match against Werder Bremen at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 18 Sept, 2007.—INTERNET

Rodriguez, Cisse hand Marseille 2-0 win over Besiktas

MARSEILLE (France), 19 Sept — Second-half goals by Julien Rodriguez and Djibril Cisse gave Olympique Marseille a 2-0 win over Besiktas in their Champions League Group A opener on Tuesday.

Centre back Rodriguez poked the ball home in the 76th minute after a Samir Nasri corner kick hit the far post and France striker Cisse wrapped up the win in injury time to earn the Ligue 1 side their first

home victory of the season. Albert Emon's side dominated throughout and were barely bothered by a feeble Besiktas side.

Marseille, who won the Champions League in 1993, lead their group after five-times champions Liverpool were held to a 1-1 draw at Porto.

"We're feeling better. The Champions League is such an important competition," Emon told reporters. "We put our Ligue 1

problems behind us. This game is a boost for our confidence. The players have been strong from the first to the last minute."

MNA/Reuters

Two quick goals help Shakhtar see off Celtic

DONETSK (Ukraine), 19 Sept — Shakhtar Donetsk struck twice in the first eight minutes to record a 2-0 victory over Celtic in their Champions League Group D opener on Tuesday. Brazilian striker Brandao opened the scoring for the Ukrainians in the sixth minute, beating keeper Artur Boruc with a rising shot from the edge of the box after Celtic's defence gave the ball away.

Italy forward Cristiano Lucarelli added a second with a diving header two minutes later following a pin-point cross from Razvan Rat.

Shakhtar could have increased their goal tally in the next 20 minutes, the unmarked Lucarelli wasting a good chance and Brandao having an effort disallowed for offside.

MNA/Reuters

Pennant off as Liverpool's 10 men hold Porto

LISBON, 19 Sept — Ten-man Liverpool held Porto to a 1-1 draw despite a red card for winger Jermaine Pennant early in the second half of their Champions League Group A opener on Tuesday. Porto piled on the early pressure and were rewarded when winger Tarik Sektioui was brought down by Liverpool keeper Pepe Reina in the area and Argentine midfielder Lucho

Gonzalez converted the penalty after eight minutes.

Liverpool, five-times champions but losing finalists last season, equalized with a Dirk Kuyt header in the 17th minute. A long-range free kick by defender Steve Finnan was nodded across the goal by Sami Hyypia and Dutch forward Kuyt headed in from close range.

MNA/Reuters

Chinese team players train in Wuhan. China are desperate to defeat New Zealand on Wednesday to move into the women's World Cup quarter-finals, and avoid becoming the first host nation ever to be booted from the first-round.—INTERNET



School funds being spent inefficiently in rich nations

LONDON, 19 Sept — Rich nations are spending far more on education than they did 12 years ago, but inefficient use of resources is hampering efforts to improve standards, the OECD said on Tuesday.

In its annual “Education at a Glance” survey, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) found that, by spending current resources more efficiently, learning levels could be raised by 22 per cent.

“Countries are collectively spending more than they have ever done on education... But the results gained from that investment are far from

maximized,” said the OECD, which represents 30 industrialized countries.

The Paris-based organization reported that just 55 per cent of funding provided by the US Government for schools went to pay teachers, well below OECD levels of more than 63 per cent.

Financing the expansion of higher education would be an issue for many countries in the future, it said. Spending per

pupil had already begun to decline in some.

“Innovative financing and student support policies that mobilize extra public and private funding will be part of the answer and many countries are moving successfully in this direction...,” it said.

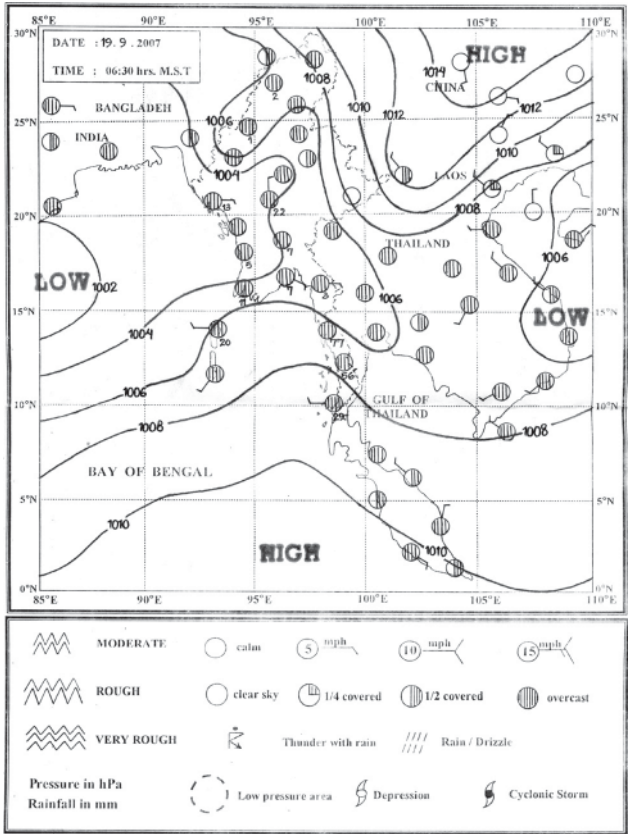
Between 1995 and 2004, spending on education had increased by 42 per cent on average in OECD countries as more people than ever completed

secondary and university education, the OECD said.

However, it said the increase in education spending in that period had fallen behind growth in national income.

The report also found university graduates earned more money and found jobs more easily than people who did not have degrees and these advantages have grown over recent years in many countries.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Wednesday, 19 September, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Shan and Kayah States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Kayin States, scattered in Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy fall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavy falls in Mon State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.20) inch, Ye (6.46) inches, Longlon (6.02) inches, Dawei (4.29) inches, Myeik (2.36) inches, Monywa (2.17) inches, Minkin (2.13) inches and Magway (1.58) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-9-2007 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 19-9-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 19-9-2007 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 18-9-2007 was (2.9) hours approx.

Rainfall on 19-9-2007 was (0.39) inch at Mingaladon, (0.63) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.70) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (108.03) inches at Mingaladon, (111.89) inches at Kaba-Aye and (112.16) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (18:20) hours MST on 18-9-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 20-9-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Shan and Kayah States, scattered in Kayah State, Magway, Sagaing, Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea and South Bay.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 20-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 20-9-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 20-9-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



(From L to R) Director of Marketing of Guangzhou Asian Games Organizing Committee (GAGOC) Fang Daer, Secretary General of the Olympic Council of Asia Raja Randhir Singh, Indian Olympic Association President Suresh Kalmadi and Director of Publicity Department of GAGOC Luo Jingjun, pose for a photo during a Press conference in New Delhi, India, on 18 Sept, 2007. —INTERENT

Thursday, 20 September

View on today

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

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. Dance of national races

8:10 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. Dance variety

8:25 am

8. နမူနာတံတား(ကံလှ)

8:30 am

9. International news

8:30 am

10. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Musical programme

4:40 pm

4. အဝေးသံတက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ်(ရက္ခဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

4:55 pm

5. Cute little dancers

5:05 pm

6. Musical programme

5:20 pm

7. အာဟာရပြည့်လျှင်ရောဂါစင် ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာစိတ်ချမ်းသာ

5:30 pm

8. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန်

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5:45 pm

9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. သီရိဓမ္မဟာ

6:55 pm

13. (၂၆)နိုင်ငံကြက်ဆူးအထူးစုန် (စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း)

7:05 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေသူမလေးတတ်ယခုန်ပြိုင်” (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

19. The next day's programme

Minister inspects teak plantations

YANGON, 19 Sept — Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended the opening of a new building of a basic education primary school in Kyantaw, Ingapu Township, on 17 September.

The minister and the headmaster made speeches. The 60-foot by 30-foot building was constructed at a cost of K 6.4 million under the supervision of USDA.



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung visits teak plantations in Myanaung Township.— FORESTRY

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung made arrangements to construct a new building for a primary school in Hlaygyi-aing in the township. Wellwishers donated K 1.5 million for the building.

In the afternoon, the minister visited teak plantations in Myanaung Township and a workshop of Myanma Timber Enterprise in Swa.

Yesterday, he inspected the production process of No 96 saw mill in Aunglan Township.

Accompanied by officials, the minister inspected Kinmontaung forest reserve and teak plantations. — MNA

167 drug-related cases exposed in August

YANGON, 19 Sept — The Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 167 drug-related cases in August.

They seized 107.4343 kilos of opium in 43 cases, 0.5649 kilo of heroin in 50 cases, 4.2 kilos of brown heroin, 1.3748 kilos of opium oil in 12 cases, 1.3346 kilos of low-grade opium in six cases, 3.5417 kilos of marijuana in 11 cases, 114,218 stimulants tablets in 30

cases, 1.5874 kilos of opium speciosa in six cases, 0.2515 kilo of stimulant powder, 70.0075 kilos of ephedrine in one case, 64.8 kilos of sudoephedrine in one case, 432 liters of chemical liquid in one case, four cases in failure to register and two other cases.

Action was taking against 262 persons— 212 men and 50 women in 167 cases in August 2007.

MNA

NLD (HQ) has no specific political programme

17 members quit Sagaing Township NLD

YANGON, 19 Sept — Members of Sagaing Township National League for Democracy of Sagaing Division —U Set Maung, U Tin Thauang, U Thein, U Kyi Maung and U Kaw of Byetayaw Village, U Hsaung Oo, U Win Ko, U Kyaw Min, U Tun Tun Oo, U Win Naung, U Kyar Baw, U Thein Kyaw and U Thant Zin of Mingun Village, Daw Nwe of Tagaung Ward, U Tin Myint and U Mu of Nyaungggon Village and U Htay Thein of Hsinmye Village sent resignation letters to the NLD (Headquarters) and local authorities of their own accord on 5 September.

In the resignation letter sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, they said that NLD (HQ) has no exact political programme. Leaders of the party are disunited, concentrating on seizing to the power. That is why they resigned from the NLD of their own volition. — MNA

Flood warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 19-9-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Aunglan is (2492) cm. It may reach its danger level (2550) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

Myanma Port Authority
Warning of hightide

The Public are hereby informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.3 feet to 21.7 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 26th September to 1st October, 2007.

Noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded on 19-9-2007

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