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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon eyes cotton surplus

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — Cotton cultivation in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township has reached near its target for this cultivation season.

So far, 10,097 acres of land have been put under cotton in the township and it sets the target of 11,900 acres of cotton for this year.

Cotton cultivation in the township is expected to exceed the target.

During the tour of the township today, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin views thriving cotton plantation at Alegyun village in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township. —MNA

Gen Wai Lwin and party went to the village of Alegyun and visited thriving long staple cot-

ton field which is expected to yield 1,400 viss per acre.

During the tour, Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin gave instructions to local farmers and inspected fertilizer, insecticides and cotton seeds.

The commander also visited the village of

Zigon in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township today and watched scattering of fertilizer on rain-fed paddy fields by the farmers. The commander also inspected fertilizer which will be distributed to farmers and handed over cash assistance to them.

The commander also went to Agricultural

Research Farm and inspected physic nut seeds to extract bio-fuel. He also viewed pilot cultivation of physic nut plantation to produce high-yield strain of physic nut. — MNA

Dell Launches Inspiron Mini 9 Notebook

BEIJING, 5 Sept — Dell yesterday officially launched its long-awaited mini-notebook, jumping into the sub-\$500 ultra-portable PC market where the computer maker will be battling Hewlett-Packard, Lenovo, Asustek Computer, and others.

Details of the Inspiron Mini 9 have been available for quite a while on

the Web, making Dell's announcement anti-climactic. Price, however, remained an unknown until the official release.

The Windows XP model is available immediately in the United States, Canada, Japan, and select countries in Europe. Pricing in the U.S. starts at \$399. The Ubuntu Linux version, expected to be available in a few weeks, will start at \$349.

The Mini 9, which weighs 2.28 pounds, has an 8.9-inch LED display with a resolution of 1024 x 600 pixels and is available with built-in Wi-Fi and Bluetooth wireless support. A Webcam comes with the XP model, but costs extra on the Linux version. The system supports up to 1 GB of memory and is available with a 4-GB, 8-GB, or 16-GB solid-state drive. The mini-PC is powered by a 1.6-GHz Intel Atom processor.

With the Mini 9, Dell is including 2 GB of online storage from Box.net at no charge. The system is available in black or white, but the white case will cost extra.

Internet



Performing Arts presented in Mawlamyine

YANGON, 5 Sept — The opening of 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions organized by Mawlamyine Township Peace and Development Council was held at Shwemyaing hall of the township PDC Office on 31 August with an address by Chairman U Thein Win of Mawlamyine Township PDC.

In the evening, the prize presentation ceremony followed. The chairman of Township PDC, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thi Thi Shein and Chairman U Taing Kyaw of Township Thabin Asiayon presented awards to outstanding artistes. —MNA

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USDA members participating in nation-building tasks

Being the offspring of the people the new generation youths are striving together with the people in the interest of the State and the people.

The nation-building endeavours are the tasks that are to be carried out continuously from one generation to the next. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the youth of today to play a leading role in shaping the future of the State.

Hand in hand with the people, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, the youths of today, are trying their utmost for the development of social, economic and health sectors while participating in the projects for development of border areas and national races as well as in regional development projects.

In enhancing the socio-economic status of the people, the USDA members are extensively engaged in building educational infrastructures in order that every citizen can have easy access to education.

The USDA members contributed their services in building 67 basic education schools that were destroyed by the storm and made donations for two new school buildings. As a result, a new building for the post-primary school in Ywathagyi Village, Dagon Myothit (South) Township came into existence on 3 September.

We firmly believe that the USDA members holding the interest of the people in the fore will be able to continuously strive hand in hand with the peopl for improvement of the socio-economic status of local people.

Commerce win, Defence draw against Religious Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Second round matches of the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament 2008 continued at the designated venues, here, this afternoon.

At Nay Pyi Taw Football Ground, Commerce Ministry defeated Home Affairs Ministry 5-0, while Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Religious Affairs held a 2 all draw at Paunglaung Football Ground.

Tomorrow, Ministry of Health will meet with Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in the second round match at Nay Pyi Taw Football Ground, and Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will play against Ministry of Transport at Paunglaung Football Ground.

Third round knockout matches commence on 10 September.—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

Outstanding students honoured in Salingyi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept — A ceremony to award outstanding students who passed matriculation examinations for 2007-08 with flying colours was held at the hall of Salingyi Township Basic Education High School on 3 September, attended by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

The commander and the minister delivered addresses on the occasion.

Next, the commander and the minister presented prizes and certificates of honour to 55 outstanding students and cash rewards to the principals and the teachers of six BEHSs.

After the ceremony, the commander and the secretariat member cordially greeted those present.

MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe presents award to an outstanding student.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan awards an outstanding student.—MNA

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint accepts donation of Mr Kenneth Laura of World Concern Myanmar.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Houses, blankets and bags of rice for storm survivors

YANGON, 5 Sept — Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint accepted K 30 million presented by President Peter Gautschi of Studer Trust Charity (Hong Kong) and party for construction of 50 houses at Shwehtoo village in Kyeinchaunggyi village-tract in Bogale Township, K 300 million by i Love Myanmar for construction of 500 houses in Labutta Township and 90 sets of household goods, 480 blankets and 145 bags of rice worth US\$ 22,085 by Mr Kenneth Laura (Relief Coordinator, World Concern Myanmar) for Hsinyoke village in Myatha Zeebyu village-tract at Maykhala hall of the Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, here, this morning.

The deputy minister presented certificates of honour to them and spoke words of thanks.

MNA



Earthquake Report

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept—Meteorology and Hydrology Department issued an announcement today that a slight earthquake of intensity (3.5) Richter Scale with its epicenter about (21) miles North of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (15) hrs (16) min (00) sec MST on 5th September 2008.—MNA

Venezuela to control fuel distribution

CARACAS, 5 Sept — Lawmakers loyal to President Hugo Chavez gave final approval on Thursday to a bill allowing the Venezuelan government to seize total control of the nation's fuel distribution.

Under the law, distributors including subsidiaries of British Petroleum, Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp., will have 60 days to negotiate the sale of their businesses to the government or face expropriation. The National Assembly, which is controlled by Chavez allies, approved the legislation with a near-unanimous vote. Seven lawmakers belonging to Podemos, the only opposition party represented in the 167-seat assembly, voted against the bill.

The law permits Venezuela's state-



Presidents Rafael Correa of Ecuador and Hugo Chavez of Venezuela.—INTERNET

run oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela SA, or PDVSA, to take over all wholesale fuel distribution, but allows 67 percent of the country's gas stations to be privately owned. It also forces wholesale distributors to sell storage tanks and gasoline pumps to PDVSA.—Internet

Police use tear gas to disperse protesters

ST PAUL (Minnesota), 5 Sept — Police arrested an estimated 200 anti-war protesters Thursday night after using tear gas and percussion grenades to disperse a crowd near the State Capitol, about a mile from the Republican National Convention.

Police used the gas when dozens of marchers tried to cross a bridge leading to the Xcel Center convention site after being warned not to.

Minnesota State Public Safety Commissioner Michael Campion estimates 200 arrests at the

interstate overpass near on Marion Street in St. Paul, where police used chemical agents and flash grenades to disperse the crowd.

As a line of police clad in riot gear and walking with bicycles approached a woman who refused to get out of their way, several sprayed her with a liquid.

A man standing nearby yelled, "I love you! Why are you doing this?" as the woman was shoved to the pavement.

Each time the protesters attempted to cross over the interstate highway

separating them from the convention center, police attempted to stop them.

At one point, police on horses, motorcycles and bicycles followed marchers on a street-to-street chase that led through a shopping mall parking lot.—Internet



An officer in riot gear tackling a protester near the capitol building Thursday.—INTERNET

Senator Barack Obama will send female surrogates to swing state.

INTERNET

McCain accepts party's nomination, promises jobs

ST PAUL (Minnesota), 5 Sept — Republican John McCain cast himself as an independent-minded reformer on Thursday, vowed "change is coming" if he is elected president and promised to create millions of jobs by developing new energy sources.

McCain accepted his party's presidential nomination in a packed convention hall, insisting he can pull off the kind of change that Democrat Barack Obama talks about in a year Americans are hungry for new leadership.—Internet



Australia swears in first woman governor-general

CANBERRA, 5 Sept — Australia's 25th governor-general was sworn into office as the representative of the Queen on Friday, with republicans holding out little hope that Australia will abolish the

job any time soon.

Former lawyer Quentin Bryce is the first woman to hold the post in Australia and takes over from former military commander Major-General Michael Jeffery,

who retired after five years on Wednesday.

Her appointment reignited a debate over the country's identity, with many Australians wanting the country to become a republic, although republican Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has not yet outlined any plans to rekindle the debate.

Republicans believe Queen Elizabeth, who is also Queen of Australia, is Australia's actual head of state. Monarchists say the Queen is just the monarch, and that the governor-general, who is appointed by the government of the day, is head of state.

Internet



Australia's new Governor-General Quentin Bryce (L) with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd (C) and his wife Therese Rein (R) in Parliament House after being sworn in as Governor General in Canberra on 5 Sept, 2008. — INTERNET

US bomb 'kills five in Pakistan'

ISLAMABAD, 5 Sept—At least five people have been killed in another suspected US missile strike on militant targets in Pakistan's border region, Pakistani officials

say.

Officials said a missile was launched by a suspected US aircraft in the North Waziristan tribal area.

Pakistan's army says it is investigating the incident.

It would be the third attack in three days carried out by US forces, who have not officially confirmed their involvement.

Some reports say Islamist militants were killed in Friday's attack, while local TV channels said women and children were among the dead.

Witnesses said missiles fired by an unmanned aircraft hit one or two houses in the village of Kurvek, about 30km (18 miles) west of the main town of Miranshah in North Waziristan.—Internet

Soldier suicide rate may set record again

Washington, 5 Sept—Soldier suicides this year could surpass the record rate of last year, Army officials said Thursday, urging military leaders at all levels to redouble prevention efforts for a force strained by two wars.

As of the end of August, there were 62 confirmed suicides among active duty soldiers and Guard and Reserve troops called to active duty, officials said. Another 31 deaths appear to be suicides but are still being investigated.

If all are confirmed, that means that the number for 2008 could eclipse the 115 of last year - and the rate per 100,000 could surpass that of the civilian population, Col. Eddie Stephens, deputy director of human resources policy, said at a Pentagon news conference.

Internet

Obama camp turns to Clinton to Counter Palin

Lancaster, 5 Sept — Senator Barack Obama will increasingly lean on prominent Democratic women to undercut Gov Sarah Palin and Senator John McCain, dispatching Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton to Florida on Monday and bolstering his plan to deploy female surrogates to battleground states, Obama advisers said Thursday.

Mrs Clinton's campaign event in Florida, her first for Mr. Obama since the Democratic convention, will serve as a counterpoint to the searing attacks and fresh burst of energy that Ms. Palin injected into the race with her convention speech on Wednesday, Obama aides said.

With the McCain-Palin team courting undecided female voters, including some who backed Mrs. Clinton in the Democratic primaries, Obama aides said they were counting on not only Mrs. Clinton but also Democratic female governors to rebut Ms. Palin — and, by extension, Mr. McCain. Those governors include Janet Napolitano of Arizona and Kathleen Sebelius of Kansas.—Internet

Al-Qaida suspect skips court in New York

NEW YORK, 5 Sept — A Pakistani woman labeled an al-Qaida supporter refused to appear in federal court in Manhattan of New York on Thursday, the Associated Press reported.

The woman reportedly refused to answer charges that she tried to kill US soldiers and FBI agents after they detained her this summer in Afghanistan.

Aafia Siddiqui had been expected to plead not guilty to attempted murder and assault charges contained in an indictment unsealed earlier this week. The indictment alleged that she was carrying handwritten notes referring to a “mass casualty attack” and listing the Empire State Building and other New York landmarks when taken into custody.

In court, Siddiqui’s lawyers were cited by the AP as telling a judge their client didn’t want to go through the humiliation of being strip-searched — a precaution taken with all prisoners when moved between federal lockups and courthouses.

The lawyers also claimed Siddiqui, before being arrested and brought to New York, had been kidnapped by US operatives and kept in secret captivity in Pakistan. The ordeal, they said, left the U S-educated defendant with severe physical and mental problems.

Internet

Detroit mayor pleads guilty in sex scandal, quits

DETROIT, 5 Sept — Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was bounced from office Thursday in a deal with prosecutors that will send him to jail and put an end to the sex scandal that embarrassed this chronically struggling city and preoccupied its government for months.

The 38-year-old “Hip-Hop Mayor” who brought energy and excitement to City Hall when he took office in 2002 pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and will get four months behind bars.

The Democrat also will pay the city \$1 million in restitution, lose his license to practice law, and cannot run for any elected office for five years.

His resignation will take effect in two weeks.

Internet



A riot policeman with a teargas gun guards the approach to a bridge into downtown St Paul to keep protesters from getting close to site of the 2008 Republican National Convention in Minnesota on 4 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

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Internet



An airplane flies above a small plane which slid off the end of the runway when it was landing at Congonhas airport in Sao Paulo on 3 Sept, 2008. XINHUA

Aso announces bid to lead Japan’s ruling party

TOKYO, 5 Sept — Japan’s brash, right-leaning former foreign minister announced Friday that he would run for ruling party president in a move that would put him on track to take over as Japan’s next prime minister. Taro Aso, 67, is widely considered the front-runner to replace struggling Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda.

Aso’s candidacy for the Sept. 22 vote in the Liberal Democratic Party was widely expected.

The LDP election is expected to be followed on Sept. 24 with a vote in parliament for prime minister. The party’s hold on the powerful lower house all but guarantees that the LDP president will then be elected premier.—Internet

Remains of 17 killed in DRC plane crash found

UNITED NATIONS, 5 Sept — The United Nations has confirmed that the remains of the 17 people aboard an aid flight which went down in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Monday have been located in the vicinity of the crash site, according to the news release on the UN website Thursday.

Seven UN staff were among those on the plane which crashed as it was preparing to land in bad weather in the eastern Congolese province of South Kivu. —Internet



An unidentified torchbearer, center, is seen on a boat crossing the lake in the Summer Palace for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic torch relay in Beijing, on 5 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

FEMA to cover hotel costs for some Gustav evacuees

NEW ORLEANS, 5 Sept — Victims of Hurricane Gustav who can’t return to their homes over the next month because of storm damage or power outages can have their hotel costs covered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, officials said Thursday.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chert-

clarify who was eligible for the funding: Only those whose homes were rendered “uninhabitable” by the storm will have extended-stay hotel costs covered for a period that began Wednesday and ends 3 Oct.—Internet



Hundreds of New Orleans area evacuees fill the floor of the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex in Birmingham, Ala, on 4 Sept, 2008. —INTERNET

off said Wednesday that some evacuees’ hotel bills would be paid by FEMA, but it had been unclear whether that applied to those who fled for a few days, spent a few nights in a hotel and then returned home. Officials held a telephone news conference to

Road becomes camp of despair for Indian flood evacuees

CHANDPUR BHANGA-HA(India), 5 Sept — As men, women and children stream off boats at this launching spot to rescue flood victims in northern India, the road to town has turned into a vast camp where thousands wretchedly squat.

Apart from basic food supplies, there is little evidence of government organisation on this partially submerged road in Bihar state, and so many of the latest arrivals are all but living outdoors.

Chania Malla, who was nursing a 12-day-old baby she gave birth to on a school rooftop, hasn’t seen a doctor since she got here on a boat from her village Wednesday night.

“There isn’t anything here,” said her husband Jogindu, as the pair sat under the carved statues of Hindu deities of the crumbling temple where they had taken shelter with hundreds of others.

Internet

No troop cuts this year

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept — Senior U.S. military leaders say it would be “impractical” to reduce U.S. troop levels in Iraq further before the end of the year because of the logistics required in the redeployments, two military officials said Thursday.

The assessment comes as President Bush is considering still-secret recommendations about troop levels from his top commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, as well as senior Pentagon officials including Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Joint Chiefs Chairman Adm. Mike Mullen.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, would not disclose the specific recommendations. They confirmed a consensus among senior military leaders that the soonest troop reductions in Iraq could be accomplished would be early in 2009 when a brigade from the 10th Mountain Division is scheduled to deploy to Iraq.—Internet

Austria, Italy urge EU to continue cooperating with Russia

VIENNA, 5 Sept—Austrian President Hein Fischer and Italian President Giorgio Napolitano held phone talks on Thursday to coordinate their stand on the conflict between Georgia and Russia.

They believed that the EU should continue to work together with Russia and build up partnership with Russia.

They said that it would be very important on the current political situation.

The leaders of both countries emphasized during the solution of the conflict between Georgia and Russia, the International Law and the pacific mode should be respected, according to an announcement published by the Office of the Austrian President on Thursday.

EU rotating president Nicolas Sarkozy will fly to Moscow on the next Monday to negotiate with Russian president Dmitry Medvedev in order to solve the conflict between Georgia and Russia.—Xinhua

Pupils take part in the national flag raising ceremony at the Zhongguancun No 3 Elementary School in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 Sept, 2008.
XINHUA



S Korea protests Japan's claim over disputed islets

SEOUL, 5 Sept—South Korea on Friday protested Japan's territorial claim over the disputed islets of Dokdo, which Japan calls Takeshima in a newly published Japanese defense white paper. "The government strongly protests at the Japanese government's description of Dokdo as its own territory in the defense white paper issued on 5 Sept," said South

Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman Moon Taeyoung in a statement.

"The government calls for Japan to take immediate measures to correct it," he said. The official said Dokdo clearly belongs to South Korea historically, geographically, and by international law.

According to local media, Japan released its latest defense white paper

earlier on the day, which says the dispute over Dokdo's ownership between South Korea and Japan remains unsettled.

The Dokdo islets are located some 89 km southeast to the South Korean Ulleung Island and 160 km northwest to the Japanese Oki Island. Both South Korea and Japan claim territorial sovereignty over them.—Xinhua



A visitor poses for photos with big pumpkins at the 2008 Kunming International Agriculture Exposition in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 4 Sept, 2008. Green food and pollution-free vegetables are customers' favourite at the Exposition held along with the 2008 Kunming International Flower Exhibition.
XINHUA

London 2012 announces plans for Cultural Olympiad

LONDON, 5 Sept—London 2012 announced on Thursday its plans for the Cultural Olympiad, a four-year program designed to showcase Britain's arts and culture to the rest of the world in the run up to the 2012 Games. The cultural Olympiad, to be launched over the

weekend of September 26-28, is inspired by the founder of the modern Olympic movement Pierre de Coubertin's idea of a marriage of sport and the arts to celebrate Olympic and Paralympic values in the cultural field. Over 40 million pounds (about 72 million US dol-

lars) have already been earmarked for cultural activities across the United Kingdom that will create a welcome to the world for the 2012 Games. Cultural projects across the country will also highlight internationalism and diversity to bring people and places together, encourage audiences to take part, involve and inspire young people, and create a lasting legacy.—Xinhua

Crashed Philippine military plane located

MANILA, 5 Sept—Rescuers have managed to locate the wreckage of the Philippine air force C-130 cargo plane one week after it crashed into the southern Philippine sea with 11 people on board, military sources said Friday.

Citing field reports from Task Force Hercules, Navy spokesman Lt Col Edgardo Arevalo said the USNS John McDonnell located the wreckage at 1.3 nautical miles east of Bucana village in Davao City, about 130 meters under the Davao Gulf.

He said that the US survey ship found the fuselage at around 9 pm Thursday and the military's primary plan is to retrieve the wreckage, particularly the "black box" to determine the cause of the crash.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

New "Free Gaza" vessel to arrive in Gaza on 22 September

GAZA, 5 Sept—A third boat also called "Free Gaza" will arrive in Gaza on 22 September, Jamal al-Khodary, head of the Popular Committee Against the Siege said Thursday.

On 23 August, two boats with the slogans of "Freedom for Gaza" sailed from Cyprus to Gaza shores, with 44 foreign peace activists as well as Palestinian refugees on board. The two boats went back to Cyprus after staying in Gaza for a few days, but left nine activists including Lauren Booth, the sister-in-law of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Israel and Egypt rejected on Thursday to give permission to the nine activists to leave Gaza through its territory.

Al-Khodary said that having the nine activists in Gaza is an opportunity to show them how difficult the situation in Gaza is, referring to the Israeli blockade on the border crossing points.

He announced on Thursday that a third boat is scheduled to arrive in Gaza on 22 September, adding that the boat is also coming from Cyprus and it will be carrying members of European parliament doctors and media men.—Xinhua



Zheng Longhua, a photographer without hands, introduces his works in a photo exhibition in Beijing, capital of China. Born in 1956 in east China's Zhejiang Province, Zheng lost his two hands in his childhood and started his career of photography in 1981.—XINHUA

California to fight drought with water bank

LOS ANGELES, 5 Sept— California’s water officials have decided to use a water bank system across the state to fight another dry spell, which could hit the state as early as next year.

The state’s Department of Water Resources said Thursday that it has created the 2009 Drought Water Bank, which will allow them to buy excess water from farmers and agencies in one part of the state and then sell it to cities and growers in areas facing water shortages.

Under the program, water buyers would have to cut their usage by 20 percent. “We are facing the potential for another dry year in 2009,” said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in a statement. “Which is why my administration is actively plan-

ning for an ongoing drought and working to alleviate the effects of the state’s dry conditions.”

Water officials say there are already plenty of potential buyers interested in the program, but they still need more sellers.

Internet

Tokyo stocks dive

TOKYO, 5 Sept— Tokyo stocks dived over 2 percent Friday morning.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average lost 319.05 points, or 2.54 percent, from Thursday to 12,238.61.

The broader Topix index of all First Section issues on the Tokyo Stock Exchange was down 30.54 points, or 2.54 percent, to 1,171.11. —Internet

Undated video shows Qaeda leader reported killed

DUBAI, 5 Sept— Al Qaeda issued on Friday an Internet video featuring senior group leader Mustafa Abu al-Yazid who was reported to have been killed last month, but it was not immediately clear when the footage was made.

The video profiled a suicide bomber who it said carried out the June 2 attack on the Danish

embassy in Islamabad, which killed six people, as a retaliation for the publication of cartoons of Islam’s Prophet Mohammad by Danish newspapers.

“We have warned previously, and we warn once more, the Crusader states which insult, mock and defame our Prophet and the Koran in their media and occupy our lands,

steal our treasure, and kill our brothers that we will exact revenge at the appropriate time and place,” said Abu al-Yazid.

“The Danish embassy (attack) and prior operations is but the beginning ... if you don’t end your errant ways and aggression,” the Egyptian militant leader added on the video, posted on Islamist websites.—Internet



Tourists line up near the Campanile on the Piazza San Marco in Venice, on 4 Sept, 2008. The 65th Venice International Film Festival, organized by the Venice Biennale, will run from 27 August to 6 September. Picture rotated 180 degrees.—INTERNET

Philippine inflation floats to 12.5%

MANILA, 5 Sept— Consumer prices in the Philippines grew 12.5 percent in August compared with the same period last year, hitting a 17-year high but already showing signs of moderation, the government said Friday.

The headline inflation in July was already 12.3 percent, the highest since December 1991. But the overall month-on-month inflation rose at a slower rate of 0.3 percent in August than the 1.6 percent

in July, the National Statistics Office announced.

All the commodity groups continued to record higher annual price hikes in August except for food, beverage and to-

bacco products, the office said. At the national level, the annual inflation rate for food alone decelerated to 18.1 percent in August from 18.6 percent in July.

Internet

British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 5 Sept— A British soldier has been killed in a roadside bomb while on patrol in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence said on Thursday taking the death toll since 2001 to 117. It said the unnamed soldier from the 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment was on routine foot patrol near Sangin District Centre when the improvised explosive device went off. He died at the scene.—MNA/Reuters



A female mummy wearing a mask is on show at a museum in Lima, Peru, 3 Sept, 2008. The 1,300-year-old mummy was found during the excavation of an ancient tomb in central Lima.



Atlanta panda cub put in incubator for monitoring

The only panda born at a US zoo so far this year was placed in an incubator on Monday for closer monitoring by zookeepers after visitors flocked to watcy mother and child on a live video feed at Zoo Atlanta.

Zoo officials said in a release they wanted to more closely watch the tiny, hairless cub — which is the size of a stick of butter — based on the behavior of the cub and its mother, Lun Lun, in the zoo’s birthing den.

Zoo spokeswoman Simone Riffin wasn’t able to provide further information about the situation but said the video feed has been suspended. The Panda cub, the gender of which hasn’t yet been determined, was born Saturday, just a week before the second birthday of Mei Lan, the zoo’s first panda cub.

A 7-year-old male monkey named Wukong (R) and a 6-year old female monkey named Xiaoya are seen during a special wedding ceremony at a zoo in Wenling, Zhejiang province, 4 September, 2008. The zoo organised the special wedding ceremony hoping to attract more visitors, local media reported.



Judy Garland’s Arabian ruby slippers, one of five pairs designed by Adrian Greenberg of MGM studios and worn by Garland for test and wardrobe shots in the 1939 film ‘The Wizard of Oz,’ are displayed at Saks Fifth Avenue in New York, Thursday, 4 Sept, 2008, part of an exhibit of ruby shoes created along the gemmed red slippers theme by well-known designers. Considered the most rare of all the ruby slippers used while making the film, the pair shown are owned by actress Debbie Reynolds.

Steel music? Tan Dun introduces musical steel wheel

Instrument selection has become a signature trait of award-winning Chinese composer Tan Dun, who is known for his use of paper, water and rocks. Now he has a new option: motorcycle wheels.

Tan is set to premiere his latest work, “Champion’s Overture 2008,” played on a row of steel wheels, at the First Audi Summer Concert from September 10 to 17. “I’ve always been interested in the sound of steel,” Tan said at a press

conference last week. “I had the honor to visit Audi’s factory and see its diligent workers. To me, the sound there is music.”

Tan gave an impromptu show of how wheels can be transformed into musical instruments. He generated a range of pitches by using a drumstick to strike different parts of four wheels that were hung like a bianzhong, an ancient Chinese instrument consisting of a set of bronze bells.

NEWSALBUM

Dead man’s visit to Doctor Scuttles insurance scam

As a dead man, Ahmad Akhtary shouldn’t have needed a doctor’s appointment.

Akhtary’s checkup, six months after he allegedly died in Afghanistan, scuttled his ex-wife’s attempt to collect 300,000 pounds (US\$550,000) on a life insurance policy.

At a court hearing last week in Gloucester, a judge sentenced 34-year-old Akhtary to 60 hours of community service and his former wife, Anne Akhtary, to 40 hours of community service but suspended prison sentences of nine months each.

Honouring the International Literacy Day

Literacy is best remedy

Lin (Education)

About 44 million people or 23 per cent of the population of the world's richest country cannot fill in job applications or read traffic signboards, the words on a ballot paper, newspapers, itinerary of a bus travel, label of a product, and address on a paper sheet. One out of two adults who constitute about 47 per cent of the dwellers of Detroit are in this category. High illiterate rate is common in rural areas in developing countries, but even in urban areas in the US.

Today, 774 million world people are adult illiterates. Of them, one out of every five young people aged above 15 years cannot read traffic signboards, books for children, maps,

newspapers, and directives on a medicine bottle. And about 75 million school-age children have not had access to school education, and millions of children leave schools before they become literates.

Today is acknowledged to be Technology Age as well as IT Age, and the wealth of a country is measured based on its population of Internet users. Those who are not able to read news will lag far behind in the IT age today. Many of the global countries celebrate International Literacy Day commemorative ceremonies on 8 September annually and announce remarkable changes and high literate rates of the nations concerned.

Women and children make up two-thirds of the global illiterate population, and high education standard is of great importance for their development. A literate

woman is self-confident and able to make correct decisions. Such a woman can take care of herself as well as of her family members and relatives, deal with health care centres, understand the directives on medicine bottles and take treatments with comfort in a short time.

The theme for this year's International Literacy Day is "Literacy is best remedy", which is designed for literacy and health. Taking measures for increasing women literacy rate is "creating opportunities for improving the living conditions of women".

There is an evidence of a direct link between literacy and health of human beings. A literate can read the directives of a medicine bottle and gain knowledge of AIDS, malaria, TB and other infectious diseases. Literacy for women and girls, who constitute two-thirds of the 774 million illiterate, is the most



fundamental requirement to build up a better world.

A challenge of literacy for all is to ensure that the children who have completed primary education are proficient in the subjects. Otherwise, few years after they have left school, they become illiterates again, while doing their businesses.

Another challenge is to achieve literacy and to create opportunities to learn for adult literates, and to improve their living conditions.

In order to avert such undesirable consequences in Myanmar, the Ministry of Education, social

organizations and well-wishers are working in concert to materialize the plans such as to ensure all school-age children are enrolled, over school-age children to pursue education, schoolchildren to complete primary education and to pursue middle school education. Moreover, the nation is joining hands with UNICEF in implementing non-formal plan and continued pursuit of education of the children who have left school. Literacy campaigns were launched as mass activities, and they were expedited. As a result, literacy rate of the nation rose to 94.83 per cent in 2008.

In its bid to achieve literacy for adults and their better life, the Ministry of Education is working together with local authorities, social organizations, departments concerned, NGOs and well-wishers to

realize post-literacy campaigns by establishing community learning centres, income generation programmes, programmes for individual businesses, better life programme, and follow-up programmes for creation of a life-long learning society.

Implementing those subjects alone is not enough, and there are many more things to do in that case. It is needed of all to live long and healthy to be able to read information, deal with partners in a society, and grapple with intangible issues with confidence.

Therefore, I would like to urge all to work hard together for literacy for all 774 million illiterates, for women and girls, and regeneration of sickly persons so as to build up a healthy and pleasant world.

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Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe presents cash assistance for faculty members of Monywa University to Rector Dr Maung Htoo.—MNA

Monywa University students...

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He urged the students to earnestly learn the technology to enable the nation to keep abreast of other countries in the future. After achieving the goal, he stressed the students to serve the interest of the nation and the people. The Secretariat Member pointed out that student youth are to try their best to overcome obstacles by correctly reviewing challenges that can harm their goals. In conclusion, he said he firmly believes that the students will strive for development of the nation and the people by giving priority to the national interest.

Afterwards, the commander presented cash assistance K 1,975,000 for faculty members of the university provided by Sagaing Division PDC through Rector Dr Maung Htoo.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan handed K 500,000 for all-round development of the university to Rector Dr Maung Htoo.

Next, the minister accepted K 500,000 donated by staff families of Monywa University through the rector for development of village self-reliant libraries in Sagaing Division.

After the ceremony, the commander and the minister cordially conversed with faculty members and students.

MNA

27 complete IOC-sponsored course

YANGON, 5 Sept—Badminton coaching course was concluded yesterday at National Soccer Training Camp in Thuwunna here.

A total of 27 trainees from ministries and badminton clubs attended the course which was opened on 26 August. The course was conducted under the arrangement of International Olympic Committee.

Kayan Township USDA members gather in annual meeting

YANGON, 5 Sept—The annual meeting of Kayan Township Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the office of township USDA yesterday.

Executive U Than Htay of Yangon South District USDA presided over the meeting and made an opening address.

Secretary of Kayan Township USDA U Myint Oo extended greetings and presented awards to 13 outstanding students.

The executives of Township USDA presented annual report of the executive committee and special report and those present took part in the discussions.

Next, outstanding students, wellwishers, departmental officials and USDA members were served with dinner.—MNA

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik delivered a concluding address and Mr Shrikant Vad of International Badminton Federation extended greetings.

Director-General U Thaung Htaik presented certificates to altogether 27 trainees.—MNA

The Pairs

All states have mind as their fore-runner; to them mind is supreme and of mind are they made. Therefore, if one, with defiled mind, speaks or acts, on account of the suffering follow one as the wheel follows the fact of that does wagon-bearer.

Dhammapada 1



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials open new school building for No. 3 BEPS in Hlinethaya Township.

YCDC

Yangon Division USDA builds more school buildings

YANGON, 5 Sept—The opening of new school building took place at No. 3 Basic Education Primary School in No. 3 Ward in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District, here today.

CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Association (Yangon Division in-charge) Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 Basic Education Department, Chairman U Myat Thin Aung of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone formally opened the school building.

The Mayor made a speech and handed over the documents related to the school building to the director-general. Later, the donors presented exercise books and stationery to headmistress Daw Khin Ohn Myint and Township Education Officer U Than Htay expressed thanks for donation.

The Mayor inspected construction of school building in No. 46 Basic Education Primary School in No. 6 Ward of the township.

Yangon Division USDA is reconstructing 70 new school buildings in basic education primary level schools that were hit by the storm in Yangon Division.

The opening of the school building was the third of its kind.

MNA

Art show to mark Hninzigon Diamond Jubilee

YANGON, 5 Sept —Executive committee of Hninzigon Home for the Aged and Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Organization (Central) held a meeting for holding Art Show to mark diamond jubilee of Hninzigone Home for the Aged at the meeting hall of the home yesterday morning.

The art show will be held with the participation of all artists throughout Myanmar in the Diamond Jubilee of the home from 1 to 16 November on a grand scale. Those wishing to take part in the show may send two pictures measuring 3 by 4 inches each from 20 September to 15 October to the Diamond Jubilee hall of the home. For further information contact Ph: 385259 and 240966 ext: 706.

NLM

Regional development works expedited in Mudon, Thanbyuzayat

YANGON, 5 Sept— Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win on 22 August heard reports on cultivation of monsoon paddy, growing of Shwebo-1 paddy strain and feeding of fertilizers presented by Township Manager U Min Aye Maung of Myanma Agriculture Service at 200-acre monsoon plantation in Kwamta Village of Mudon Township.

The commander viewed broadcasting of fertilizer on 100 acres of Shwebo-1 paddy plantation and 100 acres of

Manawthukha paddy plantation cultivated by 45 farmers in Kwanta Village. Afterwards, he inspected thriving paddy plantations in Mudon Township.

In Wethunchaung Village of Thanbyuzayat Township, the commander attended the collective growing ceremony of physic nut and planted physic nut saplings. He viewed participation of social organization members in growing physic nut saplings along the road to the village.

In Wakhayu Model Village, the commander

looked into thriving crops among the rows of rubber plantations of farmer U Mon Sein.

On arrival at the site of the bridge linking Panga and Karokpi, the commander inspected construction of the bridge and approach earth road.

While in Karokpi Village, he also inspected installation of 110 telephones at the village exchange. The commander also viewed thriving Shwebo-1 strain paddy plantation on 200 acres of land, broadcasting of fertilizers and completion of monsoon paddy cultivation.

MNA

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Myogyi Dam Project in Ywangan Township. — MNA

Myogyi Dam in Ywangan Township in the offing

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept— Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 31 August inspected the Meiktila plain greening project being implemented by the Irrigation Department near Myogyi Village, Ywangan Township, Shan State (South) and gave

necessary instructions.

At the briefing hall, the minister heard a report presented by Director U Myo Tun of ID on construction of concrete wall, cement work and earth work, progress in construction of diversion tunnel and construction of spillway and diversion weir.

After dealing with the tasks for greening the Meiktila plain and Zawgyi river water pumping tasks, the minister looked into constructions tasks and left instructions.

Next, he viewed the construction of main embankment, earth being

moved by heavy machinery and concrete work at the inner part of diversion tunnel.

Myogyi Dam is 2461 feet long and 258 feet high. Its water storage capacity is 359,550 acre-feet. On completion, it will be able to benefit about 30,000 acres of farmland in the Meiktila plain and generate 30 megawatt.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected the construction of the diversion weir and touched upon the benefited acres of Zawgyi river water pumping project.—MNA

Industry-1, Dragon (A), A & I Ministry lift trophies in National Basketball Championship

YANGON, 5 Sept— The final matches of National Basketball Championship 2008 were held at Aung San Stadium here today.

After the competitions, officials presented the first prize to Ministry of Industry-1 team, the second to Yangon Division team and the third to Sagaing Division team in the women's U-20 event; the first prize to Dragon (A), the second to Mogok and the third to Golden Light House in the men's U-20 event; the first prize to Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the second to Ministry of Industry-1 and the third to Ministry of Home Affairs in the women's open event; and the first prize to Ministry of Industry-1, the second to FOX and the third to Ministry of A & I in the men's open event.

Vice-President U Khin Myint of Myanmar Basketball Federation presented cash awards to two international umpires of FIBA (Asia).

The vice-president awarded best player Sai Thiha Soe in the men's U-20 and best player Maung Nge in the men's U-20 open. Chairperson of Central Working Committee Daw Aye Aye of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation presented awards to best player May Hninsi Lwin in the women's U-20 and best player Ma Thet Hsu Htway in the women's U-20 open.

On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee the Minister for Sports, General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik presented championship shield, trophies and duplicated trophies to first prize winning Ministry of Industry-1 in the Women's U-20, Dragon (A) in the Men's U-20, Ministry of A & I in the Women's Open U-20 and Ministry of Industry-1 in the Men's Open U-20 Basketball Tournament.

MNA

Cash donation for construction of school buildings

YANGON, 5 Sept— U Kyu Family Flour Industry Co Ltd donated K 32.4 million to the fund for construction of one new school building each in No 9 Basic Education Primary School and in No 21 BEPS in Dalla Township at No 3 Basic Education Department this morning.

Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 BED accepted the cash donation from Managing Director U Htay Oo of the company and presented certificate of honour to him.—MNA



Director-General U Aye Kyu accepts K 32.4 million donated by U Kyu Family Flour Mill Industry.

MNA

SAY NO TO DRUGS

Myanmar to compete in football, track & field, volleyball in Mekong Delta Region Sports

Article & Photos: Pho Thaw Zin



**Chief
Coach U
Khin
Maung
Tint of
Myanmar
Youth
Football
Team.**

(from page 16)

On 18 August, the Myanmar youth football team commenced the training session. The team was formed with 25 tentatively selected players. On 1 September, a total of 18 finalists were selected. At present, the team is under control of Chief Coach U Khin Maung Tint together with Assistant Coach U Kyaw Lwin. The upcoming event will be the U-18 football tournament. The event that Myanmar youth team secured the championship was the U-21 football tournament 2007.

Now, the Myanmar youth team is trying its best to gain greater achievement. Host Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia except China participated in the 2007 tournament. In the five-team round-robin matches, Myanmar defeated its rivals in the four matches and clinched the championship. The Myanmar U-21 team beat Laos 2-0 in its debut, trounced Cambodia 10-0 and thrashed Vietnam 1-0. In the last match, Myanmar clearly edged



Defender Zaw Naing Tun.

out Thai team 3-0, and thus it could lift the title.

In the previous competition, the Myanmar youth team comprising Soe Lin Tun, Aung Zaw Myo, Paing Soe, Kyaw Thiha, Aye Hsan, Sithu Than,



**Myanmar
Youth
Football
Team
seen in a
group
photo.**

Pyae Phyo Oo and others were handled by Coaches U Zaw Win Tun and U Han Tun. In the debut of the tournament 2006, Myanmar routed Thai team with a 2-0 result. Unfortunately, Myanmar missed the chance to secure the champion because of a loss to Laos in the decisive match.

On 13 and 14 August, the football trials for choosing the selected players



**Midfielder Tin Win Aung
controlling the ball.**

for the Myanmar youth team were held at Aung San Stadium with the participation of 54 players from Myanmar League teams and Sports and Physical Education Institutes (Yangon and Mandalay). Of them, 25 players were chosen as the tentatively selected footballers. The youth team was divided into two squads in organizing the tune-matches on 23, 27 and 30 August and 1 September. After the trials, 18 finalists were chosen for the youth team. Out of 18 finalists, nine players from the AFF U-17 Championship 2007 were selected again. They were Nay

Hlaing (Goalkeeper), Aung Ye Thway (Goalkeeper), Than Tun Aung, Naing Lin Tun, Zaw Naing Tun, Myo Min Latt, Kyaw Kyaw Khaing and Tin Zaw Moe.

In an interview, Chief Coach U Khin Maung Tint said, "As the tournament is drawing near, the best training is being provided to the players. Teamwork, techniques, tactics, physical and spiritual trainings are being provided to them. The competition schedules for the Myanmar team may be one match a day or two matches a day. Hence, I am training my players to take various positions of the team. In addition, I am satisfied with the ardent efforts of my players in the training. My players, competing in the Myanmar League, have experiences to some extent. Nine players from the 2005 U-17 Champion Team will be reliable for the present team. When the team secured the championship, they were only 15 years old. In the 2007 tournament, the U-21 Myanmar team won victory, so we are prepared to take part in the forthcoming tournament for gaining the greater success. If we have adequate training period, the team will be better."

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The current Myanmar youth team is under control of Manager U Zaw Win (SPED), Chief Coach U Khin Maung



**Midfielder Win Thu tips the ball
in training.**

Tint (Transport) and Assistant Coach U Kyaw Lwin (Defence). The team comprises Goalkeepers Nay Hlaing (Kanbawza), Aung Ye Thway (F&R), Defenders Zaw Naing Tun (YCDC), Min Naung Oo (Transport), Naing Lin Tun (Energy), Than Tun Aung (MR), Naing Zin (Kanbawza), Nyan Lin Tun (Energy), Midfielders Kyaw Zeyar Win (Air Bagan), Myo Min Lat (Transport), Hein Zar Aung (YCDC), Kyi Lin (Transport), Tin Win Aung (Air Bagan), Win Thu (YCDC), David Dun (Air Bagan), Forwards Kyaw Kyaw Khaing (F&R), Tin Zaw Moe (Construction) and Soe Min Naing (MR).

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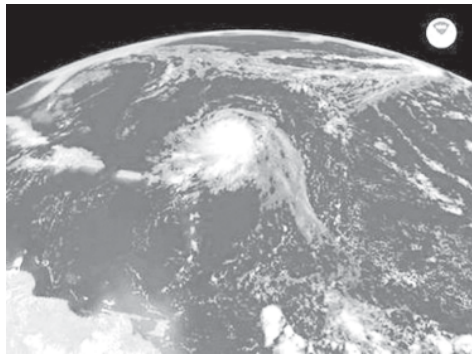


**Striker Tin Zaw Moe tries to
improve his feint skills in training.**

Why disasters are getting worse

BEIJING, 5 Sept — In the space of two weeks, Hurricane Gustav has caused an estimated \$3 billion in losses in the U.S. and killed about 110 people in the U.S. and the Caribbean, catastrophic floods in northern India have left a million people homeless, and a 6.2-magnitude earthquake has rocked China's southwest, smashing over 400,000 homes.

If it seems like disasters are getting more common, it's because they are. But some disasters do seem to be affecting us worse - and not for the reasons you may think. Floods and storms have led to most of the excess damage. The number of flood and storm disasters has gone up by 7.4% every year in recent decades, according to the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters. (Between 2000 and 2007, the growth was even faster - with an average annual rate of increase of 8.4%.) Of the total 197 million people affected by disasters in 2007, 164 million were affected by floods.



Hurricane Ike is located east-northeast of Grand Turk Island in this satellite image taken on September 5, 2008. Ike weakened slightly as it charged across the Atlantic toward the Bahamas and the United States on Thursday.— INTERNET

It is tempting to look at the line-up of storms in the Atlantic (Hanna, Ike, Josephine) and, in the name of everything green, blame climate change for this state of affairs. But there is another inconvenient truth out there: We are getting more vulnerable to weather mostly because of where we live, not just how we live.—Internet

Clarke says Labour heading for disaster

LONDON, 5 Sept — Prime Minister Gordon Brown should stand down as party leader if he cannot improve his government's performance in the coming months, former home secretary Charles Clarke said on Thursday.

Clarke said Labour was heading for "disaster" at the next election if it did not change course.

In a rare outbreak of dissent within the party, Clarke told the BBC that Brown had been a brilliant Chancellor of the Exchequer but now needed to set a "very clear leadership direction".

Failing that, Clarke said Brown should stand down

as prime minister "with honour" and the party should hold a leadership election.

Asked how long he thought Brown had to turn matters round, Clarke said: "I think it is a question of months."

Clarke was sacked as Home Secretary in 2006 and has never hidden his doubts about Brown's ability to lead the party.

Brown's popularity has been in freefall since he

opted against calling a snap general election last October.

Brown succeeded Tony Blair as party leader and prime minister last summer, initially enjoying high public ratings.

But he has suffered from growing malaise over an economic slowdown, the first run on a major bank in more than a century, a botched tax reform and fears of a housing market crash. — MNA/Reuters

Cuba welcomes Russian hurricane aid

HAVANA, 5 Sept — Cuba's state-run media on Thursday highlighted the arrival of Russian aid in

the wake of devastating Hurricane Gustav, the latest sign the former Cold War allies are out to strengthen their relations.

State-run television showed two huge cargo planes arriving at Havana's Jose Marti Airport at the top of its morning news broadcast. Cuban soldiers were seen unloading supplies such as tents, electrical cables and construction materials.

Such scenes have not been seen in Cuba since the Soviet Union collapsed. US officials have expressed concern over the warming trend in relations between the two countries.—MNA/Reuters



World's first cloned dog Snuppy (L) and one of its puppies are seen with researchers at Seoul National University's College of Veterinary Medicine in Seoul 5 Sept, 2008. The cloned dog Snuppy, an Afghan hound, impregnated two dogs through artificial insemination to produce 10 puppies, which were born in May.—INTERNET

UN says rich nations lagging behind in commitments

UNITED NATIONS, 5 Sept — The United Nations said Thursday that rich countries are lagging behind in fulfilling their commitments to providing aid to developing countries.

In a report released Thursday at the UN Headquarters, the world body said donors will need to increase their development assistance by 18 billion US dollars a year between now and 2010 so as to meet their pledges made in 2005.

Even so, total aid will be expected to account for 0.35 per cent of gross national income of rich countries, still only halfway to the UN target of 0.7 per cent, according to the report, entitled Delivering on the Global Partnership for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals

(MDGs).

At the 2005 Group of Eight Summit in Gleneagles, donor countries promised to increase the total flow of official development assistance (ODA) by 50 billion US dollars per year by 2010.

The report was prepared by the MDG Gap Task Force, created by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to track international commitments on aid, trade and debt, and to follow progress on access to

essential medicines and technology.

"The year 2008 should mark a turning point in progress towards the Millennium Development Goals," Ban said at the launch of the report. "This report is a wake-up call." "It provides a valuable snapshot of where the global community is on track in fulfilling its commitments, and where we need to strengthen our efforts for the second half of the MDG timetable," he said.—MNA/Xinhua



Smokers in a smoking area at Tampa International Airport in Tampa, Florida. A US tobacco company may no longer advertise in Germany with the label "organic" because it is misleading and constitutes unfair competition, a court in Germany ruled.

INTERNET

Sony recalls 438,000 laptops on burn concern

NEW YORK, 5 Sept — Japan's Sony Corp has launched a voluntary recall of 438,000 Vaio portable computers, citing a potential hazard that could cause the machines to overheat or possibly

burn a user.

It is one of the biggest computer recalls since 2006 when Dell Inc recalled 4.1 million notebook computer batteries because they could overheat and catch

fire.

Sony's recall affects 72,800 computers in the United States, a Sony spokesman said on Thursday.

Sony received 15 reports of overheating, including one of a consumer who suffered a minor burn, the US Consumer Products Safety Commission said.

The flaw, in Sony's VGN-TZ100, VGN-TZ200, VGN-TZ300 and VGN-TZ2000 series computers, is related to "irregularly positioned wires near the computer's hinge and/or dislodged screw inside the hinge" that can cause a short circuit and overheat, the agency said. — MNA/Reuters

British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 5 Sept — A British soldier has been killed in a roadside bomb while on patrol in southern Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence said on Thursday, taking the death toll since 2001 to 117.

It said the unnamed soldier from the 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment was on routine foot patrol near Sangin District Centre when the improvised explosive device went off. He died at the scene.

"This is a tragic loss and one that will be felt across the Task Force. Our thoughts and sympathies are with the friends and family at this most difficult time," said a spokesman for British forces in Afghanistan.

MNA/Reuters

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Pakistani policemen kidnapped; 36 militants killed

KOHAT (Pakistan), 5 Sept — Militants in Pakistan have kidnapped 26 police recruits on their way to college, police said on Thursday, while security forces killed 36 Islamist insurgents in clashes elsewhere in the northwest.

Separately, the British High Commission closed its visa application centre in the capital, Islamabad, because of a threat, a mission spokeswoman said.

The police recruits were travelling on three buses to a training college in the town of Hangu in North West Frontier Province when gunmen abducted them on Wednesday in the Orakzai tribal region. The militants freed the drivers.

MNA/Reuters

WHO urges action to kick polio out of N Nigeria

LAGOS, 5 Sept—The World Health Organization on Thursday said there is an urgent need to interrupt wild polio virus in Northern Nigeria, sustain optimum involvement of communities in high-risk areas, and conduct independent monitoring and evaluation of immunization activities at all levels. This key recommendation is contained in a report to be discussed on Thursday at the 58th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa in Yaounde, Cameroon.

Nigeria is the only African country where polio is still endemic, according to WHO website with African Press Organization.—Internet

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S Korean economy expands 0.8% in 2Q

SEOUL, 5 Sept—The South Korea's gross domestic product (GDP) gained 0.8 percent in the second quarter from the three months earlier, the country's central bank said Friday.

Exports of goods, which account for approximately 40 percent of the GDP, gained 4.3 percent in the April-June period, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

Private spending dropped 0.2 percent from the previous quarter, declining for the first time since the second quarter of 2004, the BOK said.

Facility investment gained 0.9 percent while construction investment fell 1 percent, the BOK added.

Internet

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Rescuers can't get aid to starving Haitian city

GONAIVES, 5 Sept—The convoy rumbled out of the UN base toward a flooded, starving and seething city Thursday, carrying some of the first food aid since Tropical Storm Hanna killed 137 Haitians and drowned Gonaives in muddy water three days ago.

Hungry children at three orphanages were waiting for the canvas-topped trucks, loaded with warm pots of rice and beans and towing giant tanks of drinking water. The trucks didn't make it.

The convoy crept over mud-caked, semi-paved roads past closed stores, overturned buses and women wading in water up to their knees with plastic tubs on their heads. After about 45 minutes, the half-dozen trucks ground to a halt. UN peacekeepers wearing camouflage fatigues and bulletproof vests jumped out while others stood guard with assault rifles.

Before them, a huge gouge marred the road. The floods had split the asphalt, and water ran through the 10-foot-wide (3-meter-wide) gap.

Internet



Residents cross a road cut off by flooding caused by Tropical Storm Hanna in Gonaives, Haiti, on 4 Sept, 2008. The city was flooded by Hanna, that swirled over Haiti for four days, dumping massive amounts of water and leaving at least 61 dead in its wake.—INTERNET



NASA workers watch as the space shuttle Atlantis makes the three-mile trip from the vehicle assembly building to launch pad 39A at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 4 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Indonesia hopes agreement on bird flu virus specimen to be settled

JAKARTA, 5 Sept — Indonesia hopes negotiations on the material transfer agreement for bird flu virus specimen could be finished in the inter-governmental meeting of WHO members in November, health minister Siti Fadillah Supari said.

Indonesia hopes the agreement could be made simple but able to accommodate the interests of the developing countries, Antara news agency on Friday quoted the minister as saying.

"We wish our property right to the virus would receive recognition and we had access to information on where the virus had been taken to and how it had been handled," she said here on Thursday.

She said the agreement must also cover deals on benefit sharing both

financially or otherwise that come from the result of researches on specimen sent by affected countries.

Talks on mechanism of avian flu virus sharing was started early in 2007 after the Indonesian government protested the unfair mechanism of virus sharing and exchange of the Global Influenza Surveillance Network (GISN).—*Internet*

POSCO opens world's biggest fuel cell plant

SEOUL, 5 Sept — POSCO, Korea's biggest steel maker, opened the world's biggest hydrogen fuel cell production plant in the southeastern city of Pohang, the Korea Herald reported Friday.

According to POSCO, each fuel cell of the plant will be capable of producing 50 megawatts of electricity, which

is enough to provide electricity to 17,000 households.

The plant took 11 months to be completed and was constructed jointly with the US-based FuelCell Energy.

POSCO said it spent a total of 120 billion won (130 million US dollars) to build the plant, with an additional 40 billion won

Ethiopia celebrates as obelisk is unveiled in Axum

AXUM (Ethiopia), 5 Sept — Tens of thousands of Ethiopians cheered on Thursday as a 1,700-year-old giant stone obelisk taken to Italy by fascist invaders in the 1930s was restored to its historic site in an ancient northern town.

The national treasure was returned to Ethiopia three years ago by the Italian Government and UN engineers have helped install it at its original location in Axum, which was once the centre of a powerful trading empire.

MNA/Reuters



The wooden "Globe" at the entrance of the European Organization for Nuclear Research, CERN, near Geneva. INTERNET

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Tobacco use causes 2.4m cancer cases in US in 5 years

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept — A total of 2.4 million cases of cancer were resulted from tobacco in the United States from 1999 to 2004, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Thursday.

According to the CDC report, tobacco use is the No 1 preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States, topping alcohol use, car crashes, suicide, homicide and illegal drug use, and the most prominent cause of cancer.

Around 438,000 people died prematurely every year due to tobacco use, including 38,000 people who were secondhand smokers, it said.

"In addition, smoking accounts for 167 billion US dollars annually in health care expenditures and productivity losses." — *Internet*

Scientists uncover how Ebola virus invades cell

WASHINGTON, 5 Sept — University of Texas researchers announced on Thursday that they have discovered a key biochemical link in the process by which the Ebola Zaire virus infects cells — a critical step to finding a way to treat the deadly disease produced by the virus.

Ebola produces severe and often fatal hemorrhagic fever in its victims and inflicts mortality rates close to 90 percent in some outbreaks. No vaccine or antiviral therapy has been developed against the virus.

The research team tied Ebola's cellular invasion mechanism to a series of biochemical reactions called the phosphoinositide-3 kinase pathway (named for an enzyme found in the cell membrane).

By activating the PI3 kinase pathway, they found, an Ebola virus particle tricks the cell into drawing it into a bubble-like compartment known as an endosome, which is pulled, together with the virus, into the cell. Then — at a critical point — the virus bursts free from the endosome and begins to reproduce itself.

Internet

Czech archaeologists find unique 7000-year-old statue

PRAGUE, 5 Sept — Czech archaeologists have uncovered a torso of a unique female statue created about 7,000 years ago near Masovice, south of the Czech Republic, which is the second similar find in this locality, the Czech news agency CTK said on Thursday.

The woman's statue found in the area last summer was given the name "Hedvika of Masovice," while "her sister" is called Johanka, "according to the female names in the calendar on the days when the artifacts were found, head of the archaeological research Zdenek Cizmar said. "Though the statues come from the same period, each of them is different and exceptional," Cizmar said.

Both sculptures, created by people of the Moravian Painted Ceramic culture, probably served as idols, symbolizing life and fertility, CTK said.

The lower part of the half-a-meter tall "Hedvika" statue is the oldest sculpture of such a large size found in central Europe, it added.—*Internet*



Members of the Charleston Fire Department fill sandbags for local residents under I-26 in Charleston, SC as they prepare for Tropical Storm Hanna and Hurricane Ike on 4 Sept, 2008. INTERNET

SPORTS

Barry out to prove a point to Capello and England



Gareth Barry, seen here in May 2008, admits he is mentally prepared to give his best for England again and is relieved that he can focus on his football following a turbulent summer at Aston Villa.

INTERNET

LONDON, 5 Sept—Gareth Barry admits he is mentally prepared to give his best for England again and is relieved that he can focus on his football following a turbulent summer at Aston Villa.

Barry was determined to secure a move to Liverpool, but the move failed to materialise after the Merseyside club failed to meet his 18million pounds price valuation and he is now remaining at Villa Park.

The events of the last few weeks have clearly affected the England midfielder who was singled out by Fabio Capello for his poor display in the last friendly against the Czech Republic.

Capello felt the Liverpool situation was playing on Barry's mind during the game and he was not producing his best form.

Barry knew he had to put things right and issued a statement to say he was definitely staying at the club.

With the World Cup qualifying campaign getting underway against Andorra on Saturday, Barry knows he needs to regain his best form straight away and show Capello he should be a permanent member in the England team.

Internet

South Africa to "showcase" progress on 2010 World Cup to Blatter

JOHANNESBURG, 5 Sept—South African organisers of the 2010 World Cup said on Thursday they were upbeat about FIFA president Sepp Blatter's visit next



FIFA president Sepp Blatter speaks at a FIFA Executive Committee press conference in Sydney, May 2008. South African organisers of the 2010 World Cup said they were upbeat about Blatter's visit next week to "showcase" the progress made in preparing for the event.—INTERNET

week to "showcase" the progress made in preparing for the event.

Blatter will on September 14 begin a four-day visit to South Africa, during which he would visit World Cup facilities in the major cities of Johannesburg and Cape Town, World Cup Local Organising Committee (LOC) chief Danny Jordaan said.

"We have made tremendous progress and we hope to showcase this progress to him during his September 14 to 17 visit. We also hope he will be very impressed with the lot of progress we have made," Jordaan told journalists.

Internet

Juve's European return a miracle, says Nedved

ROME, 5 Sept—Juventus's veteran Czech winger Pavel Nedved said the Italian giants are back to their best, just two years after being demoted to Serie B for match-fixing.

Juve also began their Serie B campaign in 2006-07 with a points deficit but still came through to claim the title.

And last season Claudio Ranieri's team surprised everyone by finishing third in Serie A and qualifying for the Champions League.

Internet



Juventus's veteran Czech winger Pavel Nedved.

INTERNET

NASCAR rescinds probation against Stewart, Logano

DAYTONA BEACH, 5 Sept—Tony Stewart and Joey Logano will not be on probation in the NASCAR Nationwide Series after all.

A three-man panel of the National Stock Car Racing Commission issued a decision Wednesday rescinding the probation handed down to the drivers after the Joe Gibbs Racing team was caught trying to manipulate an engine horsepower test following the Nationwide race at Michigan last month.

Internet

Russian league accuses NHL of breaking deal

MOSCOW, 5 Sept —A newly formed Russian hockey league accused the NHL of poaching two of its players when the Los Angeles Kings agreed to terms with two draft prospects last week.

As a result, the Continental Hockey League (KHL), announced Thursday that it was no longer obligated to abide by a moratorium reached in July, when the leagues agreed against signing players that were under contract.

In a news release, the KHL said the NHL violated that agreement when the Kings signed 2008 second-round draft pick, defenseman Vjateslav Voinov, and 2008 fifth-round pick, center Andrei Loktionov, on 27 Aug.

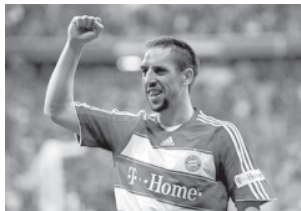
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Ribery back in training at Bayern

MUNICH (Germany), 5 Sept — French midfielder Franck Ribery took part in full training with Bayern Munich on Thursday for the first time since his Euro 2008 ankle injury and expects to play again by the end of September.

Having torn ankle ligaments in June, Ribery, 25, trained with his teammates under new Bayern coach Jurgen Klinsmann in Munich watched by more than a thousand fans.

"He is working day af-



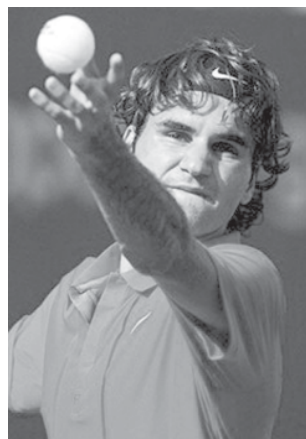
Bayern Munich's French star Franck Ribery, seen here in May 2008, took part in full training with Bayern Munich for the first time since his Euro 2008 ankle injury and expects to play again by the end of September.—INTERNET

ter day with more energy, Franck is getting more and more confidence," said Klinsmann. The Bayern boss expects Ribery to return for the German giants on 27 September for the Bundesliga match against Hanover. The Frenchman damaged his ankle playing for his country in the 2-0 defeat at the hands of Italy on Tuesday 17 June during the Euro 2008 group stages and underwent surgery two days later.—Internet

Federer, Djokovic book US Open rematch in semi-final

NEW YORK, 5 Sept—For Roger Federer to win his fifth US Open title in a row, the Swiss second seed must prove he still has what it takes to beat Novak Djokovic, this time in a semi-final rematch of last year's final.

Twelve-time Grand Slam winner Federer and Serbian third seed Djokovic, the reigning Australian Open champion, advanced to a Saturday semi-final replay of their 2007 title showdown with impressive quarter-final triumphs Thursday.

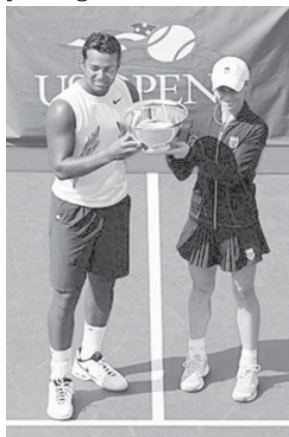


Roger Federer of Switzerland serves to Gilles Muller of Luxembourg during the men's quarterfinals match at the US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City. Federer won 7-6 (7/5), 6-4, 7-6 (7/5).—INTERNET

Leander Paes (L) of India and Cara Black of Zimbabwe pose with the trophy after winning the mixed doubles title against Liezel Huber of the United States and Jamie Murray of Great Britain during Day 11 of the 2008 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on September 4.—INTERNET

Paes completes career mixed doubles Slam with US Open title

NEW YORK, 5 Sept—India's Leander Paes completed a career mixed doubles Grand Slam on Thursday, joining Zimbabwe's Cara Black to beat Britain's Jamie



Murray and American Liezel Huber 7-6 (8/6), 6-4 in the US Open final. The 97-minute victory for the first-time Slam pairing follows mixed titles for Paes at the 1999 French Open and Wimbledon with American Lisa Raymond and the 2003 Wimbledon and Australian Opens with US star Martina Navratilova.—Internet

UNGA meets over Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy

UNITED NATIONS, 5 Sept.—The UN General Assembly met Thursday to consider the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, which it had unanimously adopted in September 2006, by which member states agreed to take a set of concrete measures to address terrorism in all its aspects.

Speaking to delegates attending the meeting, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on the international community to “take multilateral counter-terrorism cooperation even further”.

Firstly, “we must not shy away from nontraditional approaches to promoting security”, Ban said. Recent research has found that military force is rarely responsible for bringing an end to terrorist groups, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Asleep in Jesus Rev. Father Edwin David Age 64 years Priesthood 36 years

Parish priest of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Tamway Beloved son of late Mr. Anthony David and Mrs. Susan David, eldest brother of Andrew-Priscilla (India), Clement-Rachel, Pamela, Cyril-Jacinta, Raymond-Daisy, Bernadette-Raphael, Cecilia-Luke Joseph and Winston-Beatrice (Canada), Parish Priest of St. Francis of Assisi Church No. 131, Kyaikkasan Road, Tamway, Head of Education Commission, Yangon Archdiocese, (Formee Youth Chaplain of Yangon Archdiocese) passed away peacefully at 7:00 pm on 5th September 2008 at Shwegondine Specialist Centre, Yangon. The funeral service will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church, No 131, Kyaikkasan Road, Tamway on Tuesday, the 9th of September, 2008, at 1:00 pm. **Bereaved Family**



Advertising billboards within the old Xi'an city wall will be banned in an effort to preserve the ancient capital's splendor.—INTERNET

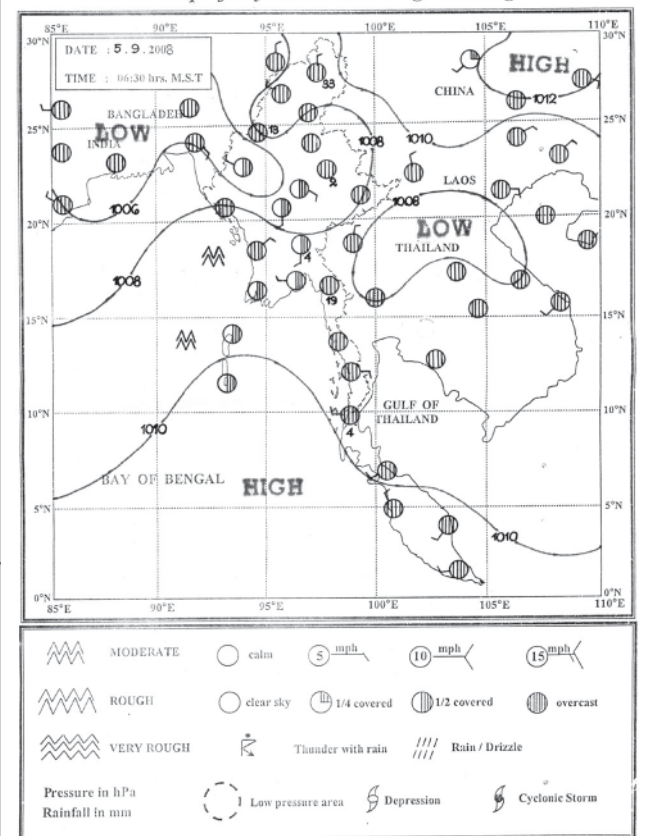
Chinese education ministry to relieve students' eye burden

BEIJING, 5 Sept — China's Ministry of Education issued a revised scheme on short sight prevention for elementary and middle school students on Thursday, as the country's youth are continuously troubled by eye problems.

The scheme, with detailed requirements on homework amount and even teachers' writing style, asks schools to combine in daily curriculum both "moving and still" activities that involve eye use for both long and short distance.

It said homework for primary school students should not cost more than one hour while kids in grades one and two should be free from writing assignments. This is to ensure at least 10 hours' sleep for primary students and eight for middle school kids. In addition, at least one-hour physical exercise per day should be guaranteed. The scheme was first mapped out by the Ministry of Education in 1988 and it's the first revision in twenty years.—MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 5 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Shan State, fairly widespread in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered in Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago Division, isolated in Mandalay Division, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (1.31) inches, Thaton (1.26) inches, Minesat (1.22) inches and Mawlaik (1.10) inches.

Maximum temperature on 4-9-2008 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 5-9-2008 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 5-9-2008 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 4-9-2008 was (5.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-9-2008 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (81.18) inches at Mingaladon, (91.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.68) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (12:30) hours MST on 4-9-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 6-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Kayin States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and fairly widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of thundery conditions in the Central Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 6-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-9-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Saturday, 6 September
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- လေးကျွန်းမာရ်အောင် စေတီတော်

7:50 am

- ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန နိုင်ငံတော်သံနက်တိုင်း ဖျော်ဖြေ တင်ဆက်မှုအစီအစဉ်

8:00 am

- ကဗျာပန်းယုဂ်

8:15 am

- Musical programme

8:25 am

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9. International news

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

11:00 am

- Martial Song.

11:10 am

- Musical programme

11:25 am

- Games For Children.

11:45 am

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေမေမေတ္တာ ကုဋေကုဋာ” (အပိုင်း-၁)

12:30 pm

- “ဆန်းကြယ်ထူးခြားပြိုင်ပွဲများ”

13:05 pm

- Land of flowers

14:00 pm

- ရုပ်မြင်ရသတေးစုကဏ္ဍ

14:10 pm

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

14:15 pm

- “လာအာတုသွားကြစို့” (ကျော်သက်လင်း၊ ဝင်းထွဋ်အောင်၊ ထိုက်ထိုက်သင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စိန်သန်းဦး)

14:20 pm

- Dance of national race.

14:25 pm

- နိုင်ငံစီးပွား အလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

14:35 pm

- “စည်းကမ်းလိုက်နာ ဘေးကင်းကွာ” (ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊ ချစ်သူ၊ ဇော်ဝင်းမောင်၊ မေတ္တီ၊ လင်းဇာနည်ဇော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်မောင်မြင့်(ဝ/သ))

14:45 pm

- International News

14:55 pm

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

- Martial Song.

4:10 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

- ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အမှတ်(၃) အခြေစိုက် ပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ တတိယအကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ကြာသစ်ကူးပွဲ (အထက-၂၊ လှိုင်သာယာ) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်စုံအဖွဲ့)

4:50 pm

- Song For Uphold National Spirit.

5:00 pm

- မြန်မာ့လေ့ရိုးရာလက်ဝှေ့

5:15 pm

- ရသပေါ်လွင်သရုပ်ဆောင် လွင်ပြင်

5:45 pm

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6:00 pm

- Evening News

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကြွယ်

6:50 pm

- ဘိုကလေးကြိမ်ချောင်း ကန်ကန်လမ်းဖောက်လုပ်ရေး စီမံကိန်း

7:00 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၈)

8:00 pm

- News.
- International news
- Weather report
- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး” (အပိုင်း-၁၉)

- ☆ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
- ☆ BBC lying
- VOA deceiving
- RFA setting up hostilities
- ☆ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers

Monywa University students urged to improve self efficiency, widen social horizons

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept— Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe and USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met Rector Dr Maung Htoo, faculty members and students at Monywa University on 3 September morning.

In his speech, the commander urged the students to try hard in their pursuit of education for holding degree by improving self-efficiency and widening the scope of knowledge and social horizons.

Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, next, gave a speech saying that today's students are the strength of the future State. He stressed the need to realize perpetuation of independence and sovereignty of the State and development of the country by relying on the internal strength. He added that as today is knowledge age as well as technology age, global countries are in the process of changing the administrative system to develop the nation based on inexhaustible knowledge and human resources instead of natural resources.

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Myanmar to compete in football, track & field, volleyball in Mekong Delta Region Sports

Article & Photos: Pho Thaw Zin

The Mekong Delta Region Sports will take place in Thailand from 10 to 15 September. Myanmar will participate in three sports events namely football, track & field and volleyball in the competitions. Espe-

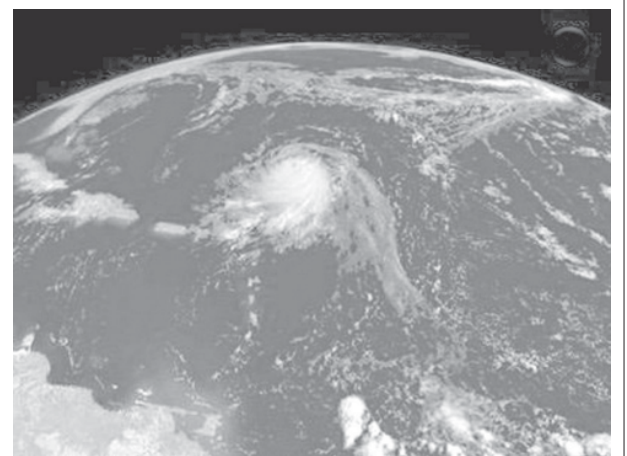
cially, the Myanmar youth football team as the defending champions will compete in the Mekong Delta Region Football Tournament.

(See page 10)



Myanmar youth footballers in training session.

Why Disasters Are Getting Worse



Hurricane Ike is located east-northeast of Grand Turk Island in this satellite image taken on 5 Sept, 2008. Ike weakened slightly as it charged across the Atlantic toward the Bahamas and the United States on Thursday. (News on page 11)

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