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Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Brazilian President

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the anniversary of the Independence of the Federative Republic of Brazil which falls on 7 September 2008.—MNA

Teachers urged to produce reliable national forces for State

Special Refresher Course No. 65 for basic education teachers concludes

YANGON, 6 Sept — The conclusion ceremony of Special Refresher Course No. 65 for basic education teachers was held at the Nawarat hall of Central Institute of Civil

(Phaunggyi) this morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo,

Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun made an address.

In his address, he said it is known to all that only when the nation can build solidarity of the na-

tional people and wealth and technological power, will the situations to promote the interests of the nation and its people be created among the nations of the world.

He said the world powerful nations are attempting to have political or economic influence on one another. In doing so, they are exploiting their

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



Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun presents prize to a trainee.—MNA

It is very important to build national strength of the people that can overcome discriminating practices and pressures of the powerful nation in order to keep oneself free from being influenced.

satellite nations for their interests. Moreover, they safeguard their national interest and expand their defence power even in the territory of other countries. It is seen that there is political instability and racial conflict in most of their satellite nations, he added.

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For constant emergence of human resources

Today, the government is nurturing the youth to produce a growing number of intellectuals and intelligentsia in various sectors in its drive for development of the Myanmar society through advanced technologies.

In order to achieve this lofty aim, the government has opened a university, a technological college and a computer college each in every region for development of human resources and equal access to education.

Moreover, it is also pursuing education goals it has adopted for producing human resources to chart a prosperous future of the nation.

Teachers, the major force in the education sector, are guiding and nurturing the students to sharpen their abilities, and as a result, there has been an increase in the number of outstanding students.

So, younger generations, on their part, are not only to study hard the subjects such as science, technology and arts but also to try their best for their all-round development.

The youth of today are invaluable resources as nurturing them is a prudent investment for a brighter future of the nation. Therefore, the youth have to make sustained efforts to become responsible and reliable citizens.

2008 Annual General Meeting of Ahlon Township USDA in progress.—MNA



Ahlon Township USDA meets

YANGON, 6 Sept—The 2008 Annual General Meeting of Ahlon Township USDA took place at the meeting hall of the association this morning with an opening address by USDA CEC member Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung.

Next, the cash donation ceremony followed in which the USDA CEC member accepted K 100,000 donated by the Township Peace and Development Council, K 5 million by Asia World Co and K 1.1

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

FM sends message of felicitations to Brazilian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim, Minister of Foreign Relations of the Federative Republic of Brazil, on the anniversary of the Independence of the Federative Republic of Brazil which falls on 7 September 2008.—MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo speaks at work coordination meeting of Myanmar Police Force.—MNA



MPF members to do duty out of goodwill

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Sept— The Myanmar Police Force of the Ministry of Home Affairs held its work coordination meeting at Areindama

Meeting Hall of MPF Headquarters here at 3pm today with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Police Chief of Staff, Police Adjutant-General, Police Quartermaster-General, heads of state and division police forces, principals and senior staff officers.

In his address, the minister stressed the need for officials to review and

present the work carried out, for MPF members to carry out work in line with law and rules and regulations and for all the members to follow disciplines laid down and to do their duty out of goodwill and to strive for regional development.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the MPF director-general.

MNA

Hole-in-one

YANGON, 6 Sept—U Way Lwin (General Manager of Myanma Ceramics Industries, Ministry of Industry-1) scored an ace at hole No. 12 at Nay Pyi Taw Golf Course today, while striking Tour Special ball with PING-3 (Iron-5). His partners were U Kyi Maung, U Win Myint, U Teza and U Ye Min Thu.

MNA

Zardari elected Pakistan's new president

ISLAMABAD, 6 Sept—Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has won the election to be the country's next president, Pakistani media reported Saturday.

The election was not by public vote, but rather by lawmakers in the two houses of the National Assembly and in the four provincial assemblies

around the country. Under Pakistan's constitution, the president is elected by a majority vote.

Pakistan's PTV reported that in parliament, Zardari received 281 votes. Retired Chief Justice Saeed-uz-Zaman Siddiqui received 111 votes and Senator Mushahid Hussein received 34, PTV reported.

The pro-American



Asif Ali Zardari

Zardari will rule a nuclear power threatened by Islamic militancy and economic turmoil. The Taliban are resurgent in Pakistan and the country's economy is tanking.—Internet

Deadly rockslide hits Cairo homes

CAIRO, 6 Sept—At least 18 people have been killed by a rockslide which destroyed homes in northern Cairo, emergency services say.

Dozens of houses in a shanty town east of central Cairo were hit by huge boulders and rocks, reports said.

Witnesses said a six-storey building in the impoverished district below the Muqattam hills had been completely reduced to rubble.

Some people are

believed to be still trapped in the rubble and police have cordoned off the area.

Witnesses described seeing hundreds of

distraught people gathered around the site of the destruction, saying they had relatives and friends trapped under the rubble.

Internet



Casualties feared as quake rattles Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 Sept - An earthquake measuring 5.6 struck Afghanistan's Hindu Kush region on Saturday and officials said they expected casualties.

The quake, centred 275 km (170 miles) northeast of Kabul, was also felt across parts of northern Pakistan and India, including the respective capitals Islamabad and New Delhi, reporters said.

"The quake was very strong and lasted for 10 seconds. We are expecting casualties because the earthquake was very strong but at the moment we don't have any reports," Munshi Abdul Majid, the governor of the northern Afghan province of Badakhshan, where the epicentre was located, said.

Internet

Minor earthquake rattles San Francisco Bay area

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 Sept — A minor earthquake rattled the San Francisco Bay area Friday night.

The US Geological Survey's preliminary report put the quake at a 4.0-magnitude.

The temblor's epicenter was near Alamo, Calif., about 28 miles east of San Francisco.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries in Alamo or surrounding communities, said Contra Costa County Sheriff's spokesman Jimmy Lee. The quake hit just after 9 pm and could be felt throughout the region. Fans at the San Francisco Giants' waterfront ballpark felt a jolt during the game with the Pittsburgh Pirates, but there was no interruption of play.—Internet

Egyptians search for victims at site where a massive rock slide buried many dwellings at an Egyptian shanty town south of the capital Cairo, Egypt, on 6 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET

Russia accuses West of warship provocation

Moscow, 6 Sept — Russian President Dmitry Medvedev accused the West on Saturday of acting provocatively in and around the Black Sea, where the United States is using warships to

deliver humanitarian aid to Georgia.

"I wonder how they would feel if we now dispatched humanitarian assistance to the Caribbean, suffering from a hurricane, using our

navy," Medvedev said, adding that a whole US fleet had been dispatched to deliver the aid.

Russia has accused U.S. warships of rearming Tbilisi's defeated army, a charge dismissed as "ridiculous" by Washington.—Internet



Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev (L) talks to Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov during the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO) summit in Moscow, on 5 September, 2008.

INTERNET

12 dead in Pakistan suicide blast

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 6 Sept — An explosives-laden car rammed into a security checkpoint in Pakistan's volatile northwest Saturday, setting off a massive blast that killed at least 12 people and wounded more than 50 others, police said.

The suicide attack occurred on the outskirts

of Peshawar on the day Pakistani lawmakers voted for a new president, underscoring the challenges facing the leaders of the US-allied country.

Mohammed Sulman, a top police official in the area, confirmed the death toll and said many people were trapped under the debris of collapsed shops

in a nearby market that was crowded with shoppers. Civilians dug frantically with their hands in hopes of finding survivors.

Television footage showed obliterated vehicles and pieces of the destroyed checkpoint scattered across a large area. The blast left a crater three feet deep.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blast.—Internet



Pakistani injured men are attended by a paramedic at a local hospital in Peshawar, Pakistan on 6 Sept, 2008. —INTERNET

Many flee Turks and Caicos as 'Ike' approaches

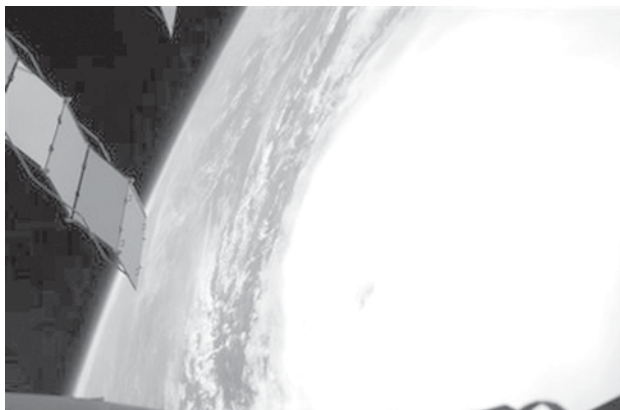
GRAND TURK ISLAND, 6 Sept—Hurricane Ike barreled toward the Turks and Caicos as a powerful Category 3 storm

Saturday, prompting an exodus of tourists and locals from the normally idyllic Atlantic island chain.

Turks and Caicos and the southern Bahamas appeared to be first in line to take a hit from Ike, and many people decided they would be better off elsewhere.

The low-lying island chain was pummeled for four days by Hanna earlier this week. That storm caused widespread flooding, and knocked down trees, light poles and an important causeway that links North Caicos and Middle Caicos.

Internet



The centre of Hurricane Ike was located about 360 miles northeast of Grand Turk Island with maximum sustained winds near 115 mph a Category 3 hurricane. —INTERNET

Two killed, 17 injured in suicide bombing targeting Iraqi politician

BAGHDAD, 6 Sept — A suicide bomber killed two people and injured 17 others in Baghdad on Friday in an attempt on the life of a senior Iraqi politician, said an Interior Ministry source.

The attacker rammed his explosive-laden vehicle into the convey of former deputy prime minister Ahmed al-Chalabi at about 9:50 pm (1850 GMT) in the Mansour district, killing two people, the source said.

The killed included one of the bodyguards of Chalabi who was not in the convey at the time, the source added.

Another 17 people, including five of Chalabi's bodyguards, were injured in the attack, according to the source.

Internet



Visitors watch photos during a photo exhibition in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 5 Sept, 2008. The five-day photo exhibition on the Beijing Olympic Games named Sharing Glory and Dream opened here Friday, displaying over 200 photos taken by photographers with Xinhua News Agency.—XINHUA

Medvedev says Moscow backed by CSTO over Russian-Georgian conflict

MOSCOW, 5 Sept — Leaders of the members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) condemned Georgia over its actions in South Ossetia and backed Moscow's role in the recent conflict, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Friday.

"Our partners in the organization have made an unequivocally negative assessment of Georgia's

actions, Georgia's aggression in South Ossetia, and supported Russia's active role, highlighting the need to ensure lasting security in South Ossetia and Abkhazia," Medvedev said at a press conference after the CSTO summit in Moscow.

The CSTO member states "are deeply concerned by Georgia's attempt to resolve the conflict in South Ossetia

through the use of force," which led to "numerous casualties among noncombatants and peacekeepers," he was quoted by the RIA Novosti news agency as saying. On the recognition of independence of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, the Russian president said the CSTO countries will make their own decisions in line with the basis of international law, but they will also be guided by national interests. Georgia sent in troops to reclaim its breakaway region of South Ossetia on 8 Aug, triggering a military counter-offensive by Russia.

Xinhua

Iranian president arrives in Beijing for Paralympics

BEIJING, 6 Sept — Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinejad arrived here on Saturday for the Beijing 2008 Paralympics.

He will attend the opening ceremony of the Paralympics scheduled on Saturday evening and other relevant activities, according to sources with the Chinese Foreign Ministry.—Xinhua



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is welcomed by Iranian athlete Mohammadreza Mirzaei Jaber (C) upon his arrival in Beijing, capital of China, on 6 Sept, 2008.

Ahmadinejad will attend the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Paralympics scheduled on Saturday evening and other relevant activities. XINHUA

Brazil to privatize two airports to ease air traffic congestion

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 Sept — Brazil's Defense Minister Nelson Jobim announced on Friday that Rio's two state-owned international airports, Tom Jobim and Campinas Viracopos, are to be privatized in a bid to ease air traffic congestion.

"Both airports need renovations immediately to expand their traffic capacity to ease the air traffic congestion in Sao Paulo's Guarulhos and Congonhas airports, which are currently the busiest airports in South America," Jobim said.

The privatization process is to start next year, Jobim added.—Xinhua

Beijing Paralympics to highlight Olympic spirit and glory of humanity

BEIJING, 5 Sept — While the beautiful memory of the Beijing Olympic Games remains fresh, the Beijing Paralympic Games are near.

The flame of the Beijing Paralympic Games will burn atop the Bird's Nest on Saturday night. It will be a night of reunion and dream fulfillment for more than 4,000 dis-

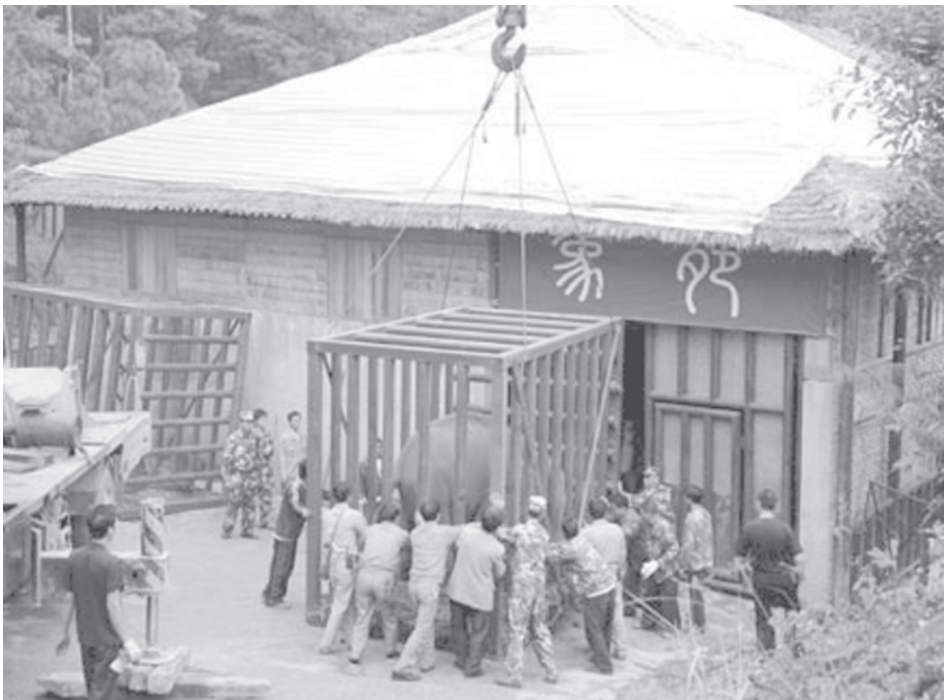
abled athletes from 148 countries and regions, a night of warmth and joy for the 83 million Chinese with disabilities and the world's disabled population of more than 600 million, as well as a night of passion and harmony for the six billion people across the globe.

The Paralympic movement, concept and spirit constitute an outstanding contribution to

the modern Olympic Movement. Just like the modern Olympic Games, which has a history of more than a century, the 48-year-old Paralympic Games also seek to showcase the noble nature of mankind, such as the enterprising spirit, transcendence, enthusiasm in participation, as well as harmony and fraternity.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency



Working members carry the cage containing the returned elephant at the Yunnan Wild Animal Park in Kunming, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 5 Sept, 2008. Four out of five elephants returned their home from a wild animal protection center in south China's Hainan Province after they were captured by Yunnan Police from animal smugglers three years ago. XINHUA

Spain detains top Colombian drug trafficker

MADRID, 5 Sept — Spanish police said Friday they had detained Edgar Guillermo Vallejo Guarin, a most wanted top Colombian drug trafficker.

Police arrested Vallejo in a luxury hotel in Madrid Thursday night with help from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

Vallejo, 47, also known as "Beto Gitano," is allegedly responsible for many cases of cocaine trafficking from Colombia to the United States and Europe.

"Vallejo has a long history of violence, money-laundering and bribing high-ranking officials," the police said in

a statement.

The United States had issued an international arrest order for Vallejo and offered a reward of 5 million US dollars for clues leading to

his arrest. US Ambassador to Spain Eduardo Aguirre said Vallejo's detention was an example of the "excellent" security cooperation between the two countries.—Xinhua

Fujimori hospitalized for possible pancreatic cancer

LIMA, 5 Sept — Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori was hospitalized on Friday at the National Institute of Neoplastic Diseases (INEN) for further tests after doctors detected a cyst in his pancreas.

Doctors from the Abdomen Department at the INEN will perform hepatic and pancreatic function tests among others on Fujimori in order to confirm or dismiss the possibility of cancer, local media said, adding that the final results will come out Monday.

According to INEN chief Cesar Vallejos, the former president, who was transferred in an ambulance to the INEN from his detention center amid heavy security, has a pancreatic cyst about 1.5 cm in diameter.—Xinhua



A South Korean Coast Guard vessel in the Sea of Japan. China, Japan, Russia and South Korea plan a joint shipping route around the Sea of Japan, a move expected to boost trade after trial operations next month.—INTERNET

Unemployment climbs to 5-year high of 6.1 percent

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept — The nation's unemployment rate bolted above the psychologically important 6 percent level last month for the first time in five years — and it's likely to go even higher in the months ahead, possibly throwing the economy into a tailspin as Americans pick a new president.

A blizzard of pink slips propelled the jobless rate from 5.7 percent in July to 6.1 percent in August, the Labor Department reported Friday. Such a sharp increase is usually

a strong recession warning, and it dashed investors' hopes for a late-year recovery. Worried about the economy and their own business prospects, employers cut payrolls by 84,000 in August, marking the eighth straight month of losses.

So far this year, a staggering 605,000 jobs have vanished — slightly less than the population of Alaska. The economy needs to generate more than 100,000 new jobs a month for employment to remain stable.

Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research, feared that the jobless rate would cause consumers and businesses to "move from a moderately concerned stage to outright fear" and reduce their spending even more.

A toxic trio of housing, credit and financial problems has badly shaken the economy, and the crisis shows no signs of letting up. It's the public's top worry, and many experts believe the situation will get worse before it gets better.—*Internet*

Nokia losing market share as price war bites

HELSINKI, 6 Sept — Nokia Oyj (NOK1V.HE), the world's biggest cellphone maker, said it expects to lose market share in the third quarter as it fights to maintain profit margins, sending its shares as much as 14 percent lower.

Nokia warned its third-quarter market share would fall from the 40 percent notched up in the second three months of the year, compared with a steady market share it forecast earlier.

It said it expected the mobile device market in 2008 to be hit by weak consumer confidence in many markets and also cited tough competition in developing markets, its stronghold.

"Most alarming for me is that they're saying they're seeing more pressure in the low end of the market," said analyst Neil Mawston at Strategy

Analytics. "That really defines their profits, volumes; they get a lot of their economies of scale out of it. They really dominate that area," he said.

Analysts said Nokia and some other top vendors were likely to be losing ground to small vendors who are cutting prices in the hope of winning increased orders in the competitive business.

—*Internet*

An assembly worker in a file photo. US businesses boosted their productivity strongly in the second quarter but it was at the expense of weakening labor market, government reports on Thursday showed.—INTERNET



Members of the Paralympic Delegation of China's Hong Kong parade into the National Stadium during the opening ceremony of the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, China on 6 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET



Brazil to receive \$875 bln in investment by 2012

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Sept — Brazil is expected to receive investments amounting to 1.4 trillion reais (875 billion US dollars) in 2012, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said Friday.

The amount of investments to be received is based on the confirmed projects, Lula said at the inauguration of a shipyard in Brazil's northeastern

Pernambuco state.

Brazil is going through the most extraordinary moment and a number of measures taken since the beginning of his administration in 2003 have yielded good results, Lula said.

He also highlighted the importance of the recently discovered pre-salt layer oil fields.

"The new oil re-

serves are the hope of richness for the country in future," he said, "Brazil is to become an exporter of petroleum byproducts, but not of crude oil."

Brazil will have five more steelworks companies and five oil refineries in some of its northeastern and southeastern states in the next few years, he noted.

—*Internet*

London market suffers worst weekly loss in six years

LONDON 6 Sept — The London Stock Market closed lower on Friday as it ended a week's trading with what the insiders' called the worst weekly loss in over six years.

The benchmark FTSE 100 dropped 121.40 points, or 2.26 percent, to 5,240.70, making a weekly loss of 7 per-

cent, which is the worst downturn since 2002. Mining shares were among the major losers, with Antofagasta down 7.03 percent, Ferrexpo shedding 7.07 percent and Kazakhmys down 8.15 percent.

Banking shares including Barclays, HBOS and Royal Bank of Scotland also suffered. —*Internet*

Nevada bank becomes 11th failed bank in 2008: FDIC

WASHINGTON, 6 Sept — Regulators closed Silver State Bank on Friday, the 11th US bank to fail this year as the struggling economy and falling home prices take their toll on financial institutions.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp said the Henderson, Nevada bank had \$2 billion in assets and \$1.7 billion in deposits as of 30 June. The failure is expected to cost the FDIC deposit insurance fund between \$450 million and \$550 million.

Nevada State Bank, which is based in Las

Vegas, has agreed to assume the insured deposits. The transaction did not include about \$700 million in volatile, high-cost insured funds called brokered deposits.

The FDIC said it will pay the brokers directly for their deposits at Silver State, which was closed by Nevada state banking officials. Its branches will reopen as Nevada State Bank in Nevada and National Bank of Arizona in Arizona.

The FDIC estimated there were about \$20 million in uninsured deposits.

—*Internet*

Honouring the International Literacy Day

Literacy and Health

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The definition of literacy today as defined by UNESCO – “One who is able to read and write, with understanding, a short simple statement about his/her everyday life”, has somewhat evolved, but the value has not diminished. There is an increasingly apparent relationship between literacy and health. Many of the problems associated with illiteracy leads to ignorance of information and neglect in leading a healthy lifestyle. A WHO official said – “Health is a cause rather than an effect of economic development.” In essence with the facilitation of literacy, an individual can better lead a healthy life, thus positively affecting better economic growth. Literacy as the root of education not only facilitates better awareness of health, but also leads to a more complete education, gender equality, job improvement and sustainability, which all in turn leads to better health and wealth.

In some cultures, there is a certain level of taboo or social stigma associated with certain sicknesses, like Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection or a full blown case of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) disease. An illiterate person not exposed to the proper

knowledge on the use of condoms is put at risk to contract the disease. Likewise an illiterate who is infected could easily infect their spouses and others in the population since they are less likely to understand how the disease is spread or protected. A problem that is developing rapidly with the spread of diseases like HIV/AIDS is that once the disease infects a family, it traps the family in a cycle of poverty.

The literacy not only leads to good health, but it has a direct link to reduce poverty. Poverty and ill health are also directly linked. People in poverty are in general illiterate. Because of the illiteracy, they do not understand how to avoid unhealthy behaviors and environment. Thus the individuals are at a higher risk of contracting diseases early in their life thus leading premature death. Sick adults are not able to work and support their family with essential commodities like education for their children or adequate nutrition. Children who are born to these families also fall in the same trap of ignorance, ill health and subsequently poverty and early death.

In order to address the global poverty, the United Nations had set the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that covers improving global nutrition, increasing education completion rates, better health, and reducing poverty. These goals can only be reached through a holistic approach. The results are synergistic of each other, better nutrition leads to increased at-

tendance (school), better education leads to better health and less poverty.

In a narrower spectrum literacy of women remains to be a major issue. Globally, around 64 percent of all illiterates are women, and the consequence is that women face greater health risks. The combination of poverty and gender discrimination can also severely limit a woman's ability to take care of herself, further increasing the chances of remaining in poverty.

Because of the problems caused by illiteracy in women, improving education of a woman is an important factor in improving the quality of life. Women with better literacy can enjoy better job opportunities and better understand gender equality. Today Myanmar is revered for its general attitude towards gender equality. Women historically are treated with equal respect and enjoying equal educational opportunities. Myanmar is an exception to the global illiteracy, with higher ratio of literate women and it remains as a role model for other nations.

Just as important as women, the children of our societies need to be educated.

74 million children are illiterate. If this significant portion of the population is to remain illiterate, they will be the poverty of tomorrow. Therefore to prevent and reduce poverty in the future, the children need to be educated. The problem to address is how basic education can be administered to them. Perceptibly, the more education a child is given, the higher chance the individual will



live a healthier and more successful life. Realistically not all children are able to receive the full encouraged amount of education - thus the global initiative and goal should be to have all the children exposed to some form of free basic education (literacy/ mathematics), dramatically raising chances of further education and healthier lives.

Finally a safe environment needs to be insured for a child to learn. While some countries are still at an unrest stage others are constantly bombarded with storms.

Increased budgetary spending on education and health is not an unreturned cost but rather a long term investment that will have exponential gains later on. Educated individuals will be healthier thus more capable of creating income and furthering their studies. Eventually it creates excellent human capital stimulating the economy. More investment in creating and improving schools everywhere, rural and urban alike, and standardizing a basic free education system for all providing all with the necessary facilities is critical for the development of a nation.

Some countries

were able to improve health standards without significant increases in health expenditure. Myanmar, using a model strategy, extensively used health voluntary workers, expanding health knowledge through mass media, and school education – largely all of these aspects dependant on the population to be literate. With the focus on literacy in their “Education for All” programs, overall health standards were improved. In addition promotion of monastery education for children in rural areas proves to be a spectacular success, allowing all demographics of the population to be literate. Myanmar monasteries not only teach how to read and write but also teach hygienic habits such as cleaning litter and proper washing.

In all effects illiteracy is slowly disappearing, however not at the pace that is satisfactory with global development. As they were addressed there are many problems that prevent a population from becoming literate. The modernization of the global society is no place for some deeply ingrained unnecessary beliefs. For example in some parts of Africa, literacy is looked down

upon because it is associated with colonialism, thus knowledge is simply passed down orally. Other societies regard great memorization of passages more prestigious than being able to read. During the civil war in United States white citizens banned their black slaves from reading or writing, using the power of literacy to their advantage. Paulo Freire was exiled from Brazil for teaching peasants how to read and write in 1964. Although much of these ideas are disappearing there should be a collective effort creating a society in where everyone has a chance to become educated. Literacy is more and more essential and infused in society, thus it is only natural to believe in it and no longer shun it.

The basic step to improve health is to educate the population. Literacy leads to better awareness, better health, and better job opportunities. Literacy is the key to education, the key to understanding equality, a portal to a whole new world. In essence literacy can be the key to the chains that binds people to poverty.

Water supplying system develops in Salingyi Township



NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—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 on 3 September looked into water pumping process of Nyaungpingyi River Water Pumping Project near Phaungdaga Model Village in Salingyi Township.

Head UHla Min of Sagaing Division Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems reported on progress of water pumping process for 421 acres of farmland where monsoon paddy will be grown and works to be done.

Next, the commander and the secretariat member inspected supply of water to paddy fields through tributary canal No. 1 and gave necessary instructions.

MNA

Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspect supply of water into farmlands.—MNA

Youths may attend Hospitality and Management Course in S'pore

YANGON, 6 Sept—The STI Education and the Hospitality Business School (HBS) jointly introduced Diploma Course in Hospitality and Management at the Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Street here this afternoon.

Attending the 10-month course of HBS in Singapore, a Singapore-

certified Case Trust, a candidate can stay in Singapore for the first four months with Student Pass, and for the six months, with Training Pass.

There is no need to pay down a security deposit. School fee is 2500 Singapore dollars or about 2.5 million kyats. During the stay with Training Pass, a candidate can enjoy

600 to 800 Singapore dollars based on skills.

For further information, contact Myanmar Info-Tech at Room (7), Building (4), Hline, Yangon, or No 377, Shwebontha Street (Upper), Pabedan Township, Yangon, or dial 250056, 700273, 507046, 507048, 507151, and 507152.—MNA

September Market Festival in progress

YANGON, 6 Sept—With the sponsorship of Concordia International Co Ltd and Fortune International Co Ltd, a ceremony to open the September Market Festival was held at Central Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street here this morning.

Responsible persons from the two

companies explained items to be sold at the festival.

Items of Concordia International Co Ltd to be sold include Fuji Xerox brand colour lasers, copiers, printers, scanners, fax, plotters, Topcon brand Total stations, digital theodolite, auto levels, Garmin brand GPSs and grand digital scales.

With branch officers and service centres in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw, the two companies will run the market festival up to 8 September. Contact is to be made to CI Co Ltd by dialing 09 5062598, 544199, 544824 and to FI Co Ltd by dialing 211217, 211392 for further information.—MNA

MLA members requested to attend paper reading session without fail

YANGON, 6 Sept—The Myanmar Library Association will hold the second annual general meeting at Myanmar Education Research Bureau Cinema Hall on Pyay Road here on 13 September (Saturday) 2008.

The annual general meeting will cover a ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students and paper reading session in which Historian Dr Toe Hla will present a paper on Pitakataik in Bagan stone inscription and Daw Su Su of Universities' Central Library paper on books published by King Mindon's royal press.

Invitations have already been sent to the association members who are requested to attend the paper reading session without fail.—MNA



BOD member U Zaw Weik of OK Myanmar Co Ltd extends greetings at introduction to Daewoo and HQ brand cooling storage. — MNA



Daewoo and HQ brand cooling storage being displayed. — MNA

YANGON, 6 Sept – OK Myanmar Co Ltd held a ceremony to introduce new Daewoo and HQ brand cooling storage at the Crystal Jade hall of Excel Treasure Tower this evening.

Member of the Board of Directors U Zaw Weik extended greetings. U Win Myint Hlaing, member of the Board of Directors, explained matters on extended distribution of new products by the company and arrangements being made for sale agents and customers.

HQ brand cooling storage built on steel structure has an automatic controlling system. It is suitable for

hospitals and laboratories.

For further information interested persons may contact the head office and Daewoo Showroom (Yangon) at No 175, Bo Aung Kyaw Street (Ph: 392986, 392987, 392997, 377627), HQ-1 at No 124, Maha Bandoola Street, in front of Maha Bandoola Part (Ph: 376997), HQ-2 at No 201-203, Pansondan Street (Ph: 241077, 387644), No 135, 84th street, between 30th and 31st Steets, Mandalay (Ph: 02-31582), Nay Pyi Taw No. 156, Thiri Yadana Market (Ph: 067- 420813) and Service Centre (Ph: 299401, 298491).—MNA

Teachers urged to produce reliable national forces ...

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He said some nations are discriminating against the strategic nations on grounds of politics, economy and diplomacy and putting pressure on them.

It is very important to build national strength of the people that can overcome discriminating practices and pressures of the powerful nation in order to keep themselves free from being influenced.

He said the government has been making efforts for building of national strength, development of the nation and the people and emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation for nearly two decades.

Despite hardships and difficulty, the government made endeavours for realization of national objectives. With the participation of the people, there are better foundations for national solidarity and peace and stability in the country. Moreover, he called for increase of per capita income, raising of living standard of the people and better foundations for health, fitness and education standards.

He said efforts to promote the national education standard that plays a vital role in State stability, national solidarity and national development have been successful. Achievements have also been made in science and technology, nurturing human resources region-wise, literacy movement, promotion of national education, building educational infrastructures and creating educational environment.

Besides, educational institutions have been built with the installation of electronic networks with a view to creating equal educational opportunities across the country.

Today's success is not only because of the correct education policies, national education promotion programmes and projects of the State in order to use education strength in the efforts for the development of the State and the people but because of the cooperative efforts of the government, local authorities, education staff including teachers, students and their parents and social organizations.



Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay being welcomed by Pakistani Defence Attache Col Muzammil Hussain Shah and wife at the reception to mark Armed Forces Day of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 6 September.—MNA

As Myanmar has been in a transitional period with good political, economic and social foundations, the time has also come to start building a democratic nation as aspired by the people.

For the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation and for the maintenance of such a country, it is essential to ensure peace and stability of the State, the rule of law, strong national economy and high education standards of the people.

Therefore, all the teachers are to try to produce national forces on whom the State can rely while striving for the success of the State's education promotion programmes as the high education of the people is the essential requirement of the nation in helping build other infrastructures.

CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun presented prizes to outstanding trainees, junior assistant teacher U Kyaw Kyaw Myo of Kyaikmaraw BEHS (Htayana) in Mon State, SAT Daw Khin Ma Ma Cho of Kamayut

BEHS No. 3 in Yangon Division, Headmaster U Tun Myint of Takayta Township BEPS No. 4 in Yangon Division, PAT Daw Tin Tin Wai of Kamayut Township BEHS No. 4 in Yangon Division and SAT Daw Aye Aye San of Pyay Township BEHS (Wattikan) in Bogo Division. He also presented other prizes and completion certificates for the trainees to the training course leaders. Next, CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun and party cordially greeted the trainees.

Altogether 1502 trainees attended the five-week course.

It was also attended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Ministers Col Thurein Zaw, Col Tin Ngwe, U Myo Myint and Dr Mya Oo, officials of the Ministry of Education, Principal of CICS, course instructors and trainees.

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TCG Chairman, ASEAN Secretary-General tour storm-stricken villages



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu, ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and party inspect Basic Education Primary School in Seikgyi village in Kungyangon Township.—MNA

YANGON, 6 Sept — Tripartite Core Group Chairman Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan, together

with Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag, TCG members, UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator Mr Bishow Parajulli, UNFPA Resi-

dent Representative Mr Daniel B Baker and UNICEF Resident Representative Mr Ramesh M Shrestha and information staff members of ASEAN countries went by helicop-

ter to Seikgyi Village in Kungyangon Township, Yangon Division, and Toe Village in Dedaye Township, Ayeyawady Division, this morning and studied the implementa-

tion of the Community-Based Early Recovery Programme.

First, the deputy minister and the ASEAN Secretary-General and party arrived at Seikgyi Village in Tawkayan Village-tract, Kungyangon Township, by helicopter. Next, they viewed the repairs of Seikgyi Village primary school and greeted the students and teachers.

They also looked into the cultivation of betel and the tube-wells sunk by the TCG and attended a ceremony to launch two boats out of already-built 28 boats. They then viewed the building of boats for fishermen of the storm-hit regions.

In meeting with the storm survivors of Seikgyi Village, they explained the rendering of

continued assistance by the TCG. Then, Executive Director Mr Suichi Ohno of Nippon Foundation donated US\$ 6000 for building houses in four villages of Tawkayan Village-tract. The TCG chairman and wife and the Thai ambassador and wife also donated clothing and cash.

Later, the deputy minister and the ASEAN Secretary-General and party viewed arrangements for rehabilitation and promoting livelihoods of the storm victims in Tawkayan Village-tract and raised queries. They proceeded to Toe Village in Dedaye Township in the afternoon and looked into building of a new village and houses and fishing boats and fishing gear and groceries for the storm survivors.

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Meeting on maintenance of self-reliant village libraries



Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan view documentary photos on rural self-reliant libraries.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept — A coordination meeting on the maintenance of self-reliant village libraries in Sagaing Division took place at the city hall of Monywa on 3 September afternoon. 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 addressed the meeting.

It was also attended by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn, departmental officials, and local people.

Addressing the meeting, the commander said the habit of reading and enjoying reading can widen one's horizons and

can help develop human resources. This is why measures are being taken to maintain the durability of the already established libraries. The local people and the wellwishers on their part are to participate in the drive, he urged.

Next, the minister said there need four strengths—local authorities, local people, wellwishers and social organizations and the staff of the Information and Public Relations Department—in implementing the five tasks of maintaining the already established libraries. As it is the concern of the entire national people, all the people are to participate in the project, he urged.

Afterwards, Head of Sagaing Division IPRD U Tin Than Win reported on arrangements for

maintaining the libraries and formation of committees at state and district levels for maintaining the libraries.

Later, they greeted those present and viewed documentary photos of opening the self-reliant village libraries.—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

ASEAN Secretary-General lauds Myanmar endeavours for storm-hit victims



ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and party at Yangon General Hospital this evening.

In their discussions, the ASEAN Secretary-General said that he was pleased with health care services of the victims in the storm-hit areas in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, Post-Nargis Assessment Report (Ponja Report) and lauded Myanmar's endeavours on Internet Websites.

The minister said that the hospitals in Pyapon, Bogale, Labutta and Mawlamyinegyun townships were upgraded and rural health care centres were being reconstructed in the storm-hit regions.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint receives ASEAN Secretary-General Dr Surin Pitsuwan and party. — MNA

YANGON, 6 Sept — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint received

Mingala Taungnyunt BEHS No. 3's PTA meets

YANGON, 6 Sept — The annual meeting for 2007-2008 academic year of Parent-Teacher Association of Mingala Taungnyunt Township Basic Education High School No.3 was held in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at Yuzana Hall of the school this morning with addresses by Headmistress Daw Yu Yu Tin and Township Education Officer Daw Khine Shwe Nyunt.

Officials concerned presented annual report and financial assessment and new executives for Parent-Teacher Association and the school board of trustees were selected.

Next, officials presented prizes to outstanding students and teachers and the headmistress, certificates of honour to wellwishers.

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Headmistress Daw Yu Yu Tin presents prize to an outstanding student.

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Mebaung village in Hpa-an Tsp sees bomb blast

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—A bomb went off near the generator of the hydropower generator on Hpa-an-Hlinebwe Road in Mebaung Village, Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, this afternoon.

The bomb explosion caused a slight damage to the 50-KVA generator, and broke some windows of the office, a windscreen and two side windows of a car, and left a staff member slightly injured in his right arm.

Officials concerned made investigation into the case. — MNA

Myanma Petroleum Product Enterprise meets

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept— Myanma Petroleum Product Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy held its work coordination meeting at the meeting hall-1 of the ministry here this morning, attended by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, acting director-general and managing directors under the ministry, directors, factory managers and officials concerned.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi made a speech, saying that although the fuel prices are going up, the government is selling fuel at such a price which is lower than the international fuel prices. This being so, officials concerned are to supervise the staff of filling stations to see to it that they are doing work straightforwardly. The ministry will launch a probe into corruption and take severe action against those involved in it, he added and stressed the need for respective managing directors to supervise the functions of oil refineries, main fuel storage and filling stations to ensure the systematic distribution, transport and filling of fuel.

Next, those present on the occasion reported on work carried out.

After fulfilling the requirements, the minister made the concluding remarks which brought the meeting to an end—MNA



Professor Dr Daw Nan Htwun Hla accepts cash donation from personnel of Mo Asia Company Ltd-Dumex.—MNA

F&R Minister meets staff of Myanma Insurance



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun meeting with officers of Myanma Insurance.—F&R

YANGON, 6 Sept—Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met with officers of

Myanma Insurance at the head office, here, this afternoon.

British, US embassies visited NLD (HQ) 24 times in August

YANGON, 6 Sept—National League for Democracy (HQ) is having contact with American and British embassies in Yangon and following their directives. Therefore, people are keeping a close watch on their acts and vigilant against them.

The personnel of the two embassies went to the NLD (HQ) on West Shwegondine Road 24 times last month and they met with NLD CEC members and sent mailbags and envelopes to NLD (HQ).

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Building Better People Seminar organized

YANGON, 6 Sept — A seminar on Building Better People jointly organized by Mo Asia Company Ltd-Dumex and Myanmar Nurses and Midwifery Association (Central) took place at University of Nursing (Yangon) this morning.

Chairperson of MNMA Professor Dr Daw Nan Htwun Hla extended greetings and accepted K 200,000 presented by National Nutrition Manager Dr Beauty Kyi.

Next, MNMA Vice-Chairperson-2 Professor Daw Yin Mya and Nutrition Advisor Dr Wai Moe Lwin gave educative talks. — MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Gardens packed with holiday-makers

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Sept—In accord with city's characteristics, Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Gardens was opened in Nay Pyi Taw in March, 2008 on a grand scale with the aim of enabling the holiday makers to take recreation and to conduct re-

search work.

Today being holiday, Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Gardens was packed with the visitors—local people, office staff and students in the morning.

There are 27 wildlife animal booths such as elephant, crocodile, tiger, kangaroo, penguin, leopard, zebra and hippopotamus in the gardens.

Especially, the elephant show was packed with the holiday-makers during the weekends.

The visitors took elephant ride in elephant camp and went sightseeing in rail bus around the gardens and the children were joyfully playing in the amusement park.

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Visitors enjoy elephant show in Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Gardens.—MNA



Implementing Shweli-1 Hydropower Project in Namhkam Township to benefit livelihoods of local national people

Article: Myo Myint (MNA); Photos: Electric Power No. 1

Recently, I visited Shan State (North) to cover news on development of Nawnghkio, Kyaukme, Hsipaw, Lashio, Kunlong, Hopang, Chinshwehaw, Laukkai, Hsenwi, Kutkai, Haka, Muse, Namhkam, Tangyan and Mongyai regions.

I witnessed fruits of peace in the regions along my journey by car. After 1988, the government restored peace in the whole region. At present, the national people are enjoying tastes of

development tasks. As a result, unprecedented development can be witnessed in the respective regions.

Especially, many roads and bridges have been built as transport networks in the whole Shan State (North). Therefore, the region gains development with momentum.

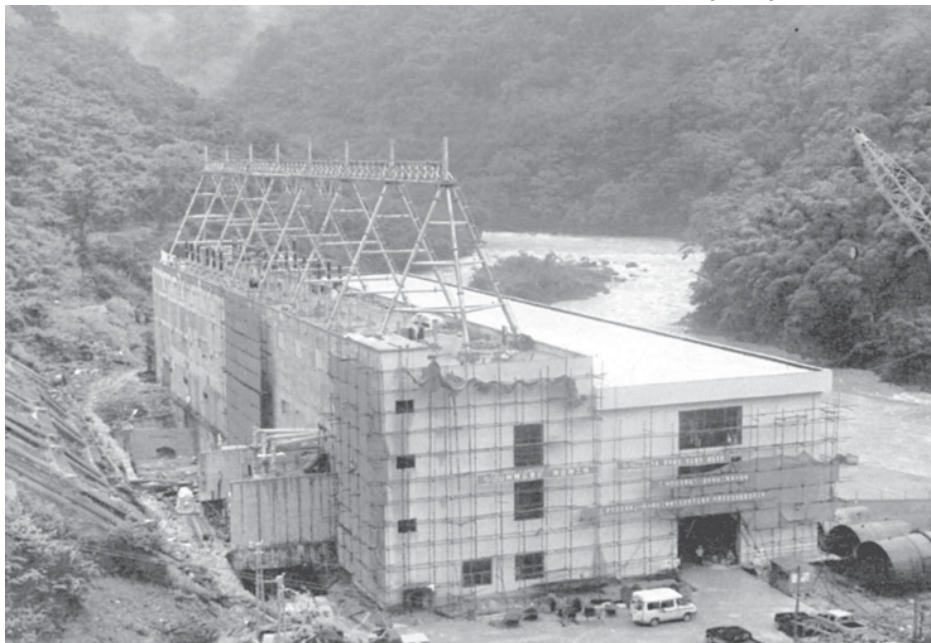
Indeed, the energy sector can expedite the development momentum of the region. As such, Hydropower Implementation Department under the

on a commercial scale and benefit the regional development was started in 2002-2003 financial year. So far, implementation of the project has completed by 95.23 per cent.

The project is being undertaken by damming the Shweli River. The power plant installed with 600 megawatt generators is being operated with the use of water from Shweli River through an underground tunnel. The power plant will generate 4,022 million kilowatt hours yearly and distrib-



The concrete works of main embankment at the hydropower project.



The construction site of Shweli-1 Hydropower Plant seen in early August.

Arrangements are being made to supply electricity from Shweli-1 Hydropower Plant Project across the nation through Mansan 230/66 KV, MVA 60 main power station, Shwesaryan 230/132 KV, MVA 100 main power station and 230/33 KV, MVA 60 power station.

peace and tranquility.

With a view to ensuring equitable development of all regions of the nation, the government has adopted and is implementing the projects: the border areas and national races development project, the 24 regions development project and five rural de-

Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 is implementing Shweli-1 hydropower plant project near Mantat Village, 17 miles southwest of Namhkam, Muse District.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Shweli-1 hydropower project that will be a production work

ute power through power supply network.

To distribute electricity to be generated from Shweli-1 power plant project, Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 is implementing the project of Shweli-Mansan-Shwesaryan KV 230 Twin Bundle Double Circuit and power stations. At present, the entire project has completed.

Shweli-Mansan-Shwesaryan KV 230

power line is 180 miles long and it is a Twin Bundle Double Circuit to supply 400 megawatts.

At the project site, we witnessed officials and technicians of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise making industrious efforts in installing the power line to serve the interest of the local people by overcoming weather and transport difficulties of Shan State (North).

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across the nation through Mansan 230/66 KV, MVA 60 main power station, Shwesaryan 230/132 KV, MVA 100 main power station and 230/33 KV, MVA 60 power station.

As such, the whole Shan State (North) and the entire nation will get electricity and socio-economic progress of the national people can be witnessed soon.

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US detains second Iraqi cameraman this week

BAGHDAD, 6 Sept — The US military arrested an Iraqi cameraman on Thursday, his family and employer said, two days after the detention of a freelance photographer working for Reuters news agency.

American troops took Omar Hashem, who works for the Baghdad local television channel, and his father and two brothers from their home in the capital's Adhamiya District early on Thursday.

The US military confirmed they had detained a journalist, but did not mention Hashem by name.

"Omar Hashem, his two brothers and father were arrested by American forces. Our cameraman has a coalition media pass and has worked with them before. I don't know why they arrested him now," said Riyadh Arif, head of the Baghdad channel office.

Reuters television footage showed Hashem's home in disarray after his family said troops searched the property.

"Early in the morning I heard voices telling me to leave the house, to get out. We were trying to put clothes on when they broke down the door," said a tearful Um Omar, the cameraman's mother.

MNA/Reuters

Slovakia, Portugal talk on coop in renewable resources

PRAGUE, 6 Sept — Slovak and Portuguese presidents, Ivan Gasparovic and Anibal Cavaco Silva, discussed possible cooperation of the two countries in renewable resources in Bratislava, Slovakia, the Czech news agency CTK reported on Thursday.

Silva, who is on a two-day visit to Slovakia, is accompanied by representatives of Portuguese companies specializing in using the energy from wind and moving water, CTK said.

Gasparovic said that Slovakia's dependency on energy imports deepened after the closure of the first and second units of the nuclear power station in Jaslovské Bohunice, west Slovakia. Slovakia has been seeking how to gain this energy in future, CTK quoted Gasparovic as saying. Portugal has built a number of wind power mills. Slovakia has several water power stations, but the conditions for wind power stations were not good in the country, according to the Slovak Economy Ministry.

MNA/Xinhua



Kidnapped Frenchmen freed in Nigeria's oil hub: diplomats

LAGOS, 6 Sept — Gunmen on Friday released two French oil workers seized one month ago in Nigeria's main oil producing region, a diplomat said.

"The French embassy confirms that those two men were released at around 8:00pm (1900 GMT) and they will be going back to France very soon," a French embassy official told AFP.

Gunmen seized the two from a bar in Onne near the oil hub of Port Harcourt on August 2. Police said the two were crew from the offshore oil services tug, Bourbon Apsara.

No details were given on the circumstances of the release but the French official expressed gratitude to "the Nigerian authorities for they way they dealt with this problem." The most prominent armed group in the region, the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) denied involvement in the kidnapping.

Police last month said no group claimed responsibility for the abduction and no demand for ransom was made.

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Throwing fire : A participant in "La Recuerdo" (The Remembrance) festival throws a fireball at his opponents in the main street of Nejapa, some 20 km north of San Salvador.—INTERNET

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China submits 2007 military expenditure report to UN

BEIJING, 6 Sept — China has reported its 2007 military expenditures to the United Nations (UN), the second time it has done so since it started participating in the UN Military Budget Transparency Mechanism last year. The report provides more information than the previous submission,

including basic data of the country's military spend for the latest fiscal year.

It also explained the main purpose of the expenditures, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu said here at a regular news briefing.

This demonstrated again that the Chinese Government attached great importance to the issue of military transparency, and actively improved mutual trust with other countries in the military field, she added.

Since last year, China has participated in the UN Military Budget Transparency Mechanism and returned to the Conventional Weapons Registration System, two major mechanism of the UN concerning military transparency.

The UN Military Budget Transparency Mechanism came into being in 1980 when the UN General Assembly approved Resolution 35/142 entitled "Reduction of Military Budgets". It introduced the UN system for standardized reporting of military expenditure.

MNA/Xinhua

Cassini detects partial rings with Saturn's moons

PASADENA, 6 Sept — The latest images from NASA's Cassini spacecraft show faint, partial rings orbiting with two of Saturn's small inner moons, scientists said Friday.

Cassini detected a partial ring, or arch, orbiting with Anthe for the first time, and confirmed the presence of another arch near Methone, scientists said.

The partial rings are likely made of material that micrometeoroids knocked off the small moons.—Internet

Solar energy can meet all the world's energy demands: expert

MADRID, 6 Sept — The world must speed up the deployment of solar power as it has the potential to meet all the world's energy needs, the chairman of an industry gathering which wrapped up Friday in Spain said.

"The solar energy resource is enormous, and distributed all over the world, in all countries and also oceans," said Daniel Lincot, the chairman of the five-day European Photovoltaic Solar Energy conference held in Valencia.

"There is thus an

enormous resource available from photovoltaics, which can be used everywhere, and can in principle cover all

the world energy demand from a renewable, safe and clean source," he added.

Internet



A solar thermal electric power plant in Sanlucar La Mayor in February 2008. The world must speed up the deployment of solar power as it has the potential to meet all the world's energy needs, the chairman of an industry gathering which wrapped up Friday in Spain said.—INTERNET

Heart patients benefit from staying active: study

NEW YORK, 6 Sept — Any level of leisure time physical activity appears to curb the risk of death among men and women with coronary heart disease, researchers report. People with heart disease frequently limit their physical activity due to shortness of breath, chronic fatigue, circulation problems in the legs, or other symptoms of the disease.

However, men and women with coronary heart disease should "do whatever they can to avoid being sedentary," Dr Anil Nigam told Reuters Health.

Nigam, of Montreal Heart Institute in Quebec, Canada and colleagues evaluated leisure time physical activity among 14,021 generally middle-aged men and women with heart disease who had artery-clearing procedures between 1974 and 1979.—Internet

Plastics chemical harms brain function in monkeys

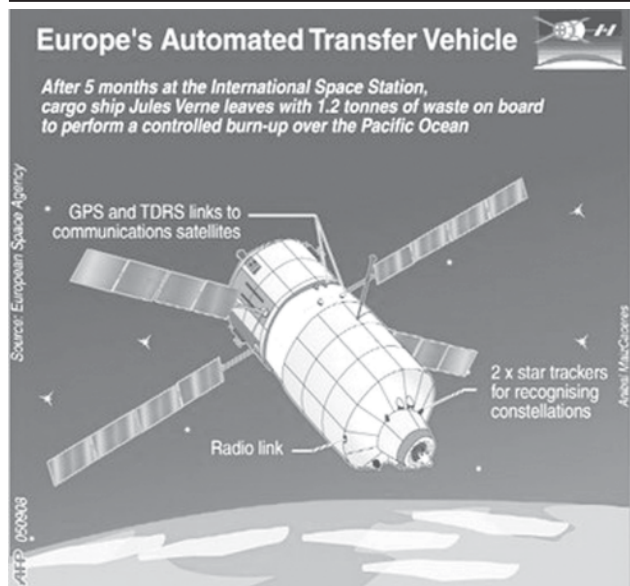


A boy carries used plastic bottles in a shop which will be sent to recycling plants in Dhaka in this file photo.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 6 Sept — Scientists reported this week new evidence that low doses of the chemical bisphenol A (BPA), widely used to make plastic food and drinking containers, can impair brain function in primates, extending the findings of previous research conducted in rats.

Whether the amount of BPA that leaches out of containers into food and beverages represents an environmental risk is a subject of controversy.

"Our primate model indicates that BPA could negatively affect brain function in humans," study investigator Tibor Hajsan said in a press release from the Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut. Hajsan and colleagues examined the influence of continuous exposure to BPA at a daily dose representing the US Environmental Protection Agency's current reference safe daily limit (50 micrograms per kilogram) in young adult African green monkeys.—Internet



Graphic illustration of the ATV spacecraft which is positioning itself for a fiery, suicide descent into Earth's atmosphere.—INTERNET

European freighter detaches from space station

PARIS, 6 Sept — A European robot freighter decoupled from the International Space Station (ISS), positioning itself for a fiery, suicide descent into Earth's atmosphere.

The Automated Transfer Vehicle (ATV) is expected to burn up in the upper atmosphere over a "completely uninhabited" area of the Pacific on 29 September, the European Space Agency (ESA) said. The ATV left the space

station at 2129 GMT Friday, the ESA said, having taken 7.5 tonnes of equipment, water and air to the ISS crew on its maiden flight in April. It has been used as a temporary leisure centre and sleeping area over the past five months.

The freighter brought back several tonnes of refuse from the ISS.

Its engines were to use some of the remaining fuel to park the 13.5-tonne craft in a new orbit over the following three weeks.

Tethered to the ISS, the ATV carried out four operations to boost the station to a safe height of 355 kilometres (221 miles) in order to overcome residual atmospheric drag.

Internet



A handout image obtained on 1 Sept, 2008 from Gabrielle Shaw Communications (GSC) shows British explorer and adventurer Lewis Gordon Pugh. Pugh declared Friday he had kayaked further to the top of the world than anyone else ever has, as his bid to reach the North Pole failed — much to his delight.—INTERNET

Explorer highlights melting Arctic ice cap

LONDON, 6 Sept — British explorer Lewis Gordon Pugh declared Friday he had kayaked further to the top of the world than anyone else ever has, as his bid to reach the North Pole failed — much to his delight.

But the renowned extreme swimmer, dubbed the human polar bear, nonetheless warned the Arctic ice pack was thinning and urged world leaders to take immediate action to halt it. Pugh, 38, made it to 81 degrees north latitude before hitting solid pack ice. He temporarily planted the flags of 192 nations and territories into a floe in a bid for worldwide attention to the issue of climate change.

"Last year at this latitude I saw three-metre-thick ice. Now I can only see one-metre-thick ice," he said.

"In 2007 I predicted the Arctic would be largely free of summer sea ice within 10 years. Everything I have seen on my expedition confirms that prediction."

"The disappearance of this sea ice is happening considerably faster than scientific models predicted a year ago," he added.—Internet

New fingerprint method could unlock cold cases

LONDON, 6 Sept — It's a discovery that would make even Sherlock Holmes proud. British scientists have developed a new crime-fighting technique that allows police to lift fingerprints from bullets even if a criminal has wiped down a shell casing. Authorities in Britain and the United States used the method to re-open three cold cases, including a US double murder that police are now optimistic of solving, said John Bond, the physicist who developed the technique.

"In one case there was enough evidence that could lead to an identification of an offender," said Bond, a researcher at the University of Leicester and consultant at Northamptonshire Police in Britain.

The conventional method of taking fingerprints has been around for more than 100 years and involves creating a chemical reaction with the sweat left behind on an object to produce an image police can use.—Internet



A woman gives her fingerprints to join a petition in a file photo.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Henry happy to play captain’s part

VIENNA, 6 Sept — New France captain Thierry Henry is relishing the challenge of facing Austria in Saturday’s World Cup qualifier, not least as it will give him the chance to prove he’s worthy of the armband. "It will be a difficult game, I saw (Austria) at the Euros. They lost two matches and drew one, like us," the Barcelona player told AFP on Friday. "They are difficult to beat. It’s a team that hangs on. They are valiant."

In the absence of injured Patrick Vieira, Henry will wear the all-important captain’s armband, a job the World Cup winner is keenly looking forward to.

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Shearer cool on Newcastle job

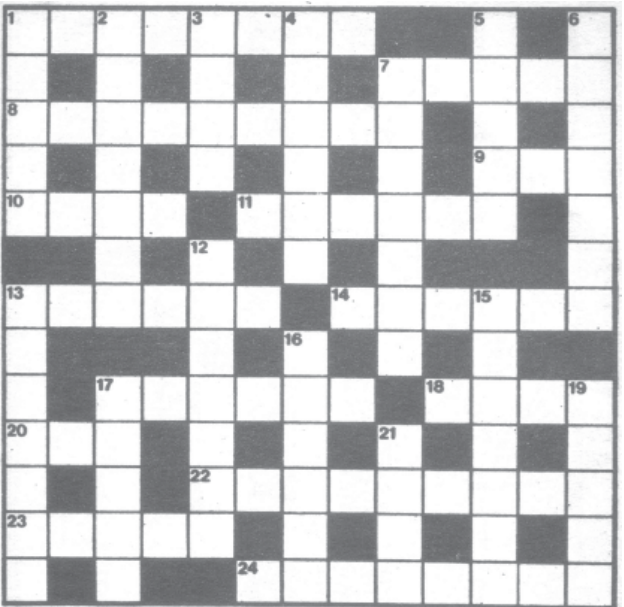


Former Newcastle striker Alan Shearer

LONDON, 6 Sept — Former Newcastle striker Alan Shearer on Friday appeared to rule himself out of the running to replace Kevin Keegan in the St James’ Park

hotseat. The ex-England star, now a TV pundit, described the structure at the ailing Premier League club as "strange", one day after Keegan quit as manager for the second time. "I’d like to be a manager at some point in my career," Shearer told the BBC. "But I want to manage - and control who comes in and out of the club."—Internet

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Capello challenges Rooney to end England goal-drought

BARCELONA, 6 Sept — Fabio Capello believes Wayne Rooney must end his England goal-drought against Andorra on Saturday to shatter the mental block affecting his performances for the national team.

Rooney’s last goal for his country was in Russia 11 months ago and the Manchester United striker has scored only twice in competitive internationals since Euro 2004.

It is a woeful run for a player regarded as England’s talisman. But Rooney has no problem producing wonder-goals and match-winning displays for United and Capello is convinced he has developed a confidence problem when he



Wayne Rooney

pulls on an England shirt. Rooney struggled once again in last month’s 2-2 friendly draw against the Czech Republic as he recovered from a virus, but he is fully fit now and Capello expects a significant improvement in Saturday’s opening World Cup qualifier at the Olympic Stadium in Barcelona.

Internet

Two-time champ Serena beats Safina to reach US Open final

NEW YORK, 6 Sept — Two-time winner Serena Williams advanced to her first US Open final in six years, breezing past Russian Dinara Safina 6-3, 6-2 at the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"I am finally back in the finals," Williams said. "An American back in the finals. I am really excited."

On Friday Williams set up a finals showdown with world No. 2 Jelena Jankovic of Serbia, who beat Russian Elena



Serena Williams of the US celebrates her victory during the women’s semis at the US Open tennis tournament in New York. Two-time winner Williams advanced to her first US Open final in six years, breezing past Russian Dinara Safina 6-3, 6-2 at the Arthur Ashe Stadium on Friday.—INTERNET

Dementieva 6-4, 6-4 earlier in the day. There will be plenty on the line in the final, which is scheduled for Saturday but could be moved to Sunday if an expected storm blows into the New York area. Not only will they be gunning for the 1.5 million dollars in first place prize money but the winner will also surpass Serbian Ana Ivanovic as world number one. Ivanovic was upset in the second round.

Internet

Barton banned for six matches for assault

LONDON, 6 Sept — Newcastle midfielder Joey Barton was banned on Friday for six matches - with another six suspended - and fined 25,000 pounds for assaulting team-mate Ousmane Dabo.

Barton, 26, had previously admitted the charge of violent conduct and was given his punishment at a Football Association hearing in London.

In July, Barton received a four-month suspended prison sentence for the assault, which occurred in May 2007, when he and Dabo were at Manchester City. It left the French midfielder with cuts and bruises to his face and eyes as well as a suspected detached retina.—Internet



Newcastle midfielder Joey Barton, seen here in March 2008, was banned for six matches - with another six suspended - and fined 25,000 pounds for assaulting team-mate Ousmane Dabo.

INTERNET

Villegas’ 65 gives him lead at BMW Championship



Camilo Villegas, of Colombia, lines up putt on the second hole during the first round of the BMW Championship golf tournament on 5 Sept, 2008, in St Louis.

ST LOUIS, 6 Sept — Camilo Villegas and Steve Stricker were excited to be playing golf Friday for different reasons, and it showed during a soggy start to the BMW Championship.

Villegas, coming off a tie for third last week that allowed him to advance in the PGA Tour Playoffs, continued his good form with eight birdies on long, soft Bellerive Country Club for a 5-under 65 that gave him a one-shot lead. The 26-year-old Colombian believes winning is a process, and it appears to be accelerating with each round. "Sometimes you really want to be on the golf course and it’s going great, and sometimes it’s a grind," Villegas said. "You’ve got to be ready for both. I’m excited right now. I feel really good about by golf."—Internet

First US match in Cuba since 1947 tops Cup qualifiers

HAVANA, 6 Sept — United States will play at political rival Cuba for the first time since 1947 on Saturday in a World Cup 2010 qualifying match that tops a hectic week of North American action on the road to South Africa. The Americans share the top of Group A in the CONCACAF qualifying zone after winning an opener 1-0 last month at Guatemala. "This game is crucial to us as we hunt a place in the final group stage," US coach Bob Bradley said. "With the win over Guatemala we are in good shape and we need to keep going." The Cubans, who dropped their opener 3-1 at home to Trinidad and Tobago, hope striker Roberto Linares can pressure the Americans while captain Landon Donovan will lead the US attack.

Internet



R-L: US football player Carlos Bocanegra answers questions with coach Bob Bradley and teammate Oguchi Onyewu during a press conference upon their arrival in Havana, on 4 Sept, 2008. United States will play at political rival Cuba for the first time since 1947 on Saturday in a World Cup 2010 qualifying match that tops a hectic week of North American action on the road to South Africa.

German company bans foreign languages at work

BERLIN, 6 Sept — A German technology company in which Russians comprise more than a third of the staff has banned the use of foreign languages in the workplace.

Witeg, a maker of laboratory technology based in the southwestern state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, employs 60 workers, including 21 Russians.

“This ruling in necessary because precise

communication amongst workers is vital,” Managing Director Elmar Swiegot said in a statement published on Friday.

The decision had nothing to do with racism and was necessary for organizational reasons, he added. Anyone who broke the rule would be given a warning and dismissal would follow for persistent offenders.

Alexander Marterer, a German labour lawyer,

said employers were theoretically allowed to create language policy for the workplace but Witeg would probably be deemed to be infringing human rights if taken to court.

The Baden-Wuerttemberg Economy Ministry said any ruling which discriminated against non-native speakers of German was unacceptable.

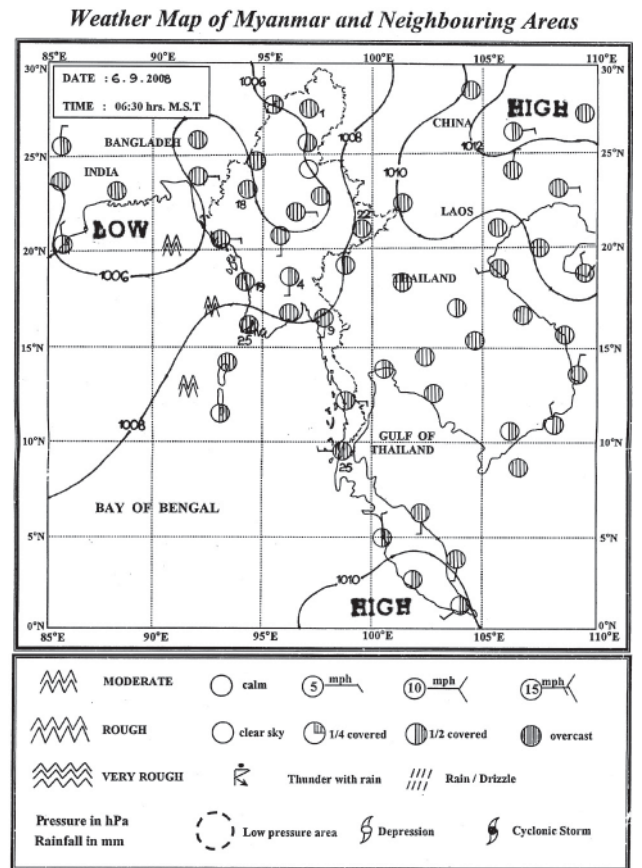
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Heavy rains lash many parts of Britain

LONDON, 6 Sept— Storms lashed many parts of Britain on Friday, flooding houses and causing transport chaos, with forecasters saying up to two inches of rain could fall in the worst affected areas.

The Met Office issued severe weather warnings for Wales, the West country and northeast England.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Saturday, 6 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Chin States, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kachin and Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions fairly widespread in Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hmawby (2.08) inches, Kawthong and Khayan (1.37) inches each, Kawkareik (1.10) inches and Pathein (1.06) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-9-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 6-9-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-9-2008 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 5-9-2008 was (2.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 6-9-2008 was (0.20) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (0.36) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (81.38) inches at Mingaladon, (91.93) inches at Kaba-Aye and (110.04) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from South at (14:30) hours MST on 5-9-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 7-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan State, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Mon and Kayin States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of weak monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Sadr supporters protest against US presence in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 Sept—Thousands of Shiites protested against the US presence in Iraq, heeding orders from anti-US cleric Moqtada al-Sadr for a peaceful show of force on the first Friday of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Crowds of people waved photos of the reclusive cleric, dancing and shouting, following Friday prayers in Sadr City, a Shi'ite stronghold in northeastern Baghdad.

Several men burned a red, white and blue flag as they pledged support for the reclusive Sadr. “We all support you, Sayyid Moqtada! We are your soldiers!” they shouted, addressing Sadr by a title of respect.

In the southern holy city of Najaf, several hundred protesters turned out for a parallel protest. “No, no to occupation!” read one banner.

MNA/Reuters



Sunday, 7 September
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Musical programme

8:00 am

6. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး၊ ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့် (အမျိုးသား)

8:30 am

7. International news

8:40 am

8. Islands of Dhamma

8:45 am

9. ဘဒ္ဒန္တတေဇဝန္တ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊အဂ္ဂမဟာ၊ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓဇ ပုဗ္ဗာရုံကျောင်းတိုက်၊မိုးမိတ်မြို့၊ ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်တံမှ နဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလ ခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း)

11:00 am

1. Martial song.

11:15 am

2. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ

11:30 am

3. Round up of the week's International news

11:45 am

4. ထက်မြက်ပျော်ရွှင် အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

12:10 pm

5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေမေမေတ္တာ ကုဋေကုဋာ” (အပိုင်း-၂)

1:00 pm

6. Myanmar Movie “ဘယ်သူပြိုင်လို့လုပ်တော့နိုင်” (ဇော်လင်းဝင်းလှိုင်၊ အံ့ကျော်၊ တင်တင်ညို၊ တင်တင်လှ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးသုခ)

2:45 pm

7. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song.

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Musical programme

4:25 pm

4. Song for uphold National Spirit

4:50 pm

5. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ တတိယအကြိမ်မြောက် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (အထက- (၁) တောင်ဥက္ကလာပ) (အမျိုးသမီးဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

5:05 pm

6. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေး၊ ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေး) (ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း) အဆင့် (အမျိုးသား)

5:25 pm

7. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

8. Evening News

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. “စပါးကရွှေ ငါးကငွေ” (ညီကျော်မိုးဒီ၊သက်ဦးတို၊ ဆုဝတီမိုး)(ဒါရိုက်တာ-နိုင်)

6:50 pm

11. အထူးအထွက်ကောင်း စပါးတို့အားထားမြန်ပြည်အနံ့၊ စိုက်ပျိုးသွား

7:15 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၉)

8:00 pm

13. News.

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“လူယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

17. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်

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

Trees for Yangon West District lush and green

YANGON, 6 Sept—The monsoon tree planting ceremony of Yangon West District was held at the compound of Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Dagon Township this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint planted a gangaw tree.

Chairman of Yangon West District PDC U Aung Myint reported on progress of tree planting in the district and works to be done to the commander.

Next, the commander and officials grew trees and viewed growing of 7000 trees by departmental personnel and social organization members.

Under the arrangements of Yangon Division

PDC, Yangon Division Forest Department grew teak plantation and watershed plantation at protected public forests and watershed areas of dams and organized monsoon tree planting ceremonies in respective district and townships. Altogether 36,600 perennial and shade tree were grown in Yangon West District.

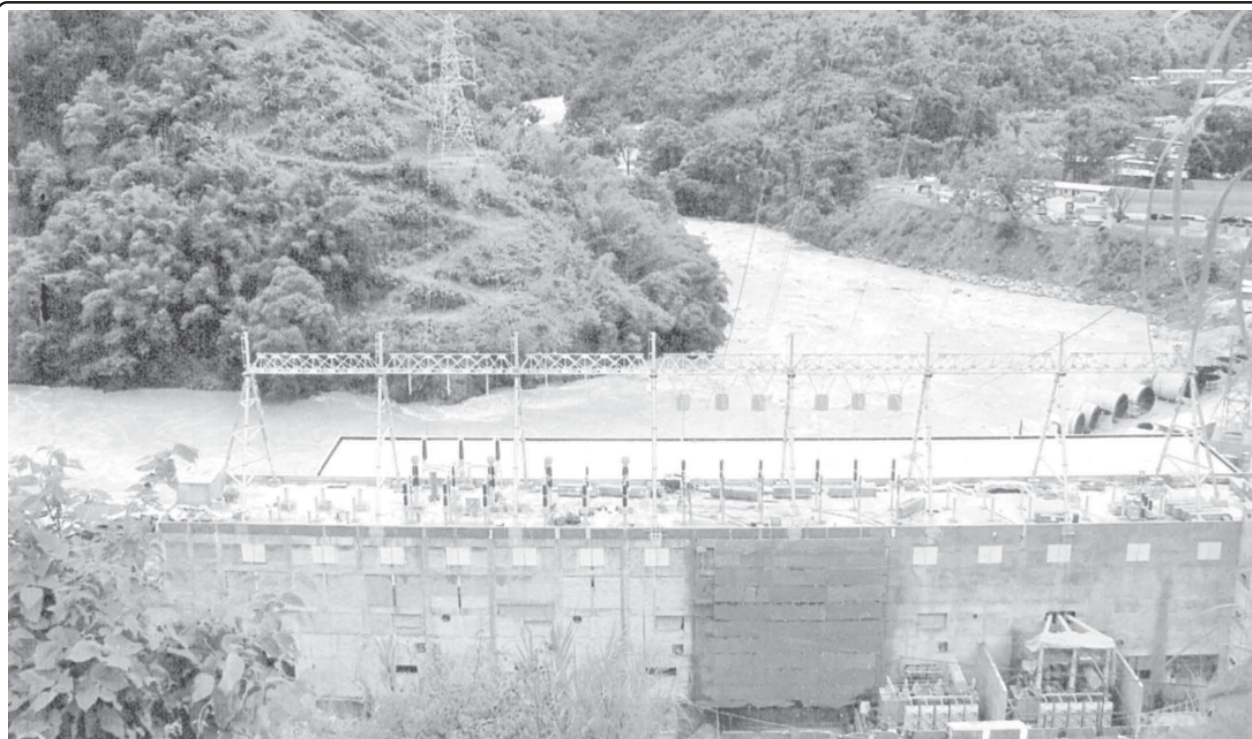
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Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint grows a gangaw tree in tree planting ceremony.—MNA



Holiday makers go sightseeing around Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Gardens. (News on page 10)—MNA



An aerial view of Shweli-Mansan-Shwesaryan power line.

(PHOTOS: ELECTRIC POWER NO. 1)

Indeed, the energy sector can expedite the development momentum of the region. As such, Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 is implementing Shweli-1 hydro-power project near Mantat Village, 17 miles southwest of Namkham, Muse District.

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