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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

Hsinbo Hospital in Kachin State gets more supplies

NAY P YI T AW, 25 Sept — Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Soe Win met with servicemen and families of Myitkyina Station yesterday and provided supplies to the families of the station.

During the tour of Myitkyina, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspected Myitkyina-Hsinbo- Akye-Katha section of No. 3 district-to-district road and unveiled the signboard to open Hsinbo People's Hospital in Hsinbo.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint presented cash assistance to patients receiving medical treatment at the hospital and medicines to the hospital. The commander donated cash to the trust funds of the hospital.

The hospital was set up at the cost of K 80 million by the government. The work on construction of the hospital started in October 2006 and completed in August 2008.

Maj-Gen Ohn Myint of Ministry of Defence unveils signboard of Hsinbo People's Hospital in Hsinbo.—**MNA**

At Aungsitthi Hall of Hsinbo Station, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met officers, other ranks and families and presented assistance to them.

Afterwards, he visited Hsin-3 strain paddy plantation at Hsinbo 3-mile farm cultivated by Hsinbo Police Force and greeted families of Hsinbo Police Station and left there by boat for Hsamdu village.

At Jarinyan Village in Dawphoneyan Maj-Gen Ohn Myint met with townselders and teachers at the primary school and gave cash and clothes to them.

At Manpain Plantation of 4000 acres farmland reclaimed by Northern Command, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspected 600 acres paddy field by Sinakari 3 paddy strain. Next, he visited the rubber nursery which is set

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Milk powder and health

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DR KHIN MAUNG LWIN

Northern Sudan yields Nubian civilization

BERN, 25 Sept—The Swiss archaeologist Charles Bonnet spent many years exploring the remains of Nubian civilization in northern Sudan, focusing particular attention on the site of Kerma, the capital of the Nubians, and finding evidence of the existence of a genuine civilization in the region.

The rare discovery of the black pharaohs on the site "Doukki Gel" is considered to be the culmination of the work of Charles Bonnet and the Swiss team: Their findings provided new and precious information about Nubian civilization during the era of Kerma Kingdom, and some aspects of the relationship that existed between the Egyptian pharaohs and Nubian kings in northern Sudan.

The special dossier of the Arabic website of swissinfo.ch also covers the contribution of Switzerland in the financing of Charles Bonnet's mission over the past decades and its participation in the construction of the museum of "Kerma civilization complex". This new site will open up wider cultural and touristic horizons in this region rich in cultural legacy and historical treasures.

Internet

Ancient Nubia (Sudan): Around 5,000 years ago, a rich and powerful nation called the kingdom of Kush (also referred to as ancient Nubia) was a center of culture and military might in Africa. Ancient Nubia had a wealth of natural resources such as gold, ivory, copper, frankincense and ebony but they also produced and traded a variety of goods such as pottery.

PERSPECTIVES

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Enhance nutritional development of mothers and children

The Ministry of Health is working hard to fulfil nutritional requirements of mothers and children. Simultaneously, it is providing maternal and child health care, implementing immunization and vaccination campaigns, taking disease control measures, carrying out sanitation tasks and school health care programmes, and giving health education talks on a wide scale.

These days, Nutritional Development Week commemorative activities are ongoing township-wise. The activities cover giving educative talks about nutritional development, feeding Vitamin-A pills to children aged between six months and five years, distributing iron tablets to pregnant women, and educative campaigns for widespread consumption of iodized salt.

In developing countries, the majority of the under-five mortalities are due to malnutrition. Vitamin-A deficiency can cause blindness to and weaken the antibody system of children.

Iodine deficiency can hinder physical and mental development and cause goitre. The majority of people in over 100 countries have come under iodine deficiency owing to various reasons.

Accordingly, parents have to feed hygienic food, food rich in iron and iodine, and nutritional food to children since their youth.

Everyone, therefore, should have a healthy and balanced diet to be able to lead a healthy life, free from diseases. Health staff, social organizations and departments are to continue to carry out nutritional development campaigns in collaboration.

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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

Storm-ravaged areas in Kungyangon get more supplies

YANGON, 25 Sept — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi looked into cleaning and beautifying works along the road to Kungyangon on 20 September and greening of tree plantation there.

At Seikkyi Village in Tawkayan Village-tract, the minister attended the ceremony to donate supplies to households of six villages in storm-hit East and West Tawkayan Village-tracts. The minister inspected progress in building boats donated by Tripartite Core Group.

The minister attended a ceremony to provide aid to the households of East and West Tawku Village-tracts. At the southern ward of Kung-yangon, the minister viewed construction of houses contributed by Asia World Co for the storm survivors. After inspecting thriving ten kinds of vegetables in the compound of the houses, the minister greeted the villagers and attended to the needs.

MNA

***Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects progress in building boats donated by Tripartite Core Group.*—MNA**

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Rector U Khin Maung Zaw of Forestry University of Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry on expiry of the one-year probationary period.—*MNA*

Inter-ministry Table Tennis Contest kicks off

YANGON, 25 Sept—A ceremony to open the inter-ministry table tennis contest 2008, organized by Myanmar Table Tennis Federation, was held at the hall of MTTF in the compound of National Swimming Pool on U Wisara road here this morning. At the ceremony, President of MTTF U Kyaw Kyaw gave a speech and accepted K1,000,000 donated by Managing Director of Aung Myin Chan Tha Mining Co U Ban Ni Chit.

The contest will be held at 9 am daily till 28 September and ten teams from ministries are participating in the nine contests.—*MNA*

Assistance for league development

YANGON, 25 Sept—With the aim of the development of Myanmar football standard for the Myanmar League Season 2008-09, main sponsors Grand Royal (IBTC Co Ltd) donated K 50 million, Co-Sponsors Myanmar C.P Livestock Co Ltd, K 10 million, Canon Co Ltd, K 5 million, United Mercury Group Co Ltd, K 5 million, Calsome Cereal (M.D.G Co Ltd), K 5 million and Khin Maung Nyunt Trading Co Ltd, K 3 million. Moreover, United Pharma Co Ltd donated K 1.5 million to the Myanmar League and medicines worth K 3.5 million to the Myanmar Football selected players.

NLM

Striker of Transport team controlling the ball to penetrate Myanma Railways in Myanmar League match at Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna on 23 September.— NLM ,

China launches mission for first spacewalk

JIUQUAN, 25 Sept—China successfully launched a three-man crew into space Thursday to carry out the country's first spacewalk, beginning the nation's most challenging space mission since it first sent a person into space in 2003.

The Shenzhou 7 spacecraft, China's third manned mission, blasted off atop a Long March 2F rocket shortly after 9 a.m. E D T under clear night skies in northwestern China.

The spacewalk by one of the astronauts is expected to take place either on Friday or Saturday.

Underscoring the mission's heavy political overtones, Chinese President and Communist Party head Hu Jintao was shown live on state television hailing the astronauts at the launch site near the northwestern town of Jiuquan.

"You will definitely accomplish this glorious and sacred mission. The motherland and the people are looking forward to your triumphant return," Hu told the three, who were dressed in their flight suits and behind glass to avoid germs.

The mission is expected to last three to four days. The spacewalk will last about 40 minutes.—*Internet*

***The Long-March II-F rocket carrying the Shenzhou VII manned spacecraft blasts off from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, Gansu province on 25 Sept, 2008.*—INTERNET**

US military deaths in Iraq war at 4,171

BAGHDAD, 25 Sept — As of Wednesday, 24 Sept, 2008, at least 4,171 members of the US military have died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003.

The figure includes eight military civilians killed in action. At least 3,378 military personnel died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The British military has reported 176 deaths; Italy, 33; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 21; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Denmark, seven; El Salvador, five; Slovakia, four; Latvia and Georgia, three each; Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand and Romania, two each; and Australia, Hungary, Kazakhstan and South Korea, one death each.—*Internet*

Bombs kill two policemen, one civilian in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR (Afghanistan), 25 Sept—Officials say separate bomb attacks in southern Afghanistan have killed two policemen and a civilian.

Matiullah Khan, Kandahar's provincial police chief, says a remote-controled bomb struck a police vehicle Wednesday in Spin Boldak district, killing two officers.

Mohammad Gul, a police officer in Kandahar, says another bomb targeted a bus full of police trainers in Kandahar city Thursday, killing a civilian passerby. The bomb missed the bus.

More than 4,600 people — mostly militants — have died so far this year in insurgency-related violence in Afghanistan.—*Internet*

Cuba slams US for imposing decades-long blockade

UNITED N ATIONS, 25 Sept—Cuba slammed the United States on Wednesday for imposing a decades-long blockade against the Caribbean state.

The Cuban people have endured the "longest and cruelest blockade in history, imposed by the most powerful nation on Earth," Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, head of the Cuban delegation, told world leaders at the general debate of the 63rd UN General Assembly.

Despite the fact that the 192-member assembly has repeatedly called on it to end the blockade, the US government has not only "ignored the will of the international community, but also gradually intensified its economic war against Cuba," he said.

As of 2007, the General Assembly had acted for 16 consecutive years to approve a resolution urging the United States to lift its embargo against Cuba.—*Internet*

US Navy ship fires shots to boats off Somalia

WASHINGTON, 25 Sept—A U S navy ship fired warning shots toward two approaching small boats off the Somali coast, the US military said Wednesday.

The Tuesday incident involves U S N S John Lenthall, a refueling ships, US Military Sealift Command said.

The shots landed in the water, prompting the boats to turn around, and no casualties were reported, it added. It is unclear whether the approaching boats were trying to attack the 41,000-ton U S N S John Lenthall.

But the command said it is clear that the boats were not following the international rules at sea.

Internet

Man falls to death after police stun gun shock

NEW Y ORK, 25 Sept—A naked, distraught man fell to his death after a police officer shocked him with a Taser stun gun as he stood on a building ledge, authorities said. A naked man falls off a building's ledge during stun gun encounter with N Y P D.

The man, Iman Morales, 35, was pronounced dead at a hospital after his nearly 10-foot fall Wednesday. Police said he suffered serious head trauma when he hit the sidewalk.

The death of the man, who witnesses and neighbors said had become distraught and had threatened to kill himself earlier in the day, brought renewed focus to the use of Tasers by the police.

It also raised questions over why Morales was shocked with the stun gun when there was no inflatable bag placed on the sidewalk to catch him if he fell.

"They didn't try to brace his fall. They did nothing. I've seen a lot of things in my time. But what they did was wrong," said neighbour Kirk Giddens.—*Internet*

***Use of Taser could endanger lives.*—INTERNET**

12 dead in Morocco bus crash

RABAT (Morocco), 25 Sept—At least 12 people were killed and 43 injured Wednesday when a bus overturned in the southern Moroccan province of Taroudannt, the Moroccan news agency Map reported. The bus, travelling towards the eastern city of Oujda, overturned due to excess speed according to preliminary information.

One pedestrian was also injured.

Internet

***A file photo shows a bus in the Moroccan city of Rabat. At least 12 people have been killed and 43 injured after a bus overturned in the southern Moroccan province of Taroudannt.*— INTERNET**

Iraq ambush toll climbs to 35

BAQUBA (Iraq),25 Sept—The death toll from an ambush against Iraqi police in the restive province of Diyala has risen to 35, a local mayor told A F P on Thursday.

Gunmen struck on Wednesday in the village of Al-Dulaimat near the town of Khan Bani Saad north of Baghdad, in one of the worst attacks against police in recent times. Gunmen shot dead 12 policemen and eight anti-Qaeda fighters, a security official said on Wednesday.—*Internet*

Suicide bomber kills US soldier in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Sept—The US military says an American soldier has been killed by a suicide bomber in Iraq. A statement says the attacker struck a Multi-National Division–North solider during operation on Wednesday in Diyala Province. US and Iraqi forces launched an offensive this summer to try to rout insurgents from the rural area north of Baghdad.—*Internet*

Israel sees completion of peace talks with Palestine next year

UNITED N ATIONS, 25 Sept—Israeli President Shimon Peres said Wednesday that the current Israeli-Palesinian negotiations will be completed next year.

"With the Palestinian, we negotiate full peace," Peres told world leaders attending the UN General Assembly's annual debate. "Both parties agrees to building a Palestinian State side by side with Israel, living in peace, security and respect," he said.

Internet

Czechs, Poles against Russia's permanent presence at US anti-missile bases

PRAGUE, 25 Sept— The Czech Republic and Poland refused the idea of Russians' permanent presence at the planned anti-missile bases in the two countries, the Czech Foreign Ministry told *Xinhua* on Wednesday.

The ministry made the statement after the meeting of Czech Deputy Foreign Minister Tomas Pojar and his visiting Polish counterpart Przemyslaw Grudzinski in Prague.

According to the information from the ministry, the two sides discussed Russia's possible partnership in the US anti-missile shield project in Poland and the Czech Republic. Possible partnership of Moscow was mentioned by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Poland recently.

The United States plans to build a radar base in the Czech Republic, along with an interceptor missile base in Poland, as part of its East European missile defense shield.

Russia is strongly opposed to the deployment of the anti-missile system, saying it poses a threat to its national security. Czech opposition parties and some 70 percent of the country's citizens also oppose the project.

Xinhua

Chinese President Hu Jintao(R) meets with visiting Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 24 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA

Israel has population of over 7 mln

JERUSALEM, 25 Sept — Census conducted by Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics shows that 7,337,000 residents are living in Israel, local website Ynet reported Wednesday.

The report, published ahead of the Jewish new year day Rosh Hashana, said among the residents of over seven millions, some 75.6 per cent are Jewish and 20 per cent are Arabs.

The growth rate of Jewish population is 1.6 per cent, while the Arab's is 2.6 per cent, said the report, adding that Israel's population has grown by 1.8 per cent since 2007.

Meanwhile, the report shows that Israel's population is relatively young compared with Western nations.

In 2007, 28.4 per cent of Israelis were below the age of 14, while Western countries stood at 17 per cent. Moreover, only 9.8 per cent of Israel's population was aged 65 and above, compared with Western's 15 per cent. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Trees are blown down by strong winds brought by Typhoon Hagupit on Nansha Road in Haikou City, south China's Hainan Province, on 24 Sept, 2008. —XINHUA

Bus falls off flyover in NW China, killing eight passengers

XI'AN, 25 Sept — Eight people have been confirmed dead and 27 others injured in a bus accident on Wednesday in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, a local official said on Thursday.The bus with 43 people on board fell off a flyover in Xi'an, capital city of Shaanxi, at 5:20 pm Wednesday. The injured people have been sent to hospital, said the official with Xi'an city government.

An investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.—*Xinhua*

McCain proposes to delay debate, Obama decides to go ahead

WASHINGTON, 25 Sept — US Republican presidential nominee John McCain proposed Wednesday to delay his first debate with Democratic opponent Barack Obama to focus on the financial crisis, but Obama said he will go ahead.

In a statement, McCain said it was time for both parties to come together to solve economic crisis. "I am calling on the president to convene a meeting with the leadership from both houses of Congress, including Senator Obama and myself," he said. Both McCain and Obama are senators.

It was not immediately clear how extensive the suspension he announced would be — whether it would include dropping television advertising or just canceling scheduled appearances.

McCain's announcement came just hours before President George W Bush was scheduled to address the nation on the troubled state of the US financial system — a problem for which his administration has proposed a 700-billion-US-dollar bailout. —*Xinhua*

Cisco challenges Microsoft in collaboration technology

LOS ANGELES, 25 Sept — Cisco Systems on Wednesday announced an update to its suite of products used for business communications, intensifying its battle with Microsoft in that growing market.

Joe Burton, chief technical officer for unified communications, said Cisco is improving the products' interoperability, integrating TelePresence — a virtual meeting experience — with its customer service software, and adding instant messaging and other new features to its online conferencing known as WebEx.

Cisco, the supplier of networking equipment and network management for the Internet, is the first to offer unified communications as a real software service, market analysts said.

Xinhua

A nine-day-old tiger cub suckles on a pig at a farm in the village of Marianovka, some 400 km south-east of Kiev on 24 Sept, 2008. The cubs were rejected by its mother. —XINHUA

Storms leave 20,000 people cut off in China's quake zone

JIANGYOU (Sichuan Province), 25 Sept — Torrential rains have cut all contacts with more than 20,000 people in five towns in the area of southwest China's Sichuan Province still recovering from the 12 May earthquake.

A Jiangyou municipal government official said on Thursday the government was concerned about the safety of the residents roads and telephone lines were cut.

He said crops were damaged and walls collapsed in the rainstorms.

At least eight people had been killed and 38 were missing as of Wednesday afternoon in the heavy rains and ensuing disasters, including flash floods, cave-ins and landslides, in the Province.

Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency

An aquarium containing various species of marine wildlife is seen in the new Sant Ocean Hall in the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, on 24 Sept, 2008. —**INTERNET**

Chinese PM pledges efforts to promote world peace

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Sept — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said Wednesday that China is ready to make joint efforts with other countries for world peace and will develop ties with them on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

"The world needs peace, for only with peace can there be development," Wen said at the annual high-level debate of the United Nations General Assembly.

"China earnestly hopes to have a peaceful international environment in order to achieve its development goal," said the Premier.

"The Chinese Government is committed to an independent foreign policy of peace and stands ready to work with other countries to advance the noble cause of peace and progress of mankind," Wen said.

China is firm in upholding its hard-won sovereignty and territorial integrity, and also respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other countries as well as the independent choice of their people for social systems and development paths, he said.

China is ready to develop friendly relations with all countries "on the basis of equality and mutual benefit rather than on ideology or political system," he said.

In international relations, China "does not seek to build alliance or become a leader and will never do so in the future", he said.—*MNA/Xinhua*—

North Korea to restart key reprocessing plant

VIENNA, 25 Sept— North Korea is preparing to restart a nuclear reprocessing plant used to make weapons-grade material as a crucial six-party disarmament-for-aid deal founders, the UN atomic watchdog said.

Amid growing differences over its denuclearisation pact with South Korea, the United States, Japan, China and Russia, the reclusive Stalinist state told the International Atomic Energy Agency it would restart the Yongbyon plant next week, an IAEA spokeswoman said.

In a closed session of the IAEA's 35-member board, deputy director general Olli Heinonen said North Korea had informed inspectors it would "introduce nuclear material to the reprocessing plant in one week's time," according to spokeswoman Melissa Fleming.

Pyongyang also barred inspectors from the plant and removed IAEA seals and surveillance equipment on Wednesday, Fleming said.

IAEA inspectors themselves removed around 100 seals and 20-25 cameras, diplomats told *AFP* but stressed that seals and cameras were still in place at other parts of the site.

Similarly, IAEA inspectors were only being denied access to the reprocessing plant and three inspectors remained in Yongbyon, the diplomats said.—*Internet*

***A map of the Yongbyon nuclear plant in North Korea. North Korea is preparing to restart a nuclear reprocessing plant used to make weapons-grade material as a crucial six-party disarmament-for-aid deal founders, the UN atomic watchdog said on 24 Sept, 2008.*—INTERNET**

Japan posts first trade deficit in 26 years

TOKYO, 25 Sept — Japan posted a 324.0 billion-yen trade deficit in August due to surging imports, the Finance Ministry said Thursday.

It is the first time in almost 26 years that Japan has reported a trade deficit, excluding January when exports are generally slow due to the halt in business during the New Year holidays, the ministry said.

The deficit is mainly due to a lackluster global economic performance and soaring prices of crude oil and other fuels.

Exports increased 0.3 percent to 7,055.9 billion yen for the second consecutive month of rise, while imports grew 17.3 percent to 7,379.9 billion yen, up for the 11th straight month, according to the ministry.

Crude oil imports increased 64.3 percent and those of coal surged 121.2 percent.

The trade surplus with Japan's largest trading partner, the United States, fell 48.2 percent to 371.1 billion yen. —*Internet*

The Mekong River Hydropower Programme

VIENTIANE, 25 Sept— The Mekong River Commission (MRC) on Thursday launched consultation meeting for the regional Mekong Hydropower Programme platform here on Thursday, aiming to shape a way for the river's future hydropower development which is shared by Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar and China.

Hydropower developments in the Lower Mekong Basin are developing rapidly, with the advent of numerous private-sector/government partnerships and proposals, both on the tributaries and for the Mekong mainstream. High oil and gas prices and concerns over climate change have intensified the focus on hydropower as a renewable technology.

Internet

Fighter jets accompany Israeli jet after threat

JERUSALEM, 25 Sept— An Israeli airliner that received a fighter jet escort after a bomb threat landed safely Wednesday at an airport outside Tel Aviv, authorities said. No bomb was found.

Israeli fighter jets accompanied the El Al Israel Airlines flight in to Ben Gurion Airport from the time it entered Israeli airspace. After it landed, Israeli security checked the plane, the military said.

Channel 2 TV reported that the plane, which originated in Paris, was a Boeing 767. Airport security on flights to Israel is legendary for its thoroughness, because Israel-bound airliners are considered prime targets for attackers.

Internet

China to kick off second economic census in October

BEIJING, 25 Sept — China will carry out its second economic census between October and December, which will give the government a deeper insight into how the economy is impacted by the global financial turmoil.

The census, conducted every five years since 2004, will help form the basis of the nation's social and economic development blueprint during the 12th Five-Year Plan period (2011-2015). —*Internet*

***A file photo shows Linn Moedinger, president and chief mechanical officer of the Strasburg Rail Road, works on Engine No 90, the biggest locomotive on the tourist line in Strasburg, Pa.* — INTERNET**

Aso's new Cabinet formally launched

TOKYO. 25 Sept — The cabinet of Japan's newly-elected Prime Minister Taro Aso was formally launched late Wednesday following an attestation ceremony at the Imperial Palace.

***Taro Aso attends a news conference, the first after he is elected the Prime Minister of Japan, at his official residence in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 24 Sept, 2008.*—INTERNET**

Earlier in the day, Aso, chief of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), was elected by the Diet as the nation's 92nd prime minister. And he announced the lineup of his 17-member Cabinet at his first press conference as prime minister.

"I have just appointed appropriate persons to the appropriate posts in the cabinet," said Aso at the press conference.

"The new cabinet will not fail the expectation of the Japanese people," he said. And the cabinet will make the utmost efforts to win the general parliamentary election, said the new prime minister.

Internet

DPRK accuses US of playing tricks in nuclear talks

PYONGYANG, 25 Sept — The six-party nuclear talks area trick of the United States whose only goal is to initiate another war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the country's official newspaper said Wednesday.

The United States has worked out a plan to rapidly dispatch huge reinforcements to the Korean Peninsula from its mainland in the "event of contingency," a commentary carried by the official Rodong Sinmun daily said.

"This clearly shows once again that the United States' call for 'peaceful settlement of the nuclear issue' or 'talks' is a trick aimed at deceiving public opinion at home and abroad, and that the United States is persistently seeking a pre-emptive attack on the DPRK," it said.

"Reality has proven the validity of the measures taken by the DPRK to bolster its self-defensive capabilities," said the commentary. "The DPRK has the right to choose military action for its self-defence."

Pyongyang has intensified its rhetorical war against Washington since the six-party talks, aimed at denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula, reached a deadlock last month following the DPRK's announcement that it would restart its nuclear reactor at Yongbyon. —*Internet*

Wall Street trades mixed as markets await rescue plan

NEW YORK, 25 Sept — Wall Street traded mixed Wednesday as investors await Congress could approve the US government new rescue plan.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke urged Congress' Joint Economic Committee to pass the bailout plan, saying delay would keep lenders from extending credit to households and businesses, but lawmakers voiced doubt about the size and scope of the plan.

Traders were encouraged by Buffett's decision to invest 5 billion U.S. dollars in Goldman Sachs. Goldman's stock rose 6.4 percent while the Class A stock of Berkshire Hathaway, Buffett's holding company, added 3.5 percent.

Internet

Under the instruction of their trainers, a dolphin kisses a sea lion in the Beijing Aquarium in this photo published on 25 Sept, 2008.
INTERNET

Man bills Michigan Town $156 for cleaning bathroom

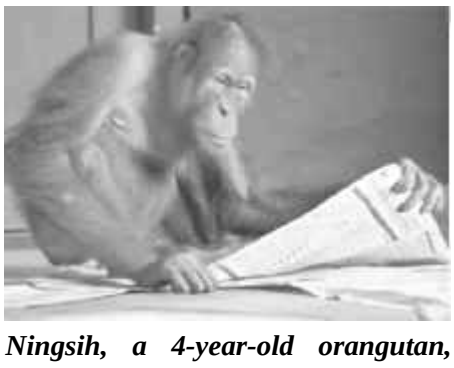
A businessman said he was so frustrated with the condition of a public bathroom in the western Michigan tourist town of Saugatuck that he cleaned it himself, and billed the city $156 for his work.

Steve Oswald told WZZM-TV in Grand Rapids that customers of his shop complained 9 Aug about the condition of the bathroom.Oswald checked it out and said he "wouldn't have sat down there."

He called a city official and soon got to work, spending 45 minutes cleaning.

City Manager Kirk Harrier said the bathroom typically is cleaned twice daily, and he thinks it got dirty quickly because it was a busy tourist weekend. Since then, the city has increased cleanings.

Harrier said the city appreciates Oswald's effort, but city council hasn't decided whether to pay him.



Ningsih, a 4-year-old orangutan, plays with a newspaper at Ragunan zoo in Jakarta. At least 1,000 orangutans are estimated to have been killed by land-clearing fires in Indonesia this year, a wildlife expert said. Fires that swept through Borneo and the drive to create palm oil plantations either killed the orangutans or drove them closer to human settlements, where they were killed as pests.

NYC pooch comes to sick neighbour's aid

A fluffy little dog named Lexi is being called a hero for helping to rescue an 85-year-old neighbour who collapsed in his Brooklyn apartment.

Linda Deutsch concedes that she thought Lexi — a white bichon frise — was being naughty when she refused to get into the elevator for their walk.Finally, though, Deutsch let Lexi lead her down the hall. That's when she heard a cry for help.

The building superintendent was summoned, and they found Charles Postler, who had been lying helplessly on the floor for hours. He was treated at a hospital.Comments his son, Charles Postler Jr.: "People say that dogs are man's best friend and this proves it all over again."

NEWSALBUM

Principal regrets making students view excrement

A Colorado Springs elementary school principal has apologized for making students look inside a bag of human feces and urine.

Peyton Elementary Principal Michael Auclaire said he wanted to make a point to the students because someone had been leaving human waste on the floor and toilet seats in a girl's lavatory.

Some parents complained Auclaire's actions were inappropriate and created a health risk.

Auclaire said he has apologized in person to the students and by letter to their parents. He said he realized it was "not the best thing to do".

"Auclaire said the students were given janitorial gloves to wear before holding the bag and were told to wash their hands afterward.

The incident took place Monday and Auclaire apologized Tuesday.

Dong Yaoge, 70, is seen stripped to the waist as he runs past some youths in 4-degree weather in Changchun, Jilin Province, China. Dong, who has insisted on running every morning for the last 30 years, ran about 3 miles in the frosty conditions.

Maize maze honors parents love

A man in US called Glen Fritzler surprised his parents by designing a corn maze featuring his parents' portrait with a note: "Thanks mom and dad!".

When Glen' s parents watched the gigantic drawing aboard the helicopter, they were speechless with tears rolling down. Ed and Eileen Fritzler have been married for 63 years. In 1955, they bought the farm south of La Salle and raised five children. The farm was then tended by their children, with gigantic maze fashioned out every year.

T his is the ninth year for the Fritzler corn maze, one of the largest attractions in Weld County every fall.

Milk powder and health

Dr Khin Maung Lwin

The expression that means 'a hero should not tarnish the gratitude of mother's milk' inspired me to write an article "Attributes of Mother's Milk". At that time, people all over the world were trying for health and survival of children, putting GOBI in the fore. The initials GOBI stand for "growth chart", "oral rehydration", "breast milk" and "immunization". The method was launched in the community health care programmes and saved millions of children. Among the four methods, "breast milk" is the easiest and the most suitable one for Myanmar people because it reflects the Myanmar people's lifestyle.

In olden days, many mothers throughout the world did not breastfeed their children due to their wrong concept that breastfeeding was an outdated tradition and it had adverse effects on their beauties. At that time, a large number of brands of milk powder were widely used for more than 30 years, overwhelming mother's milk. An international organization that is now inspiring global women to breastfeed their children was well-known in the Myanmar society as an organization distributing milk powder. In my youth, I used to take milk powder drink. And I was in the habit of taking the mixture of milk powder and sugar, putting it in my hand. In consequence, I often suffered diarrhea, then. My stomach was easily upset if I took milk and milk powder. One of the causes was that I failed to keep my hands clean. I noticed many cases in which babies were hospitalized, suffering diarrhea resulting from use of unclean feeding bottles and water.

Now, the issue of milk powder has reared its ugly head again. Milk powder contains melamine, which cause diseases and mortalities to children, especially to under-twos. According to a news story, two children in Hong Kong had gall-stones in their kidneys. Melamine is used to make household utensils such as plates, cup and spoons. I wonder why milk powder contains it. Cattle farms and milk powder companies denied that they put melamine powder in their products. However, the laboratory results said that melamine powder was found in milk powder. The problem is now rife across the world, not in a country alone. So, the chemical is found more or less in the foods made with milk powder such as yoghurt, ice-cream and ice-lolly.

There is a chemical reaction when boiling water, especially hot fried foods are put into a melamine plate or cup, and the process makes harmful agents. Parents are frightened when they learn that the melamine powder contained in milk goes to the stomachs of children, it forms gall-stones in their kidneys, and such children have difficulties with urinating, and some die of bad kidneys.

Now, there has been a new issue of melamine powder added to milk powder. So, the people should drink boiled natural milk, rather than milk powder.

Parents feed excessive amount of milk powder drink to their children to be strong and to grow fast, but that has been followed by undesirable consequences, and parents of children and milk powder producers are now in buzz. It has not been clear yet whether melamine was added to milk or milk powder on purpose. The research shows that more melamine is found in milk powder than in milk. Melamine constitutes one per cent of milk powder. The companies concerned have recalled their dairy products from the markets. The WHO is helping address the issue.

Myanmar held Breastfeeding Week commemorative activities the whole previous August. If exclusive breastfeeding is carried out for a baby till it is six months, and then it is fed additional foods in a systematic way, the process will reduce the number of such causes. Mothers who have difficulties with producing their breast milk are to be aware of that point. It is difficult for parents to choose the most suitable nutritious cereal for their children due to the strong lure of the advertisements. The best way in that regard is to avoid such dairy products.

Once, many people did not consume traditionally-made sweetened condensed milk because of their suspicion that the product contained formalin. When some European countries announced that milk and dairy products contained dioxyn, Myanmar launched educative programmes in it. At that time, educative talks were held for the people to be aware of suspicious dioxyn contained in milk, milk powder, cheese, yoghurt and ice-cream. Now, there has been a new issue of melamine powder added to milk powder. So, the people should drink boiled natural milk, rather than milk powder.

That is a problem for housewives who make yoghurt for the health of their family members. It takes too long to make fresh milk into yoghurt because fresh milk contains a lot of extra water. The milk turns bad before it congeals in the process of making yoghurt, so some milk powder is used to solve the problem. If there is some sugar in milk powder, the yoghurt is bad. Therefore, housewives and patients who consume milk powder as additional food have to find out if milk powder they use carries melamine powder or not.

We should prepare and eat fresh natural foods that contain proportionate amounts of carbohydrates, protein, fibre and vitamins. Some medical experts have pointed out that fruit and vegetables are plentiful in Myanmar, but the people consume them less than they should. In many countries, soya bean milk is replaced with cow milk, but soya bean is not fashionable here. Such foods as bean curd cake, fermented soya bean, bean paste, and bean curd are widely used. It has yet to produce sufficient amount of hygienic natural milk domestically. I would like to say that a person can enjoy longevity without consuming milk and milk powder.

Translation: MS

Management, academic functions inspected at universities, colleges in Yangon

YANGON, 25 Sept— Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein viewed sitting of students for the second semesters of under-graduate courses, honours courses and eligible courses for masters' courses at Dagon University on 22 September.

At Yangon West University, Rector Dr Aung Aung Min and heads of department reported on academic and management matters. After hearing the reports, the minister gave necessary instructions. He inspected research works on generating of solar energy.

On 21 September, the minister met the principal and faculty members at Yangon Education College and discussed academic and management matters.

At Thingangyun Education College, the minister heard reports on requirements of faculty members and left necessary instructions.

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***Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein meets faculty members at Dagon University.*—MNA**

Hsinbo Hospital in Kachin State...

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up as part of the project of 20,000-acre rubber plantation,10,000-acre teak plantation of Northern Tawin Jade Co Ltd and NgweKyephyu Co Ltd at Htainthaw Protected Forest in the town.

Out of the target of 20,000 acres of rubber and 10000 acres of teak and ironwood and paddy, the two companies have grown teak on1,250 acres, ironwood on 250 acres and rubber on 10,000 acres so far.

Next, Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and party inspected 700 acres of thriving banana plantation along Khaya and Nar road cultivated by Kachin Special Region 2.

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Myanmar expresses condolences to former Sri Lanka President

YANGON, 25 Sept—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu signed Book of Condolences at the Embassy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, No. A-34, Taw Win Road, Dagon Township here at 10 am today, opened for the demise of His Excellency Mr D B Wijetunga, Former President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 21 September.

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***Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu signs Book of Condolences of the late former Sri Lanka President at the Embassy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.*—MNA**

World Marine Day observed

YANGON, 25 Sept— A ceremony to mark the 60 anniversary of World Marine Day 2008 was held at Park Royal Hotel on Alanpyaphaya Street here today.

Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Transport, made a speech on the occasion and resident representative of UNDP Mr.Bishow Parajuli read out the message sent by Secretary-General of International Maritime Organization (IMO) Mr Efthimios E.Mitropoulos.

Next, the video documentary of IMO's effort was shown and the ceremony came to close. The participants then observed the documentary photos concerning IMO's motto "Safe secure and efficient shipping on cleaner oceans" and record photos of maritime departments of Myanmar.

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Bomb explosion at Maha Bandoola Park

People to join hands with authorities for exposing bombers and terrorists

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—A bomb explosion occurred at Maha Bandoola Park in Kyauktada Township, Yangon, this morning, leaving seven innocent people injured.

At 10.40 a.m, the explosion took place near the garbage box in the park behind the bus stop of No. 45 bus line, and seven innocent people were injured (all not in serious condition). Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials arrived at the scene and supervised the clearing of the area.

The security members exposed another time bomb fixed in a cassette packed in a plastic bag placed on a seat of the bus stop, about 10 feet from the explosion site. The time bomb was set for 11.45 a.m, and it was deactivated at 11.40 a.m. The injured were rushed to Yangon General Hospital for medical treatment.

Hearing the bad news, public members expressed their views that there should not be such terrorist attack designed to create public panic and cause casualties of innocent people; that such despicable acts were absolutely loathsome because the attacks had harmed innocent people; and that punitive action should be taken against the bombers.

The authorities concerned are conducting investigation into the case to expose the saboteurs and explosives. The people are reminded to remain constantly vigilant against bombers and terrorists in disguise in residential and business areas and to inform the authorities concerned if there is anything suspicious.

The authorities also said that only when terrorist acts are exposed in time will it be possible to avert loss of lives and property of the people.

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***Damage caused by bomb blast at Maha Bandoola Park.* —MNA**

The defused time bomb fixed in a cassette.

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USDA Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw awards outstanding student at 14th Prize Presentation Ceremony for Outstanding Students.—COMMUNICATIONS

USDA development tasks in Kachin State

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—Secretariat member of Union Solidarity and Development Association (Kachin State In-charge) Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 20 September met with local residents at Pamate village. The minister presented books and cash assistance and Deputy Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen San Tun, USDA uniforms to them.

At Kanpu village, the minister and Deputy Commander met with local people.

The minister gave necessary instructions in meeting with the people of Madaine Village of Winemaw Township.

On 21 September, the minister met with townselders at Nanmate Basic Education High School in Moegaung Township and presented books to them.

Afterwards, Moegaung Township USDA Secretary accepted 1550 membership applications and Kachin State USDA Secretary presented USDA uniforms to them.

Next, the minister met with responsible persons, members of social organizations and townselders at affiliated BEMS (Branch) in Gyunbintha Village of Moegaung Township.

Later, the minister gave a speech at USDA Annual General Meeting 2008, held at Moegaung Hall of Moegaung Township. The minister and Deputy Commander awarded the outstanding students at the meeting.

Later, Secretary of Kachin State USDA accepted 3200 membership applications presented by Township USDA Secretary.

Afterwards, the minister awarded teachers and USDA members who volunteered for rehabilitation in storm-hit regions.

The minister met with townselders of Natgyigone ward of Moegaung Township. In-charge engineers reported on installation of D-Amps cellular system machines at D-Amps Cellular system machine room of Moegaung Township and the minister gave necessary instructions.—*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 Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects finished wood factory of Myanmar Maykaung at Pyigyidagun Industrial Zone in Mandalay.

FORESTRY

Forestry Minister inspects saw mills

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept — Ministe for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung arrived at the hall of Tekmataung greening task in Pauk Township on 21 September.

At the office, Director-General of Dry Zones Greening Department U Tun Tun reported to the minister on carrying out of greening tasks and the minister fulfilled the needs.

At the wood based factory of Taw Win Tun Co Ltd in Pakokku Township, a responsible personnel of the factory reported to the minister on production process of the factory.

Next, the director-general of the department reported to the minister on cultivation of greening plantations around Boditahtaung greening task in Monywa Township.

At Myanma Timber Enterprise in Monywa, the minister heard reports on forest reserve, plantations and measures taken by officials against illegal timber extraction.

Next, the minister inspected No 5 plywood factory and No 75 saw mill.

In ChaungU Township, the minister visited 50 acres of other plantation of Natyekankakwetaw and thriving plantation of Yeposar nursery garden.

At Pyigyidagun Industrial Zone in Mandalay, the minister looked into the finished wood factory of Myanmar Maykaung Wood Based Industrial Co Ltd and Hi-Teach finishing wood factory.

Next, the minister inspected No 103 saw mill of Myanma Timber Enterprise in Amarapura Township.

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Hempel paint introduced

YANGON, 25 Sept—A ceremony to introduce new Hempel paint to be sold by Win Engineering Co was held at Traders Hotel here this afternoon.

Managing Director U Kyaw Soe of Win Engineering extended greetings and Mr Danny Boon and Mr Francis of Hempel Paint Co Ltd of Singapore explained facts about the paint.

Hempel paint is available at Win Engineering Company at No 226 of Wizaya Plaza at the corner of U Wisara Road and Dhammazedi Road in Bahan Township, and for details contact 01-501064, fax-01-501105 and e-mail: winengg@myanmar.com.mm.—*MNA*

Managing Director U Kyaw Soe extends greetings at ceremony to introduce Hempel Paint.

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Shwe-naing-ngan Journal in circulation

YANGON, 25 Sept — No10, Volume 7 of Shwe-naing-ngan (Golden Country) Journal comes out today.

No. 10 issue of the journal has covered domestic and foreign news and is available at the book shop of News and Periodicals Enterprise and Pan Shwepyi Book Shop on Theinbyu Road here. Those wishing to contribute to the journal may contact the office of Printing and Publishing Enterprise at No 228, Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Ph 01-382070.— *MNA*

Kyinichaung Station Hospital provides health care services to over 30,000 people of Kayan, Kawa townships

Article & Photos: Kayan Soe Myint

Photo shows newly inaugurated Kyinichaung Station Hospital to give health care to over 30,000 rural people beginning 20 September.

Our motorized boat left Kayan and speedily moved along the waterway of Kayan Creek. Along the route, the boat passed under Daw Nu Bridge, U Rannah Bridge, Than Bridge and Sauklokyay Bridge. Our destination was Kyinichaung Village. The boat headed for Phayapyo Village because the waterway doesn't lead to the destination directly. From Phayapyo Village, the boat proceeded to Kyinichaung Village.

Kayan Township is set up with over 100 villages where over 160,000 people are residing. In the rainy season, local people from villages have access to Kayan by boat. In summer, they can use the dry creek as a road by car. In the past Kayan Creek flowed into the sea of Mottama, but it had been silted up for 50 years. Therefore, rain water can be seen in the whole township in the rainy season but dry in summer.

Although the local people can travel to all villages of the township in the rainy season and summer, the region experiences poor transport in the cold season. In the past, there was only one 25-bed hospital in the urban area and no station hospital. Rural dispensaries were set up in Yekyaw and Daepauk in the east of the township and Peinkan and Kyinichaung Kamamat villages in the west. As such, over 100,000 people could not receive health care services. Due to lack of hospital equipment, most of the patients went to Yangon for receiving treatments.

The local people in the past encountered transport difficulties along the 34 miles long Kayan-Thanlyin road. To proceed to Yangon, there were no vessels at late night. Those wishing to go to Yangon had to pass through Yangon River by sampans. Indeed, the transport difficulties along the 34 miles long Kayan-Thanlyin road were just for those residing in the urban area. Villagers found it more difficult to reach Yangon then.

Actually, the health facility for the villagers of Kyinichaung Village-tract and its surrounding areas was a dream only. Nowadays, their dream has come true. Not only as K 500,000 donor but also as a media person, I attended the inauguration ceremony of Kyinichaung Station Hospital. I attended the ceremony together with other 13 wellwishers from Kayan Township Association (Yangon). Altogether 14 wellwishers including myself donated K 500,000 each to construction of the hospital.

The health sector is a driving force for development of the State. Under the leadership of the National Health Committee, the Ministry of Health joining hands with the other ministries and social organizations including donors is striving for ensuring health and fitness of the entire nation and their longevity. As a result, remarkable progress can be seen in health care services year after year.

Inauguration of Station Hospital

USDA CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Director-General Dr Win Myint of Health Department and Yangon Division USDA Secretary U Aye Myint formally open Kyinichaung Station Hospital.

With a view to enhancing the health sector, the government is providing the health care services to all regions of the nation and it has opened and upgraded the hospitals and clinics and appointed doctors and nurses to uplift the health sector. Opening of Kyinichaung Station Hospital reflected the utmost efforts of the government.

On 20 September, CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Director-General Dr Win Myint of the Health Department and Secretary of Yangon Division USDA U Aye Myint cut the ribbon to open the station hospital. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the hospital. Next, CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein handed over documents related to the hospital to Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint.

For ensuring equitable development in all the regions of the union, the government has designated 25 special development regions and facilitated them each with one university, one technological college, one computer college and one 200-bed specialist general hospital.

Furthermore, the government is undertaking five rural development tasks: to ensure smooth and better transport in rural areas; to ensure adequate supply of clean water; to uplift the living standards of rural people; to improve the health care services of rural people; and to develop the rural economy. Therefore, progress can be witnessed length and breadth of the nation, and all the national brethren are enjoying the fruits of development facilities.

The emergence of Kyinichaung Station Hospital was based on the inspection tour of USDA CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein from 5 to 15 August 2004. At that time, the minister discussed regional development tasks in the villages of the township. On 1 November 2004, the CEC member met with local responsible persons at Kayan Township USDA Office and made decisions for construction of the hospital.

On 28 January 2006, the construction committee was formed. In accord with the instructions of the CEC member, Kayan Township USDA took the responsibility for construction of the hospital. The hospital was completed in March 2008. The main building of the hospital, the surgeons' housing and staff quarters were built at a cost of K 112.3 million.

One doctor, two health staff and midwives, one medical assistant and four health staff were appointed at the station hospital. Thanks to construction of the station hospital, over 30,000 local people from 17 villages including Kyinichaung Village and other villages from Kawa Township that shares border with Kayan Township have enjoyed the fruits of free health care services.

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Gillani says not to tolerate violation of sovereignty

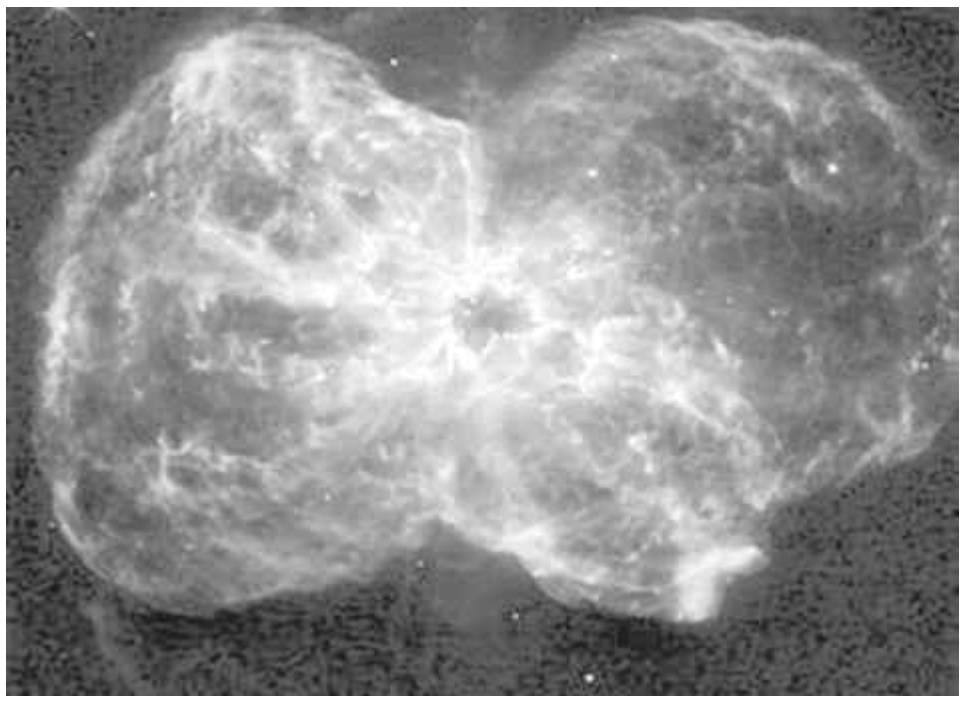
ISLAMBAD, 25 Sept — Pakistani Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani Wednesday said Pakistan would not tolerate the violation of sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Speaking to reporters at an Iftar dinner at the Prime Minister House here, Gillani said, "We will not tolerate the violation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity by any one in the name of combating terrorism."

Gillani said government had a vital responsibility to ensure cohesion on issues of national importance including national security and war against terrorism. The Pakistani Government has embarked on a multi-pronged strategy to face up to the challenges posed by terrorist elements in tribal areas and the region, said Gillani.

He clarified that the government would use force as the last resort against those who wanted to take law into their own hands. Talking about the suicide blast at the Marriott Hotel last Saturday which left more than 50 people dead and around 270 injured, Gillani said it was a human tragedy shared by the international community instead of Pakistan alone.

He also said that people should be informed about the mentality of terrorists. —*MNA/Xinhua*



***This handout image obtained in 2007 and taken by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope shows the colorful "last hurrah" of a star like our Sun. NASA announced Wednesday that it has postponed the shuttle Atlantis' repair and upgrade mission to the Hubble space telescope for four days, until October 14 at the earliest.*—INTERNET**

***Computer generated image shows the pit stop area of the first-ever Formula One night race on a circuit of public roads in Singapore.* —INTERNET**

Laos to launch 3G mobile network next month

HANOI, 25 Sept — Lao Telecom will introduce a third generation (3G) mobile phone network in Vientiane in October after long delays due to technical difficulties, the *Vientiane Times* reported on Wednesday.

The service will allow people to access high-speed Internet and receive video calls via their mobile phones, the newspaper quoted Lao Telecom Director General Thansamay Kommasith as saying.

The network was originally scheduled to be launched in August 2006, but was delayed due to a lack of technical expertise.

The third generation mobile network system provides multimedia services and links to the Internet at speeds of up to 2 megabytes per second, according to Thansamay.

Customers can download video clips to their handsets, including sports updates, music files, news headlines, weather forecasts and movie trailers.

"This year, our 3G services will only be available in Vientiane. We hope to have about 30,000 customers by the end of the year," Thansamay said. —*MNA/Xinhua*

WHO confident in China sharing information on tainted milk

GENEVA, 25 Sept — The World Health Organization (WHO) is confident that the Chinese Government has provided timely information on the tainted milk problem, a WHO spokeswoman said on Tuesday.

"We don't really know the scale of the problem, but we are confident that the Chinese authorities are informing us in a timely manner," Fadela Chaib told a news briefing in Geneva.

WHO said nearly 40,000 cases of kidney stones in infants with three confirmed deaths related to the consumption of melamine-contaminated powdered infant formula have been reported from across China as of September 21. Almost 12,900 are currently hospitalized.

According to the spokeswoman, China is not obliged to inform WHO of this case because it is a nationwide problem, not an emergency with an international impact or scale.

WHO is therefore awaiting the results of a full investigation by the Chinese authorities to learn the scale of the problem, she said.

MNA/Xinhua

***According to a new study in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition from Penn State University, a serving of pistachios each day as part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease. Results showed that consuming pistachios significantly lowered total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol and non-HDL cholesterol levels. For full study and pistachio heart-healthy recipes, visit pistachiohealth.com. —* INTERNET**

20 foreigners killed in Sept 14 air crash in Russia

MOSCOW, 25 Sept — Twenty foreigners died in the passenger plane crash in the Russian Urals earlier this month, the Russian Transport Ministry said Wednesday.

According to the latest data, the victims include seven citizens of Azerbaijan, six Ukrainians, and one national each from France, Italy, Germany, Uzbekistan, Turkey, China and Belarus.

The airplane's black boxes were almost decoded, with information being clarified and voices identified, the ministry said in a statement.

A broad range of issues, including the training of pilots, airport and airline personnel and the airplane's operational conditions, are under investigation, the statement said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

11 Philippine babies killed by pneumonia

MANILA, 25 Sept — Eleven children, with average age under three, have reportedly died of severe pneumonia in southern Philippine city of Zamboanga.

Dr. Rodel Agbulos, city health officer, told local TV news network A B S - C B N News that the number of cases of pneumonia in the city is already "alarming". There have been more than 300 persons hospitalized since Augustdue to pneumonia, a sharp rise from the monthly average 60 cases, the report said.

Doctors from the Department of Health sent to Zamboanga have yet to determine the cause of the pneumonia outbreak. The city health office has earlier reported of a certain 'strain virus' which infected some children deportees coming from Malaysia, A B S - C B N News said. Health officials are verifying if some foreign organisms have entered the southern Philippines. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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China, Jordan sign power plant deal

AMMAN, 25 Sept— China and Jordan on Tuesday inked a deal on a power station expansion project, the first of its kind implemented by Chinese firms in Jordan's power generation sector and hailed by the Chinese Ambassador in Jordan Gong Xiaosheng as a result of bilateral cooperation.

The add-on cycle power plant contract, worth of multi-million US dollars, was signed by China's Shandong Electric Power Construction Corp III Electric Power Construction Corp (SEPCO III) and Samra Electric Power Generating Co (SEPGCO).

Under the deal, the Chinese firm will help install a gas-powered generator unit with capacity of 100MW, with which the total capacity of Samra's phase two projects will climb to 300MW.

The project, located in Zarqa, some 35 kilometres north of Jordan's capital of Amman, is expected to start commercial operation by June, 2010, according to Said Alloush, chairman of the SEPGCO.

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An artist's drawing of Albertonykus borealis, North America's smallest dinosaur, at the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Calgary on 23 Sept, 2008. The dinosaur is 70 million years old, the size of a chicken, and looks like an animal created by 'Dr Seuss'.—INTERNET

Guantanamo prosecutor quits over detainee case

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE (Cuba), 25 Sept—A US military prosecutor at Guantanamo Bay has quit because of what he described as ethical disputes with his superiors, alleging they suppressed evidence that could help clear a young Afghan detainee of war crimes.

The prosecutor, Army Lt Col Darrel Vandeveld, described the disagreements in a statement supporting a defense bid to dismiss the charges against Mohammed Jawad. A copy was obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

"Potentially exculpatory evidence has not been provided," Vandeveld wrote, citing a failure by "prosecutors and officers of the court."

The disclosure triggered new attacks on the integrity of the Pentagon's military tribunal system, which has faced accusations of ethical lapses and political interference from other insiders including a former chief prosecutor.

The current chief prosecutor, Army Col Lawrence Morris, denied that his office withheld evidence and said there was no basis to Vandeveld's ethical qualms. He said Vandeveld told him he was leaving his post for "personal reasons."

"All you have is someone who is disappointed because his superiors didn't see the wisdom of his recommendations in a case," Morris told reporters.—*Internet*

UNGA's annual general debate opens

UNITED NATIONS, 25 Sept—The United Nations' General Assembly opened its annual general debate here Tuesday with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon calling for "strong global leadership" and UN reform.

"In this new world, our challenges are increasingly those of collaboration rather than confrontation. Nations can no longer protect their interests, or advance the well-being of their people, without the partnership of the rest," Ban said in his speech inaugurating the debate. "I see a danger of retreating from the progress we have made, particularly in the realm of development and more equitably sharing the fruits of global growth," he said, adding that the international community is also confronted with issues such as human rights abuses and deepening violence in countries such as Afghanistan, Somalia, Iraq and Sudan.

"This is not right. This is not just. We can do something about it. And with strong global leadership, we will," Ban said. He also called for UN reform, calling the current system of contracts and conditions of service "dysfunctional" and "demoralizing".

Ban said that in the coming weeks, he will ask member states to support his proposals for a new human resources framework. He also pledged to inject a "new flexibility and dynamism" into the global organization.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Extending time of stroke drug treatment OK

LOS ANGELES, 25 Sept — Stroke sufferers can still benefit from clot-busting medicine even if they receive it an hour or so beyond the current three-hour window after symptoms start, an important new study suggests.

The finding could potentially extend treatment to thousands more people each year and prevent many from being left disabled. However, it does not change long-standing advice that stroke victims seek immediate help if they feel sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg.

"Don't wait," said Dr Larry Goldstein, director of Duke University's stroke center and a spokesman for the American Stroke Association. "If you think you are having symptoms, call 911."

The study by European doctors found that the clot dissolver could safely be given up to 4 1/2 hours after the start of symptoms. Results were published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. The best treatment is giving patients the drug TPA to break up the clot and open the artery. A large federal study in 1995 showed that people fared better when given the drug within three hours of the start of a stroke. Beyond that, studies have shown the drug can raise the risk of dangerous bleeding in the brain and may not be as effective.—*Internet*

Two die of Legionnaires' disease in NJ hospital

NEWARK (NJ), 25 Sept —New Jersey health officials say two men have died after contracting Legionnaires' disease in a hospital.

Health Department spokeswoman Marilyn Riley said Wednesday that one died 12 Sept and the other Monday at St. Peter's University Hospital in the city of New Brunswick.

Four other people at the hospital were found to have Legionnaires' over the past two weeks. All six were admitted with other serious illnesses.

The hospital is treating its water supply with chlorine to kill the bacteria and reviewing records to determine whether other patients might have contracted the disease.

Legionnaires' disease is a type of pneumonia that can be spread through plumbing and air conditioning systems.

Internet

Lee Kuan Yew praises China for reform's success

SINGAPORE, 25 Sept— Singapore's Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew has praised China for the remarkable achievements over the past three decades, saying that China's role in regional and international affairs will increase with its higher status and the respect that it has gained.

In an exclusive interview with *Xinhua* recently, Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's first prime minister after the city state's independence from neighboring Malaysia in 1965, attributed China's success over the past 30 years to the reform and opening up.

Lee, who just celebrated his 85th birthday, described the transformation of China since 1978 as "extraordinary", saying China's economy is providing residents ever rising standards of living and better life style.

"In the 70s, big cities like Beijing and Shanghai had decaying buildings, full of bicycles day and night, poorly lighted streets, everyone in grey or blue Mao jackets. Now China's cities, those along the coast, have spanking new high-rises, wide motorways, bridges and tunnels across the Yangtze River to Pudong, Maglev train from the new airport in Shanghai to Pudong, colorful dresses for women and men in lounge suits or in blouses and jeans.

The people dress like any modern city in Japan, South Korea, or Singapore," said Lee, one of the key witnesses to the great changes that have taken place in China.

Internet

A man takes a photo of Chinese taikonauts (L-R) Jing Haipeng, Zhai Zhigang and Liu Boming during a press conference at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China's Gansu Province, on 24 Sept, 2008. The Shenzhou-7 spaceship will carry the three taikonauts, all aged 42, for China's third manned space mission that will include the country's first-ever space walk.—INTERNET

India, Pakistan leaders agree to kickstart peace talks

NEW YORK, 25 Sept—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari have agreed to kickstart an embattled peace dialogue between the two nuclear-armed rivals, with new talks to be scheduled by year's end.

The leaders agreed that their foreign secretaries "will schedule meetings of the fifth round of the composite dialogue in the next three months," a joint statement said Wednesday after the summit on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly.

The composite dialogue, which has made significant progress since it was launched in 2004, has been stalled for months due to political turmoil in Pakistan. The fourth round was completed last October.

The talks since January 2004 have added more bus and train links between the traditionally feuding neighbours, but there has been scant headway on Kashmir, the trigger for two of their three wars since 1947.

Singh and Zardari also decided to launch trading between the divided zones of the disputed Kashmir region from October 21.

In their first discussions since Zardari replaced former military strongman Pervez Musharraf in August, the two leaders also called for an ongoing ceasefire to be "stabilized."

Internet

A Chinese lab technician performs tests on various milk products suspected of being tainted, in central China on 23 September. The country has announced an ambitious programme to improve food safety as it scrambled to salvage its reputation amid a scandal over contaminated milk that has sickened 53,000 babies and killed four.—INTERNET

This NASA file image shows a 4.5 billion-year-old rock, labeled meteorite ALH84001, believed to have once been a part of Mars and to contain fossil evidence that primitive life may have existed on Mars more than 3.6 billion years ago, which was found in Allan Hills ice field, Antarctica in 1984.
INTERNET

More Americans unable to pay medical bill

BEIJING, 25 Sept — A new study bythe Center for Studying Health System Changeshowed a growing number of Americans are having difficulties paying their medical bills, according to hschange.com. Thursday.

The study foundthe number of Americans in families with difficulty paying medical bills reachedas high as 19.4 percent in 2007, up from 15.1 percent in 2003.

More than 57 million Americans, or some 19percent of the whole population, live in families struggling with medical bills. This meant an increase of14 million people since 2003, the study added.

Of those in trouble, the vast majority — 42.5 million -- had some form of health insurance coverage. About 2.2 million people with bill problems were in families that filed for bankruptcy as a result of medical debt, the study said.

The study did nottake into account the effect of the more recent economic downturn, including the proposed 700 billion dollar bailout of the financial sector.

Internet

21 refugees feared dead in Sudan river crossing

NAIROBI, 25 Sept — The UN refugee agency (UNHCR) said on Wednesday that 21 refugees are feared to have been drowned on Tuesday night when their overloaded boat capsized in the Atbara River, near the Shagarab refugee camp in eastern Sudan. The bodies have yet to be recovered.

UNHCR said in a statement issued in Nairobi that local administration and security officials, along with UNHCR and its Sudanese government counterpart, COR, rushed to the scene.

According to eyewitnesses, the refugees were part of a larger group that tried to cross the river in four boats. —*Internet*

Strong quake jolts Xigaze of Tibet

BEIJING, 25 Sept — A strong earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale hit Zhongba County in Xigaze Prefecture at 9:47 am in southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region on Thursday, the National Seismological Network said. No casualties were reported.

It said the epicenter was 20 kilometers deep and was located at30.8 degrees north latitude and 83.6 degrees east longitude.—*Internet*

NASA delays Hubble mission by five days, Ike blamed

CAPE CANAVERAL,25 Sept — NASA is delaying next month's shuttle launch to the Hubble Space Telescope because of problems stemming from Hurricane Ike and replacement parts for the observatory.

This image provided by NASA shows the crew of STS-125 posing for a photo on the 225-foot level of the fixed service structure at Launch Pad 39A after taking part in a simulated launch countdown at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida on 24 Sept, 2008.—INTERNET

Space shuttle Atlantis is now set to blast off late at night on 14 Oct for the last visit to the orbiting telescope, officials said Wednesday. Liftoff had been scheduled for the wee hours of Oct. 10, technically making this a five-day postponement.

Senior managers will reassess the launch date next week.—*Internet*

SPORTS

Vijay Singh practices for the Tour Championship golf tournament at the East Lake Golf Course in Atlanta, on 24 Sept, 2008.—**INTERNET**

Tour still waiting for a dramatic end of the year

ATLANTA, 25 Sept — If the FedEx Cup is supposed to be the Super Bowl of golf, then the P G A Tour should take heart. The first two Super Bowls were just as dull.

It's hard to blame Tiger Woods (last year) and Vijay Singh (this year) for playing great golf, just like the Green Bay Packers could not be faulted for being superior to the Kansas City Chiefs and Oakland Raiders. Even so, P G A Tour commissioner Tim Finchem continues looking for answers.

The Tour Championship begins Thursday without the tour's dream of a half-dozen players or more coming down the stretch at East Lake with a chance to capture the FedEx Cup and its $10 million prize.

Instead, there are only two possibilities:

• Vijay Singh wins the FedEx Cup by finishing four rounds.

• If the Fijian can't make it for 72 holes, Camilo Villegas can win the FedEx Cup with a victory at East Lake.—*Internet*

Real thump Sporting with Van der Vaart hat-trick

MADRID, 25 Sept—Madrid new boy Rafael van der Vaart scored a hat-trick to help the champions thrash promoted Sporting Gijon 7-1 in the Primera Liga Wednesday.

Sporting were subjected to a 6-1 beating at home to Barcelona Sunday and were quickly on the back foot at the Bernabeu as Netherlands midfielder Van der Vaart completed his hat-trick in the 46th minute.

A brace from Raul and further goals from Gonzalo Higuain and Arjen Robben completed a miserable four days for the top-flight newcomers.

Real climbed to second in the standings with nine points from four games, one behind leaders Villarreal who beat Racing Santander 2-0 with goals from Joan Capdevila and Joseba Llorente.—*Internet*

Mexico's Enrique Esqueda (L) fights for possession with Chile's Manuel Iturra during their international soccer friendly match in Los Angeles,on 24 Sept, 2008. **INTERNET**

Real Madrid, Barcelona win again in Primera Liga

MADRID, 25 Sept — FC Barcelona gave a lesson in how not to defend but still managed to beat Real Betis 3-2 on Wednesday night while Real Madrid took an easy win against Sporting Gijon in Primera Liga.

T wo goals from Samuel Eto'o, his 99th and 100th for the club, gave Barca a 2-0 lead at half time. But some dreadful defending allowed Betis to level the scores, although credit must be given to the visitors for whom Monzon and Jose Mari found the net.

With over 20 minutes remaining, the game was in the balance, before Eidur Gudjohnsen assured the points for Barca with a far post volley after 79 minutes.

Real Madrid had far fewer problems destroying Sporting Gijon 7-1 in the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

Sporting had lost 6-1 at home to Barca at the weekend and they were already 3-0 down to Real at the break on Wednesday night, thanks to two goals from Rafael Van der Vaart and one from Gonzalo Higuain.

Van der Vaart completed his hat-trick after the break, Arjen Robben added a fifth and although Sporting pulled a goal back, Raul scored twice to make it 7-1 before the end. —*Internet*

***Top seed David Ferrer of Spain (seen here on September 19) was dumped out of the China Open by world number 92 Dudi Sela on Thursday as home favourite Zheng Jie cruised through to the quarter-finals. Ferrer, playing his first match of the tournament, lost 6-3, 6-3 in 70 minutes to the Israeli.*—INTERNET**

Man City humbled but Chelsea cruise

LONDON, 25 Sept —Manchester City's new billionaire owners got a harsh taste of reality Wednesday as the team were bundled out of the English League Cup by League One (third division) Brighton & Hove Albion on penalties.

The delayed second-round tie ended 2-2 after extra time before Brighton won the shoot-out 5-3 at the ramshackle Withdean Stadium on the Sussex coast.

In third round action, Chelsea cruised past Portsmouth, romping to a 4-0 victory at Fratton Park as coach Luiz Felipe Scolari's unbeaten start continued in style.

High-flying Aston Villa were also on the end of a shock, losing 1-0 at home to Championship (second division) Queens Park Rangers. Holders Tottenham Hotspur enjoyed a morale-boosting 2-1 victory at managerless Newcastle United.

Blackburn Rovers beat Everton 1-0 in an all-Premier League clash at Ewood Park and Wigan Athletic won 4-1 at Ipswich Town to book their place in the fourth round.

Manchester City's new Abu Dhabi owners have vowed to make the club a force in English football and a 6-0 Premier League win over Portsmouth Sunday increased the wave of optimism sweeping the club's long-suffering fans.—*Internet*

***Robin Soderling of Sweden returns a shot to Teimuraz Gabashvili of Russia during their second round match at the Thailand Open tennis tournament in Bangkok on 25 Sept, 2008.*—INTERNET**

Vasco's soccer players to be fined for overweight

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 Sept— Head coach of the Vasco soccer team, Renato Gaucho, said Wednesday that his players who failed to get back to their ideal weight would be not only off the starting roster but also fined.

According to Gaucho, each and every athlete has to understand the importance of giving their all to the team. The coach was brought to the team with the hopes of saving the season and getting them out of danger of being sent into the second division for next year's Brasileiro Championship.

"A soccer player is only able to learn by two ways: when they lose their starting position or when they are fined. With me, the first thing that will happen is that the athlete will lose his starting position. If the player does not respond and fix his problem (weight), then he will be fined 150 US dollars per day that he remains overweight. —*Internet*

Young Gunners give Wenger food for thought

LONDON ,25 Sept — Arsene Wenger will spend the days ahead of Saturday's home Premier League clash with Hull City contemplating how many of his teen dream team might be on duty with the big boys following their League Cup goalfest.

Wenger sent a team out with an average age of 19 on Tuesday and was rewarded with a 6-0 thrashing of Sheffield United as the young Gunners stood up to be counted.

Several of them have already had a taste of the first team, including hat-trick-scoring Carlos Vela and his two-goal strike partner Nicklas Bendtner, while others have barely secured their places in the youth team.

All of them, however, seemed to have absorbed Wenger's footballing philosophy as they zipped the ball around the Emirates pitch and counter-attacked with a speed and precision that left the experienced Championship side chasing shadows.

Internet

***Chile goalkeeper Miguel Pinto stops a shot during the second half of their soccer match against Mexico in Los Angeles, on 24 Sept, 2008. Chile won 1-0.*—INTERNET**

Protesters on boats demonstrate in front of Japan's Self-Defence's vessel, background, as the nuclear-powered US aircraft carrier USS George Washington, unseen, arrives at its new home port of Yokosuka, south of Tokyo, on 25 Sept, 2008.

INTERNET

17 missing after S Korean cargo ship capsizes off Macao

SEOUL,25 Sept — About 17 crew members on a South Korean cargo ship were missing after the ship capsized off the coast of Macao on Wednesday, South Korea's*_Yonhap_news* agency said.

According to *Yonhap,* the 4,000-ton *Zues-ho* was found capsized in waters around 57 kilometres southwest of China's Macao Special Administrative Region at 4:10 p.m. (0810 G M T) by a Chinese rescue ship.

The ship lost radio contact after sending a distress call to Singaporean maritime authorities earlier on the day, *Yonhap* said.

The Chinese authorities deployed a 3,500-ton rescue ship and an airplane to the scene to find the missing, but Typhoon Hagupit hampered the rescue ship from conducting the rescue operations, South Korea's Coast Guard said.

The *Zues-ho,* registered in South Korea, left Vietnam on Sunday with 6,200 tons of glass materials on board and was scheduled to arrive at the South Korean port of Masan on next Sunday, *Yonhap* said.

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Mass grave discovered in Colombia

BOGOTA. 25 Sept — Colombian authorities have found a mass grave of 32 people believed to have been killed by irregular Armed Forces in northwest Colombia.

The remains were discovered in the municipality of Ituango in Antioquia Province, the experts from the National Unit of Justice and Peace Prosecutor told a Press conference recently. Local residents said that there were at least other 14 mass graves with remains of people killed by the paramilitary or guerilla in the region.

The government was told of the graves after a peace deal with the United Self Defence of Colombia (AUC), a right-wing paramilitary group which has been blamed for many massacres. Under the peace deal, the AUC members would receive lighter prison sentences if they confessed their crimes, which prompted many AUC members to reveal the existence of the mass graves.

MNA/Xinxua

Strict law sought to end violence against Nepali women

KATHMANDU, 25 Sept — The Nepali Constituent Assembly (CA) members Wednesday demanded promulgation of strict legal provisions to stop violence against women, local newspaper *The Himalayan Times* reported on Thursday.

Speaking at a programme organized by Forum for Women, Law and Development (F W L D) in Nepali capital Kathmandu on Wednesday, Dinanath Sharma from the ruling party in the government the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) (C P N - M), said there was a need for effective legal provision to guarantee women's equal rights to property in order to bring an end to violence against women.

"Domestic violence against women will not come to an end until they got equal access to property," he added. He also said women were facing such problems because of the social structure, religion and complex legal provisions in Nepal.

MNA/Xinhua

TV Myanmar

Friday, 26 September

View on today

7:00 am
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7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am
5. "ကောင်းခြင်းဝေဖြာ" (ထွန်းထွန်းရိုင်၊ ရန်ပိုင်စိုး၊ ပိုင်ဇေရဲထွန်း၊ မင်းသူ၊ မြင့်မြင့်ခိုင်၊ ဇင်မိုးအေး၊ ချစ်ဇနီးဦး) (ဘိုကိုက်တာ-အောင်မိုး (ပဲခူး)

8:05 pm
6. Musical programme

8:20 am
7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am
8. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ဧကော်အကြိုက်ဆောသီချင်းများ) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. Song of yester year

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:10 pm
2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm
3. Song of national races

4:25 pm
4. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား၊ ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (အောင်ပန်း မြို့မှ မက်မွန်နှင့် မက်ခန်း)

4:35 pm
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:50 pm
6. Musical programme

5:05 pm
7. "မျောသူမမောစေချင်" (စိုးသီဟ၊ ဆုပန်ထွဋ်၊ နန်းကလျာပိုင်) (ဘိုကိုက်တာ-အေဝမ်း မောင်လှမိုး)

5:15 pm
8. Song For Uphold National Spirit

5:30 pm
9. သုမောင်၏ တေးများ

5:45 pm
10. ၂၀၀၈ခုနှစ် (၁၆) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ဧကော်အကြိုက်တေးသီချင်းများ) (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

6:00 pm
11. Evening news

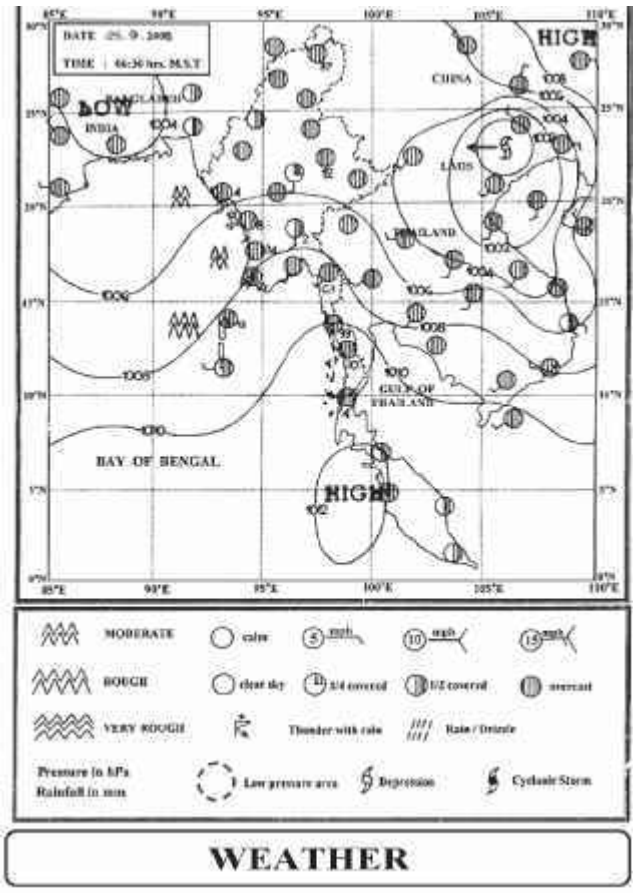
6:30 pm
12. Weather report

6:35 pm
13. သုတနံလင်ရွှေဥာဏ်ရှင်

7:00 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကုန်သွယ်မှုနှင့်ဝိုင်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား" (အပိုင်း-၃၂)

Weather Map ofMyanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 25 September, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and upper Sagaing Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State,lower Sagaing,Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayin States,Bago and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Mon State and isolated heavyfall in Kayin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkkaayate (6.89) inches, Mudon (4.21) inches, Mawlamyine (3.50) inches,Ye (3.11) inches,Putao and Kyeikkami (1.46) inches each, Thandwe and Kayan (1.38) inches each and Moekok (0.91) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-9-2008 was 90 F. Minimum temperature on 25-9-2008 was 71ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 25-9-2008 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 24-9-2008 was (5.8) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 25-9-2008 was (Tr) inch at Mingaladon, (Nil) inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (95.75) inches at Mingaladon, (107.36) inches at Kaba-Aye and (124.64) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 24-9-2008.

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

Special feature: Acoording to the observation at (09:30)hrs M.S.T today, the Typhoon"HAGUPIT which crossed the South China Coast yesterday has downgraded into a tropical depression and forecast to move westwards direction.

Forecast valid until evening of 26-9-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin,Kayah States,upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions,fairly widespread in Chin StateYangon and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon States and Thaninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at time off along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind likely in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-9-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-9-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26 -9-2008: likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Brethren in Mongyu, Mongyawng of far eastern regions in Shan State enjoy fruits of development

NAY P YI T AW, 25 Sept—Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo and departmental officials inspected thriving paddy and rubber plantations along Kengtung-Mongphyat-Mongyawng-Mongyu motor road yesterday, then comforted patients undergoing medical treatment at Mongyu People's Hospital and provided cash assistance to them.

After looking into the hospital, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing presented medical equipment and medicines to the hospital through the Medical Superintendent.

At the meeting hall of Mongyu General Administration Department, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders and then presented sports gear and aid to the town through administrator U Min Naing Aung.

At Mongyu Basic Education High School, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and party oversaw the learning of students and presented exercise books and stationery to them through Headmistress Daw Hla Win Yi.

Next, they inspected Tarkyant village rural health branch and handed medicines. Afterwards, they looked into thriving monsoon paddy, rubber and physic nut plantations along Kengtung-Mongphyat-Mongyawng-Mongyu motor road and then provided assistance to the patients and handed medical equipment and medicines to Medical Superintendent Dr Thit Lwin.

At Bala Min Htin hall of Mongyawng, Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders and presented sports gear for the region through township sports in-charge U Sai Win Tin. — *MNA*

Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence inspects Mongyu town Basic Education High School in Shan State (East). —MNA

Art Field show 24-30 Sept

YANGON, 25 Sept — A total of 10 graduates from the National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) and the State School of Fine Arts (Yangon) will jointly organize the Art Field painting show at Lawkanat Art Gallery on Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, here, from 9 am to 5 pm daily from 24 to 30 September.

A total of 54 oil colour, acrylic and water colour works are being displayed at the Art Field painting show. Interested persons may visit the show. —*MNA*

Merchants receive official advice

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept—Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein visited Nantpalon Market in Tamu near Myanmar-India border on 21 September.

At the border trade camp in Tamu, the minister heard reports on export and import by departmental officials and merchants and attended to the needs. He viewed checking the trucks in the checkpoints of the border trade camp.

At the office of Kalay Township Peace and Development Council, the minister gave necessary instructions to brokers, rice and edible oil dealers, breeders and transport entrepreneurs.—*MNA*

Goal will help Pavlyuchenko settle at Spurs

TOTTENHAM, 25 Sept —Tottenham Hot-spur manager Juande Ramos is hoping that new signing Roman Pavlyuchenko's first goal for Spurs against Newcastle United in the Carling Cup will help the striker settle at the North London club.

Pavlyuchenko, who was a £14million summer signing from Spartak Moscow has admitted to finding it hard to settle at Spurs, with the Russian International claiming on Wednesday that he had been shocked by the intensity of the training at White Hart Lane.

The 26-year-old failed to score on his Premier League debut against Aston Villa and was taken off at half-time by Ramos against Wigan Athletic last Sunday.

However, Pavlyuchenko broke his duck against the Magpies in Tottenham's 2-1 Carling Cup win at St James' Park, with Ramos believing that it will be an important goal for the Russian and help him to settle in the Premiership.

"The goal was very important for Roman and very important for the team," said Ramos on Spurs' official website.

"It's not been easy for him, he's only been here two weeks and I hope this will help him.

"He is certainly very happy about it and his goal helped us to go on and win the game."

However, Pavlyuchenko broke his duck against the Magpies in Tottenham's 2-1 Carling Cup win at St James' Park, with Ramos believing that it will be an important goal for the Russian and help him to settle in the Premiership.—*Internet*

MPF summons and warns NLD CEC members

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Sept — National League for Democracy issued the special announcement No. 18/09/08 dated 22 September, 2008.

Regarding the referendum for the constitution, the announcement used words that could harm national security, stability and tranquility of the State; that has led the people to misunderstand and mistrust the government; that discredited and undermined the friendship and cooperation between the government and governments of other countries and NGOs including the United Nations; and that were tantamount to insulting the people who had freely voted in the referendum.

As Myanmar Police Force is responsible for the security and stability of the State, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi and party summoned Chairman of the central executive committee of National League for Democracy U Aung Shwe and five CEC members at 2 pm today and warned them. — *MNA*